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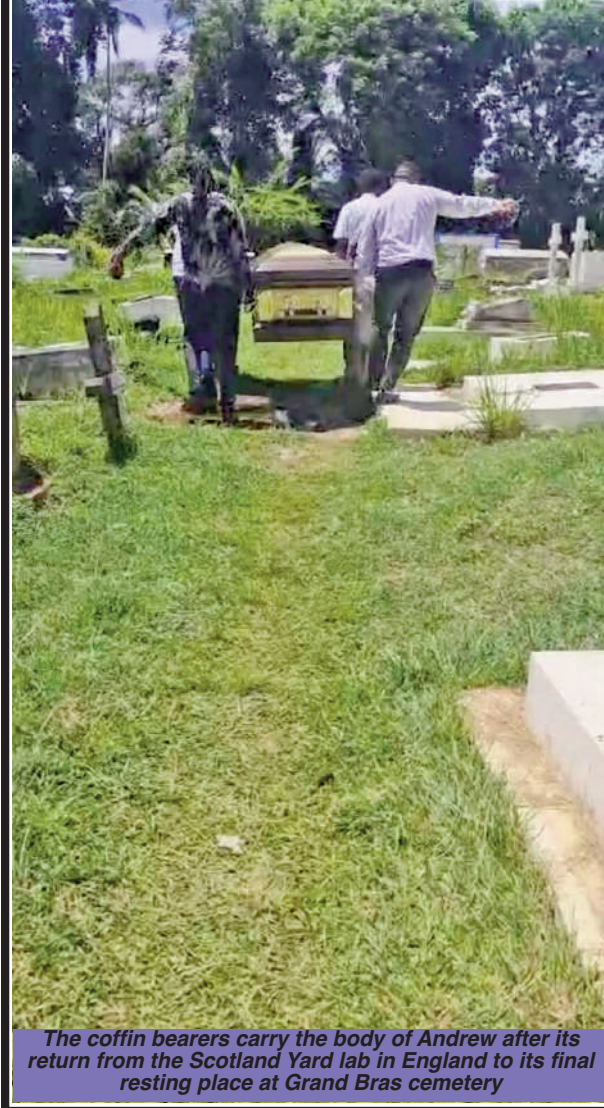
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SCOTLAND YARD DISCOVER ALL ORGANS MISSING FROM ANDREW FREDERICK

Angry Family threaten multi-million-dollar lawsuit in the case



The coffin bearers carry the body of Andrew after its return from the Scotland Yard lab in England to its final resting place at Grand Bras cemetery



Andrew Frederick – his death at Lance Aux Epines in January is now attracting the international media including the BBC

The family of Andrew Frederick who died in mysterious circumstances in Lance Aux Epines eight months ago is calling for an investigation into the disappearance from his body of several of his key vital organs.

A source close to the family told **THE NEW TODAY** that the discovery was made by Britain's Scotland Yard which had exhumed the body from Grenada about three weeks ago and took it to a Laboratory in London for examination.

He said the British Metropolitan police telephoned the Family and asked them if they had given permission to anyone to dispose of Andrew's organs and this was shocking to them.

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The casket of the British-born man was placed inside this tomb in St Andrew

A Public Road through an Industrial Site?

By Shod Baptiste

Before Woodford became the focus of an industrial development, this was a rural community connected to a wider network of villages and communities, including Brooklyn, Mt. Dor, Concord, Cotton Bailey and surrounding areas.

These communities have long depended on agriculture, fishing, freshwater resources and the natural environment for their livelihoods and way of life. Woodford itself has historical, cultural, agricultural and environmental significance, with fertile farmland, fishing activity, freshwater systems and remnants of its plantation history.

During Hurricane Ivan, when water sources became contaminated, villagers depended on the streams for fresh water. Today, the area continues to support farmers, fishermen and aquatic life, including snapper and

shrimp.

If these resources are damaged, people who once had opportunities close to home may be forced to compete elsewhere for their livelihoods. So, as we watch what is happening to Woodford, the question must be asked: what are we sacrificing in the name of development, who truly benefits, and what will be left for the people of Woodford?

This would be funny if it were not so tragic. The Mt. Dor Road, along the stretch bordering the Rayneau development where substantial excavation and other works have been taking place, has now broken in three major places.

Residents have lost vehicular access to their homes, while farmers are struggling to reach their farms. Now the Government's solution is to reroute the broken section of the public road through the Rayneau

industrial site. A public road through an active industrial site?

In March 2017, an explosion at the Rayneau Quarry in Cul-de-Sac, Saint Lucia, claimed four lives and left more than 20 people injured. Industrial sites carry risks, and routing the general travelling public through an operating industrial site requires those risks to be properly assessed and managed.

So these are not abstract concerns. Who has certified that the route is safe for ordinary motorists, pedestrians and residents? What will separate public traffic from heavy industrial vehicles and operations? Who will maintain the road? And if there is another land movement, a collision or an injury, who bears responsibility: Government, the company, or both?

But there is an even more basic question: has the cause of the three failures of the existing Mt. Dor Road been independently

established?

The Prime Minister, Dickon Mitchell, should take particular note that the Mt. Dor Road, which he says has little to do with Rayneau, actually borders the Rayneau development, and the damage has occurred along the section of road where Rayneau has engaged in substantial excavation and boulder removal.

This was raised before a geotechnical investigation was commissioned. So we cannot help but ask: on what technical basis has Government determined that another route through the adjoining development is safe?

There are legal questions too. If the proposed road crosses privately owned land, what arrangement gives the public the right to use it? Is Government acquiring the land, establishing a right of way, leasing it, or has Rayneau simply granted permission? Is this a temporary diversion, or will it become part of the public road network?

And what of Planning? Grenada's planning legislation expressly includes the laying out of roads

within the commencement of development. What statutory process therefore applies to this new road? Has the Physical Planning and Development Authority considered it? Has an assessment been required or approval given? Or does the Government consider the road exempt?

There was haste to bypass the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for this multi-pronged industrial project involving quarrying, asphalt, concrete and a jetty.

The Prime Minister said in a post-Cabinet press briefing in January this year that the EIA was taking too long, and that the developer had assured him that the plant was going to be environmentally friendly.

Had there not been such haste, perhaps an EIA would have been completed and perhaps it would have identified whether the project was too close to the public road and whether, given the topography, boulder removal should have been restrict-

ed.

Now the repair of the road could cost substantially more, while villagers and farmers are left asking whether, in the haste to solve one problem, Government has created problems it does not yet know how to fix.

Farmers have been badly affected. Produce risks rotting in the fields, established markets can be lost, and farmers are having difficulty getting essential inputs to their lands.

The rerouting may provide desperately needed access, although for many residents it apparently still will not provide direct vehicular access to their homes.

It is alleged that the Government has commissioned an engineering firm to investigate the Mt. Dor Road failures. If so, the question is whether that assessment covers all three failures and the damage extending onto private property, including one resident's badly damaged driveway.

And if that engineering

assessment has not yet been submitted, as it appears, why is the developer already cutting the new road?

The developer recently said on The Bubb Report that sometimes it is necessary to "take the risk and make it happen." That may be a philosophy for conducting private business, Mr. Gadaghar. It cannot be the standard by which the Government determines whether a road is safe for the public.

Meanwhile, in Woodford, one resident said: "Our road is now on Rayneau property; our homes will follow." Were it not so harmful, it could be called comedic.

EIAs are required for good reason. Now millions may have to be forked out for damage, while villagers in Woodford are left wondering whether this could only be the beginning.

(Shod D.S. Baptiste holds a BSc. (Hons.) Psychology / MBA (International Business))

Arley Gill pledges fearless representation for St. John



DPM's Arley Gill & Peter David meeting residents of St. John

Democratic People's Movement (DPM) Deputy Political Leader, Arley Gill, has reaffirmed his commitment to putting the people of St. John at the centre of his political work, declaring that effective representation must begin with understanding and addressing the concerns of local communities.

Gill, addressing a recent DPM village meeting in St. John, told supporters that his commitment extends beyond an election campaign.

It's a commitment rooted in a determination to represent the parish with courage, consistency and purpose, he explained.

"I commit to my community. I commit to my parish and my constituency. All politics is local," Gill declared.

DPM, he added, is not presenting itself as a movement with a "magic wand" that can solve Grenada's problems overnight.

Instead, he said, The Movement is prepared to work alongside communities to confront their challenges over the long term.

"What we are saying, sisters and brothers, is that hour by hour, day by day, week by week, month by month, we walk with you to solve the problems that you have," Gill said.

Apart from the village meeting, Gill and other executive members of DPM, including Political Leader MP Peter David, and dozens of supporters, have been engaged in a series of weekend meet-the-people interaction and walkabouts in St. John, St. Andrew and St. George's.

They've promised to reach out to all constituencies in every parish as DPM prepares to contest the upcoming general election.

The DPM says its approach centres on community engagement, practical solutions, and a new style of political leadership.

If elected MP for St. John, Gill has pledged to represent the constituency without fear or favour.

"I am committed, sisters and brothers, to represent my community, to represent my parish and my constituency without any fear," said Gill, who has been actively engaging communities and supporting initiatives aimed at youth and community development for many years.

Gill said his message to St. John is straightforward: representation must be about service, presence and standing with people when challenges arise.

"Mind your business first, because nobody will mind it for you," he emphasised to St. John residents.

Gill, an attorney-at-law by profession, will face stiff challenges from the incumbent Kerryne James (of the ruling National Democratic Congress) and former Fisheries Minister Alvin Da Breo of the New National Party (NNP).

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

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF MAYLIVE ROBERTS (DECEASED)
DE BONIS NON

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TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration De Bonis Non has been filed by **JOHN D. ROBERTS** of River Sallee in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada in the estate of Maylive Roberts late of River Sallee in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State aforesaid deceased, who died on the 2nd day of March, 2003 at Princess Alice Hospital in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State aforesaid at the age of Eighty-Three years (83 yrs.), intestate, a widow, leaving her lawful children, namely Len (also spelt Lynne) Roberts, Raymond Roberts both now deceased and me the deponent her surviving.

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

Dated 27th day of July, 2026

Evette John
Attorney-at-Law
Law office of Evette John

Scotland yard discover all organs missing from Andrew Frederick

Angry Family threaten multi-million-dollar lawsuit in the case

* From front page

"We did not give anybody the authority to do anything with his organs," the source quoted a family member as saying.

The issue of the missing organs was one of the subject matters at Tuesday's Coroner's Inquest in London on the death of the 47-year old British-born national of Grenadian parents.

According to the source, the issue was raised with the Coroner by a British King's Counsel retained by the family to represent their interest at the Inquiry.

The Coroner brought the Inquiry to an end and issued instructions for Scotland Yard Detectives to launch an investigation into the death of Andrew.

There are reports that the British government has approached Grenada through the Diplomatic channel to allow Scotland Yard to enter the country to assist the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) to determine what exactly happened at the Lance Aux Epines home on the night of January 4, 2026.

The Chief Inspector of Scotland Yard reportedly penned a letter to the Family to request them to find out from RGPF, as well as the local Funeral Home of La Qua and Pathologist Dr. Hubert Daisley about the missing body parts that included the lungs, liver, and heart.

The source indicated that the Family intends to file a multi-million dollar lawsuit if answers cannot be given by the authorities in Grenada about Andrew's missing organs.

The family had retained Professor Daisley to conduct a private autopsy on the body and he concluded that this was a murder case.

However, the RGPF closed their investigation with the decision that the death was "accidental".

A source familiar with the conduct of an autopsy said



The first burial site of Andrew Frederick

that all the organs are removed in the Viscera of the persons' body for examination by the Pathologist.

He disclosed that the parts to be removed for examination are from the throat down to the pelvic area.

He said these body parts "are cut in pieces to take samples because you can tell by looking at sample slides if something has gone wrong."

He explained: "How you do it - you have a bucket and you have a plastic bag inside of the bucket. So as the Pathologist finished examining a piece, it is placed in the bucket in embalming solution overnight and then it is placed back into the body for sew up".

According to the specialist, after the Pathologist completes his work everything is put back into the body.

"All the parts are put into a body bag and put back into the Visceral into the stomach area. When you sew up the body you sew that up with it," he added.

He told **THE NEW TODAY** that everything is put back into the body unless the Pathologist decides to go with "little pieces of specimen" for further investigation.

Andrew's body was returned to Grenada a few days ago and finally laid to rest at the Grand Bras cemetery in St Andrew.

A family member confirmed that it was the wish of Andrew to be buried up there as all the close relatives are from the Byland area in St Andrew Northwest.

The parents turned to the British authorities for help in the case after expressing grave reservations about the conduct of RGPF's investigations into the incident.

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

AND

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

JOHN BATIHK

APPLICANT

ORDER

IN OPEN COURT NO. 4

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE AGNES ACTIE HIGH COURT JUDGE

DATED THE: 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

ENTERED THE: 21ST DAY OF *July*, 2026

UPON THE HEARING of an Application and Amended Application for a Declaration for Possessory Title filed by the Applicant John Batihk on the 4th day of May, 2023 and 5th day of June, 2026 respectively;

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of the Applicant, John Batihk filed on the 4th day of May, 2023 filed in support of the Application and the Supplemental Affidavits of the said John Batihk filed on the 2nd day of August, 2024 and on the 5th day of June, 2026 respectively;

AND UPON READING the Affidavits of Louise Augustine and Ethelina Margaret Bissessar filed on the 4th day of May, 2023 in support of the said Application;

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of Service of Christopher Millette filed on the 10th day of July, 2023 and the Supplemental Affidavit of the said Christopher Millette filed on the 8th day of July, 2026 and the Affidavits of Service of Gracelyn John-Lewis filed on the 22nd of September, 2023 and 17th day of June, 2026 respectively, evidencing compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of the Possessory Titles Act, No. 22 of 2016 of the Laws of Grenada;

AND FURTHER UPON READING the Affidavit of Kelsey Peters, officer of the Planning and Development Authority filed on the 10th day of July, 2026;

AND UPON HEARING the evidence of the Applicant John Batihk and Louise Augustine;

AND UPON HEARING Ms. Olabisi Clouden of Law Office of Olabisi N. Clouden, Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant and Ms. Aleya Williams of the Attorney General's Chambers

IT IS DECLARED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. John Batihk, of Golf Course in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada is granted a Declaration of Possessory Title pursuant to Section 3 of the Possessory Titles Act No. 22 of 2016, for **ALL THAT** lot of land situate at Golf Course in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, the said lot of land containing by admeasurement Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Square Feet (**14,312 Sq. Ft.**) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on one side by lands owned John Batihk, on a second side by lands owned by the said John Batihk on the third and fourth or remaining side by the Public Road as shown on the plan or diagram drawn by Mr. Anthony Roberts, Licensed Land Surveyor dated the 18th day of April, 2023.
2. The Registrar shall comply with Section 23 of the Possessory Titles Act No. 22 of 2016 of the Laws of Grenada.

BY ORDER,

[Signature]
REGISTRAR
Supreme Court
Grenada

For Cancer.

The best Protection is early detection.

Submitted by:

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THE NEW TODAY is calling for Grenada's fullest co-operation with Scotland Yard to bring closure into the investigation surrounding the death of Andrew Frederick of Lance Aux Epines.

It appears to us that the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) did not seem to do a proper and thorough investigation into the discovery of the body at a private home in the south of the island.

It is our strongly held view that personality clashes and differences resulted in what appears to be a case of under-par performance by the law-

men.

It is clear from Day One that the Police reached certain conclusions on the death based on information allegedly in their possession about Andrew.

The information in our possession points in the direction of certain elements within the Police High Command becoming upset with a visit to the Crime Scene by a retired former High Command Member along with Professor Hubert Daisley who was brought in from Trinidad to conduct a private autopsy on the behalf of the Family.

The situation reached a

EDITORIAL

Bring in Scotland Yard!!!

head when directives were given to the Head of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to abort a planned visit to the Crime Scene along with the retired High Command member who for years was used by the Police as their forensic specialist.

The RGPF took the view that the retired Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) should not have gone to the Crime Scene without the presence of Police there with him.

The Commissioner of Police released a statement denying that anyone within their ranks had contacted the retired senior officer to revisit the Crime scene in order to try and discredit the report put out by **THE NEW TODAY**.

However, the paper was able to provide proof of the contacts made by the Head of the CID and the retired ACP on the issue.

It should be noted that Commissioner of Police Randy Connaught did not retract the misleading statement and when approached to issue an apology to the paper, it was met with the following response from him: "No Comment".

It was a mistake to call off the visit to the Crime Scene as the retired ACP would have shown the CID Head some of his findings which would have put a new light on the investigation.

THE NEW TODAY is giving full support to the decision reached by the Coroner in England for

Scotland Yard to get involved in the investigation into the Lance Epines death.

Grenada should allow the Yardees to come in and do their own investigation to help bring closure to the case.

If the island refuses then it raises the question of who is trying to block Scotland Yard and for what reason?

The family members are claiming that a certain member of the Police Force indicated to them that the lawmen will go along with the conclusion reached by Professor Daisley with his autopsy and when it was revealed that it was a case of murder the officer started to back peddle.

This officer allegedly

approached Professor Daisley to try and convince him that Andrew had been running, fell to the ground and hit his head which caused the death.

RGPF also missed "the ball" in the investigation with Professor Daisley who has done so many autopsies in the past at their request.

If the autopsy conducted for the Police concluded that the death was "accidental" then the Police Force should have asked the two Pathologists to have a meeting among themselves to arrive at a cause of death.

This approach has been done in the past by RGPF with the same Professor Daisley.

A Government Pathologist had concluded that there was foul play when a body was discovered hanging in St Andrew.

CID detectives were not convinced that it was a murder and the then Commissioner of Police Winston James was approached to request the sitting Chief Magistrate Patricia Mark to bring up Professor Daisley to do a second Autopsy.

His findings were differ-

ent from the Government Pathologist and the two of them met to take a fresh look at the case which ended in murder being ruled out.

THE NEW TODAY has stated in the past that one of the major weaknesses with the top Brass in the RGPF High Command is that not one of them have had experience in working in areas in the force like CID and lack a good knowledge of Crime Fighting.

It is against this backdrop that our call is for Scotland Yard to be allowed into Grenada to help with the Andrew Frederick investigation.

There is great distrust between the Family Members and the RGPF over the type of investigation that was carried out in Lance Aux Epines.

Let a third party that is more independent step in from outside to help bring an end to the situation in the interest of Justice and fair play.

Any attempt by the authorities in Grenada to block Scotland Yard from entering and doing an investigation will send a bad signal to the outside world about law and order in our Tri-island State.

CDB Champions Regional Action to Strengthen Mathematics Education



Education Ministers and experts from across the Caribbean attend the 52nd Meeting of the CARICOM Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) - Education. (Photo credit: Ministry of Education, Guyana)

GEORGETOWN, Guyana: As part of its commitment to investing in the Caribbean's human development, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB/ the Bank) presented a regional Improving Mathematic Proficiency across Caribbean Countries (IMPACT) Programme at the 52nd Meeting of the CARICOM Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) - Education. The proposed initiative places an emphasis on improving mathematics outcomes and preparing learners for future opportunities.

The recent meeting, held in Georgetown, Guyana, brought together education ministers, senior government officials, regional institutions and develop-

ment partners under the theme, "Educating for Life, Purpose, and Caribbean Progress". Discussions centred on advancing a shared regional education agenda and ensuring that Caribbean learners are prepared to thrive in an increasingly complex and technology-driven world.

Improving mathematics outcomes across the Region was a key priority highlighted by CDB at the meeting. In support of this call to action, Dr. Nicola Johnson, CDB Operations Officer (Education), Social Sector Division and Dr Joan Hernandez-Spencer, Joint Board of Teacher Education of the University of the West Indies, presented the IMPACT Programme for Primary and Secondary Schools. They under-

scored the initiative's comprehensive, coordinated, system-wide approach to strengthening mathematics teaching and learning through curriculum delivery, teacher development, assessment, and student support.

"If we want better outcomes for students, we must strengthen the entire system that supports mathematics teaching and learning. This programme takes a comprehensive approach by investing in teacher professional development, instructional leadership, AI-powered learning support, coaching, parental engagement, action research, and policy reform to improve mathematics achievement across all primary and secondary schools," said Dr. Nicola Johnson, who

spoke at the COHSOD meeting.

The IMPACT Programme aims to improve student achievement and equip learners with the confidence and competencies needed to succeed in further education, employment, and entrepreneurship, while contributing to a more competitive, resilient, and prosperous Region.

Developed in collaboration with the Joint Boards of Teacher Education of The University of the West Indies (Mona and Cave Hill), the initiative reflects CDB's commitment to advancing quality education and building a skilled, future-ready Caribbean.

Delivering opening remarks at the meeting, the Honourable Sonia Parag, Guyana's Minister

of Education and Chair of COHSOD-Education, underscored the broader purpose of education in shaping the Region's future.

"We must be able to create wholesome, well-rounded Caribbean citizens," said Minister Parag.

Minister Parag also welcomed the regional mathematics initiative, noting

the positive impact of Guyana's own mathematics intervention programme and emphasising the importance of strong foundational skills to success in science, technology, technical training, financial literacy and the modern workplace.

As the Caribbean continues its journey towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive development,

CDB remains committed to partnering with governments, educators and regional institutions to solve longstanding issues in education in the Caribbean to ensure every learner has the opportunity to achieve their full potential and contribute meaningfully to Caribbean progress.

ACB Grenada Bank strengthens focus on financial literacy and investment education

St. George's, Grenada ACB Grenada Bank is strengthening its focus on financial literacy and investment education as it continues to provide Grenadians with greater access to opportunities to build and grow wealth.

As part of this ongoing commitment, the Bank recently hosted the ACB Grenada Bank Investment Education Forum, aimed at helping individuals better understand the principles of investing and the range of opportunities available to them. The session, led by Ms. Renee Charles, Chief Investment Officer at ACB Caribbean, formed part of ACB Grenada Bank's broader commitment to increasing awareness of investing and empowering individuals to make more informed financial decisions.

The virtual forum explored key topics including budgeting, key investment principles and practical steps for beginning an investment journey. The session also covered fundamental investment concepts such as the power of time, compounding, diversification, and the impact of inflation.

Through interactive exam-

ples and audience engagement activities, participants gained a deeper understanding of how disciplined investing and a long-term perspective can contribute to wealth creation.

"Wealth building is a process, not a single decision," Ms. Charles told participants during the forum. Emphasizing that "your investment journey starts with one step," she encouraged participants to begin by understanding their financial position, setting clear goals and developing a long-term approach to investing.

Importantly, the initiative also outlined the growing range of investment opportunities available to Grenadians. These include shares listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE), government securities available through the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) and regional mutual funds.

Participants were introduced to the potential benefits and risks associated with each investment option and the importance of considering their individual financial goals, investment time hori-

zons and risk preferences.

The forum also outlined ACB Caribbean's role as a licensed broker-dealer, connecting investors to a diverse range of investment opportunities across regional and international markets. Participants learned how broker-dealers help individuals access and invest in products such as stocks, government securities, and mutual funds, while providing the support needed to navigate the investment process.

The session also introduced participants to ACB Caribbean's newest service offering, branded ACB Invest, which provides access to a broad range of investment products available across the ECCU.

The Investment Education Forum forms part of ACB Grenada Bank's ongoing commitment to promoting financial literacy and helping individuals and businesses across Grenada make more informed financial decisions.

For more information about ACB Invest, visit <https://gd.acbonline.com/acb-invest/> or contact the team at acbinvest@acb-caribbean.com.

No one gave any notice to leave!!!

We are contacting you because we have become aware of your two articles concerning the situation at Tyrell Bay Marina.

We are asking you to contact us so that the facts can be properly established. As sailors whose boats have been blocked on the Corion Estate, we have first-hand, factual information that demonstrates that some of the statements published in your articles are not accurate.

If you, or a spokesperson for the Corion family, make specific claims about what happened, you should have concrete evidence to support those claims. It would therefore be useful to make such evidence public, in order to avoid publishing statements that

could be considered defamatory.

The situation is actually quite simple: no one ever gave us any notice to leave. At the same time, representatives of the Corion Estate openly reassured us, telling us that nothing would change for us and that we should not worry, while this fence was being constructed.

So why are we still here? For four months, we have been trying to contact them to find a solution — simply to open the fence temporarily so that our boats can be put back into the water, and then close the fence again. We have received no response.

What exactly are they waiting for us to do? We have absolutely nothing to do with their dispute with

the marina. So why are we being prevented from leaving?

What interest would we possibly have in doing anything against the Corion Estate, other than asking them to allow us to leave?

Our boats are our homes. We have nowhere else to go. We have absolutely no interest in remaining on land with our boats.

It is obvious that turning us into enemies makes absolutely no sense. So why is this happening?

It is as though they have deliberately created enemies by trapping us here. The situation is simply absurd. Please ask them these questions directly: What is preventing them from simply allowing us to leave? That is all we are asking for.

All Boat Owners

Concerns about the road works!!!

I have a little observation to make about the Hot Mix asphalt paving works project on the Maurice Bishop Highway.

I may be wrong, but for the several times I passed on the project, I have not seen any technical officer from the Ministry of Infrastructure.

I have some concerns in the absence of seeing the contract documents with drawings, scope of works

and specifications.

There is no basic project data as to the length of the roads, project cost (contract sum), project duration, name of contractors and name of consultants to supervise the construction of the roads (government technical representatives).

It seems that the Ministries are lacking Project Planners or Project Managers to give the gen-

eral public a brief on these infrastructural major projects.

Right now, I am down on the Maurice Bishop Highway.

NAMALCO believes that there are no technical people on the island.

I still continue to see the longitudinal joint on the surface of the paved road.

Technical Onlooker

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen

The Franciscan way!!!

visible, and compelling enough that others followed. What drew them was clarity of purpose and consistency of action.

The Franciscan Way centers on two teachings: love God fully and love others as yourself. Simple in phrasing, difficult in practice. The framework that emerged: community, faithfulness, poverty, service, and chastity, is less about rigid doctrine and more about disciplined living.

Community is foundational. Whether single, married, or partnered, no one thrives in isolation. Franciscan emphasised emotional awareness: if you are angry or unsettled, pause before engaging. Healthy community requires self-regulation, communication, and humility. Conflict is inevitable; repair is essential.

Faithfulness extends beyond religion. It includes loyalty to family, integrity in relationships, and consistency in how you show up in society. It's also reciprocal: forgiveness is not optional if you expect it in return. This principle reinforces accountability; your

actions shape your community's well-being.

Poverty, in this context, is often misunderstood. It's about detachment. Franciscan called for releasing what controls you: status, possessions, distraction. Today, that may include digital dependence or material excess. The question is direct: what owns your attention, and at what cost? Letting go creates space for clarity and purpose.

Service is action. If someone needs help, respond, thoughtfully and responsibly. Franciscans have historically worked across education, health-care, and social outreach. The principle remains relevant: contribute where you can, using what you have. Service grounds belief in reality.

Chastity is broader than celibacy. At its core, it's about discipline and integrity, honouring commitments, avoiding harmful behaviours, and aligning actions with values. Whether in relationships or personal habits, it calls for intentional restraint in pursuit of something better.

The strength of the Franciscan Way is its coherence. Each principle reinforces the others. Community without service becomes shallow. Faithfulness without discipline collapses under pressure. Poverty without purpose becomes emptiness. Together, they form a structure that supports both personal stability and collective well-being.

There are, however, points to approach carefully. Some languages, particularly around modern habits or relationships, risk sounding prescriptive or moralizing. To maintain credibility and inclusivity, it's important to frame these ideas as invitations rather than judgments.

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Appeal from trapped Marina Boat owners

We, the owners of vessels currently detained on land at Tyrell Bay Marina, are speaking out to correct some of the false assumptions we have read recently and to bring the conversation back to the important facts of our situation.

We are marina clients currently unable to leave Tyrell Bay Marina because of a section of fence erected by the Corion Estate, the installation of which was completed around 25 April. Among us are citizens of the United States, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and Portugal/Cape Verde.

We are not involved in the ongoing civil case before the High Court. We are simply third parties, separate and independent from this dispute, who have been seriously affected by a conflict that does not concern us.

The situation in which we find ourselves today is a direct consequence of the fence erected by the Corion Estate and the



The fence which was erected by the Corion family at the Tyrell Bay Marina (Photo credit Curlan Campbell)

absence of any practical solution to address its consequences.

The installation of this fence has prevented us from relaunching our vessels and has resulted in our being detained for more than four months

now, with no solution in sight despite our repeated requests.

Our vessels are being held, even though they are our homes and, for some of us, our places of work. Preventing us from relaunching them there-

fore effectively imprisons us by preventing us from leaving Carriacou.

The fence was erected without prior communication that would have allowed us to launch our vessels before access was completely blocked. It has

no gates or other access points allowing equipment to pass through or emergency services to gain access.

This situation violates our freedom of movement as well as our ability to safely access, use, and enjoy our homes and property. In an emergency situation, it could result in the destruction of our property or even the loss of human life.

It has already caused serious and ongoing harm, including financial losses, difficulties related to employment and immigration, risks to our property, and significant physical and emotional stress.

We are all extremely concerned about the hurricane season and consider the development of a storm to be an emergency situation. Some of us also have medical issues that cannot be properly addressed because we are unable to access our healthcare providers.

Beyond the obvious physical and psychological consequences, we are suffering significant financial losses that continue to

increase every day that this situation remains unresolved. We are currently documenting all of these damages.

Since the fence was installed, we have made numerous attempts to find a practical solution. Two owners from our group contacted the Corion Estate representative (Stephanie), whom we met during the installation of the fence, on 1 May, 3 May, and 14 May, requesting the temporary removal of a small section of the fence and that there be no obstruction to the relaunching of the vessels. We received no response.

On 29 May, we personally met with representatives of Corion at the site of the fence. During this confrontation, which lasted several hours, the Estate representative told us that they "owned the land," could do whatever they wanted, and had no obligation to help us.

The fact that the fence has still not been modified to allow access for emergency services appears to us to be a clear confirmation of that position, as well as a blatant disregard for people's safety and well-being.

On 17 June, the marina sent a formal request to the Corion Estate on our behalf to discuss a possible solution. The marina informed us that no response had been received to that request.

Since then, we have repeated our request twice in writing, and still received no response. We are therefore surprised to read in one of your articles that the Corion Estate is calling for negotiations, when they do not respond to us.

In summary, based on our personal contact with Corion representatives and their continued refusal to engage in mediation efforts, we feel that our continued detention is intentional.

A recent article published by **NEW TODAY New** also appears to suggest this, based on statements

made by an Estate spokesperson.

We would also like to make it clear that at no time could any of us — eight people were present on the day Stephanie came to speak with us — have been condescending or made racist remarks.

We can all personally attest to this. Furthermore, the fact that this meeting took place less than two days before the fence was completely closed proves that no prior notice was given.

We therefore believe that we are forced to take further steps in an attempt to remedy this situation.

Nevertheless, we remain committed to seeking a practical and cooperative solution. As we have requested since the beginning of May, we call upon the Corion Estate to work directly with us, or with the marina, to establish a temporary and humanitarian solution: to remove a section of the barrier for the sole and limited purpose of allowing the marina, using its own equipment and personnel, to safely relaunch our vessels.

This request is strictly limited. It does not ask either party to give up any rights, accept the other party's position in the ongoing civil case, or affect in any way the dispute underlying this situation.

Its sole purpose is to allow innocent third parties to leave safely and to prevent further harm from occurring.

This is also the request that we have raised through our embassies, the Foreign Affairs Office, the Ministries, and other Grenadian authorities.

This simple, temporary, and yet essential measure is precisely the one that no one appears today to have either the authority — or the willingness — to demand.

Everything stated here is factual and can be substantiated. You may publish the entire statement without any problem.

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
Rule 15

GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE ADELTRIS NOEL-LAMOTHE LATE OF GOUYAVE IN THE
PARISH OF ST. JOHN IN THE STATE OF GRENADA

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TIFFANY NOEL**, of Gouyave, in the parish of Saint John, in the State of Grenada, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, who is the lawful daughter of the deceased. The deceased, **MARJORIE ADELTRIS NOEL-LAMOTHE**, having died intestate on the 11th day of September 2022, at the age of 68 years.

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 31st day of August 2026



Dr. Dawn De Coteau
EMA Solutions Legal Services
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Washington tightens the screws on the Eastern Caribbean

By Kenneth Rijock



If you were paying close attention to the news from the U.S. Department of State, you may have seen the August 25th announcement cancelling ALL the pending green card (Immigrant Visa) appointments at the American Embassy in Barbados, which means that those in the Eastern Caribbean have just now seen another door to enter the United States slam shut.

That means that all Green Card (Lawful Permanent Resident) processing has ceased, on a worldwide basis. There is no information regarding when or even if, it will reopen for appointments.

Coming on the heels of the restrictions on ANTIGUA and DOMINICA, it must be a disappointment to many in the region. What will be next, we wonder? We do know that a few visitor's visas for West Indians have been granted, but they are uniformly of the short term/single entry version, which makes many people who are thinking of applying and staying past the expiration date think again, and fearing the nasty deportation procedure, will choose to not

apply at all.

The next blow to the ability of Eastern Caribbean passport holders may come from across the Pond; because on Tuesday, all five of the EC CBI passport-issuing states must ramp up their applicant inquiry programs to the functional equivalent of Enhanced Due Diligence, or visa-free entry to the EU could be abruptly halted.

Let's see what Antigua's totally arrogant Prime Minister, GASTON BROWNE does with his CIP program, by 1 September, as I have my doubts that he will change anything with the CIU. Stay tuned, as the fur may fly this week, and Antigua may be the one left without EU access.

OPEN LETTER TO SECRETARY RUBIO: STOP CHINA FROM MONEY LAUNDERING FROM THE CARIBBEAN THROUGH AMERICA'S LARGEST BANKS

Contrary to popular belief, it was not the American President James Madison who drafted the MONROE DOCTRINE in 1823, which bars foreign powers from any involvement in the Western Hemisphere. Then Secretary of State JOHN QUINCY ADAMS created that landmark policy statement; we note that he was to become President of the United States less than two years later.

Consider this a request for Secretary Rubio to apply its core principles to the present situation in the Eastern Caribbean, where

Chinese economic, social and political influence has grown in recent years, aided and abetted by Chinese-owned and controlled Citizenship by Investment (CBI or CIP) sales companies, that through their efforts, now exert a significant amount of control over the five EC CBI states.

This has now become a Clear and Present Danger to our National Security, literally in America's backyard. For several years, Chinese CBI sales companies, in Saint Kitts & Nevis and Saint Lucia in the northern region, to Grenada in the south, have operated consultancies that sold economic passports abroad, to dodgy applicants who were never properly vetted, and with their illicit funds, laundered billions of US Dollars through the correspondent accounts of major American financial institutions.

Most of that money ended up in China, depriving the intended recipients of sorely needed revenue who was designed to improve their developing economies.

For reasons that clearly involved politics, previous administrations looked the other way, and allowed the flow of an obscene amount of dirty money through American banks. Was it because such business was extremely lucrative, or because exposing our major banks to serious money laundering charges would embarrass political contributors, or even because our extensive trade with China might be

affected?

We cannot say, but the time has come to hold those individuals and entities accountable, be they Chinese, West Indian or American for China has exponentially increased its soft power in the Eastern Caribbean, through the

artful application of all that capital, bribing senior government officials, starting construction projects, building gigantic embassies, and expanding cultural influence.

How to rein in this prohibited influence in the Caribbean, you ask? The

courts have held that the Money Laundering Control Act of 1986 has extraterritorial application, and it is worth noting that the currency of choice for Caribbean CBI is the US Dollar; indict all who are responsible, holding all of them accountable, which

in 2026 is the functional equivalent of the Gunboat Diplomacy of the twentieth century Roosevelt Corollary of the Monroe Doctrine.

Mr. Secretary, the ball is literally in your court.



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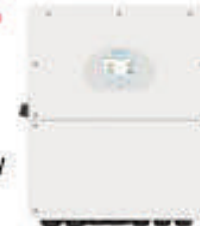
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Apology

The New Today newspaper will like to apologise to Carriacou Marine Ltd for the photo used in our Friday August 28, 2026 issue with the caption "An aerial view of the Tyrell Bay Marina in Carriacou."

Carriacou Marine Ltd is a separate business and has NO connection with the dispute or the matter reported in the article.

We therefore apologise to Carriacou Marine Ltd and to our readers for the error and any misunderstanding caused!



GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND COOPERATIVES RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT (RDU)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

OFFICE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Government of Grenada, through the Rural Development Unit (RDU) invites eligible and qualified firms to submit proposals for the design, implementation, and completion of interior upgrades and furnishing works for the main office of the Rural Development Unit located at GCNA Complex, Kirani James Blvd, St. George's.

The office occupies approximately 3,900 square feet and comprises 23 private offices, a reception area, a conference room, workstations, and other supporting spaces. The objective of this assignment is to transform the Rural Development Unit (RDU) office environment into a warmer, more welcoming, modern, and comfortable workspace for staff and visitors while maintaining professionalism and functionality.

The selected firm will be responsible for the complete delivery of the assignment, from design development through implementation. This will include assessing the existing office space, developing and presenting design solutions for approval, and, upon approval, executing and delivering the approved design solutions. The firm will be responsible for all associated procurement, supply, delivery, installation, refurbishment, and finishing works necessary to fully implement the approved design.

The selected firm shall submit the proposed design concepts, layouts, specifications, finishes, furniture selections, and other relevant details to the RDU for review and approval prior to commencing implementation. No works shall be undertaken until the proposed design solutions and associated costs have been approved by the RDU.

Eligible firms must demonstrate:

- Experience in completing at least two (2) similar assignments;
- Relevant technical expertise in interior design, refurbishment, or fit-out works;
- Adequate technical, administrative, and logistical capacity to execute the assignment.

The services therefore include end-to-end responsibility for the design and implementation of the proposed office improvements, including interior design and space planning, painting and wall finishes, supply and installation of office furniture and soft furnishings, and enhancement of key functional areas such as the reception area and conference room. The scope also includes decorative and aesthetic improvements intended to create a modern, welcoming, comfortable, and functional work environment.

Interested firms are encouraged to visit the office to familiarize themselves with the existing conditions. A site visit may be arranged upon request.

Interested firms can submit their proposal on the Government e-procurement system at <https://intendhost.co.uk/GND/asp/Home>. The deadline for receipt of proposals is **October 2, 2026 at 4:00pm** local Grenada time.

For requests for clarification on this RFP please contact the following address below:

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Rural Development Unit (RDU)
GCNA Complex
Kirani James Blvd.,
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The Government of Grenada reserves the right to accept or reject late submissions or to cancel the invitation process. The Government of Grenada will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any bidder and will not defray any costs incurred by bidders in the preparation and submission of bids.

The battle for St Mark's

The ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell is confident of its chances in the rural St Mark constituency in the upcoming general election with its new candidate, former acting school principal Caris DeGannes.

A long-standing member of the constituency branch told **THE NEW TODAY** that for the first time in the past four decades he believes that Congress stands a very good chance of taking the constituency which the opposition New National Party (NNP) has held since 1984.

He said the advent of DeGannes has brought significant hope for the NDC in reversing the 475 votes that its candidate in the last election Senator QuinC Britton lost by to NNP's Dr Clarice Modeste-Curwen.

According to the source, a number of NNP strongholds in St Mark's have indicated that they intend to support DeGannes in the upcoming general election.

"We are expecting a significant swing and even those persons who usually sit on the fence, a number of them are indicating that they will be voting and coming forward to support Ms DeGannes," he said.

However, he admitted that the new NDC candidate would have to do well in the election particularly in the NNP strongholds of the Town of Victoria which is the largest Polling Division in the Constituency.

He disclosed that the outer PDs like 5 and 6 are small in comparison to the Town of Victoria, as well as PD 2, 3 & 4 which are Bonair, Diamond and Coastguard which are the other major ones and that the NDC candidate will have to get a certain amount of votes from them do in order to win the seat for the first time in 40 years.

The source pointed out that that Congress has already started political work in these PDs and that a Campaign Management team has been put in place to engage in Canvassing the Voter's List in order to identify how much they are behind and the areas to work on in order to get the votes make up the numbers to win the seat.

Modeste-Curwen had won the St Mark's seat in the 2018 election by approximately 1000 votes against NDC's Jerome Thomas but four years later the victory margin had dropped to 475 votes.

The NDC stalwart told **THE NEW TODAY** that the narrowing of the gap in the last election has resulted in a great confidence within the camp that the respected DeGannes can win the seat as she is seen as "a more formidable candidate" than Britton who was the flag-bearer for the party in the 2022 general election.

He noted that DeGannes in her capacity as a school



Caris DeGannes – has been selected by NDC to contest St Mark's



Dr Myanna Charles – will seek to continue the NNP dominance in the constituency

teacher and then Acting Principal of St Mark Secondary School has come in contact with a lot of the persons who are on the Voters List.

"She has been very much involved in the lives of many of the young adults (and) it is anticipated that there is going to be strong support for her and that's what the ground is demonstrating right now," he said.

The NDC insider believes that the party is now at its strongest point in its history under Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell while NNP is at the weakest it has ever been since its formation in 1984.

In addition he said the incumbent Dr Modeste-Curwen will not be the candidate on the next polling day and her replacement Dr Myanna Charles "is not known in the constituency in the way that Ms DeGannes is."

"She is someone who has not been connected with the (NNP) base, with the regular folks on the ground – a lot of the people don't know her," he added.

He also said that Dr Charles who lives in the south of the island in the well-to-do Lance Aux Epines area is not known

in St Mark and the NNP foot soldiers have "an uphill task in getting her to connect with the base."

The source also said that although Modeste-Curwen has been taking Dr Charles around the constituency to meet with residents, the fact of the matter is that "it is really not resonating in the way that NNP would have done before."

THE NEW TODAY understands that an office is presently being worked upon for DeGannes to do the necessary political work in the constituency.

According to the NDC insider, several persons who were on Britton's team are now part of DeGannes management team for the upcoming general election.

"She is in a very good position with the right campaign and with the right platform that she can pull it off – I think it's really possible," he said.

There are also reports that the NNP is taking the threat posed by DeGannes seriously and is campaigning heavily in St Mark's much more than it has done in past years.

The NDC official said the NNP is now "more on the ground, much more than they ever did before."

Two appear before NDC Screening Committee to get the nod in St Patrick East



Congress supporters at a mass rally of their party

The Screening Committee of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) has met with two persons including a 56-year old Secondary School Principal as potential candidates to replace Finance Minister Dennis Cornwall in the rural St Patrick East constituency for the upcoming general election.

A well-placed source told **THE NEW TODAY** that the 56-year old Educator is regarded as the clear favourite over the other person who was described as a female employee in the Parliamentary Constituency office of the senior government minister.

He said the individual who engineered the downfall of MP Cornwall is a well-known medical doctor in St Patrick who is giving active support to the bid by the female office worker who appeared before the Screening Committee.

There are reports that "the young lady" resigned Wednesday from her position in Cornwall's Parliamentary Constituency office.

"She resigned from Parliament (Wednesday) – she send in her resignation yesterday (Wednesday). (Name of instigator withheld) was pushing her. They have been going around (name of instigator) walking with her in Rose Hill a couple evenings ago."

"This is really absurd –

you are working with a Minister right in his office – you sit on his chair and his desk and that is what they do to the man – they backstabbed the man."

According to the party insider, the female who is bent on replacing Cornwall is not up to the task.

"The girl is a child – she has no experience in nothing. I am wondering what is (name of Instigator) motive. What is her motive?"

He said the better candidate for NDC at the moment is the School Principal who is said to be in the process of working out his retirement package from the Public Service Commission (PSC).

He stated that the Principal, an ex-pupil of Mt Rose Secondary School, has already prepared his resignation letter but is holding onto it for the time being in order "to make sure that he is covered – which is his package- that is what they were waiting on ... to make sure everything is verified by PSC."

"I don't know if that was finished worked on yesterday (Wednesday) but they need to give him time," said the source.

The insider sees the School Principal who was born in Plains but lives in Madeys as an excellent candidate as replacement for Minister Cornwall.

He described his chances against Robert Whyte, the candidate of the opposition New National Party

(NNP) as "very good". "He is very outspoken. He has been involved in many organisations like the Cricket Association, Teachers Credit Union, GFA football – he has been involved in a lot of groups and so on.

"He is a stern and firm person, very sociable. He is a good guy – he can pull it off. He has a lot of support already."

The insider was not happy with the manner in which (The Instigator) moved against MP Cornwall.

He said that despite the shortcomings of the MP who has been accused of not being on the ground with supporters, a lot of work was done in St Patrick East by Congress.

"You can't get everybody to be the same way. The man has performed 100% in the constituency – the amount of work that has been done," he remarked.

The source claimed that the majority of those who moved against Cornwall in the vote that took place a few weeks ago are not paid up party members but a set of people who were brought in by (The Instigator) but many of them have not done anything for Congress in recent times.

NDC has selected about twelve of its fifteen candidates for the upcoming general election while the NNP has named its full slate of candidates.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(Consulting Services– Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS))

GRENADA

OECS Data for Decision Making (DDM) Project

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Analysis of Data and Preparation of the National Report of Living Conditions for the Survey of Living Conditions and Household Budget Survey (SLC-HBS)

Reference No.: GD-PCU - GRENADA-569611-CS-QCBS

The Government of Grenada has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **OECS Data for Decision Making (DDM) Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the analysis of data from the Survey of Living Conditions and Household Budget Survey (SLC-HBS) and the preparation of the **National Report of Living Conditions**. The assignment will involve reviewing and validating the SLC- HBS microdata, developing, and applying survey weights, constructing consumption aggregates, conducting poverty and inequality analysis, and undertaking socioeconomic, social policy, gender, vulnerability, and climate/disaster vulnerability analysis. The Services will also include data visualization, stakeholder validation, preparation of the final report, and knowledge transfer to relevant staff of the Central Statistical Office (CSO).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites:

[Government of Grenada Procurement Notices](#)

[In-Tend Procurement Portal](#)

The Ministry of Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Submissions should include:

- Firm profile and background.
- Description of similar household survey, welfare, poverty, socioeconomic, or statistical analysis assignments undertaken within the last five (5) years.
- Demonstrated experience in poverty and inequality analysis, consumption/welfare aggregate construction, survey weighting, and socioeconomic analysis.
- Experience preparing analytical reports based on household survey data, preferably for National Statistical Offices or public-sector institutions.
- Availability of qualified personnel with relevant expertise to carry out the assignment.

Shortlisting Criteria:

- Minimum five (5) years of relevant experience in statistical analysis, poverty analysis, socioeconomic research, household survey analysis, or related fields.
- Demonstrated experience in at least two (2) similar household survey, welfare, poverty, or living conditions assignments.
- Demonstrated experience in the preparation of national or analytical reports using household survey data.
- Experience working with National Statistical Offices, government institutions, or other public-sector organizations.
- Demonstrated knowledge and application of internationally accepted methodologies for poverty and inequality measurement, welfare and consumption aggregates, survey weighting, and socioeconomic analysis.
- Experience in the Caribbean, OECS, or Small Island Developing States (SIDS) will be considered an asset.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to **Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018)**, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Selection Method:

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations.

Submission Guidelines:

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English no later than **18th September 2026 at 3pm (AST)**, and clearly marked:

"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for the Analysis of Data and Preparation of the National Report of Living Conditions for the Survey of Living Conditions and Household Budget Survey (SLC-HBS)"

Electronic submissions via the Procurement Portal only:

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The Justine Pierre poll comes under scrutiny

The Canadian-based controversial Labour Statistician and "Pollster" Justine Pierre has once again come under scrutiny for his latest political survey on the island.

Pierre who had vowed not to do any more political polls on Grenada after his dismal failure in predicting the outcome of the recent general election in neighbouring St Vincent & The Grenadines is facing some criticisms of his work from Dr. Ezra Mathias, the current 1st Vice-President of the Grenada National Trust (GNT).

Dr Mathias has called on Pierre to give an explanation for the omission in his latest poll on Section 16 which is headed "Data Validation Note".

According to the highly qualified Matthias with international experience, he read the Pierre report and noted that there was "no substantive text" appearing beneath that particular heading.

"The document proceeds directly to Section 17. In other words, the section exists in the published document, but it contains no content," he told Pierre.

Following is the full text of Dr Mathias' response dated August 30 to Pierre who is being increasingly accused in Grenada of putting out work on behalf of the main opposition New National Party (NNP) of former Education Minister Emmalin Pierre:-

Dear Justine,

Re: Clarification of Methodological and Credential Questions

I have now re-read the documents you provided, including the underlying survey paper, and I want to set out carefully what I believe the record shows. My purpose is not to prolong a personal disagreement, but to distinguish between matters that are directly verifiable from the published document and matters that remain unresolved.

First, two points are clear from the survey itself. Section 16 is headed "Data Validation Note," but no substantive text appears beneath that heading. The document proceeds directly

to Section 17. In other words, the section exists in the published document, but it contains no content. Second, I could not find an explicit statement anywhere in the published document explaining how the 4,142 respondents were selected. In particular, the report does not appear to state whether the survey used a probability-based sampling design in which eligible members of the population had a known probability of selection, or a nonprobability approach such as quota, convenience, purposive, or self-selected sampling.



Dr Ezra Mathias – a respected intellectual and academic

ty-based sampling design in which eligible members of the population had a known probability of selection, or a nonprobability approach such as quota, convenience, purposive, or self-selected sampling.

The number of respondents and the survey findings are presented, but the mechanism by which respondents

entered the sample is not clearly specified. These formed the basis of two narrow, falsifiable questions: Is Section 16 populated? And was the sample probability-based?

In my assessment, the responses I reviewed did not answer either question directly. Instead, they placed considerable emphasis on professional experience, the number of previous studies undertaken, work across numerous countries, peer review, and comparative levels of experience.

The report also challenged the credentials and standing of the Regional Expert and George Worme and suggested that anyone wanting greater methodological detail should purchase the full report.

However, none of these points answers the two questions raised by the published document. A direct rebuttal would be straightforward: for example, "Yes, the survey employed a probability sample, and this was the sampling frame and selection procedure," or "Section 16 should contain the following validation information and its omission from the published version was an editing error." Those answers would dispose of much of the controversy immediately.

The description "statistician" The report's own "About the Author" section describes you as a highly experienced statistician, psephologist, trained Labour Market Specialist, Survey Methodology Specialist and Data Analyst, with approximately 25 years of professional experience and numerous consulting assignments.

That is a substantial record of claimed applied experience, and I do not dismiss it. At the same time, a professional self-description is different from independent verification of an academic credential. The documents presently before me do not contain a transcript, confirmation from an awarding institution, a conferred degree certificate, or comparable independent evidence from which I can determine the precise academic qualification held.

The newspaper article also appears to raise a specific dispute concerning whether the relevant doctoral status was that of a PhD candidate or the holder of a conferred PhD. I am presently unable to verify that question independently.

For that reason, I strongly encourage any newspaper or other publication covering the issue not to present the disputed credential as fact until it has been independently confirmed. That protects everyone involved, including you.

Whether the Regional Expert has standing to raise the methodological questions The Regional Expert has sufficient standing to raise

the two specific questions at issue. Importantly, that standing does not depend primarily on a job title.

The second question, whether the research employed a probability or non-probability sampling design, is a standard methodological question whose importance is readily understood by people trained in statistics and quantitative research methods, particularly where findings are presented as descriptive of or generalizable to Grenada's electorate.

The Regional Expert's academic background includes relevant coursework in statistics and quantitative methods across multiple programmes. That is sufficient, in my judgment, to understand why sampling design and data-validation procedures matter.

The concept of "ultracrepidarianism" speaking authoritatively beyond one's expertise is legitimate. I do not, however, believe it resolves this matter. It cannot transform an unpopulated section into a populated one, nor does it answer a straightforward question about how respondents were selected.

Credentials may help us assess competing interpretations of a genuinely complex technical matter. They do not substitute for information that can be supplied directly from research design.

My recommendation The matter can be resolved constructively and with very little difficulty. First, populate Section 16 or remove the heading if the section is not applicable. An empty numbered section in a document described as having undergone rigorous review creates an avoidable vulnerability and is probably the easiest criticism to correct.

Second, state the sampling method explicitly in the publicly available summary. Even one or two sentences would materially improve methodological transparency. For example, the document could state whether respondents were selected through a probability design



Justine Pierre – dogged by controversy over his qualifications

using a defined sampling frame, or through a quota or other non-probability approach stratified by variables such as parish, age or sex.

This does not require publication of the proprietary dataset or the entirety of a paid report. It is basic methodological information that allows readers to understand what inferences the survey can reasonably support.

Third, I encourage you to answer specific technical questions with equally specific technical answers. Statements about professional experience, previous assignments or the qualifications of one's critics do not answer questions about the contents of the document itself. Indeed, repeatedly declining to answer a narrow methodological question can create a greater credibility problem than the original criticism.

Bringing the matter to a close I prefer to resolve this professionally and without unnecessary escalation. The two substantive methodological questions can, in my view, be settled with a sentence or two:

1. What information should appear under Section 16, "Data Validation Note"? 2. Was the sample of 4,142 respondents generated through a probability-based sampling design? If so, what was the sampling frame and selection procedure? If not, what sampling method was used?

If those questions are answered clearly, I would regard the methodological aspect of the matter as substantially resolved. If, however, the discussion instead turns on professional and academic credentials, that becomes a different inquiry altogether. One that should likewise be resolved through documentation and independent verification rather than assertion.

I would much prefer the former course. The survey methodology can be clarified quickly, objectively, and without personal confrontation.

Yours sincerely, Ezra Mathias

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Court free convicted murderer

Convicted murderer Rudolph Hall is now a free man.

Hall was released from the Richmond Hill prison after spending nearly 40 years for the double murder of Benson Williams of Motley Hill, St George and Diane Marshall of Grenville, St Andrew.

The accused was picked up by police investigators after Williams and Marshall were gunned down in a parked vehicle on the Pearl's airstrip.

Hall, who was regarded as one with a mental problem, confessed to Police investigators that he saw a vehicle parked one night on the runway.

He said he approached and saw two persons including a female inside the vehicle.

He spoke of approaching the woman to have sex with him and he was having an erection problem which led to him becoming angry and agitated and pulled out a gun and shot them dead.

Hall was convicted in July 1988 for the double murder and sentenced to death, which was then the mandatory penalty.

His conviction and sentence were affirmed by the Court of Appeal in May 1989 but in September 1991, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the Governor General.

As a public service, THE NEW TODAY reproduces the Court proceedings which resulted in a high court judge releasing Hall from prison:-

JUDGMENT AND ORDER ON SENTENCING

[1] TAYLOR-ALEXANDER J: Rudolph Hall was convicted in July 1988 for the double murder of Benson Williams and Diane Marshall and sentenced to death, which was then the mandatory penalty. His conviction and sentence were affirmed by the Court of Appeal in May 1989. In September 1991, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the Governor General, but despite a recommendation for release from the prison review committee, the Minister for National Security objected, and Rudolph Hall remained incarcerated. Decades later, in October 2024, his Counsel filed a constitutional motion challenging the legality of the commutation. Heard in July 2025, the court found the commutation to be unconstitutional and ordered that Rudolph Hall remain in custody and be re-sentenced. Today's exercise fulfils that order.

[2] In preparation for this sen-

tencing exercise, the court directed the production of a social enquiry report, together with psychiatric and psychological assessments, to ensure that the sentencing determination is informed by a comprehensive evaluation of the offender's circumstances and prospects.

Social Enquiry Report

[3] This report, prepared by the Probation Department of Grenada, presents a detailed account of the Defendant's background, offence, and rehabilitation. Hall, now sixty-two years old, admitted to taking a firearm from his brother, a PRA member, approaching the victims while they were in a vehicle in a romantic interlude, asking to join them. When they refused, he discharged the weapon, killing them both. These killings were senseless, depriving two young persons of their lives in their prime. The gravity of the offence is underscored by the unprovoked nature of the attack, the use of a firearm, and the devastating impact upon the victims' families and

community.

[4] The Defendant has expressed remorse, written apology letters, and has apologised before the court today. The report reflects that during his thirty-eight years of incarceration, Hall maintained steady prison employment, pursued education, mentored younger inmates, and accumulated savings. Prison officials describe him as a positive role model.

[5] Academic/Education: He attended Grenville Anglican Primary and Grenville Junior Secondary School, leaving at age sixteen to work in construction. Later, while incarcerated, he sat the School Leaving Examination in 1995 and says that he placed fourth on the island, securing passes in Biology, History, and Commerce. He also taught school leaving classes to other inmates for about six years.

[6] Employment: Before imprisonment, he worked in construction with his stepfa-



Jerry Edwin – appeared as legal counsel for the Defendant/Applicant in the case

ther. During incarceration, he has consistently held jobs within the prison system, including construction work, teaching, and, for the past eight years, serving as a bookkeeper in the prison. He has also worked in the canteen and reception department. Prison officials describe him as diligent and a positive role model.

[7] Financial Status: Hall reported having approximately fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in savings, accumulated steadily from his prison employment over the years.

[8] Both his mother and brother attest to his transformation and readiness to reintegrate, and they have offered housing and employment support. Community members are divided. Some express that after an extended period of

Grenada was devastated. Along with other inmates, he left the compound and travelled to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where he reportedly obtained employment for about one month before being apprehended. Prison officials noted that during this period he did not commit any offences while in St. Vincent.

[10] The probation officer assesses Hall as having a low risk of reoffending, citing protective factors such as family support, education, employment, and remorse, with the risk factors being the seriousness of the offence committed with a firearm, that it was an offence of sexual violence.

Victim Impact Reports

[11] The victim impact evidence is deeply moving. Mrs. Thelma Marshall, mother of Diane Marshall, described the devastating consequences of her daughter's death at age nineteen. She recalled the shock of learning Diane had been shot, the anguish of seeing her injured but still conscious at the hospital, and the crushing grief when she succumbed to her wounds a week later. Mrs. Marshall emphasised that Diane and her fiancé Benson were innocent strangers who had done

nothing to provoke the attack, yet their lives were abruptly ended. She spoke of profound emotional suffering, including sleeplessness, weight loss, and overwhelming sorrow, compounded by the loss of her firstborn child who had her future ahead of her and the lasting void left in their lives. The family endured financial strain in arranging the funeral, though their priority was ensuring dignity in burial.

The Psychiatric Report

[12] The psychiatric evaluation conducted by Dr. Dirk Burkhardt provides a detailed forensic assessment of Rudolph Hall's mental health, criminal responsibility, and risk of future violence. The report concludes that Mr. Hall is mentally well, cognitively intact, and free from any major psychiatric disorder. He was found cooperative, respectful, and emotionally stable during the evaluation, with good insight, judgment, and impulse control. His remorse for the offences was described as profound and genuine, and he consistently accepted full responsibility for the deaths. Dr. Burkhardt reviewed Hall's personal history, noting a stable family

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DEATH RIDDLE Brit, 47, found ‘tortured to death’ in Caribbean holiday home – as UK cops launch probe into horror



Andrew Donald Frederick

POLICE in the UK are investigating after a Brit was allegedly found tortured to death in the Caribbean, an inquest heard.

Andrew Donald

Frederick, 47, was discovered in Grenada on January 4, 2026. His body was brought back to the UK after investigations by the Grenada authorities which

ruled it “an accidental death”. The verdict came despite a pathologist, approved by the Royal Grenada police force (RGPF), finding that Andrew had been

tortured. Senior coroner Lydia Brown today confirmed the Met Police are now investigating his death. She told West London Coroner’s Court: “There was a private family post-mortem from Professor Daisley which stated that the death was homicide.” His case of death in the UK is currently “unascertained” and it is understood that there is ongoing “diplomacy” with the authorities in Grenada, it was said. Ms Brown suspended the inquest pending the outcome of the police probe. Andrew’s family, who attended the hearing, previously called for an urgent review into his death. They referred the case to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, who were provided with the post-mortem from

Grenada that found Andrew was tortured. But the FCDO reportedly refused to refer the case to its murder and manslaughter team. The family said at the time: “We have been unable to grieve properly for Andrew because grief requires a degree of resolution or at least the belief that those with the power to act are acting. “Instead, nearly five months have been spent driving a campaign for justice while carrying the weight of what was done to him. “This includes examining horrific pictures and the knowledge that the organisations that exist precisely to help families in these circumstances have, at every turn, forced us to fight for the most basic engagement. “This is not what grief should look like. It is what institutional failure looks like.” The FCDO previously confirmed it was supporting Andrew’s family and was in contact with the “local authorities”.

Rumour is not reporting Protecting Grenada’s Election Integrity

By Michael Roberts



As the people of Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique approach a possible early election, political speculation is rising. Claims about candidate changes, secret plans, cabinet maneuvers, and party disagreements can rapidly travel through WhatsApp, Facebook, TikTok, and talk radio, amplifying falsehoods as well as truth and blowing everything out of proportion.

Yes, unfortunately, rumour is part of politics; it becomes dangerous when it is presented as fact, repeated without verification, and used to inflame fear or confusion. And the danger is not limited to one party. A candidate, party worker, journalist, and citizen have a stake in an election in which voters make choices based on reliable information - not anonymous voice notes, cropped screenshots, invented documents, or “somebody close to the leadership” claims. Where official announcements acknowledge only

specific changes, the responsible course is straightforward: report what is confirmed, label analysis as analysis, and treat everything else as unverified. Today, artificial intelligence (AI) makes this task much harder. For example, a meme (an idea, image, video, phrase, joke, or style that spreads from person to person - especially online) can now imitate a candidate’s voice, place words in a minister’s mouth, create a false photograph of a meeting, or fabricate a news-style graphic in minutes. But a convincing image is not proof. Neither is a video, an audio clip, a logo, a familiar name, or the fact that a message arrived through a friend. AI-generated deepfakes can mislead voters and corrode confidence even after they are exposed, because the damage is done before the correction catches up. In my opinion, Grenada needs an information-integrity culture. Parties should designate authorised spokespersons and publish candidate decisions promptly through verified official channels. Media houses should verify before amplifying, identify the source of claims, and visibly correct false reports. Supporters should pause before forwarding: check the original source, date, full context, official

website or verified party page, and whether a reputable outlet has independently confirmed the story. Political campaigns should also keep a rapid-response log: the false claim, where it appeared, the evidence, the correction, and the time posted. A short correction with a link to an official statement is more useful than an argument. Community leaders, churches, trade unions, youth organisations, and diaspora groups can help by teaching members to ask one simple question: “How do we know this is true?” Free expression must be protected, including criticism, satire, and debate. But freedom of expression does not require citizens to spread deception. The standard should be simple: no fabricated candidates, no fake voting information, no deceptive AI media, and no rumour presented as news. An election is strongest when political competition is vigorous, but facts are respected. International election-integrity guidance similarly emphasises proactive, accurate official communication, social listening, fact-checking capacity, and clear standards against election disinformation and deceptive online conduct. (Michael Roberts is a Grenadian journalist living and working in New York City. He is a veteran communications and political strategist with over 35 years of experience)

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Rule 15

GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF LEON ALEXANDER FERREIRA BETTER KNOWN AS LEON LAMOTHE
LATE OF GOUYAVE IN THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN IN THE STATE OF GRENADA

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TIFFANY NOEL, of Gouyave, in the parish of Saint John, in the State of Grenada, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, who is the lawful daughter of the deceased. The deceased, LEON ALEXANDER FERREIRA BETTER KNOWN AS LEON LAMOTHE, having died intestate on the 4th day of September 2017, at the age of 65 years.

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 31st day of August 2026

Dr. Dawn De Coteau
EMA Solutions Legal Services
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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September 2nd 2026

Deadly Countertops

By Simeon Collins



makes it hard to breathe. While major global markets like Australia have fully banned engineered stone, and regions like California have implemented emergency safety regulations, the situation in the Caribbean relies heavily on local shop practices.

Caribbean islands do not typically manufacture raw quartz slabs. They import them from international manufacturers to meet high design demands in luxury resorts and modern residential builds. The real danger occurs in local masonry and stone-cutting shops across the islands.

When local Caribbean tradesmen shape or dry-cut these imported slabs to fit specific kitchen or bathroom layouts, they are directly exposed to the hazardous dust.

Enforcement of strict dust-suppression methods - such as continuous wet-cutting systems and specialized HEPA-filtered respirators - varies significantly across different island jurisdictions once the countertop is fully finished and installed in a kitchen or bathroom.

The silica is permanently locked into the resin matrix and cannot be breathed in. The health crisis is strictly an occupational hazard for the workers modifying the stone.

There have been numerous deaths globally and regionally due to silicosis directly linked to the fabrication of stone countertops. In fact, medical researchers and public health officials

have declared it an unfolding epidemic among countertop workers.

This is because the engineered stone quartz countertop contains such an extreme concentration of silica, it causes an accelerated, highly aggressive form of the disease that kills workers at a surprisingly young age.

Public health data tracks thousands of severe cases globally, with specific recent figures highlighting the severity. Data from the California Department of Public Health shows over 600 confirmed silicosis cases and 32 deaths specifically among countertop fabrication workers.

Unlike historical cases of silicosis in mining that took 30 years to manifest, countertop workers are dying young. The California data noted the mean age of death was just 52 years old, with many workers developing terminal symptoms in their 30s after only a few years of exposure.

When quartz countertops are dry-cut, millions of microscopic, razor-sharp silica particles are released into the air. Once inhaled, these particles lodge deep in the lungs.

The body cannot destroy or flush out the stone dust. Instead, the lung tissue continually scars, shrinks, and permanently hardens. Eventually, the lungs completely lose their ability to expand and take in oxygen, leading to fatal respiratory failure.

Because manufactured quartz was heavily market-

ed and distributed worldwide starting in the early 2000s, stonecutters across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East contracted the disease years before the outbreak gained widespread attention in the United States.

Australia was one of the hardest-hit countries, where more than 10% of the countertop workforce developed lung damage. Following numerous highly publicised worker deaths, Australia became the first country in the world to enforce a total nationwide ban on engineered stone.

Spain recorded some of the earliest global cases of artificial stone silicosis in 2010 and 2011. Thousands of stonecutters have been diagnosed after decades of fabricating high-silica slabs, leading health researchers to formally push the Spanish Ministry of Health for a nationwide prohibition.

Home to some of the world's largest pioneering manufacturers of quartz surfaces, Israel experienced an early and severe wave of accelerated silicosis cases and fatalities among local workshop fabricators who cut the materials.

The UK Health and Safety Executive reports an average of 12 silicosis deaths per year. Medical experts have flagged a steep rise in aggressive, fast-progressing cases specifically tied to the modern popularity of quartz kitchen worktops.

As a primary global manufacturing and processing hub for stone commodities, China has documented extensive numbers of severe silicosis cases and occupational fatalities tied to high-volume stone and

quartz cutting.

Beyond California, fatalities and advanced progressive cases among countertop fabricators have been officially documented by the CDC in states including Texas, Washington, Colorado, and Minnesota. Public health experts estimate thousands of cases nationwide remain undiagnosed due to a lack of proactive tracking.

In the Caribbean islands, specific tracking of silicosis from engineered stone countertops is virtually non-existent, meaning there is an invisible, undocumented risk to local workers.

While the region imports and installs massive amounts of quartz countertops for high-end luxury resorts, hotels, and modern residential developments, the islands generally lack the public health surveillance infrastructure required to monitor and diagnose this occupational disease. Because of this, the Caribbean faces unique vulnerabilities that differ significantly from highly regulated nations.

In many Caribbean territories, local clinics and general practitioners are not trained to look for counter-top-related silicosis. A worker suffering from breathing issues is much more likely to be misdiagnosed with chronic asthma, bronchitis, or tuberculosis rather than occupational lung scarring.

Prevention: The most effective way to prevent silica dust is "wet-cutting" (using continuous streams of water to suppress dust). However, many independent masonry and construction shops across the islands lack specialised

water-fed saws.

In hot, open-air Caribbean workshops, dry-cutting with basic angle grinders sends clouds of invisible, toxic silica dust straight into the breathing zones of workers.

A significant portion of home renovations and commercial construction finishing in the Caribbean relies on informal, independent tradespeople or migrant laborers. These workers rarely receive formal safety training, lack access to medical-grade HEPA respirators, and do not fall under any active workplace safety inspections.

Global health data from organisations like the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) shows that when silicosis is reported in Latin America and the Caribbean, it has historically been tied to traditional heavy industries like sandblasting, mining, or large-scale rock quarrying.

However, public health experts warn that the modern "quartz countertop epidemic" is a ticking time bomb in the region. Because the disease takes anywhere from 5 to 15 years of exposure to show terminal symptoms, many Caribbean stonecutters may currently be developing irreversible lung damage without knowing it.

The safest alternative countertops are materials that contain little to no crystalline silica, ensuring that the tradespeople who cut and install them face zero risk of developing silicosis. Switching to these alternatives entirely eliminates the occupational hazard without sacrificing style, durability, or performance.

You can make your countertops from acrylic or polyester resins blended with natural minerals (bauxite ore). It contains 0% crystalline silica, making it completely safe for fabricators to cut, sand, and seamlessly join. It is completely non-porous, stain-resistant, and easily repairable if scratched.

In Grenada, the workers most at risk of developing silicosis are individuals who work in construction, stone masonry, quarrying, and industrial maintenance. When these workers cut, grind, crush, or drill materials like concrete, volcanic rock, sand, and brick, they release invisible, microscopic dust particles that scar the lungs over time.

Silicosis cannot be cured, but it can be completely prevented. Employers and workers in Grenada can minimize the risk by:

- Using wet methods (spraying water while cutting stone or concrete to keep dust from floating).

- Wearing properly fitted N95 or respiratory masks rather than simple cloth masks.

- Washing hands and changing dusty clothes before eating or going home.

(Simeon Collins is a former Director of the Grenada Bureau of Standards and first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), a CARICOM institution)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

MAUDLYN HYPOLITE
(Administratrix of the estate of Clarence Hypolite)

APPLICANT

ORDER IN COURT

IN HIGH COURT NO. 3

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE RAULSTON GLASGOW, HIGH COURT
JUDGE;

DATED THE 30TH DAY OF JULY 2025
ENTERED THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST 2026

UPON THIS MATTER coming on for hearing of an application for Possessory Title filed
herein on November 9th 2023;

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of the Applicant Maudlyn Hypolite sworn to on the
23rd day of October 2023 and filed herein on November 9th 2023;

AND FURTHER reading the Affidavit of Joan Felix and Bernadette Mapson both sworn
to on the 23rd day of January 2023 respectively and filed herein on the 9th day of
November 2023 in support of the said Application;

AND UPON HEARING Ms. Aisha McLean of Ciboney Chambers, Attorneys-at-Law for the
Application; AND the Applicant being present;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. The Applicant, Maudlyn Hypolite of Baillies Bacolet in the parish of Saint David in Grenada as Administratrix of the Estate of Clarence Hypolite is hereby granted a Declaration of Possessory Title pursuant to Section 3 of the Possessory Titles Act No. 22 of 2016, for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate New Westerhall in the parish of Saint David in Grenada containing by admeasurement Twenty-one Thousand Four Hundred and fifty Square Feet (21,450 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure abutted and bounded by its many sides by lands of James Hypolite, and the remaining by Public Roads as shown on the plan drawn by George Alexander Licenced Land Surveyor dated 7th October 1987. A copy of that plan showing those boundaries of the land is attached hereto and marked "CH".
2. The Registrar shall comply with Section 23 of the Act.

By Order

[Signature]
Registrar

"CH"

GRENADA, W.I.

Plan of a lot of land containing 21450 Sq. Ft. situate at
New Westerhall in the parish of St. David
Surveyed for Clarence Hypolite on the 7th day of October
1987

Scale 1 Inch = 50 Feet

[Signature]
Lic. Land Surveyor

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

Court free convicted murderer

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background, limited education, and vocational achievements during incarceration, including O-Level qualifications and trusted roles as an institutional bookkeeper at the prisons. His medical history revealed no chronic illnesses, and his substance use was limited to adolescent experimentation with marijuana and a brief psychotic episode induced by Datura ingestion (commonly referred to as "Joy Juice"), which resolved without recurrence. The structured HCR-20 risk assessment categorised Hall's historical risk as high due to the double homicide, but his current clinical risk as very low, with no active psychiatric symptoms, and his future risk management as low, provided reintegration occurs with supervision and family support. Importantly, the evaluation ruled out chronic psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia, and his long-term stability and cognitive preservation disprove such diagnoses. On criminal responsibility, Dr. Burkhardt offered two interpretations:



Acting DPP Howard Pinnock was involved on behalf of the Crown

the most probable being that Hall retained full responsibility at the time of the offence, with his actions reflecting immaturity and poor impulse control rather than mental illness. A less likely alternative suggested a possible brief psychotic episode, but the absence of recurrence over thirty-eight

years makes this explanation improbable.

[13] Dr. Burkhardt found Hall fit to participate in sentencing proceedings, not a danger to himself or others due to mental illness, and highly rehabilitated. The prognosis was described as excellent, with

strong family support and vocational skills to aid reintegration.

Psychological Report

[14] A psychological assessment was conducted by Josh Hector, MSc Licensed Psychologist of Optimal Solutions, relying on the following sources of information; clinical interview with Mr. Rudolph Hall; Collateral interview with Mr. Leon Cornwall, Prison Counsellor, His Majesty's Prison; Review of the Judgment of the High Court in Hall v Attorney General of Grenada (Claim No. GDAHCV2024/0410); Review of the available institutional records, including disciplinary and rehabilitation records; Review of historical psychiatric and medical records maintained during Mr. Hall's incarceration.

[15] The psychological report presents Rudolph Hall as a man who has undergone significant rehabilitation during his thirty-eight years of incarceration. The evaluation found him cooperative, emotionally stable, and deeply remorseful, with a high level of insight into the immaturity and poor judgment that led to the offences. He consistently accepted responsibility with-

out minimisation, expressed genuine regret for the victims' deaths, and articulated prosocial attitudes toward conflict resolution, emphasising communication and restraint over aggression. Importantly, he demonstrated realistic plans for reintegration, including stable accommodation, family support, and employment opportunities.

[16] Collateral evidence from Prison Counsellor Leon Cornwall reinforced these findings, describing Hall as emotionally mature, remorseful, and a positive influence within the prison community. Cornwall noted that Hall has never exhibited a pattern of institutional violence and has instead served as a mentor and leader in rehabilitation programs, including the Big Brother Programme. His disciplinary record was generally stable, with minor infractions contextualised as non-violent and not indicative of ongoing risk.

[17] The professional opinion of the psychologist concluded that while the double homicide remains a serious historical factor, Hall no longer demonstrates the psychological characteristics associated with a significant risk of future violence. At sixty-one years old, he shows emotional restraint, reflective thinking, and strong protective factors such as family support, vocational skills, and genuine remorse. Ultimately, the report assessed him as presenting a low risk of future serious violence, provided reintegration occurs with appropriate supervision and support.

Plea in Mitigation:

[18] The Defendant addressed the Court in mitigation. He apologised and expressed deep sorrow for the pain and suffering caused by his actions. He accepted full responsibility, emphasising that he has never sought to excuse his conduct and acknowledged that nothing he can say or do will undo the harm or restore the lives lost. He described the transformative effect of nearly four decades in custody has had on him. He entered prison as a young man and is now an older man who has spent most of his adult life incarcerated. He stated that those years have taught him patience, humility, and the value of human life. He highlighted his efforts during incarceration to work diligently, respect prison authorities, and be a positive influence on fellow inmates.

[19] The Defendant expressed gratitude to his family for their unwavering support, to prison officers and staff for their fairness, and to members of the church and other visitors who encouraged his growth. He indicated that, if released, he intends to live quietly and respectfully, supporting his family and making constructive use of his remaining years. He asked the court to judge him not only by the offence committed in his youth but also by the life he has lived during his imprisonment and the person he has become. He acknowledged that no sentence can undo the harm caused, but he

hopes his conduct demonstrates that genuine change is possible. He respectfully requested the opportunity to spend his remaining years peacefully with his family.

Character Witnesses

[20] Ruth John (Mother of Rudolph Hall), describes Hall's upbringing in a disciplined, God-fearing household, with a close bond with his siblings. The events leading to his conviction were a shock to the family, as she had never known him to be violent. Over thirty-eight years of imprisonment, she has observed profound changes in him; he has become calmer, more humble, and deeply remorseful. He has consistently accepted responsibility for his actions and expressed sorrow for the victims' families. Ruth John stresses that if released, Hall would live with her in Seagoon, St. Andrew, where he would have strong family support to reintegrate into society. She believes he has paid a heavy price, changed profoundly, and deserves the opportunity to live the remainder of his life as a law-abiding citizen.

[21] Claude Joseph Douglas, a Sociologist and Lecturer, recounts knowing Hall since childhood, describing him as quiet, soft-spoken, and raised in a supportive community environment. He recalls the shock in their village when Rudolph was arrested, as he had no prior history of violence. Douglas later reconnected with him during prison ministry visits and found him respectful, reflective, and caring, even showing paternal concern for his son. He emphasises that rehabilitation and transformation are possible, and in his view, Rudolph has changed fundamentally during his thirty-eight years of imprisonment. Douglas believes Rudolph is no longer a threat to public safety and is ready to reintegrate into society, supported by family and community ties.

SENTENCE

[22] Using the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Sentencing Guideline for Homicide Offences and Practice Direction No. 3 of 2021 reissued on 6th January 2025. A conviction of an adult for the offence of murder may result in (a) a sentence of death where lawful; (b) a whole life sentence; (c) a determinate sentence; or (d) detention at the court's pleasure where an offender has been found to be insane or suffering relevant mental illness. The last of these sentences is inapplicable in this case.

Defendant's Submissions on an appropriate Starting Point Sentence

[23] The Defence argues that Hall has never received the individualised judicial sentencing hearing to which he was entitled, and the court must now determine a sentence that is just, and proportionate, and constitutionally appropriate after nearly thirty-eight years of continuous incarceration, and they rely on the authorities of *Reyes v The Queen*¹, *R v Hughes*², *Fox v The Queen*³, and *Coard v*

Attorney General of Grenada⁴, cases that have collectively dismantled the legal foundation for automatic death sentences in the region, in favour of an approach that requires courts to weigh aggravating and mitigating circumstances before imposing capital punishment. While recognising the gravity of the offences, the Defence submits that the focus must be on Hall's present circumstances, and his demonstrated rehabilitation. The Defence submits that Hall should be sentenced as he now appears before the court.

[24] Applying the Sentencing Guidelines, the Defence submits that the death penalty is unavailable and a whole life sentence would be disproportionate. Whole life sentences are reserved for the most exceptional cases, and despite the Defendant having committed a double murder, the guidelines do not mandate the imposition of the death penalty or a whole life sentence in every instance of double murder. Instead, the court must consider the offender's personal circumstances, the fact that he has been rehabilitated, his age, mental health, and whether he presents a risk to the society. The Defendant is no longer the young man convicted in 1988 but a rehabilitated middle-aged man with decades of positive institutional history. The Defence argues that the purposes for imposing a sentence of imprisonment; punishment, deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation have already been substantially achieved.

[25] In that regard, the Defence submits that the Defendant's lengthy imprisonment; the significance of his rehabilitation; the psychiatric and psychological assessments, and social inquiry report; are all relevant in determining an appropriate starting sentence. They submit that as regards the principle of proportionality, the Defendant's thirty-eight years in custody equates to approximately fifty-seven years of a determinate sentence under Grenada's remission rules which should carry substantial weight in deciding the appropriate starting sentence and whether further imprisonment is necessary.

[26] The Defence submits that the appropriate sentence in this case must be a determinate sentence or alternatively one that renders Hall immediately eligible for release. They contend that imposing a whole life sentence now would be unconstitutional, disproportionate, and inconsistent with both the Sentencing Guidelines and modern principles of justice.

The Prosecution's Submissions

[27] In its sentencing submissions, the prosecution argued that the murders committed by Hall were exceptionally serious, brutal, and unprovoked, warranting the highest penalty available under modern law. They emphasised that Hall shot two young victims with an illegal firearm

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PROBATE APPLICATION

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IN THE ESTATE OF JOEL NILES, LATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THE PARISH
OF SAINT GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Laura Joycelyn Niles of
New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada and at
present residing in the United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the
Will of the above named Deceased of New Hampshire in the parish of Saint
George aforesaid who died on the 31st day of December, 2024 without revoking
a will bearing the date of 17th day of March, 2023 wherein the applicant is
named as one 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 06th day of June 2026

Jillmen Thomas
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.

Pierre launches attack on Dr Ezra Matthias

Under fire for his latest political survey in Grenada, controversial Canadian-based Justine Pierre has launched a blistering attack on Dr Ezra Matthias who raised some concerns about his work.

Pierre has told Dr Matthias who has done statistical work himself that his criticism of a particular section of the report is nothing but "highly disrespectful to the statistical profession."

"... It appears you do not fully understand the process involved, as this is outside your area of expertise as a statistician," said the Grenadian-born Pierre who is from the tiny village of Fontenoy in the St George North-west constituency.

Pierre's political survey indicated that there was a close struggle in the upcoming general election between Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell and Opposition Leader Emmalin Pierre who is leading her New National Party (NNP) into battle in the upcoming general election against the governing Congress party.

At issue is concerns raised by Dr Matthias with the failure of Pierre to give any particulars in a section of the report under the heading listed as "Item No.16" which specifically dealt with "Data Validation Note."

There was nothing under the column in the report which raised concerns.

Following is the blistering response from Pierre to the concerns raised by Dr. Matthias:-

Dear Dr. Ezra,

What exactly do you expect? How could a document clear a rigorous, three-month peer review

without first passing a comprehensive data verification process? That is simply impossible.

With respect, it appears you do not fully under-



Justine Pierre – under tremendous criticisms in some local quarters

stand the process involved, as this is outside your area of expertise as a statistician. Furthermore, we are releasing the report in sections as per our publication protocol.

The full document is over 130 pages, excluding references. Therefore, we are releasing it in small, digestible sections for the newspapers to ensure public comprehension. If you wish to review the



Dr Ezra Matthias - has been one of the driving forces behind the Grenada National Trust since returning home

full report, including the detailed data verification and validation audit trail, you may purchase the licensed copy.

The very fact that we explicitly mentioned the data verification process in the published summary proves that we were fully aware of it and that it was accounted for in our

methodology.

I fail to understand the premise of your line of questioning. How could any credible research firm conduct a national survey without going through a comprehensive data validation and verification process?

This is a foundational, non-negotiable step in

psephology, statistics, and electoral science.

Your criticism, therefore, is unwarranted and appears to be based on partisan commentary from sources such as George Worme, rather than on a technical review of our methodology. George Worme is not a statistician.

You may recall that your review of our work in April 2026 was assessed by the review committee as lacking a firm understanding of the subject area of statistics and psephology.

We are statisticians. Certified, and membership of a globe organisation.

We know what we are doing. We have been doing this for over 25 years.

Every survey we conduct is supported by some of the universities in India with whom we have formal MOUs in place. Your accusation is highly disrespectful to the statistical profession.

We stand firmly behind our methodology, our process, and the integrity of our findings.

Grenada-US deportation agreement raises human rights concerns



File photo of deportees boarding a flight after being thrown out of the United States by ICE agents

On 30th January 2026, Grenada and the United States signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MOU) providing for the potential transfer to Grenada of third-country nationals subject to removal from the United States.

Grenada had initially declined the US proposal, but agreed to the arrangement following repeated requests from the US government.

Under the MOU, the United States may propose persons for transfer, while Grenada retains discretion to accept or reject them on a case-by-case basis. Grenada may give preference to people whose skills or competencies could contribute to the country's development.

Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell presented the arrangement as a potential means of addressing labour shortages, particularly in the construction, agriculture and hospitality sectors.

The MOU includes assur-

ances that people transferred to Grenada will not be subjected to persecution or torture there or subsequently transferred to a country where they would face such treatment.

However, the Third Country Deportation Watch, a joint initiative of Human Rights First and Refugees International, has raised concerns about the risks associated with the agreement.

Grenada is not a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol and has no dedicated national legislation or formal procedure for refugee status determination.

Any refugee or asylum request goes through immigration regulations. Although the principle of non-refoulement remains binding on all states as a norm of customary international law, the absence of a domestic framework raises questions about how Grenada would identify and protect transferred people who fear persecu-

tion or torture.

As of 11th August 2026, no transfers to Grenada were known to have taken place under the agreement.

These concerns increased in July 2026, when leaders of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), including Grenada, said the proposed arrangements would facilitate the transit of third-country nationals to their countries of origin rather than their settlement in Caribbean states.

Third Country Deportation Watch warned that onward removals could result in successive transfers that ultimately return a person to a country where they face persecution, torture or other serious harm.

Between January 2025 and mid-August 2026, the United States forcibly transferred over 23,000 people to 26 third countries, with some subjected to arbitrary detention, family separation, and other harms.

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IN THE ESTATE OF VERONICA JOHNSON LATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THE
PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE IN GRENADA, DECEASED

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **GILLIAN JOHNSON-BAPTISTE** of New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **VERONICA JOHNSON** late of New Hampshire in the parish of Saint George in Grenada who died intestate on the 17th day of August 1967 at New Hampshire aforesaid, aged 76 years, a widow, domiciled in Grenada, to the Applicant who is the lawful granddaughter 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 17th day of July 2026

Filed by: 

Paul Mc Burnie
Attorneys-at-Law
CIBONEY CHAMBERS

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.

Rayneau's Apology: What About Woodford?

Christelene Henry

On August 22, a Rayneau concrete truck disrupted a political meeting being held by Opposition Leader Emmalin Pierre. The Company subsequently issued an apology, promised to investigate the incident and presented its response as an expression of responsible corporate leadership.

On the surface, welcoming the apology as corporate accountability seems fair enough. But beneath the surface, we must ask: was the August 22 incident just a single lapse in judgment by overzealous Rayneau employees, or did it expose a pattern of behaviour that Woodford residents have endured for some time?

Our experience predates August 22. At a community meeting on March 8, 2025, called by residents concerned about the lack of consultation surrounding Rayneau's expanding industrial development, a sizable contingent of Rayneau workers arrived together. The atmosphere became tense and considerable restraint was required to prevent the



A worker surveys the broken Mt. Dor Farm Road, with the Rayneau plant almost directly in line with the road below. Once motorable, the road has now failed at three points along the stretch bordering Rayneau's Woodford operations, disrupting access to homes and agricultural lands

meeting from being derailed.

There was an irony here. Residents had organised the meeting because the developer itself had not provided the meaningful community engagement they were seeking. After that experience, we became cautious about publicly advertising community meetings and for some time we did not.

In July, just before Carnival, when as a community group - WEACT - Woodford Environmental Alliance for Community Transformation - held an open-air meeting which was advertised, Rayneau workers again appeared in numbers. They arrived in a company vehicle and many came in company uniforms, at 6.30 in the evening.

Fortunately, the disruption we feared did not materialise. But residents should not have to brace themselves for the arrival of company employees simply because they are meeting to discuss activities affecting their community. Sadly, these encounters have not been confined to meetings.

A few weeks ago when a Rayneau tractor overturned into the Douce River, right next to the plant and I went to photograph the scene, a worker confronted me and threatened me for taking photos. I subsequently reported

the incident to the police.

Days later, a vehicle belonging to me, though driven by someone else, had a disturbing encounter with a Rayneau truck on the road. Shortly afterwards, workers outside the company's premises recognised the vehicle and jeered and gesticulated towards it.

Any one of these incidents might be explained away as the conduct of an individual worker. But that explanation becomes harder to accept when workers respond in similar ways - repeatedly appear in numbers, and do so, using company transport, in company uniform or from company premises.

What then explains such collective, coordinated behaviour? Are workers acting entirely on their own, or are they responding to signals - explicit or implicit - about how residents who challenge the company's activities are to be regarded?

We do not claim to know the answer. But where a pattern of conduct involves multiple employees and company resources or premises, it is no longer unreasonable to ask what role corporate culture, management signals and supervision may be playing?

That is why Rayneau's August 22 apology matters.

Woodford has spent nearly two years raising concerns about a major industrial development operating along-

side a residential community: noise, dust, excavation, road instability, river siltation, damage to infrastructure, such that they can't easily access homes and farms, threats to fishing and coastal resources, and the absence of meaningful community involvement in decisions profoundly affecting them.

In such circumstances, the imbalance of power is considerable. A large company has machinery, trucks, employees, resources and access. Residents have their homes, their voices and their right to organise peacefully.

No resident should feel intimidated for attending a community meeting, questioning a development or documenting something of legitimate public concern. Nor should workers be encouraged - or permitted - to behave as though defending their employer requires confronting the surrounding community.

If disrupting a political meeting is inconsistent with responsible corporate behaviour, then the same principle must apply when ordinary villagers organise themselves to protect their homes, livelihoods and environment.

It is not about how well a company can apologise after. Corporate responsibility doesn't rest only with what happens inside its gates while disowning what happens immediately outside them.

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
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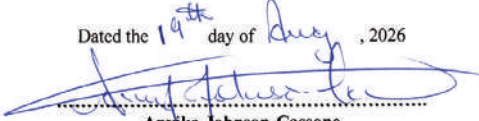
IN THE ESTATE OF ZILLA ELOISE JOSEPH LATE OF TEMPE IN THE PARISH OF
ST. GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Gary Joseph of Tempe in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada for a grant of:

Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the widower of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st July, 2026.

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

Dated the 19th day of August, 2026


Anyika Johnson-Cassone
Anyika Johnson-Cassone & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

This Notice is filed on behalf of the Applicant by Anyika Johnson-Cassone & Co. Lucas Street, St. George's, Grenada.

NAWASA Advances Water Supply Solutions for South-East St. George and Southern St. David

The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) is advancing a series of short-term interventions to strengthen water availability in south-east St. George and southern St. David, following the temporary decommissioning of the Baillies Bacolet Well #2 (BB2) due to saltwater intrusion.

Baillies Bacolet Well #2 is a groundwater abstraction system that normally produces approximately 110,000 gallons of water per day, which is transferred to the La Pastora Storage Tank for disinfection and distribution. It is one of three wells commissioned in the early 1980s and is the closest of the three to Grenada's eastern coastline.

During the peak of the 2026 dry season, NAWASA's continuous water quality monitoring confirmed increased salinity at BB2 as a result of saltwater intrusion. Water from the well was found to be outside the recommended drinking-water quality range for this parameter, necessitating its temporary removal from service.

The shutdown has reduced available water supply in St. David by approximately 110,000 gallons per day and has placed additional pressure on surrounding water supply systems.

Impact on Water Distribution

To manage the reduced supply and allow storage tanks adequate time to recharge, NAWASA has implemented nightly water supply interruptions between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., consistent with measures previously employed during periods of reduced production in the dry season. Communities directly affected

include Corinth, Westerhall, Fort Judy, Westerhall Point, Petite Bacaye, Red Gate and La Calome.

The impact extends beyond these communities because the La Pastora Storage Tank also supports the Morne Delice System and Woburn distribution network. Consequently, reduced availability at La Pastora is also affecting Caligny, Egmont and Confer.

To effectively manage available storage and maintain distribution throughout the wider network, NAWASA is also required to regulate supply from both tanks at Morne Delice between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

NAWASA recognises the inconvenience these interruptions create for households and businesses and is working to reduce the duration and frequency of supply disruptions wherever system conditions permit.

Moving from Immediate Response to Supply Resilience

NAWASA has identified five strategic short-term interventions aimed at increasing water production, strengthening interconnections and improving the flexibility and reliability of the affected water supply systems. These include upgrades to the Baillies Bacolet Well #3, which are expected to increase production from approximately 300,000 to 450,000 gallons per day, and the recommissioning of Woodlands Well #3, which could add approximately 110,000 gallons per day to the south St. George supply system. The Authority is also pursuing the recommissioning of the La Sageste Well and

advancing key interconnections within the Woburn, Egmont and surrounding systems.

The five interventions are at varying stages of development and implementation, with targeted completion dates between October and December 2026.

Preparing Ahead of the 2027 Dry Season

While these interventions will not eliminate the need for longer-term investment in additional water production and storage, they form part of NAWASA's immediate strategy to strengthen system resilience and improve reliability in communities that remain particularly vulnerable to water shortages.

The Authority is prioritising interventions that can deliver additional production and improve the movement of water between systems before the onset of the 2027 dry season.

NAWASA will continue to monitor production, storage levels and water quality across the affected systems and will adjust distribution schedules as conditions improve.

Customers in affected communities are encouraged to maintain adequate household storage, use water responsibly and pay close attention to official NAWASA advisories regarding changes to supply schedules.

NAWASA thanks customers for their continued patience and cooperation as the Authority works to strengthen water security and improve the reliability of supply across south-east St. George and southern St. David.

Co-op Bank Joins UN's Hireability Campaign for Disability-Inclusive Employment



Nicola Philip, Executive Manager - Human Resources, proudly displays Co-op Bank's signed Disability Inclusive Employer Pledge.

Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited has pledged its commitment to creating a more inclusive workplace by signing the Disability Inclusive Employer Pledge, a joint United Nations Caribbean Initiative under the UN's Hireability Campaign. The pledge was signed as part of the official launch ceremony of the Hireability Campaign held virtually on Thursday, August 27th, 2026.

Co-op Bank is the only local institution to sign the pledge thus far, marking an important step in advancing disability inclusion and equitable employment opportunities within the local workplace. During the launch, Nicola Philip, Executive Manager, Human Resources, delivered the Bank's commitment statement, affirming its intention to move beyond words and take tangible steps towards creating opportu-

nities for people with disabilities.

As an initial action under its commitment, Co-op Bank intends to introduce an internship programme for people with disabilities. This aims to provide meaningful workplace exposure and professional development while allowing the Bank to also learn from the experience, identify potential barriers and explore opportunities for greater inclusion.

"At Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited, we believe that ability and talent should never be overshadowed by one's disability," Ms. Philip stated in delivering the Bank's commitment statement. She concluded "We see this as the beginning of a much broader journey towards greater inclusion and equal opportunity".

Through the pledge, Co-op Bank has committed to creating an inclusive and responsive workplace that acknowledges and values

the talents of all people, including those with disabilities. This includes supporting equitable hiring practices that promote equal access and opportunity for all, while also upholding dignity and respect for all, in keeping with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Bank's participation in the Hireability Campaign reflects its recognition that meaningful inclusion requires more than acknowledgement, but rather, deliberate action to ensure people with disabilities have opportunities to participate, contribute and

thrive in the workplace. As the only indigenous bank, Co-op Bank believes that building a stronger and more sustainable workforce requires ensuring that talent and potential are not overlooked because of one's disability. The Bank looks forward to working alongside the United Nations Caribbean, people with disabilities and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities as it takes this important step towards a more inclusive workplace, and by extension, a more inclusive Grenada.

**Be like a
flower, survive
the rain but use
it to grow.**

T&T producers shine on Grenada's Soca Monarch stage



As Spicemas celebrations concluded in Grenada, producers from T&T have stamped their names on the 2026 Soca Monarch stage. Michael "Stemz" Ramroop S'obrian is the man behind the winning groovy song, while Mevon "XplicitMevon" Soodeen produced the second-place power track.

Thousands gathered at the country's national stadium on Bacchanal Friday night as their favourite artistes vied for both crowns. Twelve performed in each category.

Sabrina, the fourth act of the night, was crowned the Groovy Queen after a compelling performance of Honour You. Produced by Stemz, the track also features live guitars by T&T's Kyle Peters and was

mixed and mastered by T&T's Johann Seaton.

Speaking to Guardian Media, Stemz—who also produced Bunji Garlin's hit Carry It—recalled his manager randomly telling him, "You're going to Grenada." Sabrina and her team loved the energy and sound of his previous productions and wanted to work together in person.

He was grateful to write and "experiment" with them, even as they spent several hours in the studio. "This is how it's done... You're not just building something and saying 'Take that and write on it because this is what I want it to sound like.' It's a collaborative effort." He asked for five of her best unreleased songs to choose what he believed

would work best.

Hailing her as a versatile artiste, he said, "All the songs were great but out of all, (Honour You), in my opinion, had the most potential." And he was right. He woke up to his phone "blowing up" on Saturday morning, learning that she had won.

He said he is thrilled not only for Sabrina but also for the people of Grenada. "I feel just an overall sense of joy because everybody that listened to this song just showed so much love and admiration for it from day one... (Grenada got) a champion who is really good at what she does."

He said he always aims to make memorable tracks, adding that there's no better feeling than someone

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA

AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS DE LA MOTHE NEE BHOLA, 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 **Gordon De La Mothe** of Tempe in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, the husband of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of April 2026.

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 19th day of August, 2026

Evette John

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Law Office of Evette John

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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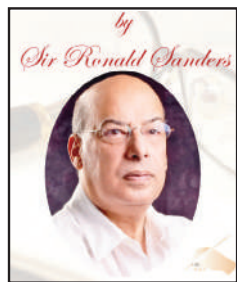
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Haiti – Stop the money flow to Organised Crime



Haiti's plight must not be forgotten because it is no longer a regular feature of international headlines. The suffering has not diminished. Between January and early June 2026, at least 2,310 people were killed, 1,106 were injured and 99 were kidnapped, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). It also reported that 699 women and girls were victims of sexual violence, and that almost 1.47 million people had been displaced within Haiti by May. These figures should disturb the conscience of every nation. They also

point to a truth that governments must now confront. Force alone cannot restore order. The gangs' money, weapons and trafficking routes must be cut off, and those who finance, supply and protect them must be pursued. Armed gangs retain effective control over large parts of Port-au-Prince. They have also pushed into important roads, ports, coastal areas and commercial routes. Their operations extend beyond terrorising communities. They control movement, extort money, seize goods and impose their own authority where the Haitian State is absent or too weak to resist them. In July, UNODC put the matter plainly before the United Nations Security Council. Haiti's crisis, it said, should not be regarded as a security crisis alone. It is also a governance crisis sustained by organised crime. A security crisis might be answered largely by superior force. A governance crisis driven by organised crime requires much more. It requires action against extortion, kidnapping, arms and narcotics trafficking, money laundering, corruption and the people who provide political protection. It also requires courts, prosecutors, prisons and police institutions capable of enforcing the law. No one should misunderstand this argument. The United Nations-authorised Gang Suppression Force is necessary. The Haitian authorities requested it, and people living under gang rule cannot be left defenceless. Yet, by July, just over 1,000 personnel had been deployed. That is 4,500 less than the approved number. The Force requires the personnel, financing, equipment and logistical support necessary to carry out its mandate. But the Force cannot do everything. It may recover a road, a port or a police station. It cannot, by itself, stop new weapons arriving, identify those laundering the proceeds of crime or prosecute the people who finance and protect the gangs. If those networks remain untouched, gang leaders will be replaced, weapons will be replenished and lost territory will be reclaimed. This was the concern I raised as the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda at the OAS General Assembly in Panama in June. We called for coordinated hemispheric action to disrupt drug trafficking, illicit financial flows and the cross-border movement of weapons and criminals. We also urged governments to identify, sanction and prosecute those who finance or materially support the gangs, whether they operate inside Haiti or beyond its borders. UNODC's subsequent assessment reinforced the urgency of that position. Haiti's record of financial enforcement is particularly

troubling. UNODC reports that the country's financial intelligence unit received 1,254 suspicious transaction reports between 2019 and 2024. Only 19 were sent to the judicial authorities. None resulted in a conviction. The United Nations sanctions list for Haiti contains only nine individuals and two entities, both of them gangs. Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union have sanctioned a wider group of political and economic figures. Even so, the wider networks have not yet been systematically investigated and punished. The OAS General Assembly has called for intelligence-sharing and customs cooperation to stop weapons and money reaching the gangs. It has also supported SECURE-Haiti and closer coordination with the United Nations and CARICOM. CARICOM continues to support the Gang Suppression Force, provide humanitarian assistance and encourage political dialogue through its Eminent Persons Group. CARICOM IMPACS and the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap have also improved regional cooperation against firearms trafficking. However, these efforts remain divided among security assistance, political dialogue, humanitarian relief and weapons control. There is still no clearly identified body bringing together the financial intelligence officers, customs authorities, coast guards, firearms investigators, anti-narcotics agencies and prosecutors needed to pursue the networks as a whole. What is required now is a practical arrangement joining the Haitian authorities, the OAS, CARICOM and UNODC in a common effort against the transnational organised criminal networks sustaining the gangs. Its work should combine financial intelligence, customs information, firearms tracing, maritime surveillance, anti-narcotics activity and prosecutorial cooperation. It should map financial and commercial links, trace seized weapons and ammunition, scrutinise suspicious cargo and maritime movements, prepare evidence for sanctions, support joint investigations, and pursue the freezing and lawful recovery of criminal assets. Source and transit countries have a particular duty. The weapons and ammunition that sustain Haiti's gangs are overwhelmingly drawn from external supply chains. Haiti cannot police cargo controls at foreign ports, trace money through foreign financial centres or prevent diversion before weapons enter illicit supply chains. Outbound cargo screening, tighter oversight of shippers, systematic weapons tracing and investigation of diverted legal purchases cannot be left to Haiti alone. Sanctions should not end with the men who hold the guns. Where reliable evidence establishes involvement, they should also reach the people who buy the weapons, arrange their shipment, conceal criminal proceeds or use political and commercial influence to protect the gangs. Such action must be law-

ful and precise. Financial measures should be directed at identified persons, businesses and transactions, with proper safeguards and due process. While external assistance is vital in this process, Haitian institutions must be bolstered. Haiti's specialised judicial units for financial crimes must become fully operational. Investigators, prosecutors, judges, prison authorities and anti-corruption bodies need protection, resources and technical support. Financial intelligence must produce investigations; investigations must produce cases; and convictions should lead to the recovery of criminal assets. The problem is no longer a lack of diagnosis. UNODC has provided it. The OAS and CARICOM have recognised important parts of it. What is still lacking is coordinated execution. Force can create the time and space in which Haiti might recover. But if the people who finance, arm, transport and protect the gangs remain untouched, the Haitian people will be made to endure the same cycle again. The international community must therefore act decisively to disrupt the financial network that illegally sustains the gangs. Stopping the violence requires stopping the money that empowers it.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also the Chancellor of the University of Guyana. The views expressed are entirely his own.)

GRENADA

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE GRENADA

(PROBATE)

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE ESTATE OF JOSHUA LA TOUCHE (DECEASED)

TAKE NOTICE that an application for the Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of Joshua La Touche, deceased, has been filed by Vivianne La Touche, of Woburn, in the parish of Saint George, in the State of Grenada, mother of the deceased and the only person entitled to his estate. The deceased died intestate on the 29th day of June 2024, a bachelor, without issue.

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

Dated the 21st day of August, 2026


C L Gooding & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

T&T producers shine on Grenada's Soca Monarch stage

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believing in your brand "and you delivering exactly what they wanted." Peters, Stenz said, adds "smoothness" to any song he touches. Seaton said he is also "extremely happy" and that these achievements are always a good look. Meanwhile, after his 2026 T&T Road March win with Encore, XplicitMevon has now made his mark on Spicemas 2026. His production Next Blessing by

Muddy placed second in the Power category, just trailing Snakey's winning song Raging Seas. He and Muddy discussed working together just after T&T's Carnival celebrations this year. They previously collaborated in 2023 for the Elements Riddim with Bongo Mas, and Muddy also placed second then. The two-time Road March-winning producer said he was honoured the singer chose to compete with Next Blessing from all

his other releases this season. "(It) seemed to be the song that resonated the most in Grenada." Focused on just making good music, they only considered Soca Monarch when the registration deadline was nearing. A live remix was also done, which they consider a bit more high-energy. "But overall I felt really happy and proud to see thousands react and enjoy not only the music, but the message of Next Blessing."

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Families in Desperate Search for Victims of the 'Himalayan Tsunami' in Nepal

By Raman Paudel

KATHMANDU - On Sunday afternoon, Mingma Tamang, 29, rushed into the TU Teaching Hospital's emergency ward, where a rescue team had just brought in an injured person in the Rasuwa flash flood - but she soon left grim-faced.

Mingma, who has been searching for her husband, Manoj Tamang, 20, missing in the flood, moved towards the hospital's reception area, her eyes circling the wall where hundreds of photos of unidentified bodies hang.

She entered the hospital carrying her husband's photo in her hand. She again walked out of the gate with tears in her eyes.

After her husband Manoj went missing in the devastating flood, locally referred to as a 'Himalayan tsunami', in Rasuwa, Nepal, one of the major ports to China, she spent each day trudging through the hospitals' emergency wards and mortuaries in the capital, Kathmandu.

With her head covered by a colourful flowered scarf (Fulbuttey Rimal, commonly used as a love metaphor in Nepali literature), the newlywed, six-month-pregnant woman has searched in vain.

Living in a small town named Tarkeshwor, located near the capital, Kathmandu, Mingma had bid farewell to her husband, Manoj, with a warm hug last Saturday.

Manoj, a driver by profession, imports freight vehicles from China through the Kerung border in Rasuwa.

"On Wednesday morning, a few hours before the flood in Rasuwa, my husband called me around 7 am (local time). After a short formal conversation, I hung up," she recalls about the last time she heard his voice.

"When the news of the flood came around 9.30 am local time, I immediately called him, but the phone was already disconnected. Then I called the other members of Manoj's team one by one, but no one was connected. Finally, my father-in-law answered a call, but at that time he was not in a condition to talk."

Manoj and his father, Tikaram Tamang (42), and three nephews are in the same profession.

Only Tikaram managed to escape just seconds before the flood came sweeping away thousands.

The death toll, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), is 1,003 with 3,916 people missing, including 583 foreign nationals. China reported 16 deaths and 546 missing, including 261 foreigners, as of Sunday.

"I was just walking around Kerung, a port town. My son was inside the container, and some others were having tea; some were in the truck. Suddenly, something like a thick cloud came towards us with a loud noise from above. It came as fast as an eagle's wings covering a chicken," Tikaram recalled.



Hit Kumari Tamang searches for missing family members, including her son, at a hospital in Kathmandu, India. Credit: Raman Paudel/IPS

"In the steep and narrow market, I couldn't even guess what that thing was. I ran upstairs. If I had been even 10 seconds later, I would have been swept away by the flood. When I looked back, people were running away crying and screaming. As I looked, the entire market had been covered in floodwaters. I could only sit on the small ledge above the market and watch. When I remembered my son and nephews, my mind blanked."

According to Tikaram, the devastating flood hit him along with his entire family so badly that he was unable to speak about it or make any decisions until the day after the flood.

"Not only five members of my family, but at least 20 of my relatives and very close young individuals have also disappeared before my eyes in the flood. In such a condition, I couldn't control my emotions and mind. I didn't know what I did or where I walked. There has been no news of them for six days now."

The lack of information has meant that he hasn't been able to perform last rites.

On the sixth day after the flood, Tikaram arrived back in Kathmandu and visited all hospitals where flood-hit injured were being treated.

He had spent the previous five days walking about 400 km along the river from Rasuwa to Nawalparasi district in the hope he would find his son Manoj and his colleagues.

Tikaram finds he cannot think about the future after losing many people along with all his property.

In recent days, thousands of residents displaced by the floods are living in tents provided by the government.

The government hasn't released the data on how many residents require resettlement.

Many affected people want the rescue teams to move faster with their rescue and relief efforts.

They point to a single team from the Nepalese army digging out a hydropower tunnel using an excavator, where more than 600 people are believed to have been trapped for the last six days.

"I am disappointed that the

government fails to search our family members. I want all district leaders, including federal leaders, to search for our people. But rescue workers are visible only on social media and in the sky, flying helicopters. It's already the sixth day, as the hope of life is very low. The government is doing a very slow search and rescue operation. If a skilled team had been brought in from abroad and deployed for the rescue operation since the first day of the flood, many people would have been rescued. Even today, six days later, no rescue has been done," Tikaram said.

Tikaram added that the government focuses on relief distribution rather than on the rescue of the people trapped.

Hit Kumari Tamang (42) is searching for her son Milan Tamang, 26, who went missing from the Kerung Border during the flood.

He had called his mother on the phone the night before the devastating flood. Hit Kumari recalls that they talked for minutes about their family expenses.

When the news appeared on social media on Wednesday morning, Hit Kumari called Milan to verify whether he was safe. But didn't get a connection.

"He was a pillar of my family, arranging the monthly financial expenses. Now I don't know what will happen. Even more than the financial expenses, the major loss is that my son went missing. If the rescue team had worked promptly on day one, my son would have returned. I have no hope now, as it's already the sixth day of the incident," Hit Kumari said, getting deeply emotional.

Many complained that the technology and the skilled manpower of a small and financially weak Himalayan country seem to be insufficient.

Independent writers, including experts, have criticised government efforts.

"Unimaginable damage cannot be faced by showing arrogance. It is the responsibility of the ruling party to get off the horse of arrogance and lead the work of mobilising the entire national strength. Why were foreign rescuers not allowed to come

to the rescue for three days?" says Yadav Devkota, an independent writer.

"Those who tried to pick up the bodies from the riverbank were stopped, saying that there was no order from above," Devkota claims, saying that aid is being withheld until orders come to distribute it.

Pranaya Magar, a technician who has been deployed in the rescue operation, wrote a Facebook status that has now been removed, saying that the government spread its small efforts rather than focusing on skilled rescue work.

"It has been six days since we started the rescue operation. Even the hydro tunnel access has not been built. If we had been given three or four excavators and a breaker from day one, we would have been able to rescue them by now. Three excavators worked day and night, but only on the news. Only one worked in the field," Magar stated.

Magar later removed his Facebook status, citing that

he faced hate speech and social media attacks.

While the Nepal government initially rejected foreign offers to help with dealing with the flood crisis, it has agreed to allow Chinese and Indian experts in to help with rescue support.

On Sunday evening, Prime Minister Balendra Shah posted a Facebook status that almost 21,000 security personnel, along with civilian workers and volunteers, were involved in the rescue operations.

Dharmaraj Upreti, Executive Chief of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), agreed that there have been some delays due to geographical complexity and lack of infrastructure.

Upreti added that technical challenges have emerged in the rescue operation due to damage to tunnels and remote mountainous areas.

Badly Affected Indigenous Community in Himalayan Region

According to the latest national census of Nepal, the Tamang community in the Rasuwa district, close to the China border, has a population of 33,000, or 69.6% of

the district population. Known as the guardians and protectors of nature, the Indigenous community of Rasuwa blames climate change for the disasters.

While the government has yet to release factual data on loss and damage, including the families at risk and displaced by floods in the area, the issue of resettlement is now a new crisis.

Fear for the Future

Back in Kathmandu, Mingma Tamang wonders aloud about whether she will survive without her loved husband, extended family, house, and land. She is afraid that she is going to give birth to a new baby after a few months.

"I am going to give birth to a new baby in a few months. But I have no idea when this baby will ask me where his home is. Who is his father? In such a condition, I will not be able to answer. When I think about the future, I only feel fear and uncertainty. I do not know whether I will be able to eat or not. What will I feed the new baby?" asked Mingma.

Dr Sudeep Thakuri, Associate Professor, Central Department of Environment at Tribhuvan University,

warned that there are more than 1,500 glacial lakes in Nepal and even more such glacial lakes in Tibet, which are connected to Nepal and affect Nepal. He also warned that about 200 lakes in this area seem to be in a risky situation.

In an interview with Onlinekhabar.com, Thakuri said that this event has started at an altitude of more than 5,000 metres.

"The glacier on the northern side of Lamtang Lerung was at an altitude of almost 5000 metres. On the north side of it, there is a river valley located at an altitude of 3,000 metres. The iceberg fell about 2,000 metres below, from 5,000 metres to 3,000. On the one hand, there is the force of gravity; on the other hand, the size of the fallen iceberg is also large. It must have fallen very quickly. It seems that it was able to gain momentum due to the very steep place."

Thakuri also argued that Nepal should demand compensation from the international community for this, stating that damage should be minimised by mapping vulnerable areas, implementing an early warning system, and implementing land-use policies.

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IN THE ESTATE OF THERESA ESTHER BOCA LATE OF RIVER ROAD SAN
SOUICI, IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE, AND STATE OF GRENADA,
DECEASED.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **KIMANI BOCA** of Woodlands in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada and **JUNNIS PILGRIM** of River Road in the parish and State aforesaid, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 21st day of June 2026 without revoking a will bearing the date of 22nd day of April 2026 wherein the Applicants are named the Executors.

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

Dated this 2nd day of September 2026.

Britney Scott

Law Office of George E.D. Clyne
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Filed by the Law office of George E.D. Clyne on behalf of the Applicants with its office situate at Old Fort Road, St. George's. Telephone numbers 440-2545/435-2545.

The court office is at Church Street, St. George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

Court free convicted murderer

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after one of them resisted his demand for sexual gratification, describing the act as "sheer evil." The Director of Public Prosecutions highlighted the classical principles of sentencing: retribution, deterrence, prevention, and rehabilitation and stressed that the gravity of the offence and its impact on the victims' families and the wider community demanded a sentence that reflected society's condemnation.

[28] The prosecution submits that the appropriate starting point was a whole life sentence, given the exceptionally high seriousness of the offence. They also cited aggravating factors: the youth and vulnerability of the victims, the isolated location, and the use of a firearm to threaten compliance. While acknowledging Hall's prior good character and long incarceration, they argued that rehabilitation should be viewed in the context of a controlled prison environment, where he had still breached rules over the years.

[29] The Crown relies on R v



Sociologist Claude Douglas – was once associated with TA Marryshow Community College

Stewart, Couzens, Tustin, Hughes and Monaghan, where the Court of Appeal emphasised at paragraph [19] of that judgment that when assessing the seriousness of an offence for sentencing purposes, the court must consider both the harm caused and the offender's culpability. Thus, while death is the greatest harm known

to the criminal law, the punishment must reflect both the harm and the offender's blameworthiness.

[30] The Learned DPP also relied on Renaldo Anderson Alleyne v the Queen in a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Anderson JCCJ at paragraph [45] to support his contention that rehabilitation

is only one of the sentencing principles and the court is required to have regard in this case to all. Mr. Justice Anderson JCCJ said:

"...Rehabilitation is one of the aims of sentencing and a very important aim, but not the only one and in some circumstances, not the overriding one. The classical principles of sentencing reference three others: retribution, punishment, deterrence; a more modern formulation would be content only to reference punishment, deterrence and rehabilitation. Further, the Penal System Reform Act does not state the weight to be accorded by the sentencing judge to any of the proper objectives of sentencing"

[31] The Learned DPP urges the court to exercise its discretion in favour of a whole life sentence, contending that Hall had deprived two young people of their futures without provocation, and that justice required a punishment proportionate to the enormity of the crime.

Analysis and Determination of an appropriate Starting Point

[32] In considering the appropriate sentence for Rudolph Hall, I am guided by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Sentencing

Guidelines for Murder and the Practice Direction No. 3 of 2021. The offence is grave: the killing of two young persons by firearm, in circumstances that were unprovoked and carried the disturbing suggestion of sexual exploitation. It is accepted by both sides, that the death penalty, though once mandatory for offences of Murder, is now discretionary. By the evolution of judicial precedent and constitutional principle, it is an inappropriate and unwarranted punishment in the present case. While the offence involves a double murder in disturbing circumstances, it does not meet the criteria set out in section 3 of Practice Direction No. 3 of 2021 for the imposition of the death penalty.

[37] The social enquiry report, together with the psychiatric and psychological evaluations, and the prison records, satisfy me that the offender has undergone genuine rehabilitation. The objectives of punishment, retribution, deterrence, and protection of society, can be met otherwise than by the imposition of the death penalty. Moreover, such a penalty would not have been appropriate in any event, having regard to the principles articulated in Practice Direction No. 3 of 2021, which reserve capital punishment for cases that are the "worst of the worst" or the "rarest of the rare." This case does not begin to touch that threshold. In R v Trimmingham, the Privy Council identified two principles that must be followed: First, that the death sentence should be imposed only in cases which, on the facts, are the most extreme and exceptional "the worst of the worst" or "the rarest of the rare." In considering whether a particular case falls into that category, the judge must compare it with other murder cases, not with ordinary civilised behaviour. Second, for the death sentence to be imposed, there must be no reasonable prospect of reform of the offender, and the object of punishment could not be achieved by any means other than the ultimate penalty of death. The character of the offender and any other relevant circumstances are to be taken into account insofar as they may operate in his favour by way of mitigation and are not to weigh against him.

[38] For the reasons already outlined namely the offender's rehabilitation, genuine remorse, and compelling evidence of reform, the court is satisfied that the imposition of the death penalty in this case would be inappropriate.

Consideration of a whole life sentence

[39] A whole life sentence is the starting point where the seriousness of the offence is exceptionally high and the offender was an adult at the time of commission. The guideline provides examples of circumstances that may elevate an offence to this level of seriousness, includ-

ing the murder of two or more persons, murders involving sexual or sadistic conduct, and murders committed with firearms.

[40] In the present case, Mr. Hall was twenty-three years old at the time of the offence and therefore an adult. The facts reveal that he shot and killed two young victims, Benson Williams and Diane Marshall, after attempting to coerce Miss Marshall into sexual activity at gunpoint. The offence involved the use of an illegal firearm, multiple shots fired into a vehicle, and the deaths of two persons. These elements fall squarely within the categories identified by the guidelines as constituting exceptionally high seriousness. On this basis alone, the case qualifies for consideration of a whole life sentence. However, sentencing is not a mechanical exercise, and sentencing should also allow for judicial consideration of factors relevant to the offender not just the offending. The Defence argues that sentencing must be individualised and proportionate. I agree. The cases referenced above at paragraph [23] certainly support that contention. In R v Hodgson the Court of Appeal outlined the circumstances in which a sentence of life imprisonment (equating to a whole life sentence) is merited. The court found that the offence must be grave enough to warrant a very long sentence; The nature of the offence or the defendant's history must show that he is unstable and likely to commit such offences in the future; and if the offences are committed again, the consequences to others may be specially injurious or dangerous to life and limb, such as in sexual offences or violent crimes. Our guidelines do not reference such criteria neither does it preclude such consideration. Accordingly, while the offence meets the threshold for exceptional seriousness, the court must consider whether imposing a whole life sentence at this stage would be disproportionate.

[41] Hall has already served thirty-eight years in custody, which Defence Counsel argues under Grenada's remission rules equates to a determinate sentence of approximately fifty-seven years. During this period, he has demonstrated profound personal change, as evidenced by psychiatric and psychological evaluations, which describe him as remorseful, emotionally stable, and presenting a low risk of future violence. Character witnesses further attest to his rehabilitation and strong family support awaiting him upon release.

[42] The constitutional breaches surrounding his original sentence and the compelling evidence of rehabilitation weigh against a penalty of a whole life sentence. The court is required to balance the seriousness of the offence against the offender's personal circumstances, history, and the

passage of time.

[43] The psychiatric and psychological evaluations confirm that Hall is mentally stable, emotionally mature, and deeply remorseful. He has consistently accepted responsibility, expressed genuine regret, and demonstrated prosocial attitudes. Prison officials describe him as a positive role model, consistently employed, and a mentor to younger inmates. His disciplinary record is stable, and he has accumulated savings through lawful prison employment. He has no prior convictions, maintains strong family support, and has realistic reintegration plans including housing and employment. These protective factors, coupled with his age, reduce the risk of future offending. Both professional assessments categorise him as low risk of serious violence.

[44] The court acknowledges the profound victim impact: the loss of two young lives, the enduring grief of their families, and the community shock. These harms weigh heavily in aggravation. Yet sentencing must not be retributive alone; it must also recognise rehabilitation where it is genuine and sustained. In Calvin Ramcharan v DPP9, Jamadar JCCJ reminded that sentencing serves multiple aims: punishment, deterrence, prevention, and rehabilitation. The rehabilitative aim is not to be overlooked, particularly where the evidence demonstrates genuine reform.

[45] Although the offence under the guideline may be considered for a whole life sentence, the balance of justice favours the imposition of a determinate sentence within the guideline range. Such a starting point sentence recognises both the gravity of the crime and the demonstrable rehabilitation of the offender. To impose a whole life term now would be disproportionate, as the punitive and deterrent purposes of sentencing have already been substantially fulfilled. In these circumstances, a determinate sentence of forty years within the range of thirty years to fifty years would better reflect the principle of proportionality, individualised sentencing, and contemporary constitutional jurisprudence.

Sentence for the Murder of Diane Marshall

[46] Aggravating Factors of the Offence

- The Defendant took advantage of the vulnerability of the deceased female.
- The location was geographically isolated near the old airfield, what has now developed to be the Maurice Bishop International Airport.
- The Defendant used the firearm to unsuccessfully coerce the deceased to perform sexual favours.

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Case Number :GDAHPB2026/0374

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

IN THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS JAMES BRATHWAITE, DECEASED

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Rule 15

In the Estate of Douglas James Brathwaite late of L'anse Aux Epines in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by James Brathwaite and Sandra Brathwaite of L'anse Aux Epines in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the parents of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate, a bachelor without children on the 28th day of May, 2026.

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

Dated this 1st day of September, 2026.

Filed by: Seon & Associates, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Brigade House, Lucas Street, St. George's. Email addresses: contact@seonlaw.com; lroberts@seonlaw.com; and mjohnson@seonlaw.com; Telephone No.: 1-473-435-1770



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Court free convicted murderer

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• The offence was unprovoked.

• The Victim did not die immediately and suffered from some time before death.

• It was an offence committed with a firearm.

[47] Mitigating Factors of the Offence
• There are no mitigating factors of the offence.

[48] I have given one (1) year for each of the factors. After cancelling out, an upward adjustment of six (6) years to the starting point is required. Taking the Sentence to forty- six (46) years.

[49] Aggravating Factors of the Offender • There are none.

[50] Mitigating Factors of the Offender

• The Defendant is of previous good character.

• The Defendant has shown genuine remorse.

• The Defendant is rehabilitated.

[51] I have given one (1) year for each of the factors. After cancelling out, this requires a downward adjustment of three (3) years to the sentence, taking the sentence to forty- three (43) years.

Guilty Plea
[52] A discount for plea is unavailable to a Defendant who has been tried by jury and found guilty at trial, the rationale being that such a discount is reserved for those who acknowledge their guilt at an early stage and thereby save the court both time and resources. At the time of the Defendant's trial for murder, the law precluded a plea of guilty to capital offences. That position has since changed. The evidence in this case demonstrates that the Defendant confessed to the police at the outset and

acknowledged his guilt from the beginning. Under the current regime, a discount for an early guilty plea is appropriate where a determinate sentence is contemplated and the Defendant enters a plea of guilty. I see no reason why the Defendant should not benefit from such a discount. Accordingly, the Defendant is entitled to a one-third reduction from the sentence of fourteen (14) years and four (4) months. The adjusted sentence is twenty-eight (28) years and eight (8) months.

Time on remand
[53] The Defendant had been remanded for three (3) months prior to his trial. He is therefore to serve twenty-eight (28) years and five (5) months.

Sentence for the murder of Benson Williams
[54] Aggravating Factors of the Offence

• The location was geographically isolated.

• The Defendant used the firearm in to unsuccessfully coerce the deceased to perform sexual favours.

• The offence was unprovoked.

• The offence was committed with a firearm.

[55] Mitigating Factors of the Offence

• There are no mitigating factors of the offence.

[56] I have given one (1) year for each of the factors. After cancelling out, an upward adjustment of four (4) years to the starting point is required. Taking the sentence to forty- five (45) years.

[57] Aggravating Factors of the Offender

• There are none.

[58] Mitigating Factors of the Offender

• The Defendant is of previous good character.

• The Defendant has shown genuine remorse.

• The Defendant is rehabilitated.

tated.

[59] I have given one (1) year for each of the factors. After cancelling out, this requires a downward adjustment of three (3) years to the sentence, taking the sentence to forty- two (42) years.

Guilty Plea
[60] As previously stated at paragraph **[52]**, the law at the time precluded the Defendant from pleading guilty to the offence as it was a capital offence. The evidence nevertheless suggests that the Defendant made a confession to the police and acknowledged his guilt from the outset. The Defendant is to benefit from a one-third (1/3) discount of the sentence of fourteen (14) years. He is therefore to serve twenty-eight (28) years.

Time on remand
[61] The Defendant had been remanded for three (3) months prior to his trial. He is therefore to serve twenty-seven years and nine (9) months.

Application of the Totality Principle
[62] The Director of Public Prosecutions has correctly submitted that the offences

arise out of a single criminal transaction. Section 80(1) of the Criminal Code of Grenada stipulates that where one act affects several persons or things, the person shall not be punished separately in respect of each person or thing affected, but the act may be treated as one crime, rather than treating each count of murder as warranting wholly independent penalties.

[63] On the application of the Sentencing Guidelines for Murder, the appropriate sentence for the murder of Diane Marshall is forty-six (46) years before discount for plea, resulting in twenty-eight (28) years and five (5) months after discount. For the murder of Benson Williams, the guideline sentence is forty-three (43) years before discount for plea, resulting in twenty-seven (27) years and nine (9) months after discount, with these sentences to be served concurrently.

[64] This matter comes before the court as a resentencing hearing. The Defendant has already served thirty-six (36) years under the original sentence, lawfully imposed. In considering the appropriate disposition, the court notes the

Defendant's good behaviour in custody, and there is no reason to assume that he would not have benefited from remission under the statutory regime. The consequence of resentencing under the current framework is that the Defendant has already served a sentence deemed proportionate and appropriate for his crimes. The punitive and deterrent purposes of sentencing have been substantially fulfilled. Moreover, the rehabilitative evidence before the court is that the Defendant has demonstrated remorse, stability, and positive conduct over an extended period of incarceration.

SENTENCE
[65] Accordingly, and in disposition of the two offences of Murder presently before this court, the court finds that the appropriate sentence is one of time served.

[66] This matter is to come on at further review on the 18th of November 2026 to assess the adjustment of the Defendant to life on the outside of Her Majesty's Richmond Hill Prison.

Justice V. Georgis Taylor-Alexander
High Court Judge
BY THE COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY MARCIA CHARLES FOR
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MEASURING 2,303 SQ. FT. SITUATE AT BELMONT IN THE PARISH OF SAINT
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NOW ALL PERSONS claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two (2) months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

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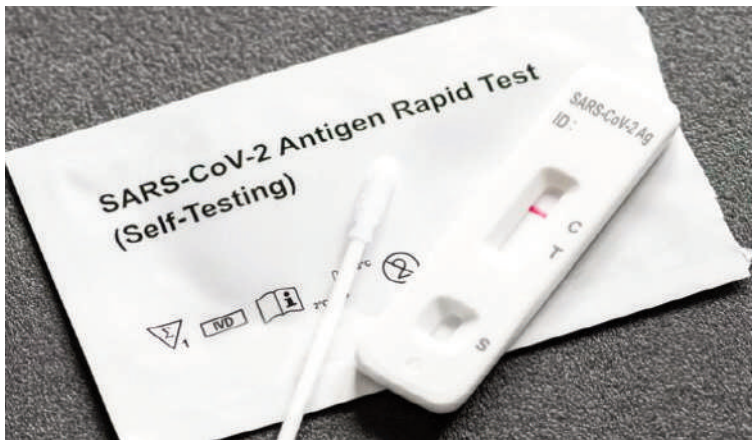
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[Signature]

Registrar

This Notice is filed by Kim George & Associates, Attorneys-at-law for the Claimant, Chambers, No.594 Concordia House, Archibald Avenue St. George's, Telephone: 435-4990 Email kgeorge@kimgeorgelaw.com.

COVID-19 cases are on the rise in these 48 states



COVID-19 cases are on the rise nationwide. By Michele Ursi, Getty Images

COVID-19 cases are ticking up in almost every U.S. state as summer draws to a close, according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. COVID-19 activity was still categorized overall as "very low" nationwide by the agency as of Aug. 28, though cases are consistently increasing. This is likely the result of what has come to be known as the "summer surge," a pattern that doctors have observed each year since around 2022. Unlike other respiratory illnesses such as the flu, COVID-19 tends to flare not only during the typical winter cold and flu season, but also toward the end of summer. Experts previously told USA TODAY that this is likely caused by multiple factors, including behavioral and environmental changes (the amount of time spent cooped up in AC, going back to school,

etc.), as well as the virus's life cycle and how our immunity to it waxes and wanes. "COVID-19 is rising nationally but from a low baseline," Dr. Syra Madad, infectious disease epidemiologist at Harvard's Belfer Center and chief biopreparedness officer for New York City's public hospitals, previously told USA TODAY. "The increase became apparent in parts of the South and West during July and more clearly nationwide by late July and early August." The latest CDC data shows that at least one state has already entered the "high activity" category for the virus. Here's what to know, including state-by-state updates: As of Aug. 26, the CDC estimates that COVID-19 infections were growing or likely growing in 48 states. Only one state, Iowa, did not provide data. Rhode Island and Washington,

DC, were the only locations where viral activity remained the same week over week. According to the most recent CDC wastewater data for the week ending Aug. 22, COVID-19 viral activity was consistently highest in the southern United States. Only one state, Texas, had "very high" levels, while Mississippi reported "high" activity. A handful of states across regions, including California, Nevada, Florida, Rhode Island, Louisiana and Washington, had "moderate" levels, while most other states were in the "low" or "very low" categories. Wastewater tracking is the testing of community sewage for viruses and other germs to help health officials monitor disease spread and trends, often before cases show up in clinical testing data.

Will the Future of the UN be Dictated by a Hostile US?

By Thalif Deen

UNITED NATIONS - As the UN commemorates its 81st anniversary, one lingering question remains: what is the future of the world body?

Will a hostile US downsize its operations at the United Nations, cut down its funding, continue defaulting in its payments — and perhaps eventually, withdraw from the world body?

So far, the US has pulled out of three UN agencies and one UN-affiliated body — including the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) — and the Human Rights Council.

Is the UN far behind?

Reports of a US visa denial to a Palestinian delegation to the General Assembly sessions next month, triggered several questions at a press briefing last week: "Don't you think it's a good idea to relocate the UN headquarters somewhere else in the world? Can the Secretary General initiate such a process? If there is such a process, how will it work? And will the United States take the United Nations hostage?"

In his response, UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters: "This is an issue for Member States. If I'm not mistaken, the seat of the UN is listed in the charter. This city and the United Nations have had a joint history for the last 81 years, and I think all in all it's been a good history."

Question: "The U.S. is saying that they will deny the Palestinian delegation visas to come to the General Assembly. Are you aware of this? And is the UN doing anything about it?"

"Yes, we've seen those reports. It is very important for us that the United States honor its responsibilities under the host treaty agreement. We will continue to push for that. But at this point, we've only seen the press reports."

According to one report, the US has withdrawn from 31 UN-related entities and bodies under a presidential memorandum signed on January 7, 2026, adding to prior departures from major agencies like the World Health Organization and UNESCO.

The January 2026 directive on withdrawals impacts largely targeting initiatives related to climate, development, and social policy. Key departures include the UNFCCC and IPCC (climate), UN Women and UNFPA (social/health), UNCTAD (trade), and various regional commissions and offices, including UN-



Credit: United Nations

Habitat.

Stephen Zunes, Professor of Politics and Program Director for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of San Francisco, who has written extensively on the politics of the United Nations, told Inter Press Service (IPS) the makeup of the Security Council, having the headquarters of the United Nations located in the United States, is an outdated relic of World War II.

For most of the UN's history, he pointed out, the United States has vetoed far more otherwise-unanimous UNSC resolutions than any other country. And, Washington has repeatedly reneged on its financial obligations.

Under both Republican and Democratic administrations, said Dr Zunes, the U.S. has repeatedly attacked UN institutions, including its judicial bodies, humanitarian organizations, and investigative commissions, particularly in regard to the enforcement of international humanitarian law.

"The U.S. wars on Iraq and Iran and the U.S. recognition of Israeli and Moroccan annexations of territories seized by military force have underscored a brazen disregard for the foundational principles of the UN Charter."

"And the refusal to allow a delegation of a permanent observer member state (Palestine) is a direct violation of the U.S.-UN agreement making New York the world body's headquarters."

Despite this, there are certainly major logistical, financial, and institutional reasons why it would not make sense for the United Nations to remove its headquarters from New York.

"The very fact that it is even being discussed, however, is indicative that the United States is increasingly becoming an international pariah and an ironic choice as the host nation," declared Dr Zunes.

Dr James E. Jennings, President, Conscience International, told IPS it is likely that the US will continue to withdraw funding

from the UN, a process that has already begun by defunding certain agencies with the aim of bringing it further under the control of Washington.

Failing that, he said, Trump may attempt to establish an alternative body dominated by the US, forcing nations to choose allies and sidelining the UN. "Under today's conditions, any breakdown of the UN's rules-based order would be a sure trigger for global conflict".

Q: Can the US restructure the UN to do its bidding?

A: Continued efforts by the US government to restructure the UN and its programs are more likely than an attempt to move the UN HQ from New York. The Security Council is useful to Washington because it can serve as a whipping post for global grievances, as notably during the Cold War in opposing the long series of "nyet" from the East Bloc, but also more recently by taking its hands off when Washington wanted to go to war in the Middle East.

Many observers believe President Trump is acting belligerently to merely exercise influence over the UN, but that would be a woeful misjudgment of the man and his methods. In fact, he seeks to completely dominate the world body, not simply make changes.

Anyone who has noticed his boast earlier this year that he should be recognized as the most powerful person who has ever lived, should take him at his word.

His ego, like the bottomless pit of Hell in the Biblical Book of Revelation, is a veritable Black Hole, knowing no limit to its depth.

How realistic his goal may be is another matter. But since money moves most things, and US largess has been one key to the UN's successful operations over many decades, all bets are off until Congress gains the courage to undo his bidding.

Undoubtedly, the UN's

key structures are being tested. The long-term consequences of great power manipulation of the UN are troubling, as evidenced by Exhibit One: the virtual erasure of Palestinian national rights over three quarters of a century.

The Truman Administration's influence on weak countries to vote

for the 29 November 1947 Partition of Palestine forced the creation of Israel against the wishes of the native Arab population and violated the spirit of the UN Charter.

Without fundamental changes in the Charter, the General Assembly's influence cannot replace the Security Council's dominance of global policy. A complete US withdrawal from the UN, or the creation of an alternative body dominated by Washington, would condemn the current organization to go the way of the late lamented League of Nations., declared Dr Jennings.

According to one report, the United Nations is decentralizing operations from New York under the UN@80 reform initiative, relocating several global offices and hundreds of positions to regional hubs.

Relocated Global Offices and Agencies

• UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund):

Relocating global office functions from New York to Nairobi, Kenya.

• UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund): Moving global office operations from New York to Nairobi, Kenya.

• UN Women: Shifting global office operations and headquarters-funded posts from New York to Nairobi, Kenya, and Bonn, Germany.

• UNDP (United Nations Development Programme): Relocating hundreds of posts from New York to Europe (primarily Bonn and Madrid) alongside additional regional shifts. Meanwhile, when Yasser Arafat was denied a US visa to visit New York to address the United Nations back in 1988, the General Assembly defied the United States by temporarily moving the UN's highest policy making body to Geneva— perhaps for the first time in UN history— providing a less-hos-

tile political environment and a platform, for the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Arafat, who first addressed the UN in 1974, took a swipe at Washington when he prefaced his statement in Geneva by remarking: "it never occurred to me that my second meeting with this honorable Assembly, since 1974, would take place in the hospitable city of Geneva".

On his 1974 visit to address the General Assembly, he avoided the hundreds of pro and anti-Arafat demonstrators outside the UN building by arriving in a helicopter which landed on the North Lawn of the UN campus adjoining the East River.

Incidentally, when anti-Arafat New York protesters on First Avenue shouted: "Arafat Go Home", his supporters responded that was precisely what he wanted—a home for the Palestinians to go to.

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TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by **John Dominic Roberts** of River Sallee in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada in the estate of **RAYMOND ROBERTS** late of River Sallee in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada deceased, died on the 20th day of May, 2025 at River Sallee in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State aforesaid at the age of Sixty-seven years (67 yrs.), intestate, domiciled in Grenada, leaving me this deponent him surviving.

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

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FORMER ECUADORIAN PRESIDENT IMPRISONED FOR CORRUPTION



Lenín Moreno will serve his sentence at home and has indicated he will appeal against the ruling

A former president of Ecuador has been sentenced to five years in prison after being found guilty of taking bribes.

Lenín Moreno insisted he had not taken money from a Chinese firm which secured a contract to build a hydro-electric plant in the Latin American nation.

The 73-year-old will serve his sentence under house arrest due to his age and disability, and has already indicated his intention to appeal against the verdict after a court in the capital, Quito, found him and 19 others guilty of corruption.

Moreno, who was president between 2017 and 2021, is the third former Ecuadorian leader to be sentenced for corruption.

Prosecutors alleged that that Sinohydro, which is owned by the Chinese state, paid a total of \$76.1m (£56.2m)

through shell companies to people involved in the deal to secure the construction of the Coca Codo Sinclair hydro-electric dam.

Among those handed prison sentences were Moreno's wife, daughter and brother, as well as former plant managers, Sinohydro representatives and a Chinese ambassador to Ecuador.

While Moreno himself was alleged to have received very little from the scheme, prosecutors said family members received tens of thousands of dollars.

Those convicted of bribery will have to repay three times what they were given, while Moreno was barred from public office.

He denied involvement in the alleged bribery scheme and instead blamed another former president, Rafael

Correa, under whom he served as vice-president and who was sentenced to eight years in prison in a separate bribery case in 2020.

Moreno argued that Correa had signed off on the Coca Codo Sinclair project, and that he had launched an investigation into issues with the construction when he had assumed the presidency.

The Ecuadorian government launched legal proceedings against Sinohydro in 2021 due to cracks appearing in the dam and other technical failures. It reached a \$400m settlement with the firm's owner earlier this year.

The BBC has approached Sinohydro and the Chinese embassy in Ecuador for comment.