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Teachers Demand Principal's Removal

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Rate Carlton Francis Primary School teachers are calling for the removal of the school's principal after they showed up to work on Wednesday morning and met more than 15 police officers at the gate restricting them from entering the Baillou Hill Road campus.

Teachers and union executives have been locked in an ongoing issue with the school's principal that has stretched over two years.

According to Bahamas Union of Teachers area Vice President Vernon Rodgers, a meeting between the union and the government was scheduled to address the matter, but never happened.

"The principal is rude. She's disrespectful. She

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NATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE MOURNS HURRICANE VICTIMS



► Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander and other members of the clergy prayed for Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis during the National Prayer Service at Bahamas Faith Ministries on Wednesday. (Photo/Rayvon Morrison)

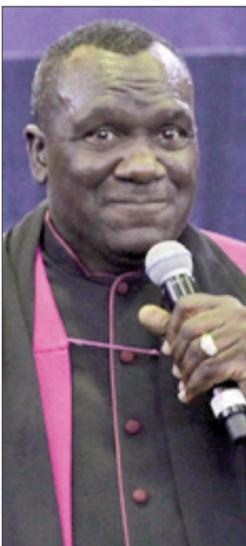
Bishop Calls for Unity

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander encouraged Bahamians, during yesterday's National Prayer Service, to put aside all that divides the nation and come together to rebuild The Bahamas.

"We are now left with the herculean task of rebuilding the northern most islands of our country and in doing so we must examine how we rebuild and where we rebuild," Bishop

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► Bahamas Christian Council President Bishop Delton Fernander

Min. of Education to File Trade Dispute

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Education plans to file a trade dispute following failed attempts to resolve the issue at Carlton Francis Primary School.

Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd said yesterday that there is a process to address grievances that he's asking the union to follow.

Since that hasn't happened, the ministry is forced to take the next step.

"The conciliator, the Department of Labour and the people there are

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► Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd

'NIB Confidential Files Secured During Dorian'

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The confidentiality of government files are being questioned after some Hurricane victims sought shelter at the Government Complex in Marsh Harbour, Abaco

during and immediately following Dorian's passage.

However, Minister of Public Service and National Insurance Brensil Rolle assured that the files at the National

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Surinamese Woman Objects to Drug Charge

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

The arraignment of 55-year-old Ifna Magda Pinas has been pushed back again after she appeared in the

Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

Accompanied with an interpreter, Magistrate Andrew Forbes read the second charge, possession

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

One Cent Coin To Be Eliminated By 2020

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The Central Bank of The Bahamas announced plans to eliminate the one cent coin by 2020 following recommendations of a study on the issuance, demands and use of the penny.

"The proposal is that the one cent coin should cease to be legal tender with effect from December 31, 2020. If the one cent coin is eliminated, the five cent coin will be the lowest denomination issued. Electronic payments made, for instance, by debit and credit cards, will not be affected by this initiative. However, cash payments will be rounded off to the nearest five cents," The Central Bank said in a statement on Wednesday.

Last year, The Central Bank, assisted by Secura Monde International as consultants for the initiative, commissioned a study to examine the need for continued

issuance of the one cent coin, considering the use of, demand for and cost of producing and issuing the coin.

Without the one cent coin, the proposed rounding rules, which The Central Bank explained is "simple and fair for all" would be applied to bills paid in cash.

"Where a total bill is being paid in cash and the number of cents to be paid does not end in zero or five, thus requiring either the customer to use one cent coins in payment or the retailer to use such coins in giving change, the amount of change to be paid will be rounded to the nearest five or 10 cents," The Central Bank explained.

"One and two would be rounded down to zero (e.g. \$4.21 becomes \$4.20). Three and four would be rounded up to 5 (e.g. \$7.23 becomes \$7.25). Six and seven would be rounded down to 5 (e.g. \$15.67 becomes \$15.65). Eight

and nine would be rounded up to 10 (e.g. \$27.89 becomes \$27.90).

"It is important to note that rounding only takes place on the total bill, not on individual prices. As such, prices should not be changed in advance and existing price points (such as with items priced at 99 cents) should remain."

However, the amount of value added tax paid is unaffected by rounding.

"VAT is calculated on the amount charged for taxable supplies. Rounding should take place after the VAT is calculated on a bill and only when the customer is paying the total amount of an invoice in cash or paying the balance of an invoice in cash. If the customer is paying the total bill with cash and card, an amount rounded to the nearest five cents should be paid in cash and the remaining odd amount paid by card. For example, a total bill of \$23.39 could

be paid with \$3.00 in cash and \$20.39 by card," The Central Bank added.

It was noted that before the rounding becomes effective, retailers should indicate the applicable rules of rounding through appropriate in-store signage and The Central Bank promised to make the signage available in the form of stickers and posters for in-store display to any retailer, regardless of size.

"Should some retailers prefer to develop their own signage, the necessary imagery will be made available for download by The Central Bank in advance of the withdrawal date. If larger stores require significant quantities of physical material, they should notify The Central Bank in advance," the statement read.

"Service fees connected with bank transactions and the proceeds of cheques cashed at the counter should be round-

ed in accordance with the established rules."

The one cent coin denomination of the Bahamian currency has been in circulation since 1966.

According to The Central Bank, in over 50 years of circulation, the one cent coin has lost around 90 percent of its purchasing power, while the cost of its production and administration grew in line with inflation and now exceeds its face value.

"The current value of these coins is so small that essentially no goods or services can be purchased with them. The only remaining utility of these coins is to give change in larger payment transactions. Once the coins are given to the consumers as change, they are rarely used in subsequent transactions, which leads to large volumes of new coins being issued every year to compensate for poor circulation of this denomination," The Central

Bank said.

"There are clear signs that the one cent coin is used increasingly rarely by the general public as a means of payment. According to the Central Bank's surveys, only about half of the population (52 percent) regularly uses the one cent coin for making payments. This share is much lower (40 percent) for the younger consumers (age 16-34), likely related to generally lower usage of cash for payments in this age group. Over three quarters (78 percent) of the consumers never or rarely return accumulated one cent coins to the banks or post offices. Only about a third (39 percent) of the retailers and the banks regularly receive one cent coins in the course of their business. There is a clear concern over the cost of handling one cent coins. A significant majority (61 percent) of businesses estimates it to be equal or higher than the face value of the coin."

ALIV Introduces 'Together App'

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

ALIV announced on Tuesday its new "Together App" for local charities and organizations to raise thousands of dollars.

The cellular company has partnered with REV and FCIBC to create a platform that uses technology to bring financial resources and communities together in a very simple and transparent way.

ALIV Chief Commercial Officer Gravette Brown said the company has been working on the app for 15 months. It happened to be launched around the time of Hurricane Dorian.

"This website and this app feature together will

allow all of you to raise funds transparently, internationally and the most convenient and efficient way that you possibly can," Brown said.

"It gives you access now to platforms all around and also here in Nassau locally. Aggregated all charities in The Bahamas who are working together for various needs, not just Hurricane Dorian relief, on one single place so that people who want to help can go to one single place where they can find all of the ways that they can."

In attendance were charities such as the Bahamas Red Cross, Headknowles and the Bahamas Feeding Network. Chairman and Group CEO of Cable

Bahamas Group of Companies Franklyn Butler was also at the launch.

"I recognized immediately that this was a huge opportunity to have a huge impact for organizations throughout our country who are continuing to struggle to address those most at risk," Butler said.

"Needless, hurricane exposes those most at risk and those who have in a very real way and so to launch together today with ALIV and the CBL group is a really exciting opportunity for me personally."

There is a small transaction fees of one percent for the running cost, but those fees were suspended during the time of Hurricane Dorian relief.

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PM and former U.S. Pres. Bill Clinton discuss Hurricane relief efforts

Yesterday, Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis spoke with former United States President Bill Clinton to discuss Hurricane Dorian relief efforts on the affected islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama.

Mr. Clinton expressed his sadness over the devastation caused by the Category 5 storm, and the Clinton Foundation's willingness to assist The Bahamas in its recovery efforts.

Prime Minister Minnis highlighted the need for temporary housing for residents who lost their homes during the storm, and the need for assistance with storm debris clean-up and power generation to essential services on islands affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Both the Prime Minister and Mr. Clinton

emphasized the importance of rebuilding the storm affected areas with resilience, given the impact of climate change on Small Island Developing States like The Bahamas.

Mr. Clinton noted that the Clinton Foundation would hold a special session on The Bahamas during one of its upcoming meetings.

Mr. Clinton also referenced the Foundation's experience in working on relief efforts following the magnitude seven earthquake which struck Haiti in 2010, and Hurricane Maria which caused catastrophic destruction to Puerto Rico two years ago.

Prime Minister Minnis thanked Mr. Clinton for his call and the continued support of the Clinton Foundation.



▶ Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis



▶ Former United States President Bill Clinton

'NIB Confidential Files Secured During Dorian'

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Insurance Board (NIB) on islands affected by Hurricane Dorian were protected.

"All of the documents in the NIB building in

Abaco and Grand Bahama were secured. We made sure that documents were properly secured," Minister Rolle said.

"The office was managed by individuals who made sure things happen

and more critical to us I believe, is the fact that now most of those persons have gone out of our buildings.

"We're trying to normalize it. I have given instructions and they are following through on sani-

tizing the building before we take the building back."

Meantime, NIB has had to fast track pension payouts and other benefits to its Family Island victims.

"This is a national crisis. We're treating it as a national crisis and NIB will do its part to make sure that Bahamians and others who contribute to NIB are normalized as fast as possible," Minister Rolle said.

NIB has set up a special information centre at its Baillou Hill Road Headquarters to address the influx of individuals who may need documents or unemployment assistance.

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has no morals when it comes to dealing with these teachers. She's unprofessional. She runs from her problems like now," Rodgers said.

"We have not seen the principal in almost two weeks. She does not take on issues. If you don't take on a simple issue, how are you going to run a school?"

A visibly upset third grade teacher Deborah Rahming, who's been teaching for nearly 30 years, insists that the school's principal should be removed.

She goes on to express

grievances with the education system.

"Minister, if you dare to give me a transfer please facilitate one at the Ministry of Tourism because I'm sick to my heart at the educational system in The Bahamas right now," Rahming said.

"I refuse to teach under a system where I am victimized in open daylight, where officers are telling me that I am a criminal, that's what they are saying in numbers.

"They are saying it without opening their mouths, that I am a criminal, not permitted on government premises to do the job that I was hired to

do."

Standing in solidarity with teachers was parent Darren Sargent.

"Monday morning when I brought my child here on the first day of school there was a problem. This has been going on for two weeks now," Sargent said.

"Now Monday morning put a book there, let the parents sign a petition. If the principal need to leave, we'll do it. That's it, end of story."

Teachers say the protest will continue until the minister of education addresses all their concerns, apologizes and the principal is removed.

Bishop Calls for Unity

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Fernander said in his uplifting sermon.

"Now is the time that the best and brightest minds of our nation must come together to formulate plans of how we move forward developing our islands, drafting and enforcing legislation, devising and practicing protocols and procedures, using the knowledge gained from the experience of Dorian.

"We also, now more than ever, must recommit ourselves to emphasizing the importance of a God consciousness in our country."

As the nation continues to mourn the loss of those who died during Hurricane Dorian, hundreds of Bahamians attended the National Prayer Service at Bahamas Faith Ministries.

Also during his sermon, Bishop Fernander admonished Bahamians to appreciate human life instead of material possessions.

"How we treat each other, how we speak of and to each other. Many who would have accomplished and acquired

much found themselves having to ask for assistance. Many found out that while we place so much importance on cars, houses and other materials things, on the days that Dorian hovered over The Bahamas, all our brothers and sisters to the north had was each other," Bishop Fernander said.

"On those islands, at that time, race, class, social status, political persuasion, all the isms and schisms that divide us took a back seat to survival."

Bishop Fernander also pointed out the heroic acts of men and women who risked their lives to save others during the devastating hurricane.

"As I watched on television and social media the videos from citizens and professional journalists, one comment stands out to me. When asked when they would stop rescuing people, a gentleman on the island of Grand Bahama said on CNN, 'We Bahamians, we're not gonna stop until we get everybody.' This is the sentiment that must push us forward. All of us, working together, making

daily progress, will not only rebuild or island but we will become better," he explained.

"This text brings into focus two examples of the divine commitment to stand by, protect and empower the people of God. The first example shows God's commitment to the children of Israel.

"Isaiah reminds Israel of God's commitment to be with them regardless of their circumstance. Nationally, Isaiah looked toward rough times which were ahead. God wanted the people to know that even though rough times were coming he would still be with them.

"God's words to Israel were clear, 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned.' These words emphasize a clear commitment by our Lord to be with his people in their time of need."

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis also attended the National Prayer Service and said country needs spiritual and physical resources to rebuild.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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The public is hereby notified that an application for Building Permit Approval (BL # 126731) on behalf of Michael Carey is presently being reviewed by The Department of Physical Planning for presentation to the Town Planning Committee.

The applicant proposes the development of a commercial building in Joan's Heights Subdivision in Block 3 on Lots 101-104. Lots 102 and 104 are located along East Street, south of Starkist Lane. Lots 101 and 103 are located directed behind along New Hope Drive. Therefore, the applicant requests rezoning of lots 101 and 103 from duplex to commercial land use. The proposed development consists of a two-unit commercial building with drive-through facilities.

A public meeting will be held on October 3, 2019 at 7pm at C.V. Bethel Senior High School for all interested parties to discuss and address planning issues related to the proposed commercial development.

The building permit application for the proposed development is available for viewing at The Department of Physical Planning, located in the Aventura Plaza on John F. Kennedy Drive, during working hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Interested persons and organizations are invited to review the information on file and provide written comments prior to the meeting. Comments should be directed to the Acting Director of Physical Planning. Submissions can be made via P.O. Box N-1611, Nassau Bahamas or fax (242) 328-3206. Further inquiries can be made to the Acting Director via Tel. (242) 322-7550/1/1 OR (242) 328-3202 or CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS

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