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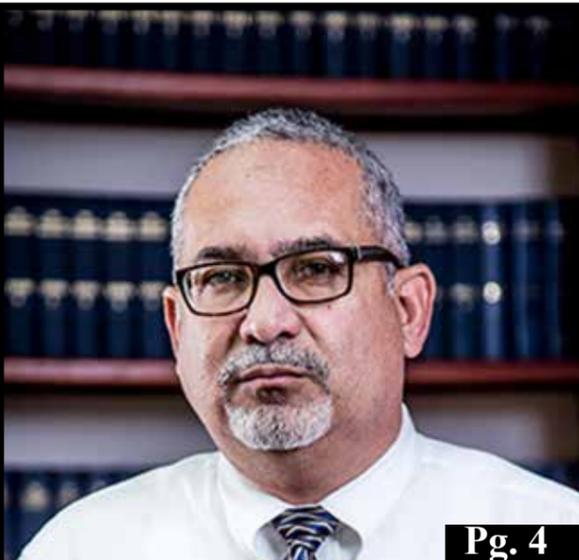
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Being Belizean did not assure Acting Chief Justice Michelle Arana the position of Chief Justice, Senior Counsel Andrew Marshalleck, the president of the Bar Association, told The Reporter this week. Marshalleck explained that the government did the right thing in advertising the post, a

GDP grew by record 5.3%, debt ratio falls to about 89%

By William Ysaguirre

This year's first-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) has the highest growth ever recorded for the country, the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) reported this week.

The economy grew by 5.3 percent, climbing to

\$1,213.4 from last year's first quarter figure of \$1,152.1 million, statistician Christopher Hulse reported when the SIB held its press conference at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City on Wednesday morning, June 29.

It surpassed the best first quarter recorded before the COVID-19 pandemic of \$1188.2 million in 2019.

SIB's statistician Jefte Ochaeta explained that the GDP estimates had been derived using a revised methodology, which showed a truer picture of Belize's

production of goods and services.

Using the revised method based on a 2014 model, last year's GDP was estimated at \$4,470.8 million, which exceeded the 2019 GDP of \$4,451.6. Ochaeta compared this to the older method of the year 2000, which had

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Common Sense

Fifty-one years ago a young woman using the name Jane Roe, filed a lawsuit with the US Supreme Court asking the court to strike down a law in Texas that made it illegal for a woman to have an abortion.

Exactly one year later the Court ruled by a broad 7-2 majority that women have a constitutional right to an abortion.

“Unduly restrictive state regulation is unconstitutional” the judges ruled, paving the way for an avalanche of requests which at its peak in 1990 resulted in 1.6 million abortions.

Other countries enthusiastically followed America’s example, making abortions as easy as taking a pill under medical supervision at a designated clinic.

In the 50 years since Roe v Wade paved the way, some 46 million fetuses have been snuffed out in the name of women’s rights, in the United States alone. Other countries were quick to follow suit, in Europe and Asia, South America, Japan, and China.

Who knows how many fetuses have perished in the name of women’s rights around the world. More than all the people who died in World War II, and more than those who perished from plagues and natural disasters in those same five decades.

Those are the forgotten souls who had no rights, or whose rights were subverted to the will of their biological mothers.

But the effects of abortion have not gone without trauma.

In countries such as Japan and China the birth rate has plunged below the death rate, resulting in a net loss of population.

If the trend continues these nations will out-humanize themselves into oblivion, collapsing their unique civilizations. Other countries, including the United States and Europe, are headed for a similar decline.

Last week in an explosive about-turn, the Supreme Court of the The United States ruled that it was a mistake to think that women have a the constitutional right to abortion.

“Roe and Casey have led to the distortion of many important but unrelated legal doctrines” Judge Samuel Alito wrote in his bench-mark judgment, “and that effect provides further support for overruling those decisions”.

In overturning the 50-year-old ruling Judge Alito wrote: “We hold that Roe v Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision!”

Dear Editor,

Some years ago, a doctor (M.D.) suggested while we were discussing ABORTION: why does the church not leave science to scientists? This idea being inane and pretentious it stopped the gears in my head from spinning until years later, now, when it has been spun up to the top of my attention.

It seems to me that today in the intellectual mills that we call universities (UNIVERSITIES) there are a wide range of fields to which the promising are thrown into to choose what kind of a PhD they would want attached to their names.

Retired after a decade and a half in good humour I have chosen Sonja, my wife, to be my advisor in my pursuit of my PHDDSC (PhD in domestic science). This pursuit is to prove to myself that I deserve to be continued to be provided with daily meals.

Now, every chore that I perform should be graded as an A+. My chore yesterday morning was dish-washing. My estimation: definitely an A+ performance as the tumblers seemed to glitter with cleanliness. But, to my crushed ego disappointment Sonja went straight to the cutlery and saw a spoon edged with the sticky substance of chicken egg... Definitely a “D” performance.

Humbled but not defeated, I daily continue with the other chores and a great spirit from the past reminds me: “Paul, genius is one

percent INSPIRATION but 99 percent PERSPIRATION!” Thank You! Great Spirit! Now, I have the answer for the pretentious doctor who dared to take away common sense thinking from ordinary people who sincerely seek to regulate their lives according to their best enlightened judgement.

The memory of perhaps one of the greatest spirits of all the ages past pops to the surface of the grey matter in my skull. Believe it or not he was the discoverer of the greatest scientific method. His teacher, a man with a very imposing forehead, was trying to discover and teach how knowledge comes to man. He said that everything you see, hear, touch, taste or smell... They are just copies...not really real.

Aristotle’s objection has become the stuff from which the mountains of information that we call SCIENCE originates for the deductions that men think when they use their senses is what we all call science. Even if that information comes to you through a telescope or a microscope... They are really only magnifications of the data from what you SEE, HEAR, TOUCH, TASTE, SMELL.

All...ALL knowledge comes from the human senses...except the SPIRITUAL senses...except the SPIRITUAL and MYSTIC!

Aristotle’s is really the founder of all science!

Signed: Paul Rodriguez O.B.E.

BTB Director: Shyne Barrow's performance no different from Miss Universe

The recent appearance of Leader of the Opposition Moses Shyne Barrow at the BET Awards will not impact any of the Belize Tourism Board's marketing efforts, the BTB told The Reporter this week.

Director of Tourism at the BTB Evan Tillett explained that the Board uses a strategic marketing model that is data-driven, to inform where marketing efforts will give the best returns.

"The showcase and the putting Belize out there by the leader of the opposition, that is similar to what happens at the Miss Universe Pageant when Belize gets recognition," Tillett said. "The narrative for us is that its business as usual and we will continue to do what we do because we know it works."

He said that Barrow's performance was good for Belize in the sense that all international exposure is good for Belize because it raises awareness, but it will not sway the BTB's marketing efforts one way or the other.

Tillett said that the BTB currently has marketing efforts geared towards not only the United States but Canada, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Mexico, and South America. He also noted that in 2020, Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations Anthony Mahler represented Belize at the World Expo in Dubai, which forms a part of BTB's

marketing plan.

Barrow took the stage to perform his 200 single "Bad Boy" on Sunday, June 26, in honor of his former mentor Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. During his performance, the Belize flag was put on display. In the aftermath of his performance, leading many in the Belize public to praise the performance, while others criticized..

Prime Minister John Briceño, who was out of the country at the time, told the media at a press briefing this week that he did not see Barrow's performance, but believes that Barrow has a better chance of reviving his rap career than he does becoming Prime Minister of Belize.

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Andy Lane
Chief Executive Officer

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excluded almost 27 percent of Belize's production.

Impact of Debt-to-GDP ratio

The revised method likewise impacts the well-known debt-to-GDP ratio. With the Central Bank of Belize (CBB) data placing Belize's national debt (both domestic and external) at just about \$3.75 billion as of December 2019, the revised GDP figure for that year (\$4.742 billion), the ratio would fall

significantly just about 80% of GDP.

Similarly, with the SIB reporting 2021's GDP at \$4.470 billion and the CBB placing total debt closer to \$3.99 bill, this places Belize's debt ratio closer to 89 percent, down more than 20 percentage points from earlier estimates.

The benchmark for the debt ratio is 60 percent of GDP; therefore, the revised methodology moves Belize's fiscal position (at

least statistically speaking) closer to that key target.

The statistic is a key variable used by international agencies in determining a country's credit risk. Therefore, it is yet to be seen how rating agencies will respond to the revised statistic, as high-risk ratings tend to increase Belize's borrow costs. Consequently, the downward revision could help to alleviate such constraints.

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PM Briceño Updates Nation on International Travels

By Michelle Sutherland



Prime Minister John Briceño

Prime Minister John Briceño, who has been out of the country since June 16th, is finally wrapping up the last legs of his six weeks tour abroad where he is visiting several countries spread across three continents to conduct international business and attend conferences in an effort to seek international funding for Belize.

Since his departure, Prime Minister Briceño and his entourage consisting of heads of government have already visited Brussels, Belgium, where he took part in the EU Development Days Conference before he departed to, Rwanda, Africa, for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit 2022.

When we spoke to him via Zoom on Tuesday evening the PM was in Portugal attending the World Ocean Summit. Briceño is now scheduled to jet off to Suriname where he is scheduled to hand over the chairmanship of CARICOM before leaving for Guyana to discuss agriculture-related topics with President Irfaan Ali.

Briceño told us on Tuesday that while his

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Cont'd from pg. 1 process which the Bar was involved in and ultimately led to the government choosing Guyanese national and Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Justice Louise Blenman as Belize's first fully serving female Chief Justice.

Marshalleck stressed that all vacant posts should be advertised to allow for qualified individuals to fill them. "Nationality is not a requirement for the post," Marshalleck said. "In fact, if you look at the list of Chief Justices, it's rare that you find a Belizean."

He also noted that Justice Arana—as the Government of Belize (GOB) had explained via a statement—was not among the eight applicants who offered themselves up for the office.

Marshalleck stressed that Belize needs someone who will deliver timely judgments, citing the old maxim that justice delayed is justice denied. He noted that the Bar Association had to take action against several former Chief Justices including Dr. Abdulai Conteh, and Samuel Awich over the late delivery of judgments.

"It goes back further than Chief Justice Kenneth Benjamin. We've had this problem [of late judgments] perennially for the past 30 years," Marshalleck said, also admitting that the issue might go back even longer.

Marshalleck also pointed out that even Acting Chief Justice Arana has judgments that have been pending for two years. In its statement defending the future appointment of Justice Blenman, GOB praised her academic qualification and wide range of judicial experience as key factors for her selection.

Leader of the Opposition Moses "Shyne" Barrow was among the first to publicly condemn the decision, stressing that elevating Arana to officially assuming the post would have been good for national morale.

extensive travels abroad might just seem like another vacation, he assured us that it was not so and that it was in fact strictly business. In commenting on his trip to Belgium, he indicated that the invitation to attend the conference originated from the European Union who to date remains one of Belize biggest partners in development. Briceño indicated that this is the first time that a Prime Minister from Belize has ever been in attendance at one of these conferences. He told reporters that the EU has just approved 17 million Euros to be disbursed to the government to assist in developing rural areas, energy expansion, and other needed areas to improve the quality of life for Belizean citizens.

"So, it was important for me to be able to attend that meeting and at the same time, it was important for me to meet the people that are making these decisions as to whether they are going to help Belize or not. So, I had a number of meetings, including with the European Development Bank, which is expressing interest in coming to Belize," commented Briceño.

In relation to his stopover in Portugal at the World Oceans Summit, Briceño said that many of the participating countries in attendance were interested in learning about the success of the Blue Bond and the impacts that it has had thus far. The PM also disclosed that he would also be attending the second meeting in Portugal on

Wednesday in an effort to secure funding for an energy generation project in San Pedro and Caye Caulker.

But the possibility to secure those much-needed funding according to the PM is only made possible by attending these international events. That coupled with the networking that the delegation is able to do with high-ranking officials and prime ministers that also attend these events. This leg, according to PM Briceño, has been a very successful one as he has already managed to secure a meeting with the foreign minister of Portugal and a cocktail/meeting with the Prince of Monaco, Prince Albert the Second, who is scheduled to meet on Wednesday of this week.

"So what has happened is that all these meetings are in line one after the other. When I finish here, I go to Suriname. What we had done is that initially, we had agreed to go to Rwanda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government. We felt like that was an important meeting, and also we had the election of the Secretary-General. So, it was important for Belize to be at that meeting and to be able to meet with our peers from Canada, the UK, and other countries," said Briceño.

The PM will wrap up his tour in Guyana, before heading back to Belize. He is estimating that over fifty million dollars in potential funding could be diverted to Belize as a result of his recent travels abroad.



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SCOTUS overturns Roe v. Wade; Dissenting justices say ruling jeopardizes other rights

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) reversed the Constitutional right of American women to have an abortion in a 6-3 majority vote, leading dissenting justices to warn that other rights, including the right to use contraception, may be at risk.

The judgment was handed down officially on Friday, and it effectively overturns the Supreme Court's ruling in the 1973 Roe v. Wade case, which for 50 years had served as the precedent-setting case for women's right to an abortion. The latest ruling will allow individual US states to determine their disparate stances and law on the issue.

According to reports, at least 13 states have so-called trigger laws that shall automatically activate to outlaw abortion. Close to half of US states are expected to likewise pass legislation that would significantly curtail women's access to abortion, with some states being expected to implement stiff bans which preclude the procedure even in the case of rape or incest.

Historical Roots Argument

The Supreme Court majority weighed several arguments, one of which included a look at abortion's historical roots in the country. The majority, for its part, wrote:

"The Court finds that the right to abortion is not deeply rooted in the Nation's history and tradition. [...] Until the latter part of the 20th century, there was no support in American law for a constitutional right to obtain an abortion. No state constitutional provision had recognized such a right. Until a few years before Roe, no federal or state court had recognized such a right."

On this argument, the dissenting justices have sounded the following caution:



"The lone rationale for what the majority does today is that the right to elect an abortion is not 'deeply rooted in history.' Not until Roe, the majority argues, did people think abortion fell within the Constitution's guarantee of liberty.

"The same could be said, though, of most of the rights the majority claims it is not tampering with. The majority could write just as long an opinion showing, for example, that until the mid-20th century, 'there was no support in American law for a constitutional right to obtain [contraceptives].'"

"So one of two things must be true. Either the majority does not really believe in its own reasoning. Or if it does, all rights that have no history stretching back to the mid-19th century are insecure. Either the mass of the majority's opinion

is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other."

Additionally, the minority underscored that the majority's decision is based on the reasoning that existed in 1868 when the Fourteenth Amendment was enacted. The three dissenters explained:

"In 1868, the first wave of American feminists were explicitly told—of course by men—that it was not their time to seek constitutional protections. (Women would not get even the vote for another half-century.) ... Those responsible for the original Constitution, including the Fourteenth Amendment, did not perceive women as equals, and did not recognize women's rights.

"When the majority says that we must read

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heet *v.* heat. Lat a **heet** midi kohn fahn di oavm.
 Lots of heat was coming from the oven.

heeti *v.* overheat. **Stap di heeti op** yusef eena di son, noh?
 Don't overheat yourself in the sun, okay?
 — *adj.* hot-headed, quick or short-tempered.
Noh eevn chrai taak tu ahn kaaz shee heeti bad; shee wahn kos yu aaf rait now. Don't even try to talk to her because she's hot-headed; she'll cuss you out right away. *See:* haysti, ignarant, shaat.
 — *adv.* hot. **Da blak jres luk heeti.** That black dress looks hot. *See:* hat.

koal pat *n.* clothes iron. *Archaic.* Eena oal taim dayz pipl doz yooz koal pat aiyen weh dehn **heet op** pahn faiya koal. In olden days people used to use clothes irons that were heated up on hot coals. *See:* aiyen.

komaal *n.* comal, tortilla skillet; flat piece of metal used for frying tortillas.
Heet op di komaal mek Ah bayk di torteeya dehn. Heat up the comal so I can make some tortillas.

prikl heet *n.* prickly heat. **Di poa baybi ful a bomp sayk a di prikl heet.**
 The poor baby is full of bumps because of prickly heat.

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our foundational charter as viewed at the time of ratification (except that we may also check it against the Dark Ages), it consigns women to second-class citizenship."

Precedent

The dissenting justices also admonished the majority for tinkering with stare decisis, a foundational principle in common law that gives preeminence to precedent set, which is a means of promoting judicial stability and integrity in decision making. As the minority justices reminded, stare decisis shields the justice system from individual preferences and "proclivities."

"The Court reverses course today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this Court has changed," the dissenting justices wrote. "Stare decisis, this Court has often said, 'contributes to the actual and perceived integrity of the judicial process' by ensuring that decisions are 'founded in the law rather than in the proclivities of individuals.' ... Today, the proclivities of individuals rule. The Court departs from its obligation to faithfully and impartially apply the law. We dissent."

US President's Reaction to the Ruling

Shortly after the judgment was officially handed down, US President Joseph Biden spoke to the nation from the White House. "They [SCOTUS] didn't limit it. They simply took it away," Biden lamented. "That's never been done to a right so important to so many Americans."

Biden alerted that without the protections offered by Roe v Wade, the "health and life of women in this nation are now at risk."

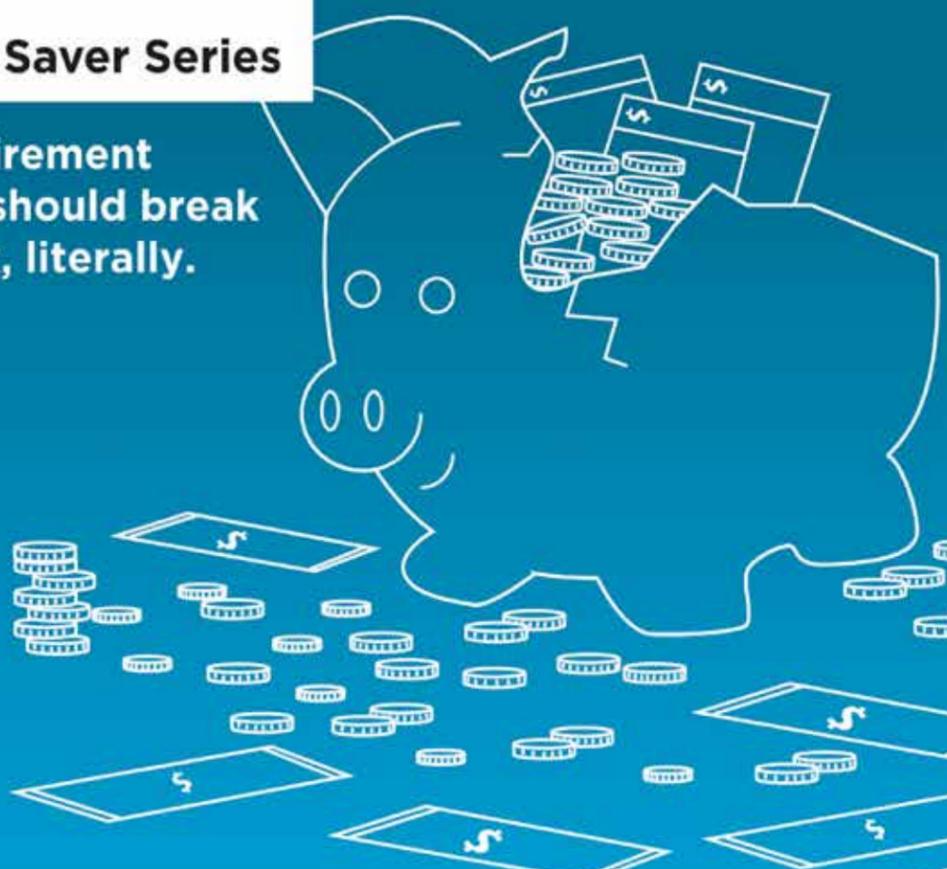
The President expressed his concern at the fact the ruling does not provide any exceptions for women who were victims of rape or incest. "So extreme that women and girls who are forced to bear their rapist's child. ... Imagine having — a young woman having to carry the child of incest — as a consequence of incest. No option."

Biden, however, explained that it is possible for Congress to pass laws to secure women's rights over their personal health.

"Let me be very clear and unambiguous: The only way we can secure a woman's right to choose and the balance that existed is for Congress to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade as federal law," said the President. "No executive action from the President can do that. And if Congress, as it appears, lacks the vote — votes to do that now, voters need to make their voices heard."

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Answer to Puzzle

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9	3	2	5	7	1	6	8	4
8	7	6	9	4	3	2	1	5

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Oceana's Fish Right Eat Right profits Belize tourism product

By William Ysaguirre

Consumers of Belizean seafood can now have complete traceability of any fisheries product they purchase in Belize or abroad, and fishermen get paid a premium price for their product thanks to OCEANA's "Fish Right, Eat Right" app.

The system prevents fish fraud, helps to curb illegal fishing by promoting the responsible consumption of seafood which has been caught legally. It allows for e-monitoring of fishermen, e-reporting of fish catch and e-commerce, OCEANA's Jacinta Gomez explained as she described how



Oceana's executive director Janelle Chanona

technology is being used to close the data gaps at a briefing at the Radisson Fort George Hotel on Monday morning, June 27.

Gastronomy is a key factor in tourists' choice of vacation destination, and the app also helps market Belize to seafood lovers who are concerned

about conservation of the marine environment, explained Chief Tourism Officer Raymond Mossiah of the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations. Belize has 878 food and beverage establishments, which can market their service to the discerning traveler by displaying their sustainability seal. But the restaurant must not set its premium price beyond the reach of the low budget traveler or backpacker, Mossiah cautioned.

Consumers benefit by knowing their fish is fully traceable from the sea to their table, Oceana's executive director Janelle Chanona emphasized.

In the past, Belizeans often caught their fish themselves. Now, Belize is at the forefront of this cutting edge technology, which allows buyers halfway around the globe to verify the species by simply scanning a QR code on the packaging. The QR code also gives the consumers access to a website where they can see video showing when, how and where the fish was caught, the name of the fisherman and the name of the boat, the port where the fish was landed and how it was processed and packaged.

This traceability only became possible with the help of several international partners.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) introduced the Tally system on the fishing boats of the National Fishermen's Cooperative as part of the Belize Spiny Lobster Fisheries Improvement Project in May 2019, TNC's James Foley declared. Video cameras were installed on participating fishing vessels to record the fish as it was caught, with GPS coordinates to record where it was caught and the port where it was landed. This made incomplete data, as TNC was only recording 30 percent of the total lobster harvest nationwide, until the Northern Fishermen's Cooperative began participating in 2021. This allowed for 70 percent of Belize's total lobster catch to be recorded.

The programme was first established to encourage restaurants to serve seafood which has been responsibly caught and to offer fishermen an incentive to avoid using destructive gear. The Wildlife Conservation Society WCS has been using Spatial Monitoring And Reporting Tool (SMART) to monitor the effectiveness of enforcement patrols in marine protected areas.

This required the launch of a vessel monitoring system (VMS), which could track fishing boats with a solar-powered, rechargeable transceiver and a geographic positioning system to give the vessel's precise location. After much testing to find the best suitable equipment, the WCS bought the equipment to launch the VMS system in Belize in June 2020, deploying units on 70 sailboats and nine skiffs, Julio Maaz of the WCS explained. The VMS units were of rugged construction with a 10-year service life, requiring zero maintenance, at a cost of USD\$580 each, and a monthly data transmission cost of USD\$30 each. They included an SOS button the fishermen could press in emergencies, which also helped to improve their safety. The WCS has responded to 10 distress calls since then, including five piracy attacks, a vessel run aground, engine problems and a shark attack! The WCS had bought 68 more units,

which it plans to deploy on more vessels.

SMART technology has also helped the Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association (TASA) and the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment to better patrol the protected areas they manage. TIDE has been using SMART for over 10 years, as TIDE's marine protected areas manager Ryan Moore affirmed.

New portable kits for polymerase catalyst reaction (PCR) testing has also helped fight the illegal international trade of endangered species, where the fishermen have removed the patch of skin required by law, Demian Chapman of the Mote Marine laboratory explained. Illegal species could be identified by DNA testing of the flesh and fish parts, but sampling and transporting suspect product back to a laboratory for testing can be unwieldy and time-consuming. Swift enforcement required bringing DNA out of the lab, which became possible with PCR testing, allowing illegal catch to be identified in port. This helps Belize comply with the United Nations Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES).

There's still much work to be done, as the Belize Fisheries Department strives to monitor the harvesting of lobster, conch, sharks, sea cucumber, finned fish, crab fisheries and the now developing deep sea fishing, Fisheries officer Kenneth Esquivel said. Belize's fisheries data has been recorded from the 1940's but it was done with pen and paper. Older records need to be digitized, and some data already digitized has been lost when computers crashed. There is also a need to establish a standard recording system for all the different agencies, which presently use different software platforms, which are not necessarily compatible with each other. A standardized software would make for better information sharing and protection of marine resources for long term sustainability.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

BY ORDER of Chargees, Messrs. Alpha Gamma Financial Services Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Fernando Molina, will sell the following properties:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Being the freehold properties of
San Pedro	7	5906 (915.37 sq. yds.)	5906GOA3208 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5907 (899.22 sq. yds.)	5907GOA4209 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5908 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5908GOA4210 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5909 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5909GOA4211 Inc.

TOGETHER with all buildings thereon in one lot by way of public auction onsite on Monday, 18th July, 2022 at 1PM.

Total Land Area: 2,647.93 SQ. YDS.

Buildings & improvements: Parcel #5906 - 4 Buildings, two-storey - 887 sq.ft & 140 sq. ft. of external porch, each.
Parcel #5907 - two-storey building - 3,926 sq.ft. & 737 sq. ft. of external porch.
Parcel #5908 & #5909 - two-storey building - 5137 sq. ft. and a single storey building - 983 sq. ft.

All these parcels of land are a portion of Mahogany Bay Subdivision situate on Ambergris Caye, Belize. The development has a series of canals with each lot having canal frontage.



TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

Bids may also be submitted via email by no later than 17th July, 2022

For further particulars on the properties, please contact:

Email: bids@beacon-auctions.com

Tel: 610-0919

Imports up 44.6%, Trade Deficit grows 53.9% - SIB



Statistician Ronald Orellana

By William Ysaguirre

Belize's imports grew by 44.6 percent to \$1.099 billion for the period January to May 2022, when compared to the \$761 million imported in the first five months of 2021, but exports over the same period only grew by 11.7 percent to \$192 million. This caused our trade deficit to grow 53.89 percent to \$590 million for the same five-month period, statistician Ronald Orellana reported for the Statistics Institute of Belize (SIB) at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City on Wednesday morning, June 29.

Belize's fuel bill more than doubled to \$178 million for those first five months, \$92.2 million more than last year, a combined effect of higher world market prices and larger amounts of fuel. Gasoline imports increased to \$48.3 million in 2022, from \$24.5 million in 2021, kerosene jet fuel rocketed from \$4.6 million last year to \$22.4 million this year, while imports of bucker C fuel oil exploded from \$200,000 imported last year, to \$47.7 million this year. LPG gas imports similarly ballooned from \$7.1 million to \$13.1 million this year. Diesel imports went from \$29.4 million in 2021 to \$35.3 million this year, and premium gas imports rose from \$7.1 million last year to \$13.3 million this year.

Imports of machinery, air-conditioning units, tractor parts, and excavators, rose 52.7 percent to \$221.3 million. Commercial free zone imports of clothing, shoes, handbags and cigarettes went up 63.8 percent to \$155 million, and other manufactured goods went up 29.5 percent to \$233 million. Imports of

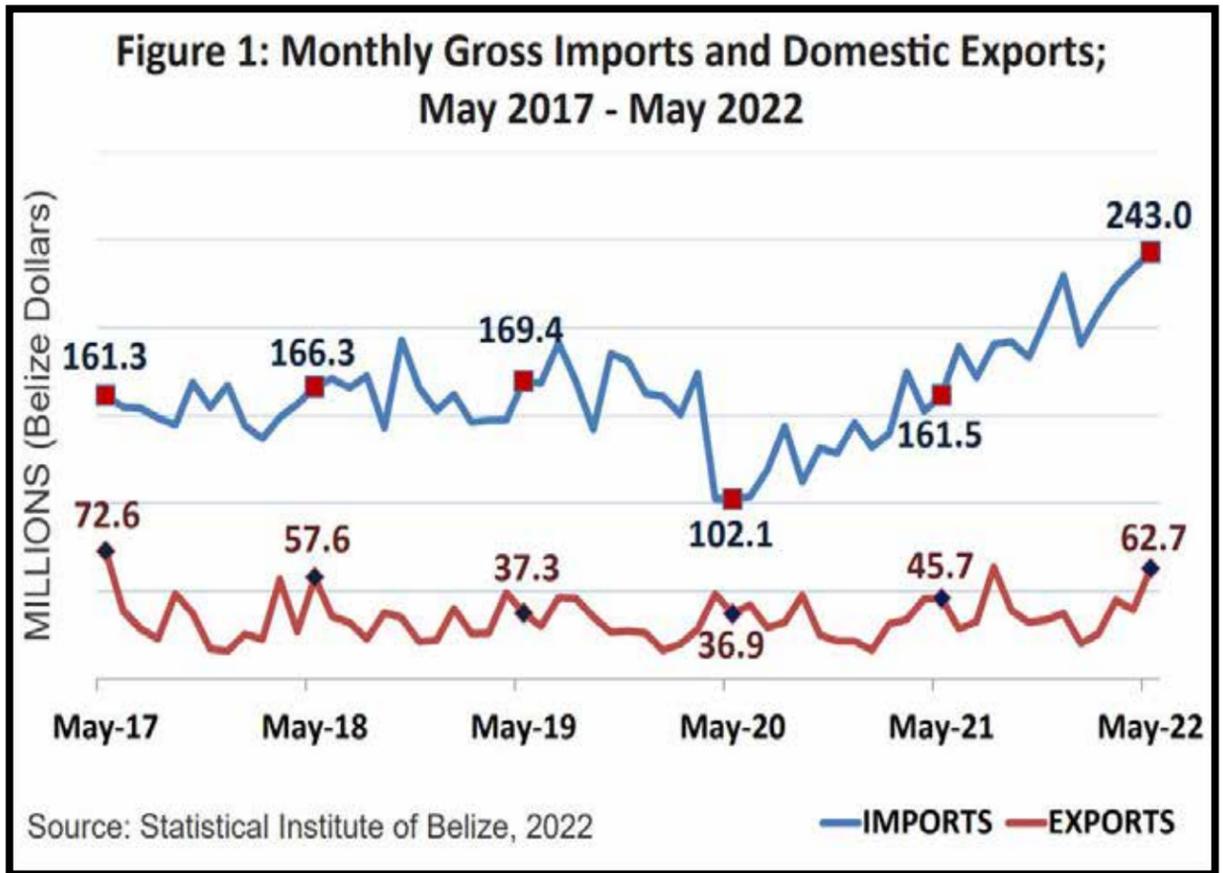
other chemical products such as fertilizers and COVID-19 vaccines increased by 49.7 percent to \$126 million.

Food imports of grain, margarine and canned meats went up 19.6 percent to \$116 million. Imports of rolled steel for designated processing areas increased 42.2 percent to \$19.1 million, while imports of beer and tobacco increased 45 percent to \$20.5 million.

Belize exports totaled \$192 million for January to June 2022, a 11.7 percent increase on the \$171.9 million exported in the first five months of 2021. Animal feed exports almost doubled in value from \$11.5 million in 2021 to \$22.7 million this year. Molasses exports rose 119 percent from \$4.6 million last year to \$10.1 million this year. Marine products such as lobster tails and conch increased 32 percent to \$18.5 million, due to better world prices. Citrus exports also showed a 16 percent increase to \$20.8 million, and Belize exported 98,000 barrels more crude oil than last year, a \$1.5 million value.

The late start of the sugar cane crop this year delayed sugar exports which were a \$53 million value, 13.6 percent or \$8.4 million less than last year. Banana exports also fell by \$2.5 million or 6.7 percent, to \$34 million this year.

Our exports to Mexico tripled from \$1.2 million to \$3.7 million, and to Central America more than doubled from \$12.4 million to \$26.8 million. Exports to the United States also increased from \$24.5 million last year to \$33.1 million this year. Exports to the European Union fell off by \$6.1 million to \$38.7 million and exports to the United Kingdom were also down by \$6.9 million compared to last year, to \$47.4 million.



PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & ASSETS

ROBERT'S GROVE BEACH RESORT, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the Receiver, Robert's Grove Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the properties known as Robert's Grove Beach Resort. Sale currently running until 31st August 2022. Public Auction Sale/s will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until the resort is sold.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Placencia North	36	3641, 3642, 3257, 3259, 3260, 3261, 3262, 3263, 3264, 3265, 3266, 3267, 3268, 3269, 3271, 3281, 3284, 3286

(Being the following improvements/developments:
Main Two Level Administration/Studio Building, Ocean view Apartment Suites (A, B & C), Workers Quarters, Habanero Restaurant and Bar, Outdoor Bar & Patio, Swimming Pool and Court, Beachfront Spa and massage parlor, Laundry House, Back Office Building/Bedroom, Marina Generator House, Bicycle Shed, Gazebo, Gymnasium Building, Sweet Mama's Restaurant, Beachfront Pier, Staff Quarters, Dive Shop Building, Office/Storeroom Timber Building, Main Warehouse, Garage Shed Building, Carpentry Shop Building, Staff Quarters, The Marina, RG Generator House, Manager Residence, Fuel Station & Storage Tanks

TOGETHER with approximately 13 acres of land including eighteen (18) parcels, the freehold properties of Messrs. Robert's Grove Limited)

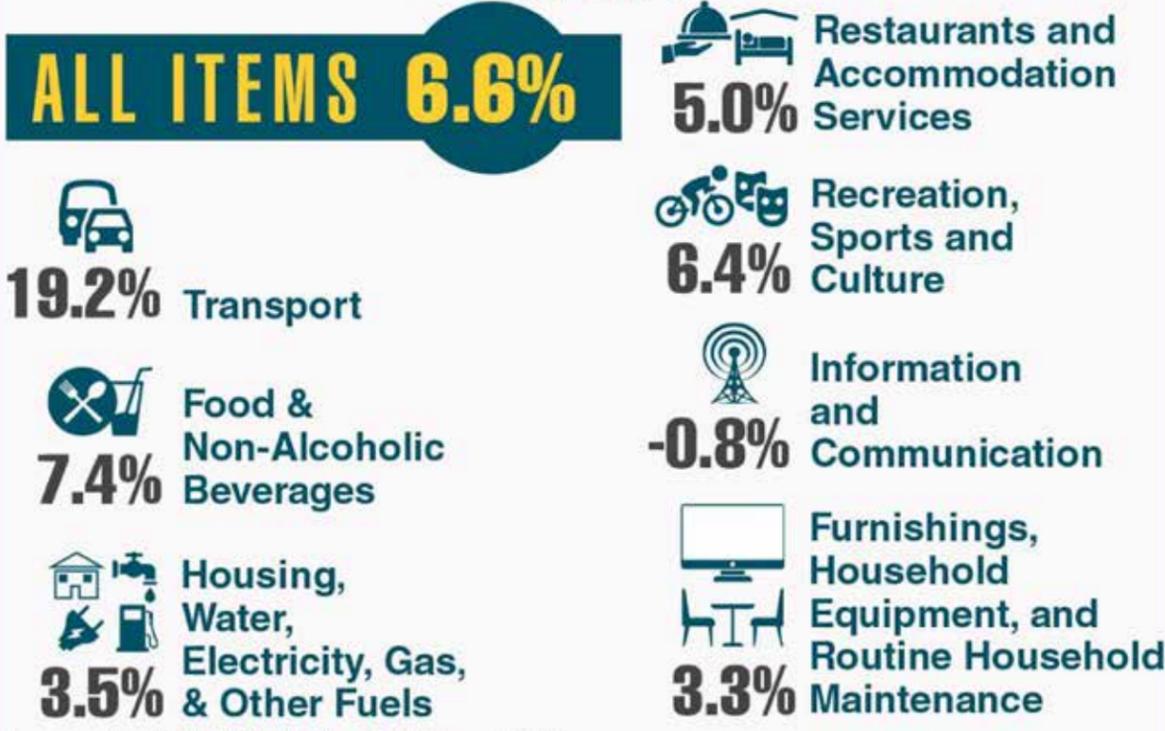
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SIB reports 6.6% Inflation

By William Ysaguirre

Figure 2: Inflation Rates for Selected Major Categories; May 2022



Source: Statistical Institute of Belize, 2022

Higher prices on food, cooking gas, transportation and fuel for vehicles drove up the cost of living by 6.6 percent in May 2022, when compared to 2021. Statistician Melvin Perez of the Statistics Institute of Belize (SIB) presented the numbers at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City on Wednesday morning, June 29.

The Institute derived this rate of inflation from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) the SIB compiles of the prices Belizeans normally pay for fuel, food, drinks, utilities and housing, which increased by 6.6 percent from 103.1 in May 2021 to 109.9 for May 2022. The cumulative inflation for January to May was 5.3 percent more than the first five months of 2021.

Transportation costs increased 19.2 percent in May 2022, compared to 2021, as fuel went up 27 percent! Diesel hiked up 32.4 percent from \$10.21 to \$13.52 per gallon. Premium shot up 30.2 percent from \$11.45 to \$13.52, and regular gasoline went up 25.8 percent from \$10.81 to \$13.60. The price of a new car went up 6.1 percent. Bus fares, water taxi and land taxi fares all went up by 13.8 percent. Butane went up 26.3 percent, as the price of a 100lb cylinder rose from \$114.08 to \$144.14.

Food prices went up 7.4 percent overall for the month of May compared to May 2021. Pigtail went up 50.3 percent from \$5.05 per pound to \$7.59. Watermelons went up 36.3 percent to 83 cents/pound, vegetable oil went up by 40.9 percent to \$5.15 per liter, and coconut oil by 16.4 percent to \$14.99 per liter. Tomato prices hiked up 28.4 percent to \$2.76 per pound, up from \$1.82! Irish potatoes went up 24 percent, from \$1.91 to \$2.37 per pound. Rice went up 12.6 percent, from \$1.38 to \$1.56 per pound, and whole chicken by 5.4 percent to \$3.04/lb. Oranges went up 18.8 percent, flour – 7.2 percent and pineapples by 7.1 percent. Cabbages increased by 75.6 percent to \$2.16/lb, and sweet peppers went up 8.9 percent to \$3.58/lb. Only red kidney beans came down 8.1 percent to \$1.91/lb, and black beans got 4.9 percent cheaper - \$2.01/lb. The increase in food prices averaged 5.4 percent from January to May 2022, compared to the first five months of last year.

Household maintenance costs went up, as the prices for construction materials increased 14.3 percent, and cleaning supplies, laundry soaps, and detergents increased 8 percent, only electricity rates fell slightly by 1.1 percent. Restaurant and accommodation rates went up 5.0 percent, even recreation costs showed a 6.4 percent increase, as cinemas increased their entrance fees. While Information and communication devices and services were reduced in cost by 0.8 percent.

Orange Walk Town remained the most expensive place to live with a 9.7 percent inflation rate, Punta Gorda Town was second with 7.3 percent inflation, and Corozal – 6.7 percent inflation. Belize City and Benque Viejo reported a 6.5 percent increase, while Dangriga and San Ignacio living costs went up 6.0 percent. The lowest inflation rate was in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye – 5.6 percent.





Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:
Customs Broker
at Belize City location

The **Customs Broker** is responsible to analyze and prepare customs documentation and ensure that shipments meet all applicable laws and regulations to facilitate the import and exports of goods. This role is also responsible to support logistics operations for delivery of goods.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Minimum Associates Degree in General Studies, Business Administration or Management
- Must be a Certified/Licensed Customs Broker and a member in good standing of the Belize Customs Brokers Association
- Hold a Valid Belize Driver License
- Fluent in Spanish is an asset

Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Demonstrate ability to work independently and be a team player
- Adaptable, dependable and organized
- Ability to multitask and prioritize tasks and able to deliver on an urgency level
- Excellent negotiating skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication and relationship skills to deal with third party agencies
- Advanced skills in Microsoft Suite
- Minimum 2 years previous experience as a Customs Broker

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Examine product information to ensure compliance with local regulations
- Prepare customs entry and arrange for payment of taxes and duties on shipments/calculate duties and tariffs applicable for payment
- Prepare and process import and export documentation according to customs regulation, laws and procedures
- Coordinate with local agents to monitor and trace all incoming shipments via air, road or ocean and update end users

Application Form along with a Résumé and two references should be submitted to:

Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk
Or email
HR.Belize@asr-group.com



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JULY 18, 2022



FAO trains 32 teachers for Schools Feeding program

By William Ysaguirre



Teachers get hands on cooking training

Thirty-two cooks, teachers and principals of seven rural primary schools in Biscayne, Santa Martha, Chan Chen, San Joaquin, Lucky Strike, Guinea Grass, and St. Peter's Anglican Primary Schools are learning how to improve school menus and food safety for their students through hands-on training provided by the Resilient School Feeding program, in partnership with the Ministry of Education's Healthy Start School Feeding program.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is implementing the Resilient School Feeding program, as one of three sub-projects of the "Cooperation for adaptation and resilience to climate change in the Caribbean," which is funded by Mexico's International Development Cooperation Agency (AMEXCID) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) secretariat.

The program recognizes that a healthy diet is key to children's learning, and healthy school meals help to ensure that students get the proper nutrition to help them to stay focused, energized and ready to learn. For this, the cooks received instruction in nutrition theory to create healthy menus and participated in practical training about food safety. They reinforced their knowledge of food safety techniques as they cooked recipes from the school feeding menu, which is being developed under the project. They also learnt to use menus to plan the school's grocery lists, and to better predict their kitchen needs for farm products, as they improved their relations with local farmers.

The sustainable school feeding model of the project follows the FAO-Brazil Technical Cooperation and other FAO frameworks. These include Belize's home-grown School Feeding Framework, with Belize's Ministries of Education and Agriculture taking the lead.

The project aims to promote healthy diets provided for the school children, with foods grown by local farmers. It is also helping to improve the kitchen facilities in selected primary schools in Belize, while educating both staff and students about eating healthy for proper nutrition. The project is also helping the schools to establish school gardens, and increasing small farmers' capacity and that of farmers' cooperatives to be a part of the Government's national Healthy Start feeding program, by linking small producers to schools in their community.

FAO representative in Belize, Dr. Crispim Moreira, said the project offers an opportunity to build the schools' capacity to deliver healthier meal choices for their students, using local produce whilst also ensuring proper food safety practices. These were two areas that FAO and its partners were keen to support in order to promote food security.

The Resilient School Feeding program has had ongoing activities which began with online training for the participants in March. Senior Public Health Inspector Ms. Sanchez-Marin gave the participants a refresher course in food safety. They also got an overview of the basics in child nutrition and an introduction to healthy school feeding recipes from nutritionist Doris Sutherland. The project has also conducted stakeholder sessions to examine how the needs of small farmers can best be addressed in the sub-project and beyond.



Belize Electric Company (BECOL)

Tender Notice for the Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Belize Electric Company (BECOL) located at 72 George Price Highway, San Ignacio, Cayo, hereby invites bids from the general public for the purchase of the following vehicles.

2013 Toyota Hilux Pick-up Truck, 4Cyl, 3.0L Diesel, Mileage (268,497km)
2014 Mahindra Pik-Up Truck, 4Cyl, 2.5L Diesel, Mileage (135,684km)

The vehicles will be sold "As Is". Interested parties can contact BECOL's Operation Supervisor during normal working hours to make arrangement to view motor vehicles.

Bids should be email to bids@becol.com.bz or submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for purchase of Motor vehicle (Insert: Vehicle year/make/model)", no later than **30-June-2022** and addressed to:

Finance Manager
Belize Electric Company
Mile 72 George Price Highway
P.O Box. 87
San Ignacio

Interested parties can call 610-9770 or email bids@becol.com.bz for additional information.



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Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals
to submit applications for the post of:
Security Officer
at Big Creek, Stann Creek District

The **Security Officer** forms part of a team of Security Professionals whose responsibilities is to watch over and protect BSI's property and various threats. This includes static, patrol, and escort security functions within the Company. The Security Officer must be able to obtain certification in ISPS Code and other port regulations.

Qualifications and Experience:

- High School Diploma
- Holder of a valid Class A driver's license
- Be able to operate standard transmission and 4x4 type off-road vehicles
- Possess Security, Police or Military background and/or equivalent skills

Skills and Competencies:

- Ability to adapt to new technologies
- Excellent written & communication skills
- Team oriented/ possess interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of smart phones, camera and GPS technology
- Be physically fit and able to stand long hours in all types of weather conditions
- Must be able to legally carry and use firearms during course of duties
- Able to work flexible hours (shift, weekends & holidays)
- Computer literate (Microsoft Suite)

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Implement/ enforce Access Control Procedures at the Entry Control Points (ECPs).
- Conduct patrols to ensure the well-being of employees and protect the company's assets within the Big Creek Port.
- Report to assigned post and perform all duties diligently
- Respond and report to all accidents/ incidents that affect the Company
- Perform any other assigned duties

Letters of application accompanied by a résumé, police record and two reference letters should be submitted to:

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Or email
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ComPol provides details of latest drug plane that landed in rural Toledo

By Michelle Sutherland

Local authorities in Belize believed that a group of drug runners were able to use a mixture of bicycles, boats, and even a nearby river to ferry out a huge amount of cocaine that landed on a drug plane just after dawn on Sunday morning in an off-beaten path, in the Toledo District.

Reports are that the Beechcraft King Air 90, which has the capacity to carry one ton, appeared to have eased down and landed in a clear strip of forest near Sunday Wood Village in the Toledo district just

before daybreak on Sunday.

After days of requests for an interview, the Commissioner of Police finally granted the media one on Wednesday. He commented, "On Saturday evening or Saturday night, we had received information about a track coming out of South America saying that it may be coming our way. Based on the information that we had received, we deployed our troops which comprises of police and BDF to different locations as we would normally

do. Sometime after 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, we received information from our Mexican counterparts that the plane may have landed in the area of Sunday Woods, that's a village in the Toledo District."

Williams said that acting on this latest development the team of BDF and police had to be re-deployed to the area. However, due to it being extremely rugged terrain, the team was not able to make it to the location until 2:00 p.m on Sunday evening, which was only possible with the



location they only found the burnt remains of the empty aircraft, as well as several bicycles. He said that they suspect that the bicycles were used by the drug runners to traverse a small road to get to the location. While Williams claimed that additional items were also found on the scene, he refused to go into details of what those were.

What he did reveal was that he suspect that the plane's cargo was drugs and that it had been unloaded and possibly taken by boat through the nearby Temash River and out to the Caribbean Sea en route to Guatemala. While Williams maintains that a team of police and BDF had conducted searches in the area in the hopes of finding evidence of the drugs, those have been fruitless so far.

Drug plane abandoned in rural Toledo

assistance of the BDF airwing which had conducted a flyover of the area and led

them to the location. According to Williams, when the team arrived at the



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STATUTORY NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **HOWARD TOWNSEND OLDHAM**, deceased, late of Mile 58 George Price Highway, Cayo District who died at No. 13821 Padon Road, Needville, Texas 77461 U.S.A. on the 19th day of June A.D., 2021 without leaving a will, in whose estate Grant of Administration No. 106/2022 has been granted to **WILANA OLDHAM** of Mile 58 George Price Highway, Cayo District should lodge such claims or demands with the said Wilana Oldham c/o Barrow & Williams LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, No.84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said **HOWARD TOWNSEND OLDHAM**, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Administrator shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 13th day of June, 2022

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
Wilana Oldham



Public Utilities Commission



Press Release

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Water Industry Act, the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the **Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) 2022 Annual Review Proceedings Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”).

On May 3, 2022, BWSL made a submission for an Annual Review Proceeding under Article 27 of SI 67 of 2002 citing that they faced Exceptional Circumstances in its execution of its Business Plan with the financial effects caused by COVID-19. In its Submission, the Company claimed that rising input prices and lower sales revenues had resulted in an accelerating in the Mean Water Rate (MWR), and therefore requested the Commission approve an increase in revenue yields of 5% by changing the tariff structure and adding a fixed charge to non-residential customers.

On June 2, 2022, the Commission made a determination that BWSL has scope to grow its business and lower its cost structure thereby maintaining the MWR below the currently approved \$17.49 per 1,000 gallons.

On June 30, 2022, after receiving no objections from its Initial Decision, the Commission made a Final Decision that reaffirmed its Initial Decision that the Tariffs, Fees and Charges levied by BWSL should remain unchanged for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025, as follows:

Service Classification: Branches:	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2025			
	Water Only Mainland	Water and Sewer Belize, Belmopan	Water and Sewer San Pedro	Water Only Caye Caulker
Consumption Blocks:				
0 - 1,000	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46
1,001 - 2,000	13.95	18.02	30.22	26.98
2,001 - 3,000	15.12	19.76	32.54	29.61
3,001 - 4,000	15.69	20.92	34.87	32.50
4,001 - 5,000	16.27	22.09	37.19	35.67
5,001 - 6,000	17.44	23.25	44.17	39.14
6,001 - 7,000	18.60	23.82	52.31	42.96
7,001 - 8,000	19.17	24.41	58.11	47.15
>8,000	19.76	24.99	63.93	51.75
Minimum Bill for Consumption less than 1,000 US Gallons	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46

The Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at #4 Princess Margret Drive, 2nd Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, or on the PUC website at www.puc.bz.

END



Public Utilities Commission



Public Notice

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that on June 30, 2022, it made the **Belize Electricity Limited 2022 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”) for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

Summary of the Final Decision:

- The Commission approved various adjustments to Cost of Power, Regulated Asset Value (RAV) and other Regulated Values approved for the Full Tariff Period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024. There has been no adjustments to any other previously approved Tariffs, Fees and Charges.
- The Commission approved a Mean Electricity Rate (MER) of \$0.3999 per kilowatt-hour, which is unchanged from the previous approved MER in the 2021 ATRP Final Decision. As a result, there will be no change in rates payable by consumers.
- The Commission approved the following Tariffs to be applied for the Annual Tariff Period (ATP) of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024:

Schedule 6
Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)
Approved Tariffs for Full Tariff Period (FTP) - July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024

Customer Class	Service Type/ Consumption Block	Rate/Tariff \$/Mth; \$/KVA; \$/KWhr
Social	0 - 60 KWhrs Minimum Charge	0.22 5.00
Residential	0 - 50 KWhrs 51 - 200 KWhrs > 200 KWhrs Minimum Charge	0.33 0.38 0.43 10.00
Commercial 1	0 - 50 KWhrs 51 - 200 KWhrs > 200 KWhrs Minimum Charge	0.33 0.38 0.43 10.00
Commercial 2	Service Charge 0-10,000 KWhrs 10,001-20,000 KWhrs > 20,000 KWhrs	150.00 0.41 0.39 0.38
Industrial 1	Service Charge Demand (KVA) Energy	250.00 35.82 0.30
Industrial 2	Service Charge Demand (KVA) Energy	250.00 23.00 0.26
Street Lights	Energy	0.45

Viewing of Final Decision:

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Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on June 30, 2022

No Excuses

The British Legacy Pt. I

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With reference to Sedi's Nostalgia I wish to add my two cents:

Belize has been run after the British system for some five centuries, a system that evolved from as far back as for thousands of years. Belize as a country has known no other system. Prior to British occupation, the earlier occupants, the Olmecs and the Mayas lived in a huge geographical area; not specifically Belize, which was really established with its distinct boundaries in 1859. All of the other British colonial dependencies had colonialism imposed on them, but the Belize Settlement actually made a requested to the British to become a colony of Britain.

In ancient Britain the rulers were called Cynan (chief) which gave rise to kings and their wives Quans which became queens. The king owned huge areas of land - too large to be managed and controlled by one man; so he divided the lands into smaller units or earldoms and appointed his trusty agents, who served him in war, to control the different earldoms; hence such agents were titled an Earl (leader). When William the Conqueror successfully took over England, he divided the earldoms into smaller units called shires. He appointed managers of these which he called sheriffs. In France similar areas were called counties and therefore controlled by a Count. William also adopted Count and thus the wife of an Earl was a Countess. A deputy Count was called a vice-count which gave rise to Viscount. Eventually they developed a hierarchical order of King/Queen, then Prince/Princess, then Duke/Duchess, then Marquee/Marchioness, then Earl/Countess, Viscount/Viscountess and Baron/Baroness. These rankings were referred to as the Nobility (Aristocracy) in contrast to the 'ordinary folks' who were the common people or Commoners. Of course in this latter group, individuals could elevate their status somewhat: Esquire (owner of some land), Lord/Lady, Knight/Dame as middle to upper class but not up to nobility, the highest of which is

royalty and which is inherited. In France it was the Aristocrats versus the common people; in Ancient Rome it was the Patricians (Aristocrats) versus the Plebeians (common people). Indeed the Latin word vulgar means a crowd and the vast majority of any population is the common people. Such people were the poorer class which were allowed to work the king's lands (thus crown lands) and they had to pay the king taxes for this privilege! They were less educated and their behavior was often dubbed as vulgar (which now has a negative connotation).

The present Parliamentary Democratic System never existed of old. As Britain grew in strength, with the greatest navy of the day, she became less barbaric than the other vicious peoples of Europe. But she still displayed much cruel cultural behavior such as decapitation (cut off people's heads) in the tower of London and later on the tradition of executing convicted criminals in a fashion of having "hanged, drawn and quartered". Here the convict was publicly hanged and the executioner would then rip apart his torso vertically and horizontally (quarter) and would then insert his hand and pull out the entrails dripping with blood and hold them up for the crowd witnessing the whole gory ordeal. It was then reduced to just hanging of the convicted for premeditated first degree murder. This was especially so in the case of a 'murdered' police officer for which one would be hanged. It was considered that the police officer was a state representative who was murdered.

That is why our Nora Parham was hanged. Accordingly, they found her guilty because the victim was a police officer. The entire country: man, woman and child were vehemently opposed to it. But the butcherly colonial government hanged her anyway. Another fellow Hani Robinson was also hanged when he was convicted of killing a young recruit police officer.

Britain, other Europeans, their cousins and descendants, robbed, raped, pillaged, exploited, enslaved and murdered other people to enrich themselves. They then

used the ill-gotten wealth to develop the classical arts: music, art, sculpture, poetry and prose, symphony, the theatre, plays etc., and declared a renaissance. They then turned around and classified themselves as civilized, while those that they pillaged and impoverished, as being uncivilized. They even used the term faith in their religion but superstition in the "uncivilized" world.

Their civil service is a highly professional and efficient organization. And that is somewhat what Belize was under British rule: no corruption in the police force, no hustling in the civil service at that time.

The British in particular went on to invent a word that was distinctly not meant for white people but for other non-Caucasoid people, in particular the Africans and the Native Americans. That word is SAVAGE. Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Aikman, Mengele were dubbed other names, e.g. Mengele the physician under Hitler was called the Angel of Death but never savage.

Now in France the common people became so fed up with the Aristocracy that they stormed the Bastille, took over the state and cut off the heads of the aristocrats, and formed a republican system in which the leader and others were elected by the people. The word Republic is derived from the Latin: "res" meaning "things" and "publica" meaning "the public," hence res-publica - public things or public affairs. When this set of events took place in France, the British not wishing for the same fate, decided to allow the common people to vote for their leaders and hence the leader of the majority was appointed the Prime Minister (first servant of the people) by the King/Queen, the minority leader became the Leader of the Opposition and they sit in the "House of Representatives" (the Peoples' House or the House of Commons Representatives) where they would "parley" or "jostle" or argue back and forth: hence Parliament. Even then in Britain they still have an Upper House of Parliament that is appointed but made up of the upper crust of the society, the lords, as the House of Lords. These look at the "Bills" not laws passed by the House of

Commons. The House of Lords when they approved these bills, they are taken to the King/Queen to sign before they become laws. This is true democracy (Demo in Greek means the people) i.e. the people's choice. In this writer's view, this is one of the best systems in the world.

As a country that had the greatest Empire in the world, its system was able

the people but then they provide free education up to University level so that their citizens are well trained and skillful; free health care even for dental care and eye care with glasses etc. Their civil service is a highly professional and efficient organization. And that is somewhat what Belize was under British rule: no corruption in the police force, no hustling in the civil service at that time. At that time there were no gangs, murders were rare (one maybe two for the whole year). Instead of joining gangs, young people joined the Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Brigades, Cubs and Brownies (little Scouts and Guides). There were about six marching bands: Police Band, Home Guard Band, LEC band, Colonial Band, Imperial Band plus Majorettes Band, Minorets Bands, Brigade Band. The primary school bands included: Holy Redeemer Band, Ebenezer Band, St. Ignatius Band etc. There were singing

groups viz: The Colville Young Singers, the Edison Staine's Harlem Chorus. The literacy rate was the highest in the Caribbean! There was no segregation in schools like in America where blacks generally have the worst schools. In the British system everyone took the identical external GCE exams in the entire Commonwealth; including Britain herself. The Baron Bliss Institute held cultural plays and dances regularly. So it was back then. During self-government and independence, Price was not careful and he threw out the baby with the bathwater!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Bank Announces New Access to its Premises

Belize City, 27 June 2022: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) advises that effective, **Monday, 4 July 2022**, visitors will now be required to use its Marine Parade entrance when conducting business at its headquarters.

As a result, access to the compound from the Gabourel Lane entrance will be discontinued at the close of business on Friday, 1 July 2022. The transition to the new entrance at Marine Parade is a procedural change that seeks to ensure the safety and security of staff and lawful visitors to the Central Bank.

The Central Bank remains committed to assuring financial system stability and, in so doing, serving the Belizean public and business community.

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Belize & Mexico partner in Tourism development

By William Ysaguirre

Belize and Mexico are to partner in tourism development, Mexico's Secretary of Tourism Miguel Torruco Marquez announced when Mexico's Embassy in Belize hosted a press conference at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza hotel in Belize City on Monday afternoon, June 27.

Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations Hon. Anthony Mahler and Belize Tourism Board Director Evan Tillett had identified hospitality training for hotel staff as one key area in which Mexico could assist Belize, when they met with Torruco Marquez at the BTB headquarters earlier that morning. Mexico has over 400 hotel management training institutes, Marquez Torruco affirmed.

Minister of Transport, Youth and Sports Hon. Rodwell Ferguson also discussed ways that our two nations might partner to attract more visitors, when he met with Torruco Marquez and Mexico's Ambassador Martha Zamarripa Rivas at the Embassy in Belmopan on Sunday evening. The international airport in Chetumal has been completely modernized and expanded, Torruco Marquez cited.

Secretary Marquez Torruco led a high-level delegation of tourism officials and tourism operators and professionals to Belize on the first stop of Mexico's "Operation Doorknocker" and "Revisiting Origins" initiative. Mexico is now the world's second most



Minister of Tourism Anthony Mahler with Secretary Torruco Marquez

popular tourism destination, second only to France, he said, and Mexico expects to receive 42.2 million visitors this year, who will be spending USD \$25.3 billion. Other destinations around the world will also continue to recover, but he anticipated that Mexico will remain among the top six.

Mexico never cancelled its roadshow to promote their destination; they simply took their marketing strategy online. They have adjusted to the new post pandemic realities, that now 75 percent of visitors book their holidays online, compared to only 55 percent before

COVID.

As Belize is a part of the Mundo Maya, Torruco Marquez invited Belize's tourism operators to integrate Mexico's \$8 billion "Tren Maya" project into their promotions. The Maya train project's closest terminals to Belize will be in Chetumal and perhaps with an extension to Bacalar, he explained. The Tren Maya terminal in Chetumal is to be built on the traditional site of the annual Expoferia, scheduled for October this year.

Mexico was the world's seventh most popular tourism destination in 2018, attracting 41.3 international visitors, Marquez told 70 Belizean tourism operators and professionals in his "Asi is Mexico" (Mexico's like That) presentation at the Biltmore Hotel. The tourism industry earned 8.6 percent of Mexico's Gross Domestic Product in 2019, providing employment for youths and women. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's administration is using tourism as an instrument of social transformation, to benefit the communities within the tourism zone, he added.

Tourism is rapidly recovering in the Mexico's Riviera Maya and Costa Maya, which received 14,889,834 visitors last year, compared to 22,858,402 visitors in 2019, Quintana Roo's Undersecretary for Planning and Tourism Development Andrés Gerardo Aguilar Becerril explained. The region was not as hard hit when the pandemic hit, thanks to President AMLO's decision to not entirely close off air travel, and with proper health protocols and a vaccination program, Mexico's number of visitors fell by only 46 percent, when the world saw an average 73 percent decrease, and other destinations lost 84 to 94 percent of their visitors. Mexico received 10,917,629 visitors in 2020.

Torruco Marquez's delegation includes decision makers from Mexico's public and private sectors of tourism, and they are out to achieve results, he pledged. He said he is on a mission to reduce the bureaucracy and red tape which might limit tourism development, although he acknowledged that Mexico's Tourism secretariat is by no means a one-stop shop.

Belizeans will still have to complete certain paperwork to visit Mexico's interior, Undersecretary Humberto Hernández Haddad explained. Visas are the responsibility of the Governance and Immigration secretariat, which works with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Anti-COVID health protocols are the responsibility of the Health secretariat. When it comes to the phytosanitary regulations for bringing plants and animals into Mexico, the importers will need to see the Agriculture secretariat. When it comes to Customs tariffs and import taxes, that is the responsibility of Mexico's ministry of finance.

"Operation Doorknocker" is an initiative to promote the tourism sectors of Belize and Mexico, Ambassador Martha Zamarripa Rivas enthused. "We need to bring tourists from Mexico to Belize for them to enjoy unique attractions like the Blue Hole and San Pedro, Ambergris Caye," she said.

Mexico is also on a program to digitize businesses to facilitate e-commerce, and to market tourism services online, explained Jose Hector Tejada Shaar, the president of Mexico's Confederation of Chambers of Commerce (CONCANACO) and SERVYTUR. So far, 500 businesses have been digitized, of 4.8 million enterprises which are members of CONCANACO. They are rolling out digitized services to the region, to help other enterprises and governments, he said.

Torruco Marquez's delegation includes the director general for International Promotions - Emmanuel Rey, the director general of Protocol and Tours - Salvador Elizalde Manjarrez, social media director Enrique Avilés, Isla de Mujeres' mayor Atenea Gómez Ricalde, and Othón P. Blanco (Chetumal) mayor Yensunni Idalia Martínez Hernández. Other private sector representatives include ADO general manager Julio García Flores, Soralla Portillo Figueroa of the Médico Joya group, and Daniel Mizrahi Cojab of Med Maya Capital.



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- Hold a Full Secondary level Teacher's License
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- Medical Certificate
- Police Record (*Original*)
- Two (2) recent character references
- Work Permit (*where applicable*)
- Marriage/Divorce Certificate (*where applicable*)

ALL Documents must be certified and any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official English translation. Only applicants who qualify will be invited for interviews. Interested candidates should submit application packages on or before **8 July, 2022** to:

Chairman, Wesley College Board of Management
c/o Methodist District Office
75 Albert Street, Belize City

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TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **DONALD PEAK WAYNE**, deceased of No. 2215 32nd Street Northport, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35475, one of the United States of America died at DCH Regional Center, U.S.A. on the 15th day of March, 2014 in whose estate Grant of Administration with the Will Annexed No. 109/2022 has been granted to **ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED**, of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize should lodge such claims or demands with the said **ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED**, Administrator, c/o Barrow & Williams LLP, Attorneys-at-Law of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said **DONALD PEAK WAYNE** deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Administrator shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 13th day of June 2022

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law
for Alpha Services Limited

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 7/2022

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$83,200,000.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 5 October 2022.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 1 July 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, 6 July 2022.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
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Lucy Helen Ashman and Alpha Services Limited

The Righters Write

Article 13: Freedom of Movement

Contributed by the Human Rights Commission

Taken from “Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70: 30 Articles on 30 Articles”

After the collapse of the Siad Barre regime in Somalia in 1991, conflict and drought forced more than 15 percent of the country’s entire population from their homes. Most of them tried to build new lives in other parts of the country, usually in wretched, unsafe makeshift settlements where they cobbled huts together from discarded detergent cartons and scraps of cloth, and were subject to constant extortion and sexual violence.

Ironically, with relative peace in the capital, Mogadishu, hundreds of thousands of these internally displaced people (IDPs) face a new danger: eviction by land developers’ intent on rebuilding the war-ravaged seaside city.

Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) guarantees freedom of movement. You should be able to travel around your own country and choose where you live.

This right is not absolute. Countries can limit the freedom of people on their territory, such as confining them to their village during an Ebola outbreak, or compel them to leave their homes if, for example, they are threatened by a typhoon or other natural disaster. But there has to be an overriding public interest: it’s unlawful for a dictator to expel people from their homes to build a golf course. And evacuation of civilians during a war cannot be cover for ethnic cleansing.

Derived from Article 13 are the rights of internally displaced people, which are elaborated more fully in the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. They prohibit arbitrary displacement, and say that internally displaced people (IDPs) “have the right to move freely in and out of camps or other settlements,” a principle that was not respected, for example, in the closed IDP camps for Rohingya in Myanmar’s Rakhine State.

Uprooted civilians, 80 percent of whom are women, children and the elderly, should in theory

be protected by their government. However, it is often this very government that caused them to flee in the first place, or is unable to protect them from lawless rebel groups, as has been the case in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, South Sudan and other countries.

“Better to die in a wide field than to decay in a narrow shanty”

–Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

Article 13 underpins the right to seek safety in another part of the country and the right of IDPs to find a lasting solution by returning to where they used to live, settling where they found safety, or settling somewhere else in the country. Somalia has come under international criticism for trying to limit these rights and, for example, trying to force people to return to their original areas rather than allowing them to live where they feel safer.

Ukraine is another country that has been criticized for cumbersome bureaucratic procedures that have effectively stripped up to 900,000 elderly people of their pensions because – through no fault of their own – they ended up on the wrong side of the dividing line in breakaway eastern zones. These pensioners, among the 1.6 million people displaced within Ukraine since the conflict broke out in April 2014, were compelled by government regulations to cross a frontline – in areas infested with landmines – to collect their pensions.

The UN in Ukraine has encouraged the government to separate displacement status from people’s right to collect the pensions they have acquired through a lifetime of hard work, and to facilitate freedom of movement for all civilians.

Displacement is one of the central issues of our time. At the end of 2017, 68.5 million people were forcibly displaced by war, conflict and persecution, displaced at the rate of one every two seconds. This does not include a new and growing category of displaced people – those fleeing climate change.

Entire low-lying island-states, such as the Maldives, Tuvalu, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands, are in danger of being made uninhabitable by climate change – or eventually being submerged entirely. As far back as 2005, the UN Environment Programme reported some 100 villagers in northern Vanuatu had already been forced to relocate inland because of rising sea levels, and called them the world’s first climate change “refugees,” a very loose usage of the legal term. New Zealand has considered creating a new visa category to help Pacific peoples displaced by climate change.

Unlike these people forced to move, there are others who would like to travel freely within their countries but cannot. UN Women says there are 17 countries where, by law, women cannot travel outside their home in the same way as their husbands. Or they face other obstacles to their freedom of movement, such as social or cultural norms—sometimes in the guise of “protecting” them—that may keep them indoors and out of school from childhood.

UN Human Rights chief Michelle Bachelet has encouraged all of us to stand up for these rights. “It is essential that we must continue the work for the full implementation of human rights in a way that improves the lives of men, women and children everywhere,” she said.

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PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF SECURITY GUARD SERVICES – COUNTRYWIDE

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) is in the process of reviewing its Security Services needs and, as a result, is preparing to request tenders for all or any portion of the following Security Guard Service locations for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, with the option to extend to December 31, 2023.

- All BWS offices/facilities countrywide

Interested contractors must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. As a minimum, the following information must be provided as part of this Pre-Qualification of Bidders process:

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| <p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Background and company information (registration, licenses, contacts, etc.) b. Principal owners/shareholders c. CV of management staff d. Principal place of business e. Include 4 or 5 references | <p>3. Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the basic types of equipment used |
| <p>2. Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of security services provided b. List areas of speciality c. List the areas where services are currently offered | <p>4. Recruiting guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recruiting guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Education & relevant skills required ii. Screening process b. Employee Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Methodology & type c. Supervision of employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Methodology/protocol |

Pre-Qualification packages must be delivered in-person (hardcopy) or via email to the address specified below no later than **Friday July 8, 2022 at 10:00am**. Contractors will be shortlisted based on their responsiveness to the information requested above, after which, shortlisted contractors will be issued Tender Packages with further instructions and additional details on the scope of services by July 15, 2022.

Additional information on this request for Pre-Qualification of Bidders, including a complete list of “All BWS office/facilities countrywide”, must be requested in writing to rce@bws.com.bz.

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Can price caps on Russian oil tame the Kremlin? Our experts debate

By Edward Fishman, Brian O'Toole, Mark Mozur, and Charles Lichfield

The uncertainty unleashed by the war in Ukraine has driven up energy prices and allowed Russia to rake in record revenue from its imports. Despite large discounts compared to Western benchmarks, export income has allowed the ruble to appreciate and may help Moscow mitigate against some of the medium- to long-term effects of Western sanctions, including export bans of key technologies.

The West has tried to accelerate its diversification away from Russian energy but can't stop new, non-aligned buyers from stepping in. Even if this were possible, cutting off Russian supply would send energy prices higher still.

Today, at the Group of Seven (G7) nations meeting in Bavaria, Germany, leaders are weighing the pros and cons of capping the price of Russian oil exports, even for buyers in markets that aren't wielding sanctions against Russia. In theory, this could be done unilaterally, via US secondary sanctions, or by imposing specific constraints on the insurance market—an approach which would need to include the United Kingdom and the European Union (EU).

While the United States is pushing for a price cap, consensus is further off than it may seem. Germany wants to maintain US-EU alignment but doubts it can get the measure past all member states. France wants a global cap, applying to all countries' exports, which would require implausible coordination with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

To assist the discussion, the GeoEconomics Center called on three experts (two policymakers and one markets analyst) for their takes on the pros and cons of the cap.

Neutralizing Kremlin profits: The case for price caps

In the first one hundred days of Russia's war against Ukraine, the Kremlin collected nearly one hundred billion dollars by selling energy on global markets. Of this, more than 60 percent was from the sale of crude oil and petroleum products.

This windfall has been Russian President Vladimir Putin's financial lifeline, helping Russia's economy stabilize amid a torrent of international sanctions. With tight global oil markets, crude oil trading at well more than one hundred dollars per barrel, and Western countries grappling with inflation, cutting this lifeline has proven a tough problem to solve—and one that demands creative approaches.

The objective of G7 policy is to cut revenues flowing into Russia, not oil flowing out. If Russian oil supplies can address global demand without benefiting the Kremlin, the West will have crafted a successful policy.

One tried-and-true method of doing this is the approach that's currently being used against Iran: requiring payments for oil sales to flow into escrow accounts outside of the country. This could be viable and deserves careful consideration by the G7. The one potential problem is that it requires compliance by neutral and pro-Russian countries, such as India and China, without giving them a strong positive incentive.

Another approach is to impose a global cap on the price of Russian oil. Such a price could be set at, or close to, Russia's marginal cost of production, ensuring the Kremlin is not profiting from its oil sales. At the same time, Russia would have an incentive to keep exporting oil, since the alternative would be a costly shut-in of production at home and the permanent loss of strategic markets abroad.

The G7 could enforce this price cap with both negative and positive incentives. The negative incentive would be the threat of sanctions: For starters, G7 countries can make it illegal for any bank or company in their jurisdictions to provide material support to shipments of Russian oil that

exceed the price cap. This would give Russia's oil exporters a clear choice: Sell oil at or below the cap—with verifiable proof—or lose access to shipping, insurance, ports, and financial services from G7 member states. They can also threaten secondary sanctions against foreign financial institutions that participate in transactions that violate the price cap. For instance, if a Turkish bank were to make a payment for Russian oil in excess of the cap, it could face sanctions.

The positive incentive would be even more important: the opportunity to buy cheap Russian oil. Buyers in India and elsewhere are already driving hard bargains for Russian oil, which is being sold at a discount to compensate for the risk of sanctions. The price cap and the attendant risk of secondary sanctions would give them substantially more leverage, driving down the price of Russian oil even further and accomplishing the policy goal of curbing Russia's revenues. Unlike most secondary sanctions strategies, in which third countries are compelled to comply with US objectives because of downside risk, the price cap

would also give compliance a major upside. It is thus far more likely to work in practice—even if countries like China, India, and Turkey remain neutral (or even friendly to Putin).

While ideally the price cap would be endorsed by the G7, thereby adding legitimacy to the measure, G7 support is not strictly necessary for the policy to work. In practice, all that's required is a US commitment to implement the policy and enforce secondary sanctions when needed. The aforementioned sanctions on Iran's oil exports—one of the most remarkable successes of modern economic statecraft—were implemented by the United States alone, yet they still had global impact.

The Biden administration should advance a price cap without delay. In parallel, Congress should advance legislation that codifies a process for the cap to be set and enforced. While congressional backing isn't necessary, it would be helpful to provide clarity to energy-market participants and demonstrate US resolve to stick to the policy for as long as it's needed.

—Edward Fishman is a nonresident senior fellow

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY



Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.
Invites qualified and self-motivated individuals to submit applications for the post of:
Harvesting Officer
at Tower Hill, Orange Walk

The **Harvesting Officer** is responsible to supervise the day-to-day activities of the harvesting operation. The position entails overseeing all activities related to harvesting cane: from the burning of fields, loading of trucks and the delivery of the cane to the factory. Harvesting operation includes mechanize and manual cutting of cane. The incumbent will be responsible of keeping records of all harvesting activities and PPE's issued to all employees.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science or related field
- At least 5 years' experience in farming (particular experience in sugar cane would be an asset)
- Must have valid driver's license and an acceptable, safe driving record, and driving habit

Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Capable of using computer systems
- Ability to collaborate with employees, to work with large groups of employees
- Must be a team player with impeccable honesty and integrity
- Be able to motivate others and be proactive
- Maintain a high level of professionalism and confidentiality
- Strong organizational skills
- Knowledge of precise agriculture and Drone technology applicable in mechanized harvesting of sugarcane.
- Excellent leadership skills is required

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Prepare weekly Harvesting program and reports
- Ensure the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures of each activity within the harvesting department
- Supervise all personnel involved in the harvesting operation: field workers, tractor operators and harvester operators
- Report unsafe and unethical practices to Agronomist- Harvesting Supervisor
- Promote health and safety in the workplace. Report and log all accidents that happens during the operation
- Conduct any other task given to him by the Agronomist- Harvesting and Head of department

Letters of application accompanied by a résumé, police record and two reference letters should be submitted to:

Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk
Or email
HR.Belize@asr-group.com



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JULY 7, 2022.

Can price caps on Russian oil tame the Kremlin? Our experts debate



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G7 leaders are discussing the viability of capping the price of Russia oil exports.

at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center and served at the US Department of State as a member of the secretary's Policy Planning Staff.

Messy in practice: The case against price caps

The goal of depressing Russian oil profits while allowing oil supply to reach the world market is admirable—but failure to establish a clear enforcement mechanism would lead to confusion among brokers and cheating. Instead of preserving Russian supply and stabilizing global markets, uneven enforcement would spook an oil market already struggling to adjust to existing sanctions and supply rerouting, pushing prices even higher. Previous enforcement failures on complex measures prove that point: the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program in Iraq in the 1990s and the 2011 sanctions exception regime in Libya both faced rampant cheating and were used illicitly by the targeted regimes to move money out.

The other popular idea—levying massive import tariffs on Russian energy—faces enormous challenges of its own. Tariffs would require that purchasers have the option to buy from alternative sources to force Russia to eat the tariff costs, but sky-high energy costs have already proven that there aren't sufficient alternative oil and gas supplies (for now at least). Tariffs would leave European consumers, not Moscow, to bear the cost burden.

Two alternatives exist, but each features its own drawbacks.

The West could expand its sanctions regime and use primary and secondary sanctions to target Russian energy supplies. This would limit Russian revenues by pushing supply off the market, especially if the market has already "priced in" the possibility of Russian supply disruptions and non-Russian supply increases due to higher global prices. But this would cause further energy price increases in an already high-inflation environment and could increase global recession fears from downward economic growth pressure. And in the worst-case scenario, if the market hasn't accounted for the possibility of disruption, there could be a one-to-one price increase that would make the remaining Russian exports on the market even more profitable.

My preference is to reduce Russia's ability

to benefit from energy exports. Whether or not it's charging importers in rubles, Russia is receiving large amounts of Western currency in exchange for its exports and uses those revenues to prop up the ruble. Therefore, eliminating the convertibility of Russian energy exports would inflict enormous damage on the ruble and create a chilling effect on almost all trade with Russia. The West can use sanctions on Russian banks to eliminate carve-outs for energy-sales payments, preventing conversions to the US dollar, British pound, euro, and Japanese yen. Moscow could opt to run even larger trade surpluses with China, Turkey, and India to rack up yuan, lira, and rupees—but they would not be able to freely exchange those currencies on the open market to prop up the ruble. This option accomplishes the dual goals of keeping Russian energy on markets and restricting Moscow's ability to benefit from sales, while also making enforcement far easier, since Western banks already know how to restrict currency convertibility. To maximize pressure on Russia, convertibility—not prices—should be the West's primary target.

—Brian O'Toole is a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's GeoEconomics Center and worked at the US Department of the Treasury as senior adviser to the director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

The market-friendly solution: Seeking alternative sources

The price cap policy would not put Russia under the immediate fiscal stress many expect, nor can markets be expected to interpret a potential cap the way the Biden administration might want them to. Without the coordinated rationing of Russian oil imports by everyone, including buyers such as India and China, the cap could be a signal for demand to increase outside of markets engaged in sanctioning Russia and for non-Russian supply to decrease (as those suppliers couldn't compete).

Clearly, the measure of this policy's success must be its fiscal impact on Russia. But that battle has already been lost, for this year at least. The Russian Ministry of Finance has already cleared expected oil and gas revenues for this year based on last year's budget projections. To date, it's reporting gross revenues of \$190 billion, of which \$153

billion is attributable to oil and gas. That's even with an appreciated ruble (which means export income converts less favorably). Russia's brazen behavior in reducing gas flows to Europe should be seen in this context: It can do just fine without the additional income.

Russia is already selling oil at a discount. In combination with surging demand, which is three to four times higher than pre-COVID-19 trends would have suggested, the uncertainty around the supply of Russian oil has driven prices up across all benchmarks. Yet Russia's Urals blend is around \$80 per barrel, while the more widely traded Brent is currently assessed at over \$119. The effects of some traders shunning Russian oil, and the EU's progressive ban on seaborne exports, are already at work. A cap would have to push this price further down, to the marginal cost of production at \$45, precisely as global prices rise.

Implementing a cap via insurance markets, which appears to be under discussion, could also distort these markets to the extent that the policy becomes ineffective. If the price of non-Russian crude skyrockets due to some perception of a future shortage, then risking the penalty for violating sanctions may still make economic sense for some insurers (otherwise, they would be issuing enormous liability coverage on oil that is priced well above the current \$119 per barrel). The liability for Russian oil priced above the cap but below market prices would be much lower. Such distortions are not necessarily rare; policymakers simply need to bear in mind that putting the burden of implementation on the insurance market creates a new opening for sanctions evasion.

These daunting knock-on effects should give us pause and make us consider approaches that work with markets, rather than against them. S&P Global data on Russian exports for the month of June now show around 3.9 million barrels per day of seaborne exports, whereas European pipeline imports are around 1.3 million barrels per day. This puts volumes in net crude trade above pre-war levels. A sustainable strategy would require a combination of new sources of supply (which US President Joe Biden's July trip to the Middle East may be aimed at) and market-led demand reduction.



PAHO - As, Covid - 19 cases continue to rise, many are at risk of developing post-COVID condition

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the Americas, with new infections increasing by 13.9% from last week, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director, Carissa F. Etienne has called for countries to prepare their health systems to address the long-term impact of post-COVID condition (commonly known as long COVID), which may impact many in the region.

Estimates suggest that 10-20% of people who have had COVID-19 may go on to experience symptoms, including persistent and severe fatigue, shortness of breath and mental health issues.

And with the Americas reporting over 161 million COVID-19 cases over the past two years, hundreds of thousands of people in the region, if not millions, could potentially be affected.

“The pandemic has surprised us time and time again, and many of its effects will linger for years to come,” the Director said during a media briefing today.

The Director highlighted that those with pre-existing conditions are particularly at risk of post-COVID condition, as are those that smoke and vape, and those who have not been vaccinated.

“The best way to avoid post-COVID condition is by not getting COVID,” she said.

Masking and social distancing are still key tools, particularly in areas of high transmission, and vaccines also have a vital role to play in avoiding the worst consequences of the pandemic.

Studies show that those who contract COVID-19 after vaccination have milder symptoms and are less likely to develop post-COVID condition.

“But 224 million people have not yet received a single shot of vaccine in our region,” the Director said. “We need to pick up the pace of vaccination to shield populations from the worst consequences of this virus.”

The Director also called for increased support for patients with post-COVID condition and for health systems to “acknowledge this long-lasting effect of the pandemic and help address it.”

To support countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) has identified three “Rs” to help guide actions:

Recognition – Given the wide variety of post-COVID symptoms and the stigma around the condition, countries must ensure that healthcare workers have enough training to recognize symptoms.

Rehabilitation – Managing post-COVID condition requires a multi-disciplinary approach, with physical therapists, occupational and speech therapists, mental health professionals, nurses and doctors working together in a holistic manner.

Research – We still do not know enough about post-COVID condition. We need scientists and research institutions to commit to closely following those with symptoms so we can learn more about this condition.

“This is a real condition, and it must be dealt with applying robust policies and guidance,” Dr. Etienne said.

“It is also crucial that we recognize the impact that post-COVID condition has on people’s lives and work alongside those affected to ensure that their voices are heard.”

Turning to the COVID-19 situation in the region, cases continue to increase in all four subregions, with countries reporting over 1.3 million new infections and 4158 deaths.

In North America, cases have increased by 7.7% overall, with cases increasing in the USA

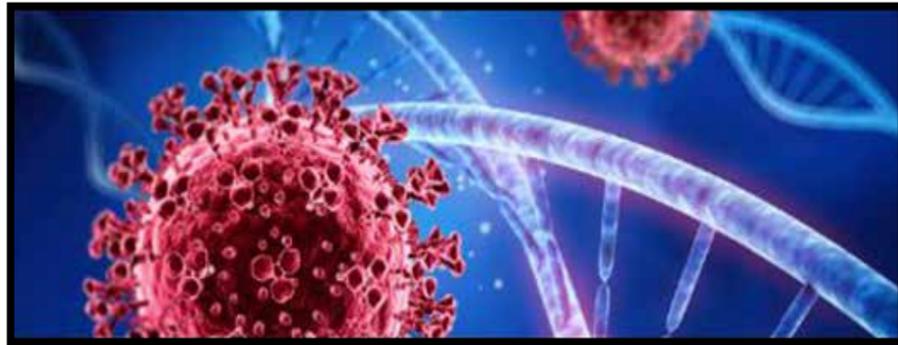
and Mexico, while falling in Canada.

COVID-19 infections reported over the last week – a 24.6% increase.

In the Caribbean, cases have begun to plateau over the past two weeks, with countries reporting a 3.2% increase over the past week.

“These numbers serve as a stark reminder that too many people are still vulnerable,” Dr. Etienne said.

“Let us embrace the means we have today to prevent the worst consequences of COVID and help us turn the page on this pandemic.”



South America reported a significant jump in new cases, with almost half a million new



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NOTICE TO MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the 21st Annual General Meeting of Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) will be held at the Belize Civic Center on Friday, August 19, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

BWS shareholders or their authorized proxies, who wish to join virtually, must pre-register via email to shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 17, 2022. Kindly provide us with your full name and contact details. Upon registration, the shareholder will receive an email with further instructions.

Shareholders who plan to attend in person, must bear in mind that COVID protocols will be observed to ensure the safety of those in attendance. Shareholders who are unable to attend and do not wish to appoint a proxy, may submit written questions to shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday August 18, 2022.

DIVIDENDS:

The Board of Directors of BWS is pleased to announce dividends of 7.5 cents (\$0.075) per share (equivalent to 5%) for the year ending March 31, 2022.

Shareholders are reminded that this year’s dividend payments are being paid via direct deposit to your bank or credit union account. If you have not yet provided BWS with your banking information, please email, call or WhatsApp message us to obtain the banking update form. The completed form must be returned to BWS no later than Friday July 22, 2022. Direct Deposit payments will be processed by August 12, 2022.

For shareholder information, kindly contact us at:

Email: shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz; **Telephone:** +501-222-5155; or send a **WhatsApp** message to 613-5382.

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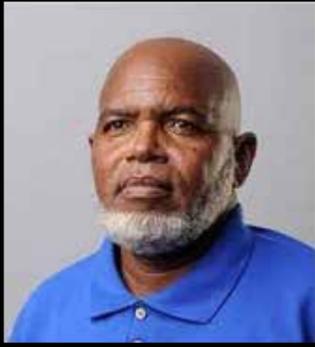
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GRASSROOTS

Overcoming Poverty



By Hon. Gilroy Usher

“Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid it is man made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.”- Nelson Mandela

Every family

would like to have a comfortable home, sufficient food, access to quality education, and suitable transportation as well as funds to access necessary healthcare and other family needs. No family wants to be poor. Nevertheless, for varying reasons poverty is a fact of life for a huge portion of the population in every country including Belize.

The Brookings Institute (B.I.) is a non-profit public policy organization in Washington D.C., United States of America

(USA) and conducts in depth studies that lead to new ideas.

Following extensive research in the USA, in 2001 the B.I. listed four things that persons should do to overcome poverty.

Those four things are get an education, get a job, get married, and wait until one is married to have children.

The study found that the average education of a poor family with children is high school dropout, while the average education of a nonpoor family is college.

It's, therefore, good to know that more poor families in Belize are making tremendous sacrifice to provide their children with the minimum of a high school education. Recognition that education is one of the best ways to overcome poverty is also one of the reasons why many parents in all six districts are attending evening classes or taking online courses to improve their education beyond the primary school level. For the same reason government is offering free education

at Gwen Lizzarraga, Maud Williams, and Sadie Vernon High Schools in Belize City to at risk youths in the old capital to enable them to improve their education beyond the primary school level.

When someone has a good education, it is easier for the individual to secure employment with a much better salary, make decisions in the best interest of his family, and pursue his dreams in life.

The research found that most people, who are poor in the United States, either do not work or work too few hours to move themselves and their families out of poverty. According to the study, heads of poor families with children worked only half as

of each other in dealing with challenging times and with their efforts to achieve their plans in life.

There is generally less support in overcoming poverty with unmarried couples. One or both partners might entertain doubts about the commitment to be with each for the long term, which discourages pooling of resources for a better life. A number of couples in Belize and scores of other countries do not “tie the knot”, because of superstition that one party might scheme to have the other party move to “Glory Land” at an opportune time to benefit from a life insurance or to inherit a land, house and lot, a savings account, or other properties.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Vacancies exist for the following positions. Successful candidates will be required to obtain a security clearance and undergo a medical examination.

(1) Housekeeper (2 positions):

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

Duties include day-to-day housekeeping, organizing, dusting, vacuuming, laundry services, changing and maintaining bedding, ironing, cleaning floor and counter surfaces, assisting with plans for events and functions, serving at these functions, shopping for household supplies, maintaining shopping records and inventory, pet care (if applicable), tending to house plants, identifying maintenance issues, and escorting staff. All responsibilities shall be completed on time and thoroughly, with utmost integrity and honesty, and in a manner representing the highest U.S. standards of customer service.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- At least two years prior experience in housekeeping is required
- A good command of reading, writing, and speaking English is required
- Must have initiative, good interpersonal skills and flexibility

(2) Chef:

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

Duties include but are not limited to planning, budgeting, shopping, preparing and presenting a variety of meal services for the residence and for events of 2 to 200 guests. With an understanding of nutritional balance and essential elements, the Chef's repertoire must include a diverse and wide range of cooking styles and meal types, including appetizers for receptions, baked goods, desserts, and the ability to create vegetarian/vegan meals and cater to gluten sensitivities. The Chef will also be required to maintain expense records for each event or function, create menus, manage inventory, and assure the highest standards of safety, cleanliness, and proper food preparation and storage. The Chef is required to plan menus in advance and carry out the actual purchasing of supplies and ingredients necessary to produce the dishes reflected in the set menus. All responsibilities shall be completed on time, with integrity and honesty, and in a manner representing the highest U.S. standards of customer service.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- At least three years of culinary experience in a hotel/restaurant setting is required
- Associate Degree or completion of culinary/catering certificate program or in the absence of an Associate Degree, five years of culinary experience in a hotel or restaurant setting
- Must have a fluent command of reading, writing, and speaking English, and the ability to follow recipes and cooking instructions of varying complexity
- Must have initiative, good interpersonal skills and flexibility

WHO MAY APPLY: Applicants must be in possession of a Belize social security card valid for employment and/or a resident/work permit, and be eligible for appointment under Belize's local laws.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested candidates must submit a letter of application, current résumé, two references and all other applicable supporting documentation by email to BelmopanJobs@state.gov. All applications must include in the subject line which position they are applying for (eg: Employment Application for Chef position). Incomplete applications will not be considered. For a complete copy of the position description listing all duties and responsibilities, please send an email to BelmopanJobs@state.gov or call at 822-4011, Ext. 4242.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, July 8th, 2022.**

Following extensive research in the USA, in 2001 the B.I. listed four things that persons should do to overcome poverty.

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many hours on average, as heads of nonpoor families.

Poor persons probably work less hours due to difficulty in finding jobs, the need to care for young children, the cost of transportation, or other personal problems.

It is undeniable however that steady employment adds to a person's skill set. That achievement makes it much easier for an individual to receive a promotion or find a job with better benefits. In either case an increase in the person's take-home pay would enable the employee to make a greater contribution to get his family out of poverty.

Marriage. Many persons in Belize are afraid of the word. Nevertheless, the research of the B.I. found that 81% of nonpoor families with children were headed by married couple, while only 40% of poor families with children were headed by married couples.

Marriage is a big booster in overcoming poverty, because the earnings and assets of both partners contribute to providing the needs of the family for a better life. And with marriage, couples can generally count on the solid support

The research of the B.I. showed that poor families have more children than nonpoor families. According to the B.I. an average poor family has four or more children, while an average nonpoor family has three or less children.

The research showed that in overcoming poverty it is better if partners have children after they are married.

The advantages of such decision are numerous. It decreases the number of children, who do not have the benefit of growing up with both parents, which normally provides children with a stronger foundation to face the world as teenagers and later as adults. Having children after marriage affords a person the opportunity to advance his education and secure employment, before shouldering the cost and responsibility of parenthood. Having children after marriage also gives a couple control over how many children they would like to have to ensure they can provide them with a better future free of poverty.

The more children parents have, the more likely the family will

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struggle with poverty. That's because more children result in less resources to address the need for proper housing as well as the need for good education, adequate healthcare, and other basic things for a better standard of living. Three or less children require fewer resources to provide a better life for the family. That is one reason why there is generally less poverty with couples that have three or less children.

Due to poverty some families have a dozen or more children to increase the probability that in their senior years, when they can no longer earn their own upkeep, one or more of their children will take care of them.

Some persons would argue that having three or less children would give such families a better opportunity to escape poverty and have enough savings and other assets to live comfortably in their golden years.

In the past many poor families had four or more children, which perpetuated their generation of poverty, because they had little or no access to birth control and information about the benefits of family planning. Today that is no longer the case. Birth controls are available at corner stores and information about family planning is readily available in books, on the internet, at high schools, and at clinics.

Poor persons now therefore do not have to have unplanned pregnancy, which leaves them with numerous children and makes it more difficult for them to escape the cycle of poverty.

Poor people have everything to gain and nothing to lose in following the advice of the B.I. to break generations of poverty in their families.

Disclaimer: the opinions expressed by our columnists are theirs alone, and are not necessarily reflective of the newspaper's stance on the issues touched. We believe it is critical that our columnists be allowed freedom to generate discussion through their expressions on any number of topics.

TENDER



Consultancy to Review Work Arrangements

BEL invites tenders for Consulting Services to Review Work Arrangements. The Consultant will be expected to recommend an optimal model for the 'new normal' working arrangements for BEL based on lessons learned from BEL's recent and ongoing experience and best practices and information gathered on models utilized/being contemplated by other entities in Belize and the international arena and being proposed by leading organizational experts.

The Consultant will evaluate how Belize Electricity Limited's (BEL) workforce was organized and deployed in response to the COVID-19 crisis, and determine what existing practices, in terms of emergency response and safety policies and procedures, should be retained and/or enhanced, and what new measures of adaptation should be implemented to mitigate the impacts of a reoccurrence of a similar crisis or disaster.

The bidding documents, which outline all the duties and responsibilities of the contract, and dates are available on BEL's website at www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx

Tenders must be submitted via email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022. The email subject should include the bid number located on the respective bid form.

For more information or queries, send email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz

Cost incurred for preparation of the tender document is the sole responsibility of the bidder. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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GENERAL REGISTRY
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2022

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IN THE MATTER of an Application by TROYLYNN JOHNSON

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by TROYLYNN JOHNSON under
Section 153 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act
(Chapter 191) of the Laws of Belize

	(TROYLYNN JOHNSON	Applicant
BETWEEN	(and	
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	(ERNEST HILL JR.	Respondent

To: ERNEST HILL JR.

TAKE NOTICE that an Originating Summons dated 20th January, 2022 endorsed with a notice to you to appear and answer to the charges therein has been filed in the Supreme Court of Belize by TROYLYNN JOHNSON of No. 1 Sharp Street, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District, Belize AND THAT you are required within 15 days after the second publication herein, inclusive of the day of such publication, to enter an appearance either in person or by your Attorney-at-Law at the Registry of the Supreme Court, should you think fit so to do and thereafter to make answer to the charges in the Originating Summons, and FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing the Court will proceed to hear the said charges proved and pronounce judgement your absence notwithstanding.

The Originating Summons is filed and this Notice to appear is by Marin Young & Co LLP of No. 828 Coney Drive, 3rd Floor, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner, TROYLYNN JOHNSON.

DATED the 23rd day of June, 2022.


Deputy Registrar
ASSISTANT

NOTE: Any person entering an appearance must at the same time furnish an address for service within two miles of the Supreme Court.

STATUTORY NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of JAMES J. GALLEN JR., deceased of No. 6355 Basehore Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 17055, one of the United States of America died at of No. 6355 Basehore Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 17055 on the 17th day of December, 2018 in whose estate Grant of Administration with the Will Annexed No. 105/2022 has been granted to ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize should lodge such claims or demands with the said ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, Administrator, c/o Barrow & Williams LLP, Attorneys-at-Law of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said JAMES J. GALLEN JR. deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Administrator shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 13th of June 2022

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law
for Alpha Services Limited

STATUTORY NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of INEZ BURNS A.K.A. INEZ MORTIS, deceased of No. 6704 Corner Cleghorn and Slaughter House Street, Belize City, Belize died at No. 620 Lenox Ave., Apartment 15N, New York, NY 10037, U.S.A. on the 9th day of October, 2020 in whose estate Grant of Administration with the Will Annexed No. 104/2022 has been granted to ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize should lodge such claims or demands with the said ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, Administrator, c/o Barrow & Williams LLP, Attorneys-at-Law of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said INEZ BURNS A.K.A. INEZ MORTIS deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Administrator shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 13th of June, 2022

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
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for Alpha Services Limited

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TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of NICHOLAS ALLEN FURCHNER, deceased of No. 3601 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511, one of the United States of America died at of No. 3601 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511 on the 22nd day of October, 2022 in whose estate Grant of Administration with the Will Annexed No. 107/2022 has been granted to ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize should lodge such claims or demands with the said ALPHA SERVICES LIMITED, Administrator, c/o Barrow & Williams LLP, Attorneys-at-Law of No. 84 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said NICHOLAS ALLEN FURCHNER deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Administrator shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 13th of June 2022

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law
for Alpha Services Limited


MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING


NOTICE

PROCUREMENT OF TWO (2) PROJECT ENGINEERS

The **Government of Belize (GOB)**, through the **Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH)** has embarked on various road infrastructure projects which aims to promote sustainable economic development, increase climate resiliency, and improve road safety. The **Project Execution Unit (PEU)** is currently seeking to employ two (2) additional engineers for the monitoring and management of upcoming infrastructure projects.

Scope of Services

Under the general direction of the Engineering Coordinator of the PEU, the Project Engineers will be responsible for the effective coordination and monitoring of all aspects of the implementation of the infrastructure related activities of the assigned project in accordance with the approved Project Execution Plan (PEP).

Duties and Responsibilities

The Project Engineers' duties will include, but will not be limited to:

- Review/ develop/ amend project designs and cost estimates as may be necessary.
- Review/ develop/ amend bid documentation utilizing approved templates to include invitations to bidders, instructions to bidders, bidding forms, form of contract, drawings, specifications, bill of quantities, and other schedules, etc.
- Assist the PEU during bid phase, including site visits with bidders, preparation of responses to queries raised by bidders, and the preparation and submission of a comprehensive bid report with recommendations.
- Prepare and submit annual project workplans and budget.
- Provide direction to and supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Project guided by the project documents and annual work plans.
- Monitor contractors' performance to verify that the works are being executed in accordance with the contract, and that the quality of materials and workmanship are in accordance with standard specifications and good engineering practices.
- Review payment and completion certificates.
- Keep account of project-related expenditure and disbursement activities.
- Convene and document meetings with contractors, engineering consultants, and other relevant stakeholders as required for the purpose of coordinating activities.
- Participate in and report on, community engagement activities including public meetings,
- Prepare and submit progress reports in the time and format required.

Academic Qualification and General Experience:

The Project Engineer must possess:

- A minimum of a BSc. Degree in Civil Engineering or related field.
- A minimum of ten (10) years' experience in the design and supervision of civil engineering works.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Fluency in a second language, would be an asset.

Specific Experience:

The Project Engineer must possess:

- A minimum of seven (7) years working experience in the design and implementation of road infrastructure projects (pavements, bridges, drainage etc.).
- Experience in at least two (2) road infrastructure projects within the last five (5) years.
- Experience in the use of policies, guidelines, and requirements of International Financing Institutions (IFI's) would be an advantage.

Reporting:

The Project Engineer will report directly to the **Engineering Coordinator** within the PEU.

The duty station for the position will be at the **PEU Headquarters in Belmopan.**

Application Submission:

Interested persons are requested to submit their application, in English, to any of the addresses below and shall include a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, two (2) recommendation letters, a copy of a valid social security card and a copy of the highest degree, supporting documentation shall also be in English. The deadline to submit applications is **Friday 29 July 2022.**

Electronic submissions will also be accepted.

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