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OPERATION CLEAN-UP BEGINS!!!

New Board of Directors is moving to put new Management in place at Gravel & Concrete

Moves are afoot to put in place a new management team at the state-owned Gravel Concrete & Emulsion Production Corporation (GCEPC) better known as Gravel & Concrete.

Well-placed sources told **THE NEW TODAY** that the new Board of Directors, headed by former Congress government minister Sylvester Quarless has taken the position that there is not any serious management structure in place to move the statutory body forward in keeping with the new administration's transformational agenda.

According to one source close to the new board, a decision was taken to replace the Manager, Wilfred Hercules, a retiree from the Grenada public service, who has been off the job for more than six months and getting paid while not performing.

He said that Gravel & Concrete will definitely

be without a manager by this weekend and the Board will soon be advertising to find a suitable person to fill the vacant post.

This contrast sharply with Hercules' version of events when he was contacted Thursday for comment on reports that he was no longer being retained to manage the corporation.

Hercules was seen on the job Monday and within hours left the compound.

Quarless was also seen on the Mt Rush compound of Gravel & Concrete when Hercules showed up for work for the first time in several months.

Hercules said he had taken the decision to bow out in order for the corporation to get a much younger person to take on the tasks that lie ahead in moving the corporation forward into the future.

However, the source dropped strong hints that the manager was pushed out

and had not voluntarily decided to quit the job.

He said, "How can you keep a man employed getting nothing, doing nothing for all this period of time? Not only that – he can't even do the blasted work? How do you keep these kinds of people employed?"

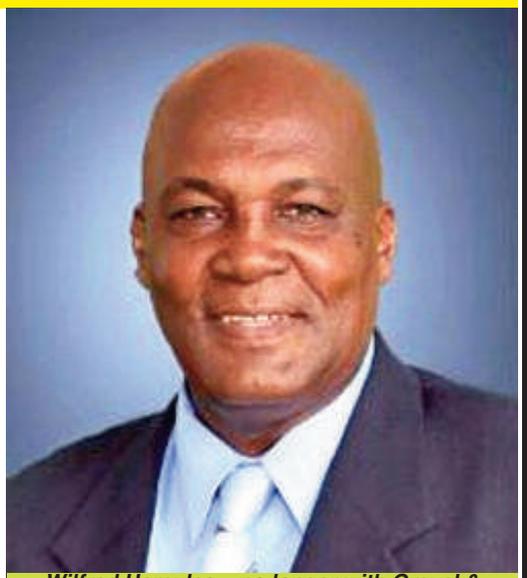
The newly appointed Board of Directors has also taken the decision to put in place an Operations Committee to take charge in terms of making decisions on what to do to resolve a number of problems affecting Gravel & Concrete.

He said that things at the corporation "are in such a bad way - it's just ridiculous how the men have this place."

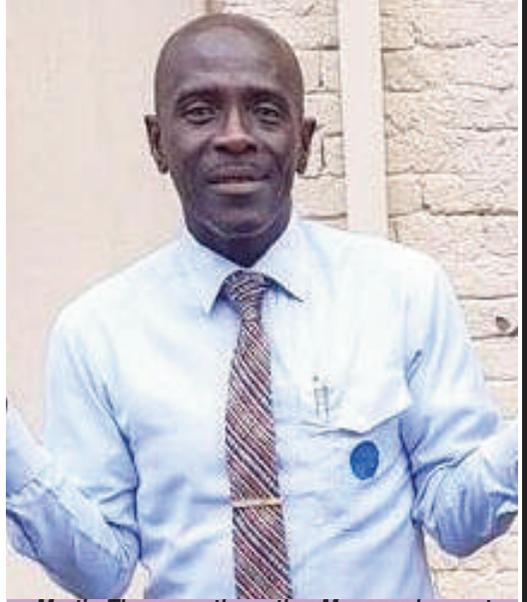
"I don't know who was running this country," he quipped.

The insider at Gravel & Concrete also

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Wilfred Hercules – no longer with Gravel & Concrete



Martin Thomas – the acting Manager has not impressed the new Board of Directors



The kind of operation seen daily at Gravel & Concrete at its Mt Rush location

Address by Prime Minister, Hon. Dickon Mitchell on September 24, 2022 at the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York



Prime Minister Hon. Dickon Mitchell

Mr. President, I am extremely honoured to speak at this important global forum for the first time, on behalf of the Government and people of Grenada.

Exactly three (3) months ago, today, the people of Grenada exercised their

democratic right and voted for transformation. In free and fair elections, and through a solid mandate at the polls, the Grenadian people placed their confidence in me to lead our country over the next five years.

Mr. President, today I

bring my transformational agenda to the UNGA, because although we are an island state, our world does not exist in isolation. Successful and sustainable transformation in Grenada is inevitably tethered to the sustainable forward movement of the global community.

Mr. President, This noble institution is nearing its eighty (80) year anniversary, a significant milestone that is worthy of distinct recognition. As my own country also draws near to a noteworthy milestone, that of fifty (50 years) as an independent state, it is an appropriate time to renew our commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter and to International Law. It is also a fitting time to review the achievements of past decades and proffer solutions to the challenges that have

stymied progress.

Mr. President, the COVID-19 pandemic brought our world to a standstill, without prejudice for the size and economic might of nations. For a time, this disease was the great equalizer and forced us all to re-evaluate our priorities and our approach to working together.

Grenada notes, with relief, news from the World Health Organisation (WHO) that we might finally be entering the tail end phase of the pandemic. While we welcome the return to some semblance of "normal", it is my sincere hope that the lessons learnt from the pandemic will remain, and we will not return to business as usual.

Mr. President, The monumental challenges posed by the pandemic were unprecedented and

seemingly insurmountable. Amid this worldwide disaster, however, our global community rallied and demonstrated what is possible when we resolve to work together towards a common goal.

The pandemic taught us all the value of international cooperation, the timely exchange of information and the sharing of resources critical to avoiding and mitigating similar global occurrences.

Mr. President, It is imperative that the matter of climate change be escalated to this level of urgency amongst our community of nations. The devastating effects of global warming can already be felt all over the world with higher temperatures worsening many types of disasters, including storms, heat waves, floods, and droughts.

Our planet is undoubtedly in crisis, but as the ancient Chinese proverb reminds us: "crisis is opportunity riding a dangerous wind."

This window of opportunity is quickly closing, however, and we no longer have the luxury to kick these issues down the road. We are now faced with the reality that tomorrow, is today.

Mr. President, We have tinkered long enough and must now accept that the solutions to the problems we face may not be found in this grand hall, or in the highest echelons of global climate discussions, but rather with the people – especially our young people, who stand to lose the most from the inaction of our current leaders.

Mr. President, approximately sixty (60) percent of the world's population is under thirty five years old. In my own country, fifty (50) percent of the current population is between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years of age. Young people are therefore critical to the success of sustainable development policies and must play a central role in the implementation of the targets set by the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President, I call on all young people to take action. It is not yet too late to do what is necessary to safeguard our planet for future generations, but the time for action is now.

We cannot continue to give lip service to climate change when climate change is showing us every day what it is capable of. The reality is, the leaders of today will not be around to feel the consequences of their decisions. It is therefore up to our youth, to lead

the charge for the future they want to see.

To all young people: I challenge you today, to choose to be agents of change over victims of climate change. I know that as young people, we have a tendency to want to live in the moment. I hear it all the time, you only live once. That is true, but our actions today have the potential to reverberate throughout the annals of history, both positively and negatively. Bear this in mind as we collectively commit ourselves to combat climate change.

It can start with small actions that cause ripple effects throughout your families and friend circles, your communities and eventually the wider world.

Mr. President, It was not that long ago that I, too, was a young lawyer, seeking to evoke positive change in my community through small actions. I knew that I could no longer sit on the sidelines and wait for the leaders of the day to solve challenges that have plagued Grenadian society for well over a decade. I had to become the change.

In October 2021, I made the decision to enter political life and, shortly after, was elected as the Political Leader of the National Democratic Congress. Only eight months later, Mr. President, I led the party to victory winning nine (9) of fifteen (15) seats.

My presence here today is testament that we can create the change that we would like to see, but it will only materialise if we step forward and accept the call to be the leaders of today.

Mr. President, as leaders, the onus is also on us to create spaces where young people feel empowered to propose innovative solutions to the challenges we collectively face. This is a priority of my administration and has been backed by gender forward, pro-youth policies and purposeful action.

The appointment of the Honourable Kerryne James, as Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy at 23 years old, is a milestone for my country and the region, as Honourable James is the youngest Minister in the Caribbean.

Mr. President, confronting the climate crisis will require a complete transformation of our mindset and behaviour but also, and importantly, the transformation of our energy sources, economic models, and land stewardship.

This is a unique opportunity to come together, welcome innovative ideas, and tackle the problems we have struggled with for generations. Our goal, as responsible global citizens, should be to leave the planet as good as, or better, than we found it.

This plea is not without urgency, Mr. President.

As the leader of a Caribbean small island developing state (SIDS), I am all too familiar with the devastating effects of climate change, and the stark reality that we may not have a country to pass on to future generations – in the face of increasingly strengthened hurricanes and sea level rise.

The small island states of the Caribbean are already experiencing significant adverse effects due to climate change. With each hurricane season, that now brings increased and more powerful storms, we watch and wait, with bated breath and a silent prayer, in the hope that this year it will not be "our turn."

In 2004, it was Grenada's turn, with Hurricane Ivan. In a matter of eight (8) mere hours, we lost 34 souls and the category three (3) storm destroyed over 80 percent of our housing stock and decimated our economic and fiscal bases with damage surpassing 200 percent of our Gross Domestic Product.

Ten (10) months later, in 2005, it was Grenada's turn, again, with Hurricane Emily.

In recent years, we have watched in horror as our brothers and sisters across the Caribbean experienced their "turn." Most notably Hurricane Irma in 2017, which left the island of Barbuda nearly uninhabitable and wrought significant havoc on over ten other Caribbean island states, including the British Virgin Islands, which lost approximately eighty-five (85) percent of its housing stock. Only two weeks later, Hurricane Maria threatened, cruelly, to exacerbate the wounds freshly inflicted by Irma.

Mr. President, The global community would remember the destruction visited on Dominica by said Hurricane Maria, which left 31 people dead, 37 missing, and an estimated USD 930.9 million in damage. Mr. President, I can continue in this vein, highlighting the devastating consequences that Caribbean islands suffer due to the warming climate, including the harmful effects on

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BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 22 of 2016

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

GLORIA EMMANUEL

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas Gloria Emmanuel of Beaulieu in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, but currently residing in the United States of America, a retired nurse, by her application filed in the High Court on the 27th day of May 2022 claims to have acquired title over twenty (20) years by 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 the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

THE SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Beaulieu in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement One Acre Three Roods and Twenty Poles (1 Ac. 3 Rds. 20 Pls). English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the plan or diagram thereof surveyed by Denis Thomas Licence Surveyor on the 14th day of January, 1999 bounded by one side by the St. John's River, on the other side by Estate of the late Limex La Barrie and the remaining side by the Public By-Way

[Signature]
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT

The Court office is at Church Street, St. John's, Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8.00 a. m and 4.00p.m Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

Legal Affairs Minister confirms missing computer at the Supreme Court Registry

Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs, Senator Claudette Joseph, has confirmed the disappearance of a computer at the Supreme Court Registry, which has resulted in the early release of convicted British murderer, Robert Alexander-Clack, who was serving a 67-year prison sentence in connection with the death of his Grenadian wife.

The Court of Appeal, at a sitting last week, ordered the release of Clack after it became clear that the matter could not proceed due to the unavailability of court transcripts.

"From all indications, the computer on which the recording would have been typed...cannot be found at this time, and that will contain the critical parts of the proceedings..." Sen. Joseph told reporters during Tuesday's post-Cabinet press briefing in St. George's.

The confirmation of the missing computer came exactly one week after the convicted murderer's release from custody last week Tuesday, after serving only 12 prison years of the sentence handed down to him by a High Court judge in February 2016, for Non-Capital Murder in connection with the June 2014 death of his then 27-year-old wife, Nixiann Downes-Clack of Duquense, St. Mark.

The nation went into shock as the body was recovered inside a suitcase that was buried in a shallow grave in the village of Mt. Moritz in St. George North-West.

The gruesome killing reportedly occurred on the family's fourth anniversary after the deceased wife found out that her husband was having an affair with the teenage babysitter, who was a key witness for the state.

Attorney Anselm Clouden, who had filed



Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs and Labour, Claudette Joseph - documents housed at the vault at the Supreme Court Registry will be relocated to a more suitable and conducive location

the appeal on behalf of Clack against the lengthy sentence in 2016, has alluded to "a complete breakdown in the judiciary over the last 10 years," noting that his client had been

waiting for his appeal to be processed for the last six (6) years.

"...As a consequence, it (the breakdown in the judiciary) seriously impacts and infringes an accused person's right

to a fair trial and a hearing...and, the state cannot be derelict, and negligent, and reckless such as they are..." Attorney Clouden told reporters in an interview on Monday.

Sen. Joseph publicly empathised with the family of the deceased mother on Tuesday in light of the challenges within the legal system that has led to the killer's early release from prison, which is triggering widespread debate in the country.

She said that the next course of action lies with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) which will determine whether "there are sufficient grounds on which this matter may be appealed to the Privy Council" in England, which is Grenada's final Court of Appeal.

Minister Joseph revealed that there may be other cases affected by the unavailability of transcripts that were stored on the missing

computer but it is still clear whether a criminal investigation was launched.

She gave assurances that the newly installed government has already begun taking steps to "secure the very fragile information, and documents housed at the vault at the Supreme Court Registry" and they will be "relocated to a more suitable and conducive location."

"We (the Ministry of Legal Affairs) have been mandated to secure better equipment, and we will be looking for the best available on the market, and also to train staff who can be equipped to produce and certify the transcript in the shortest possible time," she said.

"Cabinet has given full support to the (Supreme Court) Registrar, and me, to work to properly staff that unit and to take care of the backlog that we now have in the preparation of transcripts (and) we are going to be working feverishly at this so that when next the Court of Appeals sit in Grenada, all of the matters will have the transcripts prepared," she added.

Minister Joseph told reporters that special attention will be given to the Court Reporting Unit of the Supreme Court Registry, which will be relocated, along with the Mediation Centre to the ground floor or the Clico building on Young Street which currently houses four (4) Supreme Courts on the upper floors - the St. George's High Court No. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Since assuming office three months ago, Sen. Joseph said the government has also taken steps to "beef up security, (and) strengthen the human resource capacity of the legal system" with plans to reopen the Law Library, will also be relocated, as well as to secure and improve the judicial system.

"We have hired some new staff, and we are in the process of filling some vacancies that still exist in the judicial system, and as part of the broader government policy, we are putting systems in place to ensure that those unestablished, temporary, and longstanding contract workers in the legal system are regularised," she remarked.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID FORSYTH, DECEASED

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by Bernadette Sharon Forsyth-John of Cherry Hill in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, a lawful sister of the deceased and one of the persons entitled to his estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 22nd day of July, 2022 at General Hospital in the parish of Saint George in the State aforesaid.

Any persons having an objection to the Application for Grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 26th day of September, 2022

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GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISPIN MC INTOSH, DECEASED.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Regan Mc Intosh, who is the sister of the Deceased for Grant of Letters of Administration, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of November, 2021.

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

Dated: 1st day of August, 2022

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EDITORIAL

MORE CONFUSION!!!

The hottest topic on the lips of Grenadians at the moment is the manner in which convicted murderer, Alexander Clack from Britain was able to walk out of court a free man in recent days after "confessing" to the murder of his 27-year old Grenadian wife, Nexiann Downes-Clack.

THE NEW TODAY notes that the public is non the much wiser about what really took place due to the many different versions of the events that unfolded to the point where the Court of Appeal released the man on some issue surrounding the unavailability of the transcript of the high court proceedings.

The only person who can truly come out and

explain what really transpired is the Registrar of the Supreme Court, granted that the current holder of the office might not be the one who was sitting in the chair when the prevailing incident occurred.

All four attorneys – Ansem Clouden, the legal representative of Mr. Clack, former President of the Grenada Bar Association (GBA), Ruggles Ferguson, as well as Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Christopher Nelson, QC, and Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Claudette Joseph have given different versions of the issue at hand.

It is definitely not clear to the public whether

the computer with that critical portion of the summation of the presiding judge in the matter was stolen or whether it was just faulty recording.

The one positive thing to come out of the entire episode is the decision taken by the new Dickon Mitchell-led National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration to allocate some serious financial resources in addressing many of the shortcomings within the Judiciary.

The leader of the previous government, Dr. Keith Mitchell had demonstrated time and time again his dislike for members of the legal profession.

The former leader never took kindly to those judges who made rulings against some of the decisions and actions taken by his New National Party (NNP) regime over its tenure in office.

In his over 20 years in running the country,

there are several instances in which Dr. Mitchell had tried to interfere with the independence of the Judiciary.

The public is fully aware that retired Chief Magistrate Patricia Mark was summoned to the Office of the Prime Minister at the Ministerial Complex at the Botanical Gardens in connection with two high profile cases – one including former Leader of the Opposition Michael Baptiste.

The late Foreign Minister Dr. Raphael Fletcher had even told reporters about the angry tone and murmurings of Dr. Mitchell inside the Cabinet Room especially against former Chief Justice, Brian Alleyne whenever he delivered a ruling against his administration.

The Congress government has now been provided with an opportunity to rebuild the trust between the Judiciary and the Public which

took an all-time low with the Clack matter.

The public has become increasingly distrustful of justice in our court system and often times believe that those with money are the beneficiaries of justice in the country.

The average man believes strongly that something is amiss with the Transcript issue and that money "passed under the table" to force a particular outcome in the matter.

The new administration has a lot of work to do to restore that badly damaged and wounded trust by the ordinary man on the street in the judicial system in our country.

THE NEW TODAY would also like to make some passing comments on the death of General Hudson Austin – the man who announced to the world that there was an armed overthrow of a government on this small Caribbean island back in March 1979 and

also the violent death of a Prime Minister in October 1983.

There are mixed feelings and reactions among Grenadians whenever the name of General Austin is mentioned especially his perceived role in the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop at Fort Rupert/George in the power play within the then ruling New Jewel Movement among radicals and moderates for control of the Grenada Revolution.

The former Army Commander should be credited for the kind of information that he provided within the past year of his life as it helped to put into much clearer perspective many of the secrets that the other revolutionaries were unwilling to address so as to give the people a better understanding of what took place on the day that was described as the most bloodiest in our modern history.

Hudson Austin was able to place ex-deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard at the centre of things and the real mastermind of the attempted coup d'etat against Bishop and his subsequent execution on the fort.

It should be noted that not one single person among the so-called Grenada 17 came out

publicly to challenge the information released by the former army strongman on who should be blamed for the manner in which things went out of control on October 19, 1983.

The General told us that it was Coard who informed him about the fabricated death of Bishop in crossfire on the fort, as well as the fact that he was the author of the speech which the top army man made on the night in the broadcast to the nation.

It has been the contention of Austin that the Central Committee of the NJM never met on Fort Frederick to take the decision to execute Bishop and the other leaders of the revolutionary process after hundreds of Grenadians had stormed the official residence of the Prime Minister and freed him from house arrest.

He implicated Coard's secret cell group known as OREL who saw themselves as the true and real revolutionaries as the persons behind the attempted overthrow of the NJM and execution of Bishop in their ambition to take full control of the Grenada Revolution.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!!!



NOTICE

SECOND PHASE OF REMEDIAL WORK AT PORT ST. GEORGE'S (ROADWAY CLOSE TO SHED 1)

The Grenada Ports Authority wishes to advise Port users and the general public that remedial work to the roadway close to Shed 1 commenced on 19th September, 2022 and until further notice. In this regard, the Ports Authority appeals to all concerned to exercise caution when engaging with services at the St. George's Port.

The Authority apologises for any inconvenience that may be caused during the period that work is being undertaken.



BY MANAGEMENT
 GRENADA PORTS AUTHORITY
 22nd September, 2022

World Federation for Medical Education Recognition of GMDC Accreditation

The public is hereby advised that the **Grenada Medical and Dental Council (GMDC)** has been recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) until September, 2032.

The WFME Recognition Programme delivers an independent, transparent and rigorous method of ensuring that accreditation of medical schools worldwide is at an internationally accepted and high standard.

This is an attestation that GMDC accreditation mechanisms are in line with best practices and international benchmarks on quality.

Any student who graduates from a GMDC Accredited medical programme, can take the USMLE Step (1 and 2) Exams and may practice medicine in the United States and Canada on attainment of ECFMG certification.

Why a functioning museum is important for Grenada

From hundreds of years ago man realised that history was worth preserving in museums. The first recorded public museum in the world, the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, UK, was built in 1678-1683 to house the "cabinet of curiosities" that an Oxford alumnus, Elias Ashmole, gave to the University of Oxford in 1677. Since then, countless such institutions have been established all over the world, some with narrow or broad themes.

"In Grenada (interest in) the Library and Information Services began as early as 1846,

with the passing of a bill by the Legislative Council, for the establishment of a library and museum." The museum "opened its doors to the public on 17 April 1976." (Grenada Government Archives (gd.gov))

Grenada is a naturally rich and beautiful place but much of its history is little known. How does this affect us as a people, and can we begin to change that? Even now the preservation of whatever progress we are making as a nation, or developments in the world, depend on museums.

Museums are national treasure troves wherever

er they live up to a meaningful mission. The exhibits tell us about our history, society, culture and help us to remember our past: generally, a mix of the realities of the human existence one might say, although some things we do well not to memorialise or be inspired by. Indeed, a museum decides what is unfit as exhibit.

As much as the contents of museums should be remembered for their value, there will always be some things which will continue in societal memory only, and a bona fide museum needs standards.

Above all, truthfulness

is key to an effective museum: it must not be filled with a person's opinions or fabrications as it concerns history, neither should museums change to reflect public opinion i.e. just because popular culture deems a place, act, person, event, organisation or era as unseemly, does not mean that the museum ought to change to suit public opinion.

In many countries it is a crime to steal, sell or otherwise part with national/indigenous artifacts. Some museums have agreed to return stolen or otherwise obtained indigenous artifacts like a London Museum below:

"A British museum will return 72 artifacts to the Nigerian government that were forcibly taken over a hundred years ago. The Horniman Museum and Gardens agreed to hand over the

artifacts, including several sculptures known as Benin bronzes, after receiving a request for the artifacts from the Nigerian government." <https://www.voanews.com/a/uk-museum-agrees-to-return-looted-benin-bronzes-to-nigeria-6691446.html>

Under the 1990 Heritage Protection Act, the Government of Grenada established a museum as a protected area for Amerindian artefacts. This was later repealed by the National Museum Act (No. 12 of 2017) which covers all archaeological sites on the island and the Heritage Act imposes a \$10,000 fine for selling Grenada's antiquities.

Grenada is also a signatory to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transport or Ownership of Cultural Property, the

1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention, the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects and the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (Now Grenada 21 Feb., 2020).

Some of our artifacts have made it to several other nations, France, (the Louvre) England and The USA (Florida Museum of Natural History) to name some of them. You can google some of that.

Of course, not all museum-worthy pieces are indigenous artifacts and some never end up at a museum: a significant piece is the ship's bell of the sunken Italian cruise ship, Bianca C, believed to be the jewel atop the Bell Hall of the St. George's University in True Blue. The ship which lay in the vicinity



of the outer harbor, Carenage, is said to be the largest shipwreck dive site in the Caribbean.

We look forward to our museum being reopened. Our museum should help in building the Grenadian psyche to know and value history and take its beneficial lessons or reject its unprofitable ones. That is a road we must walk. This prevents us from being repeatedly exploited by those who book on our ignorance as part of the basis of their prosperity.

The Grenadian Cry

Putting Culture in the hands of Grenadians

What does putting culture in the hands of Grenadians in the year 2022 mean? Simply, it means providing more readily access to information on culture and heritage to citizens of the tri-island state.

This is important as our cultural traditions fade away with the passing away of heritage holders and elders within local communities. COVID-19 was of no help in decreasing the risk or threat of cultural and heritage loss.

Grenada, unique among the Caribbean islands, connects its identity to its culture and heritage. Aspects of our heritage and culture are deeply tied to our identity including Jab Jab, nutmeg and mace – our premier spices, and our folk traditions.

So where is most of our cultural and heritage information? It is locked up in books, documents, and in the memories of Grenadians. Just reflect on the Grenada Revolution and the amount of information on the revolution that is contained in books, or in the memories of those who were involved in the revolution.

As the years go by, the memories dwindle and the information in the books go unread. What does transformation within culture look like to provide more readily available information about Grenada's history, heritage and culture in the hands of Grenadians including those on the sister isle of Carriacou and Petite Martinique?

There is certainly the need for digital transformation. Digital technologies create a two-way transformative path for culture – sharing of cultural and heritage information to increase awareness, and collecting information on Grenada's history, heritage and culture from those who possess such knowledge.

Digital technology in the form of mobile app technology allows for information to be contained within mobile applications accessible on any WIFI enabled device, whether it is a mobile phone or a tablet. This allows for easy and convenient access to citizens.

The pandemic has imploded the frequency of use of our mobile phones which makes it one of the best ways to deliver information within the hands of the citizens of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Certainly, it has the potential to deliver cultural knowledge to the over 100,000 Grenadians living on the island and the over 300,000 Grenadians in the Diaspora.

Digital technology in the form of a website with cultural and heritage content aimed at educating the public, diaspora and those interested in Grenada. Content that shares valuable information about aspects of both tangible and intangible heritage and culture of the tri-island state.

Many times, the public is simply looking for

education to educate themselves or to verify information that they know or have heard about aspects of our culture and heritage. Some aspects of our culture and heritage are well-known such as carnival, but there are many other aspects that are not widely known and growing public awareness is important.

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Websites can be accessed on any WIFI enabled device including mobile phones, tablets, laptop or desktop computers. Website blogs or web portals are excellent opportunities to store information using cloud technology that preserves this information in a sustainable way. Therefore, it can help us progress forward with cultural and heritage education in Grenada.

One of Marcus Garvey's most famous quotes states: "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots". Today, this remains true and is why putting culture and heritage in the hands of Grenadians is of vital importance, moving forward.

Christell Simeon
Business owner –
Island Learning
Grenada

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LYLE BUSHELL otherwise LYLE CLEVELAND BUSHELL,
DECEASED.**

(Pursuant to Rule 30(2) of the Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2021)

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

In the Estate of **Lyle Bushell** late of 11 Victoria Street Belle Eau Road, Belmont, Port of Spain in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of **Lyle Bushell** late of 11 Victoria Street Belle Eau Road, Belmont, Port of Spain in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago granted by the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago Estates Administration Office on the 20th day of April 2022.

Filed by

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**Silence is the sleep
that nourishes wisdom.**

The outstanding payments to CJ's

Clerk of Parliament Andrew Augustine has confirmed receiving telephone calls from a private company that looked after all of Grenada's fifteen offices belonging to elected Members of the House under the former Keith Mitchell-led administration seeking thousands of dollars in alleged outstanding payments in keeping with the contract.

Speaking to **THE NEW TODAY**, Augustine said that he had to inform CJ's, owned by an associate of the defeated Grenadian leader that he had nothing to do with these Parliamentary offices as they were under control of the Office of the

Prime Minister and not the Parliament.

He spoke of receiving "numerous inquiries" from CJ's about payments due to them, as well as from Parliamentarians associated with the outgoing New National Party (NNP) government concerning payment for their staff.

According to the Clerk of Parliament, he referred these people to the Administrator of the Programme within the Office of the Prime Minister as it was under that department the Service Provider was contracted.

"I received calls about the concerns about payment - queries - which I addressed in



Andrew Augustine - the current Clerk of Parliament

the same way telling them that I am not responsible for that - I can't speak to that," he said.

"As Clerk of Parliament I am only responsible for the offices going forward after the tenure or the contract of The Provider (CJ's) is completed. I cannot be liable for anything that has transpired before that," he added.

The incoming Dickon Mitchell-led National Democratic Congress (NDC) government has since terminated the contract of CJ's and put Parliament back in charge of the offices of all 15 elected Members of Parliament.

Augustine denied that he had received any



Cynthia Charles - no longer has a lucrative contract to provide service to the offices of Parliamentarians

telephone call from persons associated with the private Service Provider threatening him with legal action.

"No, I didn't receive any telephone calls on that," he said, adding that he referred them to the Accounting Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister who will "set out the issues relating to that (outstanding payment) as that had nothing to do with me."

He stated that owner of the business Cynthia Charles, who once served the Secretary to the ousted Prime Minister had never communicated with him directly on the issue of payment but it was someone else from her office.

"She (Charles) was out of the country at the time when these discussions were taking place. So, I never had any communications directly with Mrs. Charles," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

According to Augustine, he ascertained that what CJs really wanted was for payment to be resolved concerning the completion of the contract.

He said he understood that CJs had submitted a "bill of a substantial amount" to the new government which was seeking clarification on the signed contract under the NNP regime.

"When I came in as Clerk, it (the service to look after the Parliamentary offices) was already under the Office of the Prime Minister," he remarked.

Augustine described the Office of the Prime Minister during the reign of Keith Mitchell as the facilitator of the contractual arrangements with CJ's but the contract ended with effect from July when it has been brought back under the Houses of Parliament.

"The Clerk of Parliament has essentially taken over as Administrator for the Constituency offices for new and continuing Parliamentarians," he

said. The Clerk was also asked to comment on reports that the new Parliamentarians have been complaining of experiencing problems in getting their offices up and running.

He acknowledged that this is a transition period for the service and there are some issues to be sorted out.

"The existing Parliamentarians - the criteria for getting their offices up and running would have to be first and (foremost) to have their tenancy agreement finalised, have their staff complete and have all their equipment and everything that is necessary in place," he said.

Augustine pointed out that if the Office of Parliament was in charge of everything as existed before, there would have been a much smoother transition.

"Understandable, we are almost starting from scratch," he quipped.

The Clerk highlighted a number of criteria that has to be met in terms of making these offices fully functional including an inspection of the building to make sure it is accessible to the public, as well as an examination of the tenancy agreement and these things take some time to complete the negotiations.

In addition, he said that some MP's have not identified a place for their offices and not all of them have all the necessary equipment in place as yet.

He also said that some of the new Parliamentarians have opted to use the same building like their predecessors while others are on the hunt for new locations and there would have to be the transfer of furniture and other assets.

Augustine is confident that all 15 offices of the Parliamentarians should be up and running by the end of September.

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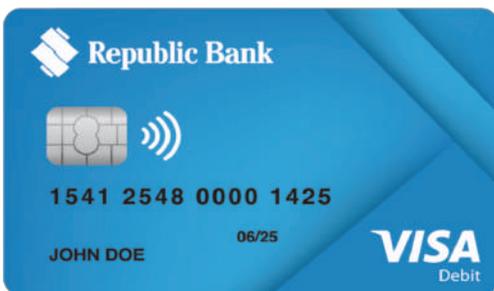
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WHY THE DISPLAY BY GRENADA'S NEW ADMINISTRATION ABOUT NIS PENSIONS?

What message and emotions are meant to be generated by Grenada's 23rd June 2022 administration of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) during its Post-Cabinet Press Briefing on 13 September 2022, which was conducted primarily by the Minister responsible for Finance and Information, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, and the Minister with responsibility for Social and Community Development, Philip Telesford, concerning the functional existence of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS)?

Was the 'anxiety and alert' displayed about the 'adequacy and sustainability' of NIS to meet pension-payments, 'new and extraordinary'? Was the pertinent information presented on the bleak financial position of NIS and the way forward, 'complete and accurate'? Is the new NDC-administration conversant and well-advised on the historical context and the corrective measures for the intricacies involved in the management of NIS, particularly the National Insurance Fund?

The initial gesticulations by this 'transformational powers-that-be' on NIS's predicament evokes the substance and relevance of the previously internet-circulated article "Grenadians Should Know and Defend NIS Pension Fund" as a sovereign interest, right and duty.

Understandably, there will be the consciousness and quest for political mileage by any ambitious incoming administration; however, it is hoped that there was no motive of political malice in the display by the NDC administration about NIS-pensions, because such posture tends to communicate wrong signals and fuel political tribalism.

In fact, the Administration might just be exposing its weakness and subtletiness and thus bringing embarrassment on itself. Counted as the 'responsible and ready' alternative party for State Power, what vigorous advocacy was evidenced by NDC during its long stay in opposition, on the critical national issue of the NIS?

Had this outstanding significant issue escaped NDC when in making the commitment during the elections campaigning to "Pay pension, gratuity, and other retiring benefits in keeping with the Constitution", with respect to qualified public officers?

Did it escape the 'new NDC' that whilst stressing about the "past failure to act" by the previous administration of the New National Party (NNP) on the pertinent recommendations of actuaries since 2004, despite having had the support of the major players for the necessary

changes, the NDC's 2008–2013 Administration must have also been privy to at least the seventh and eighth Reports to the Government on the actuarial review of the National Insurance Fund?

Had this present NDC's configuration sought guidance and included areas of action and advancement on those NIS Reports, from the then Tillman Thomas' NDC-administration?

Comparing the pronouncements and tone by the ministers at the Press Briefing, with the contents and findings of NIS's 2020 Annual Report, what really was on display? Was the display about the intelligence, competence and integrity of the "new Board appointed" for the NIS, or was it about that of the related Director of NIS?

Furthermore, was the display about highlighting an acute case of the "implementation deficit" during the NNP-administration, with now an impressive transformational push of this NDC administration? Should contributors to the NIS Fund seek redress for any illegal withdrawal of the extra one percent which the Government and other employers or companies affected from wages as of 2020?

"The year 2020 was one in which the National Insurance Board (NIB) demonstrated its ability to overcome challenges, while remaining focused on the continuous improvement and sustainability of the Fund which is at the core of what we do. For the first time in its 37-year history, the NIB engaged in parametric changes aimed at addressing the financial pressures on the Scheme in keeping with the recommendations of multiple Actuarial Reviews.

"In January of 2020, the contribution rate was increased from 9% to 11%. This was the first of the two recommendations made by the Actuary in the 11th Actuarial Review. Additionally, work commenced in earnest to legislate the increase in the pensionable age in accordance with the following schedule (presently the age is 60 years to be increased to 61 in 2023 with other changes until 2031 and beyond to 65) While these are necessary ingredients for the sustainability of the Fund, they are not sufficient."

How must such information be interpreted? Isn't there the setting to build on or advance what has been established, and having the space to perform differently as may be warranted, and thereby appreciating and demonstrating 'continuous governance'? Was the display by the new Administration about adjusting the said

Schedule?

It should be reasonable to anticipate that the assurance by the Prime Minister to have "the necessary public education and consultation that is required to sensitise the public about what needs to be done" concerning that the NIS is "staring bankruptcy in its face", will take place before the end of the year 2022.

To be of any merit though, the sensitisation process to be undertaken before taking the legislative changes to Parliament must be meaningful, thorough and genuine, and be guided by parameters, indicators and rationalities, including pertinent references such as to NIS's annual reports, triennial actuaries, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

It should also be of great interest to ascertain the 'basis and extent' of the submissions by the trade unions and the Public Service Commission to the Government on the various reports and recommendations.

In fact, studies and discussions about the past experiences and planned execution of NIS cannot and should not be separated from the many apprehensions about the approaches to "fully implement the National Health Insurance Scheme", thus the public sessions must also be seen as 'expeditious and expeditious' to inform the process going onward.

The NIS episode may just be a pivotal point for the NDC-government's programme to transform Grenada by providing the "balanced and integrated approach to sustainable development", aligned with "Vision 2035" as outlined in the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP).

Furthermore to the National Health Insurance Scheme, there are directly-related issues which impact on the liquidity and survival of the NIS; most prominent and lingering is the issue of the amounts of wages received, or Minimum Wage legislated.

It should also be mindful though that legislative changes by itself will not give the magic antidote for the NIS, without the proper mechanism to enforce particularly section 13 of the 1983 NIS Act (CAP. 205) on "Appointment and Powers of Inspectors" for compliance purposes and without the proper attitude of the Government towards the National Insurance Fund.

The NDC Administration needs to explain what is its envisaged 'form and scope' of the Pension Reform which "will also be a key part of the Government's plan to ensure a fiscally sound pension and social security system for public workers", as proclaimed in

the 2022 Throne Speech.

Does this take into consideration the recurring remarks in the various court judgements regarding constitutional pensions entitlement of public officers, including the 29 March 2022 ruling of Justice Raulston L.A. Glasgow? That is, there is the outstanding need for addressing "Regulations for treating public officers, etc., as insured persons" (section 46) and "Modification or repeal of public service pension scheme" (section 47) of the NIS Act?

It would regrettably be 'remiss and hypocritical' of the NDC administration, if the elusive realisation about the 'premise and purpose' of the 1983 Pensions (Disqualification) Act/CAP. 230A, does not form part of the required legislative changes for the NIS; unless there are compelling justifications on the contrary.

It should be 'revealing and interesting' to grasp that a foremost factor for the victimisation practices and employment policies, including on appraisal and regularisation of public officers, lies in terms of the concerns of both the Government and NIS about meeting retirement obligations?

Both CAP. 205 and CAP. 230A are Acts by the 1979 People's Revolutionary Government; the latter was designed to ease the economic strain on the State but without putting public

officers at a loss.

Notwithstanding when lobbying for Prime Ministership of Grenada, Dickon Mitchell posed as 'would not be giving great attention and priority to the reports of institutions such as the IMF in the governance of the country', on the 18 January 2022 "To The Point" programme of the Grenada Broadcasting Network, it should be deemed 'appropriate, wise and advantageous' for the Government and the new NIS Board of Directors, to also review any pertinent arrangements of the IMF with the Keith Mitchell's NNP-administration about Pensions Reform.

The past circulated article "Grenada's Pension Reform Is Under The IMF", makes reference of an April 2017 Press Release of the Government Information Service about "IMF to assist with Pension Reform in Grenada" and reference of the IMF's Sixth and Final SAP Report; SAP denotes the 2014 Home-grown IMF-sponsored Structural Adjustment Programme.

The IMF then advises, ".... reform of the public sector pension system should be undertaken in a manner consistent with any planned reforms of the national insurance scheme. On the domestic front, risks are posed by fiscal contingencies on the horizon related to various contractual issues and uncertainty about the costs of reform of the pension system and

national health insurance scheme".

Is there anything of 'validity and worth' about those references, especially in terms of present realities in Moving Grenada Forward?

It should indeed be disquieting about the display by the NDC-administration about the NIS, with its focus on the Seventh Actuarial Review submitted in 2004; especially since the immediate 'plights and pains' of retirees were not given any serious expressions.

For example, no comments were made about the recommendation for increases in pension payments. That is, "In 2004, increase pensions-in-payment by a graded scale ranging from 12 percent for those whose pension was awarded in 1998 or before to 2 percent for those awarded in 2003. Thereafter, pension increases should occur annually in line with average inflation over the previous three calendar years, with the rules that govern the timing and the amount of each adjustment placed in Regulations."

Similarly, the Maternity and Funeral grants and minimum pension nominal amounts should be increased by around 12 percent in 2004, and then adjusted automatically each year thereafter". The nation needs explanations and updates on this aspect?

Moreover, what is the posi-

tion of the Proposed National Strategic Action of the 2020-2035 NSDP to "Extend maternity leave to 6 months to be consistent with international guidelines and amend NIS Act/revise NIS policy to facilitate the same. Establish an official national policy on paternity leave".

The young people entering the working world will be most affected by any changes about the NIS, whether positively or negatively in the distant future, as the long-drawn-out struggle of public officers for retiring benefits should have taught.

The young people must therefore empower themselves to exercise keen and active participation in the process to ensure safe 'satisfactory pensions' for their generation and the next, from the 'mandatory contributed' NIS; despite expansion of different pensions plans in the private sector.

With the participation there comes the role to question and authenticate the information and decision presented by the powers-that-be, such as that Grenada is behind in the Region with legislative changes to the Scheme.

What then is the reason for the changes; is it about contribution deficits or international pressures? Whatever the case, recommendations always need further analyses in terms of socio-economic engineering and legal consequences. For present employees, care must be taken about any retroactive clause with the new pensionable age, on contractual employment principles.

J. K. Roberts

FOR SALE BY MORTGAGEE UNDER ITS POWER OF SALE

There will be offered for sale BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Chambers of Renwick & Payne, Lucas Street, St. George's on **Friday 11th November 2022** at 12:00 noon the following property mortgaged to Grenada Development Bank on 5th day of September 2008 under an Indenture of Mortgage recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 35-2008 at page 657.

ALL THAT Lot of land measuring 7,881 Square Feet situate at **TIVOLI, ST. ANDREW**. The lot is rectangular in shape and is relatively flat. It is situate on the right-side of a concrete-paved development road. Entrance to this development is the left-hand turn-off the Tivoli/La Poterie main road and is located immediately after the Tivoli R. C. school. Additionally, the lot is located at the end of concrete road of Tivoli Allotment being Lot #25 of the sub-division.

The area which is primarily residential and also used for agricultural purposes, benefits from the availability of electricity, telephone, water, cable, garbage collection, good public transportation and well paved roads. It is within easy access of primary and secondary schools, churches and shopping facilities.

Sale is by the mortgagee under its Power of Sale contained in the said Indenture of Mortgage For further information please contact Renwick & Payne (Tel No. 440-2479)

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Ex-government minister selling electricity to Grenlec

A former minister in the defeated New National Party (NNP) government is believed to be doing a lucrative business with the state-owned Grenada Electricity Company (GRENLEC) in the sale of extra electricity generated from a solar farm in the St George area.

According to a well-placed source, the ex-government minister is apparently generating a lot of electricity that Grenlec was forced to come into the area to make changes to its poles in order to accommodate the surplus power coming from the farm onto its grid.

He said the former government official was producing so much power that the electricity company was forced to change about seven of its poles.

"The power they were

generating coming from the solar panels back on the Grid was too much for the short poles and it was going to feed back," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

"They had to change it (the poles) because the electricity that was generated with the Solar Farm that he has up there and selling back to the Grid is sending a lot of electricity to the high tension (wires) - so they had to bring the power higher," he said.

The source disclosed that if anyone visits the area now what they will see is that all the previous short poles were replaced with very tall poles by Grenlec to accommodate the ex-government minister and his business.

"So the poles ...near to me are very tall poles, not your ordinary poles," he remarked.

The source pointed out that he sensed something was happening when he noticed the ex-government minister and the Grenlec workers going from pole to pole in the area to do an inspection.

"...They (were) going from pole to pole and they (were) pointing out certain things for him. Within about 3 weeks to a month we saw the poles changing. We saw when all the solar panels go up there too," he said.

The source stated that the ex-former government minister would have had to spend a tidy sum of money to establish the elaborate solar farm that is located on his property.

Grenlec fell back into the hands of the Keith Mitchell-led government nearly two years following a ruling from an international arbitration tribunal hearing over EC\$200 million to repurchase the con-



Photo of a Grenlec pole with electrical wire on it

trolling shares from U.S company, 'WRB

Enterprises.'

Ex-Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell was very much opposed to the decision taken by the 1990-95 National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration of late Prime Minister Sir Nicholas Brathwaite to privatise the loss-making utility company, which was notable for frequent load-shedding due to ageing equipment.

The U.S. Company triggered the buy-back clause in the agreement shortly after Prime Minister Keith Mitchell won the 2018 general election and both sides were forced to go into arbitration.

New Congress Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell has dropped hints that Grenlec which is known to be experiencing financial losses might have to look for a new strategic partner to stay afloat.

GRENADA:

Claim No. GDAHBP2022/0338

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

IN THE ESTATE OF THERESA RITA JOYCE JOSEPH, DECEASED

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by Clarence Joseph of Mt. Rose in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada, currently residing in the United States of America, a lawful son of the deceased and one of the persons entitled to her estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of May, 2021 at Mt. Rose in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State aforesaid.

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

Dated the 26th day of September, 2022

Evette John
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Law Office of Evette John
Attorneys-at-Law for the Application

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The Court Office is at Church Street in the parish of St. George, Tel 473-440-2030/0870, Fax. 473-440-6695. The Office is open at 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays

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A lot of land **TOGETHER** with a two-storey building and a single-storey building thereon situate at **TEMPE, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, ST. GEORGE**, measuring 9,200 Square Feet and described in a plan marked "M" annexed to an Indenture of Conveyance made the 19th day of June 1989 between Eileen Radix of the one part and Hurley Marryshow of the other part and recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber Z14 at page 787

The upper floor of the two-storey building covers an area of 1,400 Square feet contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, dining and living rooms, with verandahs.

The ground floor of the two-storey building covers an area of 1,338 Square Feet with a two-bedroom apartment, office and storage area.

The single-storey building covers an area of 336 square feet with a one-bedroom apartment.

As one travels along Marrast Hill from Government roundabout take the first road on your left. Continue along this road towards San Souci and then take the second road on the right. Immediately after the first structure on the left, there is a road on the left, that being Hillside Lane. Take this road and continue along, as the road curves to the right, the property is the last on the right side of the road.

The lot is triangular in shape but relatively flat, is situate close to local amenities including schools and benefits from the availability of electricity and telephone.

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The Oscar Bartholomew Manslaughter trial starts after 10-year delay



Suspended police officers - Rody Felix, Shaun Ganness, Wendell Sylvester and Edward Gibson facing Manslaughter charges in connection for the December 2011 death of Oscar Bartholomew

Most eleven years after being beaten into a fatal coma at the hands of police officers at the St. David's Police Station, the Oscar Bartholomew Manslaughter trial finally got underway Monday before Madam Justice Victoria Charles-Clarke, at the St. George's No. 2 High Court, with the empanelling of a nine-member Jury, and at least 25 witnesses listed on the indictment against four police officers.

Suspended police officers; Edward Gibson, Shaun Ganness, Rody Felix and Wendell Sylvester, who had previously posted EC\$100,000.00 bail in November 2017, were committed to stand trial for Manslaughter, which is the crime of killing a human being without malice aforethought, or otherwise in circumstances not amounting to murder, in a verdict handed down by a Coroner's jury.

Almost five (5) years later, the accused lawyers, represented by Attorneys Dr. Francis Alexis QC, Anselm Clouden, Arley Gill, and Ruggles Ferguson made their first appearance before Justice Charles-Clarke, who presided over a lengthy jury selection process that lasted well over two (2) hours.

Ganness, Felix,

Sylvester, and Gibson were initially charged along with Police Constable Kenton Hazzard, who was, however, freed from criminal prosecution by the Coroner's Jury in November 2017, and is now a witness supporting the Prosecution's case, along with several retired and current police officers, and civilians.

Bartholomew, was a 39-year-old Grenadian-born Canadian citizen, who migrated 20 years ago to reside in Toronto, where he practiced carpentry by trade, and had only been back in the country for four (4) days when he was taken into custody and mauled by police officers at the St. David's Police Station, during a 2011 Christmas visit.

The incident leading up to his unfortunate death had sent shock waves of outrage, and grief throughout the country.

The fatal beating of Bartholomew reportedly happened after he bear-hugged a female police officer, whom he mistook for an old friend, when he stopped at the police station in Petit Esperance, St. David's, about one mile away from his hometown of La Tante, because his French Canadian wife needed to use the restroom.

According to the autop-

sy report, Bartholomew died as a result of a burst blood vessel in his brain.

Crown Counsel, Crisan Greenidge, is leading the Crown's case against the four officers in the almost 11 year old matter, with assistance from Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), Christopher Nelson QC.

Attorney Clouden has indicated his intention to "make certain submissions to the Court, in terms of the 4-year delay in bringing this matter to trial," on behalf of his client, Rody Felix.

In an interview following Monday's proceedings, Clouden contended that although the defendants are on bail "one has to go on record to show that in fact there has been an inordinate delay that has been highly prejudicial to my client and the accused persons because it has created tremendous anxiety throughout the process."

DPP Nelson, who acknowledged that "the passage of time always affects a case (as) cases depend on witnesses' recollection and memory," however, he told reporters that "the nature of this case is such that those who witnessed the critical events will not easily

forget." "Of course, there is the opportunity to refresh one's memory from statements given in 2011, 2012," the DPP stated, noting that while "there are some difficulties...we have trials in the past where much time has passed."

According to DPP Nelson, given the number of witnesses involved in the long-awaited trial, it is expected to last at least one (1) month.

Bartholomew's distraught mother was found hanging from a tree close to her home



Oscar Bartholomew - was badly beaten inside the St. David's Police Station

in January 2016, four her son to police brutality. (4) years after losing ty.

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

THERESA PETERS-TENN

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

Whereas Theresa Peters-Tenn of Tanteen, in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada by her application filed in the High Court on the Twelfth day of September 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 part of Darvi Estate situate in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement One Acre (1Ac.) English Statute Measure abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the Plan or Diagram marked "TP1" which is bounded as follows:- one side by property of Darvi Estate; on the second side by property of Lyle Japal; on the third side by property of Kenny Hobson; and is shown on the

plan drawn by Fred Belfon, Licensed Surveyor, filed with my Application.

REGISTRAR AG. SUPREME COURT GRENADA WEST INDIES

Registrar Ag.



St. David's Police Station

Farmers advised against crowded farms as government commences Spice Replanting Programme

Farmers are being encouraged to observe agronomical best practices, especially the use of correct planting distances to ensure the sustainability of the Spice Replanting Programme, as the Dickon Mitchell Government intensifies its efforts to increase the production of spices in the country.

With plans to have 100,000 spices under production around the island in the next 12 months, several spices were planted during the symbolic launch of the government's Spice Replanting Programme at the St. David's Roman Catholic School's garden in Bellevue, St. David last week Tuesday.

Agronomist in the Ministry of Agriculture Allison Haynes has cautioned against over-crowded lands, stating



Minister of State with Responsibility for Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Sen. Adrian Thomas plants a clove tree during the launch of the Spice Replanting Programme in St. David

that the school garden is expected to serve as "a model plot, not only for the students but also for the farmers." "So, here, when we

lined this plot in preparation, we ensured that we use the correct spacing. So, for the cinnamon, we used a 12 x 12 spacing, 15 x 15 spacing for the

clove, and 25 feet (for the bigger trees such as the Nutmeg, Sapote, and Tonka Bean," said Haynes, who explained that this is important



A section of the plot of land at the St. David's Roman Catholic School demonstrating the correct planting distances for clove and cinnamon trees

because if you traverse around the island, you will notice that our fields are very crowded."

This, she said, is because "people have small plots of land, and we tend to want to put everything in," however, she emphasised that each tree crop has a specifically required space that they need to grow efficiently.

In an interview with **THE NEW TODAY**, Haynes pointed to the common practice by farmers, who although they may use the correct 25 feet spacing for a nutmeg tree, "somewhere along the line, between the 25 feet put in maybe a sour soup, cinnamon and, in no time, the entire field is crowded."

"...I understand that farmers want to maximise the use of their land, and plant as much as they can because land space in Grenada is very limited but it is important for sustainability. So, we always have to bear in mind, if we want the project to be sustainable as students and farmers it is important that we use the correct planting distance. First you measure your land and determine how many plants could fit on the land," she advised.

In addition, Haynes said that "it would also make it easier to harvest the spices if the correct planting distances are used," adding that "if you plant in a crowded manner then all of the trees would grow very tall because they are competing for light and will be very difficult to harvest."

The female agronomist expressed concern that in these circumstances "farmers tend to follow other practices that are not good, for example the clove might be difficult to reach so they might cut off the branch to harvest the clove and destroy the tree in the process."



Allison Haynes - Agronomist in the Ministry of Agriculture

Before Hurricane Ivan in 2004, St. David had a number of various spices including, Nutmeg, Cocoa, Bois Bande, Pimento, Cinnamon, Sapote, and Tonka bean among others.

However, the loss of spice plantations, coupled with poor management of existing fields, resulted in a significant decline.

The government strategically selected St. David, which is the constituency of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell to start the extensive spice replanting process in a bid to make spice production very prominent in the parish.

"This event today indicates the government's serious attitude towards agriculture. This will be the first official garden of this project," said Minister of State with Responsibility for Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Senator Adrian Thomas, as he underscored the importance of starting the programme in St. David.

He said, "St. David is the King of Spice in Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique. Clove, Cinnamon, Sapote, Tonka Bean, and the likes were all known to be produced in St. David."

According to Sen. Thomas, the project will not concentrate only on the traditional, and locally known spices, it will also allow for the introduction of new spices to Grenada as it is the government's responsibility to ensure that the "Isle of Spice" is retained and maintained.

Last Tuesday's ceremony saw Sen. Thomas symbolically planting a clove tree in the presence of the School Principal, teachers, students, and residents, who converged at the garden of the St. David's Roman Catholic School to witness the transformational spice tree planting event.

School Principal Nicole Baptiste, said this initiative is encouraging for the future agriculture worker.

"As we witness our Minister for Agriculture demonstrate, and lead the way in replanting our spices, we hope this initiative will invoke a drive in our young boys and girls to plant, nurture and continue to produce all of our different spices in Grenada," she said.

Ministry officials also ventured to the not too distant Mt. Tranquil farm in St. David, where a series of spices were also planted.

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

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GRENADA CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/ BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT 22 OF 2016

AND

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

SHORN SABAZAN

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS SHORN SABAZAN of Marigot in the parish of Saint John in the State of Grenada but presently residing at 4017 Avenue D Second Floor Brooklyn New York 11203 in the United States of America, Concierge, by his application filed in the High Court on the 24th day of August, 2022 claimed to have acquired title by Twelve (12) years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and have 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 Marigot in the parish of Saint John in the State of Grenada measuring One Thousand and Forty-five Square Feet (1,045 Sq. Ft) English Statute Measure. The Land is abutted and bounded on the northern and western sides by an allowed road, on the eastern side by lands belonging to Ambrosian Baptiste and on the southern side by lands belonging to Bridigit Charles as shown on the plan dated the 31st day of January 2022 drawn by Mr. David S. Abraham, Licensed Land Surveyor.

Registrar

Filed by Afi Ventour & Co., Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, of Unit 3, Upper Floor, Spiceland Mall, Morne Rouge, Grand Anse, St. George, Grenada, Telephone (473) 435-2888, Fax (473)-444-288 and Email: info@ventourlaw.com

New Grenada Government moves to address outstanding external debts

The 3-month-old Congress Government of Prime Minister, Dickon Mitchell, has taken steps to address outstanding external debts, which has made it difficult to access concessionary financing over the years, and landed the country on the "selective default" list in the international financial system, according to Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development Minister, Joseph Andall.

The senior government addressed the island's outstanding debt during Tuesday's post-Cabinet media briefing in St. George's, days after participating in the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, where the outstanding debts were



Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Andall - provided an update on the status of ambassadors

among topics discussed during sideline bilateral engagements.

Minister Andall spoke of having a one-on-one discussion with the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Amery Browne, towards resolving an outstanding EC\$80m debt that was contracted by the Grenada Government in 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Ivan and in years that followed.

He told reporters that the process of settling the debt has begun but preferred not to delve into the details at this time as this "may be a politically sensitive issue."

The Foreign Affairs Minister also alluded to discussions held with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and National

Community in Algeria, Ramtane Lamamra to address another long-standing debt issue, dating back to the 1970s.

"Prime Minister Mitchell and I met with the Foreign Affairs Minister of Algeria to address a longstanding debt issue going back to the 1970s, and while the matter has not yet been resolved, initial steps were taken to put in place a mechanism for settling that outstanding debt," he said.

The senior government minister told reporters that he was not in a position to provide the specifics on this particular debt.

Speculation is rife that the debt was contracted by the 1979-83 left-leaning People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) of late, Marxist leader, Maurice

Bishop. However, Minister Andall said it was his understanding that "it is a relatively small sum" which over the years grew due to interest that "would have accumulated, making it bigger than it was originally."

"...We are confident that we would have that matter resolved in short order," added Minister Andall, who also spoke of there being an outstanding debt owing to the North African country of Libya.

The Foreign Minister also reported on progress made towards paying off an EC\$372.1 million debt accumulated under the PetroCaribe agreement with the South American country of Venezuela, which ended in 2019.

"Initial discussions have taken place regarding a mechanism for amortising that debt," he told reporters.

PetroCaribe is an oil alliance involving 18 Caribbean countries that was established in June 29, 2005, in

Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, and allowed beneficiary nations to buy oil at market value but only pay a percentage of the cost upfront, while the balance can be paid over 25 years at 1% interest.

Under the agreement, Grenada was allowed to purchase oil at market value for five (5) to 50% up front, with a grace period of one (1) to two (2) years, with the remainder being paid through a 17 to 25-year financing agreement with 1%, if oil prices are above US\$40 per barrel.

Supplies under PetroCaribe were suspended to most Caribbean countries as a result of plummeting Venezuelan crude output, US political pressure on Caracas, and recipient countries, and at the time, falling world oil, and gas prices that had made it more beneficial to purchase oil elsewhere.

Minister Andall told reporters that Venezuela has indicated that "soon they will

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GRENADA:

Claim No. GDAHPB2022/0332

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ANNE HENNINGHAM, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Probate has been filed by Raulda (spelt Rolda) Bholia of Grenville in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada, the sole Executrix named in the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 27th day of March, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, Westminster in the United Kingdom.

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

Dated the 26th day of September, 2022

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Law Office of Evette John
Attorneys-at-Law for the Application

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

IN THE ESTATE OF BERNARD BAPTISTE, DECEASED.
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Janelle Baptiste of Golf Course in the parish of St. George in Grenada for Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 19th day of September, 2022.

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

Dated: 26th day of September, 2022

Jerry Edwin
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Jerry Edwin
Eden Law Caribbean
Attorney-at-Law for Applicant

EDEN LAW CARIBBEAN, Bruce Street Mall, 2nd Fl. St. George's; Tel: 435-3336; 457-3336

Hudson Austin cremated!!!

Four days after his death, the former military strongman in Grenada, General Hudson Austin has been cremated at the local funeral home of La Qua Brothers.

THE NEW TODAY understands that the body of General Austin, was put into the furnace at 12 noon in keeping with his wishes.

According to a family member, they now have to collect the ashes from the funeral home, as a church service is planned for him next Thursday at the Bethel Methodist Church along the St Paul's main road.

"I know that arrangements have been made to have it at Bethel - he didn't want no service - he said it must be straight cremation," he said.

"There is no announcement - nothing. The children will have the church service with the ashes - they go bring the ashes to the church, have the service and bury it where

he tell them to bury it. I don't know where it is," he added.

The family member also went on to say, "You know he (General Austin) was a kind of man - when that man say do that he means do (exactly so). Ever since HA used to say he doesn't want any big set of thing and all them kind of thing (on his death) - he used to say burn him or throw him in the sea - you know that was the kind of man he was."

According to the family member, although General Austin was not in favour of the church service, the family members decided to do one.

"He believed when you dead you're done - nothing to help you. When a man asks for certain wishes - whether you like it or not - it is always best to follow it," he quipped.

"If they could have cremated the same day he wanted that. It is because of things like



Ex-Army Commander General Austin - was cremated midday in the Grenadian capital

getting the death certificate and birth paper to register and then get permission from the Magistrate (that delayed the cremation)," he said.

General Austin was a Methodist Lay Preacher before taking on the role of Commander of the

now disbanded People's Revolutionary Army (PRA) after the left-leaning New Jewel Movement (NJM) used force to topple then Prime Minister Eric Gairy on March 13, 1979 in the first coup d'etat in the English-speaking

Caribbean.

It was the ex-Army Commander who informed Grenadians on the night of October 19, 1983 that Marxist Prime Minister Maurice Bishop was killed on Fort Rupert, now back to its original name Fort George, at the height of a bitter power struggle involving radicals and moderates within the then ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM).

Austin, along with former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard, the suspected mastermind of the coup against Bishop, as well as several former government and military officials were convicted for the execution of Bishop, Foreign Minister Unison Whiteman, Education Minister Jacqueline Creft and Housing Minister Norris Bain in an army operation that was ordered by Lieutenant-Colonel Ewart "Headache" Layne.

The General has often maintained that he was not involved in any plan to execute Prime Minister Bishop and told THE NEW TODAY in a November 2021 inter-

view that during the over 30 years spent in prison he realized that he was fed "a lot of false reports" by the top brass of the PRA.

"A few years now I realise that I used to get a lot of false reports including the executions on the fort," he said.

General Austin stated then that he was not told the truth about the manner in which Prime Minister Bishop was killed on the fort amidst the bitter power struggle with Coard over the issue of joint leadership of the NJM.

Bishop had reneged on a majority decision taken by the Central Committee (CC) of the NJM for the hardline Marxist-Leninist Coard to return to the major decision-making body in the party as his equal.

The General said he was on sick leave on the day of Bishop's death but was told by the army top brass that the Prime Minister was killed in crossfire after Lieutenant-Colonel Layne had dispatched soldiers to recapture the fort where the late

Grenadian leader had sought refuge after a large crowd of supporters had freed him from under house arrest at his official residence at Mt. Wheldale.

He indicated that a female soldier who witnessed the execution told him years later that Bishop along with the three Cabinet Ministers were captured, taken to the Top Square on the fort and machine gunned to death by a Firing Squad.

The General said he also confronted Layne while serving time in prison on Bishop's murder and his second in command of the army told him that he would discuss the matter with him after they leave prison.

Layne has never made any public statement on the manner in which Prime Minister Bishop was killed.

The Bishop killers were rounded up by U.S and Caribbean troops who entered Grenada on October 25, 1983 to help restore law and order and to pave the way for the return of democratic rule of law in Grenada.

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

ANN ROSE CHARLES

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

Whereas Ann Rose Charles of La Taste, in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada by her application filed in the High Court on the Twenty-seventh day of September 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 situate at La Taste in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Seven (11,557 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the Plan or Diagram marked "AC1" which is bounded as follows:- on one side by lands of the Estate of George Toussaint and George Andall; on the second side by lands of Abraham Nyack; on the third side by lands of the Estate of Agatha Noel and on the fourth or remaining side by lands of Henry Niles and is shown on the plan drawn by David Abraham, Licensed Surveyor, filed with my Application.

REGISTRAR AG.
SUPREME COURT
GRENADA
WEST INDIES

Registrar Ag.

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

CLAIM NO.: GDAHCB2022/0326

IN THE ESTATE OF BEVERLEY DEANNA ST. PAUL LATE
OF BELMONT, ST. GEORGE, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jan St. Paul of Belmont in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada but presently residing in the United Kingdom for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of January 2022.

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 the 23rd day of September 2022

Giselle Whiteman
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Giselle Whiteman, Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant, whose address for service is Granby Street, St. George's, Grenada.

[FIRST PUBLICATION]

Grenada PM Gets Warm Welcome In Brooklyn

By Anna C

The new Grenada Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell — who has no relation to the former leader Dr. Keith Mitchell — was warmly welcomed by citizens over the weekend during his first official visit to Brooklyn since his shocking election victory on June 23, which resulted in the deposition of the incumbent Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.

A Dinner and Ball hosted by the New York Chapter of the current National Democratic Congress on Saturday night at Glen Terrace on Avenue N in Brooklyn featured Mitchell as the honoree (NDC).

Then, on Sunday, he delivered the keynote address at a Town Hall meeting that was also hosted by the NDC affiliate and held at the Claire Tow Theater in Brooklyn.

Over 500 Grenada residents and visitors applauded the youthful prime leader throughout his address on Sunday and gave him standing ovations at the opening and finish of it.

Mitchell, whose entourage included Sen. David Andrew, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, and Culture, and Joseph Andall, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Export Development, reminded citizens that his administration is committed to modernizing Grenada, especially in the area of education.

Mitchell stated, "It sounds simple, you can eat better; it's healthier."

"As opposed to the chicken we import from Brazil, we can get fish from Carriacou and Petite Martinique (Grenada's sister isles).

"For every threat or challenge, there's an opportunity," he noted. "You don't need me to inspire you. You have that Kirani James, you have Peters (Olympians). As long as you're prepared to work, you can run your



Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell

mouth until they Kingdom come."

Inspiring the people of Grenada, according to Andrew, was one of the NDC's accomplishments.

"Today, we have a real opportunity to build on that dream," he remarked.

"One of the things is an increase in the morale of the staff (in the Ministry of Education). Since the 24th of June, 2022, there has been a desire to come to work. People dress to come to work."

Despite the difficulties, according to Andrew, all schools in Grenada have reopened amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We want to put on record all involved — teachers, principals and the community," he stated. "We cannot afford the adversarial atmosphere like before. I promised to the principals — we promised to treat them with dignity and respect."

Sports will resume in Grenadan schools, according to the Minister of Education, Sports, and Culture in October.

He said that the government also intended to make all elementary and secondary schools tuition-free and that the nation's pre-schools will get monthly subsidies for the first time.

The administration, according to Andrew, also intends to revolutionize information and communications technology (ICT).

"It's good to know there are several Grenadians should we need experience in ICT, early childhood education," he noted. "We're very thrilled at the opportunity to set up a better and brighter Grenada."

In order to advance Grenada, Andall emphasized the NDC's theme of "Working with Grenadians at home and abroad to move Grenada forward," and invited citizens to contribute ideas to the administration.

"Curing, fish, agricultural produce, again, we're asking you to come with your expertise and your money, and let us move Grenada forward," he added. "We had Air Grenada many years ago. Please don't ask me who made it disap-

pear. I'm not going there (laughter from the audience, hinting about

the previous administration). "We're going to culti-

vate relations with the Mother Continent (Africa)," Andall contin-

ued. "As the motto goes, 'let the people's voices be heard.'"



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The deadline date for receipt of applications is 30th September 2022.

GRENADA PORTS AUTHORITY



NOTICE

The public is hereby reminded that the Ports in Grenada and Carriacou are restricted areas and it is therefore illegal to enter the premises i.e. passing within 150 feet of the berths, docks etc. without the expressed permission from Management.

It should also be noted that the taking of photographs, the making of videos and the use of drones are prohibited in and around Port areas.

Ian Evans
 PORT MANAGER
 21st September, 2022

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Sen. St Clair addresses the issue of praedial larceny

Constant stop and search by the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPf) could be a very effective way to tackle praedial larceny that is affecting farmers in the agriculture sector.

This was disclosed to **THE NEW TODAY** by the Senator for Agriculture and Fisher folks in the Upper House of Parliament, Roderick St Clair.

In an exclusive interview, Sen. St Clair said the police should be doing this just like they stop vehicles on a daily basis and ask drivers to show them their driving licenses and insurance certificates to be using the road.

He questioned the seriousness of the police in handling the issue of praedial larceny which has been a scourge on the agricultural sector over the years.



Senator Roderick St Clair – outlined his plans to tackle praedial larceny

According to Sen. St Clair, the lawmen also need to go to those places where the vendors are buying their produce to sell to the public. "...If the vendors know that the police (are)

checking, the Praedial Larceny (Task Force) is checking they would get scared to buy stuff because they know that I shouldn't be. Even the thief coming with it will be scared to come," he said. "...If we go and check the markets, check those places where (they) are buying items, people are going to get scared to buy these hot goods," he added.

Sen. St Clair is not opposed to the State using Drone technology to help fight praedial larceny.

He said this could be a good thing but should be implemented alongside other measures in the fight against the theft of farmer's produce.

"I think we could have a combination - it could happen. So yes, that could be used as an approach and there is

nothing wrong with that," he remarked.

Sen. St Clair recalled that during the onset of Covid-19, some two years ago, the authorities were using drones to track the movement of persons who should have been inside during the lockdown periods.

He told **THE NEW TODAY** that one of the problems in tackling praedial larceny is due to the fact that agriculture in Grenada is very much decentralised with farms scattered around the place.

He suggested that greenhouse parks of about 5 to 10 acres can be created and rented out to individual farmers to produce different products and that inside of that structure "you will be able to provide a better security system" as farming will be done "within a

certain confined area." He said this is achievable "just like how you hire a security person or you put cameras or drones to manage things."

"So we have to start looking at the kinds of results we want to have and how to design things and if we just leave it as it is right now we will be constantly fighting to catch up," he said.

According to Sen. St Clair, the farmers around the island are still waiting for something to be done to tackle praedial larceny, especially as the former New National Party (NNP) regime had indicated prior to its defeat in the June 23 general election that it had a plan to deal with the problem.

He recalled the announcement that an action plan was approved by the then Cabinet of Ministers under the government of defeated Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell and had assigned at least EC\$100, 000.00 in the budget for this purpose but "the operational plan on the ground we are yet

to see." He also noted that current Commissioner of Police, Edwin Martin, had addressed farmers at a meeting in Grenville, St Andrew on the issue "some months ago but the farmers are saying it is still wanting."

The Senator for farmers and fisherfolks charged that the authorities keep pushing the issue of farm watch to fight praedial larceny but that in itself is placing the farmers at a serious disadvantage in protecting their crops.

"Farm Watch is basically making the farmer after a hard day's work still come back and want to watch - we (are not) saying that they don't have to be involved when the State has infrastructure that it is willing to commit," he said.

According to Sen. St Clair, he really does not know what exactly is the problem in terms of putting the much-talked about plan in place and executing it for the benefit of the farming community.

"Do we have a design issue?" he questions.

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Rule 15

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THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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In the Estate of **GLORIA BERNADETTE JULIEN** late of Bailles Bacolet in the parish of St. David, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by Shanta Williams Cox, Senior Trade Officer, of Bailles Bacolet in the parish of St. David in the island of Grenada for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 7th day of July 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 20th day of December 2018 wherein the Applicant is named as the Sole Executrix.

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 the 29th day of August, 2022

Deborah Mitchell
Deborah Mitchell
Deborah Mitchell & Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executrix

Filed by Deborah Mitchell & Associates Chambers, Petite Esperance, Central, St. David, Grenada, Tel: 473-444-6178, E-mail: mitchelldeborahsd@gmail.com, Attorneys-at-Law for the Executrix.

The Registry is at Church Street, St George's, Grenada, telephone number (473) 440 2030, FAX (473) 440 6695. The office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

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THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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In the Estate of **DENNIS PATRICK DANIEL** late of Grenville in the parish of St. Andrew, who resided in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by Venesia Garraway, Retired, of Mt. Airy, St. Paul's in the parish of Saint George for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above-named deceased who died on the 16th day of April 2020, intestate.

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

Dated the 31st day of August, 2022

Deborah Mitchell
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A Closer Look at the Transition Three Months after the Elections

By Special Correspondent



File photo of a massive crowd at the NDC victory rally held in La Sagesse on the night of July 23, 2022

Three months have passed since the government was voted into office on a promise to pursue a transformational agenda. A transition team was given the task to help set up the administration of governance and manage the transition from the old to the new government.

The transition process is an opportunity for the new government to capitalise on the momentum of the elections and lay a solid foundation for success. How well the process is carried out will determine if the new government is able to successfully deliver on its agenda.

As the ninety days period of the transition comes to an end this is an opportunity to analyse the process in the context of the July 8 article entitled, Mr. PM Please get the Transition Process Right. The article suggested as a first step that the new government come up with a bold vision and convert campaign promises into strategic goals.

The Prime Minister has not done a national address or undertaken a national Town Hall to report to the people on the transition and outline his government's vision and transformative agenda since the elections. Now that the ninety days period for the transition has come to an end it is expected he will do so since it gives him an opportunity to set the stage for his new government.

Design of the senior management team and administration of governance were identified as second key steps. There are concerns with efforts to design a capable senior management team and administrative structure considering the challenges that lie ahead and current capabilities in the public service. Further work is needed in that area as well as to identify competent mid-level officers and build sufficient capacity to carry out the difficult tasks of governance going forward.

The Cabinet office is an area where further thinking could be brought to bear on ways to transform how policy decisions are made at that level. Strengthening the Cabinet office to ensure it is better able to carry out its core functions to coordinate development and implementation of government's policies and facilitate collective decision-making whether within Cabinet or in its committees would help the government to effectively carry out its mandate.

If the new government is able to transform the way how policies are formulated this will enable it to

identify effective policy interventions to address current problems like inflation and high unemployment as well as future ones that will eventually emerge.

The debate on the cap on freight charge to address the inflation exposed a glaring weakness in how policies are formulated and highlighted a need for greater research and analysis of issues that would identify effective policy prescriptions to address problems going forward.

A Council of Economic advisers would undertake the deep analysis and thinking required to provide objective advice to the Prime Minister and Cabinet of Ministers on formulation of economic policy. This will be transformative because it provides for more divergent views and perspectives that could enhance policy discussions.

Public policy formulation is a complex exercise which requires sound research for it to be successful. The young leader should take a page from the People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) playbook and seek to mobilise the best minds available to help in formulating policy.

There are many competent persons such as Laurel Bain, Brian Francis and Michael Julien who could be members on the council. The new government should consider setting up such a council if it wants to improve the policy formulation process.

Another institutional strengthening initiative that should be given consideration to improve policy formulation is the creation of a unit of Budget and Policy management within the Cabinet Secretariat to evaluate and quantify the economic cost to the economy, these include expected impact on government revenues and spending to determine the effectiveness of proposed policy options that are being considered by the Cabinet of Ministers.

The time for "blind" policy formulation is long gone

and the new government must seek to transform the way policy decisions are made at the Cabinet level. The decision to cap freight cost highlights the need for this transformation.

The new government must transform the bureaucracy of governance by not only changing the way policy is formulated but also how information is collected, analysed and disseminated. There ought to be a serious rethink of the role of the Central Statistical Office (CSO) along the lines of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (Statin).

The information technology sector should be overhauled as well. During the first National Democratic Congress (NDC) led government under the guidance of then Finance Minister George Brizan, a national computer centre was set up with the aid of the British Government.

Considered an idea ahead of its time, had it not been later scrapped by the old geezer and his gang of scoundrels, would have placed Grenada way ahead of similar sized developing countries in the area of information technology. In this information age how countries generate, store and transmit information is key to their economic success.

The new government should undertake a timely reset of these two important areas as it seeks to reform and reposition itself in this information age.

The young Prime Minister must anticipate the strong economic headwinds that lie ahead which will make delivering on his transformational agenda all the more difficult. He must therefore seek to surround himself not only with loyalists but also brilliant minds with divergent views that would allow for identification of the best policy options to address the litany of challenges his government would face.

One of the risks identified in the July 8 article is the tendency of those around the seat of power to hoard

positions on boards and committees to themselves. The young leader must tame these impulses and take another page from the PRG and first NDC government playbook to build a team of capable and competent policymakers

ers from within and outside the public service who would help his government to succeed.

As Bernard Coard, a former transformational Finance Minister, once alluded that he brought together a team of brilliant minds during the revolution, who helped him to succeed and looked good as minister. The young Prime Minister should adopt a similar approach.

The nature of the pending global recession will be different to economic downturns of the past because of the fallout from the pandemic including supply chain bottlenecks, shortage of manufacturing inputs, increased demand, increasing food insecurity and war in Ukraine. This period requires the best minds available to help the new government navigate through these turbulent times.

The young Prime Minister

must not allow those currently around him to cloud his judgment into believing those who may be critical of some of the decisions of his Transition team or have divergent views are against him and his government. For the few who have the courage to speak truth to power are the ones who want him to succeed the most.

According to John Maxwell, "if you want to lead you need to grow, good leaders are always good learners and listeners".

The young leader must learn from the mistakes of previous governments to identify the pitfalls that lie ahead as his government seeks to put together and implement the transformational agenda.

He must consider the results of the recent elections where the defeated regime was able to hold on to three of the four seats in St. Andrew's and lost marginally in St. Patrick's. This suggests, though defeated, the NNP's base is solid and if the Transition process is not able to set up the new government for success it

could be a one-term government notwithstanding the current leadership issue in the NNP camp.

As was said before, how well the Transition process is carried out will determine whether the government is able to deliver on its election promises. It is from this context and an understanding of the turbulent times that lies ahead these series of articles have been somewhat critical and clamoured for the Transition Team to get it right; not an attack on government as the malicious few are purporting it to be.

To dismantle the system of corruption left behind by the defeated government requires deliberate action by those who understand how the system works.

At the top of the system are some foreign ambassadors at large and certain CBI agents who are "apex providers" at the top of the food chain that fed the gray train of the regime. They are not attempting to hide their loot in plain sight here locally.

It would be very interesting to see who among

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BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT 22 OF 2016

AND

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

MATTHEW TREVOR ABRAHAM
LUCY ABRAHAM

APPLICANTS

APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS MATTHEW TREVOR ABRAHAM and LUCY ABRAHAM both of Champ Fleurs Vincennes in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada presently residing in the United States of America, by their application filed in the High Court on the *20th* day of *August*, 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve (12) years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and have 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 Champ Fleurs, Vincennes in the parish of St. David in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-two Square Feet (7, 532 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on the North by the Public Road and land of Theresa Abraham, on the South side by lands of the Estate of Annita Abraham, on the West side by lands of the Estate of Annita Abraham and Theresa Abraham and on the East side by an Allowed Road, as shown on the plan dated 20th April, 2022, drawn by Mr. Andrew Alleyne, Licensed Land Surveyor

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OF GRENADA

New UN climate chief takes the fight personally

UNITED NATIONS — For the United Nations' new climate chief, the fight is personal.

As a former engineer who says he knows "how to make things work and get things done," it wasn't just what Simon Stiell did before he became a top U.N. official, it was where.

Stiell was the environment and climate resilience minister on the small island nation of Grenada until he started his job as the executive secretary of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change a few weeks ago. It's now his job to make sure the world cuts about half emissions of heat-trapping gases — which are helping trigger



Simon Stiell sits for an interview to discuss his new role as the executive secretary of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change

unprecedented frequent weather disasters — in just eight years, or as he puts it, two World Cups or two Olympics away. "Living half my life in a climate-vulnerable nation gives me a deep appreciation," Stiell, 53, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I've lived through two hurricanes (Ivan in 2004 and Emily in 2005). I've seen my country flattened through hurricanes. I've seen sea level rise around my ankles. ... And I've also been in government finding solutions and responsible as the lead policymaker in how we build a more resilient nation with the limited resources that we have."

And Grenada, which had losses that doubled its annual gross domestic product, is far from alone. In Pakistan, for example, a third of the country is under water. "Billions of dollars in damages, lives lost, millions displaced. How do they recover from that?" Stiell asked from the 10th floor of the U.N. headquarters, overlooking the East River. Rich polluting countries will have to pay to help poorer countries that are climate victims, like his, he said. Polluters paying for what their emissions have done is just as important as cutting what comes out of smokestacks and tailpipes, Stiell said. High-emitting countries reimbursing poorer, vulnerable nations — called "loss and damage" in the world of climate negotiations — is now so important it is one of four pillars of the fight against climate change. The others are cutting emissions, adapting to a warmer and wilder world, and rich nations financially aiding poor nations to develop green energy and adapt.

close. Coming from a country hit hard by climate gives him "a deep understanding," but Stiell says his new job means "I also have to factor in the positions of some of those richer nations" and bring everyone together. Poorer countries see an ally. "It's a huge job, and it's good to see someone from a climate vulnerable country taking the helm. As someone from Grenada, he doesn't need reminding what is at stake," said Mohamed Adow of think tank Power Shift Africa. "For too long the perspectives of the global north have held sway at the climate talks and led to foot dragging and inaction. We're starting to see this change, but it really needs to be accelerated." Since 2015, small island nations with little economic and political power have been using their moral authority to get big concessions from the rest of the world, said longtime climate negotiator analyst Alden Meyer of the think tank E3G. In Paris for the 2015 agreement, small island nations forced the rest of the world to agree to a stricter temperature goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times and a mechanism that requires nations to increase their emission cut targets every five years, Meyer said. "They have clear moral authority and are showing they can build pressure on the bigger players," Meyer said. Stiell is living out of a hotel in Germany, where the U.N. climate agency is based, until international climate negotiations in Egypt in November. He isn't as focused on wins from the upcoming climate talks as he is about something longer term. He said he's aiming at 2030 and the need for dramatic pollution cuts to keep temperatures from passing the 1.5 degree goal — something that's looking less likely because it is only a few tenths of a degree away and approaching fast. The world has already

warmed 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times. "We tend to look at incremental progress. And incremental progress isn't going to provide us with the transformational shifts that we need," Stiell said. Taking that 2030 goal and "working backwards will actually increase the pressure," Stiell said. "So it is not to say let us kick the can down the road. It's the complete opposite. It's bringing the can forward right at our feet. ... We're close to running out of time." Because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the energy crisis it triggered, countries have stepped backwards on their commitments to phase out coal, Stiell said. "But hopefully it is a temporary regression, and those countries are going to accelerate as the crisis diminishes, which it will." The United States, the second biggest carbon polluter, took "a major step forward" and is sending a signal to the rest of the world with the Inflation Reduction Act that President Joe Biden signed this summer. China, the top carbon emitting nation, is also doing more, Stiell said. "Is it as far as they need to go? Is it as fast as it needs to go? No. But this requires collective effort," Stiell said. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres regularly ratchets up the rhetoric. This week, he has called on nations to institute a windfall profits tax on fossil fuel companies that could then be used to help compensate climate-change victims and people facing high energy and food prices. Stiell said Guterres' role is that of a "truth-teller" in carrot-and-stick negotiations with countries, while his new job is that of an arbiter "bringing parties together." "It's hard. It's frustrating," Stiell said. "But ultimately the critical focus is achieving that goal of limiting global temperatures to 1.5 degrees. And that requires extraordinary action."

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT NO. 22 OF 2016 OF THE CONTINUOUS REVISED LAWS OF GRENADA

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

JENIFER MONTAGUE

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS JENIFER MONTAGUE of Sung Corner in the Parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, Cleaner, by her application filed in the High Court on the 3rd day of June, 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve (12) 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

- 1. ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Sung Corner in the Parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-six Square Feet (7,356 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure abutted and bounded on the northern side by the lands of Alfred Pierre & Others on the eastern side by an allowed road and the lands of Frederick Cobb, on the southern side by an allowed road and the lands of Everling Cooper and Meinyoung Attz, and on the western side by the lands of Victoria Julien as the same is delineated and shown on the plan dated the 7th day of April, 2021 drawn by Mr. Godwin Alexis, Licensed Land Surveyor.

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Fruitful bilateral relations held at just concluded UNGA in New York

Small Island Developing States like Grenada are being urged to take advantage of trade and investment opportunities as the Government of India seeks to strengthen its ties within the Caribbean.

"We were urged to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by India, that traveling delegations must include business people because at the end of the day, that is the ultimate goal of diplomacy, promoting the economic and political interest of our countries," Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development, Joseph Andall, said as he updated members of the media on progress made during a number of bilateral meetings held on the sidelines of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Addressing Tuesday's post-Cabinet media

briefing, Minister Andall said "it was pointed out that CARICOM is still not taking advantage of trade and investment opportunities presented to us by India," and that "a commitment was made to ensure that every opportunity is seized by the various CARICOM member states."

He said that "India has also restated its commitment to collaborate with CARICOM on the questions of pharmaceuticals, information, and communication technology, sports, technical and vocational training."

According to the Foreign Affairs Minister, he had "a fruitful meeting" with representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is located on the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia, resulting in "assurances of grant funding for various projects going forward."



Minister for Foreign Affairs Trade and Export Development, Joseph Andall, reported on the bilateral progress made during Tuesday's post-cabinet media briefing in St. George's

"The contacts will continue, and we feel very confident that we are going to be able to benefit from that arrangement," he said.

Minister Andall also spoke of agreements struck during a meeting with Abdulla Shahid, the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of the

Maldives, which is an archipelagic state in Southern Asia situated in the Indian Ocean.

"We have agreed to share experiences in the field of tourism and to explore the possibility of having exchanges so that we can learn from each other's experiences," along with a "visa waiver agreement for visits not exceeding 90 days," he said.

"So, soon the work will begin to put that into practical action, and Grenada has also agreed to give favourable consideration to supporting each other's candidates at international forums," he added.

Initial steps were also taken toward establishing diplomatic relations with the east African country of Kenya.

Minister Andall said: "As we have said before part of our diplomatic thrust would be not only to strengthen ties with existing partners but also to reach out to our sisters and brothers in Africa, and other parts of the globe, to seek areas of cooperation and mutual interest."

OPERATION CLEAN-UP BEGINS!!!

** From front page*

made some passing remarks on the Acting Manager, Martin Thomas, who is known to be the deputy Chairman of the St George North-west constituency branch of the New National Party (NNP) of former Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell.

"He (Thomas) is not doing anything. Truck break down, loaders breaking down - all kinds of things," said the source who expressed disappointment with the leadership that he was providing to the multi-million dollar state body.

THE NEW TODAY understands that the newly appointed Board plans to hold regular meetings in the coming months in order to take critical decisions to put the corporation on a much sounder footing.

About a month ago, an insider indicated that Gravel & Concrete had in excess of EC\$3 million dollars in outstanding payments to be col-

lected mainly from construction companies that purchase material from it.

He said then that the biggest debtor to the state body was a Trinidad-owned construction company which is owing \$693,246.66 up to the end of August, and also another construction company owing (\$96,000.00).

He said that he had seen figures prepared by the Finance Department of the corporation which suggested that the statutory body is "not in the red" financially but can be solid when it comes to cash.

"The overall debt envelope is \$3,370,531.06 - not debt but who is owing, that is money outside (to be collected)" he added.

During the 2013-18 rule of the Keith Mitchell-led NNP administration, the World Bank had identified the then loss-making Gravel & Concrete as one of several state-owned bodies that should be privatised.

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



GRENADA CLAIM NO: GDAHCV2021/0281 BETWEEN:

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

JANE ROBERTS APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS the Applicant Jane Roberts of Sauteurs in the parish of St. Patrick in the State of Grenada, Retiree, by her application filed in the High Court on the 21st day of June 2021 claims to have acquired title by more than twelve years adverse possession 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 same land are required to enter an Appearance in the Registry in person or by his or his Legal Practitioner within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the Newspaper

SCHEDULE

ALL that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Sauteurs in the parish of St. Patrick in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Square Feet (4,208 Sq. Ft) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: on one side by an Allowed Road on the second side by lands of Helen Leid on the third side by an Old Canal and on the fourth or remaining side by lands now or formerly owned by Victoria Adams as Shown on the Plan drawn by Fred L. Belfon, Licensed Land Surveyor which said Plan is marked "JR" and attached to the Applicant's Affidavit Sworn and filed herein.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA

GRENADA:

Claim No. GDAHCB2022/0327

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

IN THE ESTATE OF SYLVESTER EMMANUEL ALEXANDER (ALSO KNOWN AS SYLVESTER DRAYTON, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by Agnes Frank Quammie of La Mode in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, the lawful sister of the deceased and the only person entitled to his estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of May, 2021 at the General Hospital in the parish of Saint George in the State aforesaid.

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

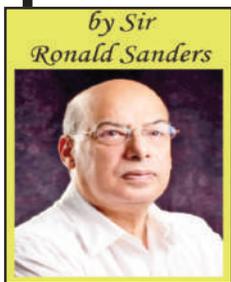
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President Putin's actions are jeopardising economic peace and growth: The world should say "no more"



by Sir Ronald Sanders

"Every bullet, every bomb, every shell that hits a target in Ukraine, hits our pockets and our economies in Africa." Those were the words of the President of Ghana, Akufo-Addo, at the UN General Assembly on September 21.

The Ghanaian President was referring to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which aggravated an already difficult worldwide economic situation, caused by

the COVID-19 pandemic.

While he spoke as an African, Akufo-Addo could have been speaking for every developing region of the world, including the Caribbean.

Several African countries now have inflation rates, surging three to four times higher than they were just two years ago. The situation is no different in the Caribbean region.

If the world was turned upside down because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is damaging it still further. And, with no end in sight.

No region of the world, or any person within regions, has escaped the consequences of Russian President Vladimir Putin's ill-

advised invasion of Ukraine, clearly aimed at seizure of large tracts of Ukrainian land and strategic access to the sea and global commerce.

In July, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said "global growth is projected to slow from an estimated 6.1 percent in 2021 to 3.6 percent in 2022 and 2023. This is 0.8 and 0.2 percentage points lower for 2022 and 2023 than projected in January".

The IMF emphasised that the economic costs of the Russian war against Ukraine "are expected to spread farther afield through commodity markets, trade, and - to a lesser extent - financial interlinkages. Fuel and food price rises are already having a global impact,

with vulnerable populations - particularly in low-income countries - most affected".

Therefore, the troubling economic and financial situation should completely dispel the illusion, held by some in the developing world that the war has nothing to do with us. In fact, the entire world has a vested interest in encouraging its immediate end.

The leaders of the two most important developing countries, Xi Jinping of China and Narendra Modi of India recently indicated their concerns about the war. Significantly Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the President of Turkey, has called for an end to the war in Ukraine "as soon as possible through diplomatic channels."

As in all unpopular wars - and this one certainly is - Russian military forces have been losing ground to the more committed Ukrainian troops. The former are soldiers, carrying out orders; the latter are men and women determined to protect their homeland with their lives.

Despite the superior Russian military firepower, especially missiles launched from areas bordering Ukraine, the Ukrainians, armed with improved weaponry - gifted by sympathetic nations - and fortified by a patriotic resoluteness, have pushed Russian troops out of Ukrainian territory that they had earlier seized.

This has caused President Putin to announce conscription of reservists and other civilians. But his plan has met resistance. More than 800 Russians were arrested in anti-war demonstrations in 37 cities, including Moscow and St. Petersburg, according to the independent Russian human rights group OVD-Info. The number of men fleeing the country has increased as has widespread protests by Russian citizens.

The protestors have been assaulted with military force and hundreds have been detained. Journalists in Moscow, with the international news agency, Associated Press, reported that they witnessed at least a dozen arrests in the first 15 minutes of a night-time protest in the capital, with police in heavy body armour tackling

demonstrators and hauling some away as they chanted, "No to war!"

Fighting a war, which relies on reluctant conscripts, is unlikely to bring the success that Putin told the Russian people was imminent. Instead, the Ukrainians have recaptured vast swathes of Russian-occupied territory. In addition to sinking confidence in any achievement, resulting from the war, the Russia economy is also suffering.

Despite all this, and in a departure from reality, President Putin is planning to hold referenda "on joining Russia" in areas of the Ukraine that Russian troops occupy.

Referenda in the middle of a war, and with the population living under the guns of occupying forces, would hardly be credible to any nation in the global community. However, the decision to hold them clearly shows Putin's intention to annex the areas to Russia. Consequently, the war will escalate further, as the Ukrainians intensify their resistance.

The referenda are scheduled to start on September 23 and to continue for 5 days, after which Russia will no doubt announce that the people of the areas have voted in favour, and they have opted to join Russia. In his quest to re-establish the Soviet Union, President Putin is doing so by seizing the territory of a neighbouring state and balkanising it. This is a grave violation of the international legal order, which Russia

was party to establishing, and which has been applied by the UN Security Council since 1945.

But, in the way of powerful nations, rules and laws are discarded when it does not suit the ambitions of their governments.

Every government, at the United Nations General Assembly this month, at the General Assembly of the Organisation of American States next month, and in every international meeting, should make it very clear to President Putin that the war against Ukraine is not only unpopular, but it is fast becoming a war against global economic peace and growth, which are vital conditions for economic progress in developing countries.

Developing countries, especially, small states, depend on adherence to international law; they also need global peace that facilitates travel for tourism, aid money being spent on development and not on arms, and competitive commerce that reduces high prices for food and other goods.

President Putin has jeopardised all that.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organisation of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)

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BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT 22 OF 2016

AND

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

MARINA DAVIDSON
APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS MARINA DAVIDSON of New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, Domestic Worker, by her application filed in the High Court on the 20th day of June, 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve (12) 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

a) ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Two Thousand and Seven Hundred and Eighty Square Feet (2,780 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on the North by an Eight Feet Allowed Road, on the South side by lands of Maston Lewis, on the West side by lands of Vincent Davidson and lands of Ron Davidson and on the East side by the Public Road, as shown on the plan dated 11th March, 2015, drawn by Mr. Ian Lett, Licensed Land Surveyor.

And

b) ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Two Thousand and Three Hundred and Thirty-eight Square Feet (2,338 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on the North by a Ravine, on the South side by an Eight Feet Allowed Road, on the West side by lands of Ron Davidson and on the East side by the Public Road, as shown on the plan dated 11th March, 2015, drawn by Mr. Ian Lett, Licensed Land Surveyor.

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New Grenada Government moves to address outstanding external debts

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be resuming the PetroCaribe agreement," which he said "could not have come at a better time, considering the generally high price of fuel on the international market."

According to the latest publication of Grenada's Public Debt Bulletin, which is published by the Ministry of Finance, at the end of the third quarter last year, the total debt stock (unaudited) of state-owned enterprises was EC\$532.3 million or 17.9% of GDP, inclusive of the 372.1 million Petro Caribe debt, which represents 12.5% of GDP.

In delivering the Throne speech, during the opening of the Eleventh Session of Parliament at the end of August, ahead of the highly anticipated 2023 budget presentation, Governor General, Dame Cecile La Grenade, revealed that the country's public debt stood at \$2.1 billion at the end of June 2022, representing (66.2%) of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Prime Minister Mitchell has since announced plans to maintain compliance with the International Monetary Fund-recommended Fiscal Responsibility

Act, which was introduced under the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) that was undertaken to restructure the country's debt under the former Keith Mitchell-led administration in 2013.

Additionally, the newly installed Prime Minister said, as part of plans to tackle the country's debt, his newly installed National Democratic Congress (NDC) government will implement strategic measures to reduce or cease borrowing unless necessary, and to grow the economy, through investments in areas and sectors that can spur economic growth.

Grenada PM wants global climate change response to be escalated

The newly elected Prime Minister of Grenada, Dickon Mitchell has urged the international community to escalate climate change to the same level of urgency as the COVID-19 pandemic. In his maiden address to the United Nations General Assembly Debate on Saturday, Mitchell said that the COVID 19 pandemic has taught the international community the value of cooperation, timely exchange of information and sharing of resources. "Therefore, it is imperative that the matter of climate change be escalated to the same level of urgency," he said. "The world must now accept that the solutions to these problems cannot be found in this

grand Hall but rather in young people, who stand to lose the most from the inaction of the world's current leaders." He called on young people to be agents of change rather than victims of climate change. The Grenadian leader said the small island States of the Caribbean are already experiencing significant effects of climate change. "We watch and wait, with bated breath and a silent prayer, in the hope that this year it will not be 'our turn'," he said, reiterating his call for the scaling up of climate finance for adaptation and the removal of challenges that developing states face to access climate financing. The prime minister also called for increased technology development and



Prime Minister of Grenada, Dickon Mitchell. Photo: UN

capacity-building, especially for young people. Nationally, he noted that the pandemic exposed structural weaknesses and resource deficiencies in his country's health-care system. In addition, the ensuing closure of borders and stagnation of tourism exacerbated already high levels of unemployment and poverty. In this regard, Mitchell said his administration plans to mitigate such circumstances in the future by diversifying its economy and developing information and communications technologies. Stating that the war in Ukraine has resulted in hardships on nations unconnected with the conflict, the Grenadian leader joined the call for the Russian Federation to end its war efforts in Ukraine and for the parties to negotiate a peaceful settlement. In addition, he renewed his call for the Caribbean to remain a zone of peace and for Cuba to be removed from the United States' List of

State Sponsors of Terrorism. Further, he said it was regrettable that more has not been done for Haiti to help it achieve political stability, peace and economic progress. Reiterating support for the International Court of Justice's efforts regarding the border dispute between Guyana and Venezuela, Mitchell reaffirmed Grenada's support for the territorial integrity of Guyana, and called for an end to the imposition of unilateral coercive measures against Venezuela. He also stressed that, for small island states to eliminate poverty and attain sustainable levels of development, the vulnerability criteria must be comprehensively reviewed "as a matter of urgency." In this nexus, Mitchell called for a new multidimensional vulnerability index for Small Island Developing States, which would, he said, "eliminate the threat to our economic development and security".

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND
THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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In the Estate of TERESA (ALSO SPELT THERESA) TELLIE BRAVEBOY late of Belle Vue in the parish of St. David, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by Denis Fraser, Retired, of Pomme Rose in the parish of St. David in the island of Grenada for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 5th day of July 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 3rd day of September 2018 wherein the Applicant is named as 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 the 9th day of September, 2022

Deborah Mitchell
Deborah Mitchell & Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor

Filed by Deborah Mitchell & Associates Chambers, Petite Esperance, Central, St. David, Grenada, Tel: 473-444-6178, E-mail: mitchelldeborah@tds@gmail.com, Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor.

The Registry is at Church Street, St George's, Grenada, telephone number (473) 440 2030, FAX (473) 440 6695. The office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF GRENADA
(P R O B A T E)

IN THE ESTATE OF LUCELLE BERNADETTE AKINS, LATE OF HILLSBOROUGH
IN THE ISLAND OF CARRIACOU IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Edith Akins-John originally of Main Street Hillsborough in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada but presently residing in Brooklyn in the United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased, Lucille Bernadette Akins who died on the 30th day of May, 2019 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 12th day of May, 2019 wherein the Applicant is the sole named executrix.

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 16th day of September, 2022

Hazel B. Hopkin-La Touche
LAW OFFICE OF ALBAN M. JOHN
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

This Application is filed by Law Office of Alban M. John Chambers, Donovan House, Scott Street, St. George's, Grenada. Telephone No. 435-2710 and email address: amjohn@spiceisle.com

The Court office is at the Jay McCormick Building, St. George's, Grenada Telephone No. 440-2030 and Fax No.440-6695. The office is open between 8 am to 4 pm weekdays, except public holidays

A Closer Look at the Transition Three Months after the Elections

* From pg 15

those holdover foreign ambassadors-at-large, if any, would be retained since the new government has apparently changed course on the policy announced on coming into office of having only Grenadians as ambassadors.

At this level the facilitators are the bag men in Foreign Affairs and relations with diplomatic passports who regularly traveled to capitals where these persons are located. Registration fees and party subs can't finance private jets and high priced entertainers.

The second tier comprises foreign contractors who are given inflated contracts and big businesses who are granted huge concessions, tax breaks and supply contracts, in return are expected to finance party and campaign functions and feed the gravy train to those high ups.

This is why relations of those high ups and other party operatives used to call the Treasury incessantly when a payment was due for certain foreign contractors. Look at some of the hardware and other stores that supplied building materials and school uniforms under the various social programs.

The third and lowest tier are small contractors, ghost companies and other small companies that provide security, cleaning and other services to government and are granted inflated contracts where workers are paid pittance while the lion's share is creamed off by those in charge in connivance with former senior officials and current sycophant operatives in the public service.

It is this third tier that Kem Jones rightfully exposed recently on his program. The enablers in the public service in turn were allowed leeway to engage in corrupt practices of their

own. The emerging saga over importation of a communications tower into the island may very well throw some light on that situation.

There is also a secretive group of business people who are fronting for former "high ups" purchasing property and other assets in a bid to hide the ill-gotten gains of these scoundrel "midnight robbers" from the prying eyes of foreign intelligence services and international banking system regulatory framework.

WikiLeaks and other breach of clients' information in Swiss banks have frightened them away from Zurich and Geneva.

The decision not to stop projects of the defeated regime, though prudent, is being taken advantage of by cabals in Physical Development, Health, Procurement Unit, Physical Planning Unit and other areas in the public service.

Was the "old geezer" lay-

ing down a marker knowing very well the amount of inflated contracts that were left behind by the regime and how quickly these obligations can erode government revenues?

Questionable procurement decisions and "request for no objections" made in the weeks leading up to the general election are being quietly advanced by sycophants in these cabals. This is intended to stealthily continue the corrupt practices and maintain the gravy train that fed the regime well into the tenure of the new government.

In addition, if some of these contracts are not reviewed for inflated prices, spurious addendums, contingency cost that could be easily exploited and dubious scope of works, the resultant huge cost overruns could be a burden on government revenues and hinder its ability to provide adequate amount of

resources to other areas in need.

Transition team members should refer to the "old geezer's" speech during the swearing in when he alluded that the Treasury was left with sufficient money to finance government operations and obligations until such time.

The transition lead for Physical Development must be mindful of the negative impact inflated contracts can have on government revenues. The situation where contract prices increased in some cases well over fifty percent after signing and the use of contingencies ought to be revisited and thoroughly reviewed in order to protect the public purse.

Is there any truth that a foreign company's contracts were increased by over fifty percent of the initial signing amount?

In conclusion a lot has been said about the need to get competent and experienced senior public officers with capabilities in policy formulation, project cycle management and management of relations with international donor agencies onto the senior management team as well as to strengthen the Chief Technical Officer functions in key Ministries such as Education, Physical Development, Economic Planning and Development, the Environment, Health and Youth Development.

The thinking here is that when the government reinstate Clauses 10 and 8 (3) (f) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act there will be greater expenditure control and the government will have to be more restrained in its spending.

Strengthening these key areas along with the mid-management tier in these key Ministries would position the government to mobilise and drawdown larger amounts of resources from multilateral organisations such as the World Bank, Caribbean Development Bank and European Union, and global funding arrangements under Climate Change, the Blue Economy and Green Climate Fund to finance development projects.

Contrary to a few who thought the call to remove sycophants and incompetence were a witch hunt and a call for blood. Consider the last eight years under the defeated government - look at the poor state of roads and water infrastructure, health care, education, youth development and the low implementation rate of the public sector investment program against the backdrop of the considerable amount of resources available to be drawn down from donor agencies.

Most of these sycophant senior managers were at the helm of ministries where implementation was most problematic. The new government will be

foolhardy to place implementation of its transformative agenda in the hands of these failed public officers.

The "old geezer" said many times in the past he would leave the country ungovernable, what he meant by that is the new government would be bogged down in fighting so many challenges left over from the regime they wouldn't have time to implement their own agenda.

The "old geezer" knows the new government will have to own all of the failures of the defeated regime in time and the opposition party will position itself to take advantage of these circumstances. This is exactly what was done to the last NDC government where internal conflicts exacerbated the situation.

The "old geezer" knew as early as November last year the party was slipping in the polls and he was a liability, however he felt with suspension of the Fiscal Responsibility Act the regime will have full latitude to engage in uncontrolled spending to finance the elections hence the frenzy to commence a flurry of projects six months out.

It was felt the increased economic activity and employment would encourage the electorate to vote en-mass for his incumbent party. The people saw through that play-book and wasn't about to be hoodwinked again.

Suspension of the Act and the situation of the pandemic provided the right atmosphere to exploit and abuse the sole source method of procurement for the personal gains of a few political elites, their surrogates and sycophants in the public service. After listening to the former Minister of Education on the Faith matter one came across with that view.

The new Minister of Legal Affairs should understand that to get to the bottom of this situation the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has to commence investigations to determine in whose bank accounts these huge payouts that were made during the course of the contract went to.

They are the ones that should be given the task of investigating those concerns about finances to determine if the laws under money laundering and other breach of the Public Finance act took place. That is why ASP Senneth Joseph should be brought back into FIU as you can't have officers who are close to their former boss or beholden to him conduct investigations that may or may not involve a relationship.

Is the same where any investigation of the Communications Tower matter has to be independent and far removed from certain elements who

are known sympathisers of the defeated government?

We are now seeing the negative fallout from cancellation of the Halls of Justice Project which am told designs were completed and CDB had given its written commitment to fund under the Tillman Thomas government but was canceled by the "old geezer" on returning to office.

The lack of adequate facilities, security procedures, and modern equipment at the Supreme Court Registry has enabled this grave miscarriage of justice. Does the missing cocaine from the evidence room at that same place and missing transcript some years ago that allowed a convicted drug dealer to walk free have anything to do with the missing parts of the transcript in this current matter? Is someone at that department in conspiracy to pervert the course of justice for financial gains?

A thorough investigation by seasoned investigators should answer these two questions.

The fact is corruption is so pervasive in the public service that certain elements operate with impunity. If the government doesn't show evidence of intent in practice to reform the public sector, transform how policies are formulated and decided upon, create new administrative structures and deploy persons with capabilities in areas where they can be most effective, implementation of the transformational agenda will be seriously hampered.

The new government must show real evidence of intent to transform the way how this country is governed by taking another page from the PRG and make bold moves by redeploying experienced persons in positions where they can best serve, identify and promote dynamic and competent mid-level professions to senior positions and be more accountable to the people through Town Hall and other opportunities for mass engagements.

Similarly, they need to establish new administrative structures such as was done under the first NDC government with creation of the Department of Public Sector Management (DPMS) and the re-organisation of the Ministry of Finance because the change the people voted for will not be realised.

If not done, the government will not be able to navigate the turbulent times that lie ahead and the promise of this generation will dissipate into thin air.

The Transition Team still has some time to get it right to set the new government to succeed before time runs out.

GRENADA:

Claim No. GDAHPB2022/0328

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

IN THE ESTATE OF THERESA NESTA LIMA JAPAL, DECEASED

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by Shabida Japal of Hope in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada, a lawful daughter of the deceased, and one of the persons entitled to her estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 19th day of June, 2022 at Hope in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State aforesaid

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

Dated the 26th day of September, 2022


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Evette John
Law Office of Evette John
Attorneys-at-Law for the Application

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The Court Office is at Church Street in the parish of St. George, Tel 473-440-2030/0870, Fax. 473-440-6695. The Office is open at 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays



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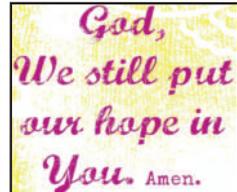
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FORM 2

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

GRENADA
 CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2019/0

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT NO. 22 OF 2016

AND

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

CATHERINE AGATHA JEAN HAGLEY

APPLICANT

NOTICE

WHEREAS Catherine Jean Hagley of Syracuse in the parish of St. David and State of Grenada, Retiree, by her application filed in the High Court on the day of , 2022 claims 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 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 THOSE lots pieces or parcels of land situate at Syracuse in the parish of St. David in the State of Grenada and bound as follows: Lot 1- bound on the North side by the land of Veronica David, on its East side by lands of Ulrica Mc Millan and Gregory Hagley the west side by a Ravine, and on the South side by lands of Gregory Hagley measuring One Acre Three Roods and Twenty-one point eight Poles (1 ac 3 rds 21.8 pls) English Statute Measure; and Lot 2-bound on the North by a public road and South side by lands of Gregory Hagley, on the East and West sides by an allowed Road measuring 23 Poles (23 pls) English Statute Measure

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 420-6996 / 404-8161 (WhatsApp / Call)

Cuban Innovator Uses Sunlight to Create a Model Sustainable Space

By Luis Brizuela

HAVANA - After making a model for a solar heater, installing solar panels and creating a device to dehydrate food with the help of the sun, Félix Morffi is turning his home into a space for the production and promotion of renewable energies in Cuba.

With two tanks, glass, aluminum sheets, as well as cinderblocks, sand and cement, the 84-year-old retiree created, in 2006, a solar heater that meets his household needs, which he proudly displays.

"You build it today and tomorrow you have hot water; anyone can do it, and if they have a bit of advice, all the better," said the retired mid-level machine and tool repair technician.

A magnet magnetically treats the water by

means of a system that purifies it and makes it fit for human consumption, without additional energy costs.

Also on the roof of the house, a cluster of 16 photovoltaic panels imported in 2019 provide five kilowatts of power (kWp) and support the work of his small automotive repair shop where he works on vehicles for state-owned companies and private individuals.

This is an independent enterprise carried out by Morffi on part of his land in Regla, one of the 15 municipalities that make up Havana.

In addition to covering his family's household needs, he provides his surplus electricity to the national grid, the National Electric Power System (SEN).

As part of a contract with the Unión Eléctrica de Cuba under the Ministry

of Energy and Mines, for the surplus energy "we receive an average of more than 2,000 pesos a month (about 83 dollars at the official rate), more or less the amount we pay for our consumption during the same period," Morffi told IPS in an interview at his home.

But he said that the rate of 12.5 cents per kilowatt of energy delivered to the SEN perhaps should be increased if the government wants more people to produce solar energy.

Since 2014, Cuba has had a Policy for the Development of Renewable Energy Sources and their Efficient Use, and in 2019, Decree Law 345 established regulations to increase the share of renewables in electricity generation and steadily decrease the proportion represented by fossil fuels.

Other regulations have been added, such as the one that exempts foreign companies that carry out sustainable electricity generation projects from paying taxes on profits for eight years.

Other decisions seek to encourage self-sufficiency through decentralized generation with the sale of surplus energy to the SEN, as well as tariff exemptions to import photovoltaic systems, their parts and components for non-commercial purposes.

Great solar potential

According to studies, Cuba receives an average solar radiation of more than five kilowatts per square meter per day, considered to be a high level. There is enormous potential in this archipelago of more than 110,800 square kilome-



View of a solar dryer to dehydrate fruits, spices and tubers, made with recycled products by Cuban innovator Félix Morffi at his home in the municipality of Regla in Havana. CREDIT: Jorge Luis Baños/IPS

ters which has an annual average of 330 sunny days.

By the end of 2021, some 500 million dollars were invested in expanding the share in the energy mix of solar, wind, biomass and hydroelectric sources, according to data from the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

The solar energy program appears to be the most advanced and with the best opportunities for growth.

The solar parks operating in the country contribute 238 megawatts, more than 75 percent of the renewable energy produced locally.

In addition, more than 160,000 of the nation's 3.9 million homes, mostly in remote mountainous areas, receive electricity from solar modules, statistics show.

But clean sources account for barely five percent of the island's electricity generation, an outlook that the authorities want to radically transform, setting an ambitious goal of 37 percent by 2030.

It is a matter of national security to substantially modify the energy mix in Cuba, which is highly dependent on fossil fuel imports and hit by cyclical energy shortages.

The island is in the grip of an energy crisis with blackouts of up to 12 hours or more in some areas, due to the deterioration of the network of 20 thermoelectric generation blocks with an average operating life of 30 years and in need of frequent repairs.

Added to this is the rise in the international prices of diesel and fuel oil, as well as the shortage of parts to keep the engines and generators powered by these fuels operational in Cuba's 168 municipalities.

Putting on the brakes

Government authorities point to the U.S. embargo as a factor holding back the growth of renewable energies, blaming it for discouraging potential investors and hindering the purchase of modern compo-

nents and technologies.

On the other hand, inflation, the partial dollarization of the economy and the acute shortage of basic necessities, including food, leave most families without many options for turning to the autonomous production of clean energy, even if they recognize its positive environmental impact.

One of the authorized state-owned companies markets and assembles 1.0 kWp solar panel systems for the equivalent of about 2,300 dollars in a country where the average monthly salary is estimated at 160 dollars, although it is possible to apply for a bank loan for their installation.

People who spoke to IPS also mentioned the difficulties in storing up solar energy for use at night, during blackouts or on cloudy or rainy days, considering the very high price of batteries.

Morffi said more training is needed among personnel involved in several processes, and he cited delays of more than a year between the signing of the contract with Unión Eléctrica and the beginning of payment for the energy surpluses contributed to the SEN, as well as "inconsistency with respect to the assembly" of the equipment.

Although there is a national policy on renewable energy sources, "there is still a lot of ignorance and very little desire to do things, and do them well. Awareness-raising is needed," he argued.

Combining renewable energies

Morffi believes that despite the economic conditions, with a little ingenuity people can take advantage of the natural elements, because "the sun shines for everyone; the air is there and costs you nothing, but your wealth is in your brain."

He shows a dryer that uses the heat of the sun to dehydrate fruits, spices and tubers, which he assembled mostly with recycled products

such as pieces of wood, nylon, acrylic and aluminum sheets.

Other equipment will require a significant investment, such as the three small wind turbines of 0.5 kWp each that he plans to import and a new batch of 4.0 kWp photovoltaic solar panels, for which he will have to apply for a bank loan.

At the back of his house, a small solar panel keeps the water flowing from a well for his barnyard fowl and an artificial pond holding a variety of ornamental fish as well as tilapia for the family to eat.

The construction of a small biodigester, about four cubic meters in size, is also at an advanced stage on his land, aimed at using methane gas from the decomposition of animal manure, for cooking.

According to Morffi, who manages these activities with the support of several family members, his home is on its way to becoming an experimental site for the use of renewable energies.

A specialized classroom may be built there, so that students can learn about the subject in situ. So far in the design phase and in discussions with potential supporters, this local development project could even install "solar heaters in places in the community such as the doctor's office, a day center and a cafeteria for the elderly," said Morffi.

He said the idea should receive support from international donors, the government of the municipality of Regla, and Cubasolar, a non-governmental association dedicated to the promotion of renewable sources and respect for the environment, of which Morffi has been a member since 2004.

"We are willing to advise anyone who wants to install solar panels, heaters or dryers, everything related to renewable energies. We have knowledge and experience and have something to contribute," he said.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

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GRENADA:
CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016
AND

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

INDRA BALDEO

APPLICANT

Whereas **INDRA BALDEO** of Gouyave in the parish of Saint John in Grenada, by her application filed in the high court on 4th day of June 2022 claim to have acquired title by twelve years, adverse possession of land described in the schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all the person claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his 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 in the parish of St. John in Grenada aforesaid. **Lot 1** contains by admeasurement Three Roods Twenty-eight Point Eighty-four Poles (**3Rds. 28.84 Pls.**) and **Lot 2** contains by admeasurement Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Square Feet (**21,780 Sq. Ft.**) English Statute Measure.

Lot 1 is bounded on its many sides by the lands of Sham Elahie, Lands of Sunny Richards (deceased), lands of Ralph James and Ethel James (deceased) as shown in the plan drawn by Chester Bedeau Licensed Land Surveyor, on the 12th day of November 2014.

Lot 2 is bounded on its many sides by the remaining lands of a larger lot formerly owned by Agatha Baldeo (deceased), lands of David Brown (deceased), lands of Dianna Gibbs and a Public By-way as in evidenced in the plan drawn by Richie G. Bedeau Registered Land Surveyor on the 28th day of November 2019.

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Address by Prime Minister, Hon. Dickon Mitchell on September 24, 2022 at the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York

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our rich biodiversity and underwater resources.

We are truly on the front lines, and we know, all too well, the ease with which one hurricane can wipe away decades of progress. As I stand here today, several Caribbean islands are reeling from the wrath of Hurricane Fiona. This is the reality we face, Mr. President, and why it is urgent that we act.

Mr. President, Given the focus of my address here today, it is evident that climate change is inimical to Grenada's transformational agenda.

We continue to insist on a clear roadmap at the global level for ambitious climate action, to ensure that global average temperatures remain below the 1.5-degree Celsius threshold.

As we seek to bolster climate resilience in our island home, I reiterate the call for the urgent scaling-up of climate finance for adaptation and the removal of the challenges that developing nations face to access climate financing.

Additionally, my Government calls for increased technology development and capacity building, especially for young people. Mr. President, we are encouraged, and indeed proud, that a son of the soil has been given the responsibility to manage global climate action.

The appointment of Simon Stiell as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat sends a clear message on the importance of island voices in the fight against climate change. We are optimistic that we will achieve the mandates of the climate convention and its protocols, as well as the agenda for sustainable development.

Mr. President, The Government of Grenada is steadfast in its commitment to creating paths towards sustainability and promoting diversity. Evidence of our resolve can be found in the first ever long-term National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) 2020-2035, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which is the anchor for the country's development agenda and priorities for the 15-year period.

In this regard, the Government of Grenada was pleased to be one of the 45 countries that presented Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, during the recently held High-Level Political Forum for sustainable development

(HLPF).

Mr. President, our country-led review of progress towards the implementation of the 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda comes at a critical juncture in our collective efforts aimed at recovering from the extraordinary socio-economic crisis created by the COVID19 pandemic.

Mr. President, for Grenada, the pandemic exposed critical structural weaknesses and resource deficiencies in our health-care system. Managing the high incidence of noncommunicable diseases, therefore, is an urgent priority, and so too is addressing the mental health of our citizenry.

In addition, Mr. President, the economic fallout from the worldwide closure of borders and stagnation of tourism – a key economic driver – exacerbated already elevated levels of unemployment and poverty.

My Government intends to mitigate such dire circumstances in the future by diversifying our economy and developing a robust ICT and Digital Economy. Trends such as converging technologies and the digitalisation of production are rapidly transforming work and life, and they must be factored into training and development opportunities for our young people.

Mr. President, we understand that to adequately equip our young people for the future, inclusive and equitable quality education is fundamental. To this end, my Government has taken the necessary steps to ensure the framework for free universal education up to the community college level, and is committed to providing second chance opportunities to all youth who did not complete a primary, secondary, or tertiary education.

Additionally, we intend to actively seek out opportunities for further studies in digital and creative fields to support our emerging creative and digital economies.

Mr. President, the answers, once again, will lie with our young people and their invaluable contributions to the future of the labour force. My Government will foster an environment where youth have access to the support and facilities needed to thrive.

In particular, we intend to provide incentives to young entrepreneurs, upgrade our agriculture production systems, and bolster our export capacity.

Grenada will act deliberately to attract the attention and support of the international community and the favour of friendly

nations as we seek to improve the standard of living of all citizens through the exploration of new frontiers of economic and social development.

Mr. President, as we emerge from the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, and optimistically prepare to transform our economy, we cannot ignore the new crisis in the East, due to current geopolitical tensions and conflicts, which has devastating and disruptive consequences for energy and food security.

Mr. President, Russia's war with Ukraine has already threatened international peace and stability and induced hardships upon nations unconnected with the conflict.

Grenada associates itself with the call of many nations for Russia to relent its war efforts in Ukraine and for the parties to negotiate a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Mr. President, mindful that peace is a supreme asset and a legitimate aspiration of all peoples, Grenada renews its firm call for the Caribbean to remain a zone of peace. We also advocate for the economic, social and environmental development of all Caribbean states.

In this regard, Grenada is satisfied that the removal of the US imposed economic, commercial, and financial blockade against Cuba will facilitate economic and social change there.

Additionally, we call for Cuba to be removed from the US State Department's list of countries that are co-sponsors of terrorism. Mr. President, in the same way, we lament that more has not been done for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, a country classified as one of the poorest amongst us.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States continues to pursue various initiatives to assist; however, we believe that more productive engagements must be undertaken, with all stakeholders, to help achieve political stability, peace, and economic progress in Haiti.

Mr. President, we further remain resolute in our call for an end to the imposition of unilateral coercive measures against the Republic of Venezuela, contrary to the rules and principles of International Law and the Charter of the United Nations.

In conclusion Mr. President, the net effect of the recent and ongoing crises continues to seriously dislodge the world economy and, in turn, the ability of countries to achieve the Sustainable

Development Goals.

The adverse impacts on production, employment and poverty are growing, while at the same time, jeopardising fiscal management in many countries.

The Government of Grenada is firm in its determination to achieve the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. We call, however, for the increased inclusion of youth voices as we seek to chart the future of our planet.

We further note, that if small island states are to eliminate poverty and attain sustainable levels of development, the vulnerability criteria, now applicable to our countries, must be comprehensively reviewed as a matter of urgency.

The consequence of upper middle-income status afforded Grenada,



Prime Minister Dickon in photo opportunity with supporters in New York on his first visit to the Big Apple following the election three months ago (Photo Credit Devine Photos)

and many other small states, without consideration of our specific vulnerabilities, continues to hinder our ability to access concessionary and grant financing.

We continue to call for a new Multi Vulnerable Index (MVI), which would eliminate the threat to our

economic development and security, and we encourage the submission of additional proposals that seek to address similar challenges that prevent our countries from moving forward on equal footing.

Mr. President, the United Nations system, over the

last 77 years, has contributed immensely to humanity. It is now time to consider and implement strategic transformation if we are to achieve the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda and safeguard our planet for future generations. Thank you.



GRENADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (GRENCODA)

Notice of request for bid of Firms or consultants to **conduct comprehensive training activities with ten (10) Coral Gardeners** along the coastal areas of the town of Gouyave.

Project name: Building Community Resilience and Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change in Selected Communities along the West Coast in Grenada.

Grenada Community Development Agency – (GRENCODA) is an indigenous non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental development Agency committed to the development of Grenada's rural communities. The Agency started in 1985, and was formally registered as a non-profit organization under the Grenada Companies Ordinance January 13th, 1986. The registered office is located on Lower Depradine Street in Gouyave in the Parish of St. John – one of the rural parishes located on the West Coast of Grenada. The Agency exists "to provide guidance and support to rural individuals, families and communities to improve their quality of life. It does this by encouraging people's participation in community based initiatives, which will build self-reliance particularly among small farmers, low-income workers, women and youth." The mission is grounded in a philosophy of gender equity and sustainable development that is inclusive and participatory.

The main activities include, *inter alia*:

- Preparing a Work Plan, this will be approved by the project manager.
- Conducting comprehensive training activities with ten (10) Coral Gardeners.
- Deploying Structures and training coral gardeners on the process.
- Compensating Coral Gardeners, this will be documented in the final report.

After pre-qualification and other tendering formalities, the job is planned to be awarded by **Monday 3rd October 2022**. GRENCODA invites interested firms or consultants experienced in oceanography, marine biology, marine ecology, marine resources management or other related field to collect the Terms of Reference Document (ToR), free of cost, by requesting via email to grencodaprojects@gmail.com. Such interested firms or consultants can also obtain a printed copy by visiting the GRENCODA's Office. **The deadline for the submission of bids are on or before 11:59 p.m. GMT-4, on Monday 3rd October 2022**, email entries to grencodaprojects@gmail.com, if email is not available entries may be dropped off.

GRENCODA
Lower Depradine Street
Gouyave, St. John, Grenada

Disclaimer: The GRENCODA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. GRENCODA will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing or selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of this Request for Bid.



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INVESTIGATION INTO FAITH ORGANISATION REVEALS GROSS MISALLOCATION OF FUNDS

"An exorbitant sum has been paid by the government so far, and we are not able as yet to determine the services that were provided to the people of Grenada for those sums of monies."

Those were the words of Attorney General, and Minister for Legal Affairs and Labour, Claudette Joseph as she provided an update on the ongoing investigation into the controversial FAITH Organisation for People's Development Corporation Inc., a non-profit organisation, that was contracted by the former Keith Mitchell-led New National Party government to manage the sanitisation of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister Joseph told reporters that there is an ongoing investigation into FAITH and gave assurance that "I guarantee you we will not leave any stones unturned, especially as it appears in this case that there was a gross misallocation of the people's money."

According to the female government minister, the newly installed National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell took the decision to end the contractual agreement with FAITH, which she contends has not been delivering value for money.

"We have recently communicated with the directors of that company, giving our initial position, and formally ending any contractual agreement that existed between FAITH, and the Government of Grenada because based on all that we have seen so

far we do not believe that government was getting value for money in relation to the alleged services provided by that company," she said.

A sister of former Education Minister Emmalin Pierre is known to be one of the directors of the company.

Workers employed by FAITH have been complaining that they have not received salaries for the last two (2) months, and the Directors of the company have indicated that they are awaiting those funds from the government.

In brushing aside the claims Minister Joseph said that "FAITH is fully responsible for paying their staff...and they know that."

"And, from what we have seen so far, they (FAITH) are more than able to do so, considering the millions that they got from our Treasury in a very short space of time. So, if FAITH is not paying its staff, it is because it is choosing not to do so, and I can't advise the staff as to what to do but they should know that the Government of Grenada did not hire them, and therefore the Government of Grenada does not owe them," the senior government minister declared.

"And, that applies to the other entities that were part of the apparatus set up by the previous administration to use government funds, the people's money, for other purposes including basically helping to run a campaign. So, those of you who are owed by these entities, they are the ones to pay you, not the Government of Grenada," she said.

Minister Joseph pointed



Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs and Labour Claudette Joseph – promised to leave no stone unturned in the FAITH organisation investigation



Operations Manager at the Integrity Commission, Elizabeth Henry-Greenidge: the Commission started a preliminary look into the matter following media reports

out that the "primary focus" of the new government is to "settle in the different portfolios with focus on delivering on the promises that we made to the people of Grenada."

The investigation into FAITH comes on the heels of calls made in various quarters for a probe into the company, after documents surfaced showing that the former NNP regime had provided over EC\$1.1 million in Government subventions to the company while other organisations received in some cases under \$10,

000.00 annually.

The 2022 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure show that more than EC\$2.9 million was assigned for Contracts, Outsourcing, and Other Services for the Ministry of Education under the Schools Administration and Management Unit for 2020, but it was reduced to less than EC\$1 million in 2022.

Political Activist Kem Jones had previously advanced the argument that some former government ministers have been milking the country's purse dry through a "number of

ghost companies that they have set up (over the years) in the names of people who they confide in, family members (and) friends."

Two weeks ago, the Operations Manager at the Integrity Commission (IC) Elizabeth Henry-Greenidge said that although the body has not received an initial report regarding FAITH, it has commenced "preliminary research" based on information circulating in the media.

"While we have not received the report, we have seen information in

the media, and as we normally do, we would do preliminary research into what is happening. According to our protocols, and practices, we look into information that requires it, not just complaints that people bring to us but we do peruse all of your media publications, and anything that we see of significance we first flag it, and we begin to look into it. So, we have started our own preliminary look into the matter but it's not completed and we have to continue to process," she remarked.