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CRACKS OPEN UP IN CORRUPTION-INFESTED OLYMPIC COMMITTEE



Charlie George – sent in resignation letter on Tuesday night



The controversial General Secretary of GOC, Veda Bruno-Victor is still holding on to her influential position



Ralph Lord – regarded as the most powerful force in the move against “the old guards” in the Olympic body



The multi-million dollar spanking facility of the GOC at Morne Rouge St. George

The sudden resignation of Charlie George as President of the Grenada Olympic Committee (GOC) has reopened “old wounds” in the corruption-infested organisation.

The long-standing sporting administrator tendered his resignation on Tuesday night at about 10. p.m. less than three months after replacing Royston LaHee who served in that capacity for 38 years.

George, La Hee, re-elected General Secretary Veda Bruno-Victor, and past Treasurer, Kingsley Ashby, came under intense scrutiny in the wake of a grant of EC\$440,000.00 that came from an arm of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that remains largely unaccounted for over the past decade.

A high-level source within the organisation told **THE NEW TODAY** that he was not too surprised over the resignation of the President since the election of several new persons in October to serve on the executive would have posed problems for the “old guards” especially the manner in which they have been conducting the business of the organisation for years.

He spoke of information coming out of meetings of the Board of Directors that the “old guards” were trying to spend money in the usual manner but that the newly elected Treasurer was pushing for a process that called for greater accountability.

“What am hearing is that apparently it is business as

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Co-op Bank salutes Banker extraordinaire, Richard W. Duncan on his Retirement!



Mr. Richard W. Duncan, current Managing Director, will retire from Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited on December 5, 2021 after a distinguished 25-year career with Grenada's sole indigenous bank.

Mr. Duncan's journey to transform the "Penny Bank" into Grenada's leading commercial bank in market share, assets and customer satisfaction started in 1996 as Manager of Finance and Corporate Affairs. Recruited to help re-structure and modernize the Bank's operations and bring it in line with Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) regulations and international banking standards, Mr. Duncan was instrumental in championing the radical structural and cultural changes necessary for the growth and development of the institution. Building on strategic planning policies, professionals from other banks were recruited. In-house staff training programmes along with access to professional qualifications financed by the Bank were instituted. Operations were departmentalized and streamlined with documented procedures and policies that resulted in, among many others, the establishment of the Loans Recovery Unit in 1998 that successfully reduced delinquency and the implementation of the ECCB anti-money laundering regulations in 2002. Additionally, to augment the Bank's footprint, two new retail banking units were commissioned: Spiceland Mall Retail Banking Unit in 2000 and Carriacou Retail Banking Unit in 2007.

In 2008, Mr. Duncan took up the mantle of Managing Director, committing to continue the expansion of the Bank's long tradition of service to the Grenadian people and capitalize on technology to deliver innovative financial solutions, services and initiatives to propel the Bank forward. Despite the downturn the global economy experienced in 2008 and 2009, Duncan pressed ahead with construction of the Tower Hive which, upon completion in 2010, became home to Grenada Co-operative Bank's premier customer service centre.

With this statement of intent, which demonstrably set the Bank's trajectory onward and upward, Duncan spent the next decade consolidating advances, relentlessly auditing and refining operations with particular emphasis on customer service and technology.

Following the 2014 launch of Co-op Bank's eBanking Service which allows customers to manage their funds at any time and from anywhere in the world, Duncan continued to lead the Bank into the 'Information Age'. In 2017, in addition to being the only institution in Grenada to facilitate securities trading on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) through its Brokerage and Investment Services Unit, Co-op Bank listed its shares on the ECSE, providing shareholders with an efficient mechanism to buy and sell shares of the company.

Under Mr. Duncan's leadership, Co-op Bank has endeavoured to be a socially responsible corporate citizen by promoting products and programmes that support education, environment, sports, culture, health and wellness. When it comes to culture, heritage and the performing arts, Mr. Duncan is revered for the generous support and encouragement Co-op Bank has given to the development and promotion of theatre, music and dance, and to the authors and historians working

to document and preserve Grenada's history, legacy and heritage.

Since 2009, the Super Starter Education Investment Plan and Super Starter Higher Education Loan Plan have significantly contributed to Grenada's long term sustainable development by creating avenues to help Grenadian students fund the increasingly high costs of education. The Healthier Lifestyles Programme, from which the much-anticipated Pump it Up Family Fun Walk was born, continues to encourage the population to live healthy, vibrant and physically active lives. And, as an advocate for the development of sports and local athletes, Co-op Bank has been proud to not only sponsor Olympic and World Champion Kirani James, but also the Primary Schools' Games and other sporting events to pave the way for future champions.

As this chapter of Mr. Duncan's banking career comes to an end, he leaves an institution that, through his stewardship over the last 25 years, stands tall as a

vibrant symbol of indigenous success. With assets of over \$1.4B, two hundred (200) highly trained staff, five (5) Retail Banking Units, Broker-Dealer operations, and a network of thirty (30) Automatic Teller Machines, Co-op Bank is poised to continue achieving its mission with Grenadian pride.

Mr. Richard W. Duncan is leaving as the leader of this iconic Grenadian financial institution; however, his legacy will be forever entrenched in the Co-op Bank story.

The Board of Directors, management and staff of Co-op Bank thank Mr. Duncan for his tremendous service and wish him well as he embarks upon this chapter of retirement.



Co-op Bank
welcome home

Charlie George quits local Olympic body

Two months after being elected as President of the Grenada Olympic Committee (GOC), long-standing sports administrator, Charlie George has quit the top job of the organisation which became riddled with a series of financial scandals over the years.

A copy of his resignation letter which was sent out late last night to several key members of the committee was obtained by THE NEW TODAY.

George took the job in October in a close contest against former local top boxer, Bunny Wilson, the only Grenadian to win a contest at the Olympic Games.

According to GOC insiders, 1st Vice-President Cheney Joseph who is the President of the Grenada Football Association (GFA) will

take over as interim President until the local Olympic Committee holds its next annual general meeting and election of a new executive.

GOC is currently locked in a battle with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) over its failure to account for a grant of \$440, 000.00 given by an affiliate, Olympic Solidarity (OS) for the development of sports in Grenada.

George took over the job from the long-standing President, Royston La Hee who served at the helm of the committee for 38 years.

In his resignation letter, George complained of presiding over a fractured Board of Directors (BOD) since election two months ago and accused some members of show-

ing signs of just being power hungry.

"I urge national associations to be extremely careful of persons vying for elected office in the GOC. Do not just accept their utterances, promises, professional or other qualifications, but attempt to search their souls to find the motivation behind their seeking office," he warned.

As a public service, THE NEW TODAY brings highlights of the Charlie George resignation letter:

I had no ambition to be President of the Grenada Olympic Committee (GOC) or to vie for that office. The damning report of the last Finance Committee which had numerous inaccurate statements, allegations and insinuations - some of which impinged on my character, impacted my

decision not to vie for any position in the GOC.

I did not canvas for the position of President or ask anyone to vote for me. My agreement to accept the nomination for the position as President was given in good faith upon the encouragement of a number of members of national associations who are familiar with my record of decades of voluntary service to Sport, Culture, Education and the Development of our Youth in Grenada.

For those who are not aware, I have served as Deputy Chairman and as a member of several national carnival committees, Chair of the National Stadium Authority Board of Directors, Commandant of the Grenada Cadet Corps, Assistant General

Secretary, General Secretary and President of the Grenada Athletic Association, and President and Chair of several other organisations.

I have never sought public recognition for my service and have always made every attempt to shy away from the public eye. My intention, as President, was to draw from my knowledge and experience in order to lead the GOC forward in a constructive manner.

Alas! By the written and spoken word, it appears that the BOD does not value my contribution. At our very first meeting of the recently appointed Board of Directors, I urged, being cognisant of recent events, that we make every effort to move forward in a productive fashion and to foster a harmonious working relationship with each other.

I was encouraged by the fact that all members endorsed the idea. It appears, however, that deep feelings of resentment continued to prevail. In the two and one-half months and eight BOD meetings since, I have met with haughty opposition, raucous behaviour, ill-discipline, untruths and vilification.

Some members of the BOD behave as if they were in the marketplace or fish house and have exhibited little respect for the presidency. Members have brought to bear seemingly personal grievances at meetings. One expects that there would be differences of opinion but also that these differences would be resolved in a gentlemanly and democratic manner.

Instead, there was name calling, threats, and very often downright disrespect. Generally, a sense of hostility prevailed. An outsider listening to any of these meetings would never believe that adults at such a level would



Charlie George – stunned the GOC with his sudden decision to resign from the organisation

behave in such a manner.

As Chair of these meetings, I have been non-combative and have attempted to be as dignified as possible in the circumstances. At present, the BOD is a fractured unit from which little will be achieved as it now functions.

Your humble servant has come to the conclusion that some members of the BOD have no interest in furthering the cause of Olympism in our tri-island state, no interest in the improvements in our national associations or athletes, but a yearning for power, recognition, status, representation of the GOC in meetings and fora abroad – trips outside the state.

Their main objective seems to be to benefit from their association with the Grenada Olympic Committee. In E-mails, WhatsApp messages shared among members of the BOD and at meetings, some members have continuously cast aspersions on my character. That I cannot condone or have continue – hence my decision.

I do not feel that my continued presence will be of benefit to the GOC as progress cannot be achieved in this climate. Hopefully, my absence from the BOD will lead to more cooperation and effective management of the GOC.

I urge national associations to be extremely careful of persons vying for elected office in the GOC. Do not just accept their utterances, promises, professional or other qualifications, but attempt to search their souls to find the motivation behind their seeking office.

In light of the above, I hereby tender my resignation as President of the Grenada Olympic Committee and a member of the Board of Directors with immediate effect.

My very best wishes to its Board of Directors, National Associations, Athletes, Standing Committees, Volunteers, and well-wishers.

Yours in Sport

Charles A.R. George - Cert Ed. (UWI), MBA (UWI), SIA

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*** From front page**

usual...and spending – how they want to go about it. Some of the new guys say that's not going to happen. If you are going to give out work from the organisation, first of all you must have a process. So, the new Treasurer who I know very well doesn't function like that," he said.

"I don't know what would have pushed him (Charlie George to resign) but I am hearing that the chemistry is not there. The chemistry of old is not mixing with the chemistry of new. That thing can't work – the chemistry can't work - this thing cannot work," he added.

THE NEW TODAY understands that several persons made last minute efforts to persuade George on Tuesday night to hold back on his resignation but failed to do so.

In his resignation letter, George said that GOC is now a fractured group following the election and he could no longer work with some of the other members on the executive.

The letter said in part: "Some members of the BOD behave as if they were in the marketplace or fish house and have exhibited little respect for the presidency. Members have brought to bear seemingly personal grievances at meetings. One expects that there would be differences of opinion but also that these differences would be resolved in a gentle-

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According to a well-placed GOC official, he suspected that George was taking shots at newly elected executive member, Ralph Lord, who lead a probe into the IOC money issue

and submitted a damning reporting against the handling of the funds by General Secretary Bruno-Victor.

The source also mentioned to THE NEW TODAY a potentially explosive issue surfacing with the committee on plans to build a swimming pool at the national stadium at Queen's Park.

He said a Project Coordinator has apparently been selected for the job by an executive member of GOC without going through a bidding process.

The official indicated that the committee is riddled with corruption with evidence pointing in the direction of affiliated sporting organisation voting at the AGM for persons to serve on the executive in exchange for financial favours for

their sporting bodies.

"It's going to be a long time before this thing comes back on stream," he said.

George's sudden resignation could also result in a constitutional crisis for GOC.

Under the constitution of the organisation, the immediate past President becomes an ex-officio member of the executive and the position is currently held by La Hee who might have to step aside for George who does not want to be associated with the other executive members.

The GOC executive is said to be planning to hold a press conference before the weekend to brief the public on the latest turn of events with the sudden resignation of Charlie George.

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The contributions made by elected Members of Parliament on the 2022 Budget presented by Minister of Finance Gregory Bowen a week ago provided an insight into the main plank of the platform by the ruling New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell to remain in office for another term.

Constitutionally, the Prime Minister can call the election in July 2023 for the latest but the pundits are speculating that the much-anticipated poll could be held within the next six to seven months based on certain happenings in the country.

It is quite obvious that the NNP will seek to combat the emergence of 44-year old attorney-at-law Dickon Mitchell to head the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) with the narrative that in the

present Prime Minister the nation can look forward to stable and trusted leadership.

The NNP will try to convince the electorate that the young Congress leader as a young kid on the block has no experience in parliamentary matters much less the running of a government and is not the best person to put the nation's business in his hands.

It is a gamble which the Green Machine is taking in light of the fact that the party has not been able to come up with the type and kind of "dirt" that can force Dickon Mitchell onto the back foot and into political oblivion.

THE NEW TODAY strongly believes that the electorate will be putting Prime Minister Mitchell on trial in the upcoming general election and not necessarily the NDC leader who has been getting good

EDITORIAL

The Leadership issue in the election!!!

responses in many quarters up and down the length and breath of Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique.

The critics will have to admit that Dickon Mitchell has brought a breath of fresh air into the local political landscape and especially among the anti-NNP/Keith Mitchell camp.

The NDC leader has been able to captivate many by the many and various issues that he is articulating on the national stage and not just condemning but offering his own practical solutions to them.

In the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in many taking a much closer look at the type of leadership offered by Prime Minister Mitchell in handling this very complex health problem for the nation.

Unlike several other Caribbean Prime Ministers like Mia Mottley

in Barbados, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves in St Vincent & The Grenadines, Roosevelt Skerritt in Dominica, Dr. Keith Rowley in Trinidad & Tobago who were in the forefront of their country's response to the deadly virus, the Grenadian leader was in most cases missing in action.

The nation saw Health Minister Nickolas Steele leading the charge and not the person given the job of Prime Minister by the electorate in 2018.

This untenable situation saw many NNP activists such as Bobby Steele being forced to come out publicly and express serious concern about the type of leadership given to Grenada by Dr. Mitchell to combat Covid-19.

Bobby Steele went so far to make the bold statement that PM Mitchell placed Nickolas Steele in the Health Ministry to ensure that

he failed and to sacrifice him as the fall guy for the NNP regime's failure in tackling the deadly virus.

This comes at the core of leadership in the country and a dent on the track record of the current holder of the Office of Prime Minister.

An opposition party "on the ball" will be able to force Dr. Mitchell on the defensive with a well-coordinated attack on his total silence and lack of leadership during the spike of the virus in August which resulted in many deaths across the island including those at the various homes for the Elderly.

These deaths could have been avoided if the Prime Minister and his NNP regime had put measures in place like was done one year earlier when the virus first showed up on our shores.

The Prime Minister and the NNP should also come in for a beating on

the issue of leadership over the unfortunate statement made by the Health Minister that the government was moving to implement a policy in the midst of the Covid-19 wave to determine who should get treatment for their medical condition and who would fall under the radar and left to die.

Within hours of this unfortunate announcement, the people of Grenada saw for themselves the roll out of a refrigerated container on the grounds of the Mt. Gay Mental Home to store Covid-19 bodies.

This goes at the core of leadership.

The current Prime Minister will also be judged on his handling of the EC\$200 million plus issue involving Grenlec and the shares that were in the hands of U.S.-based Company, WRB Enterprises.

THE NEW TODAY is warning Grenadians about this misconception coming from the Prime Minister and the NNP government that they paid millions to simply buy back the Grenlec shares as this is totally false and amounts to propaganda.

Both Dr. Mitchell and his Finance Minister Bowen know that the millions had to be found to settle a judgment after an international tribunal in Washington ruled against the NNP admin-

istration and in favour of WRB Enterprises on the Grenlec issue.

The government was forced into this embarrassing situation as the U.S. Company could have seized vital national assets like what Taiwan was attempting to do with the International airport and NAWASA following its demand for payment of loans due to Taipei when PM Mitchell decided to break off ties and move to Mainland China.

The next election will give a clear indication as to whether Dr. Mitchell at age 75 has now become irrelevant politically and has been left behind by a nation that is showing signs that it has gone past him and looking towards new leadership for a youthful population to face the future.

The nation should give some credit to the current Leader of the Opposition, Tobias Clement who crossed the floor and started to raise serious questions about the dictatorial tendencies that were creeping into the halls of Parliament and was prepared to hold the NNP regime accountable on behalf of the people in the name of democracy.

This move by Clement might have helped to save the day for Grenada and the emergence of viable opposition to the Mitchell dictatorship.

World Health Organization and International Labour Organization leaders call for investment and decent work for nurses

Dr Tedros and Guy Ryder address more than 5,000 participants at final day of International Council of Nurses Congress

Geneva, Switzerland, 4 November 2021 – The International Council of Nurses (ICN) today welcomed the Director Generals of two of the world's most important international organisations. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization and Guy Ryder, Director General of the international Labour Organization, were the final plenary speakers at the three-day ICN virtual Congress which closes today. Both leaders expressed their unconditional support for nurses and investment in the nursing profession.

Dr Tedros said: "We have a moral obligation to protect all health and care workers, ensure their rights and provide them with decent work in a safe and enabling environment. This includes access to vaccines. As we recover and rebuild, investments in emergency preparedness and response must prioritise the education and employment of

health and care workers, including nurses.

"In this Year of the Health and Care Worker, the pandemic has reminded all of us how much we all depend on nurses, from our first days to our last, and why all countries must invest in nurses now and for the future.

"WHO is committed to supporting countries to give nurses the jobs, education, leadership opportunities and safe and decent working conditions they deserve. We will keep working for a world where all countries have a strong health and care workforce as the backbone of a strong health system, as part of its journey towards universal health coverage.

"The partnership and support of ICN and national nursing associations is essential for achieving these goals, and for building a healthier, safer, and fairer world for all."

Dr Tedros also answered questions from five frontline nurses in Canada, the Philippines,

Estonia, Ghana and Pakistan on a variety of issues.

In response to a question, he confirmed his commitment to continue to collect up to date information on the nursing workforce. He expressed his concern about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the retention of nurses and stated that we needed to ensure governments both committed to and delivered on investing in nursing. He also acknowledged the importance of independent expertise to support the reporting and analysis.

Dr Tedros also spoke about the need for countries to commit to investing in health saying:

"We need to push together, the WHO, ICN and other stakeholders not only to train and hire more nurses, but to have a good working environment, starting with protection to pay, and the rest."

Finally, he spoke about the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization

of Health Personnel and the importance of Member States understanding the impact, and achieving the right balance.

The ILO's Guy Ryder spoke of the long history of collaboration between the ILO and ICN. More than 40 years ago, the ILO adopted the Nursing Personnel Convention; Convention number 149. It remains the only international legal instrument

dedicated to the nursing profession.

Mr Ryder expressed his admiration for nurses, saying:

"Nurses made tremendous sacrifices during the pandemic – as, of course, did other workers. Many fell sick. Far too many paid the ultimate price. By May this year, at least 115,000 health and care workers had died due to COVID-19.

"Nurses also took on an enormous extra workload. This led to long working hours, sometimes in poor working conditions, with inadequate rest; a lack of personal protective equipment; and even – and this is particularly shocking – violence and harassment. At the same time, many nurses were coping with increased domestic responsibilities, and living with the fear of bringing the disease back home to their family and friends."

Earlier this year, the ILO's 187 Member States unanimously adopted a 'Global call to action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis' which calls for health-care workers and other frontline workers to have access to vaccines, personal protective equipment, training, testing and psychosocial support. It also calls for adequate remuneration and protection at work, specifically against excessive workloads.

Mr Ryder said that investment in the nursing profession was important, but he added that: "...even this investment alone is not enough. It

needs to go hand-in-hand with measures to combat a wider range of decent work deficits. Otherwise, nurses will continue to leave, and other people, particularly youth, will not replace them.

"There is only one way to create a strong and sustainable recovery from this crisis. That is by taking a human-centred approach. One that integrates human and labour rights into policies and actions. One that supports both businesses and working people. Building resilience into our health systems means investing in the training, pay and conditions of health and care workers. It means respecting their fundamental rights at work. The ILO is proud to stand with you, to strengthen and support the right of nurses to decent work."

The ICN Congress brought together over 5,500 participants from 132 countries to hear a vast array of presentations from expert speakers on a wide variety of topics of interest to nursing and health. The Congress is held every two years.

Check the staff at University of Guyana

About 80% of the University of Guyana's staff and students are non-Indians. Why?

It is clear that there is only token ethnic Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity at the University of Guyana (UG) as illustrated in its recently-launched Unit.

I was perusing the internet when an advertisement from UG caught my attention: <https://www.uog.edu.gy/newsletters/launch-university-guyanas-inclusivity-diversity-and-equity-policy-and-unit>.

The launch of UG's Inclusivity, Diversity and

Equity Unit was later reported in one of the nation's newspaper (GT, Nov 3, 2021)

The advertisement invited the public to the launch of its Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity Policy and Unit. Curious, I clicked the Zoom link, and the first address at the webinar was that of Vice-Chancellor Paloma Mohammed.

I thought "Brilliant!", she ticks so many boxes: woman, Mixed-Guyanese, Muslim surname, passed her prime (middle-aged). This is what diversity looks like. But was she representa-

tive of the University, the launched Unit and the Guyanese society?

Next in the Zoom programme was the guest speaker, the Human Services and Social Security Minister, Dr Vindhya Persaud. In hindsight, this was clearly window-dressing when the membership of the Unit and University was examined. Through and through, the Unit's executive comprised mainly ethnic Africans with only one token Indo-Guyanese.

There was a total disregard by the University of Guyana and the Unit for

the diversity of the Guyanese society, which is proportioned 40% East Indian, 30% African, 20% Mixed and 10% Amerindian descent.

Please don't be fooled by last names. You have to see the person and/or the photos to get the real picture.

The Unit is composed of ten people but only one (10%) is an Indo-Guyanese. It is chaired by Dr Roslin Khan (Mixed) with the others being Dr Lidon Lashley, Dr Mellissa Ifill; Dr C. Nigel Gravesande; Dr Paulette Henry; Pamela Rose; Dr Jacqueline Murray; Debbie Hopkinson; Leann Kendall, and Dr Melisha Hanif (Indo-Guyanese).

One can easily see that Indo-Guyanese are grossly underrepresented and discriminated when they account for 40% of the Guyanese population.

See the ethnic composition of the University's Statutory Officers from its website: Prof. Edward Greene, The Chancellor; Maj. Gen. Ret'd Joseph Singh, The Pro-Chancellor; Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin, The Vice-Chancellor; Dr Emanuel Cummings, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Engagement; Dr Mellissa Ifill, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement; Dr Nigel Gravesande, Registrar; Ms. Holda Poonai, Bursar; Prof. Gomathinayagam Subramanian, Director, University of Guyana Berbice Campus; Dr Jacqueline Murray, Director, Institute of Distance and Continuing Education; Ms. Gwyneth George, Librarian; Dr Troy Thomas, Faculty of Natural Sciences; Mr Hector Edwards, Faculty of Social Sciences; Dr Temitope Oyedotun, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences; Dr Lawrence Lewis,

Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry; Dr Cecil Boston, College of Medical Sciences (Faculty of Health Sciences); Dr Roslin Khan (Mixed), Faculty of Education and Humanities; Ms Verlyn Klass, Faculty of Engineering and Technology; and Dr Leyland Lucas, School of Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation. Note that Indo-Guyanese account for 40% of the population.

When one examines the University's website (<https://www.uog.edu.gy/>) and sees the student graduation ceremony online (<https://www.facebook.com/uniofguyana/videos/university-of-guyana-53rd-convocation-turkeyen-campus/482330325704753/>), this is the ethnic audit report: about 80% of the University of Guyana's staff and students are non-Indians.

I am desirous of knowing how and why has this imbalance existed for so long to become so entrenched and institu-

tionalised? Why didn't the Jagan and Jagdeo PPP fix this divisive problem? Which will be the university-educated group in the future? Who will be left cutting cane, planting rice and catching fish in the backdam?

If this sounds like bigotry, one's insensitivity is misplaced. The point is: Equity, as contained in the name of the Unit. There is no ethnic equity, and little inclusivity or diversity. Instead, there is racial domination in all departments across the university, except a little leeway in the Natural Sciences and at the Berbice campus.

As the webinar progressed, it became more and more apparent that the Unit's purpose was diversity in name only. It lacked diversity to such an extent, that even the moderator and sign language interpreter were Afro-Guyanese.

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Little reminders for Advent/Christmas

Personality:

1. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
2. Don't have negative thoughts of things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
3. Don't over do; keep to your limits.
4. Don't take yourself too seriously; no one else does.
5. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
6. Dream more while you are awake.
7. Envy is a waste of time. God has blessed you.
8. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner of his/her mistakes of the past; that will ruin your present happiness.
9. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present
11. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
12. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
13. Smile and laugh more.
14. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

16. Each day give something good to others.
17. Forgive everyone for everything.
18. Spend time with elderly; listen and learn from their wisdom. Encourage the young. Teach the little ones.
19. Try to make people (at least one person) smile each day.
20. What other people think of you is less important than what you think of yourself.

21. Your job will not take care of you when you are sick. Your family and friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

22. Put GOD first in anything and everything that you think, say and do.
23. GOD heals everything.
24. Do the right things.
25. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
26. No matter how you feel, learn and try to get up.
27. The best is yet to come. Never lose hope.
28. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
29. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
30. If you know GOD you will be happy.

Pray at all times! Give thanks to God!

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Community:

15. Call your family often.

Spiritual wickedness in high places

"Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell impressed upon the female head of state to get rid of Benoit who was resisting efforts to link the Electoral office with a communications system run from the office of the Prime Minister".

This is what I read in an article which stated, Embarrassment facing the GG Dame Cecile La Grenade, in connection with an article about a court case involving the sacked Supervisor of elections, Judy Benoit.

The article continues: "Benoit's dismissal as Supervisor of Elections came against the backdrop of claims that she refused to implement a

directive from Lana Mc Phail, the then Permanent Secretary in the office of the Prime Minister which she felt would have compromised the integrity of the Electoral system".

Today after 8 years of Justice denied it looks like Ms. Benoit is about to be vindicated, receive some token, semblance of compensation.

The question is - was the Electoral system compromised back then? Is it still compromised - logged into the Prime Minister's office?

If it is, this whole nation has failed Ms. Benoit. We have failed our children and future generations to come. Where

are the churches, civil society, NGOs, Media, Trade unions, the ordinary decent man and woman on the street?

What are the implications of such national negligence? Does anyone have good reasons to trust the Grenada Electoral system? Or is it too late to arise from our shame, apathy and slumber and rescue this nation?

The Bible says in Eph. 6:11-12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers and spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Wise One

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

GRENADA

GDAHBP2021/0349

IN THE ESTATE OF RAPHEAL BARTHOLOMEW MITCHELL LATE OF
WESTERHALL, IN THE PARISH OF SAINT DAVID, GRENADA, LAST
RESIDING AT HILDERSHEIM, GERMANY, DECEASED.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JENNIFER MITCHELL** of Westerhall, St. David, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 20th of July 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of 8th August 2014 where the applicant is named one of the Executors.

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 6th day of December 2021.



Celene Edwards

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

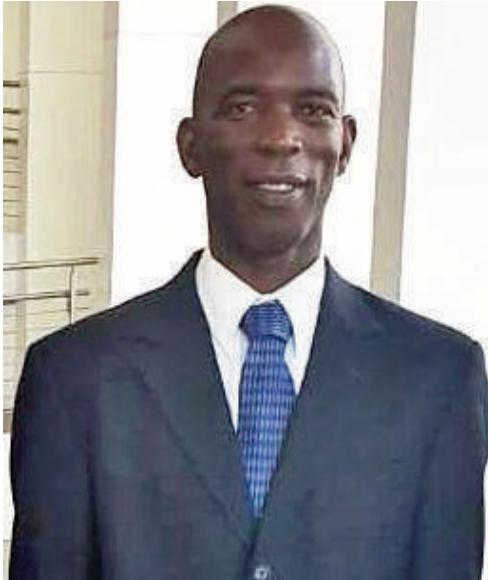
Filed by the Law office of George E.D. Clyne on behalf of the Applicant with its office situate at Old Fort Road, St. George's. Telephone numbers 440-2545/435-2545.

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.

Opposition Leader rejects proposed EC\$1.3 billion budget for 2022

Opposition Leader Tobias Clement has slammed the ruling New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Keith Mitchell, which is currently serving a second consecutive 5-year term in office for its inability to provide its audited financial statements to the Grenada Parliament over the years, a document, which he noted comprises historical data that is critical in preparing a budget statement.

Clement dismissed the EC\$1.3 billion budget that was presented to the nation by Finance Minister Gregory Bowen last week Friday, during a sitting of the Lower House of Parliament in St. George's, as he opened the budget debate on Monday,



Opposition Leader Tobias Clement - the government has not presented an audited financial statement in years

advancing the argument that the audited financial statement "is the main piece of document" to be reviewed by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which is responsible for examining the value for money of government projects, programmes and service delivery in preparing the government's budget strategy.

"Where is this government's audited financial statements over the years," charged Clement in his rebuttal, labeling the 2022 budget statement as being "highly deceptive in its presentation," and lacking "the innovation and initiative" required to meet the fiscal and social challenges facing the country amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"You produce a budget

from year to year, and you cannot produce this one (the audited financial statements) ...the financial affairs of this government must be put in order, for the sake of the country. Mr. Speaker. I cannot, I cannot for the life of me, after reflecting on this budget, and looking at the finances of government, I do not support the passage of this budget in this house," Clement told the Speaker of the Lower House, Michael Pierre.

"When you look at the presentation of the budget I see no innovation, I see no initiative...What I see today is the presentation of a document that is cut and paste. The numbers (have) changed a little bit to fit inflation but it is the same template from since 1995 (and) if we have to go somewhere in this country we have to innovate," argued Clement, who is the current Member of Parliament for the constituency of St. George Northeast, a post he secured on an NNP ticket in the March 2018 General Elections.

The MP who became the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, after resigning from the NNP in November 2019 citing dictatorship concerns, said while you will see "a lot of nice things" in the 2022 budget, "the proof of the budget is in the implementation."

The Opposition Leader, who also took issue with the continued use of the "tax and spend" construct of the budget that was "given to us by the colonial masters," also voiced concerns surrounding the ability of the NNP regime to implement major public sector projects in the country, and the use of National Transformation Fund (NTF) resources to roll out capital projects in the form of grants.

Clement cited the previous budget statement in which the "capital expenditure for 2021 was estimated to be 261.7 M, 3% less than 2020 out-turns, 14.4% below the targeted amount," due to the "slow rollout of some major projects."

Additionally, he pointed out that "total spending from grant sources (were) estimated at 232.6m, however, "grants spent were lower than anticipated partly because of implementation bottle-



Finance Minister Gregory Bowen - sought to clarify "serious misinformation" concerning the use of NTF resources in presenting the 2022 budget statement in Parliament last week Friday

necks of grant finance projects (and) slower than expected grant receipts."

The government expended "195.4m" of the estimated amount, with the NTF, which was established in 2013, to serve as an avenue to transform the economy, finances various projects in Grenada in many industries, including tourism, agriculture, and alternative energy, "contributing 152m out of that," according to Clement.

The Leader of the Opposition, who had to endure disturbances throughout his presentation due to technical difficulties, called out the Mitchell-led government for using NTF resources "to give itself a grant" to expend on capital projects.

He called for "a full accounting of the National Transformation Fund," which is financed by approved investors under the controversial Citizenship by Investment (CBI) programme, who are required to make a one-time, non-refundable monetary contribution, the value of which varies depending on the number of dependents.

"I have looked through several budget documents, and most grants I see come from outside sources but here the Government of Grenada is giving itself a grant through the NTF, first time it (has) ever happened," Clement quipped.

"It is called the National Transformation Fund, and if it is spent on capital projects...it seems that the full strategy of this government is to sell passports and buy concrete and asphalt

because that is where most of the money went and even though it was spent that way it was not fully implemented," he said.

Clement went on: "Is that sustainable in this country at this point? How can the country use this strategy of development selling passports and buying asphalt and concrete?"

The Opposition Leader urged the NNP administration to re-consider options to stir activity in the economy which, according to Finance Minister Bowen is expected to expand by "4.5% next year, driven by strong growth in all major sectors, especially the tourism-related sectors."

The Opposition Leader expressed the view that while "there is a lot of meat in here for us to chew on" in the 2022 budget, "we have seen the shortfall in terms of implementing major projects" in the previous budget, which serves as evidence that "you (the government) have failed in many respects."

"If you have an operation, and you cannot implement it Mr. Speaker, it means therefore that the government is not working because what should have been done to stir economic activity in the country was not done," he told the lower house.

The Finance Minister highlighted 18 major public sector projects including the St. John's River Flood Mitigation and the Maurice Bishop International Airport (MBIA) Upgrade projects, which are funded by the NTF, as he sought to clarify "serious misinformation" and

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GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF JUNIOR ANDIE CUTHBERT KIRTON ALSO KNOWN AS ANDIE KIRTON OF CALIVIGNY ST GEORGE GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Cherryl Ann Julien also known as Cherryl Ann Phillip, the mother of the deceased's minor children and Linda Greenidge, the sister of the deceased, both of Grand Anse Valley, in the parish of St George for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of September 2021.

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

Dated the 30th day of November 2021

Thira Dumont
Attorney-at-law
Duncan Phillip & Associates

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

Omicron Variant: Is Grenada Preparing for When this New Variant Reaches our Shores?

By Special Correspondent

The recently identified variant of concern Omicron has caused virologists, epidemiologists, and public health officials around the world to scramble into action to protect their respective countries from this emerging threat.

Although much is not known of the virus there are concerns with the amount of mutations on the spike protein coat, that outer layer, which allows the virus to latch on and enter cells. It will take two to three weeks for scientists to determine if Omicron is more virulent, transmissible and able to evade current vaccines.

As the world waits with bated breath for scientists to get a better understanding of this new variant of concern, authorities in Grenada must not wait, rather they must start planning for when this mutation reaches our shores.

The Ministry of Health Covid-19 response team should plan for a worst case scenario that is Omicron will cause widespread severe illness, hospitalisations and death putting the entire healthcare infrastructure on the brink of collapse. Officials must determine when and how quickly they could move to an emergency footing.

Should results of ongoing research determine the virus is more transmissible and able to evade vaccines, the plan should be flexible enough to enable government to switch to a zero Covid policy reminiscent of the early days of the pandemic: a total lockdown, suspension of air travel and other measures to make sure the variant doesn't take hold in the population.

Government must hope for the best possible outcome from these studies, while it plans for the worst. Already, the Ministry of Health Covid-19 response team and national Covid advisory committee should be doing situational assessments of the emerging global trend as it relates to Omicron.

The lessons learnt from the recent local wave of infections, hospitalisations and deaths caused by the Delta variant must be incorporated into the discussions as the government should try to stay ahead of the situation.

The plan should clearly address how to deal with complex dilemmas that would arise with another

wave of infections, in particular, if Omicron is more transmissible and able to evade vaccines. For instance, should a lockdown be imposed notwithstanding its high cost or should the economy be kept open?

Should hospital capacity be expanded beyond available beds at the three existing hospitals on the island? If the answer is yes, when and whom do we seek assistance from for field hospitals? These and more are questions the plan must answer as the situation can become very fluid and out of control in the twinkle of an eye.

The Ministry of Health Covid-19 response team, national Covid advisory committee must take the lead and do its work in order for government not to be caught off guard as was the case earlier in the pandemic.

The Ministry of Health and government would want to make you believe that its management of the pandemic so far has been a big success, however closer scrutiny of the information and circumstances would tell a much different story.

Apart from the litany of missteps, inconsistencies and double standards in implementation of public health protocols, data from PAHO and John Hopkins University clearly indicates a massive failure by government in testing and surveillance leading up to the recent wave and in treatment and care during spread of the Delta variant.

According to PAHO, Grenada is among four Caribbean countries that have the highest in the Caribbean and among similar developing countries in the world by early August.

While most countries' mortality rates are under two percent Grenada is well over two percent. John Hopkins University CSSE Covid-19 data suggests Grenada Case Fatality Ratio (CFR) or how many Covid-19 cases succumb to the disease is the highest in the Caribbean and the world.

The island moved from having one Covid-19 related death by early August to two hundred in just two months during which time daily infection rates rose to over three hundred at the height of the surge. This is a clear indictment on government's failure to set up a well-functioning parallel health system to provide adequate treatment and care to infected patients

who required hospitalisation.

The family and friends of those who died unnecessarily must hold the government accountable for this huge policy failure. Government, on the other hand, should try and redeem themselves by making sure this time around a comprehensive plan is drawn up that would guide its actions in the event Omicron is more lethal, easily spread and can evade current vaccines.

The ban on travellers from Southern African countries doesn't amount to much since the island doesn't have direct flights to these countries. Omicron has now spread to over nineteen countries in Europe and is now confirmed in Canada and the United States, main source markets for our tourism industry. It is therefore imperative that government have a plan that is well thought out and reflects the lessons learnt from the recent deadly spread of the Delta variant across the island.

The plan must be nimble enough to enable government to respond quickly to any eventuality that may occur within this emerging global public health emergency. The situation of senior health officials running around panicking like headless chickens should not be repeated again.

Rather than be reactive, taking knee jerk actions during a crisis, the plan should help government to be proactive in implementing timely actions to protect the population from another onslaught resulting in needless deaths and suffering.

The evolution of Omicron highlights the importance of getting more persons among the eligible population vaccinated to protect the vulnerable and young children who are not able to receive the vaccine at this time.

The Prime Minister must stop this deceptive and unfair approach to the vaccine mandate which forces private sector workers to get vaccinated while leaving public sector workers untouched.

It is utterly unfair to affected private sector workers and the time has come for the Prime Minister and his government to demonstrate astute and decisive leadership rather than play political football with the lives of Grenadians.

Private sector leaders must push back at fur-

ther attempts by government to step up enforcement and expand vaccine mandates within the sector if they are not willing to do the same in the public sector.

The leader and his government can't repeatedly fail to plan to protect the population from this deadly enemy called the coronavirus and on top of that fail to take action to prevent the virus from wreaking havoc on the people.

Omicron will find its way to Grenada and the government needs to have a proper plan that would help it to effectively respond when the virus gets here. Additionally, in order to build resilience among the population, government must take decisive steps to ensure over seventy percent of



Travelers at the airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, on November 27, 2021, after several countries imposed new travel restrictions in response to the omicron Covid-19 variant.

the eligible population is vaccinated.

For the desire to remain in power must not be placed over the lives of

Grenadians nor the failure to properly plan should result in more lives needlessly lost to Covid-19.

The time to plan and take action to protect the nation from Omicron is now.

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BETWEEN:-

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT 22 OF 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION
OF POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

JOHNATHAN STANISLAUS

APPLICANT/ CLAIMANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas Johnathan Stanislaus of Belle Vue South in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada, retired.

By his Application filed in the High Court on the 26th day of November, 2021 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

SCHEDULE

Land situate at Belle Vue South in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada bounded on the one side by lands of the late Edward Stanislaus on another side by lands of Edward Stanislaus on another side by lands of Edward Stanislaus and on another side by a Private Road. The said land is of the extent of 10,890 sq. ft. English Statute Measure.

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Pastor Terrence Griffith: The Bishop Killers should confess their sins and repent to God

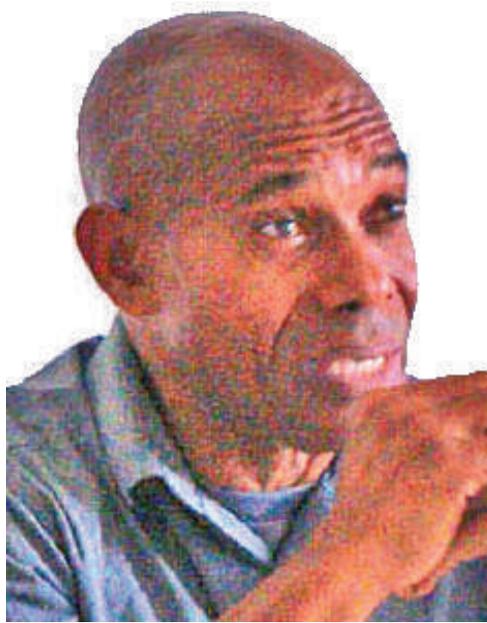
A Grenadian religious leader in the Black Community in the United States has raised serious concerns with those members of the condemned Maurice Bishop Killers who have now turned to preaching the word of God.

Pastor Terrence Griffith singled out for special mention former army officers, Lieutenant-Colonel Liam "Owusu" James, and Major Leon "Bogo" Cornwall who are reportedly involved in preaching at two Evangelical churches in the St. George area.

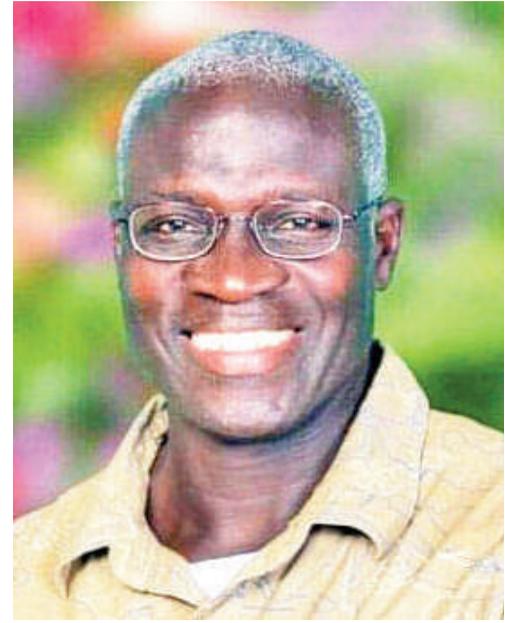
James is said to be associated with a church run by one Pastor John Crowe in the St. George North-east constituency and Cornwall, a former Methodist minister, is now involved with St



Pastor Terrence Griffith – runs a major Black church in the United States



Liam "Owusu" James – attends a church in St. George North-east



Leon "Bogo" Cornwall – a preacher in a local Baptist church

George's Baptist church in Springs run by Pastor Stanford

Simon.

Another convicted Bishop Killer is ex-army Major Dave "Tan" Bartholomew who is reportedly a lay preacher in a church in rural St. Patrick.

James, Cornwall and Bartholomew were members of the Central Committee of the then ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM) who were convicted along with ex-deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard, General Hudson Austin, and former Mobilisation Minister Selwyn Strachan along with several other government and army officers for the execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop on October 19, 1983 in a bloody palace coup.

The killing of Bishop came following a bitter power struggle with Coard over Joint Leadership for the NJM which came to power on March 13, 1979 by force of arms against the elected Eric Gairy regime.

Speaking to THE NEW TODAY, Pastor Griffith who is based in Philadelphia recalled that these so-called preachers who played prominent roles in the Grenada Revolution need to confess their sins and ask for repentance and forgiveness before starting to preach the word of God.

He also recalled that these are the same "guys who wanted to destroy the church" when they maintained an iron-fist rule over Grenadians in their Marxist period of government.

"They had spies in the church – people like (name withheld) and them were going to the

Seventh Day Adventist church spying on the church and reporting back to the NJM and now these very same guys are preaching," he said.

"Nothing wrong with that but did they admit that we did wrong? Did they say to the nation we are sorry for what we did that we orchestrated this, we planned this? That is what genuine repentance is all about," he added.

According to Pastor Griffith, who was associated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grenada before migrating to the United States, he knows that Major Cornwall is very aware that in Christian teaching repentance is not just about turning around but is also admitting what was done wrong.

"There is no repentance without admitting what you did and admitting what you did is not vague - you got to say exactly what you did. You got to admit what you did. You can't say forgive us when nobody knows what you did".

"If you say look, am transformed, I am born again, I have turned over a new leaf there are certain responsibilities that come with that and that is saying to people, I renounce the past, this is what happened, I have turned away from this – this is what it is, I thank God that I didn't get the Death Penalty but this is what we did and we are eternally sorry".

"If I have to do it again I wouldn't do that. That is what repentance is all about. Bogo knows that, he teaches the bible".

Pastor Griffith charged that these convicted

Bishop Killers have some church followers questioning whether they are now trying to hide their checkered past and just using religion and the church.

The religious figure said he decided to speak out on the issue involving the Bishop Killers and religion regardless of the consequences.

"If they hate me for that then it means they are really not converted and born again. If I say something like that and they are up in arms against it then it means they are using the church as a smokescreen - they are using the church to hide.

"These guys need to beg God pardon for the wrongs that they did while in power in Grenada. They got caught – all they need to be saying is that we did it, things got out of control and we got caught up in the moment and we are sorry that we plunged the nation into this chaotic situation and we are asking Grenada to forgive us".

"They are preaching now but tell them preaching comes with repentance and repentance means making a "U" turn but acknowledging what you did. There is no repentance if you did not acknowledge what you did. That is the bottom-line".

The Bishop Killers who spent approximately 25 years in prison for the mass murders on Fort Rupert now back to its original name of Fort George, have often admitted moral responsibility but not criminal responsibility for the bloody events 38 years ago.

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

**GRENADA
GDAHBP2021/0334**

IN THE ESTATE OF JOAN ILIS MENDES also known as JOAN DUNCAN and JOAN ILIS MENDES DUNCAN, deceased, late of Golf Course, in the parish of Saint George

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TONYA KARLENE DUNCAN – PHILLIP** of Mortley Hill in the parish of Saint George and **SHONTA NACYRA DUNCAN** of Golf Course in the parish of Saint George for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the natural and lawful daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of March, 2021.

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

Dated this 1st day of December, 2021

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

**Filed by Grant, Joseph & Co., Attorneys – at – Law for the Applicants.
The Applicants' address for service is Grant, Joseph & Co, Lucas Street,
St. George's, telephone number 473 440 3459/440 1627.**

Under-staffed embassy in Washington

A prominent Grenadian in the United States has raised concerns about the shortage of staff at the island's Embassy in the U.S capital city of Washington D.C with the Ambassador Yolande Smith having to double up at times and serve as the telephone operator.

"The Grenada Embassy is the worst of all the Caribbean embassies," said the local who is often in contact with the diplomatic outpost.

Speaking to THE NEW TODAY on the weekend, the Grenadian accused the Keith Mitchell-led government in St. George of allowing the Grenada Embassy in Washington to become "heavily under-staffed" which is impacting on the island's image among foreign diplomats.

"Grenada looks horrible," he said, and quickly added that the Washington Embassy "is not properly staffed".

According to the Grenadian, he has often called the Embassy and much to his surprise the Ambassador is the one answering the phone and not another staff member as is the case with several other embassies run by other governments in the Eastern Caribbean.

"When I call the embassy I don't need the ambassador answering the phone. I need to get a staff. If I am calling on business I need to get a staff. How the hell the Ambassador is answering phone?"

He charged that the only embassy in Washington which is so badly under-staffed in Washington is Grenada and called on Foreign Affairs Minister Oliver Joseph to tell the Grenadian people how many persons are working at the mission.

There appears to be one other member of staff apart from the Ambassador at the Grenada Embassy in Washington.

The Grenadian said: "She (Ambassador Smith) doesn't have a Charge D'affaires, a First Officer. They have given her nothing. The Ambassador doesn't have a driver. She's doing a good job – the Ambassador is organised – she's really doing a good job. She is really good and managing with the limited resources that she has".

He noted that islands like St Vincent & The Grenadines within the OECS grouping have alternatives in their embassies to assist their ambassadors to attend the many formal meetings of the Organisation of American States (OAS) in Washington but



Ambassador Yolande Smith – almost a lone figure running the embassy in the U.S capital city



Foreign Affairs Minister Oliver Joseph

Grenada is at a serious disadvantage with nothing in place.

"How are you going to run an Embassy with just an Ambassador and just one other staff member? You are going to OAS meetings and you don't have alternates – something (is) wrong with that picture," he remarked.

The overseas-based Grenadian referred to an important meeting which Ambassador Smith had to attend at an international hotel in Washington known as the Metropolitan Club in Washington and it was very embarrassing.

"Our Ambassador had to bomb a ride with the Vincentian ambassador because she was going to take the Uber back. She has an embassy vehicle but apparently doesn't have a budget to hire a driver for the embassy," he said.

He spoke of seeing the

Vincentian Ambassador pulling up in a BMW vehicle with her driver to give Ambassador Smith a ride back to the Grenada Embassy.

"...The driver is standing outside, when she (Vincentian) Ambassador comes out, he lets her in and she offered to take our Ambassador back to the embassy. That's not good for Grenada's image. So you want to tell me St Vincent got more money than Grenada?"

The Grenadian suggested that the ruling New National Party (NNP) government in St George should consider posting some civil servants in Washington D.C as in past years under previous government to allow the Embassy to provide better representation but expressed fears that this might not be a "priority" of the regime at the Botanical Gardens.

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Analysis of the 2022 National Budget

By **Laurel Theresa Bain**



two parts. A review of the legislative framework and the economic and social context of the Budget is undertaken in this article [Part 1]. The budget proposals and their implications for the economy are examined in the next article [Part 2].

The Legislative Framework

The budgetary process is governed by [i] The Constitution, [ii] The Public Finance Management Act, [iii] The Debt Management Act, [iv] the Fiscal Responsibility Act, and [v] the Audit Act.

Consistent with the Constitution, and a good practice, the Budget was presented before the beginning of the fiscal year. The presentation of the budget speech was accompanied with the laying of the Appropriation Bill and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure before Parliament.

Contrary to the legislative requirement, some documents were not presented to Parliament by the time of the budget. In the budget speech, the Minister of Finance

advised that the following reports would be submitted to Parliament namely: the Medium-term Fiscal Framework, the Fiscal Risk Statement, the Medium-term Debt Strategy, and the Annual Debt Report.

The Annual Borrowing Plan, which is normally included in the Medium-term Debt Strategy, was not mentioned as being submitted to parliament. This should not have occurred. These documents should have been readily available for public scrutiny. It is important to assess these documents along with the budget speech as they contain data and other critical information on the budget and Government medium term economic strategy.

The submission of the Report of the Director of Audit for 2020 to Parliament was also needed to close the budget process for 2020. The existence of the state of emergency and the cumulative decline in GDP of approximately nine percent between 2020 and 2021, facilitated the suspension of the fiscal rules and targets in the Fiscal

Responsibility Act for the third consecutive year.

The Order to suspend sections 7 and 8 of the Act was presented to Parliament and the Recovery Plan Memorandum was submitted. The Covid-19 environment has now become normal for the economy. Therefore, the fundamental issue of whether the Fiscal Responsibility Act, in its current construct, is fit for purpose needs to be addressed.

The Economic and Social Context of the 2022 National Budget

The budget speech provided information on the economic and social developments in Grenada, but more focus was needed on the social developments. The inclusion of a comprehensive assessment of the social situation was important as prior to the Pandemic there were already signs of vulnerabilities in the economy. This was evident in the rate of unemployment particularly among the youth.

The IMF Article IV Report of July 2019 placed the unemploy-

ment rate at 21.7 percent in 2018 and reported that youth unemployment was high. The Pandemic exposed some other social misalignments in the economy which need direct intervention by assessing the developments in the labour market and in the social sectors particularly education and health.

In relation to the labour market, when compared with the national unemployment rate, a higher rate of unemployment was recorded for youths and women. Based on data from the Statistics Department, by the end of the 4th quarter of 2019 and 2020, the overall unemployment rate stood at 15.1 percent and 18.5 percent respectively. By the second quarter of 2021, as outlined in the budget speech, the unemployment rate was 16.6%.

However, in the interest of obtaining a more comprehensive picture of unemployment, reporting on unemployment by age and sex would have been most appropriate in the context of providing targeted interventions. Specifically, in 2019, unemployment among the youth stood at 29.6 percent. By 2020, unemployment among the youths was 39.5 percent and at the end of the 2nd quarter of 2021, youth unemployment was 38.6 percent, signaling high levels of chronic youth unemployment.

Also, unemployment rates for women, were higher than the national rates, accounting for 18.3% (2019), 21.6 % (2020) and 19.5 % (2021). Detailed reporting on the structure of unemployment and persons who have dropped out of the labour force was necessary for targeted government intervention.

The unemployment rate provides only a partial indicator of the welfare of the population. This must be combined with indicators of the poverty. The budget speech reported a poverty rate of 25 percent for 2018/2019 based on a poverty assessment undertaken by the World Bank and the Statistics Department.

Similarly, information on the structure of poverty was required to determine the welfare of the population. Along with the overall poverty rate, the Report indicated that

extreme poverty increased, and income inequalities widened. Detailed information on poverty and living conditions was needed to target policies and programmes.

The social conditions and the economic situation, among other things, would have influenced the effectiveness of the approach to teaching during the Pandemic. Information needed to be provided on the impact of the virtual method of teaching. Some children are lagging in their education, and some have dropped out of the school system.

This could be attributable, in part, to the lack of access to internet service, interruptions in the internet service, the unavailability of electronic devices, the unsuitable learning and living environment, and inadequate technological and advisory support. There is evidence of the ill effects of the approaches to teaching during the Pandemic.

A commentary on a UNICEF Report indicated that COVID-19 has further widened the education gaps between rich and poor families in Latin America and the Caribbean, and that many of the most vulnerable students may not return to school. A situational analysis is needed to be undertaken for Grenada so that Government intervention could be well targeted.

A broad coverage of health indicators should have been included in the assessment of developments in the economy. The crisis began as a health issue, and although it turned into an economic crisis, it remains a major health challenge. The health implications were not restricted to the Covid-19 virus, but it affected other aspects of health both physical and mental.

There were other social dislocations that accompanied the Pandemic as persons adopted to a new way of life. Deep analysis of the current health situation and the health infrastructure was needed to inform policy directives. The economic situation aggravated these vulnerabilities.

Grenada's economy, like the other countries in the ECCU, fell over a cliff in 2020 and remained trapped in the valley in 2021.

After declining by 13.8 percent in 2020, economic growth in 2021 was estimated at 4.8 percent. The slow rate of economic recovery is occurring in an inflationary period thereby suppressing real income and adversely affecting vulnerable groups.

The budget outturn in 2021 was more favourable than budgeted, recording a current surplus of \$91.8M [excluding budgetary support of \$37.2M] compared with the budgeted \$23.9M. This was due to the higher than budgeted current revenue and lower than budgeted current expenditure. Capital spending accelerated during the second half of the year to amount to a reported \$261.7M for 2021.

The capital projects were financed with 'grants' of \$195.4M of which \$152.7M was from the National Transformation Fund. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure is the Official record of government financial transaction and serves as the historical records.

It is necessary to improve the document for accountability and transparency by broadening the data coverage by including a five-year series comprising two years of actual data prior to the year of the budget, the year of the budget, and projections for the two years after the budget.

There should also be consistency in the data format throughout the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure. This would avoid situations as occurred where the WRB transaction, which is a significant financial transaction, is omitted from any of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure.

In summary, the 2022 National Budget should have presented a more comprehensive review of social developments in 2020 and 2021. The Pandemic aggravated existing social vulnerabilities and created other social challenges. It is in this context that, Part 2, will examine the budget proposals for 2022; and their implications for the economy.

Knowledge is power and experience is the greatest teacher.

(Laurel Bain is a Grenadian-born former economist with the St. Kitts-based Eastern Caribbean Central Bank)

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

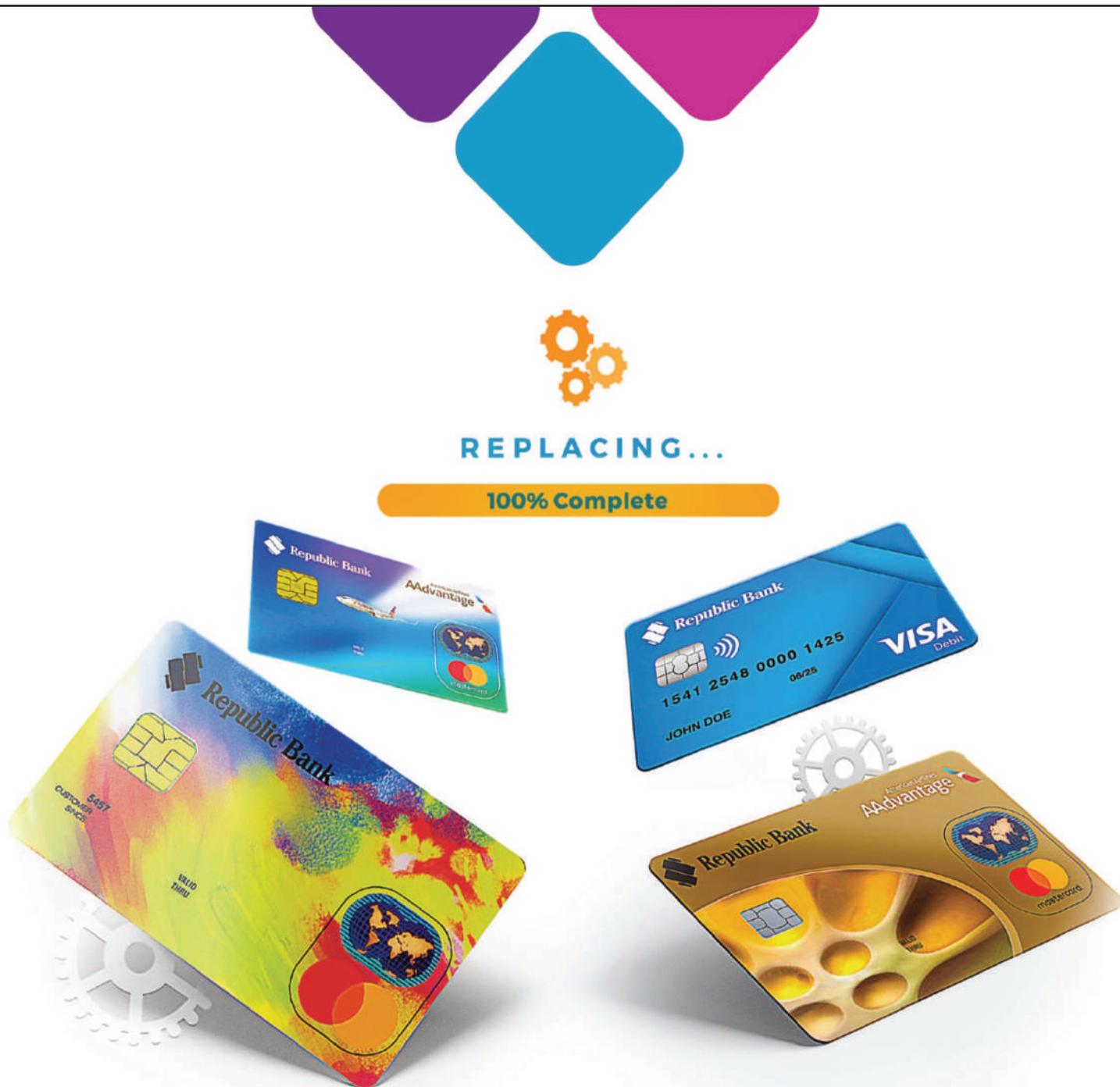
IN THE ESTATE OF RICHARD LOGAN DECEASED late of Mt. Gay in the parish of Saint George, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Agnita Patricia Logan and Bonnie Ince** both of River Road in the Parish of Saint George for Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the mother of the deceased and the sister of the whole blood of the deceased, respectively, the deceased having died intestate, on the 7th day of June 2021.

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 25 day of November 2021

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



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NAWASA moves to increase water supply to the south of the island

The Concord Water Plant is earmarked to receive a much needed upgrade to increase its daily production from 300, 000 gallons, to a capacity of 700, 000 gallons as a means to "alleviate the burdens" of the Annandale Water Treatment Plant, and ease water woes faced by residents and businesses in the south of the island.

This is one of the objectives of the South St. George Water Supply Expansion and



Planning and Development Manager at the National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) Whyme Cox

Sewerage Improvement Project, which has been in the pipeline since 2016, and is scheduled to commence early next year.

Planning and Development Manager at the National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) Whyme Cox told reporters last week Tuesday that the Annandale plant, which is NAWASA's largest water treatment facility, producing on average 2.5 million gallons of water per day "is

stretched to its limits" in meeting the "additional demand" for water supply in the South of the island, which comprises a significant mixture of residents, as well as the tourism and industrial belts.

Supplied by three (3) transmission lines from the dam, the Annandale plant serves an average 57,000 customers stretched from Annandale through to Point Salines.

"We just don't have sufficient water to supply the demands at the South given our vulnerability to climate change, and rainfall during the rainy season," Cox told reporters at the week's post-Cabinet media briefing in St. George's.

He said the project seeks to upgrade the Concord Water Treatment Plant and expand the main water supply network, which currently stops just before the Sendall tunnel supplying the Town of St. George.

He explained that the project, which is being funded through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) under the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF), will see the installation of lines that will make the additional 400, 000 gallons of water, which will be produced at the improved Concord plant, accessi-

ble to the south "passing through the Sendall Tunnel onto The Carenage, Lagoon Road, going all the way down to the south as far as Sandals hotel" in Point Salines.

He said that the estimated US\$12m project, will also see the expansion of the Lagoon Road sewerage network, with plans to incorporate it into an upgraded St. George's sewerage network.

The NAWASA Planning and Development Manager stated as it stands now, sewerage collected are not treated before being pumped into the sea.

"We don't treat the sewerage that is collected," he told reporters.

Citing environmental concerns, Cox noted that having "identified that limitation" the Authority has been "taking proactive steps and measures to deal with it."

"So, the consultant has to give us a design...a road map for treating the sewerage that we collect, following which we are going to implement treatment stations so that whatever we collect is treated before it goes out into the environment," he added.

Cox said that while "we (NAWASA) appreciate these issues and how they affect the environment "we can argue that to date, what we do (pumping the untreated sewerage out into the

sea) is by no means impacting our shoreline because we are forever doing monthly samples, and tests just to ensure that what's happening is not affecting our coastal areas."

According to the Planning and Development Manager at NAWASA, once the Trinidad-based Alpha Engineering and Construction Ltd., finalises the project feasibility study, it will go before the CDB for approval, which is expected to take place sometime in January followed by the process to tender and then to procure a contractor.

"We are conducting the final reviews of that feasibility study but meanwhile the detail designs are actually happening as we speak. Last week the Consultant was on the ground just collecting, and verifying additional data as we finalise the detailed designs," he said.

"The intent is to have final approval from the Caribbean Development Bank for the capital works in the month of January 2022, following which the project is going to go for tendering and procurement of a contractor for the installations of the lines, and all of the upgrades that need to happen," he added.

GRENADA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED



NOTICE OF RECORD DATE

Pursuant of section 108 of the Companies Act (Act 35 of 1994) notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Grenada Co-operative Bank Ltd., has fixed as the record date of **December 16th, 2021** shareholders entitled to receive Notice of the Annual Meeting to be held on **January 13th 2022**, and to receive a dividend in respect of the Financial Year Ended **September 30, 2021**.

Alana Twum-Barimah
CORPORATE SECRETARY

Opposition Leader rejects proposed EC\$1.3 billion budget for 2022

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dispel perceptions surrounding "a lack of transparency and accountability in the use of NTF resources," in presenting the highly anticipated budget statement last week.

He spoke of an expected "80% implementation rate" of public sector projects by the end of the year, and questioned whether "there is an ulterior motive to discredit the acute management of the country's financial resources."

Minister Bowen pointed out that "all NTF

spending is approved every year in this honourable house...and is included in the estimates of revenue and expenditure (and that) the NTF regulations are clear on setting aside 40% of all NTF resources for emergencies and debt reduction."

Providing an update on the CBI programme, the senior government minister said that of the "437 applications received under the programme for the year, 170 are related to contributions to NTF," with total receipts in the amount of "US\$30.6m, as of

October 31."

Minister Bowen affirmed that while the CBI programme was "strengthened significantly during the second half of the year (and) interest in the programme remains strong (and) the government continues to make determined efforts to improve the performance and operations of the programme and ensuring that its integrity and reputation are maintained" with plans to "expand the priority sectors supported under the CBI programme."

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STOP THE SPREAD

The collapse of the Grenada Revolution

by Jay R. Mandle &
Joan D. Mandle

In *Skyled: A Tale of Two Revolutions*, Bernard Coard (hereafter BC) details Eric Gairy's ascendancy, as well as the growth in opposition to his rule that culminated with the military victory of the New Jewel Movement (NJM) on March 13, 1979.

In *Forward Ever: Journey to a New Grenada*, he concentrates on the NJM's governance of Grenada between 1979 and 1983, exploring its foreign policy dealings with both Cuba and the United States, its response to domestic opposition, and its health, education, and economic accomplishments.

The Grenada Revolution: What Really Happened? presents BC's account of the political crisis that resulted in the execution, by members of the NJM army, of Maurice Bishop, the party's leader, and seven of his close associates.

And in *Unchained: A Caribbean Woman's Journey Through Invasion, Incarceration & Liberation*, Phyllis Coard (hereafter PC) describes the shocking prison conditions she endured for almost 17 years, as well as the sham trial of the 17 Grenadians, including both Coards, who were charged with ordering and carrying out the executions.

BC writes that in its early years the NJM was influenced by Franklyn Harvey, an activist who believed that political parties were an obstacle to social transformation. Harvey argued that "the Mass organisation of the working-masses is the only way out if we are to seek social liberation."^[1]

After 1974 however, his thinking lost favour when a mass action in Grenada - a long general strike - failed to dislodge Gairy from power. In the wake of that defeat, party leaders came to believe that, in order to succeed, the NJM had to become a Leninist party.

According to BC, a "tightly knit, highly disciplined, work-oriented party structure, backed up by a well-organised support structure" was required. The NJM's transformation into a Leninist party - secretive and rigidly disciplined - was very likely the reason that its armed wing was able to surprise Gairy's troops on March 13, 1979, and secure power for the party.



Prime Minister Maurice Bishop – killed in a bloody palace coup

On the morning following the NJM's triumph, Bishop delivered a speech to the nation that addressed the future: "Let me assure the people of Grenada that all democratic freedoms, including the freedom of elections, religious and political opinion will be fully restored to the people."

Hours later, he received a call from Tom Adams, Barbados's Prime Minister. Adams proposed a plan to quickly restore constitutional rule in Grenada, with the NJM as the ruling party. His proposal was to secure the resignations of Gairy loyalists in Parliament, and then hold bi-elections. Since Adams was sure that the NJM would easily win the seats vacated by Gairy supporters, the party would constitutionally be empowered to form the government.

According to BC, Bishop was initially non-committal, but a week later Adams called back, demanding a decision. During that call, Bishop turned to BC and asked, "What do you think?" Though BC admits that he "had given none of this any thought!" he nevertheless replied, "Let's accept the proposal." Bishop indicated his agreement and began to reply to Adams, "We are in agreement ..."

But after those three words, he hesitated and then, according to BC, changed "entirely what he was about to say to Tom Adams."

and decided to delay elections for five years. It was at that moment that the trajectory of Grenada's history was determined.

The PB's decision broke the promises Bishop had given to the people on the first day of the revolution, and according to BC it "unleashed forces of many kinds and on many levels, of which we were unaware."

BC writes, "Our establishment of an effective one party state; the prevention of the functioning of a free media - even with all its abuses; our suspension of the constitution beyond the first 12-24 months; and the failure to hold elections during the period, would all come back to haunt us in September-October 1983."

BC refers to these illiberal actions as "strategic political errors". But they were more than just errors. They were the kind of antidemocratic practices that become systemic when a political party assigns to itself the sole right to rule on behalf of the people, a role that defines Leninism. That role followed from the belief, as Bishop put it in his ideologically-defining "Line of March" speech, that "we still are way, way ahead ideologically of the masses of our people ... we are much more politically and ideologically developed than them."

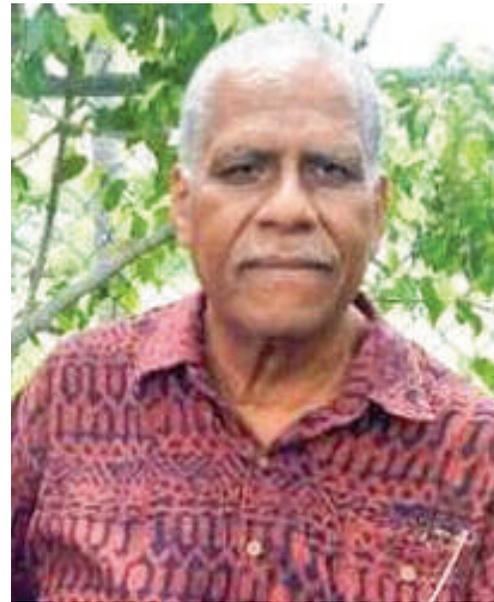
The elitism that Bishop articulated in this way provided the justification for NJM's retaining its Leninist structure after 1979. Coard, despite the self-criticism present in these volumes, never quite acknowledges elitism as the radical flaw in NJM's politics.

The NJM's Leninist vanguardism not only compromised its claim to democratic rule. It was also the source of the internal crisis that enveloped the party. At the time of its accession to power, the party had only 51 full members. Over time, that number proved to be insufficient given the task the party assigned itself.

BC writes that by July 1982, "two-thirds of the [Political] Bureau and CC [Central Committee] had experienced serious bouts of illness, more than half hospitalized for varying periods of time".

The consequence was, as recorded in CC meeting minutes, that "The party's internal state and links with the masses [are] at its worst since the Revolution."

By mid-September of 1983 the situation had become dire. At an



Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard – accused of being too ambitious and power hungry

extraordinary three-day CC meeting, numerous members criticised Bishop's leadership as

the main source of the party's troubles. Liam James cited three characteristics Bishop

lacked but which were "needed to push the revolution forward at this time: (1) A Leninist level of organisation and discipline. (2) Great depth in ideological clarity. (3) Brilliance in strategy and tactics."

With this in mind, James went on to argue that Bernard Coard "is the only Cde. [Comrade] that have [sic] the necessary qualities to merge with Cde. Leader." That merger, James proposed, could take the form of joint leadership of the party, a leadership shared by Bishop and Coard. After much discussion, the meeting voted in favour of James' proposal, with nine votes in favour, one opposed, and three abstentions including that of Bishop himself.

A week later, a NJM General Membership (GM) meeting was

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GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ALICE PRIMUS ALSO KNOWN AS FLOSSIE ALICE PRIMUS LATE OF 147 TOPHILL VILLAGE CARRIACOU GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Loris Primus of 147 Tophill Village Carriacou Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 17th Day of April 2017.

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

Dated the 24th day of November 2021



Thira Dumont
Attorney-at-law
Duncan Phillip & Associates

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

Unvaccinated workers feeling marginalized

Craft and Spice vendor Sharmaine Ragbasingh has called for the New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Keith Mitchell to fully compensate her for all the days that she will not be allowed to sell from her booth at the Grand Anse Vendors Market when ships visit during the 2021-2022 cruise ship season due to her vaccination status.

Ragbasingh is one (1) in about 11 unvaccinated vendors, who were barred from accessing their booths last week Tuesday (November 23) but were allowed only the day before to renew the license that is required to operate during the highly anticipated season, which recommenced last month, after a 20-month hiatus attributed to the coronavirus pandemic.



Craft and Spice Vendor Sharmaine Ragbasingh - wants full compensation



Civil activist Earl Maitland (standing on the left) pictured conversing with former Sandals' employee Lisa Modeste (standing in the center) and other unvaccinated workers at the gazebo inside the Botanical Gardens on Monday

The aggrieved vendor issued her call for compensation in an exclu-

sive interview with **THE NEW TODAY** on Monday, in which she contended that she has already paid her rent and that the authorities should not have renewed her license for a fee of EC\$35.00 last week Monday if they knew she would not be allowed to operate.

According to Ragbasingh, she paid a full year's rent to operate from her booth during 2019-2020 but she was unable to conduct business as normal last year due to the complete shutdown of the industry.

"There were no cruise ships ... (but) I already paid my money for the booth...So, this year, they renewed my license for me to do my business as normal (and) now that the cruise ships are coming in, you lock me out, and I cannot sell. So, how am I going to make money to pay my rent, to do other things that I have to do," she told **THE NEW TODAY**.

"What I want is for them to compensate me for all the days that the cruise ships come and I am not allowed to sell because that is the reason why they issued the license," she said.

Ragbasingh made the comments from inside the gazebo just passed the main entrance to the Botanical Gardens, Tanteen, where she turned up to support unvaccinated hospitality sector workers, some who have also called for compensation for their years of service after being "wrongfully dismissed" from their jobs due to their unvaccinated status.

Prime Minister Mitchell has voiced opposition to mandatory vaccination but his regime has declared that workers

in the tourism sector need to take the jab.

According to civil rights activist Earl Maitland, who was chosen by the vendors to represent their interest, and was also the organiser of Monday's event, nine (9) hospitality sector workers have filed complaints, in accordance with Sections 80 and 84 of the Employment Act of Grenada on Monday.

However, he noted that "some were turned away by police officers," who guarded the entrance of the Botanical Gardens throughout the day's event.

Brendon Charles, who is a former landscaper at Sandals Resort in the south of the island was sent home in June because he refused to take the vaccine, has now reverted to farming to support himself.

In an interview with **THE NEW TODAY**, the St. John resident argued that the government's vaccine mandate is "unconstitutional and expressed the view that the system has "failed the youth" and questioned the motive of the government in its attempt to "force persons to take a vaccine".

"They want to force it on you and according to the Constitution this is illegal," Charles declared.

Unvaccinated Lisa Modeste is a former Sandals Grenada employee, who spoke with **THE NEW TODAY** minutes before walking up to the Ministerial Complex to file her complaint.

She expressed hope that something can be done to address this issue.

every week or every two (2) weeks. So, I think that would be fair enough. Give us an option because it is not to say that we don't want to work, we are willing to work," she remarked.

Also among those who filed complaints at the Labour Ministry on Monday was Sheree' Cruickshank, who called for payment for her years of service after being dismissed from her job at the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort, where she was employed for close to a decade.

"Something has to be done," she declared.

Maitland, who confirmed that plans to assist workers in filing complaints will continue next week Monday, said moves are afoot to advocate on the issue of compensation, citing several parts of the Grenada Constitution, which he believes are being contravened by the government's actions.

He made particular reference to Chapter One (1), Section One (1) of the Constitution, which speaks to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms.

This includes life, liberty, security of the person, and the protection of the law, freedom of conscience, expression and assembly and association as well as protection for the privacy of home and other property and from deprivation of property without compensation.

These also include the right to work and Section 13 (1), which states that "Subject to the provisions of subsections (4), (5) and (7) of this section, no law shall make any provision that is discriminatory either of itself or in its effect.

Case Number :GDAH2021/0330

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Shineal Huggins** of Radix in the parish of Saint George in Grenada for a grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died on 16th day of October 2021 domiciled in Grenada intestate.

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

Dated the 15th day of November 2021

Filed by

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Father of Health Minister loses court battle

A high court judge in Grenada has thrown out a case brought by the father of Grenada's Health Minister Nickolas Steele seeking damages amounting to nearly EC\$2 million against the operators of Prickly Bay in the Lance Aux Epines area in the south of the island.

The owner of Steele's Auto, Derick Steele took court action against Prickly Bay Waterside Limited in relation to a property transaction between the two sides that dates back to 2007.

Steele is known to have been annoyed with a building constructed by Prickly Bay which reportedly blocked out the view of his home in Lance Aux Epines.

The two sides settled the matter that went before the court and reached a compromise agreement in which Prickly Bay agreed to purchase Steele's property and the sale was to be completed on May 18, 2009.

THE NEW TODAY understands that in accordance with clause 4 of the sale agreement, Prickly Bay agreed to pay interest in the sum of US \$225,000.00 which was calculated on the balance of the purchase price in the sum of US \$2,250,000.00.

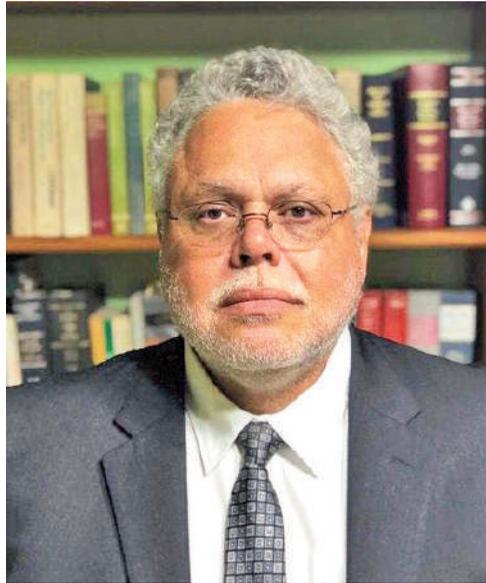
The business tycoon later filed a court case seeking US\$728,039.40 in interest as damages pursuant to the agreement and consent order made on 18th May 2007, with interest at a rate of 6% per annum, among other reliefs.

In response to the claim, Prickly Bay asserts that Mr. Steele is not entitled to interest on damages and in any event the claim is statute barred.

Justice Agnes Actie who heard the matter informed the parties that the main issue for determination in the case is whether Steele is entitled to payment of interest in the sum of US \$728,039.40, together with interest at a rate of 6% per annum from the date of filing of the claim to present.

Steele was represented in the matter by attorney-at-law Gregory Delzin and the wife of the Minister of Health, Michelle Emmanuel-Steele while Prickly Bay retained the services of Amicus Attorneys Claudette Joseph and Ian Sandy.

As a public service, THE NEW TODAY reproduces the decision of the high court judge which went against the father of the island's Health Minister:-



Attorney -at-law Gregory Delzin - was brought in to act on behalf of Derek Steele

2015 during the pendency of the appeal. The email correspondence also reveals that the issue of additional or further interest as damages was very much a live issue between the parties. Those discussions led to a second consent order which was entered on 4th November 2015 with no express or implied provision for the payment of interest. Therefore, the court accepts Ms. Joseph's submission that had those settlement discussions between the parties on the issue of additional interest materialise into an understanding or agreement, such a term would have been entered as a clear term in the consent order on appeal.

of the Henry J judgment, without prejudice to Mr. Steele right to file a separate claim for interest as damages. In the premises, Mr. Steele's arguments on the principle of estoppel by convention does not arise in the circumstances. Further, the court is of the view that the consent order dated 4th November 2015 before the Court of Appeal discharged and settled the obligations of Prickly Bay under Henry J's judgment of 26th August 2015. There are no special circumstances that give way for this present claim for additional interest as damages. Therefore, Mr. Steele is estopped from litigating an issue which could have or should have been pursued in his 2011 enforcement application before Henry J and in the consent order before the Court of Appeal. The

[51] Given the above evidence and facts, the court is not satisfied that there was an understanding or agreement between the parties to settle the terms

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Estoppel

[44] Counsel for Mr. Steele raised the issue of Estoppel and submits that Prickly Bay has by its defence (1) denied there was an "agreement or understanding between the parties that settlement of the claim with the defendant fully complying with the clear terms of Henry J's order was without prejudice to any right the claimant felt he had to pursue a fresh claim against the defendant."; (2) averred that Mr. Steele is "estopped from re-litigating the matter or asserting any entitlement for interest as damages as claimed or at all".

[45] Counsel submits that Mr. Steele relies on statements made in correspondence between the parties leading up to the second consent order of 4th November 2015 that there was a clear understanding and underlying assumption between the parties that the negotiation and entering into of the second consent order was without prejudice to Mr. Steele pursuing his claim for interest.

[46] Counsel contends that an estoppel by convention arose, and Prickly Bay is estopped from seeking to deny this understanding or to defeat this claim by such denial. Mr. Steele relies on the emails annexed to the claim which he believes expressly disclose the underlying assumption between the parties that led to the agreement of the consent order. Counsel submits that Prickly Bay is bound by the express terms contained in the emails which formed the basis of the underlying assumption

and agreement that led to the consent order where the parties agree that the question of the claim for interest would be pursued by Mr. Steele in a subsequent action.

[47] Counsel posits that Mr. Steele's reliance of the emails prevents Prickly Bay from disputing the right of Mr. Steele to bring the claim for interest as damages. It creates, it is submitted, an estoppel by convention. Counsel notes that in the case of Johnson v Gore Woods, the House of Lords considered that the circumstances of the estoppel by convention could also be an estoppel by representation each having the same effect, that is it would be unconscionable to allow Prickly Bay, to abandon or claim a different state of affairs either in fact or in law. Counsel relies on the learning from Halsbury's Laws of England, where the learned authorities defined what is meant by estoppel by convention and the case of Amalgamated Investment & Property Co Ltd (in liquidation) v Texas Commerce International Bank Ltd.

[48] With respect to the issue of estoppel, Counsel for Prickly Bay argues that the rationale behind Mr. Steele's reliance on the doctrine of estoppel is not clear. Counsel submits that there was no agreement between the parties that Mr. Steele is entitled to additional interest or to maintain this action. Mr. Steele's claim that there was an agreement between the parties that the compromise of the appeal was without prejudice to any right that Mr. Steele had to subsequently claim interest on the balance of the purchase price is incorrect.

In fact, Prickly Bay took the view and maintained it throughout the negotiations that Mr. Steele had no right to interest over and above that which was stipulated in the first consent order. Counsel says that the second consent order on the appeal represents the entire agreement between the parties in compromise of the appeal. Had the parties reached such agreement as alleged, it would have been reflected in the second consent order as a specific term, especially since the parties vigorously debated the issue.

[49] In the court's view, a fair reading of the email of 9th October 2015 reveals that notwithstanding Prickly Bay's statement that Mr. Steele was at liberty to pursue a claim for additional interest, the court notes that Prickly Bay stated categorically that such a claim had no basis in law and would be vigorously opposed. Given the context in which this statement was written, it does not suggest that Prickly Bay agreed with Mr. Steele that he should pursue a separate claim for interest. The statement suggests the contrary. The statement placed Mr. Steele on notice that Prickly Bay did not agree that he was entitled to any further interest as damages and if he desired to pursue such a claim, it would be vigorously opposed.

[50] Therefore, the court does not accept Mr. Delzin's contentions that the email created an understanding or agreement between the parties that, without prejudice to the settlement, Mr. Steele still had a right to pursue a separate claim for interest as damages. There

appears to be no agreement to this end. Further, the court notes that the parties settlement discussions on terms of Henry J's judgment occurred between late September 2015 and early October

2015 and early October

GRENADA

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS PAMPELLONE LATE
OF FLAT 16 MANOR COURT MANORGATE ROAD
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES SURREY
UNITED KINGDOM, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Dwight Pampellone of Manor Court Manorgate Road Kingston-Upon-Thames Surrey in the United Kingdom for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of July 2018.

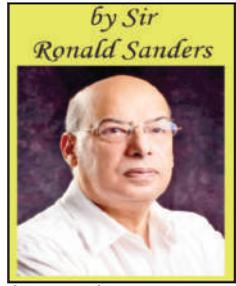
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Dated the 19th day of November 2021

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Barbados' Republican status is not a yen for pieces of silver



Among the most nonsensical statements uttered by a British Parliamentarian and repeated in the British newspaper, The Sunday Times, is that Barbados will become a Republic at the dicta-

tion of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The unvarnished truth is that within the next decade all of the independent English-speaking Caribbean countries will likely become Republics. On November 30, Barbados will become the fourth, following Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Dominica.

The move to Republican status will probably also be taken by Australia and other Commonwealth countries where the Queen remains the symbolic

Head of State. After Barbados becomes a Republic, the Queen's realms, other than Britain, will be reduced to 14, the majority of them (eight), being in the Caribbean.

It should be noted that when Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in June 1953, she also became Head of State of 67 other countries, then either colonies or dominions of Britain. Over the last 68 years, 52 of those countries opted to become

Republics. Barbados will become the 53rd.

None of the countries that chose to become a Republic did so because of pressure from China or any other country. They became republics because, even though the Queen's role was only symbolic, exercising no real executive authority, it was simply not acceptable that a foreign person, residing thousands of miles away with no daily experience of life in a country, could credibly be its Head of State. Indeed, breaking the

link with the Queen as Head of State, also completed the process of national sovereignty and independence from Britain as the former colonial power.

There are two reasons why the remaining eight independent English-speaking Caribbean countries have not already moved to Republican status. The first is that, for many of them, a Constitutional amendment will be required. Political parties in government know well that this would become a political football for their political opponents, with allegations that governing parties want a republic so that they can assume greater powers and control. Notwithstanding, the examples of Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago where Presidents have little more than symbolic roles, this argument will have its supporters.

The second reason is a residual and deserving respect for Queen Elizabeth who, in the almost seven decades as Head of State, has been an example of rectitude, particularly on matters of race. Her stance against apartheid in South Africa and the end to white rule in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) are enduring qualities of her reign. But the high regard for the Queen will not transfer to her successor. Prince Charles has already been selected to succeed the Queen as the Head of the Commonwealth of Nations that includes the countries of the English-Speaking Caribbean. This transition will be regarded as important and satisfactory.

The notion that Barbados is becoming a Republic because the Queen's symbolic headship of the country stands in the way of Chinese ambition, is

nothing but utter foolishness. It started in September this year when the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British House of Commons, Tom Tugendhat, said that: "China has been using infrastructure investment and debt diplomacy as a means of control for a while and it's coming closer to home for us."

British partners have long faced challenges from rivals seeking to undermine our alliance. Today we're seeing it in the Caribbean. Some islands seem to be close to swapping a symbolic Queen in Windsor for a real and demanding emperor in Beijing".

We should note that Mr. Tugendhat has long adopted an anti-China position, having nothing to do with Barbados. His remark about Barbados "swapping" the Queen for "a demanding" Chinese Emperor is less about Barbados and more about his taking every opportunity to criticize what he calls "the rise of China".

As I remarked, in a commentary, when Mr Tugendhat first tried to align Barbados' decision to become a Republic with China's influence, given the fact that he is the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Parliament, he should have been better informed. But clearly, he was more interested in accusing China of seeking world control than he was with the truth of the Barbados decision.

On November 20, the Sunday Times carried a story, written by journalist, Matthew Campbell, which had the appearance of carrying the views of many persons in Barbados, but which was more selective in its reporting. The story was evidently meant to justify its headline: "Awash

with cash from Beijing, the island is ditching the Queen. Some fear it is simply swapping one colonial master for another".

Again, the truth, that will not acknowledge its name, is that the persons, who peddle the fears of "the Chinese will end up in control", are the same people who would have preferred that Barbados remain 'little England' which bestowed upon them perceived rights that they feel they have lost.

Mr. Tugendhat's assertion, supported by like-minded persons in Barbados and elsewhere, of the threat of Chinese dominance, fails to understand the mettle of Caribbean leadership, and especially of the fierce nationalist and regionalist disposition of Mia Mottley. His judgment, and theirs, are rooted in the condescending colonial mindset that our people cannot think for themselves.

Caribbean countries need economic assistance because of their vulnerability and the legacies of colonialism that underlay their structures of economic weakness. Their leaders and their people want to advance their countries' social and economic development. To achieve this, they engage in economic and financial cooperation with all in a fair and just way. But they will not surrender hard won sovereignty because of a yen for pieces of silver.

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



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The collapse of the Grenada Revolution

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called to finalise the question of the party's leadership. There Bishop spoke at length, reporting that he was "confused and emotional" and "having horrors." According to the meeting minutes, he said that he was "suspicious" that the comrades believed that "I am the wrong person for the leader." Furthermore, he pointed out that the Grenadian people were likely to resist the CC's joint leadership decision because "the masses have their own conception and perception that may not necessarily be like ours who study the science."

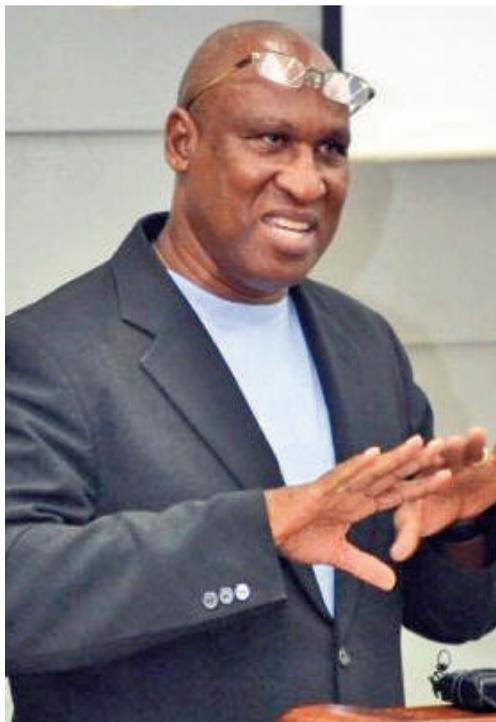
For these reasons, Bishop insisted, "I can't accept this compromise, it is unprincipled," and said that he was "considering the option of withdrawing from the BP and the CC." By the end of the meeting, however, Bishop reversed his position and agreed to share party leadership with BC.

The minutes of that meeting record that Bishop "admitted to the GM that his response to the CC criticism and decision was petit bourgeois." He concluded that he now believed "joint leadership would help push the party and the revolution forward."

As it turned out, however, Bishop once again changed his mind. According to Don Rojas, Bishop came to believe that joint leadership "would have effectively removed him from influence in the top decision-making organs of the party." [2] The fact is, however, that shared leadership would have done nothing to overcome the party's real crisis - its shortfall in membership. Only by becoming a mass party and shedding its Leninism could the NJM have had a chance of resolving its serious problems.

Rejecting Leninism, however, would have represented a radical transformation of the party. That was something no one in the leadership of the NJM - including BC himself - was prepared to do.

While BC's volumes detail the NJM's struggles, PC's personal memoir largely avoids a discussion of the party's history. Although she was a prominent member of the party's CC, head of the National Women's Organisation, and Minister for Women's Affairs, she offers no analysis of what went wrong in the years before 1983. On the few occasions when



Ewart Layne - one of the Seventeen convicted for Bishop's murder

she comments on her years in power, she, like BC, regrets what she calls "mistakes" and "our immature bungling in handling the political crisis".

PC was captured by the American military when it invaded Grenada in October, 1983. After being held as a "prisoner of war" on a U.S. warship, she was transferred to the Grenada prison where she spent the next sixteen and a half years. Her book graphically describes her horrific incarceration - her almost complete isolation, hunger and thirst, as well as the constant physical and mental humiliations and punishments, meted out by sadistic guards, that left her suicidal and suffering from posttraumatic stress and chronic depression.

Through all of this, she suffered from the demoralising certainty that she and her comrades would never get a fair trial. She describes the court's flouting of normal legal procedures from the trial's beginning in 1984 to its 1991 final rejection of 38 grounds of appeal.

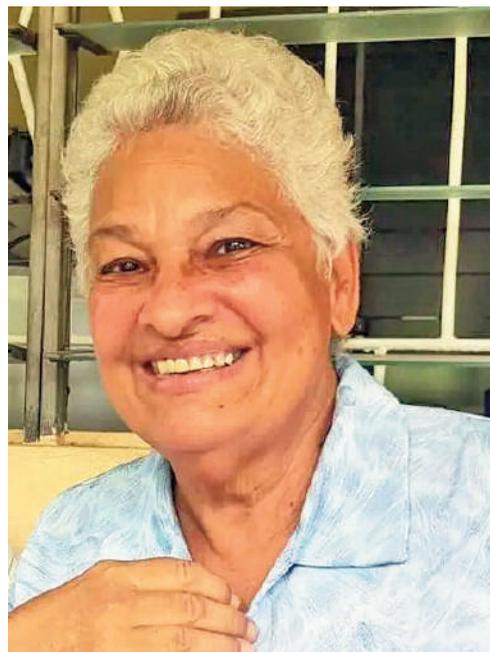
The irregularities she identifies include denial of defendants' access to their lawyers, a biased jury selection process, and the judge's ruling as inadmissible documents that she was convinced would have established their innocence.

PC believed from the beginning that "guilty verdicts are certain" and "the trial will be rigged". Her judgment differs little from Amnesty International's final assessment of the trial as "fatally flawed" and "a gross violation of international standards."

gent of soldiers to retake Fort Rupert. That decision to dispatch troops set in motion the tragedy that followed.

By October 19, the leadership of the NJM was already in disarray. During the previous ten days, rumours racing through the country had led both Bishop and the Coards to fear for their lives. One rumour had it that the Coards were planning to murder Bishop - a rumour that BC and others believed was started by Bishop himself. A second rumour, based on Bishop's bodyguard's warning that "blood will flow," was taken to mean that Bishop was planning to murder BC. With an American invasion thought to be imminent, Grenada had descended into chaos.

It is unclear who fired the first shots at Fort



Phyllis Coard - many suspect the Jamaican-born to have played an influential role in the ambitions of her husband

Rupert, though BC provides evidence that it was the demonstrators and not the PRA that did so. In any case, 15 minutes of gunfire killed and wounded many Grenadians. Minutes later, more shots rang out. Bishop and his associates, having surrendered, had been executed at the hands of a PRA firing squad.

The Grenada Revolution ended that day. But its end was presaged the moment that most members of the CC turned on Maurice Bishop, and he, with the support of the Grenadian people, resisted the party's will. The Coard volumes go far toward making clear not only that they themselves shared partial responsibility for the tragedy, but that they were its victims as well.

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

GDAHBP 2021/0339

**IN THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY EDWARDS LATE
OF BEAUSEJOUR IN THE ISLAND OF CARRIACOU
IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Grenlaw Chambers, Lucas Street in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, for a grant of Probate of the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed, Deceased who died on the 7th day of October 2021, without revoking a will bearing the date 19th day January 2019 wherein Doreen Langdon and Cyril Langdon are named the Executors.

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

Dated this 24th day of November 2021

Anselm B. Clouden

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claim accordingly fails on this ground as well.

Whether the claim for interest is statute barred.

[52] In determining whether the claim is statute barred, the issue is whether the claim for interest emanates from a simple interest debt, specialty debt or judgment debt.

[53] Prickly Bay in its defence contended that Mr. Steele's case is statute barred as the cause of action is outside of the six-year limitation period under Section 40 of the Limitations of Action Act. Section 40 of the Limitations of Actions Act provides that no action for debt (not on specialty), shall be brought but within six years next after the cause of action.

[54] Conversely, counsel for Mr. Steele argues that the contract between the parties is a contract under seal and the consent order being a contract of record are both considered contracts by specialty. Counsel relies on the authority of Aiken and others v Stewart Wrightson Members' Agency Ltd and others and the learning from the authors of Law of Contracts: Historical Writings in Law and Jurisprudence¹⁸. The learning provides that:

"Contracts by specialty are those which are reduced to writing and attested by seal – or, to use the common phrase, contracts under seal, and contracts of record. These last are judgments, recognisances, and statutes staple. But the term 'contracts by specialty' is sometimes confined to contracts under seal."

(Bold emphasis mine)

[55] Mr. Delzin submits that the claim is not statute barred as Section 36 of the Limitation of Actions Act provides that the applicable limitation period to bring an action on specialties is 20 years. Section 36 of the Limitation of Actions Act states:

Limitation of actions of debt on specialties, etc.

"No action of debt for rent upon an indenture of demise, of covenant or debt upon any bond or other specialty, of debt upon any recognisance, or debt upon any award where the submission is not by specialty, for an escape, or for money levied under any writ of execution, and no action for a penalty, for damages, or for a sum of money given to the party grieved by any statute

now or hereafter to be in force, shall be commenced but within the periods hereinafter expressed, that is to say: the said actions of debt for rent upon an indenture of demise, of covenant or debt upon any bond or other specialty, and of debt upon any recognisance, within twenty years after the cause of such actions; the said actions by the parties grieved, within two years after the cause of such actions: Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to any action given by any statute where the time for bringing the action is by any statute not hereinafter mentioned specially limited." (Underlining supplied)

[56] Further, it is submitted that actions upon the specialties in this claim include an action for general damages for breach of an obligation comprised



Prickly Bay Waterside luxury building is located in Lance Aux Epines in the south of the island

thereunder. Mr. Steele was not only entitled to bring an action to enforce Prickly Bay's primary obligation under the contract but is also entitled to bring an action against Prickly Bay for damages which is considered a secondary obligation.

[57] Mr. Delzin argues that the first consent order dated 18th May 2007 is a specialty debt. Given the learning above the court accepts Mr Delzin's argument that the contract made under seal is created a binding obligation on the defendant and confirmed an interest, right and property in the claimant and accordingly attracts the twenty (20) years limitation period. In any event, the present proceedings were filed on 9th May 2016, and the first consent order was dated 18th May 2007 and crystallised into a consent order of the court and has the force and effect of a judgment of the court. Former Chief Justice Byron C. J. in the Court of Appeal case of Mirsand Town Planning and Architects Limited v Samuel S. Conde Asociados C. Por. A21 "the prevailing legal principle is that the order being made by consent has contractual force.". Therefore, Mr. Steele's right to bring this action under the first consent order was not extinguished and was well within the twelve-year limitation period pursuant to section 30 of the Limitation of Actions.

[58] However, the claim is for interest for the late payment of the debt on 6th November 2015. Prickly Bay paid the balance of the purchase price some six years, five months and twenty days after the due date agreed in the first consent order. The claimant's extant claim is for the payment of \$728,039.40 as damages by way of interest for the period of May 18, 2009 to November 6, 2015. The parties were asked to address the court as to whether the provisions of Section 33 of the Limitation of Actions Act was applicable in the cir-

cumstances.

[59] Section 33 of the Limitation of Actions Act provides that no arrears of rent or interest to be recovered for more than six years. The section reads:

"No arrears of rent, or of interest in respect of any sum of money charged upon or payable out of any land or rent, or in respect of any legacy, or any damages in respect of such arrears of rent or interest, shall be recovered by any distress or action, but within six years next after the same became due, or next after an acknowledgment of the same, in writing, has been given to the person entitled thereto, or his or her agent, signed by the person by whom the same was payable, or his or her agent" (my emphasis)

[60] Thus, from the standpoint of the issues, the court is of the view that the limitation period for the filing of action on a specialty debt is twenty (20) years and twelve (12) years on a judgment which binds the debtor's real estate as it applies to mortgages. Mr. Steele's claim on the first consent order and on the judgment, debt is within the limitation period. However, Section 33 is pellucidly clear that an action for the recovery of damages in respect of such arrears of rent or interest shall not be recovered by action but within 6 years next after the same became due. It is the evidence that the defendant, Prickly Bay paid the debt in excess of six years after it became due. The court is of the view that the present action seeking interest as damages is statute barred considering the provision of Section 33. Accordingly, the claimant's claim also fails on this point.

Conclusion

[61] Henry J's judgment dated 26th August 2015 on the claimant's enforcement proceedings ordered Prickly Bay to comply with the terms of the agreement/consent order to pay the balance of the pur-

chase together with agreed interest. This was a judgment of the court and would have attracted post-judgment interest under section 27A of the Supreme Court Act at the rate of 6% from the date of judgment until the final payment. However, the court notes that the parties settled and discharged Prickly Bay's obligations under Henry J's judgment in the consent order dated 4th November 2015 before the Court of Appeal.

[62] Additionally, the court notes that the issue of interest on the delayed payment after the completion date under the first consent order was not pursued or canvassed before Henry J or on appeal in the second consent order. There must be an end to litigation. Both parties were represented by counsel, and it had always been open to the claimant to make express provision for the payment of interest on the late payment after the contractual date or to make the claim for damages in the action for the enforcement before Henry J or on appeal.

[63] Applying the legal principles to the facts of this case, this court is of the view that the claimant is not contractually entitled to accrued interest neither is he entitled to interest as damages, whether under statute or common law. Accordingly, the claim stands dismissed with costs to the defendant.

ORDER

[64] For all these reasons, it is ordered as follows:

(i) The claim filed on 9th May 2016 is dismissed and

(ii) The Claimant, Derick Steele, shall pay prescribed costs to the Defendant Prickly Bay Waterside Limited pursuant to CPR 65.5, unless otherwise agreed.

**Agnes Actie
High Court Judge
By the Court
Registrar**

GRENADA

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ROLDA FRANK OF MT. GAY ST GEORGE GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jeanique Pivott and Claudia Frank, both of Mardigras in the parish of St David in the state of Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughter and mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23rd day of August 2020.

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

Dated the 22nd day of November, 2021

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Concerns over repercussions lower electricity rates can have for domestic consumers

While the New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Keith Mitchell has promised lower electricity rates to domestic consumers whose kilowatt per hour (kWh) usage does not exceed 500, with the rise in fuel on the world market expected to continue, there are concerns that the gesture can have repercussions for consumers, as businesses, which are left to face higher electricity rates may be tempted to pass it on in the form of higher prices for their goods and services.

This view was articulated by Opposition Leader Tobias Clement and others in their economic analysis following the announcement by Finance Minister Gregory Bowen in the 2022 budget of plans to zero-rate the Value Added Tax (VAT) on electricity consumption and to remove the Environmental Levy (EVL) for domestic consumers whose usage do not exceed 500 kWh, as part of relief measures amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clement, who opened the debate on the budget in the Lower House of Parliament on Monday, contended that the Finance Minister "did not say how long it (the relief) would last," and expressed the view that "it would have been more profitable for the government to invest in LED's (lamps or bulbs which produces electric light using light emitting diodes) and distribute it across Grenada."

Noting that "most of the places that pay high electricity bills might be companies that have electricity as part of their overall cost," the Opposition Leader emphasised his argument, stating that "if I have a company, and I have to pay EC\$20, 000.00, \$30, 000.00 for electricity a month, do I absorb this cost for myself - no, Mr. Speaker, I will pass it on to the consumer."

"So, therefore the consumer in the long run will have to fork up the money to pay the bill through (the) cost of goods and services," he explained.

According to an informed source "a preliminary investigation on the type of persons who would pay up to 500 kWh of energy" shows that "low and middle-income groups of persons" are those targeted since "their electricity bill every month will not exceed \$250.00 which



Prime Minister Keith Mitchell - defended Bowen's statement

means that they are paying less than 500 kWh of energy."

"So, while it (lower electricity rates) would affect positively that income group, it would be an advantage for the businesses whose kWh of consumption far exceeds 500 every month, and because they are businesses, they would not want to absorb all these higher-cost themselves. They would be tempted to pass it on to the consumer in the form of higher prices of goods and services, which in fact would nullify the effect that the lower energy rates would have for the consumer, and given the extent to which it could affect those big businesses, it could be worse for the low and middle-income group consumers if the pass on is greater than the relief they are getting from the removal of the tax," the source told THE NEW TODAY on Wednesday.

Concerns have also been expressed that while the Grenada Chamber of Industry and Commerce (GCIC), which is the official voice of the private sector, can come together as a body to determine whether or not they are going to pass on or not pass the cost, there is nothing binding on an individual businessman to prevent them from doing otherwise.

"They can act otherwise," said the source, who holds the view that "the Grenada Chamber of Industry and Commerce should prepare a paper on the budget with those kinds of analysis."

Also as part of the new relief measures

announced, Minister Bowen said that "a reduction of 25% on the non-fuel charge per kWh will be instituted for all categories of consumers to take effect as of the next billing cycle."

He also told Parliament that the government's ability to provide a reduction in electricity rates would not have been possible had it not moved to acquire ownership of Grenlec, the sole electricity supplier on the island from the U.S.-based power company, WRB Enterprises.

However, Clement blasted the Finance Minister for pushing a false narrative on Grenlec, expressing the view that the statement is misleading on lower electricity costs to consumers.

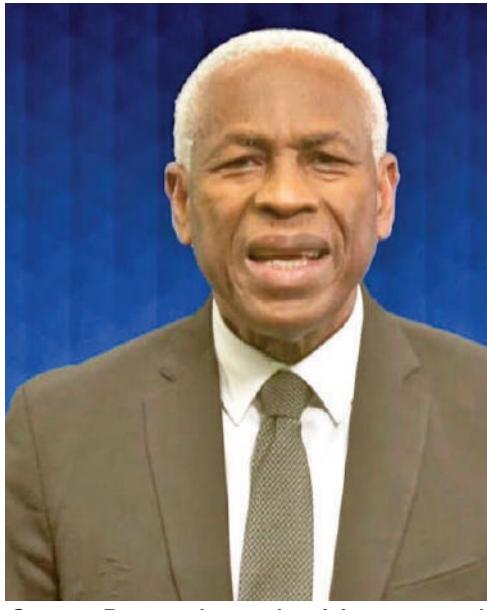
"That is not true. So, why should he (Finance Min. Bowen) come to this house and make a statement like that," Clement argued, noting that "VAT could be removed at any time because VAT belongs to the government."

"Even the taxes on petrol, it belongs to the government (so) don't make it seem as if we had to buy back the company so that we could move these things," he added.

However, Prime Minister Mitchell defended Bowen's statement that "if WRB (WRB Enterprises) was still in charge the non-fuel charge would not change" when he contributed to the 2022 budget debate on Wednesday.

Presenting a breakdown of the formula used to calculate electricity charges, PM Mitchell noted that while

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Gregory Bowen - lower electricity rates would not have been possible if the government did not move to buy back Grenlec



Opposition Leader Tobias Clement - now is the time to consider offering Grenlec shares to ordinary Grenadians

GRENADA

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF RHONDA RENWICK
LATE OF MT. PARNASSUS GRENADA, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Randall Renwick, of Mt. Parnassus in the parish of St 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 22nd Day of December 2020.

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Dated the 22nd day of November, 2021

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How Beijing is using its billions to buy up the Commonwealth: China has invested £685BILLION in 42 nations since 2005 as critics accuse UK of being 'asleep at the wheel'

By Jack Wright

China has invested more than £685 billion across 42 Commonwealth member states since 2005 as the Communist Party's extraordinary bid for global power continues unimpeded.

By ploughing huge sums of money into poor countries such as Barbados and Jamaica, Beijing hopes to saddle them with such enormous unpayable debts that they are forced to hand over the assets used as security. In some cases, this has included ports in crucial waterways which has allowed the Communist Party to challenge rival superpowers such as the Americans and the Indians.

Figures compiled by the American Enterprise Institute show that China has invested almost £500 million into roads, homes, sewers and a hotel

in Barbados, the Caribbean island which is distancing itself from British influence as it becomes a republic on Tuesday.

In nearby Jamaica, Beijing has invested around £2.6 billion against a gross domestic product of £16.4 billion, making the country the biggest recipient of Chinese money in the Caribbean.

When China wanted UN members to back its draconian Hong Kong National Security Law, it received support from Papua New Guinea and Antigua and Barbuda – two out of the 16 remaining Commonwealth realms.

The former has received £5.3 billion in Chinese investment (21 per cent of its GDP), while the latter receiving £1 billion (60 per cent of its GDP).

Other Commonwealth members that supported

Beijing's crackdown in Hong Kong have included Sierra Leone, where Chinese investment since 2005 amounts to 145 per cent of its GDP, Zambia, Lesotho, Cameroon and Mozambique.

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss has announced plans to replace the Commonwealth Development Corporation with a new body, British International Investment, to provide 'up to £8 billion' of investment per year in Commonwealth countries by 2025. However, China hawks have slammed the Government's late response to Beijing.

Alan Mendoza, executive director of the Henry Jackson Society, told The Telegraph: 'They would like to undermine whatever they can internationally, so they can pick off countries and prevent anti-Chinese resolutions in the Commonwealth and else-

where.

'It is a very clever move and we have come late to the party by not really understanding the extent of this challenge.

'China is commercially preying on the Commonwealth. The question is, can we respond with a better offering? Can the UK steer western investment funds into these places?'

Baroness Helena Kennedy, a prominent human rights barrister, added: 'What China is doing is a way of making friends and it impacts on votes in the UN. Attempts to get a collaborative approach to things can be undermined so you end up with client states.

'It has a serious impact, it starts being a return to the old Cold War scenario and that's not a healthy way for us to be going forward. The money they are investing does start to pen-



Chinese President Xi Jinping vote at the closing of the 19th Communist Party Congress on October 24, 2017

trate our areas of influence.

'One wants to strengthen the Commonwealth, not find it undermined.'

Pakistan, which is the biggest recipient of UK Overseas Development Assistance, has received £60 billion of investment from China, more than a fifth of its GDP, since 2005, and now buys 70 per cent of its arms from Beijing.

The Americans believe that the Pakistani government passes on those arms to the Taliban, which used them to defeat coalition forces in Afghanistan and destabilise the economy.

This has since provided China the pretext to move in and exploit the country's vast mineral deposits, including coal, copper, iron ore, oil and gemstones.

When recipient countries such as Sri Lanka cannot afford to repay the high interest loans, they are forced to hand over the assets used as security – which in this case was the Hambantota container port and 15,000 acres of land around it on a 99-year lease.

This has given China a foothold in a shipping lane dominated by rival power India.

In the past, China has been particularly generous with nations that have agreed to cut relations with Taiwan – a country in the East China Sea which Beijing claims as a province – and establish ties with Beijing instead.

In 2005, China rewarded the island of Grenada, which has an annual turnover of just \$1.8 billion, with a brand new \$55 million cricket stadium after it cut relations with Taiwan.

Similarly, in 2018, the Dominican Republic received Chinese investments and loans thought to have topped \$3 billion after it also cut ties with Taipei.

Beijing has largely stepped away from vote-buying projects in recent years, however, and now largely focuses on economic deals aimed at providing work for its citizens, acquiring resources such

as rare earth materials and food, and providing long-term trading and economic benefits.

In 2018, leaders from the region and South America – as part of a trading bloc known as CELAC – signed up to a 2019-2021 roadmap with China that aimed to deepen political and economic ties, including in trade, agriculture, infrastructure and science and technology, among other areas.

More recently, a Chinese firm took full control of Jamaica Kingston Freeport in April this year, the island's largest container port and one of the largest in the Caribbean.

China has also invested heavily in Cuba, helping to modernize the country's second-largest port – Santiago de Cuba – with a new shipping terminal opening in 2019.

Chris Bennett, managing director of The Caribbean Council, a London-based trade organisation, told Mail Online: 'Over the last 15 years, China has steadily acquired control of strategic assets necessary for its trading interests across the wider region.'

'It controls two of the largest container ports in the region, has acquired large amounts of land in Jamaica, Guyana and Suriname, multiple oil and gas blocs and large-scale mineral deposits of bauxite and gold.'

'By tying concessional finance to the use of Chinese contractors and Chinese imported labour, China has forced out many Western contractors who cannot compete with the cheap Chinese credit being offered.'

For example, British construction firm Kier was forced to exit both the Caribbean and Hong Kong three years ago, at an estimated loss of £72 million, in part because of competition from China.

Meanwhile in Guyana – which China has taken a prominent interest in since large oil deposits were discovered there in 2014 – is currently accepting tenders to rebuild the Demerara Harbour Bridge in its capi-

tal, Georgetown.

Originally built with British assistance in the 1970s, seven of the 11 contracts that are now bidding for the rebuilding job are Chinese.

Barbados signed a Memorandum of Understanding with China, making it part of the country's Belt and Road initiative – otherwise known as the new Silk Road. The agreement promises development of Barbados's shipping, aviation, infrastructure and agriculture sectors.

However, not everyone has welcomed China's increased presence in the region. Trade and investment with the likes of Belize, St Lucia, St Kitts, Haiti and St Vincent is still non-existent, largely due to their recognising Taiwan.

Meanwhile resentment is also growing among locals who have seen large construction projects handed to Chinese labourers, under the terms of loan deals, starving them of income.

While most labourers return to China once the work is completed, some have stayed behind – establishing businesses, particularly in retail, which often out-compete locals, furthering the resentment.

Chinese investors have spent at least £134 billion on UK assets, including private schools, infrastructure businesses and top ranked British firms.

Investors and businesses based China or Hong Kong now own stakes in key infrastructure businesses such as Thames Water, Heathrow Airport and UK Power Networks, according to the Sunday Times.

As much as £57 billion is also invested in FTSE 100 companies, according to the paper.

And, as previously reported by the Mail on Sunday, Chinese firms have also invested heavily in prestigious private schools – including Thetford Grammar School and Bournemouth Collegiate College – to the tune of around £10 billion.

The Chinese spending spree has boomed since 2019, according to the paper.

Almost half of the purchases uncovered in its investigation with data provider Argus Vicker are said to have taken place in the last two years.

And at least £44 billion of the purchases are by Chinese state-owned businesses, the paper reports.

It warns that, due to the difficulty in tracing some investments, the total investment figure could be far higher than the £134 billion calculated.

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Concerns over repercussions lower electricity rates can have for domestic consumers

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"the government has no control over the fuel charge," it is "the non-fuel charge (that) will decrease due to the interventions of this government."

"The Minister was talking about the non-fuel charge that the government has now intervened on - he wasn't talking about VAT...so, he took responsibility. Mr. Speaker, the Minister was absolutely correct and could not be challenged factually for the statement that he made", Dr. Mitchell told Parliament.

Following the US\$63 million buy-back of Grenlec from WRB and the Grenada Private Power Limited (GPP) in December last year, the Keith Mitchell-led government promised lower electricity rates, and an aggressive pursuit to transition to renewable energy sources, and

electric powered vehicles.

However, the regime was forced to backpedal on those promises with the Finance Minister telling reporters recently that this may not be realised until 2030, due to difficulty in sourcing the required funds.

The government gave the impression that the Grenlec rebuy would somehow put more money in the pockets of citizens since they will have a chance to purchase shares in the company, with Foreign Affairs Minister Oliver Joseph telling reporters back then that the island will become an attractive place to invest as prior to the buyback, "businesses were not attracted to Grenada to go into manufacturing because the input cost of electricity was so high..."

However, in his rebuttal, Clement told Parliament that now is

the time for the government to consider offering shares in the utility company to ordinary Grenadians.

"I would ask the government before the election is called next year or the year after...make sure we diversify the shares of GRENLEC to the Grenadian people. I too may want to own a couple of shares," said the Opposition Leader.

"Mr. Speaker, God forbid, as the elections turn on a dime, just perhaps GRENLEC might end up back in the hands of WRB...it would be a very sad thing in Grenada," he added.

The COVID-19 relief package for the upcoming year also announced in the budget includes the removal of Value Added Tax on salt-fish, turkey parts, vegetable, cooking oil, cheddar cheese, and split peas from January 2022.

"All these goodies did

not just come like that," Clement told Parliament, hinting that there is more in the mortar than the pestle with a general election imminent.

"It is a good thing that I have friends in high and low places, and some of you guys (government ministers) only get to know (certain things) on a need to know basis because there is a lot of things that are going on inside the ambits of government that you would never get to know anything about because it's under lock and key, only father and son would get to know," Clement declared.

This is an obvious hint from the Opposition Leader that the NNP regime is tightly controlled and run by Prime Minister Mitchell and his long-time deputy, Finance Minister Bowen.



Prayer in the face of COVID 19

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

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

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

LORD JESUS, HEAR US AND HEAL US.
 AMEN

(adapted from Kerry Weber)

Privatised Health Services Worsen Pandemic

By Anis Chowdhury and Jomo Kwame Sundaram

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Decades of public health cuts have quietly taken a huge human toll, now even more pronounced with the pandemic. Austerity programmes, by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank, have forced countries to cut public spending, including health provisioning. "India's COVID crisis: A deadly example of government failure", "Government failures still hamper [UK] Covid-19 response". Such headlines have become commonplace as the pandemic rages on, with no sign of ending soon. Their godparents deserve due

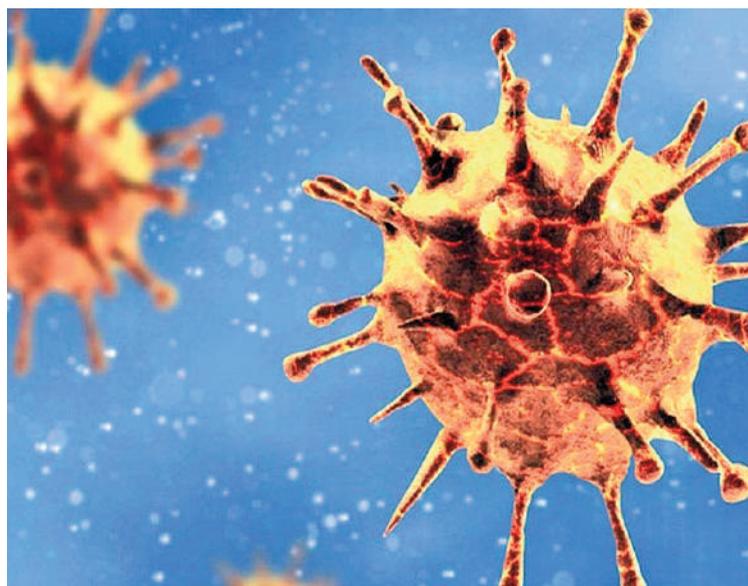
recognition. UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher claimed, "no government can do anything (good)... people look to themselves first... There is no such thing as society ... quality of our lives will depend upon how much each of us is prepared to take responsibility for ourselves and each of us prepared to turn round and help by our own efforts those who are unfortunate". US President Ronald Reagan declared, "government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem". Inspired by them, government capacities and public sectors have been decimated in recent decades, ostensibly to liberate entrepreneurship and progress.

Four decades of defunding, delegitimation and demoralisation of governments and their personnel since Thatcher and Reagan have taken their toll. Unsurprisingly, most governments have failed to respond more adequately to the pandemic. To justify social spending cuts, politicians of various hues the world over have been parroting mantras that government is too big and bad. 'New Democrat' US President Bill Clinton proudly declared the "era of big government is over".

Neoliberal reforms worse

This 'politics of small government' legitimised privatisation of

public assets and services. Authorities have tripped over one another to privatise potentially lucrative public sector duties and activities, while reducing taxes and expenditure. COVID-19 has revealed the nature and purpose of neoliberal health spending reforms. New policies have included privatisation and contracting out public services. Social spending has not only been cut, but also used to pay private suppliers. Health system failures highlighted by the pandemic have been long in the making. Four decades of neoliberal policies - including marketisation, or commodification of health-care - have greatly increased private provisioning.



The deadly COVID-19 virus

Private healthcare provisioning in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) took off in the 1990s. It gathered pace after the 2008-2009 global financial crisis with more hedge fund and other investments in hospitals and allied health services. Such provisioning now accounts for most health services in many LMICs, catering mainly to medical tourists and patients with means. Thus, profit considerations and financial markets have remade LMICs' national health systems.

Increasingly privatised and outsourced, public health systems in developing countries have been underfunded, undermined and understaffed. Fractured health systems, with poor governance and regulation, have become even less able to respond well to new challenges.

Such changes have been promoted by new aid-sponsored financial arrangements, such as public-private partnerships, as urged by the World Bank. The pandemic has exposed the results as grossly inadequate, ill-suited and vulnerable. Profitable private services remain parallel to and separate from the public system. The reforms have not only undermined public health systems, but also weakened governments' ability to cope. Even in rich countries, about 40% of health spending is now for private services.

Neither privatisation nor commodification have improved the quality of care, equity and efficiency of public services. Thus, deregulation, privatisation and liberalisation have squeezed health access, raising morbid-

ity and mortality. Meanwhile, donors have been diverting aid from governments to non-government organisations (NGOs), especially 'international' ones. But patchworks of foreign-run NGOs are no substitute for integrated national public health-care systems. Analyses of economic shocks around the world, from the 1930s' Great Depression to the 2008-2009 Great Recession, show fiscal austerity kills. In England since 2010, austerity has been linked to 120,000 more deaths and over 30,000 suicide attempts.

Despite declining alcohol abuse and smoking, and without counting flu and other epidemic fatalities, 100 'early deaths' daily were expected in the UK, even before the pandemic. Social security cuts have also been devastating. Despite growing patient demand and rising healthcare costs, during 2010-2020, the UK National Health Service suffered the "largest sustained fall in ... spending as a share of GDP in any period" since its creation after the Second World War.

Earlier, Greece's 2010 austerity package required cutting its national health budget by 40%. Infant mortality rose 40% after some 35,000 doctors, nurses and other health workers lost their jobs. As Greeks avoided routine primary health-care due to long waits and rising drug costs, hospital admissions soared. Meanwhile, mosquito eradication programme cuts led to a resurgence of malaria. Austerity also worsened Ebola in West

Africa. Cutting public health spending from 1990, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone further weakened their already poor health systems, undermining their ability to cope with emergencies. Thus, in the year before the Ebola outbreak, Guinea spent more on debt repayment than public health. Meanwhile, austerity-driven funding cuts to the World Health Organisation (WHO) by the US, UK and European governments critically delayed responses to the Ebola outbreak, worsening it. Funding shortages also set back needed WHO efforts to respond to future global health crises.

Health threats posed by the pandemic have not been well addressed by the reforms of recent decades. Some have been made worse, with LMICs particularly hard hit by COVID-19. Unsurprisingly, confidence and trust in governments everywhere have dipped. In fact, public health investments before the pandemic were projected to yield three times as much in economic growth. Thus, such spending would have not only saved lives, but also accelerated economic expansion.

With COVID-19 endemic, and most government pandemic containment and fiscal capacities in the global South limited, the pandemic will drag on, further setting back progress and worsening inequalities. Meanwhile, Thatcher and Reagan still haunt us all until the world exorcises their ghosts forever.

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

Grenada

Claim No. GDAHCV 2021/0/96

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

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

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE -NOTICE

WHEREAS NETHA GRANT of Gouyave in the parish of Saint John and State of Grenada by her application filed in the High Court on the 10th day of May 2021 claims that the said Netha Grant has acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

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

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Gouyave Estate in the parish of Saint John and State of Grenada containing by admeasurement 11,745 Sq. Ft. English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on one side by lands of the Estate of Edna Hosten, on a second side by the public road on the third side by lands of Louise Elias and on the fourth side by a river. The said parcel of land is more particularly described in the plan thereof drawn by Licensed Land Surveyor David S. Abraham in the month of September 2020 and annexed to the application.

Dated this 10th day of May 2021

[Signature]
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This Notice is filed by Pauline Hannibal of Chambers, Pauline Hannibal & Associates of Church Street, St. George's, Grenada

Grenada at COP 26

Senator Simon Stiell, the Minister for Climate Resilience headed the Grenada delegation at COP-26 in Glasgow recently. The Senator appeared on the Bubb Report on social media, Sunday 21st November 2021 and was also part of the Post Cabinet press briefing on Tuesday, November 23rd 2021, presumably with the intention of sharing information with us, the people.

It seems the Senator finds it "Difficult to translate the battles of words, texts and figures in a meaningful and tangible way for islands such as Grenada who are on the frontline" (the Bubb Report): he also finds it "Difficult to tell 'his people' what words, numbers and contentious debates are about in this International forum", (Post Cabinet briefing on GIS).

Despite all this difficulty in communicating the challenges of climate change, both at conference and here in Grenada, Senator Stiell insists that Grenada was at the forefront of negotiations, facilitating talks and deliberating with world leaders on the subject, maybe this is an indication of why the outcomes of COP-26 were not as successful as hoped.

In response to Dr. Bubb's question regarding development being allowed in sensitive areas, the Senator reiterated that Grenada is

leading the region in many aspects of climate resilience, citing a project called Smart City which might take place in any of the bigger towns in Grenada and the newly launched water resilience project, G-Crews, money for which was sourced and applied for in 2016/7 from the Green Climate Fund.

Friends of the Earth-Grenada have led and continue to lead discussions with the public on climate change and its effects on several aspects of Grenada's wellbeing, such as environment, water, food security, deforestation, beach erosion, to name a few, since 1991.

However, the Senator chooses not to hear what the people on the ground want to convey with regard to these issues. The vocal people of Civil Society are now ignored and are not invited to participate in consultations, discussions and debates re environment and the impact of climate change.

A case in point being that Friends of the Earth has contacted the Senator by email on numerous occasions, offering suggestions and asking for clarity regarding matters such as the Sauteurs Breakwater issue, to no avail, not one response.

The "Climate Champion" of the UK, Mr. Nigel Topping, came to Grenada to engage with governments and



Senator Simon Stiell - Minister for Climate Resilience

stakeholders focusing on connecting initiatives, coalitions and non-Party stakeholders with national action plans to support strong climate action in the Caribbean".

While he was brought to the research aspect at SGU's public health department and shown NAWASA's Green Climate Funded, Climate-Resilient Water Sector (C-REWS) project, invitations to members of local NGO's and Civil Society were not to be seen and the visit went mostly unreported besides being included on the Government website.

Dr. Bubb also asked the Senator about the controversial Blue Growth Report developed by a group head-

ed up by Dr. Angus Friday about 10 years ago which showed proposed developments such as the Port and Marina in Sauteurs, St

Patrick and massive glass and steel buildings in the heart of St George's, which Civil Society have decried vehemently.

He denied any knowledge of the Report which was a bare-faced lie, as he has been challenged previously in official meetings with Civil Society regarding its contents, to which he replied at the time that 'it was only an artist's impression'.

We all saw Prime Minister Motley of Barbados become the star of COP 26 in her appeal for SDR (Special Drawing Rights) money which is printed and used for quantitative easing in the developed countries.

This has assisted them since the financial crash of 2008, and PM Motley asked for a greater portion of this money, to be given to the developing world in relation to mitigation and adaptation to climate change since the Western countries are the bigger emitters

of greenhouse gases.

This appeal went mostly unheard but the seed has been planted and was a topic of many conversations here in Grenada. Despite the Senator's insistence that the target of core temperature rising no more than 1.5C was held (by the skin of its teeth) at COP26; 1.5C the maximum rise before even more extensive damage is unleashed on the most vulnerable countries, such as Grenada, from hurricanes, sea level rise, drought etc: most of the media and NGO's present at COP26 are in agreement that despite progress being made on greenhouse gas emissions, climate finance and international cooperation, this still leads to a temperature rise of about 2.4C which led to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres saying that 1.5C was 'on life support'.

The Senator announced on both pro-

grammes that the pot of money for adaptation for developing states had been doubled from \$20million to \$40million. Is it realistic in this time of Covid to think that this promise will be honoured?

Commitments and promises have been made previously by the developed world and instantly reneged on, who can say that this time anything will be different; but not to worry as thousands of people from roughly 200 countries will be invited again to the next COP, to go on the same merry-go-round, as Greta Thunberg said in Glasgow, more blah, blah, blah and more money spent without even the 'trickle' of money mentioned by Senator Stiell arriving in Grenada for actual adaptation and mitigation.

(The above was submitted by Friends of the Earth-Grenada)

Belize teachers exempt from mandatory vaccination policy

BELMOPAN (CMC) - The Belize government says teachers will be exempted from a policy that public officers must show proof that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 15, or face the risk of being marked absent from work and subject to disciplinary action.

"As we have already agreed with the union, the position remains the same. Those teachers who are not vaccinated will have to continue producing every two weeks, a test hoping that they are negative. So, a negative test every two weeks if they have chosen not to get the vaccine," said Education Minister Francis Fonseca. Officials say that while

teachers fall under the public sector, they are not classified as public officers and as a result, when the December 15 deadline comes into effect and public officers will be mandated to show proof of vaccination, teachers will be spared.

Belize has recorded 570 deaths and 30,060 positive cases linked to the virus since March last year.

A circular from the Ministry of Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform states that "for the safety of all public officers and the public serve, it has been decided that all essential workers and other public officers must be vaccinated by December 15, 2021".

The move has been criticised by the Public Service Union, but Health and Wellness Minister Michel Chebat said vaccination for government workers is a direction being taken globally.

Meanwhile, Fonseca confirmed that the government met with social partners on Wednesday to review the country's economic performance.

The Joint Union Negotiating Team has requested a separate meeting amid reports that its members are calling on the government to reinstate the 10 per cent salary cut that was implemented at the start of the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

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In the Estate of Mavis Doyle, Deceased late of La Fortune in the Parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lauris Debra Doyle of 60 Summit Avenue, Albany, New York, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 6th August, 2020.

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

Dated this 25th day of November, 2021.

H L Willis & Associates
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PM MITCHELL ATTACKS HIS EX-ENVOY

Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has taken another swipe of former Ambassador Warren Newfield with whom he had a public spat a few months ago resulting in the resignation of the South African-born diplomat.

In a stinging attack in Parliament on Wednesday, the Grenadian leader again repeated charges that the ex-envoy was a racist based on conversations held between the two.

"You come here and you said to me you didn't think Black people were human beings when you were growing up in South Africa," PM Mitchell quoted Newfield as saying to him.

"Oh yeah, I could forget that statement? I thought it was a past thing but now I see your behaviour now I know that feeling is still there," the Prime Minister said.

Newfield, a prominent investor, and hotel developer, had served since 2015 as ambassador-at-large for Grenada and one of the island's three consuls general in the United States before quitting the post in May, citing the Mitchell government's increasingly volatile and costly obstruction of foreign investment and business in the country.

In a letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Oliver Joseph, Newfield said that "the country's leadership, previously having the nation's best interests at heart and welcoming foreign investment and economic development, has been transformed into an anti-business regime."

In his resignation, the ex-ambassador said: "I hope you and others will take this action as it is intended – as an appeal to restore reason and the rule of law to the government and bring us back to a place where progress is possible in Grenada."

A native of South Africa, Newfield obtained Grenadian citizenship himself and was the primary driver behind Kimpton Kawana Bay, a five-star resort whose construction was being facilitated by funds raised through the passport selling scheme known as Citizenship by Investment programme (CBI).

Newfield also said in his resignation letter: "My own business interests are hardly the only ones to be damaged by the regime's disregard for investor rights. Kawana Bay

and other projects like it in Grenada have repeatedly been the targets of impulsive, often contradictory government meddling that shows a complete disregard for the nation's laws as well as international treaty agreements."

Dr. Mitchell repeated earlier allegations that Ambassador Warren was trying to bring about his removal as leader of the government in St. George.

The Prime Minister referred to a letter which the ex-Grenadian diplomat wrote to a minister in the ruling New National Party (NNP) administration complaining about the behavior of the head of the government and suggesting that they should change the Prime Minister.

He accused Newfield of not wanting to accept "our sovereignty".

"Having lived abroad, am not taking no nonsense from anybody who come here because I took a lot when I was abroad," he said.

"I know what racism is, I know when people look down on your colour and who you are. I understand that and I have no chip on my shoulder. But no one should feel that they are better off than another person. We are all people and we must be respected".

"So we are not people - so you come from where you come from and you want to change government and some people here are prepared to accept that type of thing."

"Imagine a man come here at the acceptance of the people of the country, appears to be nice, he doesn't get what he wants, all of a sudden we are the worst country in the world."

"And he's going all over campaigning about Grenada – nothing should go there in Grenada. He wants to see the end of the CBI programme, questioning the programme and cursing the leadership of the programme."

"Those in the country who want to support this thing – who want to accept his gifts, who goes to Miami to buy all kinds of things for Christmas on behalf of those persons here, let them go, let them conscience speak for themselves. I will not have part of this. If they want to reduce themselves as a puppet because of a few dollars."

Insiders within Mitchell's NNP have said that the ruling party is trying to link



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell was captured in better days with the man he appointed to serve as an ambassador, South African-born Warren Newfield

Ambassador Warren with the newly elected Political Leader of the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC), Dickon Mitchell.

The Prime Minister charged that the money that ex-Ambassador Warren is now splashing was earned in Grenada under the passport-selling scheme known as Citizenship by Investment (CBI).

"He (Newfield) has money now so he's

waiting for his new leader. No one can say they bought Keith Mitchell. I have friends but no one can say that I am bought," he said, and quickly added that the envoy is trying to bring about regime change in Grenada from abroad.

Speculation is rife that Prime Minister Mitchell is planning to call Grenada's next general election within the next seven months.