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DPP: CAJETON HOOD AND JENNY SIMON ARE MISLEADING THE PUBLIC



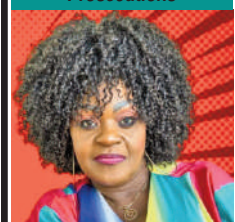
Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell – on the Simon - Hood target list



Ambassador Andrea St Bernard – has been named in the legal papers



Howard Pincock – the acting Director of Public Prosecutions



Jenny Simon – the anti-NDC activist



Cajeton Hood – accused of misleading the nation

**IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT
SOUTHERN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

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**IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT
SOUTHERN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

JENNIFER SIMON-RAPIER

VS.

**DICKON A. MITCHEL
ANDREA ST. BERNARD**

JENNIFER SIMON-RAPIER

VS.

ROBERT A. BRANCH

TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of Section 71 (2) (C) of the Constitution and every other power thereunto enabling me, I have decided to discontinue the captioned proceedings against YOU, **DICKON A. MITCHEL and ANDREA ST. BERNARD** for the offences of FORGERY, UTTERING, MONEY LAUNDERING (X2) and CONSPIRACY.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.


**HOWARD PINNOCK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (AG.)**

To: The Magistrate
Southern Magisterial District

Mr. Cajeton Hood
Attorney-at-law



TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of Section 71 (2) (C) of the Constitution and every other power thereunto enabling me, I have decided to discontinue the captioned proceedings against YOU, **ROBERT A. BRANCH** for the offence of FAILING OR REFUSING TO REPORT A SUSPICIOUS AND UNLAWFUL TRANSACTION.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.


**HOWARD PINNOCK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (AG.)**

To: The Magistrate
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My Experience on October 19th, 1983- Fort Rupert – A Reflection

By Clare Adams



Comrade Maurice Bishop is seen reviewing troops at Fort Rupert (Fort George), where he was eventually murdered

It was past lunchtime on October 19th, 1983. The sun was shining in all its glory, but the wind was eerily still. That was the day the Grenada Revolution ended tragically. Tired, hungry, and nervous, I reluctantly followed my friend, Merl, to Fort Rupert. Together with hundreds of other schoolchildren, we had just returned from ‘rescuing’ our beloved Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, who was under house arrest at Mt. Wheldale. We had also just escaped being trampled to death, trying to escape bullets that were fired by the PRA who were guarding the place where Bishop was held. We had eagerly joined a small crowd, waiting to hear from Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. We waited and waited. After milling around the St. George’s Market

Square for about half an hour, where the mics were set up for the anticipated address, we had decided to go home. But Merl wanted to find our friend Pauline so that we could all leave town together. We were Form Four students, and the three of us always traveled from school together. On that fateful day, Merl and I climbed Fort Rupert, now Fort George, to look for Pauline so that we could all go home together. We could not find her in the Market Square where we were waiting for Prime Minister Maurice Bishop to address the crowd. About half an hour before we started the climb, I encountered my pastor who, with grave concern, said, “Clare, Don’t go up there. Up there is not a place for civilians!” I assured him that I would

not go to Fort Rupert, but Merl begged me to go as our last place to search for Pauline. Fort Rupert, as it was called then, was the army base of the People’s Revolutionary Government (1979-1983). Later, I learned that this fortress, the oldest on the island, has been an integral part of our rich and tumultuous heritage. The French built it in the 1600s and named it Fort Royal. But the British wrestled it from the French in 1762 and named it Fort George. During the Revolution (1979-1983), Fort George was renamed Fort Rupert after Rupert Bishop, the father of then Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. Rupert Bishop was killed by the police during a peaceful demonstration, trying to protect nurses and schoolchildren from the police. In Grenada, schoolchildren seemed to always play an integral part in such struggles and tragedies. So, we climbed Halifax Hill Street, then up Grand Etang Road leading to Fort Rupert. I felt tense. I almost turned back, but Merl gave me that pleading look, and I continued the rest of the climb with her. From the bottom of the hill, at the junction leading to the General Hospital, we could hear drums beating and feverish voices chanting. A little excitement coursed through my body, but I quickly remembered our mission: searching for Pauline. As we continued up Fort Rupert, we saw one of our classmates, Annie, sitting at the entrance. She was sitting on the lower end of the wall that surrounded the fort. We talked to Annie for about a minute. She said she preferred sitting on the wall and observing all that was going on. Tall, dark, and slender, Annie was a great cyclist and one of our school’s star athletes. She had a great sense of humour and was well-loved. Annie said that she had not seen Pauline, so Merl and I proceeded up the hill to Fort Rupert. Unfortunately, before the day ended, Annie lost a leg sitting peacefully on that same wall. At the fort, a mini carnival-like atmosphere prevailed. It was jovial and electric. I was quite surprised to see so many people gathered there. Most were at the bottom level, towards the front courtyard. At the entrance, we saw a big open-back truck filled with school children. I immediately recognised some of them. They were drumming and chanting. Some were jumping and moving excitedly to the rich rhythm of the drum-beat. In the middle of the ground floor, facing the Carenage side, I saw a step leading to the top of the fort. I glimpsed a few civilians milling around up there. “How did they know about this place? Why did they come up here, in the army headquarters? And where is the Prime Minister?” These were questions that ran through my mind as I quickly surveyed the scene before and around us. The view was breathtaking. The fort, fortified with French-styled stone architecture, rises a towering 175 feet overlooking St. George’s town with its rich mixture of modern and historic buildings. From the second level, one can get a majestic view of the harbour with its clear blue pristine waters and assortment of luxury yachts and cruise ships. The sweeping view of the town and harbour allows for quick and easy detection of any incoming enemies, especially from the sea. I wished that I had time to absorb the grand scenery. Instead, I was anxious and worried. I returned to the matter at hand. Merl was talking to one of our friends on the truck. She was one of our good buddies from the Anglican High School. She was in a frenzy on top of the truck; her eyes were bright with excitement. Her fair skin was now a flushed red. “Have you seen Pauline?” Merl was asking. “Yes! She was just here. Look around. You will find her somewhere.” “Where is the Prime Minister?” I asked warily. “They say he is somewhere up dey,” she said, pointing to the top of the fort. “He coming and speak to us just now. Allu should hang around a bit.” While speaking, she never stopped moving to the rhythm of the drum. About five minutes after arriving at the fort, I took my eyes off our High School friend to quickly scan the crowd for Pauline. Pauline was short like us but darker and chubby and I could spot her dimpled smile and broad nose easily in a crowd. All of a sudden, I heard a loud explosion, and I froze for a brief moment. “Oh, Gad Merl!” I remembered shouting. As I turned to head down Fort Rupert, my heart, which had started beating, again began to race ahead of me as I came face to face with an armoured car with two soldiers hanging out and machine guns pointing in my direction. I spun around and headed towards the back of the fort; away from the monsters pointing at me. I was not alone; there was a stampede to get to the back of the fort. I did not know where exactly I was heading. My mind was in total confusion. I acted on reflex and never even thought of sticking with Merl. I saw a few people disappearing into narrow spaces in the back portion of the walls facing Grand Anse. I was bewildered and frightened, but there was no way that I was going into those dark holes. Instead, I joined a small fleeing crowd fighting its way below the step that leads to the top level. That burst of adrenaline the medical experts say the brain releases in response to fear overtook me that day. It was fight or flight. It was survival of the fittest, and I was like Hercules as I jostled with the others to the safety of the narrow space under the step. The step became our fortress as bullets began to zip across the open space, hitting the thick walls that blocked our escape across the Carenage. Walls built to protect us now became a death trap. I felt trapped; we were trapped. I could barely move or breathe. Some were whimpering as we crouched down together, hiding from the enemy. Imagine that: we were hiding from ourselves within our country’s most fortified space. For the entire four and a half years of the Revolution, the people were taught to prepare to defend the country against imperialist enemies. The biggest foe that we had to look out for was America. Anyone within or without, who opposed the ‘Revo’ was also a counter-revolutionary, an enemy of the state. To us children, this meant that whenever we heard a plane flying low, we had to take cover. We were sure that America was coming to attack us and destroy our beloved Revolution. It did not matter whether we were at home or in the bushes searching for fruits. Whilst the youth engaged in military manoeuvres in the mountains, we also had our childhood maneuvers in the bushes to practice ‘defending’ our country. Crammed below the step, I wondered how I got into this calamity. I imagined that it was members of the army that were firing at us, the masses. My grandmother’s words, “Friends bring you go dey doh bring you back.” echoed in my head. I began to pray as I watched in terror as the high, thick wall deflected the tiny missiles that barely grazed its surface and fell to the ground. I could smell the sulfur from gunpowder. I felt nauseous. My knees almost buckled. As someone later said, “They turned the guns on the masses.” My prayers became more fervent as I beseeched God on our behalf. I prayed all manner of prayers. I asked Him to forgive me for disobeying my older sister with whom I was living at the time. She had warned me to come home as soon as I saw anything funny. We disobeyed our Principal, who warned us not to leave the school that morning. But in those days, student councils were active; they were the channel through which schoolchildren voiced their opinions on school and national matters affecting

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IN THE ESTATE OF CALVERT ROMAIN LATE OF H.A. BLAIZE STREET IN THE CITY OF SAINT GEORGE'S IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE IN GRENADA, DECEASED

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **GARY ROMAIN** of H.A. Blaize Street in the City of Saint George's in the parish of Saint George in Grenada but presently residing in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **CALVERT ROMAIN** late of H.A. Blaize Street in the city of Saint George's in the parish of Saint George in Grenada who died intestate on the 20th day of March 2025 at the General Hospital in the city of Saint George's and State aforesaid, aged 65 years, a bachelor, domiciled in Grenada, to the Applicant who is the lawful son of the deceased.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file at the Registry of the Supreme Court in Grenada an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 15th day of October 2026

Filed by: 

Paul Mc Burnie
CIBONEY CHAMBERS
Attorneys-at-Law

Address for service: Ciboney Chambers, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is Ciboney Chambers, Ciboney House, No. 7 H.A. Blaize Street, St. George's. Telephone No. 473-440-2707, FAX 473-435-2525.

The Registry is at Church Street, St. George's. Telephone number 473-440-2030, FAX 473-440-6695. The office is open between 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday except public holidays.

DPP: Cajeton Hood and Jenny Simon Are Misleading the Public

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Howard Pinnock has accused former Attorney-General Cajeton Hood and Podcaster Jenny Simon of not speaking the truth on court papers filed seeking to bring about a criminal prosecution of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell and two other state officials.

In an exclusive interview with **THE NEW TODAY**, Pinnock denied that the Magistrate had summoned the Grenadian leader to appear in court on January 19, 2027.

"I discovered that Cajeton Hood did not speak the truth. The Magistrate did not issue any summons for any of the parties. I confirmed that this morning (Thursday) after speaking with the Magistrate....neither was any court date set," he said.

One day earlier, Pinnock described as "highly improper and irregular" the approach of Hood to move the Court to bring criminal proceedings against the Prime Minister pertaining to a company that was formed and used to facilitate the Project Polaris Modern Hospital to be built in the Hope Vale/Calivigny area.

The leading State Prosecutor also took action to discontinue Hood's legal action and to make it null and void as the island prepares to go to the Polls on November 5 in a battle in which Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell is leading Congress against the Emmalin Pierre-led New National Party (NNP). "The Constitution vests in me a power at any stage, at any point to discontinue Criminal Proceedings and I just had my Secretary to go down to the court to file this document we call in Latin Nolle Prosequi (to discontinue the matter)."

Nolle Prosequi (often called Nol. Pros) is a Latin phrase meaning "to be unwilling to pursue a legal matter."

It is really a formal legal notice issued by a Prosecutor like the DPP or Plaintiff to drop or stop a criminal charge or civil lawsuit before a verdict is reached.

According to Pinnock, the Secretary in his office was instructed early Wednesday morning to serve the document on the Magistrate's office and also on the law office of Hood.

The legal proceedings filed by Hood, who served as Attorney-General from 2013-17 under a previous NNP regime contained six complaints alleging criminal misconduct on the part of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, Ambassador Andrea St Bernard and Robert Branch, the Registrar for Intellectual Property in relation to lands being used for the US\$250 million dollar



Flashback to the sod turning ceremony for the unveiling of the Project Polaris modern hospital to be built in the South-east of the country

Project Polaris.

Hood reportedly served the legal papers on the DPP's office about 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday and asked a sitting Magistrate to summon PM Dickon Mitchell and the two others to appear in court to answer the allegations.

A few weeks earlier, Hood and Simon filed Civil Proceedings on the same matter before the High Court and the matter is due to be heard about a week before the general election.

Pinnock accused Hood of not following the legal process in seeking to bring criminal charges against the Prime Minister.

He pointed out that the Magistrate did not summon the Prime Minister to appear in Court in January as being portrayed.

The DPP said: "The complaint on oath that Jenny Simon-Rapier signed required her to bind herself over to attend court in the matter so on that document she was given 19th January and 19th February 2027 - this is not a summons."

The fact is that after the complaint on oath is completed at some point thereafter the Magistrate would sign a Summons prepared by staff and this would be issued for service on the defendants.

It never reached that stage and so it was a deliberate misrepresentation on Mr Hood's part to tell the public that summons were issued by the Magistrate.

What Mr Hood did was not a usual procedure. The usual established procedure is to make a report and let an independent investigator investigate who is not obliged to the accuser or the accused.

Mr Hood sought to commence private prosecution. I can tell you that in 2024, there were 6681 cases dealt with by the Police Prosecution Department and in 2025 it was 6468 and there was not one single private prosecution in over 12,000 matters that came before the Court.

I reviewed all the documents supplied by Mr Hood which were 6 com-

plaints on oath, 1 company document and 3 documents relating to different civil suits filed by Mr Hood

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against the AG (Attorney General) and other parties.

There was ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE that the Prime Minister or any of the parties named in the complaints had committed any criminal offence and it was therefore my duty as the independent constitutional officer vested with oversight of the criminal process to intervene and discontinue the charges in the interest of justice.

Mr Hood or Mrs Simon Rapier at no time made any reports to the police in these matters which would have caused them to investigate if the evidence was provided that met the threshold to trigger an investigation.

They instead bypassed an important safeguard to protect accused persons and promote fairness by commencing private prosecution raising serious indictable allegations and

bypassing the constitutional authority of the DPP in his oversight of the criminal process to ensure that evidence exists which can afford a reasonable prospect of a conviction before charges are laid.

Not only that it is inimical to the presumption of innocence and a fair trial for anyone to be discussing in a public forum charges against any accused and commenting on them as facts and crimes."

According to Ag DPP Pinnock, the regular laws of Grenada vest in the Police the power to conduct a Criminal Investigation while the Constitution empowers the DPP to have oversight of Criminal matters in the country.

"If you have allegations of serious criminal conduct against the highest authority in the land you make a report to the Police or you make a complaint at the

DPP's office and support it with some evidence.

"If you have allegations of criminal conduct against any citizen you make a report to the proper authority which is the Police. This is not a case where they've said they make a report to the Police or they have brought it to the attention of the DPP and nothing has been done. They are not saying that."

"If you have a proper complaint and the Police refuse to act or the DPP refused to do anything then you have no choice but to do a Private Prosecution. This is not the case - they have not done so."

"You just don't go behind the backs of these two authorities and serve and get private prosecution for such serious accusations. You don't go behind the backs of the DPP and the

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The Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) is tasked with marketing and promoting Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique as a tourism destination. The GTA prides itself on leading the way in the Grenada tourism industry to encourage economic growth for the benefit of all citizens. Its core values are Positivity, Respect, Openness/honesty, Commitment, and Excellence and we currently have opportunities for passionate, organized and, team members with excellent communication skills.

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The political battle lines are now clearly defined with two weeks to go before the November 5 general election.

THE NEW TODAY sees a straight fight for all of the fifteen seats at stake between the governing National Democratic Congress (NDC) of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell and the New National Party (NNP), headed by Emmalin Pierre with the Democratic People's Movement (DPM) of Peter David having a realistic chance in only one Constituency.

However, the DPM Candidates can help to influence the outcome on Polling Day in a few important battleground constituencies – St Patrick East and West, St Andrew North-west, St

Andrew North-east, St Andrew South-east and St John.

It is clear that former NNP's Prime Minister Keith Mitchell recognised the threat and impact that D'Movement can have in affecting the chances of Emmalin Pierre returning the party to power.

He was at pains at the NNP last national rally at St Mark to once again reiterate that a vote for DPM is a vote for NDC.

The Movement is an offshoot of the NNP and was formed nearly two years ago after its leader Peter David was forced to quit the NNP in the face of a barrage of criticisms from Dr. Mitchell himself who opposed his ambition to become the new party boss.

It was a gamble that the

former and veteran NNP Political Leader was prepared to take by doing everything possible to keep out David from the leadership of the party.

Today the NNP is split in two – Emmalin Pierre is the recognised leader of the major faction while David was able to pull along with him some of the bedrock supporters like Dr. Bert Brathwaite, Kennedy Budhlall, Alister Bain and Dr. Anthony Bridgeman.

Such is the disruption in the NNP Camp that the sister of a longstanding female activist is the DPM's candidate in the rural St Andrew North-east Constituency held by Kate Lewis.

Within the same constituency, the brother of Kate Lewis is an ally of

Peter David and campaigning against his own sister.

In the bordering St Andrew North-west constituency, the DPM Candidate comes from a large family that has been pro-NNP over the years and this can have implications for the Vote count on Election night for Emmalin Pierre and her Team.

The DPM can also hurt the NNP in the two marginal seats of St Patrick East and St Patrick West with a pull of 50-75 votes.

The recent public utterances of former NNP Finance Minister Anthony Boatswain on his treatment from the party can also hurt their chances in the two St Patrick seats.

The former senior NNP party minister has won the St Patrick West seat on

four occasions and has a lot of family members in the constituency who might be willing to follow him and give support to Congress.

With a mere 12 days before Polling Day, the information reaching into the public domain and can affect perception is that more and more defections are coming from the NNP Camp into the fold of NDC and not the other way around.

There is also the situation with ex-NNP government minister Pamela Moses in St Patrick East whose husband is now seen in public on the campaign trail with NDC.

THE NEW TODAY also believes that the NNP will be impacted negatively by the sojourns of Attorney-at-law Cajeton Hood and

Podcaster Jenny Simon, a former Congress Executive member who is now very much aligned with NNP.

Hood has very minimal political clout in the country and might be getting many Grenadians very angry with his approach in trying to influence regime change in Election 2026 through a ruling from a judge in the law courts and not through the Ballot Box.

This legal mind does not appreciate the fact that the people do not like interference in their business where Leadership of the country is concerned and they see it as their exclusive right to determine the holder of the Office of Prime Minister in the country.

If Grenadians want Dickon Mitchell to remain as their Leader on November 5 it will be manifested through the ballot and if they want to move in the direction of Emmalin Pierre that too will be done by the people at the polls.

Cajeton Hood is demonstrating to Grenadians that he has not learnt anything much from the real lessons of the Bloody Events of October 1983.

The Bernard Coard Gang had all the guns in their hands but "The Masses"

went up to Mt Wheldale and defeated the armed soldiers and freed their "leader" who was placed under House Arrest by the hardline Marxist/Leninists who managed to take control of the Majority in the then ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM) that controlled the Grenada Revolution.

Emmalin Pierre and NNP should be careful with the Cajeton Hood-Jenny Simon team who are clearly erroneous in their judgment about their influence and importance in the scheme of things.

This is even more so in light of information surfacing in the past two days from small businessman Horatio Brizan who visited the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) which has in turn approached the Director of Public Prosecutions for guidance in a financial matter involving the law firm run by Cajeton Hood and his son who is also a lawyer by profession.

This might just be the opening of the Pandora Box and the NNP should take careful note.

There is something when we were growing up, we were always reminded about: "If you live in a glass house don't throw stones".

Déjà Vu: Why 'Fiscal Blasphemy' should be rebuked?

The proposed recalibration of the current Income Tax regime



By Richard Duncan

The arc of Grenada's journey to fiscal maturity has been checked and torturous - half-baked reforms, misdirected legislative changes, structural adjustment programs; all in search of a judicious mix of direct and indirect taxes that is fair, equitable and sustainable across economic cycles while allowing the state to design and deliver projects and programs for the well-being, welfare and advancement of its citizens.

This journey has been too long and too painful.

'Fiscal blasphemy' is herein defined as showing deep disrespect, contempt, or insult toward prudence in public finance management.

In Grenada's case such prudence has been forged in earnest since 1986, from the hard knocks of industrial strife, chronic fiscal deficits, Structural Adjustment Programs (IMF-imposed, IMF-supported and Home-grown).

As polling day 2026 approaches a blasphemous, vote-catching, ill-conceived promise is presented to recalibrate the Income Tax Regime.

As presented, without substitute revenue measures and/or expenditure cuts, this gambit is mathematically compromised at best and totally unworkable at worse unless there is an insidious intent to

repeal the Fiscal Resilience Act and scrap the fiscal rules.

Attention is drawn to page 3 of "Walking the Straight and Narrow – Issues and Perspectives in Grenada's Public Administration" (1996) in which the author recounts a meeting on Friday June 30th 1995 (31 years ago) with the senior staff of the Ministry of Finance and Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Keith Mitchell.

The account is reproduced below to give historical content to what's on offer today.

["Look at this problem with the teachers' salary this month. Does anyone check-back these calculations?" he wondered aloud. Murray offered his preliminary findings. Not satisfied the Prime Minister replied, "that is one reason why we have to abolish income tax."

At the meeting he also

declared that he was not asking the Ministry of Finance for any advice on the abolition of income tax. That was something that should have been analysed before coming to the decision. For me that was the first hint that the New National Party did not analyse the implications of abolishing income tax. The Party had a philosophical position on the issue, made an election commitment, but did not look at the methodology, timing and sequencing of the abolition. "The Ministry has to implement policy", the Prime Minister declared.]

Immediately prior to that action, the Minister of Finance, Hon. George I. Brizan's internationally acclaimed Home-Grown Structural Adjustment Program (HG-SAP) had produced its deliverables of restoration of Grenada's creditworthiness, rebuilding economic confidence and securing commitments of international donor funding for the country's Public Sector Investment Program (PSIP).

However, on the desecrated altar of a philosophically inspired, vote-catching, but an ill-conceived, and misdirected public finance policy of 'no income tax', Grenada's public finances changed course.

The gains of the HG-SAP were squandered through wanton disregard for the rules and regulations of the public service.

Two simple examples of the behaviour that brought these problems to bear: borrowings to finance repeated budget deficits and issuing of guarantees for dubious investors (local and foreign) which when crystallised added to the public debt.

As a matter of fact, the authorities themselves were so ashamed of how rapidly and recklessly they had racked up the public sector debt that they began to hide the figures and sheepishly spoke only about the Debt-to-GDP ratio rather than the actual dollar value (size) of the debt stock.

They disingenuously argued that the size of the debt is not important, that it's the country's ability to pay that matters. At the same time the definitions of 'debt', 'public sector debt', 'central government debt' and 'national debt' kept changing as analysts and journalists tried to get a handle on the true state of affairs.

Prior to 2022 (barring COVID-19 Pandemic) and up to now, the Grenadian economy has been experiencing an excellent phase of growth and development based on all metrics. See the IMF Article IV Consultation Reports, Reports of the ECCB and Caribbean Development Bank. They all tell a positive story which is cemented by the

FROC Reports.

My takeaway is that fiscal sustainability, financial stability and industrial peace are all well-aligned. Unemployment is low; tourism numbers are up; construction (public and private) is booming; cost-of-living cushioning measures are balanced and effective; loan delinquency and nonperforming loans at Banks and Credit Unions are very low; and liquidity in the financial system is high. All of which augur well for investor and consumer confidence.

The conditions alluded to above rest on the foundations laid by the previous administration and buttressed by the current one, which acknowledges that government is a continuum.

Grenada's fiscal maturity and sustainability stand, inter alia, on three (3) major sources of tax revenue - Taxes on Income, Taxes on Imports and Value-added Tax. These are deemed to be well-calibrated and serving the public finance program quite well.

Incremental tweaks over time with appropriate compensating measures are no doubt merited as circumstances permit after careful and rigorous analysis and deliberations.

Compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act No. 17 of 2015, Public Debt Management Act No. 28 of 2015, Public Procurement and

Disposal of Public Property Act, No. 39 of 2014, and the Fiscal Responsibility Act, No. 29 of 2015 in the effective management of the public finances is critical.

Some highly respected analysts put the price tag of the current blasphemous, vote-catching, ill-conceived gambit as being high enough (upwards of \$90.0m annually) to derail the fiscal rules under the Fiscal Resilience Act which must be restored in 2027, thus potentially plunging the public finances in disarray yet again.

Experience teaches wisdom, and former Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Keith Mitchell must be justly credited for several of the most consequential advances made on our journey to fiscal maturity and sustainability. As such it is fair counsel, "Let not another period of political desperation lead us to the follies of yesteryear."

What is most needed to bolster the Income Tax Regime are ongoing digitisation, improved client experience, further staff upgrades both qualitative and quantitative and better pay all geared towards significantly enhanced tax-payer compliance, administrative efficiency and effective enforcement.

(Richard W. Duncan, OBE is a retired Banker, former Accountant General and former Deputy Director of Budget & Fiscal Policy in the Ministry of Finance; and currently serves as Advisor in the Ministry of Finance)

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I firmly believe that recognition, thanks, appreciation, gratitude... should be given to the people who have made a meaningful difference in our lives, especially those who have helped us along our academic journey.

Today, I pause to acknowledge, appreciate and express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon. Tevin Andrews, a man whose intervention helped turn what once seemed like a shattered dream into a beautiful reality.

My journey to the University of the West Indies, Mona, might never have been possible without you. In 2021, I received acceptance to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Music Education at UWI Mona. I was overwhelmed with excitement.

For me, this was more than an opportunity to earn a degree; it was an opportunity to fulfil a lifelong dream. I envisioned becoming a teacher who could create opportunities for aspiring musicians, particularly those young people who, unlike me, might never have access to someone willing to nurture their talent, teach them the fundamentals of music and help them build

meaningful careers in the industry.

I was ready to take that step. I was ready to invest in myself so that I could invest in the lives of others. But sometimes, just when we believe the door to our dreams is about to open, life confronts us with a painful reality.

A few days before my scheduled departure for Jamaica, I visited the Ministry of Education to discuss the status of my study leave with the Chief Education Officer and the then Minister of Education, Honourable Emmalin Pierre.

As I entered the waiting area, a young lady whom I knew approached me and said, "Mr. Roberts, I am sorry... myself and others are trying to get the Minister and the CEO to grant you study leave." Those words immediately unsettled me. Moments later, the Minister entered the room, walked past me, and went into her office. From where I was seated, I could hear her explaining that my study leave could not be granted and that I would have to return to my school.

Approximately ten minutes later, the Chief Education Officer called

me into the office and confirmed what I had dreaded hearing: my study leave had been denied.

At that moment, I felt as though the future I had worked so hard to envision had suddenly collapsed before my eyes. If I had the power to disappear into thin air, I probably would have. I was devastated. I cried bitterly in that office because I was ready, willing, and deeply passionate about pursuing this opportunity.

I could not understand why a young man so passionate about music, education, and culture a young man who had given so much of himself to his community, his church, and his country could be denied an opportunity to grow, develop, and acquire the knowledge and skills needed to give back even more.

I left the Ministry heartbroken. I remember crying all the way from the Ministry to my home on Lucas Street. My dreams felt shattered, my hope was fading, and I found myself wondering whether I should simply leave Grenada behind.

It was one of the most painful moments of my life because I knew what this

opportunity meant, not only for me, but also for the young people whose lives I hoped to impact.

But sometimes, when one door closes, God uses another person to help us find the courage to knock again.

In 2023, I had a conversation with the Honourable Tevin Andrews, who encouraged me to apply for study leave once more. I took his advice, reapplied, and this time, the opportunity was granted.

That encouragement meant more to me than words can adequately express. You did not simply encourage me to submit another application; you helped restore hope in a young man who had almost given up on a dream that meant everything to him.

And your support did not end there. Whenever I encountered delays and obstacles along the way, you made the necessary calls and intervened to help ensure that matters were addressed. Those actions may have seemed small to some, but to me, they made an enormous difference. They reminded me that there was some-

one willing to stand in my corner and help me move forward.

Today, as I reflect on my journey at UWI Mona, I can see just how far that second opportunity has taken me. Studying in Jamaica has opened doors I once only dreamed of walking through. It has afforded me opportunities to perform, meet renowned musicians and academics, form meaningful friendships, engage in research, and deepen my understanding of Caribbean music, culture, history, and identity.

These experiences have enriched me academically, professionally, and personally. More importantly, they have strengthened my determination to return home and use the knowledge, skills, and experiences I have acquired to contribute to Grenada, particularly in the areas of music education, cultural preservation, and youth development. And for that, I am eternally grateful.

Honourable Andrews, I also wish to acknowledge the financial support you have extended to students from Carriacou. Such assistance speaks vol-

umes about your commitment to the educational advancement of young people in our community.

For students pursuing their dreams away from home, financial support can mean the difference between continuing their education and being forced to abandon it.

Education is an investment in people, families, communities and the future of our nation. When you invest in a student, you invest in every life that student may one day touch.

Hon. Tevin, thank you for believing in the potential of young people. Thank you for encouraging me to try again when disappointment had almost silenced my dreams. Thank you for the calls you made, the doors you helped open and the support you have extended to students from our beloved Carriacou.

I will never forget the pain of sitting in that Ministry waiting area, hearing that my dream might not become a reality. But neither will I forget the person who encouraged me to rise, try again and keep moving forward.

Today, I am not simply expressing gratitude for the opportunity to study at UWI Mona. I am expressing gratitude for the renewed hope, the

restored confidence, and the possibilities that came with it.

My journey is not yet over. I still have much to learn, much to contribute, and many young aspiring musicians to inspire. But as I move closer to completing this chapter of my life, I want you to know that your contribution has become part of my story.

One day, when a young Grenadian musician discovered their talent receives the guidance they never thought possible, and begins to believe in a future they once considered out of reach, I hope I can become for them what you have been for me: someone who helps turn a dream into reality.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, Honourable Tevin Andrews.

May your continued service be guided by the same compassion, commitment, and willingness to invest in the lives and dreams of others.

Some people hold positions of authority. Others use their positions to change lives. Today, I honour you not merely for the position you hold, but for the difference you have made in mine.

Kayon Roberts

Have we forgotten about Climate Change and an overheating Earth

There are over 100 Green Parties in 90 Nations Globally, receiving millions of votes at election time yet our environment is still under threat from the very economic systems that have unleashed a torrent of unregulated corporate harvesting of the earth resulting in massive amounts of CO2 being expelled into our atmosphere.

Even though the naysayers of the past have acknowledged the existence of Climate Change and its climatic effects upon our economies and populations, this destructive process of harvesting the earth's resources continues.

In fact, have you heard any politicians recently speak about Climate Change and how these elected officials will somehow change the trajectory of planetary collapse some day? It will happen folks.

Earth has limited resources. Its oceans, seas and waterways are being polluted daily with micro plastics, chemicals and trash. Climate Change has challenged humanity in a way never before seen.

Atmospheric Rivers, unending droughts, loss of land to the oceans, Island Nations ready to be overrun by rising waters, uncontrollable flooding and now accepted Forest depletion due to the ever present Forest Fires.

We keep electing right-wing political parties that represent the wealthy cor-

porate elite and Business World. These Corporations spend \$Trillions sending people into space instead of developing appropriate water barriers, forest fire retention systems, training a mass of people in order to protect our planet, find ways to save the present day wildlife species from extinction and most importantly shelter the homeless, feed over a billion people near hunger, poverty levels and develop a system that maintains life on earth.

The wealthy see humanity as an ever-growing concern that needs to be controlled and often thinned out. Much of the Third World is expendable, or so it seems. If it were not, why does poverty, hunger and pestilence still exist?

We look to the skies trying to read what the weather will be. Mother Nature will probably surprise us in the end. Heat Domes have developed over Europe and Asia.

Temporary Heat Domes often sit over Southern and Midwest US Regions where 36-45 degrees Fahrenheit can and does present itself for a longer period than a few decades ago.

Australia has experienced temperature mediums rise 15-20 degrees within a day.

The Ice Cap is melting, filling the Ocean with fresh water. The ice shield in the North and South Poles are receding quickly, not giving Arctic Wildlife a chance to

evolve in turn.

Carli Simon was right when she sang "they put all the trees in museums and charged us just to see em".

People don't think like North Americans who only know about their particular environment. Much of this planet is Third World or worse.

Regions are often unwilling to allow the growth of wheat, corn or veggies. Areas where drought drives populations away in an effort to find sustenance. Ask yourself why do people from far away strive to come to your lands?

Why did America build a wall on the border of Mexico? To keep the perceived "good in and the unwanted out". There will be an avalanche of population movement in North America much like what was seen in the EU a decade before.

It matters not what the authorities will do, for where there is a Will, there always is a Way!

Look at your environment, your neighbourhood, your community. Protect it. It includes all the wildlife, bugs, birds and fishes of the waterways, the grasslands, foothills and mountains too.

WE ARE ALL ONE WITH GOD. God's Creation was passed onto us, and we are getting failing grades. Once nature, clean water, wildlife, fresh air is gone - IT IS GONE.

Steven Kaszab



Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited

welcome home

A Message to Our Customers

Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited is continuing to introduce improvements across its Retail Banking Units (RBUs) as part of its commitment to making your banking experience more convenient and efficient.

We are currently **piloting this process**, which will eventually take place at all our RBUs.

During the pilot, we welcome your feedback, as we continue to evaluate and refine the process.

We apologize for any inconvenience that may arise and **we appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation** during this period.

Thank you for banking with us.

Willvorn Grainger
Chief Experience Officer

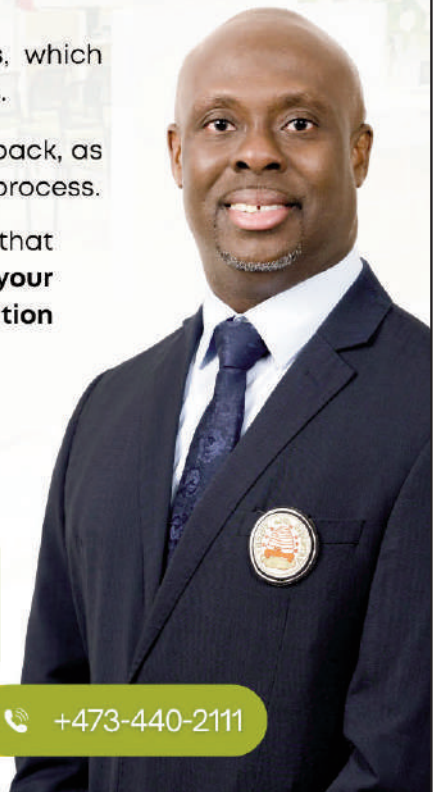
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Horatio Brizan and Hood & Hood

Lagoon Road business-
man Horatio Brizan has
filed a complaint with the
Financial Intelligence Unit
(FIU) against the Law Firm
in the city run by former
Attorney-General Cajeton
Hood and his son,
Benjamin Hood over a
financial transaction that
went sour.

Brizan confirmed to **THE
NEW TODAY** that he also
brought the matter to the
attention of the General
Legal Council of Grenada
(GLC) headed by former
high court judge Justice
Rosalyn Wilkinson that
has oversight on the con-
duct of members of the
legal profession.

According to the busi-
nessman, the issue cen-
ters around two financial
deals – the sale of a plot
of land adjoining
Tropicana Inn &
Restaurant near to the



Benjamin Hood – an attorney-at-law attached to Hood & Hood law firm

Grenada Craft Center for
the sum of EC\$270, 000
and also a deposit of
EC\$250, 000 for the sale
of the small hotel and
Restaurant business itself.
He said he visited the FIU
office on Friday to make a
formal complaint against
the law firm doing busi-
ness as Hood & Hood.

Brizan said that about six
months after signing the
agreement for the sale of
Tropicana, Hood & Hood
called and indicated that
the prospective pur-
chasers were no longer
interested in going ahead
with the transaction.

He disclosed that he was
dealing mainly with
Benjamin Hood, the son of
Cajeton Hood and asked
him about the \$250,
000.00 deposit which
should have been forfeited
since the buyer did not
pay the rest of the funds



The Tropicana Restaurant & Guest House is up for sale by its owner

as agreed for the sale of
the property.

He said the son informed
him that the bank account
of the company was
hacked and that he need-
ed a few weeks to sort out
things.

“What happened to the
deposit that the people
made on the property –
they have not explained

that to me,” he added.

Grand Prix driver Lewis
Hamilton is known to have
lost the deposit of \$4 mil-
lion sent to Trinidad busi-
ness tycoon Issa Nicholas
on the sale of the Grand
Beach hotel on Grand
Anse beach when he
failed to send the remain-
der of the funds by the
deadline date to complete
the transaction.

Brizan also said that
Hood & Hood agreed to
show him a copy of the
\$250, 000 cheque and “he
can’t give me a copy of the
cheque – he tell me that
he will send it to me and
this is over a year.”

On the sale of the land at
the price of \$270, 000.00,
Brizan indicated that the
purchaser gave him an
upfront deposit of E\$27,
000.00 and there was an
outstanding sum of
EC\$240, 000 left on the
transaction.

He said he did authorise
Hood & Hood to proceed
with the Conveyance of
the lands and to collect the
remainder of the funds.

He claimed in the report
sent to the FIU that Hood
& Hood used up \$25, 000
of the funds to pay to the
National Insurance
Scheme (NIS) for him,
another \$12, 000 went to
the government in taxes
and in the end the compa-
ny handed him a cheque
for \$139, 000.00.

Brizan disclosed that the
purchaser had initially
made out a cheque in his
name for the \$240, 000.00
and sent it to the law firm.

“They tell him (the pur-
chaser) they don’t want
the cheque on my name –
they want it on Hood &
Hood,” he said.

THE NEW TODAY under-
stands that it is normal for

lawyers to collect such
monies on behalf of the
client, take out their
agreed fees and pass on
the rest of the funds to the
client.

According to Brizan, the
purchaser of the land did
receive the Conveyance
documents from Hood &
Hood and that a few
weeks later he asked them
about the cheque with the
money due to him for this
particular sale.

“It took me over 6 months
to get that money ... he
take what he want, no
receipt, no telling me what
he charge, no nothing and
he just give me what he
want.”

Brizan also alleged that
some people were trying
to purchase Tropicana
before the Covid pandem-
ic in 2019 and made a
deposit to Hood & Hood
on the sale which fell
through and the law firm
took half of it for them-
selves.

Hood & Hood has report-
edly fired Brizan as their
client by sending a cheque
to him as well as handing
back all legal documents
pertaining to work that the
law firm was doing for him.

THE NEW TODAY under-
stands that based on
Guidelines from the
Eastern Caribbean
Supreme Court, the fees
of lawyers for such trans-
actions are normally one-
tenth of the sale price.

**Editor’s Note: The law
firm of Hood & Hood is
only under investigation
at this moment by the
FIU but has not been
found guilty of any
wrongdoing concerning
the allegations levelled
at the law firm.**

Career
OPPORTUNITY

GTA | GRENADA
TOURISM AUTHORITY

The Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) is tasked with marketing and promoting Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique as a tourism destination. The GTA prides itself on leading the way in the Grenada tourism industry to encourage economic growth for the benefit of all citizens.

Its core values are Positivity, Respect, Openness/honesty, Commitment, and Excellence and we currently have opportunities for passionate, organized and, team members with excellent communication skills.

Digital Officer

Fixed term

You are invited to apply if you can demonstrate that you meet the following key skills and attributes:

- Demonstrated ability to use social media channels effectively to deliver marketing content.
- Ability to provide IT solutions in a tourism environment.
- Ability to compile reports in a clear and concise manner.
- Ability to motivate oneself in a fast-paced environment.
- Ability to develop multi-agency working relationships.
- Knowledge of current affairs, political, social and business issues that relate to and affect the tourism, hospitality and travel trade.

Position Requirements and Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree in digital marketing, IT or any other related field with digital marketing certification.
- Three years' working experience in a data gathering environment.
- Experience working with HTML & CSS, WordPress, Elementor, WP Bakery, Divi, SEO, Google Analytics, Adobe Suite – Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere Pro.
- Expert knowledge of social media platforms and website creation/maintenance

This role includes:

- Assisting with website development and maintenance
- Managing internal digital communication tools
- Multimedia content production
- Digital Marketing

Applications, CV and cover letter should be sent to:
talent@puregrenada.com.

Closing date for applications is 30 October 2026

Only suitable applicants will be contacted.

DPP: Cajeton Hood and Jenny Simon Are Misleading the Public

* From page 3

Police on the eve of an
election and to do this.”

Pinnock also referred to
the act governing the
operations of the Royal
Grenada Police Force
(RGPF) which specifically
states that the lawmen are
duty bound to conduct a
probe into the allegations
“if you have reasonable
cause to believe that an
offence had been commit-
ted.”

He said that Hood and
Simon did nothing of the

sort and were merely
attempting to circumvent
the legal process with the
allegation made against
the Prime Minister and the
two high-level State offi-
cials.

Simon, a former
Executive member of
Congress is now support-
ing the NNP, and in the
past three years have led
a broadside of constant
attacks against Mobilisation
Implementation and
Transformation (MIT)
Minister Andy Williams on
allegations of corruption.

My Experience on October 19th, 1983- Fort Rupert – A Reflection

* From page 2

them. The council leaders had a powerful influence on the rest of the student body.

And so, the principal's words fell on deaf ears as we answered the urgent call of our student council leader to join students from PBC, Convent, and GBSS in freeing our beloved Prime Minister. The principal's final warning that morning stayed with me for years, and I often wondered what she knew. As we walked defiantly out of the schoolyard, I recall her shouting, "You all will regret it."

I also disobeyed my pastor, whom I had seen only an hour ago. We were at the edge of the Market Square, feeling disappointed that our beloved Prime Minister had not yet come to address us. We, mostly schoolchildren, had freed him from house arrest that morning; we were waiting in the Market Square to hear him speak. Fate sent him to Fort Rupert instead. Fate drew us up there as well.

The constant exchange of fire lasted approximately 15 minutes. Then, there was a lull in the shooting. As if on cue, some people started emerging from the holes in the wall. They looked frightened and lost, like the refugees that I see on the TV fleeing their countries. Then a very plump, fair-skinned female emerged behind the others. She was only wearing her top and panties. Yet, she did not seem to care about the dozen or so pair of eyes that were on her. Maybe she was disoriented. No one said a word.

I surprised myself by chuckling softly at that scene. I often wondered why I had found hilarity in calamity. But that's me. I have a keen sense of humour.

People continued appearing from the holes in the wall. Then, to my great amazement, I saw people frantically scrambling up the high wall beside the steps - my temporary shelter. That was the same wall that the bullets were



It was a regular sight to see Soldiers on the march during the 1979-83 period of leftwing government in the Spice Isle

trying to murder a while ago. I watched with interest as they skillfully clamoured to the top and disappeared down the other side.

One or two left our haven, the steps, and took their chances up the fortification. I wondered whether they had dropped to their death or not. I wondered if the wall was as high as I had imagined. I wondered if the rest of the country knew what was happening on that hill beyond this fortification.

I pondered what my sister was thinking or doing. Was she looking for me? Were other parents searching for their children? I imagined how worried they were. I imagined how the parents in those war-torn countries felt in times like these. Then I thought, "Where is Merl?" That was the first time since the initial explosion that I thought of her. I prayed that she and the others were alive. The rest of us stayed put, praying all the time for our lives. We hoped that a miracle would arrive soon.

Instead, we heard a sudden loud explosion and sounds of more gunshots. "Oh God, have mercy!" someone screamed. I shut my eyes and covered my ears, tears seeping through my closed eyelids. Sporadic shooting continued for another five minutes. I was dead silent until I opened my eyes to the sound of a roaring fire. I chanced a peek and saw

that a shiny, red, new-looking car that I had seen parked in the yard earlier was on fire. Later, I heard that it belonged to one of the Ministers of Government. He was killed on the Fort that day alongside the Prime Minister and others.

Suddenly, I heard someone say, "Aye, boy, watch!" We all turned to the person to whom the voice was referring. It was a medium-height dark young man in his mid-twenties. He had a deep wound on his right upper arm about five inches long. He had seemed oblivious to the fact that he was wounded and bleeding. My blood boiled. We were jammed like sardines against each other, and the wounded man and I were shoulder to shoulder. I began to frantically search my body parts to see if I, too, was wounded without me realising it, like that young man. I had to get out.

As soon as there was another lull in the shooting, I dashed to the giant wall. I did what the others did. I used the holes and grooves as steps and climbed my way to the top. Standing at the summit, I was shocked to see the distance to the ground. It was a very long drop from the top. "No way! I thought, 'I am not jumping this wall into those bushes.'"

Panicking, I surveyed the scene around me. I was also shocked to see that three or four men were sit-

ting and conversing casually a few yards away from the base of the fort.

I saw the sparkling waters of Pandey and Grand Anse Beach and wondered if I would ever bathe there again. I was Raintorm. I couldn't jump over, but wasn't going back down either. I realised that I was

also a sitting duck, standing exposed on the wall, the same structure that had just received hundreds of bullets and maybe waiting for more.

None of my other fellow refugees were joining me. In desperation, I made up my mind to jump down, whether my escape would result in me being dead or alive. I closed my eyes to say my last prayers when I heard a male voice say, "Jump, I will catch you." I opened my eyes. He was one of the men sitting below. He was short, very black, and stocky-built. I was hesitant but desperate. I did a mental check to make sure that I had put on my short tights that morning. He walked up the incline through the vines and bushes, looked up at me, and repeated, "Jump! I will catch you." I could only nod my head.

First, I lowered my bottom onto the edge of the wall, holding on at the same time with trembling hands. Then, I eased my back down the side a little. My feet found a supporting groove. I closed my eyes again and let myself fall into an abyss until a pair of strong arms caught me; an

angel from God. The black, stocky angel placed me gently on my feet and showed me the way out of the fort. "Thanks!" I managed to breathe.

The other men noticed I was confused and helped direct me to a narrow road that led from the fort to the Carenage. It was the first time I knew of a road or any buildings located there. I followed their directions, my heart pumping at eighty miles per hour, and I found my way to the Carenage. Floods of relief washed over me. I was thankful to be alive.

From that day, I developed a greater appreciation for family and friends, the frailty of life, and the sufferings of people around the world. Walking across the Carenage somewhat disoriented, I vowed to be a good Christian girl so that I would make it to heaven when I died.

A Moment of Reflection

I wrote this account of my experience on October 19th, 1983, a few years ago. Each year, around this time, I reflect and express heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for sparing

our lives on that fateful day.

I also take the opportunity to pray for the families of those who lost loved ones during those dark days of our national history. However, I was inspired to post the story today after hearing plans (by the Ministry of Education) to revive the national student councils across the island. Hearing this noble plan brought back memories of the exciting days of the student council movement in Grenada, youthful exuberance and folly, and national pride.

It is also fitting that I post this story today, the 43rd anniversary of the tragic ending of a political and social era in this beloved country. It is significant that our youth know their history and do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

As the adage goes, "Those who forget their past are doomed to repeat it." Equally important is that they appreciate and build on the past in ways that empower them to remain spiritually and morally grounded, relevant, and productive national and global citizens.

GRENADA:

GDAHBP2025/0362

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

IN THE ESTATE OF EASTLYN BURKE, DECEASED late of 36A Guarracara Street, in the Republic of Trinidad.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT: FIRST PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed on behalf of Phyllis Theobalds by her Power of Attorney Elliot Bishop for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the Administrator in the Estate of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate, on the 22nd day of November 2021.

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 20th day of October 2026

Burris Charles Chambers Inc.

BURRIS CHARLES CHAMBERS INC.
ATTORNEY AT LAW FOR THE APPLICANT

This Affidavit is filed by Burris Charles Chamber Inc. Marian St. George, Grenada, Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of Eastlyn Burke.

For Cancer.

The best Protection is early detection.

Submitted by:



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Ariza Speeds to Victory at International Credit Union Day 2026 with a Powerful Message on Financial Freedom

Ariza Credit Union has emerged victorious at International Credit Union Day (ICU Day) 2026 in St. George's, turning the streets into a Formula One race car navigating a course guided by a pit crew bearing signals of financial expertise, while others represented the distractions and competing messages that can influence financial decisions.

Under the global theme, "Cooperative Finance – A Steady Signal in a Noisy World," Ariza brought the message to life with an energetic presentation that placed the journey to financial freedom at the centre of the action.

The creative concept featured a Formula One race car navigating a course guided by a pit crew bearing signals of financial expertise, while others represented the distractions and competing messages that can influence financial decisions.

The powerful symbolism underscored the importance of remaining focused on sound financial guidance, despite the many pressures and temptations that can lead individuals away from their financial goals.

Among the financial distractions highlighted were messages such as "Buy Now" and "Spend Now" – appeals that encourage immediate gratification without necessarily considering the long-term consequences. In contrast, Ariza championed practical financial signals such as "Plan Ahead" and "Is It a Need?", encouraging individuals to make informed decisions, distinguish between needs and wants, and remain focused on achieving financial security.

The presentation reflected Ariza's longstanding commitment to financial literacy and its belief in the cooperative principle of people helping people. By transforming an important financial message into an engaging public display, Ariza demonstrated that financial education can be both memorable and relevant to everyday life.

Commenting on the team's achievement, Ariza Chief Executive Officer, Mervyn Lord, expressed pride in the effort and execution that secured the win.

"The team stuck to the task, planned and executed magnificently. I am truly proud of what we were able to accomplish," he said.

With the St. George's victory secured, attention now turns to Carriacou, where International Credit Union Day celebrations are scheduled for October 29, 2026. Ariza Carriacou is gearing up to continue the Formula One journey, carrying forward the message of staying focused amid financial distractions as the team prepares to defend the trophy.

For Ariza, the race is about more than crossing the finish line first. It is



Trophy raised by CEO Mervyn Lord and Ariza's Formula 1 Driver - Allan Boca

about helping members and communities recognise the signals that lead to sound financial decisions, navigate the distractions that stand in their way, and stay on course towards financial freedom.

Case Number :GDAH2026/0421

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

CLAIM NO.: GDAH2026/0421

IN THE ESTATE OF JULIEN FITZROY DAVID LAWRENCE
LATE OF ST. JOSEPH, TRINIDAD, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Edward Arnold George Lawrence of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago presently residing in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the brother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 22nd day of August 2020.

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

Dated the 20th day of October 2026


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.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF MURIEL EMILY BAPTISTE ALSO CALLED MURIEL
EMILY BELLE LATE OF WOBURN IN THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DALE BELLE of Woburn in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23rd day of March 2024.

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

Dated the 22nd day of October 2026


Thira Dumont
Attorney-at-law
Duncan Phillip & Associates

Filed by Duncan Phillip & Associates whose address for service is Old Fort St. George's Grenada Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate.

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Court of Appeal Reinstates ECCO's Copyright Infringement Claim

In a decisive victory for copyright management and the protection of music creators across the Eastern Caribbean, the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Price Findlay CJ, Byer JA, and Farara JA [Ag.]) delivered a landmark judgment on 20 October 2026 in Eastern Caribbean Collective Organisation for Music Rights (ECCO) Inc. v Neon Briggs and the Attorney General of Dominica (Appeal No. DOMHCVAP2025/0001).

The Court unanimously allowed ECCO's interlocutory appeal, setting aside the decision of the High Court Master dated 20 December 2024 that had struck out ECCO's copyright infringement claim for alleged want of standing (locus standi).

In dismissing the Attorney General's strike-out application founded on standing, the Court of Appeal awarded costs of the appeal to ECCO.

The Court firmly held that ownership of copyright allegedly infringed is a question of mixed fact and law requiring the construction of the underlying agreements relied upon by ECCO.

The Court emphasised that the summary power to strike out a claim where it turns on the interpretation of legal documents should be exercised only in rare circumstances.

Because ECCO's title to sue was properly pleaded and disputed, the matter could only be resolved at trial following full evidence and cross-examination.

SUMMARY OF COURT OF APPEAL RULINGS

Statutory Standing Preserved: ECCO explicitly relies on statutory assignment under Section



Price Findlay CJ

23 of the Copyright Act 2003, which permits full or partial transfer of copyright.

Distinction from Precedent: The Master misapplied *Mega-Plex Entertainment Corp v ECCO* (SLUHC-VAP2017/0032), which was strictly confined to its unique facts where internal by-laws were relied upon rather than statutory assignments.

Reciprocal Agreements: Disagreements regarding rights transferred under reciprocal agreements (including BMI and COTT) point to the 'ineluctable conclusion' that the issue must be determined at trial.

Venue Owner Liability: The Court directed that the

Attorney General's alternative contention regarding State liability as venue owner, if pursued, be heard before a different judicial officer.

Factual Background of the Claim

The underlying action (Claim No. DOMHCV2024/0029) arises from the 'Pinknic' event promoted by Mr. Neon Briggs at the Botanic Gardens in Roseau on 11 February 2024.

ECCO brought proceedings alleging unauthorised public performances of protected musical works, including hits such as 'Bacchanal Rampage', 'Cho (Hot Head)', 'Balance Batty', and 'Like It Like This, Like It Like That'.

ECCO asserts title to sue both as owner by assignment from its direct mem-

bers and through reciprocal representation agreements with international affiliated societies, including the Copyright Music Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago (COTT) and Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI).

Furthermore, ECCO pleads that the State, as owner and controller of the Botanic Gardens venue, permitted the unauthorised public performance.

ECCO's Commitment to OECS Music Creators

This ruling marks a critical affirmation of ECCO's authority and mandate as the sole collective management organisation (CMO) representing music copyright holders in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

By establishing that CMOs operating under

statutory assignments cannot be summarily dismissed without trial, the Court of Appeal has fortified the legal framework that enables songwriters, composers, and publishers to receive just remuneration for the commercial execution of their creative work.

ECCO's CEO Martin A James, underscores the organisation's resolute commitment to its core mission to safeguard the legal rights of music creators, fostering legal compliance among Broadcasters, event promoters, and all other users of copyrighted music.

ECCO remains committed to ensuring robust copyright administration throughout Dominica and the wider OECS. We welcome the Court of Appeal's ruling, which



His Lordship, the Hon. Justice Gerard St. Clair Farara

allows the legal and factual merits of ECCO's copyright enforcement claim to be fully evaluated at trial.'

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN ESAU WILLIAMS SNR. OF CONJUNTO RESIDENCIAL LA MUCHACHERA, EDIF. ANY II APARTAMENTO 6-A, SECTOR EL PILAR, MARACAIBO, ZULIA, VENEZUELA, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by John Esau Williams Jnr., of 5617 Mina Way, Houston, 77081, Texas, in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is one of four children who survived the deceased, and three of whom are currently alive, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of February, 2023.

Any person having any 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 this 14th day of August 2026

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



LOST POLICY

Pursuant to Section 134 of the Insurance Act, Act No. 5 of 2010 of the Laws of Grenada, notice is hereby given that after one month of the publication of this notice, Pan-American Life Insurance Company of the Eastern Caribbean, LTD. - Grenada Branch shall issue a special policy of insurance to replace the following policy number(s) stated below which has/have been declared to either have been lost and/or destroyed:

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St. George's Grenada



ACB GRENADA BANK LTD: ANNUAL REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 PERFORMANCE

The Bank delivered its strongest financial performance since acquisition, with net profit after tax rising to \$13.4 million for fiscal 2025 from \$7.0 million in the prior year, as Shareholders endorsed amendments to its Bylaws to remain at pace with industry best practices.

OVERVIEW

On Tuesday October 13, 2026, **ACB GRENADA BANK LTD.** (the Bank), held its **43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**, under the theme, **"TRANSFORMING ENGAGEMENT. BUILDING THE FUTURE."** The event was particularly significant as it coincided with the culmination of the Bank's 5th Anniversary celebrations, having previously launched activities in April 2026.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the financial year ended September 30, 2025, the Bank reported an after – tax profit of **\$13.4 million**, reflecting strong growth across its core income streams, including interest income.

Total income increased by 33.3% to \$26.9 million, nearly doubling the level recorded three years earlier. Earnings per share reached a post-acquisition high of \$0.66, while book value per share increased to \$4.28, reflecting the Bank's improved financial performance and growth in shareholder value.

These results underscore the Bank's progress in strengthening its earnings capacity and financial position while continuing to support the needs of its customers and the wider Grenadian economy.

GOVERNANCE AGENDA

During fiscal 2025, the Bank's governance agenda remained focused on **cybersecurity, regulatory compliance and technological resilience**, recognizing their importance to the stability and sustainability of modern banking.

Following the adoption of **ACB Caribbean Group's Environmental, Social and Governance Policy Framework**, the Bank joined the **United Nations Global Compact**, reinforcing its commitment to responsible business practices and the integration of sustainability considerations into its strategy, operations and decision-making process. It is one of the first private organizations operating in Grenada to do so.

SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

At the 43rd AGM, Shareholders approved a **CASH DIVIDEND** of **\$3.9 million** or **\$0.19** for each unit of share, **representing a consistent dividend payout for five (5) consecutive years.**

This payout underscored the Board's commitment to delivering sustainable returns for Shareholders while preserving the Bank's financial strength, maintaining regulatory compliance and supporting its capacity to lend and invest in future growth.

REMAINING AT PACE WITH INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS

Shareholders approved amendments to the Bank's Bylaws, following a wholesale review of its provisions. The amendments are intended to strengthen the Bank's governance framework, reflect developments in the corporate and banking environments, and provide greater clarity on key governance matters.

TRANSFORMATION IN-FOCUS

During fiscal 2025, the Bank continued to advance its digital capabilities, strengthen cybersecurity and improve operational efficiency, with the objective of enhancing service accessibility, operational resilience and the overall customer experience.

To support this agenda, the Bank adopted a new Business and Digital Transformation Strategy, followed by the establishment of a Digital Transformation Unit at the Group level. This initiative is intended to support a coordinated approach to transformation across the Group, strengthen execution and position the Bank to respond more effectively to evolving customer expectations and technological developments.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the AGM, retiring Directors, **RON ANTOINE**, **SANDRA DERRICK**, **CASSANDRA P. SIMON** and **C. KAMILAH ROBERTS** were re-elected to the Board. The current **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** comprises:

C. DAVIDSON CHARLES – CHAIRMAN
DORSETT CROMWELL – DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
RON ANTOINE

SANDRA DERRICK
CASSANDRA P. SIMON
C. KAMILAH ROBERTS.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

Looking forward, ACB Grenada Bank's strategy will remain focused on sustainable growth, resilient risk management, deeper customer relationships, digital progress, operational discipline and the continued development of our people.

The Bank expressed its sincere appreciation to its Shareholders, Customers, Employees and the Grenada citizenry for their continued support and confidence.

ACB GRENADA BANK is led by a dedicated team of professionals, whose resilience and commitment to service were central to the Bank's progress during the year. Shareholders officially welcomed the Bank's Country Manager, **BALDWIN TAYLOR**, a seasoned banking leader with more than 31 years of executive experience across the Eastern Caribbean.

Guided by its theme, **"Transforming Engagement. Building the Future."**, ACB Grenada Bank remains committed to responding to changing customer needs, creating lasting value for Shareholders and contributing to the sustainable development of Grenada, while upholding the prudence, integrity and trust that underpin responsible banking.

AS AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLICATION BY THE BOARD

RHODETTE PAIGE | LEGAL COUNSEL/CORPORATE SECRETARY

OCTOBER 16, 2026



Governing the future from the past

By Simeon Collins



Many powerful countries are currently led by older adults, a system known as a gerontocracy (rule by elders). The global average age for a national leader hovers around 63, while the median age of the people they govern is in the early 30s.

In the Caribbean, the reluctance of veteran leaders to relinquish power remains a subject of persistent debate, specifically regarding whether executive term limits should be strictly enforced. The inherited British parliamentary model places immense power in party

leadership, making it structurally difficult to unseat a sitting leader from within.

Furthermore, deep-seated party tribalism and patronage networks often reward political longevity over generational renewal.

While the traditional Westminster system used by most Commonwealth Caribbean nations does not mandate term limits for Prime Ministers, a few regional exceptions have broken from this norm by legally capping executive tenure.

Belize introduced a constitutional amendment in 2008 that explicitly restricts the Prime Minister from serving for more than the duration of three Parliaments (effectively 15 years). Similarly, the Cayman Islands Constitution Order mandates that the Premier cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Aside from these exceptions, countries like Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Eastern Caribbean states have no legal limits. In these nations, Prime Ministers can theoretically hold office indefinitely, provided they maintain the confidence of Parliament and continue winning general elections.

Recently, Dr. Denzil Douglas formally announced his intention to contest Constituency #6 on the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) ticket for the upcoming general election, constitutionally due by August 2027.

Defying months of speculation and health-related rumors, the 73-year-old veteran parliamentarian's decision temporarily freezes the local succession pipeline and defers the ambitions of emerging party figures.

In contrast, Dr. Ralph

Gonsalves - previously one of the longest-serving democratically elected leaders in the world - was ousted from office as Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines following a landslide defeat in the November 2025 general elections.

His party, the Unity Labour Party (ULP), won only 1 of the 15 parliamentary seats, making Gonsalves the current Leader of the Opposition while Dr. Godwin Friday assumed office as Prime Minister.

As he approaches his 80th birthday, Gonsalves has signaled that he is preparing to step back from the front lines of electoral politics, stating that he will not encourage the ULP to select him to lead the party into another general election.

However, he has explicitly rejected a traditional, quiet retirement. Instead, he is

channeling his decades of experience into international advocacy, serving as a Senior Advisor/Elder to The Repair Campaign, an initiative dedicated to supporting the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) in fighting for reparatory justice.

Gonsalves' career stands as a textbook example of the lack of executive term limits in the Commonwealth Caribbean; because the nation has no constitutional boundaries on tenure, he served uninterrupted for nearly 24 years (2001–2025) before being removed by the electorate.

Africa is home to some of the world's oldest and longest-serving heads of state, creating a stark contrast with the continent's exceptionally young median population. This gerontocratic trend is epitomised by Paul Biya of Cameroon, who at 93 years old is the world's oldest head of state and its longest consecutively serving non-royal leader, having held power since 1982.

Similarly, 84-year-old Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea has ruled since 1979, making him the world's longest-ruling current President.

Other long-entrenched leaders who continue to shape continental politics well into their eighties include Denis Sassou Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo (83), Yoweri Museveni of Uganda (81), and Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti (78).

The continent has also seen a recent influx of octogenarians either maintaining power, assuming newly structured offices, or staging dramatic political

comebacks. In 2025, Jean-Lucien Savi de Tové (87) assumed the presidency under Togo's newly reformed parliamentary system, while Arthur Peter Mutharika (86) successfully staged a political comeback to be re-elected as president of Malawi.

These leaders sit alongside other established octogenarian heads of state, including Alassane Ouattara of the Ivory Coast (84), Nangolo Mbumba of Namibia (84), Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe (83), Joseph Boakai of Liberia (81), and Abdelmadjid Tebboune of Algeria (80). Together, they represent an entrenched political old guard overseeing nations whose populations are overwhelmingly composed of young people.

This dynamic is not unique to developing nations. In the West, Donald Trump currently serves as the 47th president of the United States. Having won the 2024 presidential election, he took office on January 20, 2025, at the age of 78, making him the oldest person in American history to be inaugurated as President.

Following his 80th birthday in June 2026, Trump ranks among the world's 20 oldest active national leaders. While older than most Western heads of state, he remains younger than several long-ruling African counterparts like Biya and Obiang.

A transition toward younger leadership is uniquely suited for navigating the specific socioeconomic and existential challenges of the modern era. Younger leaders possess an intuitive grasp of the digital economy, artificial intelligence, and globalised job markets, positioning them to draft forward-thinking policies rather than applying outdated solutions to novel industrial shifts.

Furthermore, because the youth will directly inherit the long-term consequences of today's environmental decisions, younger politicians often approach climate change and sustainable development with a sense of personal urgency that older generations may lack.

By bridging the digital divide and actively championing green initiatives, a new generation of leaders can build agile, technologically advanced societies that reflect the lived realities and aspirations of the youthful majorities they represent.

In conclusion, the global grip of gerontocracy highlights a widening divide between those who write the laws and the youth who must live under them. While the wisdom and crisis-management experience of older leaders are undeniable assets, a rapidly evolving world demands fresh perspectives on technology, modern economics, and climate change.

Balancing the scales of political power is not about dismissing the elderly; it is about ensuring that the generation inheriting the future has a hand in shaping it today. Until structural barriers change, the old guard will continue to steer a world moving faster than ever before.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

PROPERTY FOR SALE
MARIAN, ST. GEORGE

Land with Dwelling House – 21,780 sq. ft. (approx. ½ acre)

Offers are invited for the purchase of **ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situate at Marian in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Square Feet (21,780 sq. ft.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as delineated and described in the plan or diagram marked with the letter "D" annexed to a Conveyance recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 23-2003 at Page 199.

Description of Dwelling House:

A two-storey concrete residential building comprising an approximate floor area of 3,070 sq. ft. The upper floor consists of four (4) bedrooms, including a master bedroom with a private porch, two (2) bathrooms and a prayer room. The ground floor comprises kitchen, dining room, living room, office/study, one (1) bathroom, carport and verandah.

RESERVED PRICE: EC\$1,201,430.00

Written offers should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Offer – Marian Property"** and delivered to the Bank on or before the 15th November 2026. Viewing is by appointment only. Interested persons may contact the Bank for further particulars.

All enquiries and offers to:

ACB (Grenada) Bank Limited
Grand Anse, St. George, Grenada
Contact: Mrs. Mary Harford-Mitchell
Tel: 1-473-444-4919 | 1-473-405-2064
Email: mmitchell@acbonline.com

The Mortgagee reserves the right to accept or reject any offer and is not bound to accept the highest or any offer received.

Blaka Dan and College Boy Jesse team up for new soca release My Time Now



Blaka Dan
Grenadian soca artist Blaka Dan has joined forces with Trinidad and

Tobago singer College Boy Jesse for the new single My Time Now,

released ahead of Trinidad Carnival 2027.

Released on Monday 19 October 2026, the track was produced and arranged by Damion "Pappy Boi" La Pompe of Loyalty Family Productions. It was written by Wrenroy "Blaka Dan" Ogiste.

The collaboration pairs two artists with proven competition credentials. Blaka Dan won the inaugural Ultimate Soca Champion title in 2025, becoming the first artist to claim the prize.

College Boy Jesse is a former International Groovy Soca Monarch winner and a familiar presence on the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival circuit.

My Time Now continues the exchange of talent between Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago while giving both artists fresh material for the coming season.

The single is available on digital music platforms, including Apple Music.

Grenada trains 23 primary health-care professionals to better identify and manage mental health needs

Grenada has strengthened the capacity of primary health-care providers to identify and respond to mental health needs through a training initiative supported by the Ministry of Mental Health, Wellness and Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Health, and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). According to PAHO/WHO, 23 health professionals in Grenada enhanced their ability to recognize mental health conditions and provide timely support within primary health-care and community settings.

The training used the World Health Organization's Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP), which supports non-specialized health workers to deliver evidence-based care for mental health conditions. It took place from 30 September to 2 October 2026 at the Sir Kirani James Stadium and brought together nurses, medical doctors, and other



Psychiatrist Dr. Claudina Cayetano - facilitated the workshop

health-care providers working in health facilities and the community.

Context and the need for primary care integration
Mental health services across many settings face barriers related to limited specialist availability and uneven access to care. PAHO/WHO reports that Grenada is working to bring mental health support closer to where people

live and work by integrating mental health into primary health care.

In this approach, frontline services play a critical role in earlier identification and referral, helping ensure that people experiencing mental health conditions can receive appropriate support sooner rather than later. PAHO/WHO frames the training as part of wider efforts to strengthen Grenada's national mental

health system using a more community-based, people-centred model of care.

The mhGAP training and what participants learned

PAHO/WHO reports that the sessions were facilitated by psychiatrist Dr. Claudina Cayetano and Dr. Doris Keens-Douglas. Participants explored mental health trends and strengthened knowledge and skills covering areas including depression, psychosis, dementia, other significant mental health complaints, and suicide prevention.

The programme emphasized translating learning into practice. PAHO/WHO describes a mix of group discussions, role plays, videos, and presentations, along with pre- and post-training assessments to reinforce how newly acquired approaches could be applied in participants' own workplaces.

Expected results for community access and earlier support

By building skills among non-specialized health professionals, Grenada aims to expand access to mental health services through primary health care. PAHO/WHO notes that for frontline health workers, improved recognition of mental health needs can support timely and appropriate responses, which in turn can facilitate earlier intervention.

The training's focus on primary care and community settings is also intended to help strengthen continuity of support and broaden the range of places where mental health concerns can be addressed. As Grenada continues its efforts to strengthen its national mental health system, mhGAP training is positioned as one component of a broader shift toward integrating mental health into services available closer to communities.

Key Details

Initiative or programme: Training for primary health-care providers using WHO's Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)

Lead organization: Ministry of Mental Health, Wellness and Religious Affairs (with Ministry of Health)

Partners: PAHO/WHO

Funding amount: Not specified in the source material
Geographic focus: Grenada

Target groups: Nurses, medical doctors, and other health-care providers working in health facilities and community settings

Duration or timeline: 30 September–2 October 2026

Expected reach or outcomes: 23 health professionals enhanced their ability to identify and respond to mental health needs within primary health care; improved early recognition and more timely support for people with mental health conditions

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Why This Matters

This update is relevant to NGOs, civil society organizations, and development practitioners working in health systems strengthening because it highlights how mental health training can be embedded in routine primary care using mhGAP. The approach supports task-sharing—enabling non-specialist providers to deliver evidence-based identification and initial management—while also promoting earlier intervention and greater community access.

For program designers and funders, the Grenada example offers a concrete model for integrating mental health into primary health-care platforms and for using pre- and post-training assessments alongside practical teaching methods. It may also inform partnership conversations between health ministries, PAHO/WHO, and local organizations on workforce development, community-based care pathways, and the role of frontline providers in scaling mental health services.

CSOs Challenge Supervisor of Elections' Interpretation of His Powers, Call for Action on Alleged False Declarations

A coalition of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) has issued a formal follow-up to the Supervisor of Elections, pressing for clarity and action after raising concerns about alleged breaches of the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act (RPA), and the Integrity in Public Life Act by individuals offering themselves as candidates in the upcoming general election.

The CSOs' renewed call comes days after Supervisor of Elections Arthur Pierre appeared on The Bubb Report on Sunday, October 11, where he confirmed receipt of the coalition's earlier letter but asserted that his office "does not have influence or a say" over the truthfulness of candidate declarations. He further stated that verifying such declarations "is not our duty."

The coalition says this interpretation is inconsistent with the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.

In their latest correspondence, the CSOs point to Section 35(1) of the Constitution, which places the Supervisor of Elections in charge of the conduct of elections, and Section 35(6), which requires the officeholder to perform "such other functions as may be prescribed by law." They argue that the RPA is one such law, and that its

enforcement provisions fall squarely within the functions contemplated by the Constitution.

The coalition emphasises that the Supervisor's office is constitutionally independent, a safeguard designed to ensure that electoral authorities can act decisively and without political interference to protect electoral integrity.

The CSOs highlight Section 33(2)(c) of the RPA, which makes it a criminal offence for any person to knowingly make a false declaration during the nomination process. They argue that, as the constitutional authority responsible for elections, the Supervisor of Elections is empowered - and obligated - to refer suspected violations to the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) for investigation, and the Courts for prosecution.

The letter further warns that ignoring credible allegations could expose the Office of the Supervisor to liability under our laws.

Several individuals offering themselves as candidates are current, former public officials or persons in public life. The CSOs say declarations must comply with the Integrity in Public Life Act, including Section 40 and Schedule 6, particularly Parts II and III, as well as Section 31 of the Constitution.

They argue that omissions, misrepresentations, or concealed conflicts of

interest fall within the intersection of electoral and integrity law and warrant urgent review and referral.

During his interview, Mr. Pierre suggested that members of the public should challenge false declarations in court. The CSOs counter that while citizens may do so, the law does not place the burden of enforcement on ordinary Grenadians. Instead, they say, the Constitution and the RPA assign this responsibility to the electoral authority.

The coalition has asked the Supervisor of Elections to:

Provide a formal written response to their initial letter; clarify whether his office intends to refer suspected false declarations to the RGPF or the courts; confirm that his office will issue public guidance on the legal consequences of false declarations and conflicts of interest and assure the public that his office will uphold its constitutional and statutory responsibilities.

The CSOs assert that Grenada's democracy depends on the integrity of its electoral processes and urge the Supervisor of Elections to act in accordance with the Constitution, the RPA, and the Integrity in Public Life Act.

They say they look forward to a prompt response within the prerequisite time given that Nominations Day has passed.

Case Number :GDAHPB2026/0437

GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF MABEL CECILY PASCALL-BOURNE, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by **GLENROY STEPHEN PASCALL** of Laura Land in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th day of September 2015.

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

Dated 13th day of October 2026

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

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A Grenadian Carol: Three Ghosts and a Pothole

NDC Peter, NNP Pedro, and DPM Peter – Will the Real One Stand Up?

By Michael Roberts



Marley was dead, to begin with. Not the singer, who lives forever, but my good sense, which expired somewhere around the third Grenada campaign rally of the election "season of stupid."

I went to bed that night with a cup of cocoa tea, a stack of manifestos, and a huge headache from too much Clarke's Court and Coke. Somewhere between page four of one party's promises and page four of another's, which were the same page with a different colour, I fell asleep.

The clock struck one. A chill came over the room,

and at the foot of my bed stood a man in a crisp shirt of the old party's colours, buttoned to the throat and pressed with the starch of conviction. "I am Peter the Ghost of Loyalty Past," he said, and his voice rang like a church bell on a Sunday. "Come walk with me."

He took me to a meeting hall full of folding chairs and sweat. There he was, younger and on his feet, declaring to the faithful that the other side was rotten to the root. He listed their sins one by one: the contracts, the "money in the briefcase," the cronies, and the closed doors. The crowd roared. Old women fanned themselves with his face printed on cardboard.

"You believed it then?" I asked.

"Every word," said the Ghost, "at the time."

Outside the hall, in the town he represented, a man was standing beside a pothole on the main road. It was a modest pothole, the kind a careful driver could steer around.

"Who is that?" I asked.

"A constituent," the Ghost said, already checking his watch. "Constituents are always standing somewhere."

Then the hall changed. The chairs were stacked and the faithful were gone, and the young man sat alone at a long table while his party read out a letter. The word expelled hung in the air like smoke after a fire.

"What happened?" I asked.

The Ghost of Loyalty Past straightened his collar. "Disagreements," he said. "Principles. Misunderstandings. Treachery. Who knows? History will decide." Then he faded, and the starch in his shirt went with him.

The clock struck two. The second visitor did not appear so much as arrive, like a motorcade. He wore the other party's green colour, and it fit him well, almost as if it had been tailored in advance. He carried a measuring tape.

"I am the Ghost of Ambition Present," he said.

"Mind the carpet. It's new."

He led me into a grand office. At the far end sat an enormous chair, worn into the shape of the Old Chief who had occupied it for longer than some voters had been alive.

The Ghost walked around it twice, measuring. "The very people you called rotten," I said, "are now your colleagues?"

"Rotten is a strong word," said the Ghost. "I prefer experience. A man must be pragmatic. You cannot change a system from outside the system." He paused. "Or from inside the other system. It's complicated."

"And the contracts? The cronies? The closed doors?"

"Doors," he said, "are only closed if you're standing on the wrong side of them."

He sat on the arm of the great chair, testing it. "When the Old Chief steps aside, someone must carry the torch. Someone with vision, with range, with experience on both sides." He winked. "Nobody else can claim that."

Through the window I saw the town again. The man

was still standing by the road, and the pothole had grown. It could now comfortably hold a goat.

A schoolgirl was walking around it on her way to a school whose roof was also waiting for someone's vision.

"Shouldn't you be down there?" I asked.

"I am down there," said the Ghost. "In spirit. Also on a billboard."

Then the doors of the grand office opened, and the Old Chief's anointed successor walked in, and it was not the Ghost. The measuring tape snapped back into its case with a sound like a slammed door. The Ghost of Ambition Present stood up, adjusted a tie that no longer quite matched anything, and walked out without a word. He took the carpet with him.

The clock struck three. The third visitor wore a colour I had never seen before. It was brand new, still with the price tag on, and the fabric smelled of fresh printing ink. He was hooded, and he carried a manifesto so new that the ink smeared when he turned the pages. "Are you the Ghost of Parties Yet to Come?" I asked.

He nodded and handed me

a flyer. A NEW DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, it read. CLEAN. PRINCIPLED. DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD PARTIES. "Both of them?" I asked. "Including the one you belonged to? And the other one you belonged to?"

The Ghost said nothing, but he turned the manifesto toward me. On the first page was a denunciation of the old party's betrayals. On the second page was a denunciation of the other party's corruption. Both were written with the confidence of an eyewitness, which, to be fair, he was. "Spirit," I said, "you have been red-hot for one side and red-hot for the other. Now you are a third colour entirely. Is this conviction, or is it a wardrobe?"

The Ghost pointed with a long finger, and I looked. There was the town years from now. The man by the road had grown old and grey. The pothole had become a small pond, and children had named it - Pedro's Pond. The schoolgirl was a grown woman now, catching a flight to Brooklyn because there was nothing for her at home.

On the side of the road,

rain-faded, hung three campaign posters with the same face in three different colours. "Spirit," I cried, "are these the shadows of things that will be, or only things that may be?" The spirit held up a placard marked THREE PETERS.

The Ghost was silent. Then, for the first time, he spoke, and I swear on my grandmother's Bible that he said, "That depends on the turnout." I woke up with a start. It was morning. The cocoa tea was cold, the manifestos had slid to the floor, and outside a neighbour's radio was already arguing with itself.

Like Scrooge, I had been shown the past, the present, and a possible future. Unlike Scrooge, I was not the one who needed to repent. The question the spirits left with me is the only one that matters on polling day: Of the three men who visited me, the loyalist, the climber, and the founder, which one can be trusted?

(Michael Roberts is a communications and political strategist with Common Sense Strategies Group)

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

GRENADA

Case number: **GDAHBPB2026/0431**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
(Rule 15)

In the Estate of Virginia Crane, late, of La Tante, in the Parish of St. David in the State of Grenada, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **EVELYN MC INTOSH** of La Tante in the Parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, but presently residing at **185 Robinson Street, Apt. 207 Oakville, Ontario L6J 7P6, in Canada**, for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the sister of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of March 2026

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

Dated this 12th day of October 2026


Neil J Noel

Filed by Neil J. Noel, Legal Practitioner for the Administratrix whose address for Service is: Mt. Airy, St. Pauls, St. George, Grenada. Tel: 435 8092; Mobile: 409 1530; Email: neiljnoel@gmail.com

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

Not a time for leaders to stay silent

By Cecilia Melville

On October 9, 2026, two historic announcements were made that have the potential to shape international relations in the future. The first announcement was the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Ms. Navi Pillay, former judge of the International Criminal Court.

The Nobel Committee which is located in Norway stated that Ms. Pillay was awarded the prize for her efforts to promote peace and international law over her decades' long career. She was also recognised for her work in overseeing a UN report that concluded Israel had committed genocide in Gaza in the war it unleashed on the Palestinian people following the October 7th 2023 attack on Israel.

In awarding Ms. Pillay the Nobel Peace Prize, the Nobel Committee attested to the world the importance of the work being done by the ICC, in particular their fearless judges, to hold world leaders accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

On the same day that this illustrious award was bestowed on Ms. Pillay, a person who is widely considered to be deserving of the Peace Prize, the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio had the audacity to announce sweeping sanctions on the ICC. The measures ban all US entities from providing goods and services to the ICC.

The recent action is an escalation of the US government's efforts to dismantle the ICC. The sanc-

tions apply to the entire ICC and not only the 13 persons (ICC's judges and prosecutors) previously sanctioned by the US.

The ICC was founded in 2002 and has a membership of 125 countries. The ICC is responsible for investigating and prosecuting genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The US, Russia, China, India and Israel are not signatories to the ICC.

The UN Secretary-General António Guterres has condemned the US action and called it "a serious blow to our collective pursuit of international criminal justice, of which the ICC is a key pillar".

The ICC itself has reaffirmed its commitment to holding world leaders accountable for acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity and has condemned the measures as being "an assault on the rule of law and the foundations of the international legal order".

The UK, Canada, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands and other countries have indicated their strong disagreement with the US sanctions and have pledged their unwavering support for the ICC.

Today, the US has become a rogue state and has actively sought to weaken institutions such as the ICC and the UN. The US government's attempt to stop countries from supporting and engaging with the ICC is a clear example of overreach of its sovereign powers.

Ironically the US has accused the ICC of over-

reach because it fears that the ICC will attempt to hold US citizens' accountable for crimes against humanity and war crimes where these have been committed against citizens of countries that are a signatory to the ICC.

Many persons who are struggling to feed their children, get a job or pay their bills may be wondering why they should care if the US imposes sanctions on the ICC. Given that the mandate of the ICC is to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, all governments and citizens must be concerned about any attempt to stymie the work of the ICC.

Undermining the international organisations that seek to promote the rule of law, international peace, cooperation and justice will ultimately lead to the unbridled use of force to resolve international disputes.

A UN Report concluded that Israel's indiscriminate bombing of Gaza, which killed over 75,000 persons is an act of genocide. The fact that genocidal acts are still being committed reflects a greater need for international organisations like the ICC and the UN.

Therefore, instead of dismantling these organisations they should be better resourced so that they can carry out their mandate. In these perilous times, governments must not stay silent! Every country that believes in the international rule of law, human rights and peaceful co-existence must reaffirm their support for the ICC.

As Candidates are nominated this Election looks very uncertain

By Special Correspondent

More than two weeks have passed since the conch shell was blown and the campaigns are in full swing. The main political parties are pursuing different strategies to woo voters.

The incumbent National Democratic Congress (NDC) is campaigning on its record over the past four years, highlighting the delivery of its 2022 mandate and accomplishments in office in an attempt to influence a majority of the electorate to give it another four years to govern the country.

The strategy of the opposition New National Party (NNP) is to focus on the perceived failures of the NDC government as it attempts to tie the fallout from instability in the Middle East, such as high food and energy prices, to the government.

The NNP is also arguing that the incumbent has mismanaged the economy leading to rising public debt, declining reserves and a heavy reliance on revenues from the Citizens by Investment Program to finance its operations.

The NNP is proposing a package of tax relief including raising the income tax threshold to \$6,000 and lowering the rate from twenty eight percent to twenty five percent, removal of VAT on certain items such as electricity, sugar, gratuity in the hospitality sector, and the levy on water to ease the burden and make it more affordable for citizens to survive.

The NNP is clearly targeting certain segments of the electorate that are finding it difficult to afford the high prices and make ends meet.

Should these policy prescriptions resonate with that group of constituents the NDC could be in trouble particularly in the marginal rural constituencies?

Prioritising putting more money in people's pockets has always been an effective election strategy.

In the last general elections in Jamaica the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) similarly campaigned on several economic policies and promises that put more money in the pockets of Jamaicans. This helped the JLP to stave off a formidable challenge by the People's National Party (PNP) to win reelection.

The NDC on the other hand has been campaigning of the individual manifestos of the fifteen constituencies to the Grenadian people and using its accomplishments over the last four years to make the case for reelection.

Although this has fired up the party's base there are criticisms from some quarters that the messaging is not reaching undecided,



Another massive NDC crowd at the Car Park of the National Stadium for the 'Big Five' rally

independents, disgruntled NDCites and soft NNPites.

Notwithstanding the huge turnout of party faithful at Sunday rallies, the NDC needs to recreate the coalition that swept it into power in 2022 to win reelection.

As was mentioned before, the NDC never took serious stock of the 2022 election outcome which was actually an indictment of the former Prime Minister's Leadership style and not entirely of the NNP's performance in office.

Moreover, the party was able to take four rural seats, three in St. Andrew's and St. Mark's. In the other rural constituencies where they lost, the results were marginal except for St. David. This suggested that the party retained significant support in rural areas in spite of the significant electoral swing against it.

Even in defeat the NNP's provider brand was still strong. The NDC government never acknowledged this as they failed to undertake a concerted effort to revive the rural economy and neutralise the NNP's strong rural support base.

Instead, it was driven by the mantra, "Whatever NNP did we can do it better?" They went about implementing the projects left by the NNP, many of whom were poorly designed and not prepared.

The NDC government went ahead and implemented these projects without engaging in proper due diligence resulting in long delays, massive cost overruns and major disruptions as seen with the Cliff/Woburn Road project.

The government having owned these projects are now being blamed by the opposition for mismanagement and incompetence in implementation.

In addition, the government's own initiatives such as the Build Back Better Project and Project 500 are plagued by implementation challenges and allegations of corruption.

To make things even worse, Project Polaris which was supposed to be the government's flagship transformative project has

fallen flat on its face after the site chosen was found not suitable.

The recently commenced road rehabilitation works under the design, finance, build model, notoriously known for its lack of transparency and fraud, has also come under criticism for the poor quality of work and large number of foreigners which has displaced Grenadian construction workers.

The NDC is trying to recreate the coalition that swept it into power in June 2022. However, this would not go down well with independents, the undecided and those voters who want to see good governance and transparency in government.

The NDC's base is fired up as seen with the large energetic crowds at Sunday rallies. However, it would need to attract other segments of the electorate including independents and the undecided, as well as those on the fence to win the election.

Since the NNP's base, efficiently spread across rural and swing constituencies, is particularly larger than that of the NDC, it is also showing signs of increasing energy.

Should the NNP be able to create sufficient surge energy to motivate and activate its most loyal supporters, the NDC could be in trouble if it is not able to recreate the coalition that caused it to win the election in June 2022.

This is why the NDC urgently needs to expand its messaging to attract independents, those on the fence, swing voters and disgruntled supporters who are contemplating not voting. The noise in the market is not the sale of fish.

The NDC needs these other groups to return to its coalition in large numbers if it is to increase the sale of fish and win the contest.

In the rest of the days for campaigning, the party must reach out and make amends with disgruntled supporters, especially, the grassroots influencers that they may have wronged and at the same time addressing the concerns of independents, swing voters and those on the

fence.

At present, the NDC's campaign mirrors too much of the hype and circumstance of its governance over the last four years.

The party often overlooks cultural issues such as the Prime Minister's helicopter entrance into a rural constituency where the majority of citizens are finding it difficult to survive the



NNP supporters took to St Mark last Sunday in the build-up to the November 5 general election

affordability crisis.

The NDC hasn't yet demonstrated that it has a concerted strategy to recreate the coalition that is needed to win the election.

On the other hand, the NNP recognising the need to attract those supporters who stayed away from the party, didn't vote last election or voted for the NDC, has employed a grass-

roots strategy of community pocket meetings, constituency touch downs, junction meetings and carefully managed rallies to create a surge energy that is intended to climax in the polling booths on election day.

With that being said there is still no clear path to victory for neither of the parties at this time although the NDC, with momentum

on its side, appear to be in a better position than the NNP.

However, as was said before, the election would be won or lost in the rural corridor running from the parish of St. Andrew through St. Patrick down to St. Mark. Whichever party gets the majority of seats in that corridor and is able to hold on to those

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PROBATE APPLICATION

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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IN THE ESTATE OF AGNES RICHARDSON (ALSO KNOWN AS AGNES J. RICHARDSON AND JOSLYN RICHARDSON) LATE OF TIVOLI IN THE PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Leamwall W. Richardson of Conference in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named Deceased of Tivoli in the parish of Saint Andrew aforesaid who died on the 21st day of February, 2025 without revoking a will bearing the date of 18th day of October, 2021 wherein the applicant is named as one of the Executors of the Will of the Deceased.

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 08th day of September 2026

Franco Chambers & Co.
Franco Chambers & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Franco Chambers & Co Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Canal Rd, Grenville, Saint Andrew & Main Street, Sauteurs, St. Patrick, Grenada.

Pastor Simon prioritises restoring health services in South East

Pastor Stanford Simon, the Democratic People's Movement (DPM) candidate for St. George South East, has made restoring services at the constituency's community health centre a priority, calling for adequate staffing, equipment and reliable opening hours.

Simon, speaking Saturday night at a community meeting in his constituency, said residents needed dependable access to primary health-care without having to travel to another part of St. George's when localised services were unavailable. "Healthcare is a basic need," Simon said. "Healthcare is the right of every single individual."

Simon outlined an approach beginning with an assessment of what is required to reopen and strengthen the facility's services in the community, working with healthcare professionals and the rele-



Pastor Stanford Simon - the DPM candidate for St George South-east

vant authorities.

He said elderly residents seeking medication, worried parents and workers requiring medical attention, should be able to access care.

"I do not want to stand here and make a promise that sounds good tonight and means nothing tomorrow," said Simon. "I am making a commitment to fight for the community

and the needs of the community."

The healthcare commitment is part of Simon's wider constituency agenda, covering support for community organisations, opportunities for young people and more dependable markets for farmers.

Simon advocated for transparent access to small community grants, assistance with project planning, and stronger partnerships involving schools, churches and sporting organisations.

"These resources must not depend on which party you support," he said.

The religious leader also called for better sporting facilities, mentorship, vocational training and opportunities in technology, culture and entrepreneurship to help young people build their futures in Grenada.

On agriculture, Simon pledged to push for the full re-opening of the state-

controlled Marketing & National Importing Board (MNIB) and strengthening links between farmers and hotels, supermarkets, restaurants and schools.

Since the change of government in 2022, the state body has been engaged in limited operation.

Government is said to be looking at finding a private sector partner for the loss-

making enterprise.

In presenting accountability as central to his St. George South East candidacy, Simon pledged to consult residents to explain both progress and obstacles in the constituency.

"If you elect me to represent St. George's South-East, I must always remember who sent me

there," he emphasised.

Simon is facing stiff competition to win the seat on November 5 from the incumbent Health Minister Phillip Telesford of the Congress party and attorney-at-law Dwight Horsford who is running on the ticket of the major opposition New National Party (NNP).

Co-op Bank Celebrates Academic Excellence Through Continued Sponsorship of Prestigious Awards

Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited has reaffirmed its longstanding commitment to education and youth development through its continued sponsorship of the T.A. Marryshow Memorial Award and the A. A. La Grenade Shield. The two prestigious distinctions recognise outstanding academic achievements among Grenada's secondary school students.

The Bank proudly congratulates Cydney Steele, a former student of St. Joseph's Convent (St. George's), the recipient of the 2025 T. A. Marryshow Memorial Award, and Myah Joseph, a former student of St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School, the recipient of the 2025 A. A. La Grenade Shield. Both young ladies were recognised during an awards ceremony hosted by The University of the West Indies (UWI) Global Campus Grenada. Ms. Steele's achievement adds to St. Joseph's Convent's distinguished record in this award category. Ms. Joseph also made history as the first student from St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School to receive the A. A. La Grenade Shield.

These awards carry significance beyond their academic distinction. Named in honour of two Grenadians who made important contributions to education, public service and national development, the awards preserve their legacies while recognising students who embody the pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

The T.A Marryshow



Cydney Steele (left) and Myah Joseph (right) Memorial Award, named after Theophilus Albert Marryshow, CBE, recognises exceptional academic performance across a broad range of subject areas. The A. A. La Grenade Shield, named after Alan A. La Grenade, MBE, celebrates achievement in technical and vocational disciplines.

"For us at Co-op Bank, this occasion represents more than a presentation of awards or even rewards based on examination results. Rather, it is a celebration of determination, academic discipline and the possibilities that exist when young people are encouraged to pursue excellence" stated Ms. Linda Braveboy, Public Relations Officer.

Co-op Bank also commends UWI for its continued stewardship of these awards and its commitment to recognising the accomplishments of young Grenadians. In her

remarks, Head of Site at UWI, Mrs. Keisha Commissiong-Branch, emphasised that "Each award tells a story of dedication, growth and achievement. These stories remind us that excellence takes many forms and that every student has something valuable to contribute."

While the two students received the top distinctions, every nomination represents significant effort and dedication worthy of recognition. In light of this, the Bank also acknowledges and celebrates the nominees from schools across the island whose exceptional performances placed them and their respective schools among those considered for honours.

Co-op Bank remains proud to play a part in recognising potential and supporting educational opportunities for the next generation.



Dame Cécile La Grenade - Governor General of Grenada and daughter of A. A. La Grenade (right). Linda Braveboy, Public Relations Officer - Co-op Bank (left), and Myah Joseph (center)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, CAP 286A

NOTICE

The Supervisor of Elections, pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Police Voters Rules of the **Representation Of The People Act, Cap 286A** gives notice that the following places have been established as **Special Polling Stations**:

CONSTITUENCY	LOCATION
Carriacou and Petite Martinique	Hillsborough Police Station
St. Andrew South East	Parliamentary Elections Office, Seaton James Street
St. Andrew South West	Parliamentary Elections Office, Gladstone Road
St. Andrew North East	Camp Raymond (SSU) Camp, Pearls
St. Andrew North West	Parliamentary Elections Office, Mirabeau
St. David	Magistrate's Court, St. David
Town of St. George	Marryshow House, H.A. Blaize Street
St. George North East	Parliamentary Elections Office, Tempe
St. George North West	Parliamentary Elections Office, Happy Hill
St. George South East	St. Paul's Police Station
St. George South	South St. George Police Station
St. John	Gouyave Police Station
St. Mark	Parliamentary Elections Office, Queen Street
St. Patrick East	Sauteurs Police Station
St. Patrick West	Hermitage Police Station

And further take notice that on Special Polling Day, November 2, 2026, the poll shall take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Parliamentary Elections Office
Bloomsbury Building
Tanteen Terrace
Tanteen, St. George

Arthur Pierre (Mr.)
Supervisor of Elections

October 15th, 2026

FORM NO. 7

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

[Section 42]

The Constituency of Carriacou and Petite Martinique

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

A 01	Windward Medical Station
A 02	Bogles Community Centre
A 03	Dover Government School
A04	Mt. Pleasant Community Centre
A 05	Top Hill Senior Citizens Home
A06	Hillsborough Government School
A 07	Hillsborough Police Station
A 08	TAMCC Campus, Six Roads
A 09	L'Esterre R.C. School
A 10	Harvey Vale Government School
A 11	Petite Martinique R.C. School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Tevin Camilloh Andrews	-	NDC
Norland Sebastian Cox	-	NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Hillsborough Police Station commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Hillsborough, Carriacou this 15th day of October, 2026.

Wendy Andrew
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of St. Andrew South West

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

C 01	Munich R.C. School
C 02	Munich R.C. School
C 03	Mt. Carmel Medical Station
C 04	Walker Church of God
C 05	Crissy's Sewing Shop
C 06	Union Community Centre
C 07	Grenville Pre Primary School
C 08	Harford Village Community Centre
C 09	Grand Bras Community Centre
C 10	Forde Pre-Primary School
C 11	Grenville Secondary School
C12	Holy Innocent Anglican School, La Digue
C13	St. James Community Centre
C14	Birchgrove Community Centre

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Lennox J Andrews	-	NDC
Amanda Sherine Mary Japal	-	NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Grenville Secondary School, commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Gladstone Road, Grenville, St. Andrew this 15th day of October, 2026.

Junior Alexis
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of St. Andrew South East

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

B 01	Telescope Primary School
B 02	St. Andrew's Methodist School
B 03	Dark Knight's Shop (Blast), Soubise
B 04	Mr. Owen Neckles Shop
B 05	Marquis Pre-School
B 06	Fort View, Mt. Carmel
B 07	Grand Bacolet Baptist Church
B 08	St. Martin de Porres R. C. School (Crochu)
B 09	St. Martin de Porres R. C. School (Crochu)
B 10	Mamma Cannes Community Centre

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

David Evelyn Andrew	-	NDC
Shirley McQueen	-	DPM
Emmalin Celena Pierre	-	NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the St. Andrew Methodist School, Grenville, St. Andrew commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Seaton James Street, Grenville, St. Andrew this 15th day of October, 2026.

Shirleen Robertson
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of St. Andrew North East

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

D 01 (A) & (B)	Ministry of Infrastructure Development Road Office, Pearls (SSU Camp)
D 01 (C)	Camp Raymond (SSU Camp)
D 02	Belair Government School
D 03	Grenada Christian Academy
D 04	Tivoli R.C. School
D 05	La Poterie Community Centre
D 06	Upper St. John's Community Centre
D 07	Paraclete Medical Station

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Niecal Asheen Joseph	-	NDC
Kate Skeeter Lewis-Peters	-	NNP
Pamela Catherine Williams	-	DPM

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Belair Government School commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Paradise, St. Andrew this 15th day of October, 2026.

Evan George Matthew Bhola
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. Andrew North West**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

E 01

Paraclete Government School

E 02

St. Mary's R.C. School, La Fillette

E 03

St. Michael's R.C. School, Byelands

E 04

Paradise Medical Station

E 05

Mirabeau Agricultural Station

E 06

Sio's Bar, Birchgrove

E 07

Paul's Bakery, Birchgrove

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Delma Cherry-Ann Charles-Thomas

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NDC

Marcia Francis

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NNP

Olvine Holas

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DPM

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Parliamentary Elections Constituency Office, Mirabeau, St. Andrew commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Mirabeau, St. Andrew this 15th day of October, 2026.

Glydon Christopher

Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of the **Town of St. George**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

G 01

Magistrate's Court No. 3, St. John's Street

G 02

St. George's Anglican Senior School, Church Street

G 03

National Stadium, River Road End

G 04

Marryshow House, H.A. Blaize Street

G 05

Norton's Hall, Church Street

G 06

Berean Christian Academy, Upper Lucas Street

G 07

St. George's SDA School, Archibald Avenue

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Carole Alexander-Jones

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C-H-G-C-P

Charles Peter David

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DPM

Claudette Joseph

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NDC

Joel Troy Noel

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NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the National Stadium, (River Road End), commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Bruce Street, St. George this 15th day of October, 2026.

Stephen Raphael Croney

Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. David**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

F 01

Gospel Hall, Perdmontemps

F 02

St. Dominic's Church Centre

F 03

St. Dominic's R.C. School

F 04

Minorca Pre-School, Windsor Forest

F 05

St. Theresa's R.C. School, Vincennes

F 06

Corinth Government School

F 07

St. David's R.C. School, Belle Vue

F 08

Magistrate Court, St. David

F 09

Berean Pre-School, Marlmount

F 10

St. Joseph's R.C. School, Pomme Rose

F 11

Candida Patrice Place, La Tante

F 12

Westerhall Secondary School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Noleen Roxanne James-Thompson

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NNP

Dickon Amiss Thomas Mitchell

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NDC

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Parliamentary Elections Constituency Office, Petite Esperance, St. David commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Petite Esperance, St. David this 15th day of October, 2026.

Peter Regis

Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. George North East**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

H 01

Vendome R.C. School

H 02

New Hampshire Methodist Church

H 03

Constantine Methodist School

H 04

Boca Secondary School

H 05 (A)

Beaulieu R.C. School, Primary School

H 05 (B) & (C)

Beaulieu R.C. School, Pre School

H 06

L.A. Purcell's Building, La Mode

H 07

St. Mary's R.C. School, Tempe

H 08

Alpha Junior School, Mt. Parnassus

H 09

St. Paul's Government School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Dennyka Checkley

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GRP

Nicholas Neville M Mc Millan

-

GSDP

Nimrod Oliver Olliviere

-

NNP

Ron Livingston Redhead

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NDC

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the St. Mary's Junior School, Tempe, St. George commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Tempe, St. George this 15th day of October, 2026.

Margaret Belfon

Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL**The Constituency of St. George North West**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

J 01	Fontenoy Community Centre
J 02	Pier 57 Restaurant, Grand Mal
J 03	Mt. Moritz Anglican School
J 04	Happy Hill R.C. School
J 05	Brizan Community Centre-upstairs
J 06	St. Luke's Anglican Church, Grenville Vale
J 07	Willis Community Centre

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Nigel Algernon Theodore De Gale	-	NDC
Tawfiq Adrian Marlan Joseph	-	NNP
Gayton Jonathan La Crette	-	PNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Happy Hill R.C. School commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Happy Hill, St. George this 15th day of October, 2026.

Kevin Francis
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL**The Constituency of St. George South**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

L 01	South St. George Government School
L 02	Springs Child Development Centre
L 03	Woburn Community Centre
L 04	Woburn Methodist Church Hall
L 05	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
L 06	School for Special Education, The Limes
L 07	Blessed Sacrament R.C. School
L 08	Calliste Government School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Christopher Kahrim De Allie	-	NNP
Charmaine Jasmin Gibbs	-	DPM
Perry Lynton John	-	GSDP
Andy Joseph Williams	-	NDC

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Parliamentary Elections Constituency Office, Springs, St. George commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Springs, St. George this 15th day of October, 2026.

Cheryl Ann Dunbar
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL**The Constituency of St. George South East**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

K 01	Anglican High School (top)
K 02	Springs Open Bible Church
K 03	Calivigny Community Centre
K 04	St. Paul's Anglican Church
K 05	Bethel Methodist Church Hall
K 06	Stephen Gellineau's Shop, Hope Vale
K 07	La Borie Community Centre
K 08	Marian Multipurpose Centre
K 09	Old NADMA Building, Morne Jaloux
K 10	Morne Jaloux R.C. School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

David Dwight Horsford	-	NNP
Akim Patrick	-	GULP
Stanford Harold Simon	-	DPM
Philip Alfred Telesford	-	NDC

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Parliamentary Elections Constituency Office, Joseph Ross Building, St. Paul's, commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at St. Paul's this 15th day of October 2026.

Nicholas Glen Alexander
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL**The Constituency of St. John**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

M 01	St. John's Anglican School
M 02	St. John's R.C. School - Pre-School Department
M 03	Gouyave Methodist Church
M 04	Grand Roy Government School
M 05	Concord Government School
M 06	Florida Medical Station
M 07	Florida Government School
M 08	Mt. Nesbit Community Centre
M 09	Clozier Community Centre

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Alvin Martin DaBreo	-	NNP
Arley Nichaul Gill	-	DPM
Kerryne Zennelle Kenneale James	-	NDC
Geoffrey U L Preudhomme	-	GULP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Gouyave Magistrate's Court House (upstairs) commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Gouyave, St. John this 15th day of October, 2026.

Seela Charles-Calliste
Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE F GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. Mark**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

N 01

Maran Community Centre

N 02

Victoria Pre-Primary School

N 03

Victoria Child Development Centre

N 04

St. Mark's Secondary School

N 05

Mrs. De Allie's Residence, Duquesne

N 06

Samaritan Presbyterian School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Myanna Natalie Charles

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NNP

Caris Annisha De Gannes

-

NDC

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the Parliamentary Elections Constituency Office, Queen Street, St. Mark commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Queen Street, St. Mark this 15th day of October 2026.

Samuel Britton

Returning Officer

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. Patrick West**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

R 01

Hermitage Adventist Church

R 02

Mt. Rich Pre-Primary School

R 03

TAMCC St. Patrick Campus, Sauteurs

R 04

St. Patrick R.C. School, Sauteurs

R 05

Mc. Donald College, Sauteurs

R 06

Fond Community Centre, Mt. Craven

R 07

Pentecostal Church, Mt. Alexander

R 08

Chantimelle RC School

R 09

Presbyterian Church, Samaritan

And that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Joseph Andall

-

NDC

Andy Calvin Best

-

DPM

Jelani Kamau Glean

-

NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the St. Patrick Anglican School commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Sauteurs, St. Patrick this 15th day of October, 2026.

Jennifer Charles

Returning Officer

[Section 42]

NOTICE OF GRANT OF A POLL

The Constituency of **St. Patrick East**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Constituency aforesaid that a Poll has been granted for the election now pending for the said Constituency and that such Poll will be opened on the 05th day of November, 2026, at the hour of six in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of five in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said Constituency:

Polling Stations:

P 01

Hermitage Government School

P 02

Mt. Rose SDA Primary School

P 03

River Sallee Government School

P 04

Mt. Fendue New Testament Plain Truth Worship Center

P 05

St. Ann's Pre-Primary School

P 06

St. Patrick's Anglican School

and that the candidates in the above Constituency are as follows:

Carl Michael Andall

-

NDC

Dishon Theo Antonio Edwards

-

DPM

Robert Selwyn Paul White

-

NNP

and that the number of votes given to the several candidates will be counted at the St. Patrick Anglican School commencing at 9 o'clock on the 06th day of November, 2026 of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and by which all persons are hereby required to govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand at Sauteurs, St. Patrick this 15th day of October, 2026.

Chrislyn La Borde

Returning Officer

As Candidates are nominated this Election looks very uncertain

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that are considered safe for them will win the elections. This is where the Town of St. George and St. John become crucial battleground constituencies that could determine the elections. If either of the main parties lose a seat or two in the corridor they will need to pick up one or two of those two seats. Interestingly, it is in these two constituencies the newly formed Democratic People's Movement (DPM) can cause problems and influence the outcome of the elections. The DPM political leader is reportedly leading in the Town

according to the numbers from canvassing and Arley Gill is believed to be picking up support in St. John. The outcome of these two seats could determine the elections if the two main parties split the seats in the corridor. Additionally, DPM candidates Pamela Williams for St. Andrew North East and Dishon Edward's in St. Patrick East can be genuine spoilers in their respective constituencies. In conclusion, there are other factors that could be at play in this election. The numbers of persons coming home from abroad to vote, the number of persons registered in the last week of registration and the

numbers and categories or voters who would stay away from the polling booth this time around. There are also concerns that the numbers from canvassing in many of the constituencies are not accurate. Over many election cycles voters have become more cynical and opportunistic. They pretend to be on the side of the incumbent just to receive material benefits however vote otherwise. Who would have thought Andy Williams would beat Nolan Cox in the South by such a large margin after he built so many roads and gave out so many land titles. One can't forget the videos with scores of persons collecting windows, doors and stoves from Alvin Dabreo's office yet he still lost by a narrow margin to a young newcomer. Psephology and traditional polling are yet to develop tools to pick up on how culture and emotive feelings shape how citizens participate and respond to politics. We can't overlook the fact that deciding who to vote for is heavily influenced, among other things, by bodily, cultural and emotional processes. This makes the elections on November 5 very uncertain.

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The Caribbean "Too Rich for Help": When Will the Fiction End?

by
Sir Ronald Sanders



On 14 October, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned that higher borrowing costs, falling development assistance and other economic pressures threaten to widen the distance between advanced and developing economies.

She appealed for additional resources for the Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and its Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, which assist low-income and particularly vulnerable countries.

That appeal deserves support. The poorest countries should not be abandoned.

But the discussion must also include countries whose vulnerability is obscured by their designation as middle-income or even high-income economies. Several Caribbean states fall into these categories. Their income classifications say something about their economies, but far less about their capacity to withstand a major disaster or a prolonged collapse in earnings.

This is hardly a new argument. As far back as October 2009, I wrote about Caribbean leaders who attended the IMF and World Bank meetings in Turkey seeking relief and restructuring for the debt of vulnerable, middle-income countries.

The late David Thompson, then Barbados Prime Minister, explained that restricted access to World Bank funding had pushed countries towards private borrowing at higher interest rates and with shorter repayment periods.

Seventeen years later, the region is still having to make the case that the terms on which countries borrow can determine whether they develop or spend years struggling to meet payments.

There has been progress, and it should be acknowledged.

The World Bank's International Development Association makes provision for some small economies above its normal income threshold. The IMF's Resilience and Sustainability Trust also provides longer-term financing for eligible vulnerable middle-income countries and small developing states. These arrangements are important departures from a system that relied too heavily on income alone.

However, eligibility for a

particular facility does not settle the larger question of whether a country can obtain sufficient financing, on suitable terms, when it needs it. Nor does a new loan remove the burden of existing debt.

For Caribbean people, that burden has practical consequences.

Money committed to debt payments cannot also purchase medical equipment, improve schools or repair water systems. When governments have little room to spend, necessary work is postponed. Roads deteriorate, public services struggle and opportunities for young people diminish.

The consequences extend beyond government budgets. Businesses depend on reliable electricity, functioning ports, good roads and workers with the skills their enterprises require. A government unable to finance these services will find it harder to support the economic activity from which future revenue must come.

Debt can therefore weaken the very capacity needed to repay it.

None of this excuses careless borrowing, wasteful expenditure or poor administration. Caribbean governments owe their people transparent accounts, sound procurement, competent debt management and investments that can withstand scrutiny.

Borrowing for projects with doubtful benefits places an unfair obligation on future taxpayers.

The region's case is stronger when governments demonstrate that they are managing public money responsibly.

But even the best-managed small state cannot prevent a hurricane, control international oil prices or stop a recession in the countries from which its visitors arrive. Nor can it spread those risks across the range of industries and markets available to a much larger economy.

Consider a country whose hotels, roads, electricity network and homes suffer extensive damage in a single storm. Its government faces urgent expenditure just as tax receipts decline. It must restore essential services and help people recover their livelihoods while continuing to meet obligations incurred before the disaster.

An income figure calculated before the storm offers little guidance on what that government can now afford.

There is also a distinction between borrowing to create new productive assets and borrowing to replace what has been destroyed. Replacing a bridge may restore an essential connection, but it does not necessarily create the additional income needed to service another loan.

Repeated reconstruction can leave a country owing more simply to recover the standard of living it previously enjoyed.

International financing arrangements must take account of this reality.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) in August 2024. Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, co-chaired the UN High-Level Panel that developed it, alongside Norway's former Prime Minister, Erna Solberg.

The index provides a fuller assessment of countries' vulnerability to external shocks and their structural capacity to withstand them. That work should inform actual financing decisions, including access, interest rates and repayment periods. Recognition of vulnerability is of limited use if it leaves the terms of borrowing untouched.

There should also be wider provision for suspending debt payments after major disasters, allowing governments to direct scarce resources towards immediate recovery. Such arrangements should be agreed before emergencies occur, when there is time to settle the terms properly.

Where repeated disasters have contributed substantially to unsustainable debt, creditors should be prepared to examine restructuring and relief. Grants and deeply concessional finance should carry a greater share of the cost of adaptation and disaster recovery.

Caribbean governments and regional institutions have already done substantial work to advance this case. Barbados' Bridgetown Initiative, the MVI, and the Caribbean Development Bank's collaboration with other development banks on debt and resilience financing demonstrate serious regional effort.

These initiatives require decisions by international governments and institutions with the power to change financing rules and provide resources. Caribbean countries can

develop proposals, supply evidence and negotiate persistently. They cannot, by themselves, secure changes that depend on the agreement of major shareholders and creditors.

The forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of

Government Meeting in Antigua and Barbuda offers an opportunity to press influential governments for specific commitments to advance these proposals within international financial institutions.

The people of small Caribbean island-states

need financing arrangements that give them a reasonable chance to build, recover and advance. An income classification should help explain a country's circumstances. It should never become an excuse for ignoring them.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda Ambassador to the US and the OAS and Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development. The views expressed are his own)



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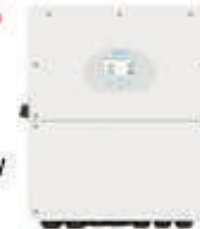
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Beyond Election Promises: Why Caribbean Governments Must Be Held Accountable for the Problems That Never Seem to Disappear

By Dr. Francis Amede



Every election season across the Caribbean brings a familiar spectacle: political rallies filled with enthusiastic supporters, stirring speeches, ambitious manifestos, and promises of a brighter tomorrow. Politicians pledge to reduce crime, improve healthcare, create employment, modernise public services, eliminate corruption, and build economies that offer opportunity and dignity to every citizen. Yet, when the music fades, the banners disappear, and elected candidates settle into office, an

uncomfortable question often remains: What becomes of the promises made to the people? In Grenada, as in many other Caribbean nations, citizens continue to confront problems that have persisted through successive administrations. Healthcare systems struggle with limited resources, crime and public safety remain legitimate concerns, and citizens may spend hours moving between government departments to obtain documents or complete transactions that should require a single visit. These difficulties do not necessarily arise from a lack of resources or capable professionals. They often reflect deeper institutional weaknesses: inadequate planning, fragmented administration, political interference, poor coordination, and a culture that values announcing initiatives more than measuring results. The fundamental question

is not simply why politicians fail to fulfill their promises. It is why political systems allow inefficiency and poor service delivery to persist without meaningful consequences. **The social contract: Government is a responsibility, not a reward** Democracy is more than the opportunity to vote every few years. At its foundation lies a social contract between the governed and those entrusted with public authority. Citizens accept the authority of the state, pay taxes, obey laws, and participate in national institutions. In return, government is expected to protect life and property, administer justice, provide essential public services, manage public resources responsibly, and create conditions in which society can prosper. Elections confer authority to govern; they do not grant immunity from scrutiny.

At times, Caribbean political culture has encouraged citizens to assess elected officials through party loyalty, personal relationships, historical allegiance, or political patronage. In this environment, reasonable criticism of government performance may be mistaken for hostility toward a political party rather than recognized as an exercise of citizenship. That mindset must change. A government should be judged not merely by the eloquence of its ministers, the popularity of its leader, or the number of projects announced, but by measurable improvements in the lives of ordinary people. Did crime decline? Did emergency medical care improve? Did waiting times for government services decrease? Were public funds spent efficiently? Were promised projects completed on schedule and within budget? These are not partisan questions. They are questions of governance, stewardship, and national responsibility.

Why do glaring problems persist through successive administrations Several interconnected factors help explain why certain problems remain unresolved year after year. First, political incentives frequently favour short-term achievements over long-term institutional reform. A newly painted building, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, or the announcement of a major development project may generate immediate political attention. Reforming hospital procurement, improving police investigations, integrating government databases, or restructuring an inefficient department may produce fewer headlines, even though the long-term benefits could be far greater. Second, policy continuity is often vulnerable to changes in government. Incoming administrations may abandon, rename, delay, or redesign initiatives associated with their predecessors. In small countries with limited financial and technical resources, such discontinuity can be particularly costly. Third, many government departments operate in administrative silos. Ministries and agencies may maintain separate procedures, information systems, offices, and approval requirements, even when they serve the same citizen or depend on the same information. Fourth, public sector performance is not always evaluated against clearly published service stan-

dards. Without defined targets, transparent reporting, independent assessment, and consequences for persistent underperformance, inefficiency can become institutionalized. Finally, political patronage and the fear of confronting entrenched interests can discourage reform. Changing an inefficient system may require challenging established privileges, reallocating responsibilities, or confronting individuals who benefit from the existing arrangements. These obstacles can be overcome, but doing so requires political courage, administrative competence, and sustained public pressure. **Crime and public safety: Beyond promises of being tough on crime** Crime is among the most serious threats to national development because its consequences extend far beyond the immediate victims. It undermines confidence, discourages investment, places pressure on healthcare services, damages tourism, and erodes the public's sense of security. The OECD's Caribbean Development Dynamics 2025 report estimates the economic cost of crime at approximately 3.7% of regional GDP. This is a substantial burden for economies already facing significant financial constraints (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2025). Addressing crime requires more than political declarations, additional police vehicles, or occasional increases in patrols. An effective national crime-reduction strategy requires a coordinated approach involving law enforcement, education, social services, the judiciary, community organizations, and economic development agencies. Governments should begin by establishing reliable national crime statistics and publishing regular reports on violent crime, property offences, case clearance rates, prosecution outcomes, and the time required to bring cases before the courts. Prevention deserves equal attention. Youth unemployment, school disengagement, family instability, substance abuse, organized criminal activity, and limited economic opportunities can contribute to criminal vulnerability, although their effects differ across communities. Investment in vocational training, mentorship, mental health services, rehabilitation, and meaningful employment opportunities should therefore complement professional policing. Police officers must receive appropriate training, equipment, investiga-

tive resources, and forensic support. At the same time, independent oversight and respect for civil liberties are essential to maintaining public trust. Grenada should set measurable public-safety targets using verified national statistics rather than assume that regional trends apply uniformly to every island. Success should mean fewer victims, stronger investigations, greater public confidence, and safer communities—not simply more arrests. **Healthcare: A nation's health must not depend on political fortune** Effective governance is especially urgent in healthcare. Across the Caribbean, governments face challenges in medical staffing, diagnostic services, specialist availability, equipment maintenance, medication supplies, emergency care, and financing. Grenada's health system must also respond to the growing burden of chronic diseases, including hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. According to the Pan American Health Organisation's 2024 Grenada country profile, out-of-pocket expenditure represented approximately 53.7% of total health expenditure in 2021. This raises serious questions about financial protection and equitable access to care (Pan American Health Organisation [PAHO], 2024). Patients cannot judge healthcare reform solely by new facilities or sophisticated equipment. A modern hospital is of limited value if essential medicines are unavailable, diagnostic machines remain inoperative, trained professionals are insufficient, or patients experience avoidable delays in receiving treatment. A sustainable healthcare strategy should prioritize a strong primary-care network, properly equipped emergency departments, reliable referral systems, continuous professional training, and transparent medical procurement. Governments should publish meaningful healthcare performance indicators, including emergency department waiting times, availability of essential medications, equipment downtime, surgical waiting lists, referral delays, and preventable complications. An independent clinical quality and patient-safety framework should be established, with authority to investigate serious systemic failures and recommend corrective action without political interference. There is encouraging evidence of reform efforts. In

October 2026, PAHO announced new agreements with Grenada to strengthen medical equipment management, hospital infrastructure, and public health legislation. These initiatives deserve recognition, but their ultimate success must be evaluated by improvements in actual patient care (PAHO, 2026). Healthcare is a continuing national obligation, not an electoral project to be redirected with each administration. The bureaucratic maze: Why must citizens visit five offices to complete one transaction? Consider a citizen who needs to obtain a birth certificate, update an identification document, register a business, make a statutory payment, or secure approval for a routine government service. Why should that individual have to travel between several government buildings, wait in multiple queues, repeatedly present the same identification, and return on another day because one department has not communicated with another? Why should information already held by one government agency have to be supplied repeatedly to other agencies? These procedures cost citizens lost wages, transportation expenses, time, and productivity. These concerns are supported by research. The Inter-American Development Bank's 2019 report, *Wait No More: Citizens, Red Tape, and Digital Government - Caribbean Edition*, found that government transactions in the Caribbean countries studied took more than four hours on average, while over 30% required three or more visits to public offices. These were regional findings, not Grenada-specific measurements (Roseth & Reyes, 2019). **Practical solutions already exist.** Grenada should establish an integrated One-Stop Government Services Centre, bringing frequently used public services together in a single accessible location. Such a centre could accommodate civil registration, selected licensing services, tax payments, business registration assistance, social benefits applications, document verification, and other routine administrative functions. At a central reception desk, citizens could receive a service number and complete multiple transactions without travelling between departments. The same principle should extend into the digital environment through a

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CHINA: ‘My Sister Has Been in a Chinese Prison for Eight Years Because I Exercised My Freedom of Speech’

By CIVICUS.

CIVICUS discusses the persecution of Uyghurs and activism in exile with Rushan Abbas, an Uyghur American activist, founder and executive director of Campaign for Uyghurs and chair of the Executive Committee of the World Uyghur Congress.

On 31 August, the World Uyghur Congress urged the United Nations (UN) and states to step up pressure on China over its treatment of Uyghurs in the Xinjiang region. Its call came two months after a new ‘Ethnic Unity Law’ took effect as part of a broader push to impose a single national identity. The date also marked four years since a landmark UN report found that abuses in the region may constitute crimes against humanity. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch estimate that over a million people have been detained in harsh conditions in ‘re-education’



Rushan Abbas camps since 2017.

Why did you leave Xinjiang?

I was born in Ürümchi, Xinjiang’s regional capital, during the Cultural Revolution. I started my activism as a student at

Xinjiang University, where I co-organised pro-democracy protests in 1985 and 1988. In 1985, we mobilised over 20,000 students from seven universities, institutes and technical schools across the city. We demanded equality and an

end to the forced sterilisation of Uyghur women and to nuclear testing in the region.

Those years brought a brief period of openness, but retaliation against the organisers came quickly. I was interrogated and, although I graduated with the highest academic honours, my job offer was withdrawn. All my prospects were denied. So in 1989, I left for the USA to pursue higher education and look for freedom and democracy.

Has danger followed you into exile?

It has, and it hit my family directly. In the early 1990s, as soon as I started working with US politicians, my father, a high-level academic in Ürümchi, lost his job at 59 in retaliation for my advocacy. In 2018, just days after I spoke publicly at the Hudson Institute, a Washington DC think tank, about the mass detentions, Chinese authorities abduct-

ed my sister Gulshan Abbas. She’s a retired physician, a mother of two and a grandmother of four, and she had never been political.

In December 2019, Chinese state media outlet CGTN denied my sister existed and accused me of making up cases and spreading rumours overseas. In December 2020, the authorities finally acknowledged Gulshan had been secretly sentenced to 20 years in prison, obviously on fabricated charges. Her case is one of the clearest examples of how the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) uses kin punishment and transnational repression to silence Uyghurs. My sister turned 64 this June. She’s still in a Chinese prison because I exercised my freedom of speech. We have no picture or video of her. No one has been able to visit her and we have received no independent report on her health or wellbeing.

I quit my job after Gulshan’s detention to campaign full time for her freedom and for the Uyghurs suffering what’s effectively an ongoing genocide. Transnational repression has followed me ever since, in the form of cyberattacks, defamation, fabricated court documents, harassment and intimidation. A video appeared on YouTube calling for my execution and that of my husband, Abdulhakim Idris. I have received emails asking what colour rifle I would prefer to be shot with. After I published my memoir, fake books claiming to tell my life story appeared on Amazon. My organisation, Campaign for Uyghurs, has experienced persistent cyberattacks. My case is not unique. Uyghurs in the diaspora and those who speak out continue to suffer transnational repression.

tion.

Geography matters too. The region connects China with Central Asia and the Middle East and is a gateway to Africa and Europe, including the Balkans. Once the heart of the ancient Silk Road, it now hosts four of the six major Belt and Road Initiative land routes, part of China’s global infrastructure programme. This makes it key to China’s economic and geopolitical ambitions. The result has been ever-tighter control and securitisation, which has escalated into full-fledged genocide.

What does this persecution look like?

The CCP imposes forced labour, mass arbitrary detention and imprisonment, mass surveillance and restrictions on cultural and religious life. In 2025, there were 3.36 million forced labour transfers and over a million children were placed in state-run boarding schools, where they are raised cut off from their cultural heritage. The Uyghur language is banned in schools. Uyghur books and religious texts have been burned. Uyghur women are subjected to forced abortion, sterilisation and marriage to men from the dominant Han ethnic group.

China’s government claims these policies bring stability, but stability for who? This is a system where the government exercises unchecked power to detain, punish, silence and watch people for their beliefs, their identity and their demands for human dignity.

How is Campaign for Uyghurs pushing for accountability?

We document abuses, bring evidence to policy-makers and international institutions and support Uyghur-led advocacy. Central to our work is equipping Uyghur women and young people in the diaspora with the knowledge and practical skills to lead advocacy efforts. We have run around 20 advocacy workshops worldwide, and we are proud to see a new generation of young Uyghur activists taking the lead.

We also work with civil society groups, interfaith organisations, think tanks and universities to turn evidence into tangible policy action. Our campaigns have contributed to US laws, including the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act and the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020, and our coalition-building has helped put the Uyghur crisis on the political agenda.

With investigative partners, we exposed Volkswagen’s sham audit and its attempts to conceal links to state-imposed forced labour. We worked with The New York Times to reveal that cotton from the Uyghur region was used to make the viral

Labubu dolls manufactured by Pop Mart. This work connects evidence from the ground with public scrutiny and action.

Why has there been so little international action since the UN’s landmark 2022 report?

China has enormous economic and political leverage. Many governments and companies are reluctant to jeopardise diplomatic, trade and investment ties, or have simply been pressured into silence. Such is China’s influence that the UN refused to debate human rights abuses in the Uyghur region.

There is also an often underestimated propaganda problem. China has spent years building a global media apparatus. It uses state broadcasters, partnerships with foreign media outlets, sponsored trips for journalists and influencers and coordinated messaging to drown out credible research and human rights reporting. China does not necessarily need the world to believe its propaganda. Creating doubt and making people hesitate to act can be enough.

Time is another obstacle. Every day without meaningful consequences normalises abuses, and a human rights crisis becomes the accepted status quo.

What should governments and the UN do?

Lawmakers should pass legislation to address transnational repression, ban products made with state-imposed forced labour and provide stronger protection for Uyghurs seeking refuge.

Governments should use existing sanctions tools, including the Global Magnitsky Act, which allows sanctions on individual human rights abusers, to hold officials responsible for the genocide accountable.

Governments should also refuse to extradite Uyghurs to China. No one should be sent back to a country where they may face genocide.

Governments and international institutions must keep individual cases and the broader human rights crisis on the agenda. They should keep existing official genocide determinations in place and secure the release of political prisoners such as my sister. Human rights should never be treated as secondary to broader relations with Beijing.

CIVICUS interviews a wide range of civil society activists, experts and leaders to gather diverse perspectives on civil society action and current issues for publication on its CIVICUS Lens platform. The views expressed in interviews are the interviewees’ and do not necessarily reflect those of CIVICUS. Publication does not imply endorsement of interviewees or the organisations they represent.

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LEONA DEBRA REDHEAD** of Ford in the parish of Saint Andrew in Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **LLOYD ALEXANDER**, businessman late of Ford in the parish of Saint Andrew in Grenada who died intestate on the 31st day of May 2023 at Ford aforesaid, aged 77 years, a married man, domiciled in Grenada, to the Applicant who is the lawful daughter of the deceased.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file at the Registry of the Supreme Court in Grenada an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 2nd day of September 2026

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Beyond Election Promises: Why Caribbean Governments Must Be Held Accountable for the Problems That Never Seem to Disappear

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secure government portal, allowing eligible citizens to submit applications, upload documents, make payments, book appointments, and monitor application progress remotely.

The World Bank's assessment of Grenada's Digital Government for Resilience Project previously identified fragmented government identity systems and inefficient civil registration and tax procedures.

More recently, the Bank has described ongoing work on secure online services, single sign-on authentication, and digitised civil registries (World Bank, 2019, 2025).

Grenada's 2025 Budget Speech also reported progress in digitizing passport applications and plans to expand digital services (Government of Grenada, Ministry of Finance, 2025).

These efforts provide a foundation, but announced reforms must become dependable, accessible services rather than isolated technology projects.

A central principle should govern modernisation: citizens should not have to provide the same verified information repeatedly when authorized government systems can securely share it.

However, digitalisation must not exclude elderly citizens, persons with disabilities, or people without reliable internet access. Physical service centers, trained staff, telephone assistance, and strong data-protection safeguards must remain essential components of reform.

Making election promises measurable and enforceable

Political manifestos should no longer be treated merely as campaign literature. They should become public documents against which elected administrations are regularly evaluated.

Every major election promise should identify a measurable objective, an implementation timetable, an estimated cost, a proposed funding source, and the government department responsible for delivery.

For example, a promise to improve healthcare is too vague to evaluate. A commitment to reduce average waiting times for a defined category of diagnostic tests by a specified percentage within three years is considerably more meaningful.

Likewise, a pledge to modernise public administration should specify how many services will be integrated, how long transactions should take, and when improvements will become available.

Grenada and other Caribbean countries should consider establishing an independent Election Promise and Government Performance Observatory. Such an institution, ideally

supported by legislation or a credible independent civic partnership, could monitor manifesto commitments, examine budget allocations, assess implementation progress, and publish accessible reports.

Its findings should distinguish between promises fulfilled, partially fulfilled, delayed, abandoned, and those that cannot yet be independently verified.

Governments should also explain legitimate obstacles, including natural disasters, unexpected economic shocks, and funding changes.

Accountability should not become a simplistic exercise in political accusation. It must be fair, evidence-based, and consistent across administrations.

Parliamentary committees, auditors general, civil society organizations, professional associations, independent journalists, and ordinary citizens all have important roles in this process.

Ultimately, voters must be willing to judge political leaders by demonstrated performance rather than party affiliation alone.

Strengthening institutions and confronting the culture of impunity

Grenada already has important accountability mechanisms on which to build.

Section 82 of its Constitution establishes the Office of the Director of Audit, with responsibilities for examining public accounts and reporting to Parliament. The Public Accounts Committee provides another important mechanism for parliamentary scrutiny (Government of Grenada, n.d.).

Yet oversight institutions need adequate resources, timely access to information, independence, and mechanisms to ensure their findings receive serious attention.

A particularly troubling historical example appears in Grenada's Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee's 2023 annual report, which stated that audited public accounts had not been presented to Parliament since 2016.

This finding does not establish the position as of October 2026, but it illustrates the seriousness of weaknesses that can develop when accountability requirements are not consistently observed (Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee, 2024).

Government should therefore establish mandatory timelines for responding to audit findings, publish corrective-action plans, and require responsible officials to explain unresolved deficiencies.

Public procurement should be transparent, with accessible information on major contracts, project costs, completion dates, and material variations in expenditure.

Public-sector appointments and promotions should be guided by competence, professional qualifications, ethical conduct, and demonstrated performance rather than political connections.

Civil servants must also receive adequate training, reasonable working conditions, and the authority to recommend improvements without fear of retaliation.

The aim is not to humiliate public employees or create a punitive bureaucracy. It is to build a professional service that rewards excellence and corrects weaknesses before they become national scandals.

A practical reform agenda for Grenada and the Caribbean

Meaningful transformation requires neither instant solutions nor sweeping promises. It calls for sequenced reforms, realistic budgets, and measurable results.

Grenada could begin with a five-year National Service Delivery and Accountability Programme supported, wherever possible, by broad parliamentary and civic agreement.

During the first year, government should commission an independent assessment of its most frequently used public services, identify unnecessary administrative steps, and publish baseline measurements of waiting times, processing costs, and citizen satisfaction.

Within two years, a pilot One-Stop Government Services Centre could be established, integrating selected high-demand services. Successful elements could then be expanded to other communities, including Carriacou and Petite Martinique, with appropriate provision for remote access.

Healthcare reform should begin with a national service-capacity assessment, followed by measurable targets for essential medicines, diagnostic access, emergency care, and specialist referrals.

Public-safety reform should establish an integrated strategy that combines professional policing, effective investigations, youth development, community participation, and judicial efficiency.

All major programmes should have publicly available budgets, responsible officials, implementation milestones, and annual performance reviews.

Regional cooperation through CARICOM, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, the Caribbean Development Bank, and other development partners could reduce duplication and help smaller countries share technical expertise.

The World Bank's approach to government modernization emphasizes citizen-centred services, accessible digital systems,

institutional reform, and public participation. These principles offer a practical framework for Caribbean governments seeking more effective administration (World Bank, 2025).

Technology alone cannot deliver reform. Moving a poorly designed process onto a computer does not make it efficient.

Government must first eliminate unnecessary procedures, clarify responsibilities, train employees, and establish enforceable service standards.

Citizens must become active guardians of democracy

Accountability is also the responsibility of citizens—not only politicians, auditors, journalists, and parliamentary committees.

Citizens must demand evidence rather than slogans, examine public budgets, question unexplained delays, attend public consultations, and insist that elected representatives provide regular accounts of their stewardship.

Professional associations,

churches, trade unions, business organizations, universities, youth groups, and community institutions should contribute constructively to national policy discussions.

The media must remain independent, investigative, and willing to scrutinize every administration by the same standards.

Political leaders must also recognize that legitimate criticism is not disloyalty. A citizen who questions hospital conditions, police effectiveness, public expenditure, or administrative inefficiency is not necessarily attacking the government. That citizen may be exercising the highest form of democratic responsibility.

We must move beyond the dangerous assumption that supporting a political party requires defending every decision it makes.

True patriotism demands loyalty to the country and its people above loyalty to any political organisation.

Conclusion: The Caribbean deserves government that works

Grenada and the wider Caribbean possess extraordinary human talent, educated professionals, resilient communities, and considerable opportunities for development.

Our limitations are real. Small populations, restricted fiscal resources, exposure to natural disasters, international economic pressures, and the migration of skilled professionals complicate governance.

Nevertheless, these challenges cannot become permanent excuses for avoidable inefficiency, inadequate planning, and repeated failures to deliver essential services.

A citizen should not have to spend an entire day obtaining a routine document. A patient should not face unnecessary danger because basic medical systems are poorly coordinated. A community should not have to endure preventable insecurity while successive governments recycle the same promises.

Taxpayers should not be expected to accept endless explanations without mea-

surable progress.

We must raise the standard by which we judge political leadership. Instead of asking only what a candidate promises during an election, we must ask what was accomplished during the previous term, what remains unfinished, how public money was spent, and what evidence supports the next set of commitments.

The real measure of government is not the grandeur of its announcements, but the quality, efficiency, fairness, and reliability of the services it delivers.

The Caribbean has no shortage of political promises. It needs a stronger culture of implementation, accountability, and measurable results.

Until that culture takes root, election seasons will continue to offer new hopes while too many old problems remain.

Our citizens deserve better. Our institutions can do better. And our political leaders, regardless of party affiliation, must be required to do better.

(Dr. Francis Amede is a Critical Care Medicine and Nephrology professional)

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ALFRED BURKE, DECEASED late of New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in the state of Grenada.

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BROTHER VALENTINO – “THE PEOPLE’S CALYPSONIAN” - DIES AT 85



Emrold Anthony Phillip aka 'Brother Valentino' - died at the age of 85

Brother Valentino, the veteran calypsonian whose music championed Black identity, equality and the struggles of ordinary people, died on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at age 85.

Born Emrold Anthony Phillip in Cherry Hill, Grenada, on July 7, 1941, Valentino moved to Trinidad and Tobago as a child and went on to become one of calypso's most prominent voices of social and political commentary.

Known for his uncompromising style and willingness to challenge authority, Valentino built a career around songs that confronted racial inequality, poverty and political injustice while celebrating Black consciousness and the dignity of working people.

According to the Ministry of Culture and Community Development, Valentino's interest in calypso began in childhood, when his parents listened to the music and collected records by performers including Lord Kitchener and Lord Cristo.

After his father's death interrupted his education, Phillip tried sev-

eral trades before pursuing music. He later recalled that listening to calypso on the radio while working in a tailor shop helped transform his interest into a calling.

Inspired by Mighty Sparrow, he began performing in the early 1960s. At an audition for Lord Kitchener's Caravan tent, he arrived without a stage name. Kitchener gave him the name Valentino, which would become synonymous with socially conscious calypso.

The 1970 Black Power movement in Trinidad and Tobago further shaped his artistic direction. His 1971 song "No Revolution" brought him wider recognition as a voice for Black consciousness, while subsequent works established his reputation as a fearless commentator on Caribbean society.

Among his best-known songs were "Life Is a Stage" (1972), "Barking Dogs" (1974), "Dis Place Nice" (1975) and "Stay Up Zimbabwe" (1979), an anti-apartheid anthem that carried his mes-

sage beyond Trinidad and Tobago. Other notable recordings included "Birds That Fly High" (1982), "Time and Space" (1986), "Calypso in Trouble" (1992), "Time to Love Again" (1996), "The Radio" (2001) and "Where Kaiso Went" (2004).

Valentino's artistry extended beyond recorded music. In 1975, his solo production "Poet and Prophet" sold out eight shows. He toured and performed in the United States and appeared alongside fellow calypsonian Black Stalin in "Blood Brothers."

He also became a founding member of Kaiso House, contributing to the preservation of the calypso tent tradition and the genre's role as a platform for public debate.

His achievements included the 2005 Veterans Calypso Monarch title for "Where Kaiso Went," a Sunshine Award, recognition for 50 years as a performer.