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'Immigration Policy Racist?'

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

With many questions arising about immigration and the repatriation of illegal immigrants following Hurricane Dorian, former Attorney General Allyson Maynard-Gibson questioned whether the country's immigration policy is racist.

"How could it be fair to round up and deport people who have been for 10, 15, 20 years living and working amongst us?" Maynard-Gibson said in a letter yesterday, noting that Bahamians have become bystanders

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► Former Attorney General Allyson Maynard-Gibson

Davis Calls Curfew 'Knee Jerk' Reaction

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

Opposition Leader Philip Davis said Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis' call for a curfew in Abaco seems like a "knee jerk reaction" and his sudden concern for the island's security demonstrates that he is once again "late to the table."

"For weeks since the storm passed, the PLP has warned the prime minister about the security situ-

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► Opposition Leader Philip Davis

PLP Demands Death Toll Disclosure Eight More Missing in Abaco

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

While the official hurricane death toll is 61 and police confirmed that eight more people are missing in Abaco, Progressive Liberal Party Leader (PLP) Philip Davis made a demand yesterday for the government to reveal the real death toll.

"We also urge the prime minister to disclose fully the death toll from the hurricane," Davis said, as he

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'Turf War Fuels Fox Hill Crime'



► Former Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Former Fox Hill Member of Parliament Fred Mitchell revealed on Friday that the recent murders in the area stem from a turf war.

Mitchell spoke to Bahama Journal about the two separate shootings in the community, which occurred two hours apart and insisted that Fox Hill is not a hotbed for crime.

"It seems that New Providence has a problem period. The urbanization has caused a lot

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LOVE 97 CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE



► Well-wishers including Opposition Leader Philip Davis and FML Group of Companies CEO Craig Flowers joined Jones Communications Network CEO Wendall Jones on Friday for a cocktail reception and art exhibition celebrating Love 97 FM's 25th Anniversary. (Photo/Rayvon Morrison)

47 Poisoned Students Recover

Two Remain in Hospital



► Min. of Health Dr. Duane Sands

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Health announced yesterday that 47 of the 49 students who were affected by carbon monoxide poisoning are doing well and returned to Fresh Creek, Andros.

The ministry added that two students, with improving conditions,

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Man Charged with Four Counts of Murder

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Travis Davis, 25, was charged in the Magistrate’s Court on Friday with four counts of murder and seven counts of attempted murder.

During the arraignment, Davis claimed his innocence by shouting he didn’t do it and said he was railroaded while exiting the Nassau Street Police Station.

Waiting outside court, were the families of some of the victims, who recorded Davis and shouted profanity at him.

In fact, prior to Davis being escorted to court, the families were waiting on the court lawn to get a

shot of him before being removed by police. The accused and the families had a back and forth before he entered the courtroom inside.

While approaching Chief Magistrate Joyann Ferguson-Pratt, Davis said, “They’re lying on me.”

It’s alleged that on September 6, Davis murdered Franklyn Roll, Dwight Miller, Jimmy Augustine and Marcus Sweeting and attempted to kill Portia Smith, Everette Richardson, Alvin Saunders, Nester Mackey, Jarrette Smith, Tavia Brown and Jerrinique Roberts in four separate shooting incidents.

While reading the

charges, the Labor Street resident broke down crying and needed a moment before proceeding.

Davis was not required to enter a plea and denied bail. He will receive a voluntary bill of indictment on December 11 and was remanded at the Bahamas Department of Corrections.

His lawyer asked if his client could be placed under protective care as the matter is gang-related and may lead to retaliation by gang members.

Ferguson-Pratt said she has no authority over the prison commission as to where to place him and added that she would make a note to the commissioner about the nature of the matter.



► Travis Davis, 25, appeared in court on Friday where he was charged with four counts of murder and seven counts of attempted murder. (Journal/Rayvon Morrison)

Knight Quizzes Ash Over ‘Shingles’

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Lead defense attorney Keith Knight, QC, suggested to key witness Jonathan Ash that he was not telling the truth when he testified on Wednesday that when former Cabinet Minister Shane Gibson asked “if there are any shingles today,” he was referring to money.

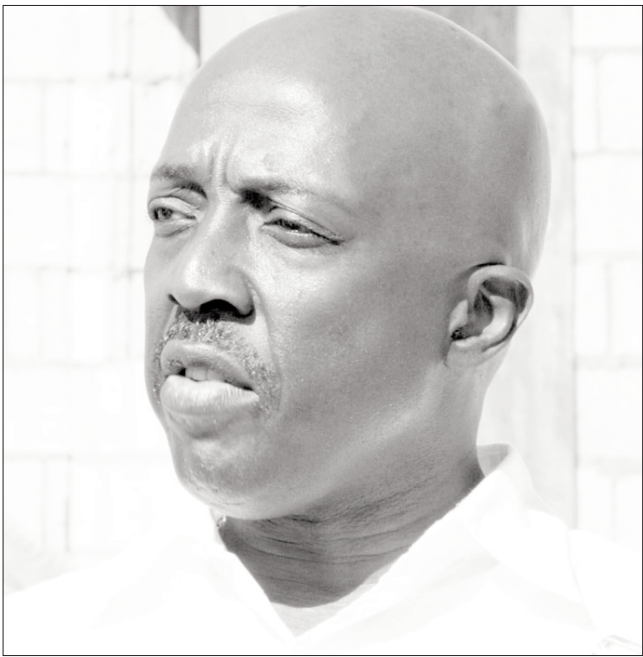
Referencing a WhatsApp message where Gibson asked if there were “any shingles today,” the Jamaican QC then asked Ash if it was possible that Gibson called him in March 2017 asking for shingles.

To that the witness said, “It’s possible.”

The attorney pressed on, asking Ash if he recalled saying in his signed statement that Gibson called him, introduced himself and said he needed shingles.

Ash replied, “Not in March.”

Ash was then showed the statement and asked the question again. At this point, the contractor conceded he did not recall and that he stood by his statement.



► Shane Gibson, Former Cabinet Minister

He was then asked if he agreed that the first WhatsApp message that referred to where Gibson asked him for shingles was in February 2017. He replied “yes.”

The defense then showed, as photos, conversations with Gibson during the month of April and asked if he recognized the photos.

Ash said yes and added that the photos were pictures of a truck and his workers erecting campaign billboards for Gibson during the month

of April.

Following one of the photos came a voice note where Ash said, “You’re looking good.”

When asked if it was an expression of happiness on his part during the run up to the 2017 General Election, Ash said yes, even though, just prior to this he claimed he was paying bribes to Gibson.

He also admitted before the court that he erected Gibson’s campaign billboards and did

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Henry Cortez Adams Jr, Divorced,
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Alan Richard Mason, Single,
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and

Suzanne Louise Arnould, Divorced,
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Tyler Jason Lawson, Single,
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and

Alexandria Katherine Nitti, Single,
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Gary Peter Pusey, Single,
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and

Kelly Louise Chidgey, Single,
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Love 97 Celebrates 25th Anniversary with Cocktail Reception and Art Exhibition



► Love 97's Silver Jubilee celebrations continued with a cocktail reception and art exhibition on Friday at Jones Communications Network on University Drive. (Photos/Rayvon Morrison)



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The public is hereby advised that the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative, in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Works and the Bahamas Public Parks & Public Beaches Authority, has begun site works at Bishop Alvin Moss Park, Christie Park and Joe Billy Park in the Over-the-Hill community as part of its rejuvenation efforts.

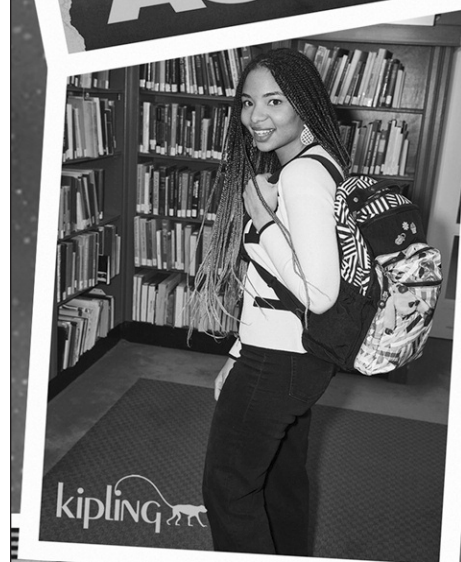
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on the immigration issue.

In the letter, she also suggested that The Bahamas could have a double standard regarding immigration matters.

“On the other hand, if we overstayed our visa in the UK or US, we would be deported and probably never able to travel to US or UK again. Why should illegal persons in The Bahamas be treated differently?” Maynard-Gibson asked.

“Also, the resources of The Bahamas cannot accommodate millions of immigrants, Haitian or otherwise. Clearly, the laws of The Bahamas apply to everyone within her borders. Dare we ask whether The Bahamas is implementing one immigration policy for Haitians and another for every other nationality? Is The Bahamas’ immigration policy (as implemented) racist?”

However, she offered some advice to the government concerning immigration and suggested that a documented evacuee’s status should be restored.

“The people who, by the government, after Hurricane Dorian, were brought and admitted to the shelters in Nassau, for the immediate future will not be deported. They will be processed to determine their status before Hurricane Dorian and if shown to have status, their ‘papers’ and ‘status’ will be restored to the status that existed pre Hurricane Dorian. Others, of all nationalities, illegally in The Bahamas will be repatriated,” Maynard-Gibson said.

Last week, Minister of

Immigration Elsworth Johnson said illegal immigrants living in shelters, who were evacuated after the hurricane, will be deported.

The Department of Immigration then issued a statement advising that the government is obliged to follow the law as outlined in The Bahamas Immigration Act and advised that non-nationals seeking employment in the country must be approved by the department.

However, Maynard-Gibson also suggested that civil society, especially academia, should create safe spaces to discuss this pressing national issue of immigration, “rather than sweep it under the carpet - again.”

“These civil exchanges will build consensus for immigration policy,” she explained.

Maynard-Gibson also proposed that the government should invoke the assistance of international and national security agencies, for a Defence Force base, migrant processing agency, courts and proper utilities, infrastructure, including technological support in Inagua.

“This will assist with early interception, interdiction, processing and repatriation of illegal immigrants. Constructing and operating these facilities will create jobs. The electrical supply should be clean energy, generated from wind, wave or sun – again new jobs. There shall be enough clean energy supply to operate the infrastructure including the Defence Force base, courts, houses, offices, schools and clinics. There is enough land in Inagua to create the

foundations, including infrastructure, of a new city by December 2020,” she said.

In addition, Maynard-Gibson proposed that the Department of Public Prosecutions should expedite the prosecution of persons involved in the business of human trafficking.

“This will also create more jobs and demonstrate to the world our respect for the rule of law and the efficiency of our justice system,” she said.

“The proposed safe spaces for discourse will create the opportunity for scores of workable ideas to be sourced and implemented.”

While making her suggestions, the former attorney general questioned whether Bahamians are prepared to recognize the complexity and the immense opportunity that exists post Hurricane Dorian and their preparedness to fight against xenophobia and hatred.

“Are we prepared to honour the people of Haitian descent who have served and are still serving nobly in Parliament (including Stephen Dillett, who in 1833, became the first black man in our history, to win an election) and many other arenas of our national life?” she asked.

Maynard-Gibson pointed out that The Mudd and Pigeon Peas shantytowns in Abaco existed for decades.

“Our brothers and sisters from Haiti, and many Bahamians, live there - in plain sight. Every day, they do what we do, go to work, school, the grocery store, the clinic, church,” she said.

Davis Calls Curfew ‘Knee Jerk’ Reaction

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ation. The prime minister buried his head in the sand. The communities of the Abaco Cays and Marsh Harbour cried out for help. The prime minister ignored them,” Davis said yesterday.

“We told the prime minister how the marines and police officers sent there were being ill treated and under fed and that their command instructions were confused.

“Now the prime minister rushes in with cam-

eras in tow with half baked solutions. Where was this zeal when the experts advised the prime minister to evacuate the population to avoid the loss of life?

“We think the prime minister should think carefully before restricting civil liberties. There should be consultations with the population of Abaco before any such drastic solution is implemented.”

Last week, the prime minister said Cabinet will discuss whether a

curfew would be implemented as a result over concerns of looting in Abaco.

Dr. Minnis also expressed concerns over the level of security on the island and the law enforcement officers sent there.

However, Davis said, Dr. Minnis “should ensure that the security and other personnel sent to Abaco are properly resourced and not left to fend for themselves.”

Davis is expected to travel to Abaco today.

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responded to the prime minister’s call for a curfew in Abaco.

Since the passage of Hurricane Dorian, the death toll has been climbing and many people are

still missing.


On Saturday, police released the identities of eight additional people from Abaco who were missing since the storm.

Missing is 81-year-old Juanita Lowe, a Marsh Harbour resident, who

police described as five feet, six inches tall, medium built, with white complexion.

Eight-year-old Myeisha Edgecombe, of Dundas

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Beverley Marie Wilkinson, Widowed,
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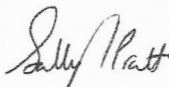
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and

Danielle Clarice Frazier, Divorced,
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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Michael Marendy, Divorced,
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and

Michelle Mayun Andrews, Single,
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