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‘Chipman Violates Trust’

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Free National Movement (FNM) Centreville Constituency Association Chairman Juan Cartwright said Centreville Member of Parliament Reece Chipman’s decision to resign from the party “violates the trust of the people of Centreville.”

In a statement yesterday, Cartwright added that he’s deeply disappointed by the resignation.

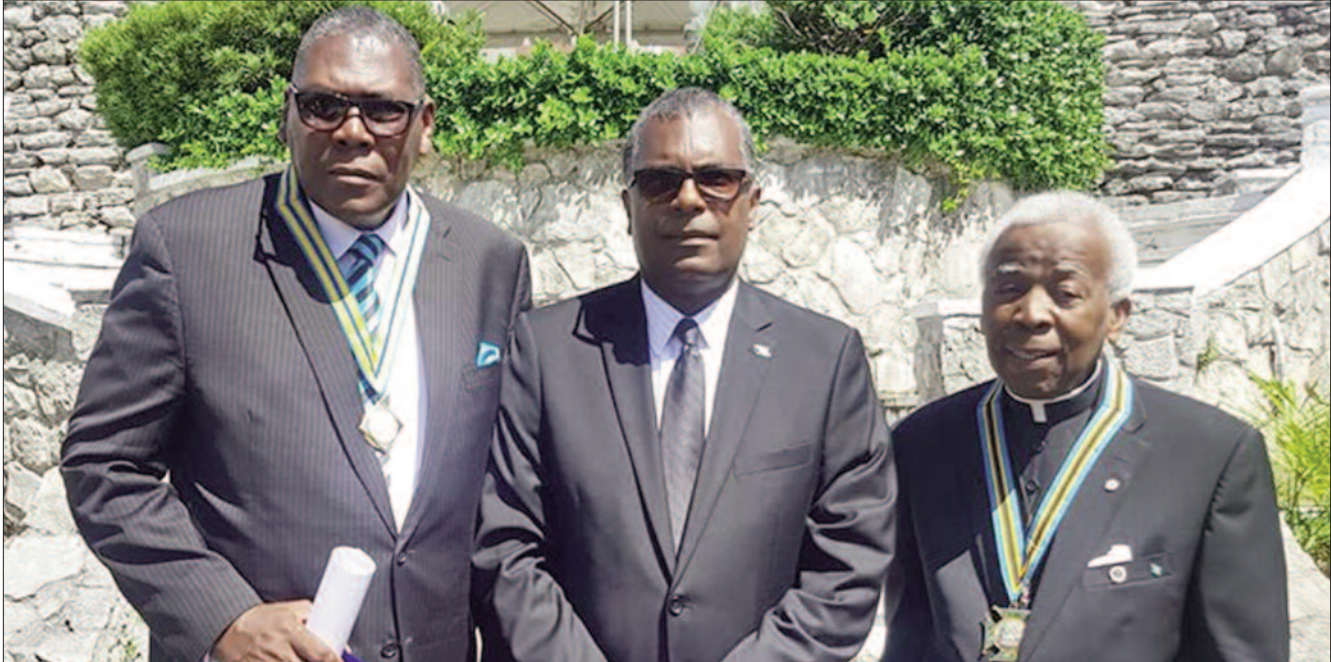
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► Centreville MP Reece Chipman

21 RECEIVE NATIONAL HONOURS



► Bishop Carrington Pinder (left) and Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming (right) were honoured yesterday at Government House during the Investiture of National Honours 2019. Bishop Pinder received The Order of Merit award and Rev. Rahming received The Order of The Bahamas award. Attending the celebration was Senator Fred Mitchell (center).
(Photo/Fred Mitchell - Minute by Minute)

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
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Scores of Bahamians gathered at Government House yesterday to witness more than 20

Bahamians receive the investiture of National Honours 2019 at Government House. The honours bestowed were the Order of The Bahamas, the Order of

Distinction, the Order of Merit and the Order of the Lignum Vitae. Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis in his address recognized the courage of Hurricane

Dorian survivors whom he said displayed resilience in such a trying time. “On Grand Bahama

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GB Hurricane Affected Schools Reopen Wednesday

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

Some public schools in Grand Bahama that were affected by Hurricane Dorian will reopen on Wednesday, according to Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd.

Lloyd made the announcement yesterday during a press conference at the Ministry of Education where he said the schools that will reopen were given the necessary approvals from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Health.

Schools that will reopen on Wednesday are Freeport Primary,



► Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd

Walter Parker Primary, Bartlett High Primary, Lewis Yard Primary, Martin Town Primary, Holmes Rock Primary, West End Primary, Jack

Hayward Junior High, Sister Mary Patricia Junior High, Jack Hayward Senior High,

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GB Man Found Hanging from Tree

Police in Grand Bahama are investigating an alleged suicide that occurred on Saturday. According to police, shortly before 3 p.m.

they were called to the rear of Sir Jack Hayward Senior High School playing field, where the lifeless body of a male was discov-

ered hanging by a rope from a tree. EMS personnel were called to the scene. Investigations continue.

Man Killed in Traffic Collision

Police are investigating a traffic collision which occurred Sunday resulting in the death of a man. According to police, shortly after 8 p.m., the man was walking on

Prince Charles Drive in the vicinity of the Wok Restaurant when he was struck by a small black Japanese vehicle, which sped away. Paramedics were

called to the scene and attempted to revive the victim, but he was pronounced dead on the scene. Investigations are ongoing.

Gov’t Clarifies Consul General’s China Comments

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs advised yesterday that comments made by Miami Consul General Linda Mackey in an article claiming that “China will not rebuild The

Bahamas” following Hurricane Dorian were taken out of context. The article entitled, “Bahamian diplomat says China will not rebuild in hurricane devastated islands,” appeared in the Palm Beach Post on October

11. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, “The government has extensively reported on its plans to address the housing challenges in Abaco.”

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

Farewell to Former MP

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Family, friends, parliamentarians and officials gathered to pay their respects to former Cabinet Minister and businessman Tennyson Wells during his funeral at Christ Church Cathedral on Friday.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis gave his condolences to Well’s wife Stephanie, the bereaved family and Well’s colleagues.

He remembered him not only as a “noted and capable” businessman, but a devoted politician and a “FNM warrior.”

“Along with the founders and other freedom fighters in the Free National Movement, he demonstrated the courage and the tenacity to enter the arena and to fight for what he believed,” Dr. Minnis said.

“He fought against victimization and other threats to our democracy. He played his role in the FNM’s first election to office in 1992 and in the Bahamian renewal under FNM governments.” Wells served as Member of Parliament for the Bamboo Town constituency.

Dr. Minnis considered Wells as a friend. He recalled Wells counselling and guiding him during their morning and evening calls.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to individuals like Tennyson Wells, who

offer themselves for public duty and service,” the prime minister added.

“Like other democracies, our party-based system requires loyalty, fortitude and political maturity by those who answer the call to service their fellow-citizens in government and politics. Tennyson answered this call. He sacrificed for what he believed.

“He did not just sit on the sideline and complain about what was wrong with The Bahamas. He made a contribution and had a distinguished career. May our departed brother rest in peace.”

Father Harry Bain, rector of Christ Church Cathedral, noted in his sermon that Wells would bend over backwards for people, gave away his salary as Chairman of the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI) and was an inspiration to his family and fellowmen.

“Tennyson left a legacy as he was God fearing, kind, generous, forgiving and encouraged each family member to continue to show love unity, kindness and lasting relationships,” Father Bain said.

“He was the kind of person who did not flirt his possessions. He often boasted about living off \$300 per week.”

Wells was laid to rest at Woodlawn Gardens. He died on September 24 in his sleep at the age of 72.



► An Official Funeral was held for former Cabinet Minister and well-known businessman, Mr. Tennyson Wells on Friday morning, October 11, 2019 at Christ Church Cathedral. Interment was at Woodlawn Gardens. Governor General His Excellency the Most Hon. Cornelius A. Smith, Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, Cabinet Ministers and officials joined family and friends in commemorating his life. (BIS Photos/Derek Smith)

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Henry Cortez Adams Jr, Divorced,
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and

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Tyler Jason Lawson, Single,
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and

Alexandria Katherine Nitti, Single,
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Alan Richard Mason, Single,
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and

Suzanne Louise Arnould, Divorced,
of 64 Normanton Park, Chingford London E4 6HF, Great Britain (UK)

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and

Kelly Louise Chidgey, Single,
of 16 Abbey Close, Holden Hill, 5089, South, Australia

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Ministry of Finance to Implement Public Financial Management Reform

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest said at the Ministry of Finance, the heart of Public Financial Management Reform is the development and adoption of robust information systems.

“We are in the full swing of implementing the project plan for this multi-faceted reform initiative,” DPM Turnquest explained at a forum held by the Ministry of Finance in conjunction with the Inter-American Development Bank at Baha Mar, October 10, 2019. The forum was held under the theme, ‘The Power of Data for Transforming National Development.’

“One of the ultimate outcomes is the eventual establishment of an

Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) that standardizes and centralizes the financial management operations for all ministries, departments, agencies and state-owned enterprises.”

He noted that if individuals could project themselves into the future, and envision how IFMIS will digitally collect real-time data for planning, analysis and reporting across government, we can foresee the improvements in accuracy and efficiency in reporting financial data, boosting transparency and ultimately resulting in fiscal savings for the government.

DPM Turnquest said combined with the phased roll-out of the new online

Customs clearance platform, Click2Clear, one can see that the future for data in this country is looking completely transformed.

He stated that Click2Clear is completely modernizing the way Customs operates. “The online system is designed to deliver faster, more efficient and comprehensive Customs processing once fully implemented.”

The DPM explained that this means end-to-end online Customs processing and tracking, automated entry checking, tighter controls and risk management to reduce corruption and fraud, more accountability to protect government revenue, more statistical information and data derived from artificial intelligence that can be

used for effective policy making.

“From a fiscal point of view, I cannot overstate the potential loss of opportunity for even more robust economic growth when we do not have sufficient real-time data and data analytics on what is happening in our economy. With it, we can see things from enhanced perspectives. We can be more innovative and proactive when it comes to crafting fiscal and economic policy.”

He said, “While all of this work is in the implementation phase, it is admittedly difficult to see the full benefits. But I am confident that the government is putting in place a powerful foundation that will benefit us for years to come.”



► Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest delivers keynote address at The Ministry of Finance and Inter-American Development Bank seminar on ‘The Power of Data for Transforming National Development,’ October 10, 2019 at Baha Mar. (BIS photo)

Guaranteed Loans Being Offered by the Government to MSMEs Impacted by Dorian

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest announced on Thursday, October 10, 2019, that \$10 million will be taken from the Dormant Fund to help restart the economies in Abaco and Grand Bahama.

The Deputy Prime Minister was speaking at a press conference at the Ministry to announce that the Access Accelerator, Small Business Development Centre (SBDC), through the Ministry of Finance and private financial partners, is offering government

guaranteed loans to micro, small and medium-sized (MSMEs) enterprises directly affected by Hurricane Dorian.

He said, “Both Grand Bahama and Abaco represent some 18 per cent of our overall Gross Domestic Product and so it is in our interest and

certainly significant for us to get them back and up and operating to as near normal as quickly as possible.”

The \$10 million will facilitate grants, loan guarantees and equity capital for entrepreneurs residing and displaced from Abaco and Grand

Bahama.

Attending the press conference were the partners involved in this initiative including Financial Secretary, Marlon Johnson; Chairperson of the SBDC Board of Directors, Geoffrey Andrews; Executive Director, SBDC, Davinia

Grant; President, Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, Gregory Laroda; Abaco Chamber of Commerce Representative, Krista Albury; Chairman, the Bahamas Chamber Of Commerce and

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NOTICE:

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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'Chipman Violates Trust'

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FNM, Cartwright said, Chipman would have not been elected to the House of Assembly.

Cartwright pointed out that in his two years as chairman of the FNM Centreville Constituency Association, he never had a substantive or impactful conversation with Chipman over the needs of Centreville residents or the business of the association.

Since the election, he added that it seems as though Chipman has been more preoccupied with his political career than the advancement of the people of Centreville.

Additionally, he said no effort was made by the Centreville MP to be a meaningful part of the constituency association.

It is unfortunate, he

added, that during a time of national crisis following Hurricane Dorian that Chipman made an attention-seeking decision to resign from the FNM.

"This act of egotism is an attempt to take the national focus away from the relief and recovery effort in the northern islands," Cartwright said.

"The FNM pledged better governance in the 2017 election campaign. It is delivering on this promise. The country's economy is regularly growing again. Tax breaks and incentives have been established for inner-city communities. A preschool initiative is underway to expand access to early education. There is significantly more accountability in government.

"Despite Mr. Chipman's decision to

choose advancing his political career over doing what is best for the people of the area he represents, the party's constituency association will continue to look after the interests of the people of Centreville."

However, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis is not focused on Chipman's resignation, as he said his focus is on rebuilding the country post Hurricane Dorian.

"He has his own reasons and the party responded to that. I am now focused on building The Bahamas. That's our focus and that's where I will remain," Dr. Minnis said yesterday.

Last week, Chipman resigned from the FNM because of partisan politics and "insecure leadership."

Schools Reopen Wednesday

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St. George's Senior High, Eight Mile Rock Secondary and Beacon School.

Lloyd explained that school administrators, support staff and teachers will return to school on Wednesday and students will return on Thursday.

"Staff and students from schools in East Grand Bahama have been re-assigned to schools in the Freeport area. If anyone from those schools is unaware of where he or she has been posted, please contact the District Education Office for details," Lloyd said.

"Works are continuing at the Hugh Campbell Primary School, Genesis Academy, Maurice Moore and the Haven School."

Lloyd also announced that Hugh Campbell and Maurice Moore Primary are expected to reopen on October 21 and both staff and students would be expected to report to school on that day.

"The district superintendent will provide an update on both of these schools, as soon as he is able to do so, and we advise the public to listen carefully for his announcements in this regard," he said.

"I wish to reiterate that every school that we have scheduled for reopening is safe for occupancy.

I have been informed that donors have ensured all of our schools will be adequately supplied with

bottled water, so that all of our students will have access to safe drinking water. Please note that some repair works will continue on various campuses. However, these necessary works will not interfere with nor compromise the health and safety of anyone, nor will they in any way negatively impact daily operations."

Lloyd also assured that the Ministry of Education will dispatch mental health professionals to enable and support the mental and emotional wellbeing of students and staff.

"A team of psychologists and counsellors led by our Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) and Guidance and Counselling Unit will visit Grand Bahama during this week. They will conduct extensive, intensive and ongoing therapeutic sessions with various groups. Further details will be communicated via the District Education Office," the minister of education said.

Following the destruction left by Hurricane Dorian, Lloyd noted that the road to reopening schools in Grand Bahama was littered with many obstacles

"First, public utilities were compromised significantly. Amidst the destruction, there was no electricity, communication networks were fragile and the water supply was contaminated. Then there was the need to conduct proper assessments to determine


the scope and extent of repairs. This included, but was not limited to a massive cleanup of the affected schools, which involved, tearing out damaged walls and ceilings, carting away debris and affecting extensive mould remediation work," Lloyd said.

"Many came together to mobilize an impressive effort, particularly given the circumstances. I am pleased to report that for the most part, public utilities have also been restored to acceptable levels. Where there are still challenges, for example with potable water, alternative systems are being implemented with the provision of sufficient drinking water to all campuses that need them."

With regards to the provision of education in Abaco, Lloyd expressed that the Ministry of Education is pleased with the self-help efforts which permitted the unofficial opening of schools on the island.

"Students are receiving instruction from teachers and volunteers in the public schools at Crossing Rocks, Cherokee Sound, Sandy Point, Moore's Island, Fox Town and Green Turtle Cay," he said.

"It is planned that teachers and students living in the Cooper's Town area will meet at a site to be determined sometime this week. In total, we expect that in excess of 400 students will be receiving instruction by the end of this week."



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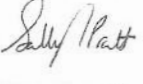
Gabriel Rivera Molina, Single,
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and

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and

Beverley Marie Wilkinson, Widowed,
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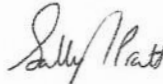
Kyle David Ingle, Divorced,
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and

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Mark Richard Walton, Single,
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and

Kim Michelle Seidel, Single,
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BARBADOS PM WARNS OF MASS MIGRATION BACKLASH BECAUSE OF CLIMATE CRISIS

BY DESMOND BROWN

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Saturday October 5, 2019 (IPS) – Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley says her patience is running thin, as she challenges the world to tackle the climate crisis.

She warned of a backlash of mass migration to the world’s richest and biggest polluters, saying an influx of climate refugees can be expected in coming years as a consequence of failing to take action to stop climate change.

“The bottom line is that we are not here by accident. There is no traditional norm on the part of the world where I come from,” Mottley tells IPS.

In September 2014, Small Island Developing States met in Apia, Samoa for the Third International Conference on SIDS and adopted the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action, also known as the SAMOA Pathway. It is a 10-year plan to address challenges faced by small islands.

During last week’s United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the world body convened a one-day, high-level review of progress made in addressing SIDS’ priorities in the first five years since implementation.

According to the world leaders, progress toward sustainable development in SIDS will require a major increase in investment.

Foreign Affairs Minister of Belize Wilfred Elrington says the mid-term review represents more than a simple reflection.

“It is a critical political moment, given the overwhelming challenges that threaten our sustainable development,” Elrington tells IPS.

“Our people receive daily reminders of the ticking clock for our survival. Last year we had a special report from the IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] that predicted utter devastation for our countries if we missed the 1.5° C target.”

Elrington says the latest special report on the ocean and cryosphere from the IPCC projecting that 65 million people who inhabit islands and low-lying states are at risk of total inundation, only reinforced what is already happening.

“Our beaches are disappearing, our drinking water is being salinated, our oceans and seas are warming, acidifying and deoxygenating threatening our reefs and our fisheries. And if we are not experiencing more frequent flooding events, we are experiencing extreme drought events,” Elrington adds.

“Anyone of us could be the next to face a Category 5 hurricane or cyclone. We are the ground zero of a global climate and biodiversity crisis.”

Some of the specific development issues SIDS are faced with include their remoteness, transport connectivity, the small scale of their economies, the high cost of importing, the high cost of infrastructural development, vulnerability and climate vulnerability.

Already on the frontlines of climate change, sustainable development in many SIDS is threatened by difficulties in achieving sustained high levels of economic growth, owing in part to their vulnerabilities to the ongoing negative impacts of environmental challenges and external economic and financial shocks.

“It is diabolical and it is unbelievable. I refer to the plight of Barbuda whose cost of recovery was 10 times that which was pledged, and who still have not collected even that which was pledged,” Mottley says.

“I refer to Dominica, whose public service is minuscule to most countries but who are required to jump through the same hoops to unlock 300 million dollars in public funds while the people of Dominica, who were affected like the people of Abaco and Grand Bahama [in the Bahamas], don’t know where they’re going to earn money this week.”

The prime minister says: “Twenty five years ago we met in Barbados and settle the Barbados Programme of Action, and on that occasion, we recognised that the wellbeing and welfare of Small Islands Developing States required special recognition and was a special case for our environment and our development.”

Meanwhile, Guyana’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Karen Cummings says even with their limited resources, SIDS have been doing their part, adding that her country has taken an “aggressive” approach towards climate change and has been “ambitious” in its nationally determined contribution commitments.

Leaders called on the international community to mobilise additional development finance from all sources and at all levels to support SIDS and welcomed the ownership, leadership and efforts demonstrated by these states in advancing the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

They expressed their concern about the devastating impacts of climate change, the increasing frequency, scale and intensity of disasters and called for urgent and ambitious global action in line with the Paris Agreement to address these threats and their impacts.

The High-level Review of the SAMOA Pathway comes one month after Hurricane Dorian devastated parts of the Bahamas, causing significant loss of life and property damage. Countries noted that the increasing frequency, scale and intensity of natural disasters will continue to claim lives, decimate infrastructure and remain a threat to food security.

While some progress has been made in addressing social inclusion, poverty, and unemployment, inequality continues to disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, including women and girls, persons with disabilities, children and youth. More support is needed to strengthen public health systems in SIDS and especially reduce the risk factors for non-communicable diseases, and healthcare after disasters.

Other areas identified as needing more effort include demographic data collection, trade opportunities, and economic growth and diversification.


Michael Tierney, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and co-facilitator for the Political Declaration of the SAMOA Pathway midterm review, says SIDS have done excellent work in setting up a partnership framework at the United Nations, whereby the partnerships they are working on are monitored and registered and there is an analysis done of their effectiveness.

“It’s actually a model of other parts of the world to look at. It can be improved and it can be strengthened but there is a very detailed process here at the U.N. whereby we try to encourage new development partnerships for the islands, but also, we try to monitor and analyse what we’re doing and if we’re doing it well,” Tierney tells IPS.

“One of the things, quite frankly, that we need to do better is get more private sector interest in projects. That’s a problem across the board in the developing world but it’s something that is specifically a difficulty in the Small Island Developing States.”

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THE TWO FACES OF DEMOCRACY

As more of the world’s nations turn to democracy, interest in alternative constitutional forms and arrangements has expanded well beyond academic circles. In countries as dissimilar as Chile, South Korea, Brazil, Turkey and Argentina, policy makers and constitutional experts have vigorously debated the relative merits of different types of democratic regimes. Some countries like Sri Lanka, have switched from parliamentary to presidential constitutions. On the other hand, Latin Americans in particular have found themselves greatly impressed by the successful transition from authoritarianism to democracy that occurred in the 1970s in Spain, a transition enhanced by that country’s parliamentary form of government.

Nor is Spain the only nation in which parliamentarism has given evidence of its worth. Indeed, the vast majority of the stable democracies in the world today are parliamentary regimes, where executive power is generated by legislative majorities and depends on such majorities for survival. By contrast, the only presidential democracy with a long history of constitutional continuity is the United States. The constitutions of Finland and France are hybrids rather than true presidential systems.

Parliamentary regimes, of course, can be unstable, especially under conditions of bitter ethnic conflict, as recent African history attests. Yet the experiences of India and of some English-speaking countries in the Caribbean show that, even in greatly divided societies, periodic parliamentary crisis need not turn into full-blown regime crises and that the ousting of a Prime Minister and Cabinet need not spell the end of democracy itself.

The superior historical performance of parliamentary democracies is no accident. A careful comparison of parliamentarism with presidentialism leads to the conclusion that, on balance, the former is more conducive to stable democracy than the latter. This conclusion applies especially to nations with deep political cleavages and numerous political parties; for such countries, parliamentarism generally offers a better hope of preserving democracy.

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A parliamentary regime in the strict sense is one in which the only democratically legitimate institution is parliament; in such a regime, the government’s authority is completely dependent upon parliamentary confidence. Although the growing personalization of party leadership in some parliamentary regimes has made Prime Ministers seem more and more like Presidents, it remains true, that barring the dissolution of parliament and call for new elections, Premiers cannot appeal directly to the people over the heads of their representatives. Parliamentary systems may include Presidents who are elected by direct popular vote, but they usually lack the ability to compete seriously for power with the Prime Minister.

In presidential systems an executive with considerable constitutional powers – generally including full control of the composition of the cabinet and administration – is directly elected by the people for a fixed term and is independent of parliamentary votes of confidence. He is not only the holder of executive power but also the symbolic head of state and can be removed between elections only by the drastic step of impeachment. In practice, as the history of the United States shows, presidential systems may be more or less dependent on the cooperation of the legislature; the balance between executive and legislative power in such systems can thus vary considerably.

Two things about presidential government stand out. The first is the President’s strong claim to democratic, even plebiscitarian, legitimacy; the second is the fixed term in office. Both of these statements stand in need of some qualification. Some presidents gain office with a smaller proportion of the popular vote than many Premiers who head minority cabinets, although voters may see the latter as more weakly legitimated. Following British political thinker Walter Bagehot, we might say that a presidential system endows the incumbent with both the “ceremonial” functions of a chief executive, thus creating an aura, a self-image, and a set of popular expectations regardless of the victory margin which are all quite different from those associated with a Prime Minister, no matter how popular.

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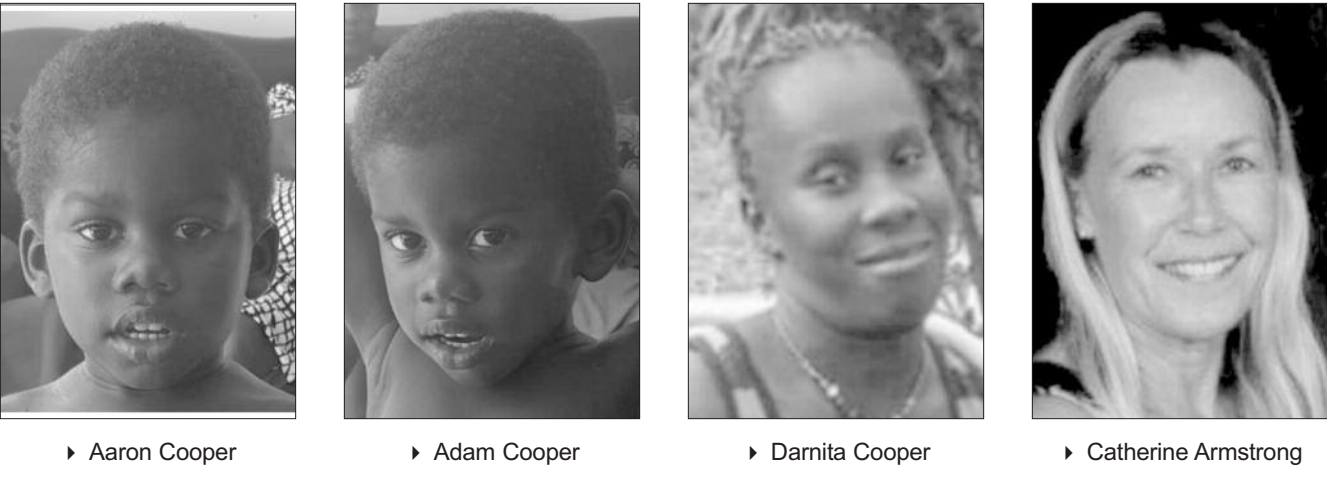


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Five GB Residents Missing Since Dorian



▶ Aaron Cooper

▶ Adam Cooper

▶ Darnita Cooper

▶ Catherine Armstrong

Police in Grand Bahama are searching for five missing persons from East End, Grand Bahama. The persons were missing since Hurricane Dorian. The deadly storm caused tremendous devastation on the island last month. Missing are:

- Aaron Cooper, three-years-old, of Emmanuel Way, High Rock, Grand Bahama. He is described as standing at two feet, five inches in height, weighing 35 pounds, with dark brown complexion and slim built.
- Adam Cooper, three-

years-old, of Emmanuel Way, High Rock, Grand Bahama. He is described as standing at two feet, five inches in height, weighing 35 pounds, with dark brown complexion and slim built.

- Albert Alexander Bridgewater, 51, of Bevans Town, East End, Grand Bahama. He is described as standing at five feet, ten inches in height, weighing 160 pounds, with dark brown complexion and slim built.
- Darnita Cooper, 43,

of Emmanuel Way, High Rock, Grand Bahama. She is described as standing at five feet, four inches in height, weighing 120 pounds, with dark brown complexion and slim built.

- Catherine Lynn Armstrong, 70, of Henny Avenue, Derby Subdivision, Grand Bahama. She is described as standing at five feet, four inches in height, weighing 125 pounds, Caucasian and slim built.
- If you have any information on the where-



▶ Albert Bridgewater

abouts of these persons, please contact police in Grand Bahama at 442-2872/2870, 911/919, or call your nearest police station.

Guaranteed Loans by Gov't to MSMEs Impacted by Dorian

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Employers Confederation, Khrystle Rutherford-Ferguson; and Chairman, the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Capital Fund Mike Cunningham.

Ms. Grant explained that it is the goal of the SBDC to continue serving those clients it had before the storm while creating opportunities for other existing MSMEs to bounce back even better than before.

"I need to emphasise this. We will continue to take care of our existing clients. What is being discussed today is additional resources that have allocated by our government and our partnering financial institutions to help the 2,525 active MSMEs across Abaco and Grand Bahama, employing approximately 4,000 people."

She said the government is providing five million dollars to guarantee up to 6.7 million dollars in loans through the Clearing Banks Association. Two million will be given equity in partnerships and 1.3 million in microloans and grants.

Ms. Grant stated that businesspersons displaced will fill out an application form. That form will be looked over and an executive summary created by volunteer advisors. Those summaries and supporting

documents will then be sent to the relevant banks.

The form and list of documents needed is available on www.accessaccelerator.org under the title Resources, in a tab called Dorian.

She noted that it is anticipated that the process will take no more than 10 business days and disbursements for grants and microloans will be processed in four to five business days.

Mrs. Grant said displaced businesspersons who are currently in Nassau will be processed at the Edmund Moxey Centre on Baillou Hill Road.

In Grand Bahama persons can go to the BAIC building initially, until the one-stop shop is established at the CLICO building, for assistance.

In Abaco, the NIB/Inland Revenue building will be made available.

The SBDC Executive Director noted that for businesses that have been in operation for less than three years, attendance at a three-day seminar would be required for them to access these opportunities as well.

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce will verify the authenticity of businesses seeking to access funding in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

Gov't Clarifies China Comments

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In a statement, the ministry said China, like several other countries, immediately and readily provided assistance in the aftermath of Dorian.

"The Bahamas continues to enjoy good relations with the United States of America and the People's

Republic of China," the statement said.

"The Government of The Bahamas is grateful for the support and generous assistance from all members of the international community who demonstrated solidarity with The Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Dorian."

Former Minister of

Foreign Affairs Senator Fred Mitchell said yesterday that the Progressive Liberal accepts the ministry's clarification on the issue.

"The original report that our country would exclude any assistance from China seemed out of line with the facts on the ground," Mitchell said.

"It is incumbent that notwithstanding the facts of geography, culture and trade, there is sufficient room for The Bahamas to be friends with all nations that wish to be friends with us.

"We are now assured that all of our representatives overseas understand that policy."

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Notice of Intended Marriage
(Section 7(3))

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

Jeremy Robert Orr, Divorced,
of 709 E High Street, Hicksville OH 43526, United States of America

and

Rachel Lynn Johns, Single,
of 709 E High Street, Hicksville OH 43526, United States of America

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar of Marriages.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2019.

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

James Duane Sparkes, Divorced,
of 31 Hussey's Road, Paradise NL A1L 3A5, Canada

and

Tanya Brenda Atking Canning, Divorced,
of 31 Hussey's Road, Paradise NL A1L 3A5, Canada

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Jessie Luca Wiebe, Single,
of 301-610 Johnson St, Victoria BC V8W 1M4, Canada

and

Stephany Wong, Single,
of 301-610 Johnson St, Victoria BC V8W 1M4, Canada

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Dated this 12th day of September, 2019.

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

Kyle A Piccirillo, Divorced,
of 24 City Brook Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770, United States of America

and

Mary Kate Durette, Single,
of 18 Spruce Brook Road, Seymour, Connecticut 06483, United States of America

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Dated this 1st day of October, 2019.

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CWCO Donates to Dorian Relief

More relief will soon be on the way to Abaco and Grand Bahama as the Bahamas Red Cross works to unload a 20-foot container full of supplies from Consolidated Water (Bahamas) Ltd. (CWCO). The reverse osmosis water supply company shipped the goods from Florida to New Providence to contribute to the Bahamas Red Cross' ongoing Dorian relief efforts. Cleaning supplies, air mattresses, tarps, batteries, propane fuel, toiletries, emergency food supply kits, first aid kits and more were included in the shipment.

Bahamas Red Cross representative Ms. Mackey said the shipment will help meet ongoing needs for people on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama. "Of course in the initial aftermath of any major storm you expect an influx of donations, but the effort to rebuild is an ongoing process. One month later people still need food and necessities, so please, don't stop the donations. Keep them rolling in."

CWCO General Manager Bryan Russell said the company wants to do what it can to help those affected by the storm. "It's just what we as Bahamians do – we come together and support each other. Corporate citizens have a responsibility

to the communities they serve, and at no other time is that more true and more essential than in a time of national crisis like this.

"I'm glad to say our Cayman Water operations also donated \$3,500 to relief efforts here in The Bahamas through a campaign hosted by the Caribbean Desalination Association (CaribDA), which has encouraged all of its members to contribute to this cause."

Cayman Water General Manager Manuel Thomaz said, "Cayman Water knows very well what it is like being hit by a major storm. Fortunately, the Cayman Islands has been lucky enough to be out of the hurricane paths for more than 10 years now. However, we do suffer the pain anytime a Caribbean island is not that fortunate and we feel we need to help them with the recovery efforts that take place in the aftermath of a hurricane strike."

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The Bahamas Red Cross' Ms. Mackey said donations from corporate Bahamas will go a long way in Dorian relief efforts. "We cannot say how overwhelmed we've been with the support we've received to date and we trust that it continues, because we're in this for the long haul. Like I said, the period to bring relief and rebuild is an



► Consolidated Water (Bahamas) Ltd. (CWCO) donated a 20-ft container full of supplies to the Bahamas Red Cross for Hurricane Dorian relief. The shipment contained cleaning supplies, air mattresses, tarps, batteries, propane fuel, toiletries, emergency food supply kits, first aid kits and more. L to R: CWCO Stores Manager Deno Campbell, Bahamas Red Cross Representative Chris and CWCO Accounts Manager Welliya Cargill.

ongoing process, and we expect it to last at least 18 months to two years."

According to Ms. Mackey, the shipment of relief supplies from CWCO should go out within the next week. "Everything that was put into that shipment is well-received. We can use all of those items. There's nothing I can think of that the people on the affected islands need that would have been left out, so we're very appreciative of CWCO."

21 RECEIVE NAT'L HONOURS



► Reverend Bishop J. Carl Rahming (left) received The Order of Merit award at Government House yesterday. He is pictured with his wife Evangeline Rahming (center) and Senator Fred Mitchell (right). (Photo/Fred Mitchell - Minute by Minute)

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and Abaco, many citizens saved other people's lives by taking them into their homes, where some survived for days before flood waters receded," Dr. Minnis said.

"Some Bahamians took to jet skis and small boats to rescue others. Others knocked on doors to evacuate neighbors, children, the elderly and the infirmed.

"Beginning today, through various social media, the Office of the Prime Minister will recognize and recall the examples of a number of these heroes.

"Their stories exemplify the courage of many, many, other Bahamian heroes."

Receiving the Order of The Bahamas was Rev. Dr. Phillip Rahming, the

late Timothy Gibson and the late Rev. Dr. Hervis Bain.

Those receiving the Order of Distinction were former Cabinet Ministers Frank Watson and Tommy Turnquest, Keith Mason Sr., Franklyn Rolle, Dr. Diane Gail Saunders, Ambassador Missouri Sherman-Peter, Godfrey Kelly, Edward Maynard, Lynn Hollowesko and Norward Rahming.

The Order of Merit went to Rev. Dr. Charles Saunders, Bishop Carrington Pinder, the late Edmund Moxey, the late Louis Adams Sr., Rev. Bishop J Carl Rahming, the Rev. Charles Sweeting and Rev. Oral Rex Major.

Track athlete Shaunae Miller- Uibo recieved the Order of the Lignum Vitae.

Dr. Minnis further opined that like Dorian

survivors, yesterday's honourees also showed courage, generosity, justice and fortitude.

"They have demonstrated courage in the exercise of religious and pastoral ministry, the promotion of cultural and national development, the service of others through political, public, civic and community service, the chronicling of our history and the preservation of our natural treasures, including artifacts and archives, the preservation and protection of our natural built environment and the pursuit of excellence in education, commerce and athletics," he said.

The prime minister said it is his hope that the example of those honoured inspires the desire within everyone to serve within the Commonwealth.

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Timothy Paul Chelikowsky, Divorced,
of 7693 Early Meadow Rd., Westerville, OH 43082, United States of America

and

Louise Ann Elliott, Divorced,
of 7693 Early Meadow Rd., Westerville, OH 43082, United States of America

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Dated this 1st day of October, 2019.

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

Ryan Matthew Gagne, Single,
of 19 Miralago Lane, Wilow Grove, New Burnswick, E2S 1E3, Canada

and

Jennifer Patricia Butler, Single,
of 19 Miralago Lane, Wilow Grove, New Burnswick, E2S 1E3, Canada

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Jeffrey Scott Willinger, Divorced,
of 1475 Lucas Lane, Redlands, CA 92374, United States of America

and

Autumn Brooks Luscinski, Divorced,
of 1475 Lucas Lane, Redlands, CA 92374, United States of America

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GBPA to Offer Economic Relief Assistance Programs

Business owners set to benefit from economic relief assistance programs following on-going consultation with the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited (GBPA).

As local businesses begin recovery and restoration plans following the impact of Hurricane Dorian, the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited (GBPA) seeks to engage with licensees to assess their needs. Deann Seymour, Chief Financial Officer and Licensing Chairman of the GBPA, says, "We recognize that many of our licensees face the daunting task of rebuilding. Our commitment is to provide the necessary support for their recovery that will translate into our island's economic sustainability and demonstrate Grand Bahama's resilient spirit."

The organization's executive further acknowledged that business owners were impacted on multiple levels with physical damage to commercial and residential property, in addition to employees who lost their homes, vehicles and other resources. Seymour says, "The enormity of Dorian's impact has tremendous effects on the physical and emotional well-being of business owners. With this in mind, we thought to allow business owners a reasonable amount of time to grasp the full scope of the storm's impact before



► Deann Seymour, Chief Financial Officer, Grand Bahama Port Authority Limited

approaching them to address their needs." Seymour continued, "This storm impacted us significantly not only in managing material loss, but also in handling the loss of manpower, due to the challenges many employees have faced in their personal lives. This also impacts the recovery process and we saw it appropriate to allow licensees a time to assess their complete situations, so that when we engage with them, they have a better idea of their needs."

It has been more than one month since Dorian slammed Grand Bahama and the GBPA is making a great push to connect with licensees. Seymour says, "We have already

begun the strategic process of connecting with business owners and we intend to make every reasonable effort to connect with our 2,800 licensees. This will be achieved through online surveys, door to door visits, telephone calls and business sector meetings."

As the engagement process with relevant stakeholders continues, Seymour anticipates that her team will be better able to design, develop and deliver the best business relief assistance programs. She says "In doing this, they will explain their business needs and goals and we will listen, develop and launch the best initiatives to support their rebuilding efforts."

Second Annual Regenerative Medicine Summit Proves Big Win for The Bahamas

The best and brightest global recently gathered in The Bahamas to discuss ways of making stem cell and regenerative health technologies available, accessible and affordable to everyone, everywhere.

Dr. Desiree Cox, Rhodes Scholar and Founder and CEO of HEALinc reflects, "This event promotes research and innovation in medical technologies with the potential to help people stay healthy through their lifespan. Our presenters and sponsors delivered an immersive experience that bridged the gaps between modern regenerative medicine technologies and ancient healing arts of creativity, music, movement and breathwork."

The second annual HEALinc Future Health and Innovation Summit was hosted at the Grand Hyatt, Baha Mar Convention Center from October 2 – 4, 2019 with an audience of more than 200-participants. A slate of more than 50 presenters delivered thought-provoking presentations and the celebrity keynote speech was given by Dr. Joe Dispenza, an international lecturer, researcher and author who has been


invited to speak in more than 33 countries on six continents. Dr. Dispenza challenged the audience to rewire the brains and recondition their bodies to make lasting life changes.

Dr. Steven Greco, Chief Scientific Officer of the Houston Healthspan Innovation Group said, "Regenerative medicine and immune restoration treatments provide safe, accessible options for patients. Houston Healthspan was pleased to share some of the exciting pilot data related to orthopedic and neurological treatments delivered at Okyanos. Through our participation and the sponsorship of the Bosarge Family Foundation, we were able to collaborate on this Summit because of our shared commitment to HEALinc., and to The Bahamas."

Dr. Joshua Hare, Professor of Medicine at University of Miami and Co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Longeveron, presented important scientific data from Longeveron's multiple FDA authorized stem cell trials in the US as well as the 60+ patients

treated in The Bahamas in Longeveron's approved open Registry for aging and musculoskeletal related disorders. Dr. Todd McAllister, CEO of Fountain Therapeutics scheduled to begin operations in Bimini was a keynote speaker at the Summit along with Dr. Robert Hariri, Founder and President of Celularity, and one of the angel investors of Fountain Therapeutics along with Peter Diamandis and Tony Robbins. Dr. Hariri says, "This Summit is an ideal environment to engage in conversations that affirm our commitment to harnessing the powerful biology of the placenta to treat cancer, immunological and degenerative diseases and we commend Dr. Cox for her leadership in this regard."

Dr. Cox says, "As we grow, we anticipate hosting events in the United States that provide a space for more individuals to showcase products and services that will allow more persons to live longer, healthier and happier lives because of the integration of modern and ancient regenerative health technologies."



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Roger Steven Rodda, Single,
of 31 Kelvin Drive, Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156, Australia

and


Peita Lee Kathleen Sewell, Single,
of 31 Kelvin Drive, Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156, Australia

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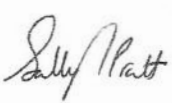
David James Reed, Widowed,
of 565 Lovely Street, Avon CT 06001, United States of America

and


Cheryl Ann Pryzby, Divorced,
of 565 Lovely Street, Avon CT 06001, United States of America

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Dated this 22nd day of August, 2019.



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


Jason Ray Fluharty, Divorced,
of 8 Tassia Lane, Houston TX 77058, United States of America

and

Leslie Ann Skweres, Divorced,
of 6504 Woodhaven St, Pearland TX 77587, United States of America

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Dated this 29th day of August, 2019.



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

Gary Gene Warstler, Divorced,
of 6415 Blue Belle Dr, PA 18034, United States of America

and

Diana J P Hurtzig, Divorced,
of 6415 Blue Belle Dr, PA 18034, United States of America

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Dated this 2nd day of October, 2019.



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