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Ministry Awaits Autopsy Reports

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamian High Commissioner in London Ellison Greenslade has reported that he and officials from the High Commission have "made good progress" in the investigations into the deaths of two Bahamian young men whose bodies were found in a lake in Turin, Italy.

In a report from Italy yesterday, Mr Greenslade said he and his delegation were warmly received with a great measure of courtesy and respect by Italian authorities. He was accompanied by Colin and Christopher Wright and Brittany John relatives of the two who positively identified the bodies of Foreign Service Officer Alrae

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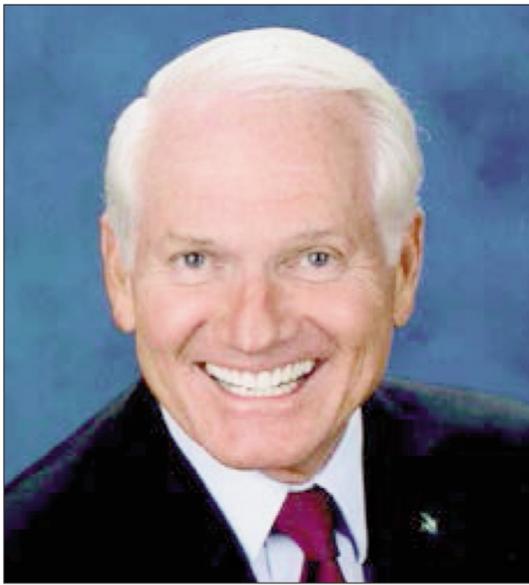
FRED HAZLEWOOD TO BE KNIGHTED

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Leading businessman Frederick Asa Hazlewood is to be knighted and leads the list of Bahamians who have been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen in her 2019 Birthday Honours.

He is President of the John Bull group of companies and represents the fourth generation of leaders at JOHN BULL raised on a simple leadership philosophy: "A business doesn't run on autopilot."

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▶ Frederick Asa Hazlewood

BAHAMASAIR CHALLENGED BY RISING FUEL PRICES

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The rising cost of fuel prices is negatively impacting Bahamasair, the national flag carrier, according to Aviation Minister Dionisio D'Aguilar who says that this was the greatest challenge to the airline meet-

ing its financial target. Bahamasair spent \$11.8 million on fuel in 2017 and \$18 million in 2018.

"As tensions rise between the United States, China and Iran, this will negatively impact Bahamasair's fuel

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POLICE PROBE HOMICIDE AND BANK ROBBERY

Police on New Providence are investigating a shooting incident which occurred on Sunday night which has left an adult male dead.

According to reports, shortly before 9:00 pm, a man was standing in front of a home on Price Street, Nassau Village,

when he was approached by occupants of a vehicle, who opened fire on him, hitting him about the body before speeding away.

Paramedics were called to the scene and

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NEW LAWS AGAINST SHIP DUMPING PROMISED

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Transport Minister Renward Wells says new laws against Cruise Ship dumping in the Bahamas will be introduced in the next fiscal year. He has reiterated the government's commitment to legislatively address the longstanding issue of cruise ships and other vessels dumping waste in Bahamian waters.

This of course on the heels of what transpired in a US district court over a week ago.

Leading cruise liner Carnival Corporation at the time pleaded guilty to



▶ Transport Minister, Renward Wells

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MINISTER RETURNS TO PAY HIS RESPECTS DURING LABOUR DAY PARADE



▶ Minister of Labour, Senator the Hon. Dion Foulkes marched on East Street with union leaders and members during the Labour Day Parade on Friday, June 7, 2019. The Minister placed a wreath in the area of last year's Labour Day Parade that, tragically, claimed the lives of Tami Gibson, Tabitha Haye, Kathleen Fernander and Dianne Ferguson. (BIS Photos/Letisha Henderson)



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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

New Rules To Stop Hacking

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

As hacking remains a vexing issue for the Civil Aviation Authority, industry stakeholders and other national agencies are engaged in a collaborative effort to enact additional legislation and regulations, impose harsher enforcement action, increase successful prosecution of the offending pilot and implement new

initiatives to educate travellers and pilots about the risk of illegal air charters.

The Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguiar says, "as a component of the remedial actions, the Authority has moved to end the practice of illegal air charter operations within Bahamian airspace.

"It has diligently implemented 'anti-hacking' initiatives through

awareness campaigns to highlight the risks of travelling on illegal aircraft charters; proposed reforms to the civil aviation operations; and pushed for strict enforcement of civil and criminal proceedings against illegal charter operators."

He added that the Authority has implemented a number of regulations to help curb this issue.

"All Bahamian per-

sons holding foreign issued licenses will be required to have those licenses converted to licenses issued by the Authority for the sole purpose of increased surveillance of the persons involved.

"The Authority will increase enforcement activities and will aggressively pursue criminal and or civil penalties against all persons committing any

activity that is not in compliance with Regulatory requirements.

"Those persons who choose to remain unregulated, are engaging in criminal activities. Further, persons facilitating these activities also shares culpability.

"To reiterate, all pilots seeking access to restricted areas of the General Aviation section of LPIA are now required to be in possession of a valid

identification badge issued by the Security Department of the Airport Authority.

"A condition of gaining that badge is that the pilot is properly licensed to operate an aircraft in The Bahamas," the Tourism Minister said.

Minister D'Aguiar stressed that those pilots who refuse to become regulated will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Pintard Consultancy Allocations

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The allocations for consultancy services in the government's national budget has increased dramatically.

In the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources the allocation jumped from \$30,000 to \$320,000, a figure Minister Michael Pintard said is still not enough.

"We believe that the

\$300,000 is not sufficient, so we are going to gradually each year seek to increase the amount of funding.

"There is a wide range of areas where consultants are required. One of

the things that we are doing now is converting to E-Agriculture, so that much of the permits for example that you would apply for online you would be able to do so from your Smartphone,

Laptop and that's both for Agriculture as well as for Marine Resources.

"So we have just finished developing the mechanism in order to do that so that someone doesn't have to for exam-

ple land in East End, Grand Bahama and go to the Administrators Office to get a permit, they can do all of that online," Minister Pintard said.

Mr. Pintard pointed out that the previous administration paid one consultant the same amount allocated this budget period for a number of consultancy services in different areas.

Meantime, while in domestic travel, the allocation jumped from \$15,000 to \$52,000 plus, the minister said this too is not enough.

"In terms of in country travel, as you would be aware, we are engaged in several consultations as we speak."

"One of them is with respect to dealing with the issue of conch and having a candid discussion with fisherman throughout the country about what our concerns are, about the pressures that have been brought on the conch stock and getting their feedback on what we intend to do over the course of the next six months.

"The same thing is true with the Nassau Grouper; we have just allocated \$20,000 to the preeminent expert on the Nassau Grouper who happens to be a Bahamian helping to defray some of the cost on the study of the Nassau Grouper which again we have been in discussions with fisherman and others throughout the Family Islands and then of course we are also in discussions about the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)," he said.

The budget for international travel shifted from \$35,000 to over \$90,000.

"In some cases, as in the case of BAIC for example, CEDA; or in the case of agriculture, attending meetings whether it's with CARICOM, Commonwealth ACP, with the United Nations or with any of those inters governmental agencies.

"I think we have been very productive in terms of what we have been able to get out of those meetings."

"We're having bilateral discussions with other countries to gain benefits for The Bahamas and we're also having discussions with inter-governmental agencies to get benefits," Minister Pintard said.



Request for Expressions of Interest Individual Consultant: Communications Strategist "Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas"



The Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of The Bahamas (GoBH) signed the Loan Contract No. 3787/OC-BH for the execution of the investment programme "Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas" 9BH-L1037. The general objective of the Programme is to increase the employability and quality of employment of beneficiaries, by improving access to quality jobs in The Bahamas, with particular emphasis on youth, in three strategic sectors: maritime, medical services and IT/telecommunications. The specific objectives are to: (a) increase relevant skills and employability in productive jobs for Programme beneficiaries; (b) improve the effectiveness of the Public Employment Services (PES); and (c) enhance the capacity of the labour market intelligence system.

The GoBH has designated the Ministry of Labour (MOL) as the Programme Executing Agency (PEA). The MOL will establish a Programme Executing Unit (PEU) within its organizational structure under the Office of the Permanent Secretary. Accordingly, the PEU now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide consulting services of Strategic Communications Consultant. The contract duration for this consultancy is 12 months, renewable annually. This consultancy shall be based in New Providence.

Main Responsibilities of the Consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to provide strategic, organizational, and technical direction to the PEU in the development of a Communications Strategy for internal and external stakeholders. The internal audience is comprised of the Ministry of Labour as the Executing Agency, the Project Steering Committee, and members of the Programme Implementation Unit. The external audience includes parents, apprentices, firms, employer groups, academia, training providers, government agencies and civil society among others.

Specific responsibilities and activities are itemized in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this consultancy, which can be accessed via this link, <http://jobseekers.bahamas.gov.bs>.

Required Qualifications

The consultant must hold a post-graduate degree in Business Administration, Marketing, Communications, Journalism or Public Affairs, or related field. He/she must have a minimum of five years of relevant work experience leading the design and implementation of corporate communications strategies.

The Consultant will have superior planning and logistical skills, with ability to identify resources, address and prioritize a wide range of issues and activities for timely completion, and a proven ability to take initiative and work independently. He/she will be experienced in coordinating strategic communication efforts and/or initiatives, disseminating knowledge, improving visibility, and developing relevant content. Graphic design experience/knowledge is beneficial, as well as competence in storytelling, communication and messaging, writing and editing, media design and development, stakeholder insight and outreach, and marketing.

Additionally, he/she will be competent in:

- Creative writing, data storytelling techniques, message development, graphic design, digital campaigns, social media.
- Coordination experience among multiple stakeholders. Consultant will need to be able to understand different stakeholders to be able to tailor key messages according to their needs/interests.
- Collaboration, teamwork and inclusion – the Consultant will work cooperatively with others independent of background (gender, ethnic origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, background, perspective) or organizational role, and takes a team based and inclusive approach to projects and decision making.
- Innovation and creativity – The Consultant will develop strategic ideas and solutions through creativity, experimentation, and critical thinking.
- Communication and influence – The Consultant will communicate effectively and leverage relationship and strategies to influence others.
- Client focus – The Consultant will understand client and needs and provide services that meet their expectations for quality and performance.

Expressions of interest should include a cover letter highlighting the consultant's interest in the position, relevant experiences and qualifications, a recent copy of the consultant's curriculum vitae (CV), three written professional references, and a sample of the consultant's technical writing.

Submissions of Expressions of Interest may be submitted by hand to the address below or by email to skillslabour@bahamas.gov.bs, no later than 5.00 p.m. June 14th, 2018.

**Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Labour
Charlotte House,
Shirley Street and Charlotte Streets
Nassau, The Bahamas
Re: Strategic Communications Consultant, Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas**

BAHAMIANS CHALLENGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR

Bahamians have been challenged to take advantage of the business opportunities that can be derived from the fact that cruise ship passengers make what amounts to 20,000 visits to The Bahamas "every single day."

"There are many, many opportunities that I am not convinced we are fully exploiting," Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar told Parliamentarians Thursday.

"Reach out to the Tourism Development Corporation (TDC) to help develop your idea, pool your resources or apply to the Small Business Development [Centre] for funding. Reach out to your friends and family and well off Bahamians willing to fund start-ups. Just figure

out a way to capitalize on the amazing job that the Ministry of Tourism is doing to attract so many visitors to our country and then get on with it."

Minister D'Aguilar said the interest cruise ship companies are showing in The Bahamas is evidence of their increased confidence in The Bahamas and provides opportunities for Bahamian entrepreneurs.

"Royal Caribbean's recently opened 'A Perfect Day at Coco Cay' in the Berry Islands; MSC is hoping to launch their private island, Ocean Cay (near Bimini), on November 9, 2019; Virgin Cruises will commence stops to Bimini in April 2020, and of course, there is Disney's investment in Eleuthera at Lighthouse Pointe, Carnival's desire to build a new cruise port in

Freeport and Royal Caribbean's partnership with the ITM Group to not only build a new port in Grand Bahama, but to also purchase, upgrade and transform the Grand Lucayan property in Freeport.

"These investments by the cruise companies are evidence of increased confidence in The Bahamas. Our challenge now is to make all these investments work to improve the opportunities for Bahamians. And there are many, many opportunities that I am not convinced we are fully exploiting. We must remember that cruise passengers make 20,000 visits to The Bahamas every single day, 365 days of the year."

Mr. D'Aguilar said the Minnis administration is focused on approving projects with cruise com-

panies that are on islands where Bahamians can work and live with their families "in the same place."

"Working on remote islands, away from your families for long periods of time is not always attractive to Bahamians, so you will note that this Minnis-led administration has approved transactions with cruise companies on Eleuthera, Bimini and Grand Bahama where we feel their presence will be most impactful to as many Bahamians as possible. That is who we are."

The Tourism and Aviation Minister said the developments in the cruise industry, complemented by public investments in port and airport infrastructure, will improve international and national transport and

distribution channels, safeguard the tremendous tourism assets throughout the Family Island destinations and provide the catalyst for increased local investment in tourism.

"In the two short years that I have been in this position as Minister of Tourism, I have been overwhelmed by the multitude of opportunities in the Tourism sector that are going untapped by Bahamians," Mr. D'Aguilar told Parliamentarians.

"I challenge my fellow Bahamians, especially those that have an interest in, or an affinity for, business, to seriously look at the Tourism sector. Yes, more and more Bahamians are getting involved in the Tourism sector by renting their homes, but there are so many more opportunities

that exist in providing experiences that are not being currently exploited.

"If you are interested in finding out or taking advantage of these opportunities, I invite you, my fellow Bahamians, to come into the Tourism Development Corporation to flesh out your idea, gain access to those critical decision-makers that will help grow your business and give you the push to launch your new business."

"I must emphasize that we are not a funding agency, but we will help you prepare your proposal to present to the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) touted by the Minister of Finance as the new agency charged with funding start-ups," Minister D'Aguilar added.

Ministry Awaits

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Ramsey and of Psychology PhD. Student, Blair Rashad Randy John. The High Commissioner said that external autopsies on both have been completed and reports will be received soon. Mr. Greenslade added that full autopsies will be received later.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement said that the High Commissioner was dispatched to Italy to make further inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of the two young men. Mr. Greenslade arrived in

Italy on Saturday June 9th.

The statement further notes that Foreign Affairs Minister Darren Henfield has also spoken with the Deputy Foreign Minister of Italy in relation to the investigation; as well as the possible timeline in relation to the bodies of both young men being returned home for burial.

Meantime, the Minister has been in constant contact with the families of both men, pertaining to his ministry's role in the investigation.

Mr. Ramsey was employed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since December 9,

2013.

Formerly, he was posted at the Bahamas embassy in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti as third secretary/vice-consul in 2016-2017.

In 2018 he was granted an in-service award to pursue a one-year post-graduate diploma program in diplomacy/international relations and languages at the diplomatic academy of Vienna in Austria for the period September 2018 to June 2019.

Mr. John, a St. Augustine's College graduate of the class of 2009, was near completion of his PhD. in psychology at Saint Mary's

University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

He traveled to Turin to make a psychology conference presentation on

behalf of the university.

The ministry of Foreign Affairs assures that it will keep the public updated as details of

the investigation continue to unfold and is asking the public to join in praying for the families, in the wake of such tragedy.

FRED HAZLEWOOD

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JOHN BULL was established as an old English Tobacco house in 1929. Later an office products department was added by Fred's father, Frank Hazlewood, that evolved into The JOHN BULL Business Centre. In 1955, toys, watches and novelty gifts were introduced into the company's lines. In 1951 a relationship was formulated by Frank Hazlewood which resulted in The JOHN BULL enterprise becoming the exclusive retailer for ROLEX in the BAHAMAS. Further partnerships as the years went by have been established with such companies as Gucci, Cartier, Bvlgari, Coach, Michael Kors, Tiffany, Tag Heuer, Patek Phillipe, and David Yurman. In the last few years, the Bahamas franchise for the Starbucks Corporation and Subway became part of the JOHN BULL Group of

Businesses.

In 2009, Queen Elizabeth II, at Buckingham Palace, London England, conferred upon Frederick A. Hazlewood, The Most Distinguished Order Of Saint Michael And Saint George, for outstanding services to the business community in The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Mr. Hazlewood is now to be Knight Commander, Order of St. Michael and St. George for services to business. The award of companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George goes to Pastor Paul Scavella of the Seventh Day Adventist Church for services to religion and community.

The award of Officer of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire goes to Godfrey Brian Thomas, for services to business; James Randolph Bain, for services to business;

Kingsley livingstone Black, for services to education and labour; Christian Elizabeth, Dr. Darville, for services to medicine and business; Julieth Naomi Minnis, for services to health; Hugh Allison O'brien, for services to the community and Olvin Peter Rees, for services to business.

The British Empire medal goes to Brian Berkley Brown, for services to the community, Nesbitt Alphonso Higgins, for services to politics; Robert John Roberts, for services to the community; Reverend Dr. Ifill Earlin Russell, for services to religion; Daniel Olander Sumner, for services to sports and Reverend Dr. James Samuel Sweeting, for services to civics and religion.

The Queen's Police Medal to Assistant Commissioner Paul Allison Rolle for his exceptional contribution to the Police Force.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN: A WHIT MONDAY DELUGE



Torrential rain in New Providence yesterday caused great stress and inconvenience to many Bahamians and visitors alike for the Whit Monday holiday. The deluge dumped enough water on Bay Street that one tourist (above) apparently felt moved to swim.

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costs so much so that Bahamasair would not be able to generate sufficient additional cash flow to service these loans," Minister D'Aguilar said.

He further noted that in this budget period, Bahamasair will see a \$9 million dollar increase from \$13.4 million to \$22.4 million to pay off some old bills that were left by the previous administration.

"This \$9 million increase will be used to make principle repayments of \$6 million plus

help mitigate some of the annual interest costs which will total approximately \$9.5 million for this year and next year."

"Finally, Bahamasair plans to spend \$12 million on capital projects in the 2019/2020 budget year."

In his contribution to the budget debate in the House of Assembly, Mr. D'Aguilar said, "almost 60 per cent or \$9.3 million of that total will be spent on heavy maintenance and engine overhaul, but \$1 million is planned to facilitate the move of the company's headquarters from its current location which

is a 50 year old building still reeling from damages inflicted when Hurricane Matthew struck in October 2016 to a building complex on Blake Road, formerly used by Doctor's Hospital," he said.

He also noted that Bahamasair's passenger count continued to grow reaching 944,000 people in 2019 when compared to the 853,000 in 2018.

The airlines also projecting that its annual net loss will decrease from \$24 million in 2018 to \$21.9 million in 2019 to \$16.9 million in 2020.

However, despite these increases the Minister says Bahamasair still averages some 60 per cent in load factors annually.

"Most airlines, in order to break even, must operate a load factor closer to 80 per cent so Bahamasair would have to do something seismic to increase passenger loads by one third to get that breakeven point and the competition remains very still Mr. Speaker.

"US carriers, especially Silver Airways, are now making more direct flights into Nassau and other Family Island desti-

nations.

"The increasing competition will continue to impact Bahamasair's Florida and domestic routes, as fewer tourists will transit to and through Nassau to their final Family Island destinations.

"Note further that Bahamasair currently competes with legacy carriers on its Florida routes," he said.

Minister D'Aguilar opined that in July the national flag carrier intends to implement check in alternatives using kiosks at local and

Florida airports.

This, he said, will speed up the check in process and hopefully lead to lower staff cost.

The airline also intends to implement a new generation digital passenger service system in January 2020 which will save the airline up to \$2 million annually in transactional cost, free up human capital to be redeployed to better serve the airlines' customers; enhance communication with the airline's customers and enhance communication with the airline's customer.

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attempted to revive the injured man; however, he was pronounced dead on the scene.

Police are also investigating reports on a robbery which took place at the Prince Charles branch of Commonwealth Bank yesterday.

According to reports, three masked men broke into the Bank around 4:00 am yesterday. They reportedly cut into an area of the ATM Deposit Box and made good their escape with an undetermined amount of cash. Investigations are ongoing.

NEW LAWS AGAINST DUMPING PROMISED

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six charges of violating its probation as part of a settlement agreement.

It was subsequently ordered to pay a \$20 million fine coupled with more stringent oversight during the remaining three years of its probation.

"The government is looking at the whole issue of shipping and waste

from shipping. Because we have signed onto all six of the MARPOL conventions we have not enacted national laws in respect to those sox MARPOL conventions. I think we've only done it for two and the government of The Bahamas is mindful of that, we're looking at it and we will be getting back to the Bahamian people very soon as to how we move forward and pro-

tect our environment from a legislative standpoint," Minister Wells said.

In its defense, Carnival says it remains committed to environmental excellence and protecting the environment, stressing its intention to leave the places it touches even better than when it first arrived.

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As the independent regulator, URCA's regulatory remit of the Electronic Communications Sector (ECS) covers radio and television broadcasting, radio spectrum, internet and data, pay-TV and voice telephony; and oversight of Electricity (ES) Sector which includes entities or persons who generate, transmit, distribute or supply electricity throughout The Bahamas.

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) invites interested entities to submit proposals for the provision of audit services. The term of the audit engagement is for three (3) years - reporting on the financial statements for the years ending 31 December 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The deadline for submission is 14 June 2019 at 4:00pm. A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be downloaded from URCA's website at www.urcabahamas.bs/

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