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Carnival Deal Signed

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The government signed two major deals with Carnival Corporation yesterday, a \$100 million heads of agreement for a cruise port in Sharp Rock, Freeport and an \$80 million heads of agreement for the expansion of Half Moon Cay.

The signing was initially set to take place a few weeks ago, but was pushed back due to Hurricane Dorian's unwelcomed visit.

Carnival's economic injection is expected to lead to significant job creation and millions of additional tourists to Grand Bahama each year.

When completed, the cruise port is expected to be Carnival's largest cruise port.

Dr. Minnis said the cruise port is expected to have many features which include the "construction of aquatic facilities, including without limita-

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► Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis (left) and Giora Israel at the Carnival Cruise Port and Half Moon Cay expansion HOA signing ceremony, September 25, 2019. (BIS Photo)

Contract Signed for CCTV Expansion



► Minister of National Security Marvin Dames

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Five hundred and seven more CCTVs will be added to the already existing 243 closed circuit surveillance throughout The Bahamas, the final component of the

Ministry of National Security's three pronged approach to fighting crime.

Minister of National Security Marvin Dames, during the signing of a contract with Proficient

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GB Woman Stabbed to Death Man Attempts Suicide

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Police are left to figure out what led to a Grand Bahama woman's death and a man's subsequent attempt to end his own life on Tuesday night.

According to police reports, officers responded to an apartment complex in South Bahamia

shortly before 9 p.m. where they met the lifeless body of the woman with multiple stab wounds.

While assessing the scene, the man suspected of the crime was attempting to jump from the balcony's third floor.

Despite officers'

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'Crime Not All Police Fault'

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Minister of National Security Marvin Dames said the recent spate of criminal activity is not all on the police and "that everyone bears some level of responsibility".

His remarks came during a press conference yesterday, where he

announced the Ministry of National Security's committees and boards.

His remarks also followed a murder suicide in Grand Bahama on Tuesday night and an early morning shooting in New Providence on Wednesday that left a man wounded.

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PM Departs for UNGA

Dr. Minnis to Deliver Statement on Hurricane Dorian

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis departs for New York today to attend the 74th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

During the General Debate on Friday, Prime Minister Minnis will deliver the National Statement of The Bahamas.

In his address, the prime minister will share with the assembly the impact of Hurricane Dorian on Abaco and Grand Bahama, and how the country is responding to the effects of climate change.

The prime minister will also engage other leaders on the margins of the General Assembly, including a courtesy call by the Secretary General of The Commonwealth Patricia Scotland, QC, and a presentation by the President of Micronesia Peter M. Christian.

On Thursday evening the prime minister will meet with Bahamians living in New York.

Prime Minister Minnis will be accompanied by his wife

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RBDF Officer's Death Not Related to Abaco Deployment

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Health refuted false social media claims surrounding the death of Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) Petty Officer Scott Eugene Wallace and explained that his death was not related to his



► Petty Officer Scott Eugene Wallace

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

Dames Announces Seven National Security Boards and Committees

Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin H. Dames announced, yesterday, that there were a number of boards and committees that were under the purview of his Ministry.

“There is a total of seven boards -- one newly instituted, two reconstituted and four previously existing – that bolster the efforts of the Ministry of National Security in service to the people of The Bahamas,” Minister Dames noted, during a press conference at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre, at the Royal Bahamas Police Force Headquarters.

Among those present included Acting Permanent Secretary Eugene Poitier; Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson; Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Commodore Tellis Bethel; Commissioner of Correctional Services Charles Murphy; and other senior uniformed officers, board and committee members and stakeholders.

Minister Dames went further to give a brief overview of each Board and gave the names of the members who sit on them.

While speaking on the newly-instituted Rehabilitation of Offenders Committee, Minister Dames said that, for years after having served their sentences, ex-convicts have continued to be discriminated against in the wider society.

“This Committee is mandated to review records and empowered to make recommendations for the expungement of the records of ex-convicts meeting the criteria set out by law.

“The Committee will be chaired by former Commissioner of Police Mr. Paul Farquharson (QPM); and the members include Mr. Khalil Parker; Mr. Darron Rolle; Pastor Shameka Morley; Fr. Kendrick Forbes, Vicar General; and a representative from the Department of Social Services.”

While pointing out the reconstituted boards,



► Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames announces the board and committees under the purview of his ministry, on September 25, 2019, during a press conference at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre at the Royal Bahamas Police Force Headquarters. (BIS Photos / Eric Rose)

Minister Dames noted that the Aid to Discharged Prisoners is the only non-statutory Board. He added that oftentimes when inmates leave prison, they require housing, counseling and a myriad of other assistance, as well as support.

“This Committee works closely with Prison Fellowship Bahamas to provide the support and necessities in an effort to ensure seamless reintegration into society and positively affect recidivism numbers,” he said. Members of that board are Archdeacon Keith Cartwright and Rev. Patrick Paul.”

In the Police Complaints Inspectorate, Minister Dames said, members are mandated to review the investigation and determination of any complaint by the Complaints and Corruption Branch of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, to ensure that investigations are conducted without bias.

The Inspectorate will be chaired by Attorney Ms. Tanya McCartney; and other members include Mr. John Ferguson; Mr. Matthew Aubry; Mr. Allan Emmanuel; Mr. Franklyn

Bethel; and Mr. Hilbert Collie.

“This is one of the boards that the press has been asking about,” he added. Minister Dames noted that the board has already started working.

Minister Dames stated that the previously-existing boards were the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy, Correctional Service Review Board, Defence Commission Board and Police Service Board.

Minister said that the collective body that is the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy is required to deliberate upon petitions of inmates seeking leniency for either lesser sentences or permission to work while serving sentences. Committee members can also advise that counseling be given to inmates, after review of their files, he added.

“The Committee is chaired by, as constituted by law, the Minister of National Security; and other members of that committee are the sitting Attorney General, Hon. Carl Bethel; Pastor Mario Moxey; Ms. Dorcas Williams; Mr. Reginald Ferguson (QPM); and Dr. David Allen.

Minister Dames said that Members of Correctional Service Review Board Board are tasked with job placement of existing inmates by matching the skillset of inmates with available jobs through the Intramural Work Programme on the Corrections Compound; and the Extramural Work Programme outside of the

compound, with the private sector.

“Mr. Anthony Hamilton is the chairperson of that board, and Mr. Troy Clarke is the deputy chair; and other members are: Dr. Albert Francois, a Ministry of Health Representative; Mr. Edison Sumner; Mr. Hilbert Collie; Rev. Patrick Paul and Archdeacon Keith

Cartwright.

Minister Dames said that the Defence Commission Board has the responsibility of the commissioning of officers. The Board is chaired by a member of the Public Service in the person of Ms. Theresa Deleveaux.

“Members of the Board include retired Defence Force Commodore Roderick Bowe and Commander Raymond King,” he added.

In the Police Service Commission, Minister Dames pointed out, members are empowered to make recommendations for the appointments and promotions of officers within the Royal Bahamas Police Force, who have obtained the rank of Inspector or above.

He noted, “The Commission is chaired by Rev. Dr. Philip Stubbs; and other members of that board include two retired Police Commissioners, Mr. Reginald Ferguson, and Mr. Paul Farquharson (both QPMs).”

“I want to publicly thank each member for agreeing to serve in their varying capacities and I look forward to many positive results,” Minister Dames said.

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Patricia Minnis and senior government officials, including Senior Policy Advisor Joshua Sears and Chief Operating Office in the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit Viana Gardiner.

The prime minister and his delegation will join the Bahamian delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren

Henfield, who arrived in New York for the UNGA on September 21. The delegation also includes Minister of Transport and Local Government Renward Wells and North Eleuthera Member of Parliament Ricky Mackey.

Prime Minister Minnis delayed his attendance to the general assembly due to the need to coordinate the national response to

Hurricane Dorian.

The prime minister will attend the general assembly on Friday only, when The Bahamas presents its national statement.

The prime minister returns to The Bahamas on Saturday.

During his absence, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest will act as prime minister.

Finding Homes for Evacuees Challenges BREa

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREa) is facing a challenge as it tries to find affordable homes for evacuees in Nassau.

BREa President Christine Wallace-Whitfield and her 600 members have been actively seeking long term accommodation for evacuees, the majority being from Abaco.

"They have a certain price budget. So they stuck to more of the lower end because some of them have lost everything and have very little savings, so they have a budget they need to stick to," the president said.

"Now you have that budget or that price mark

has been basically filled. There's basically nothing more on the market in that price budget and that's basically maybe anywhere from \$800 up to \$1,500, \$1,600, \$1,800.

"Basically, what's left on the market is you have lot of properties that are maybe \$2,000 to \$2,500 and above."

According to Wallace-Whitfield, the evacuees are mostly looking for short term rentals, but landlords want long term tenants.

The Ministry of Social Services has been working to find permanent housing and conducting assessments to determine the type of help people who need to get back on their feet.

Leading real estate broker and entrepreneur

Mario Carey said the government should consider using repossessed homes to house displaced evacuees who want long term housing.

However, Wallace-Whitfield agrees with Carey's idea, but it would need more logistics.

"They may turn around and say, 'No, I'm sorry we can't.' Or, 'You know what, okay maybe we could get private organizations or private companies who can maybe go in and help.' Maybe they can put some of these properties that are distressed on a lease basis for rent," she added.

For persons wondering if there are enough homes in the capital to accommodate displaced evacuees, plus the current residences in Nassau,



► BREa President Christine Wallace-Whitfield

Wallace-Whitfield believes there is enough space.

"But there's just not enough buildings to

accommodate everybody," she added.

"I noticed a lot buildings that are not completed and I thought to

myself, 'Oh that's nice. That would be great.' We can get that and fix it up. That's a few families in there."

'Crime Not All Police Fault'

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According to police, shortly after 1 a.m., the victim was in his home in Nassau Village, when a gunman shot through the door, causing his injuries. He was treated at a hospital and discharged. No one else was injured during this incident.

The last few weeks saw

a number of murders, a result of multiple shootings, which also left persons with injuries.

Minister Dames said police are doing their jobs, adding that more can still be done and called for everyone to bear some level of responsibility.

"This was certainly a tough month for the police, but it is not all the

police fault. They continue to arrest these people. They have people in custody now for some of those matters that occurred this week and they're finding a nexus between quite a bit of them," Minister Dames said.

"So, they are solving the matters. You have a situation where, the last time I gave a figure we

had well over 100 people out on bail for murder. That's unheard of in any country.

"And how many in jail, either on remand or serving time, I think it was well over 200. So, the police are, in fact, doing their jobs.

"Are they there yet? No, they are far from it, but we are working to

provide them with the tools they need and the training to even improve."

On Tuesday, police took a 23-year-old male into custody after an illegal firearm and ammunition were found in a home in Southeastern New Providence.

According to police reports it was shortly

after 7 p.m., when officers from the South Eastern Division, acting on intelligence, conducted a search of a home in Pinewood Gardens and recovered a 9 millimeter pistol and seven rounds of ammunition.

The male is expected to be formally charged before a Magistrate's Court later this week.

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Haitians Complain of Poor Treatment at Shelter

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Haitian evacuees at Bahamas Academy Gym alleged that they are receiving poor treatment at the shelter.

The Bahama Journal spoke to a few Haitians on Wednesday about the conditions at the shelter.

Benson, 26-year-old Marsh Harbour resident, claimed that the conditions are deficient.

"The food is not good. I barely eat their food. I only eat the fruits," he said.

"I ain't use to this. This ain't my type of lifestyle. Can't complain, you get life. I watched plenty of my friends and family perish in the hurricane.

"The government ain't put a hand in this. All these are just sponsors and donations. We see the people. We see the people who sponsor these things right there and talk to us.

"Sometimes I call one

or two friends. They come and drop something to eat or give me couple dollars where I could walk across the road to Bamboo Shack.

"One other day, one company named Med Hope put Wi-Fi for us. It's not the best. It's slow, but at least we get it and one next white lady sponsor must be five microwaves. These things the government should be doing.

"The governor general's wife been here the other day. She just gave every child a teddy bear and ain't talk to no one."

Benson's friend, 31-year-old Peter and family, which include his wife and three children, were also in the same shelter.

Peter is from Freeport, but moved to Abaco.

"We don't really have a good treatment in there. They really treating us bad," Peter claimed.

"We in the worst shel-

ter on the island, no TV, no A/C. If it raining, everybody got to move their bed cause the rain coming through the window and actually we just lying on the ground with one mattress, that's it.

"I feel like Bahamians got more say. That's their country, but what happen in Abaco they make it sound like only Haitians were living in Abaco. Abaco was filled with other nationals, not only Haitians were living in Abaco."

Bernard Forbes, a Bahamian evacuee in the shelter, admitted his dislike for Haitians.

"They do me wrong things. Last night I put my money inside my backpack - they gone. I know it only could be the Haitians that thief my money," Forbes said.

The Bahama Journal tried to contact the shelter's administrator, but was unsuccessful up to press time.

Contract Signed for CCTV Expansion

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Business Services for expansion of the CCTV system, reiterated that the investment in technology must remain progressive as the Royal Bahamas Police Force has been in a transformation stage for more than two years to become a more modern and efficient crime fighting organization.

"Perpetrators are always lurking and waiting for opportunities to engage in crimes against a person and/or property and usually they try to conceal their identities by camouflaging themselves or fleeing the crime scenes," Mr. Dames said.

"Irrespective of the types of crime and their damages, they are all

destructive, unacceptable and intolerable.

"There has and continues to be extensive research on the value of closed-circuit television to law enforcement. CCTV surveillance cameras continue to be widely used in policing and have become a critical tool in law enforcement arsenal."

According to the minister, CCTVs have varied "potential applications for public safety" and this is inclusive of preventing crime, detecting offences, improving response time to emergencies and reducing public fear of crime.

"Footage with high resolution will allow the police to watch an entire incident as it unfolds in detail, eventually providing valuable information

on the sequence of events, the methods used and the entry and exit routes taken by the offender," Mr. Dames said.

"The video footage may also be useful to corroborate, refute and/or contextualize other evidence of what transpired during the alleged incident.

"In the fight against crime, the increased use of CCTVs along with other technologies will ensure that The Bahamas will not be left behind."

When fully installed, of the grand total, 750 CCTVs, 100 of the cameras will be equipped with license plate recognition capabilities, 100 facial recognition and another 120 with pan tilt zone capabilities in real time.

G B Woman Stabbed to Death

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attempt to prevent him from harming himself, the male jumped from the third floor to the ground critically injuring himself. He was taken to the Rand Memorial Hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

Commenting on the tragedy, Police Commissioner Anthony Ferguson said it was a domestic matter and the police have the matter under active investigation, adding that in Grand Bahama, as in Abaco, police officers have assistance from CARICOM countries which have deployed 15 officers to Grand Bahama.

"So, we have assistance in Grand Bahama which will allow those officers who were working to get some break time. Just based on that, it tells you the concern and care that

we have for our officers," Commissioner Ferguson said.

With an uptick in murders in the past few weeks, particularly in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, negative rumors have circulated on social media regarding officers and their response time certain crimes.

"You hear people saying anything, I think people ought to exercise extreme patience," Commissioner Ferguson said.

"Do not allow, sometimes, it's the stress you may be having, to allow you to use your tongue in the wrong way."

Taking a more psychological approach to the tragedy, Dr. David Allen, chair of the Rehabilitation of Offenders, a new committee in the Ministry of National Security, acknowledged that Hurricane Dorian has left

The Bahamas facing a very difficult time all around.

"When trauma like this happens, we have to recognize you get intrusive symptoms. There are a lot of flashbacks. You're going to get arousal symptoms, agitation, insomnia," Dr. Allen said.

"When you lose sleep you become more agitated. When you are more agitated, you are more likely to commit crime. Then you get withdrawal symptoms, people will drink more.

"Then you get somatic symptoms, more aches and pains, people go to doctors.

"What is not known is that societal changes happen quickly after trauma. We get more car accidents. We get more crime. We get more murders and you get more suicides. This has shaken our whole psyche up."



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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