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EARL MAITLAND: NOT SURPRISED OVER THE ARREST OF CLAUDE DOUGLAS



Sociologist Claude Douglas - his career as a tertiary education lecturer is threatened by allegations of indecent assault

A man highly regarded as a well-respected member of society, a lecturer, writer, and motivational speaker, is being faced with a rather embarrassing blow after being arrested and slapped with four (4) indictable counts of Indecent Assault on Sunday.

Paradise, St. Andrew resident, Claude Douglas, a 55-year-old Lecturer at the Tanteen-based T.A. Marryshow Community College (TAMCC), found himself on the wrong side of the law after a 19-year-old student accused him of indecently assaulting her between January 01 and October 16th, 2021.

The charges were laid against Douglas by officers attached to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the South St. George Police Station and came as a surprise in many quarters, as he is a sociologist by profession, a practice that embodies the study of how society affects people and how people affect society.

Douglas is often called upon to make motivational speeches at events staged by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

However, Civil rights activist Earl Maitland, who commented on this staggering development in an exclusive interview with *THE NEW TODAY* on Wednesday is among those who on the contrary said, the senior lecturer's arrest did not come as a surprise to him.

Citing several other instances where teachers, and other highly revered persons have been accused and even convicted of unsuspecting crimes, Maitland emphasised the point that "professions, attire (and) age do not matter."

"We have a lot of sick people out here (and) it seems to me as though the people of Grenada, do not recognise that a man is still a man and it is his mindset that determines his actions, not his profession...that sexual abuse

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Earl Maitland - commented on the issue



Aerial photo of TAMCC compound with students

Disbarred Brooklyn lawyer from Grenada and ex-con allegedly stole over \$500,000 from friends

Details are just coming to hand about another conviction in New York for disgraced attorney-at-law, Gerard Douglas of St. Patrick in a case in which he and an ex-con stole money.

According to reports, Douglas was barred from practicing as an attorney-at-law along with the convict teamed up to swindle their friends out of \$544,000.

According to Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, the 53-year old former attorney from the Spice Isle allegedly pretended to represent Helen Lurene Elias, 55, in a fake multi-million dollar lawsuit and promised to pay back Greenridge's friends with the settlement money.

The duo allegedly stole money from 10 people, who they refused to repay when the victims came looking for their money. Payments

ranged from \$7,800 to \$108,000.

Prosecutors charged the pair of alleged crooks with second- and third-degree grand larceny and first-degree scheme to defraud.

Elias was also charged with second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Elias went to prison for a similar scam in which she stole \$300,000 from 10 friends who she told she needed to clear liens before she could access a multimillion dollar inheritance.

The New York Supreme Court disbarred Douglas in 2019 for alleged misappropriation of clients funds after he was charged with stealing the down payment for a house from an elderly woman in Brooklyn.

Following are the disbarment proceedings in New York involving ex-attorney Douglas:

WILLIAM F. MASTRO
REINALDO E. RIVERA
MARK C. DILLON
ANGELA G. IANNACCI, JJ.
2018-12677

Committee for the Second, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial Districts, petitioner; Gerald Peter Douglas, respondent. (Attorney Registration No. 2886083)

the Grievance Committee for the Second, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial Districts. The respondent was admitted to the Bar at a term of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department on April 8,

1998.

Diana Maxfield Kearse, Brooklyn, NY (Mark F. DeWan of counsel), for petitioner.

PER CURIAM.
OPINION & ORDER

The Grievance

In the Matter of Gerald Peter Douglas, an attorney and counselor-at-law. Grievance

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING instituted by



The building housing a Circuit Court in New York

Case Number :GDAHCV2021/0446



Form 2

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GRENADA

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In the Matter of an Application for a Declaration of possessory title to land by
ALBAN DUBISSETTE & GLENDA THOMPSON

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas Alban Dubisette, of Calliste in the parish of Saint George, in the State of Grenada but currently residing in the United States of America, Retiree and Glenda Thompson, of Calliste in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada aforesaid, Retiree, by their application filed in the High Court on the 2nd day of November 2021 claim to have acquired title for a period exceeding nineteen (19) years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within **two (2) months** from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Calliste in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada which is bounded as follows: from the South-West to the North to the North-East by lands owned or possessed by the Airport Authority, to the North East to the East by lands owned or possessed by Patrick David, to the East to the South by an Allowed Road/The Trace and to the South to the South West by lands owned or possessed by the Estate of Frederick Masanto and shown on the plan drawn by David S. Abraham, Licensed Surveyor, exhibited to the Applicants' affidavits sworn and filed herein.

[Signature]
Registrar
SUPREME COURT
OF GRENADA

Committee for the Second, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial Districts commenced a disciplinary proceeding against the respondent by filing a notice of petition and a verified petition, both dated October 26, 2018.

On October 31, 2018, the respondent was personally served with copies of the notice of petition and the verified petition, along with a motion by order to show cause pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1240.9(a)(3) and (5), seeking, inter alia, his immediate suspension upon a finding that he is guilty of professional misconduct immediately threatening the public interest. An affidavit of service was duly filed with the Court on November 1, 2018.

The notice of petition directed the respondent to file and serve his answer to the verified petition within 20 days after service upon him of the verified petition. To date, the respondent has neither served an answer to the verified petition, nor requested additional time in which to do so. Neither has the respondent responded to the motion or requested additional time to respond to the motion.

By way of background, the verified petition contains two charges of professional misconduct, alleging misappropriation of client funds and a failure to cooperate with the Grievance Committee's investigation of two complaints of professional misconduct filed against the respondent, respectively.

The Grievance Committee now moves to deem the charges established, and to impose such discipline upon the respondent as this Court deems appropriate, based upon his default for failure to answer the verified petition.

On December 11, 2018, the Grievance Committee served the respondent with a copy of the instant motion to adjudicate him in default. To date, the respondent has neither responded to the motion nor requested additional time in which to do so.

Accordingly, the Grievance Committee's motion is granted, the charges in the verified petition are deemed established, and, effective immediately, the respondent is disbarred upon his default, and his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law. The motion for the respondent's immediate suspension is denied as academic.

SCHEINKMAN, P.J., MASTRO, RIVERA, DILLON and IANNACCI, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that the Grievance Committee's motion to deem the charges in the verified petition established is granted; and it is further,

ORDERED that, pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90, effective immediately, the respondent, Gerald Peter Douglas, is disbarred and his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law; and

it is further,

ORDERED that the respondent, Gerald Peter Douglas, shall comply with the rules governing the conduct of disbarred or suspended attorneys (22 NYCRR 1240.15); and it is further,

ORDERED that pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90, the respondent, Gerald Peter Douglas, is commanded to desist and refrain from (1) practicing law in any form, either as principal or agent, clerk, or employee of another, (2) appearing as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, Judge, Justice, board, commission, or other public authority, (3) giving to another an opinion as to the law or its application or any advice in relation thereto, and (4) holding himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law; and it is further,

ORDERED that if the respondent, Gerald Peter Douglas, has been issued a secure pass by the Office of Court Administration, it shall be returned forthwith to the issuing agency and the respondent shall certify to the same in his affidavit of compliance pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1240.15(f); and it is further,

ORDERED that the motion pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1240.9 is denied as academic.

ENTER:

Aprillanne Agostino
Clerk of the Court

NDC selection process described as "a recipe for confusion"

"There are good people who will be willing to make that sacrifice but you will never get a resume from them - hell no."

Those were the words uttered by a leading Grenadian politician in reaction to plans by the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to submit a copy of their CV and resume to the Candidate Screening Committee for consideration as a candidate for the upcoming general election.

In an exclusive interview with **THE NEW TODAY**, the politician who has won at the polls on two previous occasions said: "What kind of nonsense is that? That is the height of stupidity. I am totally disappointed in it - I think we could do a lot better than what we are doing."

"I am baffled. In all my 30-something years of politics since from a teenager to now I have never seen anything like that" he added.

He described the NDC candidate selection process that was leaked into the public domain as "a recipe for confusion".

According to the retired politician, selecting a candidate for a constituency is a meticulous process and expressed fears that the NDC is putting one person against the other in trying to identify someone to run on its ticket.

He said: "Even when you put somebody in a constituency that doesn't mean that they will show you the signs that they are eligible to run and that they fit that constituency to run in even if they come with the best Resume."

Stressing that selecting a candidate for a constituency is not an academic thing, he recalled that "good people" had to go and speak to former Congress leader, Sir



The newlook executive members of the National Democratic Congress (NDC)

Nicholas Brathwaite to take up the leadership of the party for the 1990 general election and not look at CV and Resume.

In addition, he said that a candidate needs at least two years and not 3 to 4 months to do work in a constituency to be in with a very good chance of winning it at the polls.

"You will have to work overtime even if you get one year to work the constituency," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

The political figure dropped hints that the new NDC leader, 44-year old Dickon Mitchell is seemingly trying to contest the next election against the incumbent Prime Minister through a Presidential-style type of campaigning.

He warned that all politics is local with battles taking place in all fifteen constituencies among candidates and PM Mitchell should not be taken lightly as he has the nation's financial purse in his hands for the upcoming general elections.

He said that NDC has to get its machinery ready for the elections and not concentrate on when Dr. Mitchell will call the poll.

The political figure noted that over the years NDC has lacked "the winning experience" in politics like

Prime Minister Mitchell and the ruling New National Party (NNP) which has won every election on the island from 1984 except in 1990 and 2008 when Congress was in power.

He appealed to Congress to get its political act together as quickly as possible as time is running out in terms of the timeframe for the next national poll.

"I am very concerned that we are losing this election as we speak," he said, adding that time is running out for the opposition to get ready and prepared to face up to the ruling party at the polls.

According to the opposition official, the Congress leader should not take PM Mitchell lightly as he is very unpredictable.

"He (Dickon Mitchell) doesn't understand the viciousness of the character of Keith Mitchell that he's dealing with," he said.

The opposition politician urged Dickon Mitchell to make the adjustment and necessary transformation from a career attorney-at-law and into the political arena.

"...I am not seeing it, am not feeling it - I don't know," he said.

THE NEW TODAY also spoke to one Congress

politician who expressed reservations about emphasis being placed on a candidate's CV as part of the selection process for the party.

He said the National Executive should allow the constituency to identify the candidate based on the reaction to the person of the potential electorate.

He added that there is nothing wrong if the National Executive then wants to screen the chosen candidate but the

constituency must be involved in the selection process because in the final analysis, the chosen candidate "must come from the bowels of the people."

"In politics people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. So having a big resume that is boasting of how much you know. People don't care no shit about that. What people want to know is how much you care about

them and then they will take a minute to listen to your qualifications," he remarked.

The NDC is trying to rebuild under Dickon Mitchell who won the post of Political Leader at the end of October.

A pro-Dickon Mitchell backer offered the following explanation on the issue, saying, "CV is not about academics. The committee will not know everyone who expresses an interest to be a candi-

date. Your CV should give one an appreciation as to how community minded you are, where your passion lies, if you are a team player, a leader or follower. A CV will reveal more or less the same information that will be revealed during an interview. Remember, Candidates do not always have Ministerial qualities, so let's not get carried away by the letters CV."

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(P R O B A T E)

IN THE ESTATE OF IRIS MERLA CROFT, LATE OF TEMPE IN THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, AND LATTERLY OF 8 DENTON WAY, LONDON E5, ENGLAND, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by Joseph Abraham John of Mt. Parnassus, St. George's, Grenada for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 5th day of April, 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 10th July, 2007 wherein the Applicant is named the sole Executor.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2022

pp Alban M. John
LAW OFFICE OF ALBAN M. JOHN
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by the Law Office of Alban M. John. Donovan House, Scott Street, St. George's, Grenada. Tel: 435-2710; Email: amjohn@spiceisland.com

The Court office is at the Coach Jay McCormick Building, Church Street, St. George's, Grenada. Tel: 440-2030; Fax: 440-6695. The office is open between 8 am to 4 pm weekdays, except public holidays.

LOST RECEIPT

WE EDRIC NORCISSE AND TILDA NORCISSE of Hope Vale in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada are the Administrators of the Estate of **David Ronald Norcisse aka Ronald D Norcisse** appeal to the Grenadian public that if any person has in his or her possession or know the whereabouts of the Receipt dated the Thirteenth day June Two Thousand and Seventeen between Palm Trees Immo Limited of the One part and the said deceased of the Other part and recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 12-2017 at Page 899. We kindly request that you can contact the **Law Office of Evette John at Tel:1(473)440 8273**

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The National Democratic Congress (NDC) is often finding itself engulfed in unnecessary issues that are forcing the party to lose bearings and focus on the task at hand.

THE NEW TODAY has seen the copy of a bulletin coming out from the National Executive which outlines the selection process to be used to identify candidates to contest seats for the party in the upcoming general election.

The inclusion of the two words "CV" has led to a debate within some circles within the party on the emphasis that is being placed on the so-called academic quali-

fications of persons who should be considered as being worthy to be candidates.

That has never before surfaced in the public domain as one of the key criteria for consideration in the Candidate Selection process.

This is quite understandable in light of the fact that several persons who won at the polls on tickets of the banner of Congress over the years were not qualified in fields such as law, medicine, engineering and other professional areas.

Two of the most recognisable candidates who repeated at the polls for the party over the years were

EDITORIAL

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!!

Alleyne Walker who was a farmer and ordinary worker back in the days of Geest Industries in St. Andrew North-west and Glynis Roberts, a secretary in the South St George constituency.

Both of them were formidable candidates in their own rights in the yellow T-shirt against their rivals.

It is doubtful that NDC would have managed to attract these two along with a host of other frontline candidates if CV was a major issue in those days.

The leaders of NDC should be made aware of the fact that one of the most loved Prime Ministers of the country especially among

the poor and ordinary folks in rural Grenada was the Father of Independence Sir Eric Matthew Gairy and he had listed on the passport as his profession the word "Politician".

Sir Eric had no university education like some of our leaders such as Maurice Bishop, Keith Mitchell, Nicholas Brathwaite, George Brizan, Tillman Thomas and Ben Jones but he could wrap most of them around his little index finger when it came to battle in the political arena.

It is time for the new NDC leadership to get on with the business of getting the party ready for the upcoming general election as the upcoming fight is not a

"walk in the park" against an opponent like Prime Minister Mitchell who still possesses that deep thirst and hunger for power. Academically, Dickon Mitchell is a bright mind but politics is far from that as the young leader is still feeling his way in the country and needs time to develop the raw potential that is there.

Dickon Mitchell will have to make some bold moves in his endeavour to "get all hands on deck" including NDC fighters and also from the ranks of the opposition in order to forge the right kind of cohesive coalition of forces that is necessary to take down NNP from power.

THE NEW TODAY is

suggesting that the Congress leader finds a mechanism in which he leads the Selection Committee into a frank and open dialogue with about 2 or 3 prospective candidates from each constituency to arrive at the best person to represent Yellow at the polls.

The kind of foolishness that is taking place in St. Andrew North-west between Phillip Alexander and Gloria Thomas to get the nod as the candidate should be put under "manners" through strong and decisive leadership.

The party must break the ice and stop "pussy-footing" and select the candidate with the understanding that all of them are needed to play a role in helping NDC to win the next election.

The NNP has planted "moles" within the NDC and has been obtaining vital information on the thinking of its leadership in going forward towards the next election.

The party also has to guard itself against those money vultures posing as political strategists and

promising to land victory for Congress whenever PM Mitchell runs the election bell.

The NDC needs to take stock and find out the real enemies.

THE NEW TODAY is forced to make this point in light of reports that a section of the party sees it as "an enemy" that should be avoided at all cost.

The armchair politicians within Congress who are only engaged in chat room politics should come out of the closet and hit the ground running and try to win souls and votes for the party.

Those who are on the attack against **THE NEW TODAY** do not have any track record to show as they have never won anything on the political battlefield.

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Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) Program

The OECS region's coastal and marine environment is pivotal to the advancement of the region's sustainable development agenda as well as to the ecological sustainability and holistic development of its individual Member States.

Although the Blue Economy in the region is fairly nascent and requires a major boost to realise its transformative promises, there is momentum and gradual growth in understanding of the potential of the Blue Economy to position

the region to realise its aspirations.

The primary purpose of the OECS Blue Economy Strategy is to position the OECS as a model Blue Economy region worthy of support, investment and emulation.

This requires a robust,



A typical beach in many of the islands of the Caribbean



Earl Maitland: Not Surprised Over the Arrest of Claude Douglas

* From front page

has no bias when it comes to age to these sexual predators, male and female," he remarked.

Maitland also used the opportunity to express concern that the charges were laid more than three (3) months after the fourth indecent assault incident reportedly occurred.

He encouraged other victims to come forward, noting that "there are many persons who have been sexually abused, who are scared and ashamed to come forward to say I am a victim."

"I am not sure if the victims are afraid of getting the backlash as we can see in some of the Facebook comments where persons would have already vindicated Mr. Douglas,"

said Maitland who expressed the view that while an accused person is innocent until proven guilty, "we must not insult or accuse the victims of lying and so forth."

In 2012, the Criminal Code was amended to increase the penalty for various offenses including indecent assault, which carries a maximum penalty of five (5) years imprisonment upon summary conviction.

Douglas, who faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment on each count of Indecent Assault if convicted, has been posted bail in the sum of \$10,000.00 with one (1) surety.

Sexual offenses are one of the convicted records that will not be expunged under the Rehabilitation Offenders Bill, which

went into effect a few years ago.

Douglas, is scheduled to make his first appearance before the St. George's

Magistrate's Court to answer to the indictable Indecent Assault offences on February 8. TAMCC has not made any official statement on the Douglas issue but within the public service, it is customary for the Public Service Commission (PSC) to suspend employees with half pay, after being accused of serious crimes until the conclusion of their court matters, which will ultimately determine the next course of action to be taken against them.

The initial Financial Year 2022 cohort of participating countries (Grenada, Saint Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines) will benefit from improved competitiveness of their economies in three critical and interconnected sectors: Tourism, Fisheries and Aquaculture and Waste Management.

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well-coordinated effort that is mainstreamed into national and regional development policies, including making it more central to efforts to establish an OECS Economic Union.

The World Bank financed "Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean" (UBEC) Program is designed to strengthen the enabling environment for the blue economy and to enhance resilience of selected coastal infrastructure in and across participating countries.

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Growth and jobs in these key sectors have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Phase One Project of the UBEC program is focussed on

(i) Strengthening Governance, Policies and Capacity Building for Key Productive Sectors; and

(ii) Scaling Up Access to Finance and Infrastructure Investments in the Blue Economy - across the target sectors at the national and regional levels.

The OECS Commission will be the implementing entity for a regional package consisting of a Regional MSME matching grants program (financing business development services and matching grants to

increase productivity, job creation and upgrade capabilities within Blue Economy value chains) and strengthening regional policies, institutions and coordination.

A second phase comprising one to two additional country-level investment projects is expected to be initiated in Financial Year 2023/2024 and could include Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica.

The design of the second phase of projects will consider the capacity of institutions, technical competencies, and challenges, and will benefit from lessons learned from phase one.

In keeping with best practices aligned with the World Bank's and OECS' guidelines, the OECS Commission is fulfilling the early release of key safeguards information and instruments as a key

component in the implementing of its consultation plan.

The five instruments of the framework in this early release are as follows:

(1). Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF) (Updated January 6, 2022)

(2). Labour Management Procedures (LMP)

(3). Resettlement and Process Framework (RPF)

(4). Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ECSPP)

(5). Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), including Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) - (Updated January 6, 2022)

WHY VOTE IN GRENADA'S ELECTIONS: WHO BENEFITS?(PART ONE)



The right to vote in political elections must be strongly appreciated and defended, especially in consideration of the tremendous struggles and sacrifices in achieving this acknowledgement of human dignity and most purposely, in terms of the importance of the achievement towards everyone (regardless race, gender, socio-economic status and philosophical beliefs) in a society determining and benefiting in its human prosperity.

This voting privilege is described as universal adult suffrage and has been established as the foundation of democracy which Grenada boasts of practising and upholding. Grenada's first elections, with the common man allowed to vote, were held on 10 October 1951. All Grenadians are guaranteed to be registered to vote, as now enshrined in section 32 of the Constitution and specified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act (RPA) which emanates from and should be consistent with that constitution.

Whilst the right to vote is regarded admirably as 'sacrosanct and inalienable', this would be of no value without having a favourable

mechanism and environment for the registering of voters, the custody of the registration, the arrangements for voting and producing results, and for the aiding of "free and fair" elections.

Accordingly, the Constitution and the RPA also provide for a Supervisor of Elections (SoE), appointed by the Governor-General, to exercise supervision over the registration of voters and the conduct of elections. The SoE is required to take and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office, and to be independent in carrying out the pertinent duties and functions (section 35).

Sadly though, the integrity of the office of the SoE has often been called into question, with official inputs for electoral reforms; recall previously internet-circulated articles, "Coalition For Outstanding Assault On Grenada's Electoral Mechanism Most Crucial" and "Patriotic Grenadians Assist In Suing The Supervisor Of Elections!"

It must be understood that the meaning and application of the "right to vote" is not restricted to the opportunity of choosing a position (or

a preference) at a poll, but extends to deciding whether or not to participate in the poll. That is, within democratic principles and human dignity, the right to vote is not an obligation (or a legal mandate) to vote.

There can be sound justifications for an eligible voter not to be zealous and concerned about casting his/her vote; apart from religious conviction, medical illness and bodily incapacity. It would be revealing though, to realise the technical barriers which deprive the electorate who are desirous and ready to vote, from exercising their franchise; including political strategies to frustrate some voters.

A typical case study should be about the challenges existing and the remedies practicable for facilitating incarcerated people at elections; and of particular interest now, would be about the willingness or not of the authority to accommodate 'fully and fairly' the people based on COVID-19 'testing and vaccination' status.

It should be very instructive to understand that the "right to vote" is essentially about making a decision for representation, and thereby transferring 'people power' to a

competent, liable and credible governing body.

The extent and expectation of this representation are critical factors for analysis in responding to any signaling for elections, with guidance by the 'social contract' (1974 Independence Constitution) between the State and the Grenadian people, which the governing body would pledge to honour, uphold and preserve.

The constitution asserts that the right to vote centers around "the purposes of (the) elections of members of the House of Representatives"; each member representing one of the fifteen constituencies into which Grenada is divided (sections 29 & 32).

This constitution however poses some grey areas, loopholes and/or deficiencies as relate to the professional capacity, the character profile and the voter registration status for qualifications of the Representatives (section 30); and moreover, it gives openings for "powers, privileges and immunities" which could encourage and enable corruption (section 50).

It should be disturbing how the momentum of idolising a party leader and instilling into the

electorate the fracas to concentrate on ensuring that such person becomes (or remains) Prime Minister of the country, even by ignoring the temperament and peculiarity of the other party's candidates, is being perpetuated.

This 'reckless and risky' behaviour is adopted despite the excessive constitutional powers of the Prime Minister, and the vast historical experiences of the abuse of State power with conspiracy against the people.

Section 58 of the Constitution clarifies that any successful candidate at elections can be appointed as Prime Minister, if he/she appears "likely to command the support of the majority of the members of the House" of Representatives.

With every right comes responsibility, and thus the "right to vote" must be exercised wisely and advantageously.

Contrary to the impression and message being engendered by dubbing the period of elections as the "silly season" with fanfares, the casting of votes is not to be undertaken carelessly and jokingly.

Although it can be considered a five-minute act, voting is a process requiring personal maturity and consciousness, with a devotion of observing and inquiring into all of the associations, moves, sentiments and silences of every political actor, beyond the public rhetoric and election manifestos.

Non-partisan patriotic

citizens generally place a high value on their votes in the national interest and hence occupy as much as possible in the devotion to seek meaningful representation with an effective avenue for accountability, including where necessary for the recalling, of the representatives; they may account for the bulk of non-voters at elections.

Grenadians are, with keen curiosity and anxiety, anticipating the calling of elections during the year 2022, which is constitutionally due before the end of April 2023, in order to inject new life in the Parliament (Constitution, section 52).

The Parliament symbolises representative governance on behalf of the people; involving the 'crucial and careful' responsibility of making laws for "the peace, order and good government" and of executing "without fear or favour, affection or ill-will" (sections 23, 38 & 40).

The two main political parties are expected to field candidates in every constituency and hope that every voter goes to cast a valid vote, so as to increase their chances to serve the wide diversity of constituents; the incumbent New National Party (NNP) of veteran, Keith Mitchell and opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) of novice, Dickon Mitchell.

What are the deserved cravings of the people; especially the common man, the underprivileged, the working class and the small entrepreneurs? Are the cries of

those people of significance for the parties and would the needs and problems be solved with Dickon as the assumed beacon for a transformation of Grenada, or Keith as the acclaimed sweet for the categorised bacons?

In contemplating the reasons for voting and who will benefit, it is appropriate and necessary that the electorate be aware of the intricacies and intrigues surrounding the campaigning and wooing during the period of elections, and be empowered to make an informed decision on their right to vote.

It must be stressed that the "right to vote" is about "free will" with a mindset to face the consequences, and no person should be bamboozled, intimidated and/or corruptly influenced to make that decision; the RPA also provides for the criminal offences of undue influences to vote or not to vote, as well as to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate or party (sections 87, 88 & 89).

The serious commitment of the parties on promises of 'equitable representation' can be gauged by any track records, engagements with civil society, misinformation delivered, deviation from deep issues of far-reaching trends, and resemblance of interfering with the voting exercise.

J. K. Roberts

The Rights of Trinidadians at work

Trinidad and Tobago's National government has made every effort to serve its citizens, and yet this COVID -19 pandemic has challenged the government like never before.

Like most responsible governments the Rowley Administration has placed the globally approved health protocols in place, with the hope of stopping this spread of the Omicron variant. What has become normal procedures in The EU,

Canada and elsewhere have been applied to the Trinidadian lifestyle.

Most nations have placed some form of dictate, law or motion towards vaccination of all its citizens, and particularly the public workers and police, as well as provide for the healthcare workers who serve their people - Trinidad is no different.

The Rowley Government has ordered that all public employees be vaccinated, and should an

employee not do so, that employee will lose the rights to that employment. If one cannot go to work, one certainly can expect not being paid. Well, what about Trinidadians and their Labour and Human rights?

Those who are championing the labour cause are calling foul to this directive. Trade Unions such as The National Trade Union Centre and Oilfield Workers Trade Union call upon membership to go to work, so long as they have not received a letter of suspension or termination, reporting to their work place every day and signing the register as proof of their willingness to work.

The government's Labour and Legal Departments must get used to the term "constructive dismissal" as something that most of these employees legally will charge the government. Changing an employee's job or work-

ing conditions with the aim of forcing them to resign is illegal. If an employee is not paid at the end of the month this constitutes a lock-out.

Labour Lockouts can easily become a national movement, a general strike against a government that is showing many of its citizens little empathy and mismanaging governmental health and labour protocols.

Issues of privacy come to mind also. Who is vaccinated and who is not, as well as who is employed and where?

Trinidad and Tobago has a moral duty to advance the health and safety of all its citizens, and not to prosecute some, while claiming to do so in order to protect the many. Democracy is supposed to work for all, not just the many, while the few suffer indignities.

An Alliance of Labour, Political and Economic Concerns are gathering to reclaim their rights as Trinidadians.

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THE NNP DESPERATION!!!

Over the past two months, news have been circulating that in response to NDC's decision to elect a young, bright and dynamic leader in the person of Dickon Mitchell to lead the party into the next General Elections, the NNP has had a rude awakening, that its 75 years old leader and the oldest Minister for Youth in the world, should hand over the baton to a more youthful and forward thinking individual.

Regrettably after over 25 years of "one-manism" its leader has only been able to create followers and no leaders within the party and is now desperately trying to find a possible young "leader" outside of the party in the person of

Akima Paul to take over the reins of the party after the next General Elections.

We all know this is only window dressing in an attempt to attract the more youthful population to vote NNP.

Akima should have a chat with Peter, who was also promised the leadership of the party, which was to take effect two years after the General Elections in 2013. We all know Keith and Gregory cannot afford to step aside for fear of what will be revealed as a result of over 30 years of underhand and reckless dealings.

If Keith is genuine, he should step aside at this point and have Akima lead the party into the

upcoming elections, rather than have her be used to attempt to "white wash" the image of the party, which at this time is literally impossible.

Grenadians are no longer willing to accept NNP's greedy and deceitful behaviour and have begun to frown upon their vulgar and ruthless spending of the country's scarce resources to buy votes.

We need to know what has created this fiscal space in the middle of a pandemic. Grenadians need to send a strong message that we "overs that".

Enough is Enough!!

The Cave Man

Covid-19 teaching is now “a headache”

A teacher in Grenada has described as “a headache” the 6ft social distancing protocol to be implemented in the school system for children to attend classes in the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the teacher, several of her colleagues are forced to stand up on their feet every day to struggle with the children in the classroom as many of them lack the discipline to strictly follow the Covid-19 guidelines to protect them against the deadly virus.

She said that teachers are forced each day of the school week to battle with the children to urge them to “put on your mask properly, cover your nose, (and) cover your mouth.”

“That alone is a day work for itself. It’s not easy. Every time you have to remind them that you did not sanitise, come on pull up

your mask... at the end of the day you have a headache,” she told **THE NEW TODAY**.

The Ministry of Education was forced this week to pull back on instructions given to the schools to return to full classroom teaching following protests from the Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) in light of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases on the island in the past two weeks.

Several parents also took to Social Media to criticise the decision of the ministry to expose their children to greater risk from the deadly virus which has claimed the lives of 201 Grenadians over a 2-year period.

The teacher was critical of the response of officials within the Ministry of Education to just impose Covid-19 protocols for them to follow to teach in the classroom setting.

She said that no appreciation is given by these officials as they seemingly conclude that teachers are just there as magicians to solve the problem at the classroom level with the students.

In addition, she said there is a perception in the wider community among some people that teachers are lazy and do not want to go to work.

She noted that teachers often have to battle with children who come to school with vastly different backgrounds and the tendency of some parents who use the school as a day care facility for their children.

“Sick or no sick, they (parents) often tell the children, “go in the school and meet Sir, go in the school and meet Miss – it’s not easy,” she said.

The Covid-19 plan for holding classes in school – 6 ft. Social



A typical classroom setting with desk and chairs

Distancing, **THE NEW TODAY** understands that due to the 6ft Social Distancing protocols, some of the smaller schools on the island will only be able to accommodate between

60 and 75 students per day.

According to the teacher, some children only get 3 days of classroom teaching a week and others 2 days.

She said: “Those who get 2 days this week getting 3 days next week. So within a 2-1week period each child will get 5-days in the classroom”.

Following is the protocol which was sent to the schools late Friday afternoon by the Ministry after it back-peddled on the directive to return to full classroom teaching for this week:

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

CIRCULAR NO: 5/2022

FROM: CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER (AG) / MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

TO: ALL OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOLS’ AND CURRICULUM DIVISIONS, HEAD OF THE STUDENTS’ SUPPORT SERVICES UNIT, EDUCATIONAL TESTING AND MEASUREMENT UNITS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, GRENADA UNION OF TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS AND STAFF OF PUBLIC PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TEACHERS IN CHARGE AND STAFF OF PRE-SCHOOLS

DATE : JANUARY 7, 2022

SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF FACE TO FACE CLASSES - HILARY TERM 2022 (UPDATE #2)

The Ministry of Education, Human Resource Development, Religious Affairs and Information, extends a sincere thanks to all Principals and Teachers in charge for their timely submission of data during this first week of Hilary Term. The importance of this collaboration cannot be over emphasized. Acting on the guidance received from the Ministry of Health and Cabinet this morning and in keeping with our commitment to provide timely updates for the accommodation of students within the current dispensation, we duly inform as follows:

1. Schools will operate with adherence to the 6ft-distancing protocol effective Monday 10th January 2022 for a period of one week.
2. On-line learning continues for students on days when they cannot be accommodated for face to face classes in accordance with the 6ft-distancing protocol.
3. Having due regard for the need to improve management & supervisory systems and instances where DIGICEL has not yet corrected major internet issues, Principals and Teachers in charge can allow members of staff who are not required to support on-site classes, to deliver online classes off-plant.
4. Principals and teachers in charge of schools with unique situations must discuss same with their Manager and District Education Officer to inform further guidance and/or approval by the Ministry.
5. Principals and Teachers in charge must promote strict adherence to the Updated Guidelines from the Ministry of Health.
6. The Ministry of Health encourages teachers and students 12 years or older to get vaccinated
7. Based on updated guidance from the World Health Organization (W.H.O), the Ministry of Health has now advised that there will be no random testing at schools. However, persons with flu-like symptoms must report to the nearest medical center.
8. A further update would be provided on or before Friday 14th January 2022.

Thanking you for your continuing collaboration and support,


Angella Finlay (Mrs.)
Chief Education Officer (Ag.)



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Application along with Curriculum Vitae, photocopies of relevant academic qualifications and the names of two (2) referees should be submitted **no later than 18th January 2022**.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Administration/Human Resources Manager
Grenada Development Bank
P.O. Box 2300, Melville Street
ST. George

Email: gdbbank@spiceisle.com

Only suitable applicants will be acknowledged.

PM Mitchell: Additional restrictions are not needed at this time

Prime Minister Keith Mitchell has defended his government's position to not enforce stricter COVID-19 restrictions while allowing the reopening of schools across the country, amidst the current spike in infections of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, which was first detected on the island towards the end of last month.

During this week's post-Cabinet media briefing in St. George's, Health officials revealed that persons under the age of 18, make up 11.5% of the 2551 active cases recorded as of Tuesday, with 1,836 COVID-19 tests being conducted on Monday, which represents the largest number of COVID-19 tests to be conducted in one day since testing began on the island.

The COVID-19 infection rate on the island stood at 26.7% on Tuesday, with a test positivity rate of 26.7%.

Responding to questions surrounding the government's rationale to not impose further restrictions at this time during a live press conference in St. George's on Wednesday, Prime Minister Mitchell said this is not necessary at this time, as although Omicron has been spreading quickly, it has not been as severe as the Delta variant, which has led to hospitalisations and death during the first wave which occurred less than five (5) months ago.

"We have to deal with the consequences of restrictions on the society as a whole, and if life is not in danger as it used to be, the question, therefore, is putting additional restriction, and creating more trauma in the society psychologically, is it worth it? That's the question that we have to answer, and my view is it is not worth it at this time," PM Mitchell told reporters. The Grenadian leader who also acknowledged that several teachers have also been affected by the coronavirus, and the potential threat to the education process if teachers remain unvaccinated and cases among them continue to increase.

He also used the opportunity to reiterate his government's position that vaccination is the only way to prevent major medical problems.

"Hopefully the trend of infection in teachers would slow considerably because every person and every teacher has to accept personal responsibility for his health, and therefore teachers being vaccinated is, clearly, something



Prime Minister Mitchell – getting teachers vaccinated is something that has to happen

that has to happen. Similarly, students with their parent's support have to obey protocols as best as possible," he said.

"Clearly, we will be able to find some substitute teachers but if we have a massive infection, I don't see how we would be able to have that amount of substitute teachers to deal with physical presence in the classroom. So, it means that we may have to go back to, if it reaches a point of crisis, to virtual teaching again," he added.

PM Mitchell who previously avowed not to pass mandatory COVID-19 vaccination laws in the country told reporters that "getting children vaccinated is (also) a challenge that we have to meet."

He expressed "sympathy for young people in this very crucial time (because) they are not getting what we got, the social interaction that all of us had and the fun that we had meeting our friends and so it's tough.

"So, we just have to do all that we have to do...what we have to do is do all that we can to protect our children (and) teachers," he remarked.

Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Myanna Charles, who also addressed the press briefing was not in a position to provide figures for the number of students testing positive for COVID-19.

However, she provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in the country disclosing that "almost 1,600 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19."

Acting Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Shawn Charles, who also addressed

Tuesday's post-cabinet briefing maintained his support for the reopening of schools at this time citing the negative impact of the 2-year disruption in the full-blown education of students.

Noting that "we have enough vaccines to vaccinate all of those individuals out there to protect themselves," CMO Charles emphasised that "health is not just the absence of disease, the absence of COVID."

"We have to think about the holistic health of students, and formal education, face-to-face education is a very important part of this so the question is - do we risk our children's future...or do we start the process of us all adapting to live with this virus and to thrive despite the existence of this virus...?"

"We know that the business sector has adapted - many businesses were closed earlier on in COVID, now everyone is doing everything in their power to ensure that they keep their doors open. So, this is what we expect for education - this is just the most recent sector that needs to adapt to the new reality that we are living in..."

Health Minister Nickolas Steele also addressed Tuesday's media event and echoed the CMO's sentiments stating: "...We need to give our children the best weapons to fight this disease. We need to ensure that our children get back to school as quickly as possible with as little risk as possible and that is by ensuring that our children and our teachers and support staff are vaccinated so that we can continue life with a disease that is becoming endemic."



Dr. Myanna Charles - not in a position to give figures on students infected with COVID-19



Dr. Shawn Charles – the country has enough vaccines

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In the Estate of Thomas Coutain, deceased late of Grand Anse in the parish of St. George's in the State of Grenada

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Melvaughn Marinus Coutain of La Borie in the parish of St. George's in the State of Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 6th December, 2020.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2022.

H L Willis & Associates
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

This Application is filed by H L Willis & Associates, Attorney-at-law, H A Blaize Street, St. George's, Tel: 1(473) 439 9838/410 6862.

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

NDC Candidate Selection process under fire

New political leader of the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC), Dickon Mitchell is coming under fire for a new candidate selection process unveiled by his national executive to identify persons to contest seats for the party in the upcoming general election.

A pro-Congress political activist has described the initiative as a "joke" and warned the new Congress leader that he can be opening "a can of worms" to ask persons to apply to become candidates in general election in Grenada.

"I see a lot of things in my life but this one is a big, big mistake – that mistake will cause other mistakes," said the political activist with over 12 years of experience in frontline politics.

The issue drew atten-

tion following the leak of an internal party memo on the selection process.

It reads: "Good Night All. Trusting you are having a pleasant weekend. Please note that the Candidate Screening Committee, chaired by Deputy Chair, (Sylvester) Quarless is constituted and that all persons wishing to be considered as candidates should email the Committee indicating the constituency they are interested in, submit a copy of their resume/CV/Bio, together with a copy of the bio page of their passport.

"The email addresses for the committee members are: scquarless@gmail.com; pro@ndcgrenada.org; gensec@ndcgrenada.org; givethanks1961@gmail.com; naline.joseph@yahoo.com. Persons should seek to send this information in as soon as



NDC Political leader Dickon Mitchell



Supporters of the main opposition National Democratic Congress at a meeting session

are "setting up themselves for failures" in the political arena.

He said the ruling New National Party (NNP) of Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has been using a tried, tested and successful selection process over the years when it came to candidate selection at the constituency level.

He said the NNP will usually select 3 persons with one of them being the candidate that the party really wants to face the electorate.

The second choice is the person that NNP will turn towards becoming the candi-

date if the first choice pulls out of the race for whatever reason and the third candidate for consideration will go on to become the Campaign Manager for the constituency.

One high-level member of Congress in expressing surprise at the new selection process, said that the Dickon Mitchell-led National Executive is "treating politics as an academic exercise".

"Politics is not academics. That's not how politics is. What we need is some political sense in that leadership. That leadership (is) like they getting far

away from the party's centre – they are drifting," he said.

The official pointed at President Lula da Silva in Brazil who was very popular with the masses but lacked academic qualifications.

He recalled that Lula left school at around age 15 and made a mark on the political landscape of the South American republic.

"He had no secondary education but he was one of the most popular leaders in Brazil. When the man left (office) he had about an 80% approval rating – so what they (NDC) (Continue on page 10)

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possible". According to the official, if a large amount of persons apply to become a candidate for Congress in a constituency, it will pose a problem since several others will feel discredited and the NDC also runs the risk of getting "scammers" to apply for candidacy positions. He warned the newlook NDC that they

GRENADA IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES (PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF CLIVE SNAGG DECEASED late of Calliste in the parish of Saint George, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARTIN GERALD FRANCIS SNAGG** of Candace Lane Georgia in the United States of America for Grant of Probate of the Last Will and Testament of the above-named deceased who died on the 19th day of December 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of February 1, 2013 wherein the applicant is named the sole executor.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 10 day of January 2022

This Application is filed by Dennies S A Burris Marian St. George Grenada, Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of Clive Snagg

Claude Douglas charged with indecent assault of female student

55-year old lecturer with the T.A Marryshow Community College (TAMCC), Claude Douglas has been charged by officers attached to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) with four (4) counts of indecent assault.

A brief statement from the Community Relations Department (CRD) of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) identified the victim as a 19 year old student of River Road, St. George.

It said: "Claude Douglas, 55 year old, Senior Lecturer at T.A. Marryshow Community College (T.A.M.C.C.) of Paradise, St. Andrew was on Sunday 9th January, 2022 formally charged and cautioned



Claude Douglas – due to appear in court on February 8

by officers attached to Criminal Investigation Department, South St. George Police with four (4) counts of indecent assault.

The victim, a 19 years old, Student of River Road, St. George is alleging that the incident occurred between January 1st and October 16th, 2021.

Mr. Douglas was granted bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) with one surety and is due to appear at the St. George's Magistrate's Court on Tuesday 8th February, 2022".

Sources told **THE NEW TODAY** that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Christopher Nelson had given police instructions several days earlier to lay criminal charges against Douglas following an

intensive investigation into the allegations.

According to one source, the mother of the student had indicated that her lawyer along with a lawyer for Douglas were holding meetings with TAMCC management on the issue.

"I don't know if they were trying to resolve the issue. Maybe they didn't reach anyway to resolve the issue

hence the reason they ...decide now to go ahead and charge him," she said.

Another source quoted the student as telling her mother that Douglas informed her that he was on a Scholarship Committee and would work towards helping her to get one.

A family member said the student admitted to her mother that Douglas had often picked her up and brought her to several places, as well as brought down ground provision from the country "and all kinds of things like that for her".

She said the student

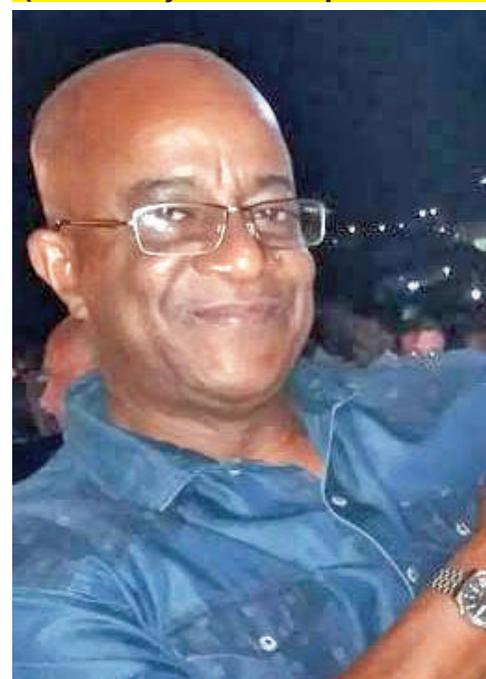
also alleged that on one occasion, the TAMCC lecturer took her into the Quarantine Point area but quickly left with her as "the environment was not right."

"I don't know if it had too much a people there and he leave and bring her in the back of the Mall - touch her up, squeeze up her breast, do all kind of thing," she added.

THE NEW TODAY understands that some male family members of the students were so upset after hearing of the incident and wanted to go and look for Douglas to give him a good beating.

Sexual molestation at TAMCC

(This story was first published on June 05, 2020)



Augustine Vesprey – became the fall guy at TAMCC

visited TAMCC in 2019 with a cutlass to look for a Lecturer from the north of the island who was allegedly molesting his daughter.

A source at the college said that a male security guard on duty prevented the father from coming onto the compound to attack the lecturer who was believed to be on the job at the time.

He said the man was able to look into his daughter's cellphone and discovered that she was receiving calls late at night of a sexual nature from a Lecturer who was allegedly using a gadget owned by TAMCC.

In the other incident, a complaint was made about a Male Lecturer by a female employee at the college concerning constant sexual molestation on the job.

It is alleged that the woman told the ruling Council that the Lecturer had booked a single room for them to stay on a visit to the sister isle of Carriacou to do TAMCC work and she refused to go along with him.

This newspaper was told that the matter was not addressed by the council and the woman was transferred from the college.

Issues at TAMCC were addressed at an emergency meeting held May 26 involving Prime Minister Mitchell, and officials from the college and its council, as well as the Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) the TAMCC Lecturers Association, along with Education Minister, Emmalin Pierre and Minister with responsibility for the running of TAMCC, Tertiary Minister, Pamela Moses.

The Prime Minister who gave an undertaking to bring about "swift and decisive action" to

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT NO. 22 OF 2000 LAWS OF GRENADA

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF CARLTON CLAYTON PIERRE ALSO KNOWN AS CLAYTON MARSHALL FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE THAT HE IS THE OWNER OF LAND SITUATE AT MORNE DELICE CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT EIGHTY THOUSAND AND EIGHTY-SIX SQUARE FEET ENGLISH STATUTE MEASURE

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas CARLTON CLAYTON PIERRE also known as CLATON MARSHALL of La Femme in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, retired Labourer, by his application filed in the High Court on 29th day of October, 2021, claims to have acquired title by over twelve years' adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Morne Delice in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada and bound on the north east by a water course, on the south east by lands owned by the Estate of the late King Vincent, on the south west by lands owned by the Estate of the late Joseph Pounder, and, on the north west by lands owned by Henry Xavier, the extent of which by admeasurement Eighty Thousand and Eighty-six Square Feet (80,086 Sq. Ft.), English Statute Measure and shown on the plan or drawing by Denis Thomas, Licensed Land Surveyor surveyed on 12th June, 2020

Melissa Garraway
Melissa Garraway
Deputy Registrar (Ag.)

Covid-19 cases rising on the port

Fingers are pointing at workers at the Grenada Ports Authority (GPA) for a breakout of a few Covid-19 cases on the St. George's main port. According to a well-placed source, the deadly virus has also affected several members of the Customs Department who often work on a daily basis in close proximity to port employees.

A source who preferred to remain anonymous told **THE NEW TODAY** that a number of GPA workers have Covid-19 but the management there are keeping it low-keyed and do not want the public to know what

is happening.

He said the recent spike in cases on the St. George's port "started with them".

"It is one of their staff that had it first - it started with them. They are covering it down - a couple (Custom) officers on the port now have it," he added.

There are reports that the first port worker to fall victim to Covid-19 in the latest surge took place in what is normally called "The Cigarette Bond" which was used during the busy Christmas period to handle barrels.

The source said that one Port employee was

affected by the virus and soon passed it on to a member of the Customs working in the area.

Speculation is rife that this Custom officer mingled with other colleagues and transmitted the virus to them.

THE NEW TODAY was told that on Monday alone, about 4 Customs officers on the port came down with Covid-19 including one person in Shed One is home due to Covid-19 and another stationed at the Caricom shed.

According to the source, one Customs officer working in the shed known as

"Queens" is also down with the virus.

"Before you hear it you hear somebody has gone home again with the virus," he said.

Grenada has seen a spike in Covid-19 cases in the past week with the Dash Board from the Ministry of Health indicating well over 8,000 persons have been affected by the virus since it was first detected on the island in March 2020.



Aerial view of the Grenada Ports Authority where Covid-19 is affecting some of the employees

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talking about," he remarked.

The Congress official also made mention of President Jacob Zuma in South Africa and the Father of Grenada's 1972 independence, Sir Eric Matthew Gairy who did not possess a formal degree in education but became leaders of their countries.

A prominent Grenadian living overseas who is known to be supportive of Congress also responded to the inclusion of CV in the selection process.

He said: "They are asking for the wrong things. Instead of CV what they should ask for is a brief bio, a write up from the individual on their views

regarding the biggest issues in the constituency, their ideas of what is needed to improve their communities and testimonials from 30 people (non-family members) in their communities".

A key member of Dickon Mitchell's new team now running Congress has sought to defend the new guidelines for the candidate selection process.

"I don't think this is the beginning and end of the process. Don't necessarily mean that other potential candidates are not being pursued. However, recognising the process is publicised, you now have everyone making suggestions and also seeking individuals they think can be an asset.

You now have a broader base assisting in recommending and pursuing individuals, since we all want the best".

The NDC has been trying to take on a new look with the emergence of 44-year old attorney-at-law Dickon Mitchell as its new political leader following its annual convention at the end of October.

Dickon Mitchell is facing criticisms of seeking to promote "CV politics" and running Congress like "a law office" and not as a political party.

The NDC is trying to rebound following back-to-back 15-0 loss at the polls in 2013 and 2018 at the hands of NNP's Keith Mitchell.

Sexual molestation at TAMCC

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deal with the problems affecting the institution has replaced Moses as the Minister with responsibility for Tertiary Education and given it to the Education Minister.

Moses, the Member of Parliament for St. Patrick East, has been made a Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Special Projects, Needy Assistance and IT.

Former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Linus Spencer Thomas has been named as the new Interim Chairman of the TAMCC council on the removal of Vesprey from the position.

The government issued a statement following

the May 26 meeting in which it said that the intervention of Prime Minister Mitchell was sought after a letter was sent from GUT to Minister Moses outlining several issues affecting TAMCC including the lack of proper management structures, inadequate accountability and financial planning, the lack of effective communication and irregularities in the hiring process at the college.

TAMCC was also hit by a strike by employees last year after they complained of being owed EC\$6.1 million in outstanding increments over a 6-year-period. Dr. Mitchell told the gathering that the concerns raised at the meeting must be addressed urgently because they have

direct implications "for the future of our children, their education and the overall development of the country" and that government intends to "treat the matter with utmost importance."

"Some of the issues highlighted cannot wait for the report on restructuring. The Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated that it cannot be business as usual and we must make tough decisions on the way forward.

There are major issues at the college - the way it is managed, the hiring process, salary level and lack of accountability. Together, we must take some decisions on the future of the college," he told the meeting.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016
AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION
OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

KATHLEEN WILLIAMS APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas **KATHLEEN WILLIAMS** of Tivoli in the parish of Saint Andrew in Grenada, by her application filed in the High Court on ~~14th~~ day of ~~November~~ 2021 claim to have acquired title by twelve years' adverse possession of the lands described in the schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all person claiming interest in the said lands are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his/her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

1. I am the owner in possession of two lots of land ("Lot 1 and Lot 2") adjoining each other. Lot 1 and Lot 2 is situated at Conference/Tivoli in the parish of Saint Andrew aforesaid. Lot 1 contains by admeasurements Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Square Feet (6,311 Sq. Ft.) and Lot 2 Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-seven Square Feet (37,697 Sq. Ft.) respectively.
 - (i) Lot 1 is bounded on its many sides by lands of Majorie Bhola, lands of Patrick Bhola, Old Imm. and a Public By-way as is evidence in the plan drawn by George Alexander Licensed Land Surveyor on the 6th day of February 1989 and marked with the letter "A" annexed to a Statutory Declaration of Harold Bhola dated 3rd day of May 2004 and recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 13-2004 at page 800.
 - (ii) Lot 2 is bounded on its many sides by lands of Majorie Bhola, lands of Willie Calliste, lands of Constance Frederick and lands of Kathleen Williams as is evidence in the plan drawn by George Alexander Licensed Land Surveyor on the 14th day of December 2018.

Registrar 

This Notice is prepared by Ciboney Chambers, Ciboney House No.7 H. A. Blaize Street St. George's Grenada, W.I., Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Resilient Caribbean Cities Photo Competition 2022 will highlight the region's climate resilience solutions

CASTRIES, ST LUCIA - Eastern Caribbean cities are at risk from the impacts of climate change, including rising seas, floods, droughts and storms - but they are rich in climate resilience solutions too.

These solutions will be showcased in the Resilient Caribbean Cities Photo Competition 2022, which was launched Tuesday.

Applicants have until March 31, 2022 to submit their photographs and short captions illustrating climate resilience solutions, to get a chance to win a cash prize.

The entries will be used to make an inspiring online photo gallery for public viewing at a later date in 2022.

A recent science report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicted that sea level rise will increasingly threaten small islands as the world warms, and the Caribbean could face reduced rainfall in the months of June, July and August.

Solutions to climate change impacts include

'green infrastructure', such as planting trees on slopes and mangroves on coasts, to reduce erosion from heavy rain and high waves.

Design and technology in the built environment - like energy-efficient, climate-smart architecture and use of renewable energy - are important for creating resilience.

Resilience solutions can also include innovations in government and business to reduce climate risks. This includes protecting people and assets when extreme weather is forecasted.

The competition is an initiative of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, the University of the West Indies, the Université des Antilles and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Adapt'Action programme.

Speaking about the initiative, Crispin d'Auvergne, Programme Director for Climate and Disaster Resilience at the OECS Commission said: "We know climate



A close up view of a major city in the Caribbean

change is already taking a toll on the Eastern Caribbean, but there is a lot we can do, especially through smarter urban planning and design in our cities, to avoid some of its impacts. This photo competition is a chance for students, urban planners, and citizens across the region to document and share some of the great actions people are already taking to address climate change. It is an opportunity to educate ourselves about what more we can do to become resilient to climate change."

The competition is

open to budding photographers of all ages. Captions and descriptions of the resilience solutions can be submitted in either English or French to : photos@odi.org.uk before the March 31 deadline.

Entrants will have the opportunity to win a top cash prize of 750 XCD, and two runner-up prizes of 300 XCD each.

Submissions are invited in three categories:

- **People power:** social and business innovations for resilience
- **Nature based solutions:** green and blue infrastructure that boosts resilience
- **Design and technology:** resilient features of the built environment and infrastructure

Winners will be notified by mid-April and a public announcement and launch of the online photo gallery will take place in May 2022.

29-year-old T&T Olympian Deon Lendore has died



Deon Lendore - died in a car crash in Texas

Trinidad and Tobago's Olympic athlete Deon Lendore has died.

Reports indicate that the 29-year-old sprinter passed away in a car accident in Texas on Monday night.

The Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee shared an update this morning confirming the 29-year-old Olympian's death.

"Words cannot adequately express our sadness at the devastating and untimely loss of 3x Olympian and Olympic and World Championship

bronze medalist Deon Lendore who has been an inspiration and motivation to us all both on and off the track.

"Deon has flown the Trinidad and Tobago flag with pride, honor, patriotism and an indomitable will throughout his career while helping and inspiring many. We express our deepest and heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, teammates, coaches, Abilene Club, Community of Arima and all who he would have touched. "It is a sad day for the

Trinidad and Tobago Olympic and Commonwealth Sport Movement."

Lendore represented Trinidad and Tobago at the 2012 London Olympic Games, the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil and the Tokyo Olympic Games in Japan last year.

Other athletes, organisations and personalities including Ato Boldon, the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association and Councillor for Tumpuna, Brennon Patterson acknowledged the loss.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE



GRENADA
SUIT NO. GDAHCV2021/0074
BETWEEN:

ACB (GRENADA) BANK LIMITED
(FORMERLY RBTT BANK (GRENADA) LTD.)

CLAIMANT

AND

ALSTAND EDWARDS

DEFENDANT

NOTICE

TO: ALSTAND EDWARDS

TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned matter was heard on 17th December 2021 before Master Alvin Pariasingh and was adjourned from 17th December 2021 to 24th January 2022 for hearing before the Master via zoom hearing at 9:00 am.

Take further Notice that you, **Alstand Edwards** will be required to attend the Registrar's Office situate at on Church Street, St. George, for your participation in the Zoom hearing. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact the Court Office immediately at 440-2030 Extension 62024, 62007 or 62000 to inform the Court or via email at registrargda@spiceisle.com. If you do not attend at the hearing or contact the Court Office in the event you are unable to attend the hearing, the matter may proceed in your absence.

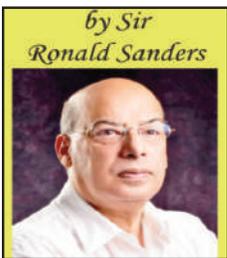
Dated the 17th day of December 2021.

Shireen Wilkinson
Shireen J. Wilkinson
WILKINSON, WILKINSON & WILKINSON
Legal Practitioners for the Claimant

This court office is at Upper Church Street, St. George's telephone number 473-440-2030, FAX 473-440-6695. The office is open between 8:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

This Notice is filed by Wilkinson, Wilkinson & Wilkinson, Chambers, Lucas Street, St. George's. Telephone number [473] 440-3578, Fax number [473] 440-4172. Email: wilkinson@wilkinsonchambers.net

Governments must act urgently to end embarrassing UWI spectacle



No individuals are greater or more valuable than Institutions.
The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is the longest thriving and most successful institution of the 16 countries of the West Indies – 13 of them being member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The UWI, established in 1948, is the cradle of West Indian scholarship that rose from being a distant offshoot of the University of London, to its present position among the leading 1% of Latin American and Caribbean Universities. Among 30,000 universities and elite research institutes globally, The UWI is ranked among the top 1.5%. To all West Indians, The UWI is more than a University; it is the honoured soul of West Indian scholastic achievement. This is why the participating Caribbean governments in The UWI must act swiftly to end the embarrassing specta-

cle that is tarnishing the image of this great West Indian Institution. Ever since the Report of the Chancellor's Commission on Governance of the UWI was published in July 2020, tales have circulated of the dissatisfaction of the Vice Chancellor, Sir Hilary Beckles. There has even been an unsubstantiated and disgraceful suggestion of racist motivation by the Chancellor, Mr. Robert Bermudez. However, when, on December 5, 2018, Bermudez established "The Chancellor's Commission on the Governance of the UWI", he did nothing more than

follow a system, enshrined in the University's procedures to conduct such a review approximately every 10 years. It is most unfortunate, therefore, that our greatest West Indian institution, through whose revered halls, have passed West Indians of every colour and ethnicity in our multi-coloured society, should be lowered to such an unfounded dis-course. Significantly, all that has been said about UWI's governance came from the Commission, not Bermudez. And no one on that Commission could possibly be accused of doing the bid-

ding of Bermudez or any other person, so great is their integrity in public life. It is well to recall that the Commission's Chair was Sir Dennis Byron, who held many distinguished posts including the Presidency of the Caribbean Court of Justice. The other members were: Professor Nigel Harris, former Vice Chancellor of UWI; Sir Elliott Mottley Q.C, a most distinguished Barbadian Attorney-at-Law and Caribbean Judge; Dr Didacus Jules, the Director-General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS); Mr. Richard Byles, Governor of the Bank of Jamaica; Ms. Angela Hamel-Smith, Judge of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago; Dr. Beverley Pereira, Former University Counsel, The UWI; and Ms. Jacqueline Sharp, The UWI Alumni Association.

- (b) a weak and under-resourced risk management system;
- (c) the absence of a whistle-blower policy; and
- (d) chronic absenteeism at the meetings of key governance bodies such as the Finance and General Purposes Committees (F&GPC) at both the regional and campus levels".

These observations were sufficiently significant to warrant attention in any Institution; they could not have been ignored by the University's governing Council, which includes representatives of Caribbean governments, and they should have received the immediate attention of the Vice Chancellor and the Campus Principals.

The issues could not have been brushed aside by a Commission charged with examining "the performance of The UWI in relation to its objects as stated in clause 2(a) and 2(b) of the 1972 Charter, including its Report of the Chancellor's Commission on the Governance of The UWI July 2020 management practices and its features of transparency and accountability within the University system".

It was the Commission that concluded, based on the facts before its members, that: "The review of the University's corporate governance system revealed serious challenges. The University's own documentation shows that many of these challenges have been discussed over the years and that recommendations have been made to address them. However, such recommendations, even when accepted and approved, are not always implemented".

The Commission made various recommendations for improving the governance of the University. In none of the recommendations did the Commission denigrate the role of the Vice Chancellor or promote a greater role for the Chancellor. It did recommend greater oversight and monitoring functions by the governing Council (largely comprised of government ministers) through the formation of smaller working commit-

tees of the Council "suitably composed, conferred with appropriate delegated powers and supported by strong advisory committees". There is nothing wrong with that – UWI is in a critical financial situation. For the period 2018-2019, it recorded a deficit of BDS\$91.57 million or roughly US\$45 million. In the midst of all this, despite reports which suggested that the representatives of the Governments of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago objected, Sir Hilary's contract as Vice Chancellor was renewed in April last year. The appointing authority is the University Council.

Nonetheless, in a curious development, Sir Hilary has established a Committee, comprising of employees of the UWI (his subordinates) to report to him, to investigate the part played by Mr. Bermudez in the circumstances under which his contract was renewed. In effect, the Committee is investigating the actions of the governing council of the UWI. Remarkably, it is now in the regional press that the Committee has posed several questions to the Chancellor and given him a deadline to answer.

This behaviour contrasts sharply and troublingly with the conduct of former Vice Chancellors of The UWI, and the relationships they established with their Chancellors and the University Council, which have contributed to the University achieving the great reputation that it now enjoys.

Caribbean governments need to act swiftly to end this haemorrhaging of The UWI's standing and to stop it from hurting the University irreparably. The Council must put machinery in place to repair this damage and such action must be taken now.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. He is also Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are his own)

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE GRENADA

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IN THE ESTATE OF MABEL LOUISA RENWICK A.K.A MABEL RENWICK, LATE OF LA BORIE, ST. GEORGE'S

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Damaris Simone Seaforth a.k.a. Damaris Seaforth, a retiree, of La Borie, in the parish of St. George in the island of Grenada, for a grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 2nd day of March 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 11th day of January 2012 wherein the applicant is named the Sole Executrix.

Any person having any objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2022



Trevor B.D. St. Bernard
Lewis & Renwick
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

This application is filed by Messrs. Lewis & Renwick, No. 11 Church Street, St. George's, Grenada

(a) potential conflict of interest arising from the chairmanship by the Vice Chancellor at the regional level and Campus Principals at the campus level, of many layers of committees which report ultimately to decision-making committees also chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principals;

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UN Plea to Save Afghanistan from Full-Blown Humanitarian Crisis

By Naureen Hossain

GENEVA (IPS) - UN agencies have asked for a record USD 4.4 billion in aid for Afghanistan to avert a full-blown humanitarian crisis that could see hunger, distress, and death and a mass exodus of people from the country.

The agencies OCHA, UNHCR, and their non-governmental organization partners launched their 2022 Humanitarian Response Plans to provide relief for Afghanistan and the region on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Speaking at a press conference in Geneva to launch the relief plans, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths stated that this is the "largest-ever appeal for a single country for humanitarian aid".

"Events in Afghanistan over the past year have unfolded with dizzying speed and with profound consequences for the Afghan people," said Griffiths. The world is perplexed and looking for the right way to react. Meanwhile, a full-blown humanitarian catastrophe looms.

These humanitarian and refugee response plans aim to provide vital humanitarian relief to 23 million people in Afghanistan. They will also be provided to 5.7 million Afghans displaced in local communities in five neighboring countries: Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Funding will be required from donors. The Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan has requested USD 4.4 billion.

If funded, this is expected to support aid organizations to ramp up the delivery and output of health services, education, protection services, food and agriculture support, and access to clean water and sanitation.

The Afghanistan Situation Regional Refugee Response Plan alone will require USD 623 million in funding for 40 organizations that provide protection, health and nutrition, shelter and non-food items, livelihoods and resilience, and logistics and telecoms, among other necessary services.

Griffiths was describing the ongoing humanitarian crisis overwhelming Afghanistan. In 2021, it faced increased disruptions to services and

struggled to meet its population's needs.

Its economy has suffered dramatically due to the freezing of assets in central bank reserves, the disruptions in markets, not to mention the sudden pause in international development assistance, upon which many basic social services are dependent. Severe climate-induced problems such as the harsh winter season and one of the worst recorded droughts in the country's history have only exacerbated poverty among its citizens. Twenty-three million people are at risk of acute hunger.

This also accounts for those Afghans who have been internally displaced - 700,000. OCHA's relief aid plan accounts for these displaced citizens.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi remarked that the international community must take the steps needed to "prevent a catastrophe in Afghanistan, which could not only compound suffering but would drive further displacement both within the country and throughout the region."

"It is key not to forget that there is a regional dimension to this crisis," he said. "Not only Afghan refugees but the people who have been involved in hosting."

Neighboring countries currently host 5.7 million registered refugees from earlier waves of forced displacement. Iran and Pakistan account for 2.2 million Afghan refugees. While they have implemented inclusive policies in education and healthcare, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the countries' own needs, which presented challenges to these governments to continue their policy of inclusion.

The UNHCR Plan will directly support 40 partner organizations working in the region to provide emergency relief, health and social services, education, and protection to refugees and host communities. It is also estimated to work closely to improve the livelihood and resilience of the Afghans, particularly to those who are more susceptible to exploitation or abuse when crossing borders.

One of the target goals addressed in the press conference was to ensure the country's stability by supporting efforts to rebuild the economic and social struc-

tures.

"The key here is to stabilize the situation inside Afghanistan, which includes the people who are displaced," Grandi said.

Griffiths also remarked it was crucial to invest in services and structures so that the country is eventually "secure for those [Afghans] who have been displaced to return to their homes".

The UN leaders expressed hope that the relief plans would accomplish their target goals with the requested funding.

"With continuing adaptation, continuing adjustment, the plans can improve, and access to services can improve," said Griffiths.

The Taliban's takeover in August 2021 contributed to the decline in the economy and the freeze in international development assistance. It has threatened to undermine services, further undermining the development gains made in the last two decades.

Education has been used as the prime example, with the concern over girls being allowed to return to schools or return to mixed classes with boys.

There is concern about the Taliban's involvement with the relief plans. However, Griffiths stated that the partner organizations in Afghanistan, almost all NGOs, would "receive the money directly", including programs that would directly pay front-line workers in the health and education sector.

Grandi remarked that their UN colleagues in the field were in talks every day with the Taliban, who have been open to discussing the scope of these programs, stating: "Humanitarian assistance... has created a space for dialogue."

"It's that space we need to preserve... that then can be developed and make room for stabilization."

Open dialogue between the international community and the Taliban would be needed to provide immediate relief to Afghanistan and the region, eventually paving the way for stabilizing the region and alleviating its dependence on donors. In this spirit and the palpable urgency to protect the people of Afghanistan, UNCHR and OCHA are launching their plans for

2022.

When asked at the conference what would happen to Afghans if they did not receive the required funds, Grandi said that if the country's humanitarian system collapsed, it would likely result in a mass exodus of peoples into the neighboring states and beyond. "We will need that solidarity in those neighboring countries because they will be the first ones hit."

Griffiths added apart from seeing "hunger, distress, death, despair, at the family level... we would be robbing the people of Afghanistan of the hope that their home is secure and that they can spend the rest of their lives here."



Gul Khan*, 53, alongside his children and grandchildren, adds a handful of plastic to the stove in their home in Kabul. Gul Khan* has five sons and two daughters, and two grandchildren. They fled their home in Nangarhar province three years ago. All the children are now in school and Gul Khan and his 26-year-old son work as day laborers. Life is a struggle and winter is the hardest time. "In summer we only have to worry about food," said Gul Khan. "But in winter we have to worry about finding fuel to burn, fixing the heating system, falling down on the ice when collecting water." *Names changed for protection reasons. Credit: UNHCR

Form P7

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF ANDERSON NIGEL CURTIS HOSTEN, late of Mt. Tout in the parish of Saint George Grenada, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VEDA HOSTEN of Mt. Tout in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, Retired for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of September 2021.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file and objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 10th day of January, 2021

Aloytha Thomas

Aloytha Thomas

AFI VENTOUR & CO.

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Afi Ventour & Co. whose address is Unit 3, Upper Floor, Spiceland Mall, Morne Rouge, Grand Anse, St. George, Grenada, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Spotlight on H.E. Oleg Firer & the International Association for Economic Development

By *sandra Ferguson*



(Continue from last week)

one in Grenada at the Le Marquis Complex and one in Russia, at the Embassy of Grenada Embassy to the Russian Federation!!???

3.1.1.2. Comment/Query

• Is the Citizenship by Investment Agent, Reef View Enterprises conducting its business at Grenada's Embassy in Russia? Who/what is/are the owner(s)/operator(s) of this business?

• What arrangements does RVECEBI have with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Government of Grenada to operate a private business at the Embassy?

4. St. George's Club ("SGC")

• New Dawn Conference,

2017: The St. George's Club describes itself as "a non-profit organization founded on the principle of networking and building relationships that last". Formed by the organisers of the New Dawn Russian / Eurasian-Caribbean economic, media and academic forum held in Grenada in November 2017, the objective of the St. George's Club is to improve contacts between the Caribbean and Eurasian businesses, cultural and government communities.

• Next Step Conference February 2019: A follow-up conference took place over the period February 22-24, 2019, again billed an economic, media and academic forum. The organizers of the forum were St. George's Club, Government of Grenada

and the Bering-Bellingshausen Institute (IBBA). A local news story on the forum advised that Min. Steele issued a warning to Russian investors at the conference. This suggests that the conference was another special interests citizenship by investment forum.

• New Energy Conference, 2020 : The third conference, the New Energy Conference, scheduled for May 4-6, 2020 in Grenada at the Royalton Grenada Resort, appears to have been postponed. The Global Energy Association was also going to be participating in this conference for the first time "to discuss issues of joint work in the field of sustainable development with representatives of business and academic circles of the Caribbean Community



Businessman Olinga Mitchell – listed as the son of the current Grenadian leader

countries". Worthy of note is the fact that the President of the Global Energy Association, Sergev Brilev, is also the co-founder of IBBA, one of the sponsors of the conference.

- Among the speakers listed were:- Roy Jones Jr.- American; professional Boxing Champion and Dr. Rae Kwon Chung- Korean national, Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2007 as part of the IPCC Panel; Former Advisor on Climate Change to the Secretary-General of the UN.

- Sponsors: The sponsors identified were:- St. George's Club; Embassy of Grenada to the Russian Federation; Government of Grenada; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Bering-Bellingshausen Institute (IBBA); VIP Systems; a.k.a Agency; Russian Direct Investment Fund.

3.3. International Association for Economic Development

The International Association for Economic Development was founded in November 2020. One notes that the IAED commemorated its first anniversary with an event hosted on November 2021 held at the Residence of the Embassy of Grenada to the Russian Federation, with H.E. being Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

3.3.1. Articles of Association:

The following information from the Articles of Association were noted:-

•According to its Articles of Association (the English version), it is the Entrepreneurs Association for the development of Mutually Beneficial Relations <International

Association for Economic Development» referred to as the Association.

•It was founded by completely capable citizens of the Russian Federation carrying out activities in the field of business development based on voluntary membership and created to represent and protect common interests, including professional ones, to achieve socially useful goals.

• The Association is a non-profit corporate organization,.....

• The Association was established and operates in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Civil Code of the Russian Federation, the Federal Law No. 7-FZ "On non-profit organizations", No. 129-FZ "On state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs", other legislative acts, and these Articles of Association.

•The Association has the right to create branches in the Russian Federation and abroad and open representative offices in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, international law and the laws of the countries where branches are created and representative offices are opened.

• Members of the Association can be completely capable Russian and foreign (legally located on the territory of the Russian Federation) citizens, Russian and foreign legal entities that share the statutory goals of the Association.

• Management of the Association Activity: The General meeting of founders elects the Board of the Association, the Director of the Association when creating the

Association.

• The Board is elected by the General Meeting of the Association members for a period of 5 years, in the amount of at least two people. Any member or members of the Association may be elected as a member of the Board of the Association.

• The number of elected members of the Board shall be determined by the General Meeting of the Members of the Association.

3.3.1.1. Minutes No. 1/2020C4 of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Members

• Total number of members were listed as two - Barna Anastasiia Vladimirovna and Panarin Asaf Ivanovich. The quorum was 100%. The meeting was deemed competent to make resolutions on the agenda.

• The members of the Board of Trustees of the Association were validated:

- Oleg Firer, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Grenada to the Russian Federation and the CIS and Roy Jones Jr.

• Anastasiia Vladimirovna Barna was elected as the chairperson and secretary of the Meeting and the person counting the votes.

3.3.1.2: Comment/Query:

• Founders: Information about membership/founders and Board was really confusing. Amb. Firer advised that he was a co-founder. Given that The Association was founded by "completely capable citizens of the Russian Federation", how is it that Amb. Firer identifies himself as a co-founder?

• Chairman of Board of Trustees/Director: The General meeting of founders elects the Board of the Association, the Director of the Association when creating the Association. Therefore, one can conclude that Amb. Firer and Roy Jones Jr. were elected to the Board of Trustees by the general meeting of founders (how many founders?) and the Director, A.V. Barna was chosen.

• Members: According to the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of members, the total number of members were listed as two - Barna Anastasiia Vladimirovna and Panarin Asaf Ivanovich.

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)**

GRENADA

CASE NO: GDAHBP2021/0372

IN THE ESTATE OF ABEL NATHANIEL MEDFORD OF MT. MORITZ IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Probate has been filed by Carol Theresa Medford of Mt. Moritz Saint George the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 8th day of September, 2021.

Any persons having an objection to the Application for Grant of Probate shall file an objection withing 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated 30th day of December, 2021

Evette John
Evette John
Law Office of Evette John
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Law Office of Evette John, Chambers, Cherry Hill, St. George, Attorneys-at-Law for the Defendants; Tel./ Fax. No. 473-440-8273, E-mail: evettejohn@gmail.com

The Court Office is at Church Street in the Parish of Saint George, Tel. 473-440-2030/0870, Fax. 473-440-6695. The Office is open at 8 a.m to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.



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GRENADA

CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/0 BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

RICKIE'S BOBCAT & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

The Applicant, Rickie's Bobcat & Construction Company Ltd, a company incorporated pursuant to the Companies Act No. 35 of 1994 of the Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada with its registered office situate at Calliste, in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada by an application filed in the High Court on the 11th day of January, 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve years, adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land at Calliste in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada and bound on the North and Western sides by the Applicant Rickie's Bobcat & Construction Services Ltd, on the South side by lands owned by Alston Johnson, on the East side by Maurice Bishop Highway measuring approximately Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Square Feet (6,871 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure.

Registrar Ag.

GRENADA



Prayer in the face of COVID 19

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness”. You have been with us as we faced hurricanes and earthquakes, in all our poverty and pain. Come to our aid now, as we face the global spread of coronavirus. Be with us in this time of anxiety, uncertainty and sorrow. Heal those who are sick with the virus. Be their comfort and strength. May they regain their health through quality medical care.

Deliver us from the panic and fear, which prevent nations from working together and people from helping one another. Be with doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. Through this period of anxiety and pain, bring us all to a stronger faith, wider charity and a deeper appreciation of your active presence in our lives.

LORD JESUS, HEAR US AND HEAL US.
 AMEN

(adapted from Kerry Weber)

Truth as War Causality? The Case of Ethiopia

By Jan Lundius



STOCKHOLM (IPS) - A brutal drama is unfolding in Ethiopia and it is difficult to find straightforward accounts of what is happening there. However, this does not prevent people from taking a unilateral stand for either of the factions involved in the disaster.

Since November 2020, a ruthless civil war has caused immense misery, especially in the northern parts of the country. Tens of thousands have been killed, about 2 million persons are left homeless, while famine affects 9 million. It has been extremely

difficult for journalists to enter the affected areas and the outside world has to rely on information from the warring parties. As is the case of any armed conflict – propaganda, dubious reporting and outright lies are prevalent.

During World War I, the US Senator Hiram Johnson stated that “The first casualty when war comes, is truth” and any armed conflict seems to prove this fact with recent examples from the Gulf War, the conflict between NATO and Serbia over Kosovo, as well as the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen and Iraq. Government manipulation is supported by media complicity, as evidenced by the embedding of reporters in military units and an uncritical, openly patriotic coverage of conflicts.

In his history of war journalism, The First Casualty, the Australian author Phillip Knightley stated that “the age of the war correspondent as hero, appears to be over.” Even if global net-

works are becoming ever more efficient, making their presence felt all over the world, it is nevertheless extremely difficult to discern what is true or false. Too many vested interests are at stake, though no one can deny that every war is a disaster.

While ingesting scanty news from Ethiopia I am reminded of an interview I in 1997 did with Guatemala's Archbishop Juan José Gerardi Condera. He was an open-minded and jocular man in charge of a project called Recovering Historic Memory, REHMI, which documented violence against civilians during Guatemala's 36 years of civil war, in particular the ruthless killing of members of the country's indigenous population.

One year after our meeting, Bishop Gerardi presented a report entitled *Nunca Más, Never Again*, which was notably damning to the Guatemalan military. Two days after the release of the report, Gerardi was

found bludgeoned to death in the garage of his villa. His skull and face were crushed and it was only through his episcopal ring that he could be identified.

During our talk Bishop Gerardi had told me:

I do not know if we were right or wrong when we began preaching a gospel highlighting human rights. We intended to preach not only through words, but through deeds as well. With the support of the local, rural population we organized development committees which constructed schools, clinics and community centres. I assure you that as soon as you try to improve the physical and psychological well-being of your neighbour, especially our most poor, vulnerable and humble sisters and brothers, you become defenselessly entangled in the nets of politics and are thus destined to make powerful enemies. We started a wildfire. Soon our cate-

chists were being murdered. No respect and mercy whatsoever were shown to the clergy. They called us Communists and several of us were executed. The severed head of one of my priests was found on the steps to his church. If someone takes up arms ... violence and injustice cannot be avoided. It does not matter whether murderous measures are considered to be fair or not. The result is always the same – death and misery for all involved, and especially for the wretched ones who happen to be innocent.

On 2 April 2018, Abiy Ahmed was by the Ethiopian parliament sworn in as Prime Minister of Ethiopia. His accession was greeted with cheers and a sense of relief. After three years of massive protests, the ruling political constellation EPRDF, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, had begun to crack. The head of government resigned and the old guard sought a replacement whom they assumed they could be able control. However, Abiy Ahmed surprised everyone when he signaled resolute action and initiated sweeping reforms. During his first months in power, Abiy's popularity was tremendous, especially in the capital Addis Ababa. His inspirational speeches were applauded, while his picture could be seen almost everywhere; in shop windows, on restaurant walls, and taped to cars and lorries. Large crowds marched along the main streets, chanting his name, declaring that Ethiopia now had been redeemed after decades of oppression.

Abiy Ahmed appointed a new government with 50 percent women ministers. The country's anti-terrorism law, widely perceived as a tool of political repression, was amended. Opposition groups, including those who had fled the country, were welcomed to discuss Ethiopia's future. A female president was appointed, while democratic elections and a new constitution were promised. The border between Ethiopia and Eritrea was opened and air services between the capitals were resumed.

However, by the beginning of 2020, the cheers had subsided. Pictures of the Prime Minister had been torn down and replaced by others that depicted ancient rulers; like the mythical hero emperor Tewodros, the last emperor Haile Selassie and, strangely enough, the blood-stained dictator Mengistu. What had happened?

During his acceptance speech, Abiy had promised political reforms and an active promotion of unity

among the peoples of Ethiopia. He soon reached out to the Eritrean government to resolve the ongoing Eritrean-Ethiopian border conflict, a protracted strife that frequently had exploded in fierce warfare. A free press became permitted, while State monopolies in the telecommunications, aviation, electricity, and logistics sectors were being dismantled and industries were opened up to private sector competition.

Abiy's attempts at comprehensive reforms was a risky balancing act. Ethiopia is not really a nation-state, it is more of a conglomerate of ethnic entities. Among the country's 115 million inhabitants, 80 million consider themselves to belong to different ethnic groups. Members of the Amharic population group have, along with the closely related Tigrayans, since the establishment of the medieval kingdom of Abyssinia been state leaders. Ethiopia's largest ethnic group – the Oromos – was incorporated into Abyssinia in the 16th century.

Abiy Ahmed bridged ethnicities and religions. His father is Oromo and Muslim, his mother Amhara and Orthodox Christian, while he himself is member of The Ethiopian Full Gospel Believers' Church, a Pentecostal Movement.

He has a Master in Business Administration and a PhD in Peace and Security Studies.

Abiy was initially focused on dialogue between different ethnicities and political factions, but in step with his reform attempts difficulties arose almost everywhere. Worst has been the situation in the Tigray region, situated along the border with Eritrea. Leaders from that area had for almost 30 years through a superior military power, authoritarian rule, censorship and a tight political system, which nevertheless allowed for a certain ethnical/linguistical autonomy, succeeded in stimulating economic growth and an expanding infrastructure. However after the death of Prime Minister Meles Zenaw in 2012, corruption increased and opposition grew stronger.

Abiy's economic reforms, the release of political prisoners and limitations to censorship worried many of his Tigrayan colleagues and some of them were directly affected by a crackdown on corruption. Realizing that Abiy could not be controlled, some Tigrayan politicians began moving north to their home region, instead of awaiting trial in Addis Ababa. The Tigrayan suspicion of Abiy increased and the region's leading party Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) refused to join Abiy's Prosperity Coalition,

accusing him of discriminating against Tigrayans and claiming that the agreement with Eritrea was a “largely unimplemented” scam. When elections scheduled for August 2020 were postponed with reference to a menacing COVID situation, TPLF organized a regional election in Tigray, where they won a landslide victory.

On the night of November 4, 2020, TPLF forces broke into several military bases in Tigray urging soldiers and officers to join TPLF. Those who refused were overpowered, or killed. Weapon stockpiles were looted, among them long-range missiles. The federal government declared that TPLF had committed high treason and ordered the army to go on the offensive. Since then Ethiopia has been devoured by a cruel civil war.

Due to restrictions and censorship, evidence-based information barely seeps out, while a rich flora of rumors is dominating social media and the international press. It has become difficult to distinguish between factual information and abundant exaggerations and distortions. Nevertheless, it is evident that war crimes have been committed by both warring factions.

The Ethiopian government has lost the information war. Communication to the international media has been scarce, with an emphasis on military success, while civilian abuses are blamed on the TPLF and Eritrean intervention is denied. This while TPLF during its years in government was able to build up a wide network of sympathizers around the world, which has been mobilized during the war, influencing foreign politicians and international media.

TPLF forces were close to reaching Addis Ababa, but in mid-December last year, the Government gained the upper hand, after deploying heavy weapons, including drones, provided by China, Russia and Turkey. On December 19, the TPLF declared itself ready to withdraw its forces to Tigray, hopes for peace negotiations are growing, together with wishes that the suffering of the Ethiopian people finally will come to an end.

I assume my summarized description of Abiy's reform attempts and the war they resulted in is as flawed as most reporting coming out of Ethiopia, based as it is on media, my own perceptions and especially writings and reports by a friend whose knowledge and insights I esteem. Let us hope that peace is achieved and that the thorny issues that internally harass Ethiopia, as well as this nation's relations with other countries might find a nonviolent solution.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE



GRENADA

SUIT NO. GDAHCV2017/0285

BETWEEN:

THE COMMUNAL CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LTD. CLAIMANT

AND

TAMANTHA WILLIAMS DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned matter was heard on 8th December 2021 before Master Alvin Pariasingh and was adjourned from 8th December 2021 to 27th January 2022 for hearing before the Master via zoom hearing at 9:00 am.

Take further Notice that you, **Tamantha Williams** will be required to attend the Registrar's Office situate at on Church Street, St. George, for your participation in the Zoom hearing. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact the Court Office immediately at 440-2030 Extension 62024, 62007 or 62000 to inform the Court or via email at registrargda@spiceisle.com. If you do not attend at the hearing or contact the Court Office in the event you are unable to attend the hearing, the matter may proceed in your absence.

Dated the 9th day of December 2021.

Shireen J. Wilkinson
Shireen J. Wilkinson
WILKINSON, WILKINSON & WILKINSON
Legal Practitioners for the Claimant

This court office is at Upper Church Street, St. George's telephone number 473-440-2030, FAX 473-440-6695. The office is open between 8:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

This Notice is filed by Wilkinson, Wilkinson & Wilkinson, Chambers, Lucas Street, St. George's. Telephone number [473] 440-3578, Fax number [473] 440-4172. Email: wilkinson@wilkinsonchambers.net

Spotlight on H.E. Oleg Firer & the International Association for Economic Development

* From pg 14

• Fin Trust Company s.r.o and Star Equities LLC : Is Mr. Ivanovich the Managing Director/owner of Fin Trust which was liquidated in May 2021? What is the relationship of Fin Trust and Star Equities LLC , part of the family of H.E.'s Star Capital investment company? Was Star Equities LLC a shareholder of Fin Trust prior to liquidation or did it acquire the assets of the liquidated company?

3.3.2. Mission

The mission of the International Association for Economic Development is "to build valuable links between the international community and business for the purpose of economic development". ...

3.3.2. Board of Trustees

At November 2021, the members of the Board of Trustees of the International Association for Economic Development were:-

- **Oleg Firer:** Chairman; Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Grenada to the Russian Federation and the CIS. Concurrently Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, (appointed) Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Albania, the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Principality of Monaco;
- **Pierre Clive Ajus:** His Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Malta to Russia;
- **Roy Jones Jr.:** Curator of the Department for the Development and Promotion of Sports; world boxing champion in four weight categories;
- **Steven Seagal:** Curator of the Department of Cultural Development; American actor, film producer, screenwriter, filmmaker, musician and martial artist;
- **Domingo Nina Antonio Cabrera:** His Excellency Minister Plenipotentiary, Counselor of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Russia;
- **Said T. Javad:** His Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Russia;

- Milorad Shcepanovich: His Excellency, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Russian Federation
- Christopher Constantinidi: Chairman of the Expert Council of the State Duma Committee on Tourism and Development of Tourism Infrastructure; First Vice President of the National Hospitality Industry Union (OSIG); Scientific director of the direction of sustainable development of the National Rating Agency
- Koroleva Julia: Director of the Federal State Budgetary Institution "Federal Center for Evaluation of the Safety and Quality of Grain and its Processing Products";
- Alfonso Lopez Caballero: His Excellency, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Colombia;

3.3.3.Goals and Objectives of the IAED

- **Business Connections:** Create a productive networking platform that allows for a constructive dialogue between business and the international community;
- **An Association:** unite countries for economic and business development by linking the diplomatic corps with the local entrepreneurs;
- **Economic Development:** promote economic and social development in the countries represented in the IAED;
- **Community Development:** develop a business community of entrepreneurs in the international market;

3.3.4. Members/Partners

- IAED boasts of 72 participants representing 15 countries with 5 billion in total turnover.
- **Development of Partner Apparatus:** A strategic objective of the IAED is the development of the partner apparatus, increasing partner collaborations in the areas of activity of departments and within each department in order to open up new opportunities and prospects for members and partners of the Association in areas of mutual interest.
- Areas of Mutual Interest: transport, energy, healthcare, industry, intel-

lectual property, information technology and the digital economy, entrepreneurship development , including small and medium-sized businesses, regional economic integration.

• **Association Partners:** Embassy of Grenada to Russian Federation; Mediarbitrage; Net Element; Limco Logistics; Anton Storchak ; Russian Israeli Business Council; LLCLPK Agrocultura; Moscow Bar No.1; PayOnline; Technodynamics; Russian Export Centre; International Fund for Technological Development; Association of Russian Caribbean Friendship; V-tell Group of Companies; Fund RK-Investments; RRCC business club

3.3.5.What IAED Offers Its Members

- According to its website, the IAED provides the following services to its members:-
 - **Entering the world market:** assistance in finding foreign partners and clients, new markets, in order to scale Russian and international businesses;
 - **Investment projects:** support in the promotion of investment projects, search for private investors, participation in government investment initiatives;
 - **Consultations:** getting advice on doing business in Russia and abroad, helping to reduce the risks associated with business;
 - **Access to resources:** systematic work on the presentation of products to a narrow target audience within the framework of events held by the Association and through the information resources of the Association.
 - **Partnership agreements:** services of international consulting, marketing, legal, logistics agencies that are partners of the Association.
 - International collaborations and regional integration: participation in the work of public formations, collaboration with government officials to develop initiatives aimed at developing economy.
- 3.3.6. News and Events:
The website featured the following news/events:-
- IAED First Anniversary Event: The first anniversary was commemorated in November

2021 with an event at the Residence of the Embassy of Grenada to the Russian Federation at which Chairman of the Board of Trustees, H.E. Oleg Firer and His Excellency, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Russian Federation, Mr. Said Tayeb Javad signed an agreement to join IAED Board of Trustees. There was a "solemn ceremony of signing new strategically important agreements" following which H.E. and the Director of IAED, A.V. Barna, "summed up the results of the first year of the organization's work".

• 4th Anniversary of Opening of Grenada's Embassy in Moscow : The website also advised that IAED was the "official partner" with the Embassy of Grenada re hosting an event on August 13th to mark the 4th anniversary of the opening of the Embassy of Grenada in Moscow. The Director of IAED congratulated H.E. Oleg Firer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IAED "for his contribution to the development of the Association and support in the international arena". Also offering IAED congratulations was Mr. Steven Segal, Member of the Board of Trustees and Curator of the Department of Culture of the Association.

• **Innovation Projects at IAED:** On September 16, 2021, the Russian-Caribbean Friendship Association, the International Association for Economic Development IAED and Hadassah Medical Moscow hosted a joint event which presented "innovative projects" in the financial sector, medicine, IT-technologies, and the energy industry" of the following countries: - Colombia - "Investment opportunities in the technological industry"; Moldova - "Moldova IT Park"; Grenada - "Synergy Park Grenada", Hadassah Medical Center. Among persons making remarks were Mr. Timur Mubarakshin, head of the Hadassah Medical LTD. Branch.

Comment/Observation/Query:

•What is Synergy Park?

•Who/what is Hadassah Medical Ltd.? It is doing business as Khadassa Medikal Ltd, Filial. There are five companies in this corporate family, and its key principal is Timur Faridovich Mubarakshin. It began its operations/was incorporated in 2018.

•Is it part of Hadassah Medical Moscow , a branch of Hadassah University Hospital (Israel) - ".....the first medical institution in the history of Russian health care managed by a foreign hospital....." "which provides remote and face-to-face advice from the leading Israeli doctors, experts from Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem....."

•Grenada - The Gold Standard for Citizenship Investment", October 15th: The head of CBI programs of the International Association for Economic Development, on the eve of the international exhibition on overseas real estate and investment, shared why Grenada is currently considered one of the most attractive places in the world for investment programs for Citizenship.

• **CBI Specialists:** It referred to the link citizen.gd for more detailed information and advice from "our specialists" or "by taking part in the international exhibition of foreign real estate MPIRES mpire.ru , to be held on October 29-30, 2021 at the Expocentre in Moscow.

•Citizen.gd advises that the Grenada Citizenship programme is supported by the Embassy of Grenada in Moscow and the address given is that of the Embassy.

• **MPIRES :** Moscow Premier International Real Estate Show was described as "the first of its kind international real estate exhibition in a world-renowned exhibition center "Expocentre", attended "by highly qualified specialists and representatives of different realtor companies and developers from many countries...".

•"VPI expo": It was organized by "VPI expo", a member of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Moscow and of the Russian Federation.

3.3.7. Comments/Queries
• New Energy Conference and IAED: One could ask whether the IAED was the follow-on from the "New Energy Conference" that was not. It is useful to note that Mr. Roy Jones, would be speaker at the New Energy Conference, is a member of the Board of Trustees of IAED.

• **Steven Segal:** Mr. Steven Segal, Director of IAED and its Curator of the Department of Culture, visited Grenada in August 2021. A news item advised that he was invited to visit by H.E. - who was also visiting - and was exploring business opportunities in Grenada, apparently in the arts and tourism. He met with Hon. Yolande Bain, Minister of Culture and visited the Range Development in La Sagesse with Min. Steele. Another news item makes reference to a Facebook post which advised that he visited martial arts students. Did he also visit the still closed Grenada National Museum?

Mr. Seagal is an interesting character.

- Special Envoy for US-Russia Bilateral Relations: American born (of Russian Jewish heritage) and famous as a martial arts expert and an actor, in August 2018, he was named by President Putin as special envoy for bilateral ties to improve relations between US and Russia.

• **Brand Ambassador for B2G:** He ran afoul of US Securities and Exchange Commission for "failing to disclose payments he received for promoting an investment in an initial coin offering (ICO) conducted by Bitcoin2Gen (B2G)"

• **Intermediary re Access to Sputnik V Vaccine :** There are also stories of Mr. Segal arranging access to Sputnik V vaccines for intermediaries who sell them at exorbitant prices to the receiving country. Ghana and Guyana appear to have sourced Sputnik V via this route. Mr. Segal denied knowledge of transaction(s).

One should pay close attention to Mr. Segal. His celebrity status will definitely blind many people in Grenada.

• **CBI Specialists Operating out of Embassy of Grenada:** It is significant that the IAED news story seems to have deliberately omitted the name of the Head of its CBI pro-

grammes. One notes that three members of the Board of Trustees are diplomatic representatives of countries which have CBI programmes - Grenada, Malta and Montenegro. Reference was made to the CBI specialists at citizen.gd. Who are these people? Are they associated with Reef Ventures Enterprise?

• **Contribution of H.E./Support in the International Arena:** The congratulations proffered to H.E by the Director of IAED for "his contribution to the development of the Association and support in the international arena". takes on a special significance when one considers the information in Section 1 above, What were these "contributions" of H.E.? In which international arena(s)? To whose benefit?

4. Whose Interests?

• IAED and Grenada: Is there a relationship between IAED and Grenada? It is NOT featured on the Embassy's website though there are facebook postings. It appears on the website of Ambassador Firer, featured work of H.E. in the non-profit sector. Non-profit sector??

• **Non-Profit Sector:** Ref. 3.3.4. above - IAED boasts of 72 participants representing 15 countries with 5 billion in total turnover. Can 5 billion in total turnover be considered the non-profit sector?

Again, it is necessary to reiterate that the boundaries are fuzzy in respect of the Ambassador's official role and the public interests and his full time pursuits of varied private interests, enabled by his ambassadorial status. It would appear that "the Association" is another step in creating/enhancing the "ecosystem" that would enable his private interests and that of the special investor interests to thrive.

5.Geopolitics

What is driving/guiding Grenada's foreign policy? The Russian President has been making some interesting statements/threats recently. There is political instability in a number of these autocratic, CIS states. What is determining Grenada's relations with these countries and what are our interests? It would seem that H.E. is large and in charge, very much "running things". Does Grenada know? Does Grenada care?

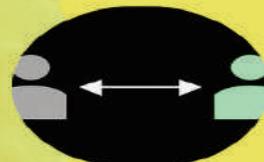
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PM MITCHELL: NO INCENTIVES FOR UNVACCINATED WORKERS

The ruling New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell will not be providing incentives for persons who find themselves on the breadline because of their decision not to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Prime Minister Mitchell did not budge on his government's position to support vaccine mandates in the workplace while responding to questions regarding the negative effect on livelihoods during a press conference with a select group of reporters in St. George's on Wednesday.

"...I cannot give you incentives for not vaccinating," PM Mitchell told reporters, stating that while "we have had some loss of jobs," he has "not seen any mass loss of jobs in any sector."

"I would not be dishonest. I'll be very dishonest to say I am going to create a programme to help you for refusing to do something to save your own life - I would not do that," he added.

The Prime Minister expressed amazement at some persons' reluctance to COVID-19 vaccine inoculation, which is being touted as the only means to protect lives and livelihoods.

"If you want to vote against me for this, and I am talking to people who think like that - then that's your right but I can't in conscience create something to encourage you (because) in effect what I am doing is encourag-



Prime Minister Mitchell - is being accused of abusing his authority and neglecting his duty as leader

ing you to destroy yourself, and your family (and) I am not going to be in that. Some people might be prepared to do it for a vote, let them do it but I am not going to do it. So my urge is - protect yourself," he said.

"I see some of us in the decisions we make, I call them selfish. Think not only of yourself, think of your fellow human being, be responsible, and I think all of us as leaders whether we are in the trade union, we have to speak out against this thing (vaccine reluctance)," he added.

The Prime Minister went on: "Some of us would not do it because if we do it we lose some of our members (because) they will vex with us. If I am in busi-

ness, and I say look, I don't want you to come and infect my staff, and I don't have an alternative place for you...that's tough love, my friends.

"I don't know what else I can say about this issue. I have been very frank (and) open. I have not spoken as a politician (would) normally try to do, to be on all sides of the fence to get votes from the ones who vaccinate, and the ones who don't vaccinate...I am not going to do it, and I don't think my political organisation expects me, as the present leader of the New National Party, to do otherwise," he told reporters.

Although vaccination levels in the country remain a far cry from herd immunity with the



Earl Maitland - a significant number of breadwinners have been sent home and remain unemployed for not taking the vaccine

Ministry of Health's data showing 36, 218 persons fully vaccinated as of Tuesday from a population of about 110, 000, relaxed protocols continue in the country amidst the second wave of COVID-19 infections, which has been attributed to the omicron variant that has proved to be highly transmissible but less life-threatening.

While the number of aggrieved unvaccinated workers in the country is unclear, with assistance from civil rights activist Earl Maitland, some longstanding employees in the tourism and hospitality industries whose livelihoods have been destroyed have challenged their employers on the issue of mandatory vaccination by filing complaints last month with the Ministry of Labour, in accordance with Sections 80 and 84 of the Employment Act of Grenada, which makes provisions for matters of compensation for years of service, and constructive dismissal, respectively.

In reacting to Dr. Mitchell's position to not assist affected unvaccinated workers, Maitland on Wednesday accused the Grenadian leader of "abusing his authority" and "neglecting his duty as the leader of this little nation to take care of the people."

"This gentleman (PM Mitchell) is saying that he is not going to give incentives to unvaccinated workers but he seems to have forgotten his duty as Prime Minister, which demands that he assists

persons especially persons of fundamental beliefs who are against taking this experimental drug," he said.

According to Maitland, a lot of people would not take the vaccine due to religious and other reasons.

"The Prime Minister is not doing what is expected of a person in such a prestigious position...he has a moral and legal responsibility to look after those who cannot look after themselves but that is expected because the same persons who were vagrants and homeless in the Town of St. George when I was in school, those same persons remain vagrants and homeless in the Town of St. George even today, 20 and 30 years later. So,

it shows how one (a person) can stifle his conscience without actually doing anything."

Maitland accused the longstanding incumbent leader of "downplaying the number of affected workers," when he stated that the country has not seen mass job losses across sectors.

The outspoken activist, who claimed that the saga started with over 200 workers being affected, singled out the newest COVID-19 vaccine mandate to be imposed by the management of the St. George's University (SGU), following the latest outbreak of the Omicron variant.

SGU workers were initially required to become fully vaccinated with two (doses) of the

COVID-19 vaccine but the spike in cases has led to management issuing a warning that they would be considered unvaccinated if they did not take a booster shot by this Monday.

"These people have worked to earn salaries for 15, 20 years, significant periods, and all of a sudden the employers have been unreasonable changing the contractual agreement that they would have had with the employee for all these years, demanding that they take an experimental drug," argued Maitland.

He also contended that if the Prime Minister is speaking about his conscience and so forth, he will do his job and provide a package to ensure that Grenadians who are being sent home will not be home hungry."

"What we have seen is that the Prime Minister would rather choose to give hoteliers, persons who would have had savings over the years and would have made much money in tourism, these persons were the first persons who got packages due to the lockdowns and so forth whilst the poor man, the average citizen remained home begging the Prime Minister and the ministers to get those packages," he said.

Maitland noted that "there are breadwinners who have been sent home, and a significant number of persons who remain unemployed" due to the coronavirus pandemic.