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# POLICE FORCE IN SHOCK

## Mitchell Says "Public Service Being Purged"

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
 Journal Staff Writer

Following the forced retirement of the Deputy Commissioner and two Assistant Commissioners, five more Assistant Commissioners of Police have received letters demanding that they take vacation leave with immediate effect.

The five include



▶ ACP, Ashton Greenslade



▶ ACP, Clayton Fernander



▶ ACP, Kendal Strachan



▶ ACP, Leamond Deleveaux



▶ ACP, Theophilus Cunningham

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## BAHAMAS NEUTRAL IN US-CHINA TRADE STANDOFF

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Seeking to quash fears of the United States crumbling solidarity and cooperation between China

and other developing countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday issued a statement clarifying The Bahamas' posi-

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## TOURISM PROFESSIONALS CHALLENGED

BY LEAH COOPER  
 Journal Staff Writer

Entrepreneurs, tour operators, taxi drivers, and other tourism professionals came out in large

numbers this week for two days of training.

The Aquila Center for Cruise Excellence usually offers training programs

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## RIGHTS BAHAMAS SAYS POLICE FORCE OUT OF CONTROL

Rights Bahamas is calling for a full independent investigation of the Royal Bahamas Police Force. The organization is also urging brutality victims to take independent legal action against the Force.

"Brutality at the hands of officers has become so commonplace that the police might as well dispense with their halfheart-

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## MONSIGNOR MOSS HAILED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE



BY LISA KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

Bahamians from all walks of life filled Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral yesterday in large numbers to hail the exemplary service of the late Monsignor Preston Moss to the catholic church and the nation.

Catholic Archbishop Patrick Pinder who gave the homily at the funeral service, became emotional at one point in his remarks about his closest co worker, as he called him.

He asked, "What is the value of his life and example in our country today? He was a gifted preacher and quite at home in proclaiming and explaining the word. Yet he understood quite well as Saint Paul said that 'we

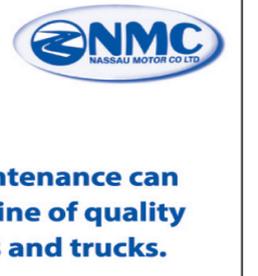
▶ The Funeral Service for Monsignor Preston Moss was held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Thursday morning, March 21, 2019, attended by Governor General, Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, and many dignitaries, amongst family and friends. The Most Reverend Patrick C. Pinder, Catholic Archbishop of Nassau, delivered the sermon. (BIS Photos/Derek Smith)

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# POLICE FORCE IN SHOCK

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Officer in charge of Criminal Investigation ACP Clayton Fernander, Officer in Charge of Uniformed Officers ACP Ashton Greenslade, Officer in Charge of Operational Support ACP Ken Strachan, Officer in Charge of Public Safety ACP Leamond Deleveaux, and the officer in charge of the Police Tribunal ACP Theophilus Cunningham.

At the end of the vacations it is not clear if the officers will have to retire, as in the case of DPC Emerik Seymour, ACP Stephen Dean and ACP Clarence Reckley who were told two weeks ago that they were to take their long vacations and retire.

The decision came as a shock to the officers, but it is understood that the high command were informed by the Minister of National Security Marvin Dames that the government

wanted all officers with accumulated vacations to take them.

When questioned on the issue by the media yesterday, Mr. Dames said that there will be more cases like these to come.

He added that there are quite a number of officers throughout the ranks with an excessive amount of vacation leave which successive governments have allowed to pile up.

"The fact is that we find that in law enforcement the problem is greater, but we're trying to bring everything back in line.

"Now there are some persons whose leave will run into retirement, but they understand that," he said.

The Minister added that this move is all a part of transforming the force and admitted that government must do a better job at preparing officers for leave.

"We need to get to the place where we empow-

er people, where we develop people, so that when we're not there somebody else takes over.

"We're all just passing through, we met these agencies here and we will leave them here too.

"The test is in what condition we leave them in when we move off the scene, but we're talking about individuals, the majority of whom are on leave, who have in excess of a year and in some cases as close to two years of vacation," The Minister said.

A statement from the Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party Fred Mitchell yesterday said, "there is a political purge taking place in the Royal Bahamas Police Force and throughout the public service. This is an attempt to eliminate all PLPs from the public service. The FNM's actions are wicked and evil and are condemned," said Mr. Mitchell.



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The Board will be considering applications for the grant of Self Drive Cars/Scooters, Private Schedule Omnibus Franchises and Variations in accordance with the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 220.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, any person is entitled to object to the grant of any franchise, however a person who would wish to be heard as an objector should within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication lodge in writing, two (2) copies of his/her objection, setting out therein, all the grounds of his/her objection(s).

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22	Lerone Hanna Marathon Road Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
23	Cyril Greenslade/Gloria Greenslade Carmichael Road Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
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30	Eric Whitely Jr. Dunmoe Drive Nassau Bahamas	20 SD CARS
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# BAHAMAS NEUTRAL IN US-CHINA TRADE STANDOFF

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tion on the matter. The statement noted that The Bahamas enjoys a longstanding, excellent diplomatic and trade relations with both countries - the United States and the People's Republic of

China. The two superpowers have been embroiled in a trade war since September of 2011. The US slapped tariffs on \$250 billion worth of Chinese products while threatening on \$267 billion more.

China has since retaliated by setting \$110 billion worth of US goods, threatening "quantitative and qualitative measures" affecting US businesses functioning in China. The Bahamas established Diplomatic relations with the United

States in 1973 and with the People's Republic of China in 1997. The Ministry added that the government fully anticipates it will continue to enjoy cordial and productive relations with both countries in the future.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis left the Bahamas yesterday to join the leaders of Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and St. Lucia in a multilateral meeting with United States President Donald Trump today at Mar-a-

Lago, Palm Beach, Florida. The White House, in a statement, indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to strengthen the United States' "security cooperation and counter china's predatory economic practices."

## HIGH COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE OF SOUTH AFRICA PRESENTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



Governor General, Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling was presented Letters of Credence from Her Excellency Lumka Yengeni, Non-Resident High Commissioner-Designate of South Africa to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, during a ceremony at Government House, March 20, 2019. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)

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38	Samatha Bain Sugar Apple Street Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
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68	William Mccartney Mount Royal Avenue Nassau, Bahamas	12 SD Cars
69	Giovanni Thompson Yamacraw Shores Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
70	Brian Newbold Pinewood Gardens Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars
71	Javon Saunders Montague Villas Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
72	Sherese Hamilton Winton Estate Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
73	Hesley Walkine West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
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75	Newell Bullard Graham Drive Nassau Bahamas	6 SD Cars
76	Coolie Johnson-McDonald Nassau Village Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars

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to help cruise destinations and tour operators around the world improve the quality of service in their ports, tours, guides, and businesses.

Tourism Deputy Director General Ellison

Thompson said, "I think that we can all appreciate that right now the product in Nassau is not where it needs to be."

He added, "this new injection of enthusiasm and innovation is really going to get us on top of the game again."

"If you look at other

cruise destinations in the Caribbean, they're putting in a lot of investments. So, it's time The Bahamas get back into the game," he said.

Mr. Thompson also expressed that it's very important that the ministry host "continuous, sustainable training ini-

tiatives", adding that this is one of many the ministry will have throughout the country.

Founder of Aquila Center For Cruise Excellence Beth Kelly-Hatt said that the initiative encompasses customer service and front-line training.

"It's a little bit about how to help customers, how to make them feel good, how to raise the guest satisfaction in a destination, how to help if there are problems with someone - if someone is sick; and how to deal with difficult situations.", she said.

The two-day seminar was put on by the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association and the Ministry of Tourism at the Marriott Courtyard and the University of The Bahamas this past Tuesday and Wednesday.

# RIGHTS BAHAMAS SAYS

# POLICE FORCE OUT OF CONTROL

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ed excuses for why they had to call an ambulance for a man after several hours in their custody. No one believes them.

"Police shootings and brutality claims have reached unprecedented levels under this FNMA administration. Meanwhile, the complaints process is a bad joke, with officers investigating their own colleagues and friends with zero independent oversight. The minister of

national security actually admitted that although it is mandated by law to vet police internal investigations, the civilian Police Complaints Inspectorate has not even been appointed. The police are their own judge and jury," said a news release from the group.

"According to their internal statistics, there were 245 complaints against police last year - a shocking number in such a small society. Perhaps the police might want to reveal how many officers

were found guilty and disciplined as a result. We suspect very few. There is a double standard in this society: if a civilian beats, suffocates, tortures an individual, they go to prison. If a police officer does it, nothing happens. Even worse, the motivation for this brutality is allegedly the extraction of confessions under duress - leading to the likelihood that over the years, the RBPF may have deprived hundreds if not thousands of innocent people of their liberty based through the

use of these illegal and reprehensible tactics."

Rights Bahamas said, "this cannot be allowed to continue. The government of the Bahamas is obligated to ensure that its law enforcement officers do not prey upon the public they are sworn to protect. Rights Bahamas hereby issues a call for a full and independent investigation of the alleged culture of beatings and torture at the Central Detective Unit and other RBPF units, and the seemingly highly-organized practice of

using violence to extract confessions. This investigation should be conducted by experts totally unconnected with the RBPF, and preferably with international experience. The findings should be presented to the independent Director of Public Prosecutions to bring charges against offending officers before the Supreme Court. Let the chips fall where they may.

"As for the victims of police brutality, while it is sensible to make a full and frank report of your ordeal

to the Police Complaints Unit, it is clear that very little is likely to come from this process in terms of results. Thankfully, there are a number of legal options available to you, from lawsuits against the RBPF for damages to private prosecutions of the individuals responsible for your suffering. Rights Bahamas urges you to take action in any way that you can; we can be contacted for advice and support at any time," said the group.

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4	Geralde Gabriel Joe Farrington Road Nassau Bahamas	1 Private Schedule Plates
5	Barrett Smith Coral Harbour Nassau Bahamas	2 Private Schedule Plates
6	Danny Gibson West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	5 Private Schedule Plates
7	Nicole Matecki Sweeting Lane Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
8	Daniel Moss Mark Ave, Buttonwood Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
9	Shavane Turnquest Big Flower Invest. Ltd. Cable Beach Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
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12	Tamara Francis Winsor Field Road Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates

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# A PARAGON OF HUMILITY

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Msgr. Preston Moss' first impact on my life happened when he and Sister Madene Russell advised my parents that, as a 15-year-old student, I should attend Barry College, then an all-girls Catholic College. Frequently, when I saw Msgr. Moss, he would remind me that, as a Freshman at Barry, I carried the cross during a significant outdoor procession. He encouraged me, as he did others, to recall my duty to carry to the world the redeeming message of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. A conversation along this line last year, was my last engaging encounter with Msgr. Moss.

There are some exceptional people who leave a lasting impression on one from the first encounter. Occasionally, one finds that everyone else agrees that person is extraordinary. Msgr. Preston Moss was that kind of person.

I remember hearing adults speak, with pride and excitement, about then Fr. Moss, and other Bahamians who had been ordained to the Holy Orders. It was a time when it was important to reinforce that Bahamians could lead The Bahamas, in every arena. He let his light shine among people so that we could "see" how to live a godly life, including how to carry our crosses.

Everyone, I've spoken with describes how he made you feel like you are the most important person in the world. When speaking, you had his complete attention, received encouragement and felt that he cared about you.

Msgr. Moss was an extraordinary teacher. I remember driving, as a teenager, on weekdays, from our home in Adelaide to St. Anselm's 6:30am Mass, to listen to his lessons from the Bible, as he made the Word relevant to everyday life. When the Catholic church integrated popular music into the liturgy, Msgr. Moss was there - Sister Annie used to sing and beautifully play the guitar with others at St. Joseph's. Young people filled the pews on Sunday.

In encounters with Msgr. Moss, whether from the pulpit, at home, in hospital, at a graveside, with family, or a chance encounter, he exuded the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I've been present when priests have been judgmental and condemnatory about someone who they saw as "an awful sinner". Msgr. Moss would say something loving, kind and gracious about the person - a child of God. It wasn't that he turned a blind eye to misdeeds, his point was that we're all sinners,

and, but for the grace of God, we might be worse than the person about whom judgment was being expressed. It was his mission to show mercy and forgiveness and to encourage the person to redemption, through God's saving grace.

As a selfless nation builder, Msgr. Moss left no stone unturned. With Archbishop Burke, he expanded Catholic churches across The Bahamas, making these sacred spaces authentically Bahamian. Catholic schools continue to play an important role in quality, values-based education - key to developing citizenship. He unceasingly demonstrated the power of God's saving grace - every human being, made in God's image, is worthy of love and respect. By his actions, not just his words, he made clear the importance of ministry to orphans, widows, prisoners and immigrants fleeing economic and political persecution or simply looking for a better way of life. Every one of us (through ancestors) were captives in a strange land. As well as recalling how our forebears suffered, physically and mentally, we must show mercy to those now in the same position. Soup kitchens, prison ministry, youth ministries, and other much needed outreach ministries, were established wherever he served.

He was a scholar, who many people felt should be the first Bahamian Catholic Bishop. A paragon of humility, he never sought praise. When praised, he gave God the glory and pointed to other people, to whom he gave the credit.

There was never any question in my mind that Msgr. Moss saw every person as a child of God and worthy of respect. I also felt that he accepted a personal responsibility to encourage Bahamians, and others, to develop fully our God given gifts and potential. He saw it as his duty/responsibility to "open up" the Bible as holding lessons for us to follow, for complete human fulfillment. He wanted The Bahamas to be the best little country in the world, not because we were rich in terms of material things, rather, because we were rich in what ultimately matters - relationships with God, each other and the environment.

He was like yeast, essential for flour to become bread.

The Bahamas and the world have lost a courageous, noble and saintly man and role model. May he rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,  
Allyson Maynard-Gibson

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## EDITORIAL

# POLICE BRAIN DRAIN

Something is definitely wrong in the management of The Royal Bahamas Police Force. Without notice, five Assistant Commissioners of Police were sent home and told to take their accumulated vacations, which in each case amounted to a year or more. The same thing happened some two weeks ago when the Deputy Commissioner and two other senior Assistant Commissioners were sent home. At a time when crime in the Bahamas is extremely high and there is a need for experienced officers with institutional knowledge, we cannot understand why the government of the Bahamas would make such a decision to part company with this amount of talent in one swoop. This cannot be in the national interest and it must be destabilising to the Force.

In this week alone, there have been four homicides. The reason given to send almost the entire management team home effective next Monday for extended vacations and many believe early retirements, shows that there is a management problem on the Force.

Some of these officers are in possession of sensitive or confidential information relating to our national security and have not been given the time for the proper handover of information to their successors. In fact, they were not told who would succeed them in the various positions. This must have a negative impact on the morale of the organization.

We are certain that there are many officers below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, like Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and other gazetted officers who have accumulated the same amount of vacation time and even more. The question is why were these officers not given time off over the years. Why can't a policeman take five weeks of vacation in a given year in a constabulary of well over two thousand men and women?

These senior officers were all leaders of divisions on the Force. Leaders use their positions, relationships and productivity to invest in their followers and develop them until those followers become leaders in their own right. We doubt that these men knew that they were being displaced and we doubt that the Force is that rich in talent that the government is able to get rid of eight senior officers without some challenges in the continuity of the proper management of the organization. After all, developing leaders to the point where they are able to develop other leaders is the most difficult leadership task of all. This happened on the Force before and the organization suffered when it lost officers who knew the crime hot spots in the community.

The ability to produce results has always been the line people must be able to cross to be successful. That line is also what qualifies someone for leadership. Peter Drucker, often described as the father of modern management, expressed it this

way: "There are two types of people in leadership roles: those who produce results and those who give you reasons why they didn't." Authentic leaders know the way and show the way to productivity. They take their people where they want them to go-they don't send them there. They are more like your guides than travel agents. The Bahamian people want results. They want a reduction of crime across the board, an efficient Police Force and policemen who respect the rights of the citizenry. All of these call for experienced leadership in every area of the Force.

In recent weeks there has been a litany of complaints about Policing in our country. Among them: Three people complained of being tortured by Police in Eleuthera. They were given the run around for a year. When they finally get their day in Court, they are advised that they are out of time. Second, a man is in Police custody and he goes missing. Months later, there is no telling where he is or what happened to him. Third, a Police Officer is caught on tape inappropriately meeting with witnesses and their attorneys and is accused of fixing evidence. Fourth, there are numerous complaints of accused persons being beaten by Police. Fifth, the Committee that deals with complaints against policemen has not met since 2017 and the list of complaints go on and on.

We have a serious problem with Policing in our country. There was a time when most objective Bahamians could report that the Royal Bahamas Police Force was well managed by consummate professionals. With this break-down of the management team of the Force, we are left to wonder. Today we see instances when Policemen themselves are being victimized by a system that is throwing them out of the Force after forty years of exemplary service in some cases. This is wrong and it has created a brain drain in the organization. This has happened too often over successive governments. It smacks of vindictiveness on the part of politicians or those responsible for the proper management of the Force.

In the Bahamas we need to cure the anxiety and alienation many people feel toward their government. People will regain confidence in government if we make it work better. We need to make quality management in institutions like RBPF the culture of government, so that no future administration can fail to embrace it. I has to become part of the daily lives, the breathing, the working habits of every manager in the government.

The Police Force must be an organization that is devoid of politics and operating as an instrument of the public interest. The people who are elected to serve have a moral obligation to make government work right—to use the hard-earned money of the Bahamian people only in ways that further the public interest. If they cannot do that, the Bahamian people cannot justify them holding positions of trust.

**THE BAHAMAS**  
Sun, Sand, Sea .... and the  
**The Bahama Journal**

**NO BETTER READING**

The advertisement features a collage of newspaper headlines from The Bahama Journal. The main headline on the newspaper cover is "Four Bodies Claimed". Other visible headlines include "22ND MURDER VICTIM Identified", "Brush Fire Scorches Acres of Land", "Debris Hinders Business For Ferry Operators", and "Alleged Election Fraudster A No-Show in Court". The background of the advertisement is a scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore.

# MONSIGNOR MOSS HAILED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

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do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord.' The value of Christ must be present in the preacher. I believe Monsignor Moss was exemplary in that regard. We honour him best by following his example. We miss him and so we grieve.

"He taught us to never allow our passions to destroy our potential, we should never allow our passions to destroy our possibilities and we should never allow the storm or passion to shipwreck or future."

He said, "When you come to serve The Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, cling to Him, do not leave Him. Trust in God and He will help you make your way straight,

and hope in Him.

"He was widely known, highly respected, deeply loved and widely appreciated.

"Two nights ago, at the Vigil for Monsignor at St. Anselm's Church, the beautiful testimonies about him, by those who spoke, had a consoling affect on those of us present. Now, concerning his funeral, he left very clear instructions for his funeral. It says, "I direct that my funeral be very inexpensive, It is my desire that a simple Mass of Christian Burial be conducted, without any Eulogy and the burial should be made at St. Anselm's, and his funeral instructions continue, he listed the songs he wanted sung on this occasion.

"A few years ago, I was attending a Synod of

Bishops in Rome, and during one of the informal sessions, the gentleman beside me, noticing that my name tag said I was the Archbishop of Nassau, asked, "Is there a priest in your Diocese named Preston?" and I said, "Yes." He then asked, "How is he doing?" Well at the time, Monsignor was Victor General and doing well, and I said so. I then asked him, "How do you know him?" He responded, about thirty years ago when I was just beginning my career in the Vatican Diplomatic Service, I met him at one of our Tours in Africa, he made such a positive impression on me, and although I have not seen him since, I have not forgotten him. This is just one of the persons who Monsignor made a posi-

tive effect on me. So the person saying this is the current Vatican Secretary of State. That is but one example of the way Monsignor touched the lives of people he came into contact with.

"I got to know to know him during the Summer of 1970 as a first year Seminary Student assigned to St. Bedes Parish, he was then Father Moss. The housekeeper explained to me that Father Moss, as he was known then, liked things done the right way and I took a liking to doing things the wrong way and I watched him react with frustration and anger, but anger got the better of him, he was never angry for long. It is no wonder that people found him so approachable, so endear-

ing so profoundly loving," said the Archbishop.

He said, "Monsignor had a very clear, definite understanding of Ministry. He internalized it very clearly. He was a gifted preacher, he understood that we do not preach ourselves but Christ.

"Monsignor Moss entered the Priesthood at a difficult time for the Catholic Church, when the church took on the task of renewing itself, still, he stuck with it, out of seven young priests, he was the only one who remained, eventually serving as a Vicar General for three Bishops - Hagarty, Lawrence Burke, and myself.

"His Priesthood lasted for more than fifty-four years, that is the record, the benchmark," said

Archbishop Pinder.

Among those attending the funeral service were the Governor General, Dame Marguerite Pindling, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, members of his Cabinet and members of the clergy from various denominations.

Preston Moss has now been gathered to God, and now minister to him in the way he ministered so well to so many others during his 53 years of service. We knew him, we loved him and we now miss him and so we grieve for him. Archbishop Patrick Pinder was overcome with emotion and wept for his closest co worker who he so respected and loved.

May God grant him eternal rest.

# Prime Minister Minnis Departs Nassau for Meeting with US President Trump

Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis and delegation depart Nassau

today on Bahamasair for a multilateral meeting tomorrow between Caribbean Heads of State

and US President Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, Florida. Leaders of the

Dominican Republic, the Republic of Haiti, Jamaica and Saint Lucia will also attend Friday's meeting. The delegation from The Bahamas comprises Minister of Foreign Affairs the Hon. Darren Henfield; Office of the Prime Minister of the Director of Communications Erica

Cox; Aide to the Prime Minister Inspector Renardo Green; and B I S / O f f i c i a l Photographer, Yontalay Bowe. Minister of Transport and Local Government, the Hon. Renward Wells will act as Prime Minister in the Prime Minister's absence. Prime Minister

Minnis is pictured at LPIA walking centre left; and shaking hands at centre. In group photo, from right: Prime Minister Minnis, Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson, Minister Wells and Minister Henfield. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

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1	Carlean Moss Marshall Road Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Routes Change
2	Johnathan Woodside East Street South Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Route Change
3	Oscar Saunders Soldier Road Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Route Change
4	Doris Gibson Dowdeswell & Deveaux Street Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus transfer
5	Margarette Thompson-Bain Sunset Park Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Transfer
6	Basil Woodside Garden Hills Nassau Bahamas	Request Public schedule Omnibus Route Change
7	Clarence Higgs Prince Higgs Nassau Bahamas	Request Company name change
8	Shandy Higgs Blue Hill Road Nassau Bahamad	Variation of Tour and Self Drive Plates
9	Joseph Bridgewater Coral Height East Nassau Bahamas	Request Tour Plate Transfer
10	Raymond Johnson Southwind Gardens Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Routes Change
11	Rudoiph Taylor Sr. Ritz Lane Nassau Bahamas	Request Public schedule Omnibus Route Change
12	Saspress Rolle Palm Beach Street Nassau Bahamas	Request Public schedule Omnibus Routes Change
13	George, Keva and Ricardo Hamilton Malcolm Allotment Nassau Bahamas	Request Self Drive Company Name Change
14	Happy Tour Ltd Nassau Bahamas	Request Company name change
15	Ali Zubair Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Transfer
16	Craig Knowles Hunt and Ramsay Street Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Route Change
17	James Lewis Big Lou Bus Service Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Routes Change
18	Otto Gibbs Winton Meadows Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Transfer
19	Aaron Woodside Venice Bay Blvd Nassau Bahamas	Request Public Schedule Omnibus Routes Change
20	Nassau Transport Company Ltd. Davis Street Nassau Bahamas	Request Self Drive Cars Transfer

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