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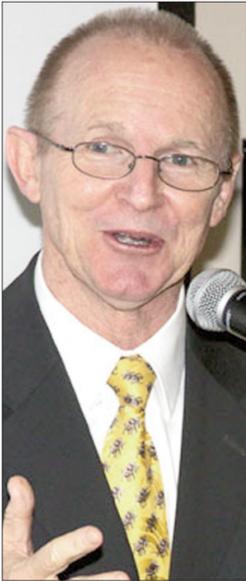
"FREEPORT'S ECONOMY HELD HOSTAGE"

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Grand Bahama Attorney Carey Leonard blames Hutchinson Whampoa for what he calls the appalling state of Grand Bahama's economy.

He said the Chinese Company has been holding the island economy hostage for years.

Mr. Carey, a former President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce said, "Hutchinson has separated each thing; they have a hotels divi-



▶ Attorney, Carey Leonard

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DNA CALLS FOR EXPULSION OF VIOLENT STUDENTS

BY LISA KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

The Democratic National Alliance (DNA) says "It is time for the Minister, along with the Ministry of Education to bring about plans that counter violence in schools.

Legislation must be placed to make serious actions punishable by imprisonment and granting school authorities to permanently expel violent students."

The Party said, "Teachers are one of the most valued profes-

sionals in the country and The Bahamas should not be an exception. They work tirelessly by going above and beyond albeit they are not adequately paid as they continue to positively impact and

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ROLLE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GB GROWTH



▶ GB Port Authority President, Ian Rolle

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The Grand Bahama Port Authority President Ian Rolle yesterday expressed that the country needs to tackle making Freeport more attractive for foreign direct investment.

Mr. Rolle added that in order to do this, a number of variables need to be addressed.

He said, "one is the ease of doing business in The Bahamas. It must be addressed. We've been speaking about it for years, but now it's time to take action. This affects Freeport directly as well.

"Then, you also have

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"BEST EVER" LITURGICAL DANCE @ NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL



▶ MARSH HARBOUR, Abaco, The Bahamas -- While giving a liturgical dance performance that was termed as one of the best that Dance Adjudicator and Cultural Icon Lawrence Carroll had ever seen in the Festival, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School female students received an honour score, in the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Abaco adjudications, on April 9, 2019, at the St. Francis de Sales Parish, in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Carroll pointed to their solid choreography, utilization of proper dance moves, and use of both upper and lower torso in their production as a few of the areas where they excelled in their performance.

(BIS Photos / Eric Rose)

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DPM: "THE COUNTRY ON THE RIGHT TRACK"

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, K. Peter Turnquest says, "It is clear from the IMF's initial Article IV assessment that the reform agenda of the Minnisled administration is moving the country in the right track. The



▶ DPM, K. Peter Turnquest

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MORTON ISSUES HEADED TO PRIVY COUNCIL

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Industrial issues plaguing Morton Salt workers will be heard before the Privy Council, Trade Union Congress President Obie Ferguson revealed

recently.

The issue at hand, Mr. Ferguson said is the Bahamas Industrial Manufacturers and Allied Workers Union (BIMAWU) Industrial Agreement, along with

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RESOLUTION FOR GRAND LUCAYAN MANAGERS NEAR

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Tourism Minister Dionisio D'Aguiar anticipates reaching an agreement on voluntary separation packages for 91 Grand Lucayan managers within weeks.

This past Friday, the Minister headed into a meeting with an optimistic Bahamas Hotel Managerial Union President Obie Ferguson.

Coming out of it, Mr. D'Aguiar branded the meeting as productive, while Mr. Ferguson only said that negotiations are progressing.

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TUC PRESIDENT OPPOSES WTO ASCENSION

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Trade Union of Congress President Obie Ferguson has spoken out against the Bahamas' ascension to the World Trade Organization (WTO). More specifically, he disagrees with the free movement of people from countries and regions that are essentially a part of the WTO – a claim negotiators, on behalf of the government, deny will happen with participating

countries.

Mr. Ferguson, during a recent press conference said that movement is already in effect.

"You know Bahamians, we're just an amazing set of people. I mean why are we supporting WTO? What good logical sensible reason.

"[If] A guy apply for a job, he has a Master's Degree in Mathematics, a Master's Degree in Economics, a law degree and he is a lawyer; and I can bring him here today,

because you know there is free movement of people.

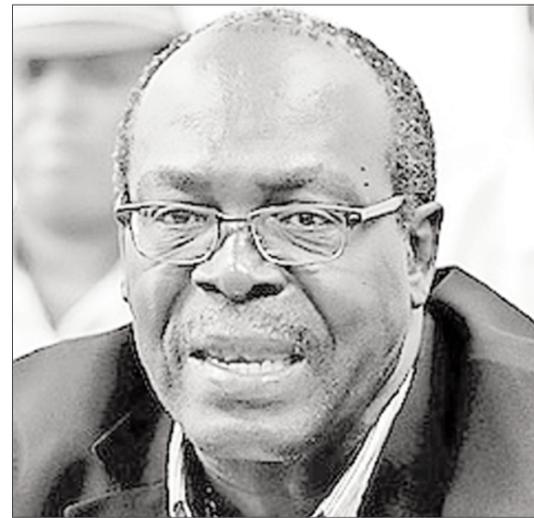
"If you go to the Pointe, then you go over Paradise Island, then you go down to Baha Mar, what do you get there? And that's free movement of people? That thing is in full effect," Mr. Ferguson said.

He added that talks about the Bahamas joining WTO is nothing new as some 16 years ago seminar was conducted on the same.

Now Mr. Ferguson is questioning the difference with then and now what is being done to prepare Bahamians for the WTO.

"In 2003, we put on a very extensive WTO seminar in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. It was funded by ZNS, the government of The Bahamas, BEC, BATELCO and all of them.

"And what happen? Nothing happened from 2003. Now you come



Trade Union of Congress President, Obie Ferguson

back in 2019 and you say you want the Bahamian people to buy it. They can go ahead and buy it.

"I don't want to sound pompous, but you know, I anticipated this kind of behaviour. I have a Bachelors Degree in Hotel and Tourism, I have a Master's Degree in Management Science and I have a Law Degree, with honours, from the University of Buckingham in London, [because] I anticipated this kind of behaviour.

"You have to prepare people for things. You can't just say okay we are going to compete, how could you compete?"

"And that's the problem I have with WTO. There is no preparation, none whatsoever as far as the work force in this country, none," Mr. Ferguson said.

According to lead negotiator for The Bahamas, Zhivargo Laing, The Bahamas anticipates ascension by the year 2021.

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sion, a land division and a port division and each one operates separately in their own siloes.

"Nobody knows or looks at any sort of cross ideas of how they can help each other and they've done the same thing to Freeport and have

just isolated each one of those groups and that is exactly why the economy has gone downhill," he said.

Hutchinson is a big player in Grand Bahama – after all, it owns 50 per cent of the island's airport, 50 per cent of the harbour and the container port as well.

As far as Mr. Leonard's

sees it, its huge stakes, certainly doesn't make it a good investor.

He said, "I'm not pro-Chinese investment at all when I see how they have behaved in just about everything that they've invested in this country, because it has not been for the benefit of Bahamians."

The lawyer who has

lived in Freeport for twenty years said "I would take both of them, (the harbour and the airport) I would do a compulsory acquisition of them and I would buy Hutchinson out."

"They can keep their container port if they want to, that's something that they run all the time anyway, but otherwise I

would take the harbour and the airport from them.

"There is precedence of the government doing a compulsory acquisition of a privately-owned airport, let us not forget that South Eleuthera Properties used to own Rock Sound Airport and the government, I can't remember in 1993 or 94 or something like that,

did a compulsory acquisition of the airport.

"The law is all set out, because South Eleuthera Properties took the government to court to make sure that they got reasonable compensation," he said.

Mr. Leonard was a guest on the Radio Love 97 daily talk show "Issues of the Day."



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The managers are looking to secure some \$5 million, but Lucayan Renewal Holding Chairman Michael Scott is adamant that the board will not go over \$3.2 million.

Much talk has been made about the fact that the government has at this point only signed a letter of intent for the purchase of the Grand Lucayan Resort.

Still, Mr. Carey Leonard – who serves as a Director of the property, believes Bahamians should be comforted by this.

“Things that last well, usually you have to build a solid foundation and it takes a while to build. As you know, there are a number of moving parts of any major project to bring them all together and it takes time.”

“The letter of intent does provide for 90 days

and after that we hope that we can get a contract with a 60-day closing,” he said.

He stressed that a lot has to happen with the first 90 days.

“I think it’s safe to say that you have to find operators for one or more of the hotels. On top of that, you have to find airlift to make sure that you’re able to fill the hotels.”

“They have a plan which has been made public with respect to how they plan to redevelop the

water front into basically a water theme park. Then of course you’ve got to be able to market your hotels to fit that park,” Mr. Leonard said.

The government purchased the Grand Lucayan Resort last year for \$65 million with a \$30 million down payment to be made upfront.

The idea was to get a buyer for the property as soon as possible.



► Tourism Minister, Dionisio D'Aguilar

BROTHERS ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGES



Two brothers were arraigned on murder charges yesterday before Chief Magistrate Joy Ann Ferguson-Pratt. It is alleged that 21 year old Anton and 25 year old Dwayne Lodimus are behind the March 19th killing of Leroy Burrows. Burrows was killed on Mackey and Wilton Streets, near Centreville Pharmacy. The brothers were not required to enter a plea to the charge, both return to court on Thursday, May 16th.

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to look at countries or jurisdictions that are nearby, and ask what are they doing", he added.

Mr. Rolle said that people have been saying for a while that Freeport has a

lot of infrastructure and special concessions, yet they're curious as to what's happening economically.

"When we look at nearby jurisdictions, where they have similar infrastructure – the roads, the

lights, water, etc.; they also have 100 per cent exemptions from property taxes, they have 100 per cent exemptions from income taxes, and 100 per cent exemptions from import duties.", he said.

Mr. Rolle said that this

initiative can improve with the government introducing a special HID Visa.

He added, "in fact, I know of a jurisdiction that has a 100 per cent exemption from sales taxes or VAT. Then, they also have

a five-year work residency visa that can be processed within five days with no quotas and no hassle," he said.

The Port Authority President of nine years said that the city was designed to accommodate

some 250,000 people, but currently it is underpopulated by 200,000.

Overall, Mr. Rolle is optimistic about the growth of Grand Bahama.

He was a guest of Love 97's "On Point" talk show.

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what the company has brought to the table in terms of pay increase to its workers.

"I have filed an application to the Court of Appeal, seeking leave. The Court of Appeal has given me until the 20 June to give them a reason why they ought to exercise a discretion to allow me to go to the Privy Council.

"If I'm not successful

in getting leave from the Court of Appeal, I will go direct to the Privy Council, provision [is] in place for it," Mr. Ferguson said.

Mr. Ferguson said the offer of pay increase is questionable, adding that the move to the Privy Council follows BIMAWU requesting the government to intervene.

Negotiations between Morton Salt owners and the union stalled as the owners offered the work-

ers 1.5 percent increase in pay for the first year, 1.5 percent for the second year and 1.7 percent for the third year.

"Morton Salt, we've asked the government, the minister, to intervene in that matter.

"I was doing some research on evolution, and Morton Salt workers were the first group of workers in this country to have a union. And today, the operators are benefiting tremendously.

"They pump the water from the ocean, and to date, and I stand to be corrected, I don't think they are paying the government a dollar. And I'm asking the Bahamian people is 1.5 percent reasonable? That's uneven inflation.

"So this is slavery all over again, in another form. I have to now go to the Privy Council, to represent those people," Mr. Ferguson said.

And despite having a

strike certificate in hand since last year, the union has held off striking several times.

Mr. Ferguson said that the workers have not used the certificate as the agreement presents a difficulty.

"The entire agreement bears a difficulty. Not only for the workers of Morton Salt but it has an impact on workers in general where there is a collective agreement.

"That we have present-

ly in front of the court, seeking leave, because we differ with the ruling of the court. The court suggested, in our view, that a collective agreement is an employment contract; we differ.

"And because of that, it has far reaching effects, not only on Morton Salt [but] on every union registered in The Bahamas.

Following ongoing negotiations, Morton salt company says its offer to its workers is a fair deal.

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prepare the next generation of Bahamians."

Dr. Matheo J. Smith, Spokesman for Education for the (DNA) issued a statement on Sunday on the plight of teachers in The Bahamas. This came after teachers at the S.C. McPherson Junior High School held back their services on Friday after the students at the school became uncontrollable, after a group of them started a rumour that a teacher

caused the death of a former student the weekend before.

The DNA is of the belief that the future prosperity of The Bahamas hinges on the education and economic empowerment of our people. The statement said, "It is our position that the Bahamian youth must be at the center of government policies, initiatives and programs. Our education system cannot be tainted by politics or reluctance to implement a

real government platform.

"We are calling on all school administrators, especially those within the public sector to stand up for their teachers and ensure that all rules are enforced. The requisite focus must be placed on ensuring there are no compromises in the application of rules and regulations within our education system.

"Individuals familiar with the education system are aware of the challenges faced daily by our

hardworking educators. It is extremely difficult to work in conditions where teachers are constantly looking over their shoulders in fear or being blatantly disrespected in their classrooms. Teachers are weary of this situation and there is a level of frustration with the lack of attention to this matter.

"The approach to matters confronting us within the public system has been reactive rather than proactive. It is unfortunate that issues that could be

addressed right away are being swept under the rug until the matter becomes more serious. This is not the type of position or environment that is needed. Administrators must always be proactive and intentional in reforming the system.

"The DNA calls on the Minister of Education to get involved. Meet with the teachers of S. C. McPherson Junior High School. We salute them for standing in solidarity to protest a system and

environment that hinder effective learning."

"For too long, The Bahamas Union of Teachers has spoken about an epidemic of violence in certain schools. Evidently, nothing tangible is being done and their needs are not being met!

"If we don't act decisively with a strong hand to prevent these matters, we will constantly see issues like this and more resurfacing," said the statement.

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A CHRISTIAN PROSPECTIVE BY BISHOP SIMEON HALL TOWARDS CHRISTIAN ECUMENISM

Some years ago, a local church leader declared that there are more than four thousand Christian churches scattered across this Commonwealth nation.

Of these four thousand Christian Churches, each has two or more preachers in the top leadership, serving God's people.

The vast majority of churches throughout this Bahamas carry out this fundamental purpose – Present Christ, the Risen Lord to the world in a fashion that enables all people to better themselves socially, economically, morally, spiritually and environmentally.

That is the Christian Church's mandate regardless of its' denominational expressions.

When we read the history of the churches of the Apostolic era, it is abundantly clear that Christian Unity was a major priority that they pursued with much determination.

The church in our Bahamas, should ask itself – How can a divided church help to redeem a divided broken society? Ecumenism – The predisposition of a church or churches to engage in dialogue with, and provide ways to engage in social actions with other churches.

It is safe to state that the average adult Bahamian who attends church anywhere was not born into that church.

Religious freedom runs high in this country. My mother was Baptist, and my father was Pentecostal. As an infant I was Christened/dedicated in an Anglican church. My first school was Catholic; I made a confession in a Brethren Church and started preaching in a Baptist Church. Indeed, for me ecumenism has always been the theological prism through which I have experienced God.

Jesus prayed "that they might become one" and it is clear that this prayer uttered by the Lord and Christ has not yet been answered.

Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr in his classic book, *The Social Sources of Denominationalism* makes the telling commentary that most Christian denominations have their genesis in social, political and racial issues, rather than theological ones.

Recently I heard about a mega-church in the U.S. which suffered an irreparable split because they could not agree where to place the new rest room. Where is the spirit of Love and Reconciliation in that kind of Ecclesiastical debacle?

Ecumenism means that Churches may sheath their swords by which self-inflicted wounds are placed on each other and

work together.

In the nineties when we served the Bahamas Christian Council there often was a push that high religious body by saying that "our doctrinal emphasis over dress or Liturgical nuances need not impede our collective social works to the poor, the least, the lost and the left out.

I recall the story how a little girl some years ago was mistakenly wounded by gunshots in an area just off Wulff Road. We called it 'zones compassion. We were successful to get about twelve churches representing different denominations to give several hundreds of dollars to assist that little girl.

Our historical traditions might be different, and our methods of worship may be varied; but, until, and unless we accept that the Omnipotent God must not be reduced and circumscribed into the smallness of our denominational insularity – we will have a divided church. Our division is so pronounced that it impedes our Christian witness about peace, reconciliation and brotherhood.

It is time for the leaders of the Christian churches in the Bahamas to begin an interdenominational conversation on ways we can be more effective and ecumenical in our approach to National Development. On a subliminal level, the latent religious animosity, disdain and suspicion we hold towards each other is clearly unchristian and clearly not the spirit of Christ.

Personally, I am a Christian by my faith in The Risen – Living Christ. I am a Baptist by tradition. But I also embrace conversation and fellowship of other Christians especially their Leaders. "Iron sharpens iron" says the Word.

The God of the Bible is a global God so His Church must be Global.

A preacher or a church who believe that they are singularly God's only gift to the Bahamas will soon see that God will not share His glory with anyone. I have seen items in the Liturgy of Non-Baptist chronicles that I found inspiring and informative.

The Protestant Reformation was a critical, perhaps even necessary juncture in church history.

Ecumenists are questioning if it went too far to the right. All extremes are also dangerous. As a church, we are challenged always to strive to never become like the wrong we protested and was successful in replacing.

Martin Luther, Soren Kierkegaard, John Calvin, St. Augustine, Rudolph Bultmann, C. S.

Lewis were all firm in what they believed; but in other writings they made room for verbal intellectual intercourse with others.

Generally speaking, the denominational divide is more social than doctrinal or theological, and that indeed is sad.

I have had much success with the class "The Call and Science of Preaching." Hundreds of persons from various Christian churches have attended this ten-week course in Homiletics.

I usually challenge students to know as much as possible about their individual denominations. I also like to prompt their thinking and cause them to engage in passionate discussions when I ask questions such as:

A) Are you a Christian because you were born in a country where Christianity is the dominant expression of faith?

B) When you take "Holy Communion, the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper, is it the actual body and blood of Christ or just a symbol?"

C) What is going to happen to those Christians who know Christ but not like you do?

D) When you get to Heaven how many Gods will you see? And which one?

Most persons address these "provocative" questions based on their church's teaching. The Eucharist – Holy Communion is the highest symbol of Christ atoning death for us.

It shows our unbreakable, irrevocable union with Christ. When we eat and drink, we remember the finished work of Christ and in doing so, we evidence our spiritual connection and relationship with millions who also claim him as Lord, (though) but their style and clothes and worship all differs from ours.

The divisions in the church are historical. But in search of Biblical relevance we should lead the way with examples of how incidences of difference need not stop us from together, helping a wounded human being, on the side of the road.

The highest point in Christian worship takes place when partakers of the bread and the cup – in a cathedral, a chapel, a home or in a dungeon – When we eat and drink, we remember what Christ did for us all.

We must make room for those who believe in Christ as we do, but their way of expressing their belief is different. When we do that then the spirit of Ecumenism for which Christ predicted will begin to be embraced by our communities.

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The Future Is Now

Many of the world's greatest challenges today are simply modern manifestations of our oldest demons. Almost seven years ago, the former President of the United States Bill Clinton said, "our world is more interdependent than ever. Borders have become more like nets than walls, and while this means that wealth, ideas, information and talent can move freely around the globe, so can the negative forces shaping our shared fates. The financial crisis that started in the U.S. and swept the globe was further proof that—for better and for worse—we can't escape one another."

"There are three big challenges with our interdependent world: inequality, instability and unsustainability. The fact that half the world's people live on less than \$2 a day and a billion people on less than \$1 a day, is stark evidence of inequality, which is increasing in many places. We're feeling the effects of instability not only in the global economic slowdown, but also in the violence, popular disruptions and political conflicts in many countries. And the way we produce and use energy is unsustainable, changing our climate in ways that cast a shadow over our children's future. But progress changes consciousness, and when you change people's consciousness, then their awareness of what is possible changes as well—a virtuous circle. So it's important that the word gets out, that people realize what's working. That where there's been creative cooperation coupled with a communitarian view of our future, we're seeing real success".

In our own Bahamas, we have come to understand that inequality within our society breeds instability. Throughout our country, there is a need for people to come together to solve our problems. The youth

who lives in Montell Heights or Kemp Road should come to believe that the people who live in Bakers Bay, Lyford Cay, Old Fort Bay and Albany are very concerned about their well being. If we work together, we can find the solutions to the problems of crime and many social issues that beset our nation. Non Governmental Organizations, those in Civil Society must come together in various ways to assist the government with some of the challenges.

While we have embraced technology and how it is changing our society, we must deal aggressively with the large number of Non Communicable Diseases in our country. There are thousands of Bahamians who succumb on a yearly basis from chronic diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease and various forms of cancer that go undetected. This means that efforts must be redoubled to educate the Bahamian people on how to prevent these diseases.

On the economic front, too many Bahamians are complaining about inequality. If left unattended, people feel marginalized or ostracized and this can lead to instability. So ways must be found to reduce the cost of energy, to produce more of the food we consume and create opportunities for young Bahamians to remain at home to participate in the building of the economy.

They must feel a part of building the society and feel that they count. In order for this to happen, they need access to affordable land. In this regard, we are pleased to know that the current administration is working on legislation to bring about Land Reform. The Youth of the Bahamas know that they need to work now to own a part of this beautiful country called the Bahamas. They are not working to be future Bahamians. For them, the future is now.

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economy is getting stronger."

In a statement yesterday, Mr. Turnquest said, "The fiscal measures to raise revenue and contain expenditure are bringing the nation's public deficits down in line with an articulated and published plan. The financial affairs of the country are stabilizing and the economy is

expanding after years of stagnation; this is setting the stage for sustained economic growth and shared prosperity across The Bahamas.

"As I consistently point out, there is still much work to do. In respect to public finances, there remains a need to ensure expenditure containment, focusing new expenditure only on critical matters and key elements of our

electoral mandate. There must be continued emphasis on improving revenue collection from existing tax measures."

Mr. Turnquest said, "Continuing the reform agenda, my Ministry will within this calendar year put out for public consultation and eventual Parliamentary consideration, the referenced draft legislation on public procurement, and a

brand new expansive framework for public sector financial management. These are critical to bolstering transparency and accountability in government - which are linchpins for sustained fiscal stability and efficiency in public expenditure. The institutions responsible for nominating members to the Fiscal Council have been requested already by the Speaker of the House

to provide their nominees to this body. The Fiscal Council will thus be formed and in place within the time parameters outlined in the law. The Council will be provided the resources within the upcoming budget to undertake their oversight responsibilities."

He said, "the government will continue both to expand the access to capital by Bahamian entrepre-

neurs, and to remove bureaucratic impediments to Bahamians doing business. Carrying over from this year's budget, one can anticipate that the government will continue to increase its investment in education and training, recognizing that preparing Bahamian young people for an increasingly competitive global marketplace must be a pressing priority."

Bahamas at US-Caribbean Resilience Partnership Ministerial Meeting

The Honourable Darren A. Henfield, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, led a delegation from The Bahamas to Miami, Florida, for a one-day Ministerial Meeting that resulted in the launch of the US-Caribbean Resilience Partnership on 12th April 2019. The Meeting, which took place at the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) headquarters in Miami, was hosted by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John. J. Sullivan, who led an interagency team of United States sen-

ior officials and experts. Participants from the Caribbean included eighteen (18) Caribbean countries, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency and the Regional Security System.

The Partnership aims to strengthen the U.S.-Caribbean relationship and shared interest in achieving greater resilience to natural disasters, building regional resilience to natural disasters, sustaining effective collaboration on disaster response, sharing best

practices, and creating new avenues for disaster relief.

The Bahamas, through its National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), already enjoys a strong and rich partnership of more than two decades with agencies of the United States Government in support of the country's disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery programme. Because of the archipelagic make-up of The Bahamas, the support provided by the United States, particularly

given its close proximity to the country and its capacity, has been critical in responding to disaster recovery.

As a result of this strong and rich partnership The Bahamas has benefitted from the contribution of three (3) strategically located Emergency Relief Warehouses: in Hawksbill, Grand Bahama (in the Northern Bahamas), in Coral Harbour, New Providence (in the Central Bahamas), and Matthew Town, Great Inagua (in the Southern

Bahamas). Essential equipment has also been provided to each facility.

The impact of Hurricanes Joaquin, Matthew and Irma to The Bahamas has been reported by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to cost approximately eight hundred twenty million dollars. Such a cost to an economy like The Bahamas is unsustainable. As a result, the government has taken steps to secure funding to deal with the eventuality of

disasters.

Given that The Bahamas is susceptible to hurricanes approximately six months out of the year, resilience is critical and must become a natural way of life in our society. It is through proactive partnerships and collaborations such as the US-Caribbean Resilience Partnership that we can learn from our local, regional and international partners in order to position and prepare ourselves more effectively in the inevitable event of a natural disaster.

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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
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