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EARTHQUAKE TREMORS

HIT INAGUA

The residents of Inagua are counting their blessings after two anxious days feeling tremors of an earthquake that killed scores of people in northern Haiti.

The first tremor of the 5.2 magnitude earthquake was felt on Saturday evening shortly after 8pm and the other occurred on Sunday afternoon around

4pm.

Now the residents are relating their experiences.

According to George Harris, Manager of Big Coast Radio in Matthew Town, there was no major damage to any building. He said, "there were minor cracks to the place where I am staying and on Sunday I had debris from concrete on the floor."

Island Administrator,

Julita Ingraham told the Journal, "I was sitting in the house and felt the house shaking. This was the experience of most people on the island. I immediately called the Police Superintendent and the Officer of the Defense Force who reported the same thing. Later we did a survey and found no struc-

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● Buildings Sustain Cracks

Death toll in Haiti earthquake rises to 15; at least 333 injured

The death toll from a 5.9 earthquake that hit Haiti over the weekend rose to at least 15 people with 333 injured, according to updated figures released Monday by authorities, as rescue crews worked to help victims spooked by strong aftershocks.

Haiti's civil protection agency said in a statement that it will soon deploy 70 soldiers to the Nord-Ouest and Artibonite provinces that

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Thirty-four Bahamians Conferred with National Orders



Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General and Chancellor, is pictured with National Honours recipients and their representatives at Government House following the Investiture Ceremony of National Honours, Monday, October 8, 2018. (BIS / Letisha Henderson)

PLP CHAIRMAN CALLS SANDS "CRUEL"

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Progressive Liberal Party Chairman Senator Fred Mitchell says the government seems unable or unwilling to execute the agreements put in place to give the Consultants Physicians Staff Association (CPSA) the benefits negotiated under their contract.

He opined that the CPSA



Senator Fred Mitchell, Progressive Liberal Party Chairman

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Consultant Physicians Vote To Strike

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The results of Consultant Physician Staff Association's strike poll indicate that 96 per cent of senior physicians voted to withdraw services following a protracted stand-off with health officials.

According to CPSA President Dr. Locksley Munroe, out of the 110 members, 78 of them voted which equals 71 per cent of the entire association.

Out of that 78 members, 75 of them voted yes, which adds up to 96 per cent of the voters. The remaining 3 members equalling 4 per cent voted no.

Dr. Locksley added that although they met with the Prime Minister last week to discuss their concerns, he said that the meeting and their need to take action are not necessarily connected.

"The Prime Minister has

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Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, being invested with The Order of the Nation. He is pictured with Mrs. Patricia Minnis arriving at the ceremonies, and immediately after the Investiture. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)



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► Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, being invested with The Order of the Nation by Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General and Chancellor of the Societies of Honour, at the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Investiture of National Honours 2018 Ceremony at Government House, October 8, 2018.
(BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

During The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Investiture of National Honours 2018 Ceremony, Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert Alexander Minnis was invested with the insignia, The Order of The Nation, in the first of such honours instituted by the country as

it observes National Heroes Day.

The Prime Minister will now be addressed as Dr. the Most Honourable Hubert Alexander Minnis, O.N, M.P, in keeping with the National Honours Act 2016.

The Order of The Nation was also bestowed on for-

mer Governors-General, the Most Hon. Dame Ivy Dumont, the Most Hon. Sir Arthur Foulkes, and posthumously, the Most Hon. Sir Milo Butler (also Order of National Hero), the Most Hon. Sir Gerald Cash, the Most Hon. Sir Henry Taylor, the Most Hon. Sir Clifford Darling and former Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Sir Lynden Pindling (also Order of National Hero).

The Investiture of National Honours 2018 Ceremony was held in the Ballroom at Government House on Monday, October 8, during which Her Excellency, the Most Honourable Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor-General and Chancellor of the Societies of Honour, invested a range of national honours on more than 30 nation builders.

The Governor-General announced the honourees on Independence Day July 10, 2018, as advised by the Prime Minister on the recommendations of the National Honours Advisory Committee.

She said that the honourees were “worthy of adulation” for their “loyalty to country and contribution to this land of peace.”

Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Honourable Hubert Alexander Minnis, affectionately known as “Doc,” is a medical doctor by profession, a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and boasts delivery of more

than 5,000 babies.

Dr. Minnis is the Member of Parliament for the Killarney Constituency in New Providence and leader of the Free National Movement, the Governing Party.

He was born on April 16, 1954 in humble beginnings in Bain Town to Rosalie North, a struggling seamstress, and Randolph (R.J.) Minnis, the proprietor of well-known Minnis Service Station on Market Street.

He attended the University of Minnesota, USA from 1971 – 1975 and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree with a concentration in Biology. That same year, he entered the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, where he obtained the MBBS degree in medicine.

After obtaining his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of the West Indies and MRCOG from London in 1985, he returned home and began working as a physician at the Princess Margaret Hospital where he served as a Consultant and Head of Department of Obstetrics

and Gynaecology, and also as Deputy Chief of Staff.

As part of his commitment to the wider community, Dr. Minnis served as president of the Medical Association of The Bahamas, member of the Medical Council, chairman of the Hotel Corporation of The Bahamas and an associate lecturer at the University of West Indies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

He has a special interest and dedication to the promotion of Bahamian ownership in the economy and for the redevelopment of traditional Over-the-Hill communities.

Prime Minister Minnis was first elected to Parliament in May 2007 for the Killarney Constituency and was appointed to the cabinet as Minister of Health serving from 2007 – 2012. He was re-elected in the 2012 General Election and became Leader of the FNM and Leader of Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition in the House of Assembly.

At the FNM’s Convention in November 2014, he was re-elected Leader of the FNM Party. In December 2016, he ceased to be the Leader of the

Opposition, but maintained his position as FNM Party Leader.

And, following the General Election of May 10, 2017, Dr. Minnis became Prime Minister when the FNM won an overwhelming majority capturing 35 of the 39 elected seats in the House of Assembly. Then on May 12, 2017 Dr. Minnis was sworn in by the Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling as the fourth Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Prime Minister Minnis is no stranger to participating in the nation’s premier cultural event, Junkanoo. An avid and expert cowbeller for the celebrated Junkanoo group the Saxons Superstars, he enjoys rushing in the Boxing Day and New Year’s Day parades. His other interests include reading, working out at the gym and spending time with his family.

A Roman Catholic, Dr. Minnis is married to Patricia Minnis (nee Beneby) and is the father of three children and five grandchildren.

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is entitled to take a strike vote, given the circumstances in the protracted standoff with the Public Hospitals Authority.

Mr. Mitchell said the Minister of Health “Dr. Duane Sands is particularly cruel in his approach to healthcare for the Bahamian public.”

He added, “he sits in a government that has found \$65 million to buy a dead hotel, but is telling dialysis patients that they can’t have

the full course of treatment because the hospital has no money.”

He also spoke on the potential strike can have on the country’s healthcare system.

The Senator said, “I expect there would be chaos, quite simply, but the Minister and his Prime Minister must not allow that to happen.”

The PLP Chairman also responded to remarks made by Dr. Sands where he tells the opposition to, “sit down and shut up”.

He said, “well, I tell him

the same thing. He must sit small and shut up, because he obviously doesn’t know what he’s doing.

“Clearly it’s not an appropriate comment for a public official to make, but these are the days they are; and I’m not one to back down. If he uses that kind of language, I’m equally happy to return it,” he added.

Mr. Mitchell noted that the PLP will do the best from their side to keep pushing the envelope to ensure that these policies within the hospitals are corrected.

Doctors Hospital adds breakthrough MRI scanner

Doctors Hospital today announced that patients and physicians now have access to the country’s first-ever digital broadband Magnetic Resonance Imaging system: the Ingenia 3.0T from Philips Healthcare.

The machine is designed to quickly perform high-quality MR scans with a high level of patient comfort. Ingenia 3.0T can significantly reduce the patient’s exam time and has a wide opening to accommodate patients of varying size, age, and physical condition. This makes Ingenia less confining than 60cm MR systems and a more attractive noninvasive imaging option for patients at Doctors Hospital. In fact, most scans can be performed with the patient’s head entirely out of the opening, creating a better patient experience.

The Ingenia 3.0T incorporates a number of breakthrough technologies designed to deliver exceptional image clarity. It quick-

ly provides radiologists and physicians with precise, detailed MR images needed to help confidently diagnose many different anatomical and structural problems in the body – including brain and nervous system disorders, cardiovascular disease, and organ disease.

“Ingenia 3.0T image quality is excellent and it’s fast. We can perform American College of Radiology recommended routine exams of the brain, spine, knee, ankle, and liver with superb image quality. It gives our radiologists and referring physicians access to the high-quality images they need to make informed diagnoses. With Ingenia 3.0T, our patients experience fast, comfortable exams and fewer re-scans. Ingenia 3.0T is a win-win for our clinicians and our patients,” said Dr. Muneesh Sharma, Clinical Director and Head of Imaging.

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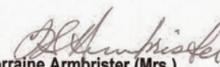
All bids are to be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope bearing no identity of the bidder and clearly marked as follows: “Bid for Security Services – Ministry of Education.” Companies must provide two officers per shift – 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight and 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m. – for all locations.

Bids must also be accompanied by copies of a valid Business License and a Letter of Good Standing from the National Insurance Board.

Bids may be delivered in person or sent mail/courier to the following address: **The Chairman, Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, P.O. Box: N-3017, Nassau, The Bahamas, Telephone Number: (242) 327-1530.** All hand delivered bids must be deposited in the Tender Box provided in the Ministry of Finance not later than 4:00 p.m. on or before **5th October, 2018**. Bids sent by mail/courier must also be received in the Ministry of Finance not later than 4:00p.m. on or before **Friday, 5th October, 2018**. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, 9th October 2018** at the Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas. Bidders or their designated representative(s) may attend the opening.

The Ministry of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bid submissions.


Lorraine Armbrister (Mrs.)
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tural damage to public buildings."

Harris related, "I was walking from the local bakery owned by Richard Ingraham and he asked me what was going on; then his sister Heather said the building was shaking, I then realize that something was going on.

"Then I passed a gentleman sitting on a wall and he

said he felt the wall shaking. All told nine persons came out expressing anxiety," said Harris.

He said the first tremor on Saturday lasted some seven seconds. "Most of the residents felt the jolt on Sunday afternoon, as most people were at home.

Progressive Liberal Party Chairman Fred Mitchell in a press statement said, "I am advised that the residents are safe...a bit shaken up but, physically fine. There

have been some cracks to buildings as well.

"Our party is concerned that the people of Inagua are safe. We call on the government to do all that is necessary for their well being."

Mr. Mitchell extended condolences to those families in Haiti who have lost their loved ones.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was in contact with the Bahamas Embassies in Haiti and Cuba as it related to the safety of Bahamians.

A statement from the Ministry said, "initial reports from our embassies indicate that Bahamians residing in Haiti and Cuba are safe. Further, the Bahamas has extended sincere sympathy to the Republic of Haiti following the devastating impact of this tragic event. The Ministry will endeavour to inform the general public of new developments relating to this issue as deemed necessary."

Governor General Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling addressed an Anglican Church Women's 16th Annual Seminar for Young Ladies on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at St. Matthew's Church Hall during which she advised the young women to let their hearts, thoughts, words, and deeds be shaped by the foundation of their faith, as good character would open doors for them. She acknowledged that pressure from their peers and the media makes their world all-the-more challenging.

She advised that they should seek wisdom and gain a good education; show kind, positive attitude, be gentle in words and actions; dress with modesty; invest in engaging with good friends who share the same values; and remember that good people build good families, good families build good communities, and good communities build good nations: the young ladies should be part of building a proud future.

The Governor General is pictured at the podium, and also chatting with the young women.

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No later than 5:00 pm on the 12th day of October, 2018.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on the 16th October 2018 at the office of the Tender's Board, Ministry of Finance.

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E. Raymond King, EdD
Commander, RBDF
Port Controller (Acting)
Port Department

Death toll in Haiti earthquake rises to 15; at least 333 injured

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were hardest hit, noting it already sent 14 soldiers along with nurses and doctors to the area over the weekend.

Thousands of people along Haiti's north coast have dragged mattresses and chairs outside, fearing new aftershocks. Many wondered how they were going to rebuild from Saturday night's quake and a strong 5.2 magnitude aftershock on Sunday that had residents in the coastal city of Port-de-Paix and elsewhere worried about returning to their cracked cinderblock homes for fear they would collapse.

Among them was Marc-Sena Docteur, a 24-year-old carpenter whose girlfriend died in the earthquake.

"Now I'm left with a 9-month-old baby with no aid at all," he said. "I'm still crying. I don't know what I'm going to do without her."

The walls of the room that the couple had been renting for a year collapsed, and he and the baby have been sleeping outdoors since the quake.

Sunday's aftershock caused panic on streets where emergency teams were providing relief to victims after cinderblock homes and rickety buildings toppled in several cities. The

U.S. Geological Survey said the epicenter of the aftershock was located 9.8 miles (15.8 kilometers) north-northwest of Port-de-Paix.

Among the dead were a 5-year-old boy crushed by his collapsing house.

Impoverished Haiti, where many live in tenuous circumstances, is vulnerable to earthquakes and hurricanes. A vastly larger magnitude 7.1 quake damaged much of the capital in 2010 and killed an estimated 300,000 people.

Etanvie Dimorne, a 50-year-old mason, said people have to rebuild stronger given the earthquakes that have hit Haiti. He lost his

home in Saturday's quake and is now sleeping under a tarp in someone's yard.

"Last night it rained," he said. "I have to sleep under difficult conditions."

President Jovenel Moise urged people to donate blood and asked international aid agencies to coordinate with local agencies to avoid duplicated efforts. The government did not provide an estimate of the damages.

The USGS said Saturday's quake was centered 12 miles (19 kilometers) northwest of Port-de-Paix, which is about 136 miles (219 kilometers) from the capital of Port-au-Prince.

It was felt lightly in the capital, as well as in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba, where no damage was reported.

In Haiti, officials have struggled to shore up buildings despite the two major fault lines along Hispaniola, which is the island shared with the Dominican Republic.

The damage from the temblors was visible. In Gros-Morne, one bed was covered in rubble, while the exterior walls of some homes were cracked. Others tilted at precarious angles.

Pierre Jacques Baudre, a farmer and father of seven,

said he was afraid to return to his home after one wall built with rocks and cement crumbled.

"The house can fall at any time," he said.

The civil protection agency issued a statement saying that houses were destroyed in Port-de-Paix, Gros-Morne, Chansolme and Turtle Island.

Damage was also reported at the Saint-Michel church in Plaisance and the police station in Port-de-Paix. Parts of a hospital and an auditorium collapsed in Gros-Morne, where parliamentarian Alcide Audne told The Associated Press that two of the deaths occurred.



▶ Aiding the injured following the earthquake, October 2018. (Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery/PORT-DE-PAIX, Haiti)



▶ People injured in the earthquake are treated at the general hospital in Port de Paix, Haiti on October 2018. (Photo/Orlando Barria/PORT-DE-PAIX, Haiti)

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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.

So how do business leaders strategize in a way that helps their businesses soar? Let's explore.

As we've discussed, communicating your goal and strategy to employee-partners is a part of setting the foundation that will allow employees to become aligned with the direction you wish to take your business in. However, alignment will not occur if the goal and strategies are not the appropriate ones.

In order to take your business to new heights, there are a series of steps that business leaders must take that all tie together and lead to the right strategies being implemented and aligned with all organizational components.

To review, here are the steps in one place:

- Conduct a SWOT analysis (assessing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats).

This is an important process for your business because it is the only way you can choose a goal and strategy that will can a major difference in your business.

When fashion mogul Peter Nygard chose the business objective of not joining the 2008 recession, it was based on his analysis and discovery that the expected recession was a threat to his business.

If he had never determined that and recognized the threat, he may have suffered like many others in the industry and he would not have seen a 25% growth from effective strategies he implemented while others were experiencing the downturn.

We've discussed SWOT analysis in great detail in previous articles. It would be worth the effort to review those—that is if you haven't done so already—before choosing a goal.

- Determine which discoveries from the SWOT analysis should be the business focus.

A suggestion for a key focus on setting a business goal to aim for is to look at either what opportunities exist for your business or what threats may be on the horizon that could derail you.

If the potential threat could have dire consequences—like a recession in the case of NYGARD—then you may want to choose a goal that mitigates the threat or avert it completely.

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.

pletely. If there are no dire threats on the horizon—though be sure to conduct a careful assessment because not all threats are huge, nor can you necessarily see them coming from a mile away—then focus your attention on a goal that can take advantage of opportunities for your business.

- Set a SMART goal—(specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timebound)

A part of defining the goal is in determining your end result. So, if you know what you want to achieve, what does success look like? For example, if your desire is to not let the threat of new competition put you out of business then maybe success looks like you keeping the same number of customers or you keeping the same amount in profits. You have to determine what that looks like specifically and using the SMART goal process helps you to break that down.

- Identify the right strategies

Your key focus in identifying strategies is to consider the business strengths and weaknesses that were identified in your SWOT analysis. They can help or hinder you with your strategy implementation so make sure that whatever strategies are identified, they are helped by your strengths and not sabotaged by your weaknesses.

- Align organizational components to the goal and strategies to be implemented.

This means setting the right foundation—as we have been discussing—motivating employees to work toward your business objectives and goal and giving them the tools to help them achieve the end result.

Now that this is clear, we can address how to line it all up with your employee-partners.

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Celebrating Globalization

One of the more cruel ironies now running rampant in today's deeply challenged Bahamas has to do with how some in our midst would [if only they could] re-write history; thus our naïve denial of the importance of European 'discovery' of what they saw as a new world.

Evidently, this is nought but an exercise in futility.

And thus—as is to be expected in the circumstances: Any number of references to Columbus, one of the more intrepid mariners and cartographers in the history of the world.

And thus, today's reminder that it was this man and his team who—for better or worse—helped set in motion forces which to this day resonate and ramify around the world.

As Ira Straus so eloquently relates in his recent essay, *Columbus Day: Remembering the Start of Globalization*: "...The train of globalization left the station when Columbus reached the Americas. It will never go back..."

Straus puts it this way: "Globalization began in 1492 for real. True, for thousands of years before that year, there were intermittent contacts between distant parts of the world. But continuous, rather than very occasional, direct human interaction across continents began with the European exploration of the oceans from the 1400s onward.

"That's not a Eurocentric world view. That's a historic fact."

And as Straus continues: "...The arrival of Columbus in America thus provides the decisive punctuation mark in that evolving process. It is the day when globalization actually began.

"The event is justly celebrated. All human progress and mutual knowledge accumulated since that time is largely due to this journey. This process involved marvellous things, the merely good ones, the bad and the real evil ones.

"There is a tendency today to focus on the evils, along with plenty of moralizing against explorers and, yes, colonizers. But throughout the developing world, the downsides of the interchange with the West are, in the aggregate, far outweighed by the benefits.

"The only thing that could reverse this would be the self-destruction of humanity, wilful or not, by means of new technologies. Such self-destruction is unfortunately a realistic prospect.

"The technologies to be worried about

range from nuclear doomsday machines, which are already somewhat old-fashioned, to out-of-control biological weapons or artificial intelligence programs, bugs imported by the space program, nano-technological gray goo, as well as risks so far unidentified, but related to the ever-growing range of new technologies.

"We have just learned, from the Higgs boson, about the prospect of vacuum decay and the first ideas on how to blow up the universe.

"Everything that has happened with globalization in the half millennium since 1492 can be summed up in one sentence: Global interchange has continued at an ever-accelerating pace, despite intermittent setbacks..."

Note also [as Straus explains]: "Interchange was further accelerated by the abandonment of the largest protectionist and socialist barriers to it in the 1990s in China, India and the former Soviet space. China and India lifted themselves out of their self-imposed stagnation and began a phase of remarkable progress.

"The flip side of that has been that Western workers are no longer shielded from the competition from Chinese workers in goods production and Indian workers in services. In addition, Western workers have suffered a reduction in the wage gains they would have otherwise been enjoying.

"The resulting risk of social destabilization has triggered an understandable reaction against globalization. At the same time, when one looks at a global balance sheet, there is no denying that hundreds of millions of truly poor workers in the world have gained dramatically in income and welfare, thanks to the intensification of globalization."

As Straus continues: "Discussion and organizing have mushroomed across borders for all purposes — love and culture, scholarship and science, telecommuting and outsourcing, money laundering and terrorism.

The sum of the matter remains: "...The train of globalization left the station when Columbus reached the Americas. It will never go back..."

And thus in this time when we 'celebrate' our home-grown heroes, we also remember the towering importance of Christopher Columbus and his crew of intrepid mariners to the making of modernity itself!

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Thirty-four Bahamians Conferred Honours at Historic National Honours Investiture Ceremony

In a ceremony befitting royalty, Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor-General and Chancellor, conferred national honours on 34 distinguished Bahamians Monday, October 8, 2018 for their contributions to the development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

With ladies adorned in classy hats and elegant dresses, men in sharp suits, and classical music perfectly suited to Mount Fitzwilliam, Government House, the "historic" ceremony was conducted as prescribed in the National Honours Act, for National Heroes Day.

In a special ceremony, on August 23, 2018, national honours were conferred upon the Most Honourable Sir Orville Turnquest and the Most Honourable A.D. Hanna, both former Governors-General.

Today, family, friends, well-wishers, members of the religious community and high-ranking government officials witnessed the two-hour ceremony which saw the nation's highest honours of the Order of National Hero, the Order of Nation, the Order of The Bahamas, the Order of Distinction, and the Order of Merit bestowed on the honourees.

Romel Shearer and Giovanni Clarke, gave cello and flute musical performances respectively; Candace Bostwick, soprano, sang "He's Got the Whole World"; and the song "God Bless Our Sunny Clime," written by Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming was performed by

various musicians. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band, the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and C.H. Reeves Junior High School Band also provided entertainment.

Permanent Secretary to the Office of the Governor-General, Mrs. Anita Beneby, described the ceremony as a "rite of passage" for the nation. She said the annual event marks "an important step in our transition from a British colony to a sovereign people. But more importantly, I believe that this morning's ceremony, as well as the many that will follow, will elevate the minds of our people, our own worth and our dignity as a nation."

Mrs. Beneby said the vision of the late Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling, former Prime Minister, has become a reality because of the sacrifice of the country's finest warriors; "amazons of vision, fighters of courage, warriors of steel ... those who did not shrink from dirty hands; those with the imagination to create; persons with the strength of character to stare into the chilly teeth of the raging winds of change; soldiers without fear," as Sir Lynden called them.

In her remarks, the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite said a national honour is the highest form of recognition and tribute that a sovereign government can bestow on those who have distinguished themselves as nation builders.

She congratulated and commended all of the honourees, some of whom were recognized posthumously.

"Their selflessness and high achievement serve as a clarion call to all Bahamians to pattern themselves accordingly so that we can all be of greater service to the nation we hold so dear and whose best interests we are all summoned to serve to the very best of our ability and with steadfast loyalty," said Most Hon. Dame Marguerite.

The Governor-General called on Bahamians to continue to uphold the virtues of love, mutual respect and goodwill for one another that Bahamians have enjoyed throughout the ages.

"These timeless virtues must continue to guide and direct our best effort as citizens of our Commonwealth.

"We must never set these virtues aside, nor subordinate them to self-centered pursuits that diminish our patriotic pride and deflect us from our sense of commitment to service.

"Now more than ever, we need men and women, boys and girls, to join hearts and minds all across our beloved Bahamas so that a spirit of nation-building can flourish as never before, not only for the present, but as a sure foundation for generations of Bahamians yet unborn."

Following the Investiture of National Honours ceremony, the Most Honourable Dame Marguerite inspected the Guard of Honour during a parade of the Royal Bahamas Police and Defence Forces at the main entrance of Government House.

A reception followed on the terrace and upper gardens of Government House.

The following awards were formally conferred by the Governor-General:

THE ORDER OF NATIONAL HERO awarded posthumously:

The Rt. Excellent Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling, N.H., O.N., K.C.M.G.
The Rt. Excellent Sir Roland Theodore Symonette, N.H., K.B.
The Rt. Excellent Sir Milo Boughton Butler, N.H., G.C.M.G.
The Rt. Excellent Sir Cecil Vincent Wallace-Whitfield, N.H., K.B.

THE ORDER OF THE NATION Former Governors-General:

The Most Honourable Sir Orville Turnquest, O.N., G.C.M.G.
The Most Honourable Dame Ivy Dumont, O.N., G.C.M.G.
The Most Honourable Arthur Hanna, O.N.
The Most Honourable Sir Arthur Foulkes, O.N., G.C.M.G.

Awarded posthumously:

The Most Honourable Sir Milo Butler, O.N., G.C.M.G.
The Most Honourable Sir Gerald Cash, O.N., G.C.M.G.
The Most Honourable Sir Henry Milton Taylor, O.N., K.B.
The Most Honourable Sir Clifford Darling, O.N., G.C.V.O.

Former Prime Minister:

The Most Honourable Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling, O.N., K.C.M.G.

Prime Minister:

The Most Honourable Hubert Alexander Minnis, O.N., M.P.

THE ORDER OF THE BAHAMAS

Companions:

The Rt. Honourable Janet Bostwick, C.B.
The Rt. Honourable Maurice Moore, C.B.

Officer:

The Honourable Dame Doris Johnson, O.B., D.B.E. (posthumously)

Member:

Dr. Myles Munroe, M.B. (posthumously)

THE ORDER OF DISTINCTION

Companions:

Mrs. Cynthia Pratt, C.D.
Mrs. Anita Bernard, C.D., C.M.G.
Mrs. Eileen Carron, C.D., C.M.G.

Officers:

Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis, O.D.
Mr. Lowell Mortimer, O.D., O.B.E.
Mr. Barry Rassin, O.D.
Mrs. Sandra Dean-Patterson, O.D.
Dr. Patrick David Roberts, O.D.

Members:

Mr. William Sands, D.M.
Mr. Robert Sweeting, D.M.
Dr. Bernard Nottage, D.M. (posthumously)

THE ORDER OF MERIT

Companions:

The Reverend Canon. Sebastian Campbell, C.M.
Mrs. Pauline Davis-Thompson, C.M.

Officers:

Monsignor Preston Moss, O.M.
The Reverend. Dr. J. Emmette Weir, O.M.

Members:

The Reverend Dr. Gary Curry, M.M.
The Reverend Walter Hanchell, M.M.
The Reverend Ervin Clarke, M.M. (posthumously)



► Sir Lynden Pindling, former Prime Minister, was accorded the Order of National Heroes and the Order of the Nation Awards posthumously. His grandson, Lynden Pindling II, accepted the awards on his behalf. Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor-General, is pictured with Lynden Pindling II holding the awards.

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► Dame Dr. Ivy Dumont, the first female Governor-General, is pictured with HE the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling after being conferred the award of the Order of the Nation for former Governors-General.

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► Anita Bernard, who has spent more than 50 years in the Public Service, receives the award of The Order of Distinction (Companion) from Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling.

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Caribbean Seeks Airline Interlinks

The Islands Of The Bahamas and a number of Caribbean airlines are looking for ways to join forces in an effort to boost travel within the region.

During the Sky Is The Limit workshop at the State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC) at Atlantis Paradise Island this week, officials sought to trade ideas on how to make travel to and within the Caribbean less complex, as most flights are funneled

through Miami International Airport.

The alliance known as Caribsky is an opportunity expand air lift to the region through a number of interlink partnerships. Currently, the alliance is a collaboration with Leeward Island Air Transport (LIAT), Winward Islands Airways International (WINAIR) and Air Antilles.

Bahamasair, which has a direct flight to Haiti, is

highly interested in this possibility, according to Manager Director of Bahamasair Tracey Cooper. "Bahamasair is not a part of Caribsky yet but we are speaking with the associated airlines to see how we can tie ourselves into it. It doesn't mean that Bahamasair will have to provide any further flights into the Caribbean, but we want to tie ourselves into this to make it work," he said. "We want to connect

with the Caribbean. I am not seeing why we cannot make it work."

Chief Executive Officer of InterCaribbean Airlines Trevor Sandler agrees.

"InterCaribbean doesn't seek to compete with other carriers. We want to work with carriers to increase the frequency of flights throughout the Caribbean. With greater frequency there is more opportunity to find a connection. Cooperation is natural and

so Caribsky is something that is interesting to us and we want to continue that dialogue and create a connected Caribbean," he said. "We want to create opportunities for persons trying to travel to the Caribbean and do business in the Caribbean and to visit relatives."

General Counsel of LIAT Diane Shurland said she also sees the benefits of more cooperation.

"We want to increase

passenger numbers, which is the ultimate goal. I see cooperation not competition," she said. "There are distinct parts of the markets and any type of alliance would better serve you. Our goal for Caribsky is to see it grow into an alliance that we can be proud of. Although we do not have population numbers like South or North America, we think that coming together will be beneficial to us all."

Consultant Physicians Vote To Strike

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promised that he will see to it that our concerns and request are addressed in a timely manner based on the priority that we give them."

"The fact that he has said that, does not mean that we should not continue with our industrial actions," Dr. Munroe said.

Dr. Munroe confirmed that one of the sources of contention is that junior doctors have more benefits than they do.

"Primarily the things that we speak of in terms of increments in your salary, we get none, in terms of health insurance, there is no provision, neither do we get pension or any kind of gratuity.

"The junior physicians get their gratuity at the end of their contracts, persons like myself do not have a contract. So, there is no gratuity and I am awaiting a pension plan," he said.

Trade Union Congress President Obie Ferguson in support of the physicians, called the vote historic.

"They have decided to follow the law and to benefit like any other worker in the length and breadth of this country.

"On Tuesday, possibly Wednesday, because Monday is a holiday, the president ought to have in his possession a certificate from the Minister of Labour certifying a strike."

"Once that is done, the president along with his

executives in collaboration with the Trade Union Congress know what is necessary to fulfil those concerns," he said.

Also standing in support of the CPSA was Bahamas Nurses Union President Amancha Williams who congratulated the doctors and called it a cry out for a change.

She said, "we say today to The Bahamas government, be fair, be honest and do what you're supposed to do because we voted you in."

She added that the nurses will stand with the CPSA in whatever happens and that nurses in the hospital, and the family islands are on board.

This strike poll comes

after weeks of the CPSA expressed their dissatisfaction with the process of negotiation between the association and the Public Hospital Authority.

A few weeks after two walks outs by the CPSA and the Bahamas Doctors Union, the Public Hospitals Authority said that it is financially constrained and cannot to meet the demands of CPSA.

In response to this the CPSA president said that while they may be financially constrained, he questioned some of their spending habits.

The CPSA will determine whether or not they will withdraw their services by the end of October.



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Thousands Take Part in National Youth Month Rally



► Under the current year's theme "Youth: Forefront of Change", thousands of young people and youth leaders representing about 50 youth organizations and schools participated in the 2018 Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's National Youth Month March and Rally, on October 7, 2018. Among those joining them on the march from Clifford Park and through parts of Nassau were Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture the Hon. Lanisha Rolle (pictured addressing the crowd); Acting Permanent Secretary Rhoda Jackson; Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary and Director of Youth, K. Darron Turnquest; National Lifetime Award recipient and Youth Month Patron Elma Garraway, MBE; Member of Parliament Travis L. Robinson; Senator Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson; Senior Youth Officer John Darville; 2018 Miss World Bahamas Brinique Gibson; and stakeholders from various uniformed, church and civic organizations. **(BIS Photos / Eric Rose)**



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Another Homicide In Nassau Village

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Nassau Village was the scene of a double shooting that has left one dead and another injured on Friday.

Police are hunting for three assailants who are alleged to be responsible for this shooting. Chief Superintendent Solomon Cash said " shortly after midday, three persons emerged from the rear of a building and went to the porch where several persons were engaging in a social conversation.

"They opened fire on the victims, resulting in one being injured and rushed to hospital in a private vehicle and the other succumbed to his injuries on the scene," he said.

Area residents say one of the victims was 24-year-old Ricardo Bullard.

As for the female rushed to hospital, according to her father, she is 17 years-old and should be fine.

The Nassau Village community is considered a hotspot area for authorities.

Mr. Cash said," as you can see we have a lot of operational teams in this area now who were in close proximity after receiving the reports and they will remain in this area to bring some calm to the residents here in this particular location."

"This area is considered to be one of those hot spot areas and its being heavily monitored by our operational units," he said.

The young man became the country's 67th homicide for the year. Anyone with information that can help should call into the nearest police station.