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PM MITCHELL PLAYS DOWN OIL AND GAS



Prime Minister Mitchell – no longer optimistic like in the 2018 election about millions of dollars entering the Treasury from the sale of oil and gas



Finance and Energy Minister Gregory Bowen – a key player in the deal with Russian oilmen in GPG

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell is not optimistic that the issue of oil and gas exploration in Grenadian waters is a matter of high priority for investors.

Speaking to a group of mainly radio media personalities over the weekend, Dr. Mitchell said that the Russian outfit known as Global Petroleum Group (GPG) have been forced to stop drilling in offshore waters due to the coronavirus pandemic that started in 2020.

The promise of millions of dollars in revenue pouring into the Treasury was a major promise made by the ruling New National Party (NPP) in its clean sweep of all 15 seats in the 2018 general election against its main rival, the National Democratic Congress (NDC).

The Prime Minister said that the world has since changed with fossil fuel now being considered as a major problem to the global economy.

"The world has now taken a decision by the year 2034 we want to see almost all fossil fuel out," he said.

"I cannot tell you if I was an investor in fossil fuel at this time that that will be the best place to put my money when the whole world saying we have to move away from that," he added.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the production of electric vehicles is the way the world is now going and away from the use of fossil fuel.

Dr Mitchell recalled that when Covid-19 showed up on Grenadian soil, the GPG group had already drilled two wells and had spent "hundreds millions of US dollars to discover that there was "substantial gas that was commercially viable" in offshore waters.

He said that an investor cannot carry a business with only two wells for a long period and needed to have at least five or six wells with gas.

He said the reality of the situation is that several countries around the world were forced to close down their wells because it was not cost-effective to produce due to the impact the virus was having on their economies.

"The guys (GPG) say look at the prices of energy now. If I invest and spend hundreds of millions of dollars now on a well, am going to lose money. So clearly that affected it. As the energy price start to go back upwards, as supplies meet demands what will happen is that the price will continue to go up".

"The guys have recently contacted us and say they are examining other alternatives to finance their operations".

"At this point I am not very hopeful that you will see a serious investor starting to drill again immediately until he is satisfied that the output of his investment will be to his best interest".

In April 2020, the Trinidad Guardian reported the following under the headline banner, "NGC in \$3.4b pipeline deal with Grenada"

Against the backdrop of zero per cent projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, National Gas Company (NGC) is investing some \$3.4 billion in a pipeline network to Grenada. The state

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NGC Chairman Gerry Brooks, left, and President Mark Loquan, right, signing the commercial agreement with GPG executive director Eduard Vasilyev



NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ACB GRENADA BANK LTD. ANNOUNCES THE OUTSOURCE OF ITS SHARE REGISTRY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

We are pleased to advise, that effective December 1, 2021, **ACB GRENADA BANK LTD.** will outsource the maintenance of our Shareholder Register to the **EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY LTD. (ECCSD)**.

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THE BENEFITS FOR OUR SHAREHOLDERS

This new arrangement with the ECCSD will:

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- Increase accountability to include customer service standards and reporting
- Result in efficiently conducted Shareholder transactions by use of simplified electronic procedures.

WHAT CHANGES CAN SHAREHOLDERS EXPECT?

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- Shareholders would need to contact the ECCSD via email: info@ecseonline.com or telephone contact: 1 (869) 466-7192 / 1 (800) 744-9238 (access only available within the Eastern Caribbean)
- Information on applicable fees and forms to be used to conduct shareholder related transactions can be accessed on the ECSE website, www.ecseonline.com, under the Investor Center section. Contact details for the ECCSD can also be found under the Investor section of our website, www.acbonline.com
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We recognize that these changes will require some adjustment to the way you usually conduct your shareholder related business and look forward to the continued cooperation of each Shareholder under the circumstances.

We are confident that these new arrangements with the ECCSD will enhance customer service, improve efficiencies and place the Company in a better position to realize future strategic initiatives.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

RHODETTE PAIGE
LEGAL COUNSEL/CORPORATE SECRETARY



PM MITCHELL PLAYS DOWN OIL AND GAS



A typical oil rig in the ocean for drilling underneath the sea

* From front page

company is spending this money on infrastructure although a Russian company exploring the Grenadian wells has already run into financial difficulty.

According to information from NGC and Government's budget documents, the State company is expected to spend more than \$400 million for a technical feasibility study on the gas deal with Grenada.

Global Petroleum Group (GPG), the Russian company that spudded the wells, ran into financial difficulty and is now depending on backing from a Chinese investment company.

Details of the commercial agreement were hammered out last April by NGC's chairman Gerry Brooks and President Mark Loquan. Both men met with a representative from GPG.

According to the 2019 State Enterprises Investment Programme (SEIP), a feasibility study is being conducted this year and will cost NGC some \$406.2 million. At the signing last April, there was no representative from Grenada.

Brooks said then that with the support of the Government, NGC will continue to work closely with GPG and the Government of Grenada as the project progresses.

However, in November, Grenada's Energy Minister Gregory Bowen said GPG had run into financial problems after the first drilling and could not continue exploring for more wells. He said the company had entered into a partnership with an unnamed Chinese company.

GPG is currently exploring in Grenada waters near the fields of

Patao/Dragon in Venezuela and North Coast Marine Area (NCMA) in Trinidad. The company has been granted a development licence for four blocks in the D band of Grenada's maritime territory.

Almost two weeks after NGC announced the deal, Bowen made an official announcement confirming that Grenada would "push all the gas if Trinidad will buy it."

Communications manager at NGC Lisa Burkett confirmed the massive spend. She said GPG is authorised to carry out petroleum operations including exploration, development and production of offshore petroleum resources of Grenada.

"In April 2018, NGC finalised a commercial agreement with GPG that in the event of a commercial success of the appraisal and development programme, it will effectively monetise any gas reserves in the fastest possible time utilising NGC's existing domestic infrastructure as well as leverage out four decades of experience and technical proficiency in pipeline construction and natural gas transportation," she said.

But that is not NGC's biggest spend. In 2017, the company undertook the work to upgrade the piers for one of its subsidiary companies and spent more than \$330 million on the job. National Energy Corporation of T&T Limited (National Energy), is a wholly owned subsidiary of NGC. According to documents gathered by Guardian Media, NGC upgraded the Labidco Berth II.

"This project entailed the reconstruction of 300 metres of quay and involves the reconstruction

of quay walls and the placement of pile sheets along the berth. The revised estimated cost was \$324.9 million, however, the project was completed in fiscal 2017 at a cost of \$337.2 million," documents on the spending stated.

Burkett explained the reason for the hike in the budgeted cost for that job: "The original cost of the project was US \$48.7 million (E.C\$324.9 million). The additional sum paid represented a 3.7 per cent increase in the original cost."

"The increase was related primarily to the removal of underwater obstructions. These were unexpected obstacles from the old structure that were discovered during the reconstruction of the berth."

Burkett said immediately after reconstruction, the berth facilitated the load-out of bpTT's 5,200 Juniper platform in January 2017.

"The Berth is used for general cargo operations and facilitates offshore logistic activities," Burkett said.

She said in the second quarter of 2017, the berth also facilitated large modules related to the Caribbean Gas Chemical (Gas to Petrochemicals Complex) project.

"In the future, the berth will be primarily used for the exploration of methanol from the CGCL project."

CGCL shareholders are made up of a Mitsubishi consortium including Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, NGC and Massy Holdings.

The group's Methanol and Dimethyl Ether plant is expected to come on stream later this year.

GRENADA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED



NOTICE OF RECORD DATE

Pursuant to 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

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



GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDAHCV 2019/0504
BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT

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

BERNARD JOHN APPLICANT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE RAULSTON GLASGOW

DATED THE 28th day of July 2021

ENTERED THE 26th day of August 2021

UPON THE HEARING of the Application for a Declaration for Possessory Title filed by the Applicant Bernard John on the 11th day of November, 2019

AND UPON READING the documents filed in this matter;

AND UPON HEARING Mrs. Evette John of Law Office of Evette John, Legal Practitioner for the Applicant;

AND UPON THE COURT noting that there has been no objection to the herein Application;

1. IT IS DECLARED AND ORDERED that Bernard John be granted a Declaration of Possessory Title for the lot, piece or parcel of land situate at Grand Bras in the parish of Saint Andrew in the state of Grenada containing by admeasurement Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One Square feet (14, 471 sq. ft.) English Statue Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: the North by lands of Daniel John, on the South by lands of Bernard Hillarie and on the East by an allowed road and on West by lands of Anthony Rawlins as shown on the plan drawn by Andrew Alleyne Licensed Land Surveyor, dated 20th January, 2012.
2. The Registrar shall comply with Section 23 of the Possessory Titles Act.

BY ORDER

REGISTRAR

This Order is filed by law office of Evette John Cherry Hill, St. George, Grenada, Legal Practitioner for the Applicant.

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The people of Grenada have been kept too much in the dark on what appears to be a secret oil and gas deal which the two top men in the ruling New National Party (NNP), Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell and his deputy, Finance and Energy Minister Gregory Bowen have signed with the Russian investors operating under the banner of Global Petroleum Group (GPG).

This deal was being promoted in the days leading up to the 2018 general election as significant in that millions of dollars will flow into the coffers of the Treasury in the Ministry of Finance as the results from two offshore wells in Grenadian waters were exciting.

Within months of this announcement, the country became aware

of reports in newspapers in Trinidad about an agreement signed between GPG and the National Gas Company of Trinidad & Tobago to co-operate on the deposits found in the wells.

THE NEW TODAY was made to understand that the Trinidad Company was prepared to allow GPG to use its platform in these waters to extract the gas that was found.

It should be noted that the agreement was for gas and not oil due to the understanding that the latter was very deep underneath the seabed and more costly to get at than the gas deposits.

In recent months, there has virtually been a news blackout on the gas in our waters as Covid-19 swept across the globe and affected virtually every country

on the face of the earth.

Reports also surfaced that GPG was in dire financial straits and was looking to the Chinese to provide the funds to continue with exploration in our waters.

And in the past week, the Prime Minister was singing a very much different tune unlike back in 2018 when he asked for another mandate from the electorate to spend the millions that will be coming in from the expected buoyancy because Grenada was now a player in the oil and gas business.

Dr. Mitchell was a shadow of himself last Sunday in an interview with some local talk show hosts as he tried to play down the current oil and gas situation and was frank to the point when he said, "I cannot tell you if I was an investor in fossil fuel at

this time that that will be the best place to put my money when the whole world saying we have to move away from that."

This is a very startling admittance from a leader who had hyped up the entire nation just over three years ago about the millions of dollars that will flow into Grenada's coffers from oil and gas.

The sad truth is that most of the people living in Grenada do not know anything about the deal which PM Mitchell and Bowen signed with the Russians involved in GPG.

Is there a performance clause to protect our valuable assets if the Russian oilmen are performing under par?

There have been whisps over the years that GPG has advanced millions of dollars to the NNP regime as "bail out

money" to be offset whenever the expected millions are derived from the sale of oil and gas.

THE NEW TODAY has always been very suspicious of statements made by Prime Minister Mitchell on oil and gas exploration by the Russians in our waters.

In 2018, he told NNP'ites at a rally held two days before the general election and broadcast to the rest of the nation that two oil wells were found by GPG with good prospects.

It is our understanding that the Russians had found gas and not oil and hence the approach that was made to the state-owned company in Trinidad to get involved in the process.

Grenadians are definitely not getting correct information from those in charge of the nation's affairs about the

resources underneath our seabed.

THE NEW TODAY would also like to recognise the contributions made to our landscape by two persons who have passed away in the course of the last week – former Prime Minister Sir James Mitchell of St. Vincent & the Grenadines and former Clerk of Parliament, Basil Harford.

The two played vastly different roles in the advancement of our democracy especially after it was ruptured by the 1979-83 period of Marxist rule by the New Jewel Movement-led People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) of executed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

Sir James was among a group of centrist leaders in the Eastern Caribbean who helped to facilitate the October 25, 1983 US-led military intervention of Grenada to restore law and order following the seizure of power by the Bernard Coard gang of killers in a bloody and violent coup.

The late Vincentian leader also helped to create the NNP, now headed by current Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell when leaders of four so-called moderate political groups – H.A. Blaize, George Brizan, Winston Whyte and Dr. Francis Alexis were

brought to one of the Grenadine islands known as Union Island and forced to come together in one single political entity to prevent a possible return of Eric Gairy in the 1984 general election.

In the case of Basil Harford, he served as Clerk of Parliament during a stint when Grenada had returned to Westminster style democracy.

Mr. Harford was one of the most maligned public officers in Grenada in recent years and was made to feel the full brunt of political victimisation by different regimes that governed the island since Independence in 1974.

This former Permanent Secretary knew what it was to feel the wrath of Eric Gairy in the 1970's and even up to his time of forced retirement from the service at the hands of the current occupant on the 6th Floor in the Botanical Gardens, Keith Claudius Mitchell.

The Lord has moved and called home both Sir James and Basil for a new task which is unknown to us mortal souls.

THE NEW TODAY extends heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of these two personalities who have departed this life on earth.

BDO EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Welcomes New Partner and Senior Manager

Effective November 15, 2021, Fitz-Reuben K. John has been appointed as a Partner with BDO Eastern Caribbean and based in the St. Vincent/Grenada office.

On January 3, 2022, Traceeanne McDonald will join the Firm as a Senior Audit Manager.

Fitz-Reuben and Traceeanne bring to BDO Eastern Caribbean over 25 years of professional experience in the areas of audit and assurance, accounting, and tax services, having functioned in leadership positions at a Big 4 international accounting firm in Jamaica for a number of years. These two Caribbean professionals will significantly enhance the capabilities of the BDO Eastern Caribbean as they share their years of experience in a wide range of industries, including financial services, telecommunication, public sector, tourism, manufacturing, retail and distribution. They will provide technical support to BDO offices in OECS territories in particular Anguilla, Grenada, St. Kitts/Nevis and Monserrat.



Fitz-Reuben K. John
Partner



Traceeanne McDonald
Senior Manager



Reuben M. John
Partner



Claudel V. V. Romney
Partner



Oneil Sprott
Senior Manager, Advisory



Rochelle Gotardo
Audit Manager



Lezyl Ompad
Audit Manager



Erika Dignos
Audit Manager

The Dark Side of Chinese Scholarship

These are OUR experiences and shouldn't be discounted because a few of our citizens had pleasant experiences.

As a citizen of the developing world, it has always been my dream to pursue higher education. As a Grenadian, I was given that opportunity by the government to accomplish studies in China.

Before making that decision, I asked several people about their experiences in China. Each person reassured me that it was okay. On arrival in China, I instantly regretted it because of a brief illness. Nevertheless, I decided to forge ahead. To my dismay, the situation got worse. After a few months here, I realised the school environment is not conducive for learning. Teachers dislike me because I'm a foreigner. They purposefully fail foreign students because they CAN.

The following describes briefly a few stories from our young talented Grenadians studying in China:

(1). The staff at the international office at my school is RACIST. I've never been in a room filled with so much HATE. They are very RACIST. I went to inquire about something

at the office. As I entered the Teacher started quarrelling. I asked my question and she walked away, murmuring "black monkey" in Chinese.

(2). The African male foreign students on our floor would attempt to pick our dormitory locks at night. We complained. Nothing was done. That left us terrified and traumatised for days. We complained again and they were warned. We requested another room and were denied.

(3). The Shifu or building manager can enter or barge in your rooms whenever they please without any warning. This has happened several times. Even whilst I'm leaving the shower. Imagine living with no privacy. How is that okay? How is this right?

(4). The Professors are very biased. A few of my classmates decided to leave last year as a result of unfair treatment. As a postgraduate lab student, my duties are essentially tied to the laboratory. Recently, I've found myself doing menial tasks (washing test tubes, etc.) and not conducting any experiments.

My ideas are given to Chinese students and almost every day I'm told

I'm lazy. Sometime last year my lab partner and I successfully completed an experiment, and were in the process of writing our manuscript.

Whilst we were awaiting constructive response from our supervisor on the paper, we found out that the paper was sent to a journal publication without our permission. I have heard this story so many times, now I am a victim of academic theft. Our work is published and we are not featured as authors.

Our Chinese classmates and supervisor are the only authors. This is beyond unfair. After speaking with the supervisor, we were barred from lab work. My lab partner went back to her country and I have contacted our Ministry of Education, but no help has been given to me. I want to go home.

(5). There are so many undergraduate students suffering here. With no financial help from family and friends back home, most are left dependent on a measly stipend, which is late most every month.

Sometimes students are left to beg, prostitute themselves for survival here. RMB 2500 is not sufficient. Students have to pay bills, buy food, etc. Price of food items

increased after the pandemic and nothing is being done to assist us economically. If the government can't afford it, we should be sent back to the comfort of our homes.

(6). My issue is the silence of the Grenadian ambassador. Dr. Abbie David. Where is she? Wey she dey? Abbz doesn't care about students' welfare. Her only focus is diplomacy. Each student I have been in contact with have expressed their disdain of this lady. Smile and pretend.

Dr. David left China on maternity vacation last year and we have not heard from her since. We have no one fighting on our behalf here. We are given far worse treatment than a mingy dog roaming our streets, but Sister Abbz is silent. Her eyes are shut to the bad treatment of her citizens.

(7). A few postgraduate students from Grenada

and neighbouring Caribbean islands have expressed a lack of funding for lab experiments and publishing papers. Papers cost range from USD1000-4000. The government spends so much money on sending students to China to study. There is no publishing fund for us, only Chinese students. Strange huh.

We are left with few options: GoFundMe, family, prostitution or thieving. I know several minority students who have fell victim to prostitution. Many are also from the Caribbean.

(8). After stealing my topic ideas, I was told by my supervisors, I wouldn't be able to present my research proposal. This all stemmed from a presentation I did with a "foreign white guest" in attendance a few months prior. The guests enjoyed my presentation and complemented me afterwards.

My supervisor was mad. He thought one of his home-grown students

was the best and now I'm paying for my intellect.

Entering this country was the biggest mistake I've ever made. I have never received help from my school or supervisor. Complaining to the Scholarship Desk in Grenada or the embassy is a waste of time. They don't care.

(9). Covid-19 pandemic was birthed in China. Yet, Chinese are scared of black people. It is a belief that returning Africans started the second wave. Here, black is black. Except, if you are a part of countries of the G20 or G8. Chinese will see black foreigners and rush to plaster their mask across their face, turn up their nose, refuse to sit next to you, etc. The pandemic exposed how racist they are.

I believe the main objective of most of these schools, professors, supervisors, teachers are to frustrate, undermine and abuse students. They create an

atmosphere of fear. Students are not permitted to speak openly. It's difficult navigating each day here. So many students have tried taking their lives. Ask the government? Dey are aware but still deaf and blind. We have to endure all this, FOR WHAT?

These are a few experiences from students here. Many students have had pleasant experiences, but this isn't the same for some of us.

Would I encourage Grenadians to pursue studies here? My answer is NO!!

Many students have made attempts to leave China. Those with financial support have. For others, like myself (we broke), the ambassador is the only person who can grant that request through CSC and MOF-COM.

When yuh poor, yuh exposed ehh! We have chosen to remain anonymous out of fear of persecution and malice.

Grenadians in China

Randall is confused!!!

Ha, ha.

The Randall Robinson issue is all over Grenada again, this not anything new that is hard to judge.

It's a straight case and easy to judge, you don't have to go to no law school to say you are guilty of the fact and please go, but he would not do it on his own.

He is waiting for the Executive to push him as they did to Chess and Pedro, so he could have an excuse like both of them and go and join Keith Mitchell.

I said it before and I will say it again, I don't trust that guy after I had a chat with him in late August when Randall told me that Kem Jones and Ashida Charles must have respect for the Prime Minister of Grenada and put it up on Facebook that he doesn't care.

This same Randall cannot remember when the Prime Minister called two of his party candidates in woman's name - I know a lot of Grenadian might forget but I will bring back all your memories.

At a public meeting in Snug Corner one night,

we heard Keith saying, look at Arlene Dowden from Mt. Moritz and Theresa Andrews from Carriacou.

Randall, tell me was that respect laid out to these two young men and many more others that the PM called nasty names. I wonder if Randall did jump up on his Facebook page and condemn that behaviour of Keith Mitchell?

The same Randall is now posing and taking a photo with the Prime Minister in Tempe pasture and putting it up on his Facebook page for the world to see.

Randall - what do you want from Keith? For someone to congratulate you on their Facebook page for the good Covid work you are doing? If so, you could have come by me and I would have done it for you.

Randall reminds me of a woman who operate a booth on the bus terminus in St. George's a few years ago.

The NDC had a public meeting on the Carenage in the town of St. George where Pedro was controlling, and she paid someone to make

a big cardboard key and presented it to Pedro on stage, and said to him, "This is the key to the capital St. George, Lock it, Don't let the Prime Minister come in here, he is too bad minded."

Now since Dickon Mitchell became Leader of the NDC party, every day now you could see her with a NNP T-shirt on her body selling for Grenadians in her booth on the terminus and throwing words for all those who she knows are NDC supporters.

It's amazing. And finally I listened to one in an interview on The Narrative saying, he will be resigning from the NDC to do community work with his brother in the St George North-east constituency.

My question to him: If Nazim Burke, who you claim you love so much, was the political leader of NDC now, would you have resigned and gone with your brother and do community work?

But let us wish him well and do not throw money talk or stones in his face.

NDC Watchman

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

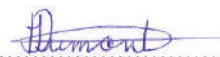
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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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.

The rise of Dickon Mitchell as a political force

44-year old attorney-at-law Dickon Mitchell has taken the political landscape in the Spice Isle by storm with his sudden and unexpected rise to the top post of Political Leader with the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC).

Prior to last month's convention of Congress when he defeated two other contenders for the post, little was known of the baby-faced looking youngster from Petite Esplanade in St. David who attended Presentation Brothers College (PBC) in the city and then studied law at the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI).



Dickon Mitchell – has been plotting his entry into frontline politics over the past year

However, a close aide told THE NEW TODAY that the young Mitchell, no relation to current Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell, the man whose job he is trying to take away from him in the upcoming general election, has been plotting his political moves for over a year.

Dickon Mitchell was not even born when Prime Minister Mitchell had his first brush in local politics as a 26-year old candidate of the now defunct Grenada National Party (GNP) of late Prime Minister Herbert Blaize and lost the battle for St George North-west seat against Finance Minister George Hoston of the all-conquering

Grenada United Labour Party (GULP) of the Father of Independence, Sir Eric Matthew Gairy.

According to an insider, the very reserved and often shy-looking barrister-at-law was engaged in talks for several months in 2020 with current Opposition Leader Tobias Clement who offered him a Senatorial position which he did not accept.

He spoke of Dickon Mitchell turning it down on the grounds that he was the Honorary Consul for The Netherlands in Grenada and did not want to compromise the diplomatic position.

A confidential source



Garvin Pierre – a key insider in the Dickon Mitchell camp

said that the Dickon Mitchell/Tobias Clement engagements often took place at a private home in the St. Andrew South-west constituency.

"Dickon is in the Grenville area mostly on Saturday with some friends up here," he said.

According to the source, he is aware of the two of them holding meetings for "about three consecutive weekends" discussing the politics in the country and a role in the Senate.

"He (Dickon Mitchell) said he's going to think about it – in the end he said he can't take it because he would have to give up that Netherlands thing to take up that position," the insider told **THE NEW TODAY**.

He pointed out that when the Opposition Leader expressed an interest in forming a political party, Dickon Mitchell was among persons who attended the closed door sessions in the St. Andrew base.

He said that most of the talks used to be

held over "a little drink" and focused primarily on the political situation in the country.

He quickly formed the impression that "Dickon Mitchell is up there every weekend meeting with these close advisors" while the Opposition Leader "tried to start his thing from there".

"Dickon and his group used to meet there by (name withheld) and continued to hold sessions with her. I don't know where Tobias got the link to Dickon from – if it's through her but they ended up meeting up there in her place to discuss these things," he said.

The insider disclosed that Dickon Mitchell was given the task among other people by the Opposition Leader to help write the Constitution for the party in the making.

"There was somebody else who was given the task to organise the party. Dickon said he would help with the Constitution," he said.

The well-placed individual revealed that

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Tobias Clement – met often in St Andrew with the new NDC boss

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PM Mitchell was below par!!!

I listened to an encounter between PM Mitchell and some folks on Sunday.

It was not a press conference because no one on the panel was a journalist like Calistra or Hamlet Mark or Toro Depradine.

Aruna was correct when she said openly that she was not a journalist but simply a radio station host. Hats off to her for being so very honest.

The NNP frontline man in the media, Andre Donald is not a journalist but a radio station host just like Aruna.

To my mind, Aruna was the stand out as she asked the Prime Minister a number of sensible questions unlike AD who chose not to ask anything about the hardship in the country but some stupidness about cricket.

I am not surprised because AD knows who is footing the bill to keep him and his radio station alive today.

A few years ago I heard that the late George Grant used to carry the proceedings from Parliament on his station free under the NDC but as soon as NNP won the election they dropped George Grant and brought on AD for a price.

I am not too sure but subject to correction that the NNP government is paying that station in St Patrick's about \$7000.00 a month when the late George Grant did not charge a single cent.

AD is also on the payroll

for Covid-19 from NNP. He was the man in St Patrick that used to visit people home to take off the monitoring device from their hands.

This is the same AD that I know started off as a member of NDC under George Brizan back in 1987 but moved over to Keith and money in the 1990's.

There is no need for me to mention anything about Brenda as everyone knows where her head is at this point in time.

I have lost count of the number of places Brenda has worked over the past 20 years – a real rolling stone.

The latest stop is with the Chinese project at Mt Hartman and my guess is that the NNP would have given the blessings for her to get that nice little job.

I don't even think that Dr. Mitchell trusts Brenda as many see her loyalty going to Peter David and Derek James and not the NNP.

I will not bet on Brenda – she might or might not stay course with NNP if Peter and company pick up their bundle and move out because the MP for the Town of St George will never ever become the political leader of the NNP.

When I listened to Brenda when Peter was in NDC I somehow got the impression that she was backing them but the minute Peter, Chess and Pastor Simon were expelled from the party the same Brenda

started to sing a different tune.

But back to the press conference, I was not impressed with it at all, a non-event as it did nothing to really enhance the image of the Prime Minister.

It is the first time that I have listened to the PM and he failed to make any serious announcement to bring hope to the people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Has he run out of lyrics? Is there nothing new from NNP?

I don't know if age is catching up with the PM and he has slowed down a lot but he did not look like the bouncing Keith Mitchell of old.

The stand-out to me apart from Aruna and her line of questions was the fact that the PM was talking as if he was a freshman in government and into his first term.

I could not believe my ears and eyes when I kept hearing the PM talking about this and that which has to be fixed.

I can't imagine that the Doc has been in power so long – over 25 years – and is telling me today that he needs to fix the pension problem with civil servants, the high cost of living, the lmani problem, and rising costs of electricity and so many other things in the country.

Our Prime Minister is Keith Claudius Mitchell

There is something that I need to draw to the attention of our new party leader, Dickon Mitchell with respect to the selection of the Caretaker/Candidate for the St. Andrew North-west constituency.

At the moment, we are hearing that Phillip Alexander and Sister Gloria are the two main contenders for the position. It is well-known by most of the supporters that Sister Gloria is the better choice but a small clique in the constituency is doing their utmost to try and frustrate her from getting the nod.

Phillip is not a bad person but he does not have the support in the constituency to win it for NDC.

Phillip is not living in the constituency anymore and is not on the ground as much as Sister Gloria.

The best thing that Dickon could do is to hold a poll in the constituency not only among NDC supporters but in general and see how the people feel about both Phillip and Gloria.

I will bet my last dollar that Phillip will lose and quite easily.

Sister Gloria has touched the lives of many more people in St Andrew North-west than Phillip.

In my view, the NDC also needs to come up with more female candidates to bring better gender bal-

ance to the politics especially in St. Andrew's. I want to suggest that the senior people in the party should talk Phillip out of wanting to be the candidate and allow Gloria to go forward because she would be able to attract the kinds of votes that he would not even dream of getting in the yellow column.

Sister Gloria please, not Phillip

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Delma will be smiling if Phillip is the candidate but will be shimmering and shaking in her boots if she knows that Sister Gloria will be challenging her for the seat.

One of my NNP friends told me that Delma did not want to run again but the big man told her she has to contest the upcoming election for the sake of the party.

St Andrew North-west has a history of giving the incumbent two straight terms and it is time for Delma to go but with Phillip she will easily defeat him at the polls.

One of the problems with my party is that some people are not team players and cannot look at the bigger picture and want to have things their own way.

If no poll is done then for the sake of NDC, Dickon

must call in Phillip and tell him straight to the face that he should allow Sister Gloria to go forward and if the party wins the elections he would get an opportunity to serve in some other capacity.

We don't like Keith Mitchell but we can learn some things from him in how he handles political situations.

For example, in the lead up to the 2018 election, we heard that Nolan Cox won the poll that was conducted with Kindra Maturine-Stewart and Simon Stiell to pick the candidate for Carriacou & Petite Martinique.

The PM didn't want to run Cox, who came from the NDC side and was suspected to be pro-Peter David.

What Keith did was to call all three and tell them that he is going with Kindra and that both Cox and Stiell will get something to do in the government and he kept the promise made to them.

Today Cox is posed to run as a candidate for NNP in South St George as replacement for Nickolas Steele.

As a stalwart NDC supporter, there is nothing wrong in taking on board

this kind of lesson from Keith. What we don't want to take from the NNP is bubul and corruption.

The NDC needs to put the best candidates forward in keeping with the new slogan in going forward – Movement for Change.

Gloria is the better choice and not Phillip when it comes to change in St Andrew North-west.

I invite Dickon to come on the ground in the constituency and feel the pulse of the people and not rely on the old guards like Glen Noel, Phillip and Persuader and them.

Claudette is bawling in the Town of St George and complained that it was the old guards that conspired to keep her out of the post of Deputy Political Leader of NDC in the October 31 convention.

Please be minded that I was not supporting Claudette but she made the point that the so-called old guards worked against her.

NDC, we can defeat Keith if we select the best candidates and do the political work that is needed to ensure victory whenever Keith calls the election.

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TGM is in trouble

Less than four months after evolving into a political party in Grenada, The Grenada Movement (TGM) of Dr. Patrick Antoine is set to lose another key member.

THE NEW TODAY spoke with one of the founding members of the party who indicated that although TGM is still holding meetings, the party is not seemingly going anywhere in the politics of the country.

"It appears to (be) still functioning. I don't see us as being relevant anymore. All I can say is that the thing is still functioning - they still have their meetings going on. Up to last Thursday, TGM had a meeting. I am just watching what's going on. Am not very active, not very much involved anymore," she said.

"The only thing I will say is that they are still



Dr. Antoine – facing criticisms from some members of his political party

functioning in terms of meetings and so on and that kind of thing. I am not too impressed myself with things but I will just leave it like that – I don't want to say much," she added.

The TGM executive member went on to say: "I am still there in the group but am watching it very closely – it depends on how it goes. If I ain't see nothing serious happening (then I am out). I am watching things, I'm not taking much of an important role – more observing."

According to the party official, the only public engagement in recent times for the new party was the appearance by one of its members on a recent "To the point" programme conducted by the Grenada Broadcasting Network (GBN).

She pointed an accusing finger at the



The TGM banner was seen in a recent pension march in the street of St. George as the party tries to spread its wings among The Masses

Trinidad-based Dr. Antoine as having failed to provide the type of leadership that was needed for TGM to go forward politically in the country.

She said that she expected Dr. Antoine as a leading regional economist to speak to the Grenadian people on "a new vision" for the country but that is absent and lacking at the moment.

She also said that some members of the movement have issues with the fact that the leader is not spending enough time in Grenada to do the work to advance the cause of the newly formed party.

"I don't know if he has intention to live here, the fact (is) that he's not on the ground," she quipped.

In addition, the party member claimed that some members of TGM do not even know when Dr. Antoine is in or out of the country as everything involving his movement is done in secrecy.

The executive member also felt that as a new political party that Dr. Antoine should have brought on board some "new faces" to invest in the movement but the people in the forefront are seen as persons who were deeply involved in other political organisations in the country.

"I think that is a little mistake from the beginning too," she remarked.

This is an obvious reference to the likes of former Congress members Michael Church, Jenny Rapier and Faye Thompson and to a lesser extent former Attorney General, Jimmy Bristol who had a brief stint in the National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration of 2008-13.

Rapier and Thompson along with former Ambassador Eugene Pursoo have reportedly pulled out from the small party in recent weeks.

The TGM member acknowledged that the newly formed party has had to face accusations of seeking to play "a spoiler" role and working on behalf of the ruling New National Party (NNP) of Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell with general elections due within the next 18 months.

"Based on how things are now, the dynamics have significantly shifted now in favour of the NDC and I said to myself... I have no intention of going on the ground and working for a different political party to upset another political party's success because I believe that we are going to be seen as spoilers."

"I really don't believe that I should be in a constituency doing political work on behalf of another political party right now because the dynamics have shifted significantly – the ball was in our court one time – at one point in time we had a momentum and they didn't take advantage of it."

"I'm seeing now that NDC has rebranded in a sense – they have the momentum, they have re-energised their base and possible going beyond their base and I don't think it is right for another party to go and upset their success and so on because we're going to take votes from them. I can't see myself doing that."

According to the female political activist she did not want to see TGM taking away votes from another party like Congress that will be beneficial to the ruling party in the end.

"...Now we are no longer relevant (and will only be) taking votes mainly from the NDC. That's how I see it," she said.

Another bone of contention within TGM is the failure of Dr. Antoine to identify a constituency to run in the upcoming general

election.

"That is a huge problem there because if you are leading and you haven't selected a constituency to do the groundwork in your area then why should I do anything," she said.

Speculation is rife that Dr. Antoine was giving thought to running in St. George North-east or St. Andrew South-west, the birthplace of his late father, Alphonsus "Crotie" Antoine.

The TGM member acknowledged that NDC is making waves nationally after the holding of its October 31 convention with the election of a new political leader in 44-year old attorney-at-law, Dickon Mitchell and "a new vibrant, youthful team" to take control of the party.

"People are gravitating towards it," she said.

In addition, the female activist noted that Dickon Mitchell "is hitting the points, he's speaking well, saying the things that people want to hear" and posing a problem for the ruling party.

However, she identified a possible hurdle which NDC has to deal with as the selection of their candidates in order to convince the electorate of their ability to govern the affairs of the island and to guard against having a youthful team while their candidates might not be exciting.

The TGM official asserted that if Dr. Antoine comes now and tries to influence members to start pushing political work in the various constituencies she will not be involved in doing any such thing with TGM.

She also raised concerns that on the TGM's leader Facebook page, there is only one posting about the movement and sees this as another "dire point".

She also challenged a recent statement put out by TGM which denied that the party

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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


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.

Nutmeg and cocoa merger back on the table

The Keith Mitchell-led government in the Botanical Gardens in St George is making another attempt to dissolve the Grenada Cocoa Association (GCA) and the Grenada Co-operative Nutmeg Association (GCNA) and to merge them into one body and also to liberalise the industry.

This was disclosed by Agriculture Minister Peter David when he addressed a recent ceremony in which St. George's University (SGU) signed an agreement with the nutmeg association to help them identify male nutmeg trees at an early stage.

An official of one of the commodity bodies confirmed to **THE NEW TODAY** that government has written to them on the need to resume negotiations as both the GCNA and GCA representatives had walked out of the talks several months ago.

He said that both farmers' organisations are not opposed to going back to the table to engage the government on the issues of merger and Liberalisation.

He said the government is clearly "hell bent" on merger and liberalisation but their representatives know exactly what the position of the farmers are on these two contentious issues.

"We will go back – they can't say we didn't come and we want to see exactly what they are coming up with," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

"They feel they didn't get through the first time, they ask for us to come back to discuss. That is not a problem, we could discuss," he said.

According to the executive member of one of the commodity bodies, the government would not be able to get through easily with their plans to dissolve the two boards and to liberalise the industry.

He said: "I sense that he (PM Mitchell) has promised a number of



Agriculture Minister Peter David – made the announcement on the merger talks

investors that they will be able to do what they want with the produce. I don't know what he owes them or not – to me he's hell bent on (dissolving GCNA and GCA)".

"Nobody knows – even some of his ministers don't understand why he's so persistent. But he's the chap whatever he says goes," he added.

Another commodity board member told **THE NEW TODAY** that his association is not opposed to re-engaging the government side on Merger and Liberalisation.

However, he warned that the merger "is still a long way off" as cocoa farmers in particular are insisting that a number of important issues would have to be cleared up first to move to another stage.

"We have to decide what's happening with the assets of both organisations first and that will take some time. It is not something that's close by," he said.

The farmer indicated that Minister David is fully aware of the position of GCA and GCNA and has agreed "in principle" with the positions although he cannot say it in public that the concerns of the farmers will have to be settled first

as part of the way in going forward.

THE NEW TODAY understands that a new 6-man committee has been put together by government to discuss the issue of merger and liberalization with acting Chief Magistrate Teddy St Louis once again appointed to head the team.

The talks first ran into trouble just over a year ago when farmers took strong objection to the draft bill on merger and liberalisation that was prepared by the Office of the Attorney General then under the control of Guyanese barrister-at-law, Darshan Ramdhani.

The bill gave sweeping powers to the Minister of Agriculture to appoint the Directors to serve on a new company that will be created to run the business of nutmeg and cocoa and also to grant licenses to persons and companies for the export of the two commodities.

The farmers on the island have always expressed an interest in discussing the merger issue but are not inclined to see a liberalisation of the industry.

Another bone of contention is related to U.S trained lawyer, Olinga Mitchell who is the son of Prime Minister

Mitchell, and known to have an interest in the liberalisation of the industry.

The young Mitchell is part of a company known as Chimera Holdings which was set up to purchase and sell Grenadian nutmegs and spices in Europe.

The company is believed to have gone into liquidation around February 2020 and still owes GCNA EC\$144,000.00 for nutmegs delivered to it.



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PM Mitchell: No mandatory vaccination policy on the cards

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has appealed to the local media, private sector and trade union leaders to encourage the population to engage in voluntary acceptance of the Covid-19 vaccines available on the island.

Speaking to a select group of local media persons over the weekend, the Grenadian leader again restated his opposition to the introduction of a mandatory vaccination policy by the ruling New National Party (NNP) administration in St. George.

Dr. Mitchell said he thinks that mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy will not assist the island in curbing the transmission of the deadly COVID-19 virus and stressed that people need to come forward and take their jabs.

He made a plea to



Prime Minister Mitchell – has taken his three jabs to protect himself against Covid-19

media personnel, stakeholders, and the private sector and trade unions to encourage more people as much as they can to get themselves immunised against the deadly mutant.

He said that the cultural artists and other famous sports personalities in the country should assist with the vaccination campaign across Grenada, and they should give their voice in the recordings that will be used during campaigning to encourage people fur-

ther to get vaccinated against the highly contagious COVID-19 virus.

"I believe that will be the best approach. People have been telling me to go to Parliament and to force people to get vaccinated. To tell you the truth, if I thought that could work, I would do it because I have no problem with it," he told the media.

"...I'm not convinced it will work. If anything, you might get more resistance. What do you do? Put a bunch of 5,000 people who refuse to take the vaccine, put them in jail. What's the point? If you are going to do something, you want to do something to achieve a result," he said.

The Prime Minister highlighted that the COVID measures or guidelines should not look like if he is commanding or forcing Grenadians to do a specific thing.

He took a shot at those who raised questions about government's policies to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

"Where are their voices now?" Dr. Mitchell lamented that he has never heard the voice of any of the trade union leaders encouraging the workers to get inoculated.

The Prime Minister stressed that more people in Grenada should get vaccinated so that if someone enters the country, they should feel safe and secure in the environment around them.

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the media should be doing more work in favour of the country during this pandemic.

He said: "When I listen to certain things on

certain stations it baffles me as if we don't realise it is not about (the ruling) NNP (New National Party), it is not about the Prime Minister, it is not even about the Opposition Leader. It is about life and death and all of us should be on that wavelength."

In highlighting the role of media in requesting the citizens to get vaccinated and follow the COVID protocols, Prime Minister Mitchell said: "I do not believe as a nation we have taken our responsibilities as serious as it is. I honestly believe the media could do a lot; if anything, some parts of the media could be said to be guilty of doing the opposite".

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the island in March 2020, some persons have died as a result of the deadly disease.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016

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

BY ANN LOUISA COY IN HER CAPACITY OF ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER,
DECEASED

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

Whereas Ann Louisa Coy of Prospect Hall in Carriacou in the State of Grenada but at present residing in the United States of America, a retired nurse by occupation

by her application filed in the High Court on the 8th day of November, 2021 in her capacity of Administrator of the Estate of James Alexander Deceased claims that James Alexander has acquired title by twelve (12) years adverse possession of the land described in the schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

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

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The rise of Dickon Mitchell as a political force

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things fell apart when Clement admitted to a local reporter that he would form a party and that some members of the group felt he was too premature in giving out details.

He said that some of the persons who were engaged in the discussions soon "ran for cover" because they didn't want that information to become public knowledge so soon given the nature of their jobs.

"After that collapsed, (the group) stopped meeting on weekends to discuss politics and formation of a party," he added.

The insider indicated that things then shifted from the St. Andrew location to Dickon Mitchell's law firm at Excel Plaza in the south of the island.

He said that every Friday afternoon, a few persons no more than 5 would meet in Dickon's office to discuss politics and one of the attendees was Garvin Pierre who landed a position on the NDC Executive.

"I know that these people used to just go there and used to just talk about politics and the state of the country and what's going on and stuff like that.

"I didn't know what their intention really was about – I know they were trying to form a group".

He quoted one of the five as saying that he was not deeply

involved since he just used to "go there and listen".

"The only thing I find Dickon tends to speak 90% of the time you are there in a meeting with him ... he didn't give you a lot of time to speak," the source quoted one of the persons involved in the discussions as saying.

According to the source, after a period of time the Dickon Mitchell group had ceased having these meetings or might have continued without the involvement of his close friend.

In looking ahead at Dickon Mitchell's involvement with Congress, he said that he formed the impression that the female political activist in St. Andrew will be a major player in his ambitions to lay his hands on the job of Prime Minister of the country.

"...He does be in Grenville very regularly by some friends up there. I think they are the ones who appear to me that will be advising him.

The source identified the key person around the new NDC leader as a former top civil servant with a background in the tourism sector.

"She has a little team around there. He's usually always up by her – I didn't know they had that close friendship outside of the politics. It appears that they are very close. He's usually always up there in her place with some other people every Saturday

– he actually spends the whole day by her".

"I think they will be in the background helping him – he has a good little team there – in the background advising him, grooming him and that type of thing. She will be playing a major supportive role.

THE NEW TODAY understands that this female political activist played a key role with Congress in its 2008 victory at the polls against Prime Minister Mitchell and his NNP group.

A political observer on the island has warned that the ageing Grenadian leader should not take Dickon Mitchell's challenge lightly as his intention is to replace him in the important office on the 6th Floor of the Ministerial Complex at the Botanical Gardens in Tanteen, St. George.

He said: "I am at a birthday function in Mt Hartman and the popular words are, 'I AM SUPPORTING DICK.' Both NNP and NDC seem to love the guy. There are about 50 people attending and the women are stressing I love DICK. My friend KCM (Keith Claudius Mitchell) better hope the Dick does not spread like wild fire."

Dickon Mitchell is apparently looking at the St David constituency in the upcoming general election to do battle against Foreign Minister Oliver Joseph.

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 Nicholas 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.

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Issues

[25] The following issues are to be determined:

(1) Whether Mr. Steele is entitled to interest as damages as a result of the Prickly Bay's breach of the agreement and consent order.

(2) Whether Mr. Steele is estopped from claiming additional interest as damages which could have been pursued in proceedings before Henry J and in the consent order entered before the Court of Appeal.

(3) Whether the claim for interest is statute barred.

Discussion and Analysis

Whether Mr. Steele is entitled to interest as a damages

[26] Mr. Delzin, Counsel for Mr. Steele, submits that under the contract which formed part of the consent order of 18th May 2007, it was agreed that Prickly Bay would pay to Mr. Steele, in addition to the agreed purchase price, a fixed amount of interest at the rate of 5% per annum for the period commencing 18th May 2007 to the completion date for the sale of the property being 18th May 2009. Counsel submits that the defendant defaulted in its obligation to complete the sale and to pay Mr. Steele the agreed purchase price and interest.

[27] Additionally, counsel submits that at common law where contracts for the repayment of money expressly provide for the payment of interest, a

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:-

claimant is entitled to recover interest by way of damages for breach of an obligation to pay even though there was no express agreement for the payment of interest for any period after repayment should have been made. Counsel relies on the learning from the learned authors of McGregor on Damages and principles set out in *Miliangos v George Frank Textiles (No.2)* and other cases.

[28] Counsel submits that Mr. Steele is entitled to recover interest as damages against Prickly Bay on account of its breach of its obligations to pay on the date agreed as effectively Mr. Steele was deprived of the benefit of the monies.

[29] Contrastingly Ms. Joseph, counsel for Prickly Bay submits that it is an established principle of the common law that interest will not be payable on sums that are due under a specific written agreement (such as a consent order) unless the agreement on its face provides for the payment of interest or is implied from usage of trade. This principle was stated in *Page v Newman* and affirmed in *London Chatham and Dover Rly Co v South Eastern Rly Co*. Counsel submits that these principles remain the position at common law and relies on the learning from the House of Lords authority in *President of India v La Pintada Cia Navegacion SA*.

Statutory and Equitable discretion (common law) to award interest as damages

The text Chitty on

Contracts under the rubric "The Award of interest at common law" provides:

"In 1985, the House of Lords in *President of India v La Pintada Cia Navegacion SA* refused to depart from its previous decision in 1893 in *London, Chatham and Dover Railway Co. v South Eastern Railway Co* which laid down that the common law does not permit the award of interest by way of general damages for delay in payment of a debt beyond the date when it was contractually due. It has, however, always been open to the parties to make express provision in their contract for the payment of interest, which the court enforces (except in situations covered by specific statutory provision). The courts were sometimes prepared to infer an agreement to pay interest where the inference could be based on the course of dealing between the parties or on a relevant trade usage."

[31] Ms. Joseph submits that the relevant statutory provision would be Section 27 of the West Indies Associated States Supreme Court (Grenada) Act (Supreme Court Act). Further, counsel submits that Mr. Steele has not met any of the 4 elements set out in the *La Pintada* case. Firstly, the position at common law does not apply in the instant case because the first consent order was specific on the question of interest. It did not specifically provide for the payment of additional interest to meet the common law threshold. The second is that this is not an admiralty



Attorney-at-law Claudette Joseph – presented the case on behalf of the defendants

claim, so the second element set out in *La Pintada* will not apply.

The third element will also not apply as this is not a claim in equity but

one in law of recovery of interest as damages on the unpaid balance of a sum owed. Fourthly, Section 27 of the Supreme Court Act as it stood when the first consent order was entered on 18th May 2007 will operate to prevent Mr. Steele from claiming interest as damages as pleaded, because there was no specific provision for such additional interest in the first consent order.

[32] In *La Pintada*, Lord Brandon espoused the following principles with respect to a claim for interest as damages in the court's equitable and statutory jurisdictions:

Thirdly, the area of equity. The Chancery courts, again differing from the common law courts, had regularly awarded simple interest as ancillary relief in respect of equitable

remedies, such as specific performance, rescission and the taking of an account. Chancery courts had further regularly awarded interest, including not only simple interest but also compound interest, when they thought that justice so demanded, that is to say in cases where money had been obtained and retained by fraud, or where it had been withheld or misapplied by a trustee or anyone else in a fiduciary position.

Fourthly, the area of statutory law. The relevant statutory provision in force in 1981, when *Tehno-Impex* [1981] Q.B. 648 was decided, was section 3(1) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934. That subsection provided:

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

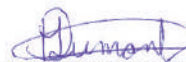
IN THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE CYNTHIA PAMPELLONE LATE OF CHURCH STREET ST GEORGE DECEASED

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 22nd Day of June 2011.

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 19th day of November 2021


Thira Dumont
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

Countries agree on measures at COP-26 to keep the 1.5 °C global warming goal within reach

While some positives came out of the recently held 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP-26), which has been dubbed the most important climate conference since the 2015 Paris agreement, the overarching position is that there is still a great deal of work to be done to keep the global warming goal of 1.5 °C within reach by the year 2030.

Minister for Climate Resilience and the Environment, Senator Simon Stiell affirmed this reality when he met with reporters during this week's post-Cabinet media briefing in St. George's, almost two weeks after participating in the climate change conference, which ran from October 31 - November 12 in



Sen. Simon Stiell - more needs to be done to achieve climate temperature goals

the City of Glasgow, Scotland.

The 2-week conference brought together representatives from over 190 countries to accelerate action towards the goals of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and sought to operationalise and enforce agreements made in the 2015 Paris Agreement, which embodies global efforts to keep the rise in mean global temperature to below 2 °C (3.6 °F) above pre-industrial levels, and preferably limit the increase to 1.5 °C (2.7 °F), to substantially reduce the devastating impacts of climate change.

Minister Stiell, who played a role at the Glasgow discussions, expressed disappointment that although

developed countries are responsible for the challenges that are faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like Grenada, they are "reluctant" to move to address issues concerning the ability of these vulnerable countries to minimise loss incurred after a climate change-related event, how they can accelerate recovery and access resources that may be required.

"This is a highly contentious issue. We were able to progress that agenda but not to the level (that) vulnerable developing countries wanted," he said.

The minister pointed out that "the challenges in terms of making an impact on minimising global warming, and in terms of the wealth and the resources to tackle it lies with the group of 20 richest countries (called) the 'G20' countries," which constitute "close to 80% of global emissions and 85% of global GDP."

China has been the largest emitter in recent years, producing more than a quarter of the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions, while the world's largest historical emitter, the United States, is now the second-largest emitter, according to international reports.

Minister Stiell referred to the science which shows that although "global warming is currently at 1.1 degrees...we are on a trajectory to hitting 2.7 °C by the end of this century, which will be devastating not only for us but for all countries."

The electricity and transport sectors are said to account for over 70% of the local carbon footprint, with efforts to be concentrated on reaching 100% of electricity generated through renewable energy, and 20% of vehicles being powered by renewable energy sources by the

2030 deadline, as part of the government's efforts to reduce carbon emissions by 40% of its pre-2010 level by 2030 through its revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which is at the heart of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Sen. Stiell stressed that keeping the 1.5 °C target within reach all "boils down to the actions that countries have to take, all of us in terms of reducing global warming to that (the) target number of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, and why that number is so significant is, as the globe warms the impacts on our climate are felt."

"Here in Grenada we know all too well, whether it's through hurricanes, increased frequency, intensity, sea-level rise and the impact that it is having on our coastal communities, droughts, floods, how that's impacting us in terms of water (and) food security, our very way of life, and not to mention our economies," he said.

According to Minister Stiell, "recognising the science was a critical component" of the Glasgow meeting, he said that "some countries are far more aware as to what is happening and what needs to be done than others."

"...There was almost universal acceptance of the science and the actions that are required," he said, as he also spoke of a call that was made for recognition of all the special vulnerabilities of small island states like Grenada, which are classed as "middle income" countries, a classification which makes it difficult for them to access certain concessional and grant funds.

Additionally, he reported that a call was also issued to international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the

World Bank (WB) with regards to "special drawing rights for (a portion of the) money that has been printed by developed countries to support their COVID pandemic stimulus programmes be allocated to vulnerable developing countries in their fight against climate change."

The Climate Resilience and Environment Minister said that COP-26 also concluded with an agreement for the "doubling of adaptation finance," for vulnerable countries to mitigate the effects of climate change, and adaptation, which he emphasised is "absolutely critical for countries such as Grenada, who do not produce significant emissions but are heavily impacted by climate impacts, even at this 1.1 °C level where we currently stand".

"So, the requirement for more resources - financial and technical - to help us adapt to this changing environment was critical and we came out of Glasgow with an agreement that those finance flows will be doubled from approximately \$20bn per year to vulnerable states such as ours, up to US\$40bn," he told reporters.

According to Minister Stiell, countries also agreed to a "phased-down" approach in the use and production of coal, which is considered the single largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and the scaling down in the burning of fossil fuels, and support through financial subsidies for the fossil fuel industry in terms of putting limits on its use.

"The gap is still significant...but we were able to keep that all-important target of 1.5 °C alive, and that process continues next year, and the year after...until we achieve those targets," he said.

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

GRENADA

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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 23rd day of November, 2021

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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.

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The pension issue with public sector employees

In a stunning announcement made last Sunday, Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has told the nation that his ruling New National Party (NNP) administration has hammered out an agreement on pension for public sector employees.

Speaking with a select group of four media personnel, mainly talkshow hosts, Dr. Mitchell said: "We do not have a pension issue. The pension issue has been resolved with the unions. They have agreed on that. There is no dispute at this point in time. The pension numbers have been agreed to."

However, a top union official denied that there is any agreement on pension and that what was signed with the NNP



Prime Minister Mitchell – continues to insist that he has a pension agreement with public sector trade unions

regime a few days before the 2018 general elections was only a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the restoration of pension for public officers that was ended by the 1979-83 leftist People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) of slain Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

The PRG created the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) in 1983 to provide pensions for both public and private sector workers.

The official told **THE NEW TODAY** that after the NNP was returned to power after the last poll, the unions "jumped out" of the MOU and took the matter to court to seek a ruling that pension payments for civil servants are covered in a 1978 law that was incorporated into the Grenada Constitution.

He said the Prime Minister might be suffering from "a lapse of memory" as the public sector unions have broken off talks with government on pension and are currently

waiting on the ruling of the high court on the issue.

Prime Minister Mitchell told the session that the pension payment that is currently agreeable to government is the one contained in the MOU that calls for a payment of 70% of one's last salary from a combination of funds derived from NIS and government.

"The pension agreement is that if you reach the retirement age or you want to retire after giving a certain amount of years of service – you can retire and as long as you sign the document you will get 70% of your last salary," he said.

"Anyone does that, they get 70% of your last salary from a combination of NIS and government," he added.

PM Mitchell said that he had nothing to do with removal of pension for public sector employees but that after years of negotiations "we have concluded an agreement and that is where we are."

According to Dr. Mitchell,

as far as he knows the only issue between government and its workers is "the question of when do you start to calculate the payment".

He said that under the old system of pension, it was calculated at 66 2/3 of the last salary of the worker on retirement.

He added that the NNP government has agreed to give its employees more than what is contained in the old pension agreement.

"What is in dispute is the fact that they want to go back to 1958 and talk about paying all those persons. That we (are) saying we have to start at a particular period – we are not responsible for removing the pension of workers."

"We are saying it is difficult for any government – not just NNP government – it means you talking billions of dollars of payment. We are saying that is in dispute. That has been taken to court by the unions. They took it to court."

"The issue of the back payment for persons who served for years and continue to do so – that is the one that is unresolved".

Prime Minister Mitchell said he has been trying to encourage workers to sign the 70% document so that when they retire that payment will be due to them and if the government loses the case in court they still have additional money to collect.

"If government had the funds and we could have paid, we probably would say forget whether it's legal or not legal and let's just pay it because the workers are here and they would spend their money back in the country and government would generate revenues from expenditure and activities in the country but we simple will not be able to meet that extreme payment. If the court rules, we will have to agree on some form of method of payment for years," he said.

Ban Ki-moon says nurses are key to achieving Sustainable Development Goals and calls on governments to invest in nurses

Geneva, Switzerland, 3 November 2021 – Mr Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations, streamed into the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress today to give a keynote speech on Nursing's role in delivering global health and strengthening health systems.

Speaking about his work during his term as UN Secretary General in establishing the UN Sustainable Development Goals and creating "Every Woman, Every Child", the global strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health, Mr Ban called on governments and leaders to invest in nurses.

"[Nurses] are the key for achieving the SDGs and leaving no one behind. Indeed, ladies and gentlemen, nurses and health experts like yourselves, are indispensable for mobilising cooperation, innovation, the delivery of healthcare in all settings for all, rich and poor, young and old, citizens and migrants. We all share a common destiny rooted in health, sustainability and prosperity let us expend our efforts to realise this shared destiny in years to come."

'Despite the current challenges that we face, if we work together under the spirit of partnership, innovation, sustainability and the commitment to expanding and delivering health care of all, we will not only persevere during this era of uncertainty, we will thrive... Together we can end this terrible pandemic which has significantly impacted each and every nurse around the world and has tragically taken



Ban Ki-moon - Former UN Secretary General

the lives of 115 000 health care workers.

'I urge you to keep going, but please look after yourselves, including your mental health. Individuals and communities, nations and the UN are all counting on the continued, valiant effort of nurses and their essential partners. Your work is crucial in strengthening the capabilities of health and care delivery systems to cope with and raise preparedness for future pandemics, climate shocks, and expanded primary care needs."

Mr Ban is one of several high-profile speakers attending the ICN virtual Congress. Yesterday, the Right Honourable Helen Clark led a panel discussion on the global response and lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic with Annette Kennedy, ICN President; John Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway, and Dr Mara van Kerkhove, COVID-19 Technical Lead, World Health Organization.

Later today, Lauren Underwood, registered

nurse and US Congresswoman, and Peggy Vidot, nurse and Minister of Health for the Seychelles, will speak on how nursing leadership can 2 transform public health and the health workforce. Also today, the ICN Congress will hear a discussion on Gender equality and empowering women with Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Chile; Dr Roopa Dhatt, Executive Director and Co-founder of Women in Global Health; Mariam Jalabi, Representative of the Syrian Opposition Coalition to the United Nations and co-founder of the Syrian Women's Political Movement; and Dr Nomafrench Mbombo, Western Cape Minister of Health, South Africa.

The Congress concludes tomorrow with further high profile speakers including Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, and Guy Ryder, Director General of the International Labour Organisation.

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

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Do not throw caution to the wind for Covid-19 is not done with us yet

By Special Correspondent

The emerging cluster spread of Covid-19 caused by crew members of a ship that normally ply the Grenada to Carriacou route but came from Dry Dock in Trinidad is a stark reminder of the fragility of the situation as government continues to open up the economy. Many of our neighbours including Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Martinique are experiencing significant spikes in infections at this time. The situation in Europe is equally worrisome with some countries, among them source markets for our tourism, beginning to experience new waves of infections.

Several other countries with vaccination cover-

age of over ninety percent, have seen dramatic increases in infections as well. Since October, Singapore, a country with ninety four percent of its eligible population vaccinated has seen a dramatic rise in new cases.

Likewise in Ireland which has a ninety two percent vaccination coverage, infections and deaths have doubled in the last two months. Gibraltar considered the most vaccinated place on earth with almost all of its eligible population inoculated have recently had to reintroduce public health measures to arrest an explosion in infections.

The above situation highlights the need for government to be cautious when opening up the economy and the population not to

become complacent as the new problem of waning immunity begins to emerge.

So when I see Wall Street, the area by Green Bridge next to the stadium, De Lance in Gouyave, Options and Container Park in True Blue, and other areas around the country on a Friday night I asked myself, have we as a people thrown caution to the wind?

The government and people of the tri-island state must understand there is no Grenadian exceptionalism with Covid-19, once protocols are not adhered to, complacency sets in, vigilance decline and there continues to be high levels of vaccine hesitancy among the population, Grenada will experience successive waves of Covid-19.

If containment action is not taken immediately to address this current cluster spread the island could see another wave by Christmas. Should this happen or a breach occur at the height of the upcoming tourist season, during late December or January, would the country be better prepared than the last time for another wave?

It doesn't appear so, there is still no effort to expand treatment facilities beyond the number of beds at the General Hospital and other two small hospitals within the tri-island state. Moreover, there is little evidence the Ministry of Health has properly mined the meta data collected during the recent wave to determine how extensive was the virus spread to



A COVID patient being attended to by a nurse in the United States

better understand the level of natural immunity within the population.

According to scientists both vaccine and natural immunity wane over time, however immunity obtained after contracting the virus and recovering naturally seem to decline faster than immunity from vaccination. This has serious implications for the population's ability to withstand another wave of the virus and the level of hospitalisations and deaths that will occur considering the high prevalence of comorbidities.

According to Pfizer Biotech the effectiveness of their mRNA vaccine weakens after five months. A study recently published in the Lancet found Pfizer's vaccine had an eighty eight percent effectiveness at preventing infection after receiving the second dose however its effectiveness decline to forty seven percent after five months.

The situation is similar for AstraZeneca therefore waning immunity will further compound the problem should the island encounter a second wave in the coming months.

A breach in health protocols at the port of entry will spread like wildfire in the present situation of widespread complacency, disregard for health protocols, large gatherings with elevated music commonly seen on weekends, in particular Friday nights, around the country.

With the high level of vaccine hesitancy on the island and now the emerging problem of waning immunity, government have to threat cautiously when considering relaxing of restrictions over the upcoming holiday season for they could be playing Russian roulette with people's lives.

We must never forget that apart from the near collapse of the island's health infrastructure during the recent wave of Covid-19 infections, Grenada moved from having one Covid-related death in early August to two hundred deaths in just two months.

According to PAHO, while most countries in the Caribbean have

Covid death rates of under two percent, Grenada, Antigua, Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago have higher death rates of over two percent.

As the fast approaching winter tourist season coincides with further opening of the economy, there is a high possibility of intense virus transmission between visitors to the island and local population considering the resurgent virus spread in Europe and parts of North America, our main source markets for tourism.

With this in mind is government using available tools to critically assess the situation and prepare for the eventual second wave?

By now the Ministry of Health using epidemiological modelling and data collected on infections and recoveries during the last wave should have a firm idea of the level of natural immunity within the population. Along with the data on vaccine coverage, the ministry should be able to determine how resilient the population is and plan accordingly for the next wave of infections.

The ministry should not have to wait for a resurgence before it step up surveillance, improve and expand testing to include antibody or serology test when appropriate to do so, and strengthen treatment and care.

Also, as government lift some public health measures that lead to increased social mixing, it is prudent to step up enforcement of those protocols that remain on the books.

Government can't throw caution to the wind when there is a high prevalence of comorbidity and vaccine hesitancy within the population.

Government can't throw caution to the wind when across Europe and the world Covid-19 transmission driven by the variants and increase in social mixing are on the rise for as Maria Van Kerkhove of the WHO said recently, "when you lift public health and social mixing measures, when you lift the rules around masking and distancing and avoiding crowds in the context of the vari-

ant, in the context of increase social mixing, in the context of limited vaccinations, you going to see the virus thrive and that is exactly what is happening now".

That is exactly what is happening in Austria and Netherlands where infections have risen so dramatic that their governments have had to reintroduce strict lockdown measures, and in South Korea which has seen increases in infections after a plateau for many weeks.

In light of this resurgence of the virus among neighbouring countries and across the world, what is government doing to improve surveillance, expand testing, increase the number of hospital beds and personnel, and strengthen public awareness?

Why are these large gatherings of persons not wearing mask allowed on weekends? Why police officers on the beat not enforcing the proper wearing of a fitted face mask on public transport? Why bus drivers and taxi operators can be seen operating without a mask or just a scarf tied around their face and not a properly fitted mask?

Why has the campaign to encourage people to take the vaccine fallen flat on its back? Is it because the government and we as a people have thrown caution to the wind? If that is the case we must then prepare ourselves for another two hundred or more deaths mostly among the unvaccinated but also those whose immunity, natural or vaccination, have waned.

Mr. Prime Minister, Chairman of the Covid-19 Advisory Committee, and Minister of Health, you all must not throw caution to the wind lest you forget the two hundred souls that recently perished because of negligence and dereliction of duty.

With the worsening Covid-19 situation among our neighbours and across the world please temper the expectations of a nation for the upcoming Christmas season and heighten vigilance, for Covid-19 is not done with us as yet.

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

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF DENIS COPLAND, late of Snell Hall in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **HARRISON A. COPLAND** of Mount Hartman in Grand Anse in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada but presently residing at 734 East 91st Street Brooklyn, New York, 11236 in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration De Bonis Non Administratus to the Applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 16th day of October 1955.

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

Dated the 22nd day of October, 2021

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Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Improved designs for St. John's River Flood Mitigation Project expected in December

The Ministry of Infrastructure is working along with the Barbados Meteorology Service (BMS) to capture rainfall data to support the development of a proper design for the St. John's River, which has been the cause of flooding in the Tempe/River Road area for more than 20 years.

Infrastructure Minister Senator Norland Cox told reporters last week that the ministry has been facing challenges in terms of data for a new design for the St. John's River Flood Mitigation Project, which has been in the pipeline for more than 10 years.

Preparatory work commenced on the project in August, however, Minister Cox who provided an update on the highly anticipated project during the post-cabinet media brief in St. George's last week Tuesday, said there is need to capture critical rainfall data to assist with a new design.

The St. John's River, which has tributaries merging at the prominent DeCaul gas station roundabout in Tempe, and collects river and drainage water from surrounding areas, is known to overflow its banks resulting in the



Sen. Cox - the roadway and bridges in the River Road area will be improved under the St. John's River Flood Mitigation Project

flooding of homes and businesses in the area, and oftentimes obstructing the flow of traffic and causing major inconvenience to road users.

According to Sen. Cox, Grenada is working along with the Meteorology office in Barbados to tackle the problem.

"...We are looking for data going back as far as 30 years to help us come up with a proper design for that St. John's river...", he said. "...We have engaged a construction company

to come up with new improved designs...and we are hoping to have those designs completed by the end of December," he added.

The project spans from the bridge in front of Steele's Auto Supplies Co. Ltd., River Road, St. George's to the mouth of the river, which empties into the Sea at the Green Bridge, close to the back entrance of the National Stadium.

The St. John's River runs through River Road under the

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Workers at the St. John's River



The Humpback Bridge was submerged when the St. John's river burst its banks due to adverse weather in August 2018



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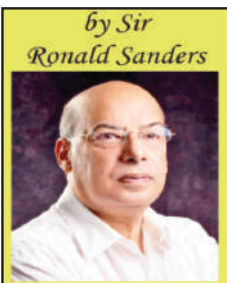
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World Bank recommendations not enough for Caribbean countries to prepare for new Climate shocks



by Sir
Ronald Sanders

A new analysis by the World Bank provides a troubling analysis of the new shocks that Caribbean countries can expect from the worsening effects of Climate Change, particularly as there is no slowing down in its magnitude. But, the recommendations place the entire burden of preparation for these new shocks entirely on the governments that

are already faced with beleaguered economies.

Nowhere in the analysis entitled, "360° Resilience: A Guide to Prepare the Caribbean for a New Generation of Shocks", is there any recommendation that the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or the major polluting countries should do more to help these countries which are victims of the conditions of climate change and global warming to which they are the least contributors.

In its introduction, the analysis states quite clearly that: "Caribbean countries are not prepared for the new challenges posed by climate change, compounded by uncertainty on future tourism

markets and a lack of fiscal space. The strategies that have worked in the past will not be enough in the future. Climate change threatens to intensify natural hazards and brings new sources of volatility through impacts on health, agriculture yields, and coastal landscapes".

Investigating each country toward 2050 – less than 30 years away – the analysis suggests that, even with moderate CO2 emissions, 13 percent of nearshore hotels will experience beach loss resulting in a 17 percent decrease in tourism revenue for the region by 2050.

Specifically, the analysis projects that, in the absence of adaptation, by 2050, countries like

Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, and The Bahamas will see a large proportion of hotels unable to profit from proximity to a sandy beach.

The scenario is equally troubling with regard to flooding, loss of land mass from sea level rise, the impact of hurricanes, financial instability, and other socio-economic effects, such as the loss of skilled workers through migration.

The report makes three broad recommendations for governments to build resilience to the new generation of shocks that it anticipates are coming. These are: increase government efficiency, empower households and the pri-

vate sector, and reduce future physical risk. Each of these recommendations are high cost and require funding that Caribbean governments do not have, particularly in the current COVID-19 crisis whose effects will last for years to come.

The analysis admits that the 2008 global financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic have had devastating effects, with debt-to-GDP ratios increasing by approximately 15% between 2008 and 2010. It also records that the pandemic's impact on debt-to-GDP ratio has also been adverse: apart from Guyana, which started producing oil in 2020, all countries saw an increase in debt-to-GDP ratio between 2019 and 2020.

Against this background, it is nearly impossible to figure how governments could pay to implement the recommendations in the report, particularly as the Paris Club (a group of powerful countries) is refusing to write-off or reschedule burdensome debt.

Additionally, the IMF, World Bank and other European-based agencies continue to impose the criterion of per capita income, rather than evident vulnerability, for access to concessionary financing.

Further, the lending policies of the international financial institutions are not sufficiently aligned to development needs. For instance, the report states that,

"In the absence of appropriate funding and asset management systems for adequately maintaining coastal protection infrastructure, governments should consider alternative strategies, including natural barriers and managed relocation".

The latter two suggestions are not free of cost. Managed relocation of populations should not continue to be deferred in places such as Belize, Guyana and Suriname, but significant costs are involved, and, therefore, will not be easily achieved.

The report also rightly recommends that governments should invest in digital infrastructure and build digital skills to strengthen businesses and build human capital. It points out that many sectors of the society would benefit, including tourism, education, and provision of financial services.

Indeed, many Caribbean countries started down this path prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Several sectors, especially education and financial services benefitted during the pandemic. But the decline in revenues and significant GDP loss caused governments to slow investment in favour of building public health facilities and supporting the vulnerable, including the poor and unemployed.

Unlike the governments of rich countries, they did not have the

option to print money their economies did not generate.

The report is valuable for the data it provides showing that a large proportion of the region's assets is exposed to hurricanes and landslides, and that a significant portion is also exposed to floods and earthquakes – all of which are set to worsen. The analysis solidly substantiates that the region is vulnerable.

However, it falls short by missing the essential point that, given the battering these economies have had over the last 40 years, plus the significant socio-economic and financial blows that they have endured from COVID-19, international assistance is urgently required.

The resilience that Caribbean governments are being told to build is not the result of their abuse of the global environment. Those who are responsible for the damage should compensate.

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

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.

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 19th day of November 2021

Winnifred Duncan Phillip
Winnifred Duncan Phillip
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

TGM is in trouble

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leader had discussed in a meeting allegations that Dr. Antoine spoke of allegations about a recent meeting between him and Prime Minister Mitchell.

She quoted Dr. Antoine as telling TGM members that this is not true and that they only saw each other in a funeral and just acknowledged each other's presence and nothing more.

She said that some TGM members have been whispering

among themselves the rumour of this possible meeting.

"I am not doubting anything with this man (Dr. Antoine)," she remarked.

According to the TGM executive member, she will not be surprised if the party's main activist in the rural St Andrew South-east constituency align himself soon with the newlook Congress party under Dickon Mitchell due to frustration with his own grouping.

Asked about a recent pronouncement made

by former executive member Jenny Rapier that a number of statements critical of the NNP regime were put together by TGM but were never released into the public domain.

"I am not aware so much of statements – the only thing I know is that we should have been speaking more and talking more after the launch... we should have been more on the different platforms and doing the necessary work because to me we had the momentum at that time," she said.

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Father of Health Minister loses court battle

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"(1) In any proceedings tried in any court of record for the recovery of any debt or damages, the court may, if it thinks fit, order that there shall be included in the sum for which judgment is given interest at such rate as it thinks fit on the whole or any part of the debt or damages for the whole or any part of the period between the date when the cause of action arose and the date of the judgment: Provided that nothing in this section — (a) shall authorise the giving of interest upon interest; or (b) shall apply in relation to any debt upon which interest is payable as of right whether by virtue of any agreement or otherwise; or (c) shall affect the damages recoverable for the dishonour of a bill of exchange." (Bold emphasis mine).

[33] The relevant statutory power to award interest on debts and damages is provided under section 27 of the Supreme Court Act.

27. Power of courts to award interest on debts and damages

In any proceedings for the recovery of any debt or damages, in the High Court or the Court of Appeal, the Court may, if it thinks fit, order that there shall be included in the sum for which judgment is given interest at such rate as it thinks fit on the whole or any part of the debt or damages for the whole or any part of the period between the date when the cause of action arose and the date of the judgement, but nothing in this section— (a) shall authorise the giving of interest upon interest; or (b) shall apply in relation to any debt upon which interest



High court Judge Justice Agnes Actie – delivered her ruling on the matter

is payable as of right whether by virtue of any agreement or otherwise; or (c) shall affect the damages recoverable for

the dishonour of a bill of exchange. (Bold emphasis mine)

[34] There has been a

slight shift in the principles where the court may allow damages for non-payment of debts subject to the proof of the loss, remoteness of damages rules, obligations to mitigate damages and any other relevant rules relating to the recovery of the alleged losses¹². The court may allow interest where it can be inferred from course of dealing between the parties or where the claimant had actually incurred interest charges, or it may be reasonably inferred in contemplation of the delay. Therefore, the court will examine the circumstances of the case to determine whether it should exercise its discretion.

[35] Mr. Steele at paragraph 8 of his witness statement averred that "in my application I claimed that further interest was to be paid on the balance of the purchase price at the rate of 6% per annum from May 18th, 2009". However, the court notes that neither the consent order dated 18th May 2007, nor the judgment of Henry J dated 26th August 2015 contained any order for further interest as a relief. A fair reading of the written judgment of Henry J13, where the learned judge reproduced Mr. Steele's prayers for relief, reveals that Mr. Steele's application did not contain a prayer for interest as damages or interest at all. Additionally, even if the application did contain a prayer for interest, it is noted that Mr. Steele did not appeal the learned Judge's refusal to award interest.

[36] A fair reading of the agreement annexed to the first consent order does not suggest that there was an understanding in the parties' dealings that interest would accrue in the event that the balance of the purchase price remained unpaid after the completion date. This was admitted by Mr. Steele at paragraph 4 of his witness statement that "a deposit of US\$250,000 was paid to me and the balance of the purchase price of US\$2,250,000 together with interest calculated on the balance at the rate of 5% per annum was to be paid to me by the completion date of May 18th, 2009. The amount of interest due on the completion date would be US\$225,000."

[37] The court is of the view that the agreement which was crystallised into a consent order dated 18th May 2007 did not contemplate that fur-

ther interest of 5% per annum would accrue on the balance of the purchase price of US\$2,250,000.00 in the event that the balance remain unpaid after the completion date. There was no such term for further interest in the first consent order. Additionally, the post-judgment interest provision under Section 27A of the Supreme Court Act was not enacted when the first consent order was entered and did not have retroactive effect on previous judgments of the court. Therefore, post-judgment interest did not run on balance of the purchase price and as such it is not applicable in the circumstances.

[38] The court notes that Mr. Steele asserts that as a consequence of the default in payment, he has been deprived of the use and benefit of his money and the benefit of any accrued interest on those monies owed to him. Further, the court notes Mr. Steele's evidence that he rented the property and collected over EC \$180,628.46 as rental income between 21st June 2014 and 31st August 2016.

[39] Contrastingly, Prickly Bay states that when it took over the property on 12th November 2015, there was a tenant renting the property at US\$5,300.00 per month.

Prickly Bay argues that had Mr. Steele let the property at a similar rate from 17th May 2010 to 2015, he would have realised net income in excess of US\$300,000.00. However, the court notes that apart from Mr. Steele's and Prickly Bay's factual assertions of the rental income of the property, no documentary evidence, including rental agreements, rental property appraisals or financial documents were tendered before the court for consideration. Damages to be recovered must be pleaded, proved and would be subject to same to well established principles of remoteness and right to mitigate losses. Therefore, the court is constrained and is not in a position to assess the rental income of the property but can only surmise that the property ought to have been able to generate substantial rental income having regard to the purchase price of US\$2,500,000.00

[40] Further, it is the evidence, and the court accepts that Mr. Steele requested an irrevocable guarantee from Prickly

Bay for the payment of the balance of the purchase price together with agreed interest. This guarantee to Mr. Steele was negotiated between BAICO and Prickly Bay. Prickly Bay asserts and the court accepts that before the balance of the purchase price became due on the completion date, it demanded BAICO to pay the sum of monies as guaranteed. However, BAICO failed or neglected to pay the sums as guaranteed.

[41] This action by BAICO, in the court's view, left Prickly Bay in a precarious position, having paid the balance of the purchase price into BAICO to guarantee its obligation to pay Mr. Steele on the completion date. This default was not contemplated by the parties. The court notes that even Mr. Steele at paragraph 6 of his witness statement avers that: "given these guarantee arrangements, which the Defendant complied with, it was not anticipated that there would be a default in payment of the balance of the purchase price". Therefore, notwithstanding Prickly Bay's breach of the consent order and agreement by reason of its failure to pay the balance of the purchase price together with interest as agreed, the court is not of the view that Prickly Bay acted in bad faith in light of its position with BAICO failing to pay the agreed monies as guaranteed.

[42] Taking the above facts and evidence in the round, the court is not satisfied that the circumstances surrounding the delay in the payment of the balance of the monies under the agreement/first consent order were of such nature that would require the court to remedy the "injustice" to provide Mr. Steele with interest as damages. As indicated earlier damages must be pleaded and proved and would be subject to the rule of remoteness and mitigation. Accordingly, the court is not of the view that the circumstances of this case demand an exercise of its discretion under the common law or statutory discretion under Section 27 of the Supreme Court Act to award interest as damages. In the circumstances, Mr. Steele's claims for interest are refused.

[43] Notwithstanding the above conclusion the court will address the other issues raised for completeness.

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The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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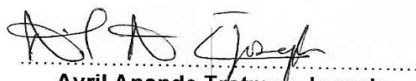
In the Estate of Selwyn Byron Antoine late of Grenville Street in the City of Saint George in the State of Grenada, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Patricia Stephany of Grenville Street in the City of Saint George in the State of Grenada but presently residing in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the duly appointed lawful Attorney of Annabella Agatha Antoine, the mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the Fifteenth day of May Two Thousand and Fourteen.

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 10th day of November, 2021


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Dated the 15th day of November 2021

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(adapted from Kerry Weber)

Corporate Fear Drives Caribbean Vaccine COVID-19 Mandates

By **Zadie Neufville**

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, IPS - When face-to-face Cabinet meetings resumed in Jamaica following more than a year of virtual meetings due to COVID-19, Ministers lined up to have their immunisation cards inspected.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness said the Government "has to lead the country towards normality".

"The way to do it is for every Jamaican to comply with the infection, prevention and control measures that have been established, which will eventually be relaxed the higher the level of vaccination," he said after the October 12 meeting.

In the current atmosphere, outbreaks, no-movement days that shut down commerce and vaccine hesitancy send ripples through

the economy. So, while Jamaica has no national vaccine mandate, private sector companies and some government agencies are already demanding that staff vaccinate.

In addition to several vaccination drives that target employees, Jamaica Private Sector Organisation joined the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce and the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association to put their support solidly behind a campaign for a national mandate.

The groups say that with the low vaccination rates almost two years into the pandemic, Jamaica is being left behind in achieving population immunity, putting the country's recovery at risk. The groups contend that the social and economic impact will be devastating, and "the ripple

effects will continue for years to come".

But even with growing support for a mandate, opposition leader Mark Golding opposes one. Only about 17 percent of the Jamaican population is vaccinated.

Across the region, governments have already implemented mandates. In Guyana, nationals who want to enter any public buildings, including banks, restaurants, supermarkets and schools, must show proof of vaccination. In the twin-island state of Antigua & Barbuda, opposition legislators accused House Speaker Sir Gerald Watt of acting beyond his powers after he prevented them from participating in the sitting of the Senate because they did not show proof of vaccination.

With each outbreak, concern for the tourism

industry that drives many regional economies grows. Many countries now have vaccination policies for incoming adult travellers. These include Anguilla, Grenada, St. Barts, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, and the Cayman Islands.

And even as governments ponder mandates, they are also bracing for civil unrest and legal challenges from workers. In a recent opinion, the Jamaican Bar Association said nothing was preventing the Government or employers from implementing mandates.

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States outlined its position in a 16-page document titled: "The Legal Dimensions of Mandatory/Compulsory Requirements for



The private sector and some government agencies have demanded that staff vaccinate, especially in the tourism industry that drives many regional economies. Credit: Zadie Neufville/IPS

COVID-19 Vaccinations, August 2021".

According to the report, countries could legally pursue mandatory vaccination laws.

"Having demonstrated ... that mandatory vaccination is constitutionally appropriate given the leeway granted in favour of public health imperatives, it is submitted that employers could justify a requirement in a pandemic context, at minimum where the workplace is a high-risk environment, such as health-care, or essential services, or for workers more at risk at the workplace, such as frontline workers interacting with the public," the document said.

But while public health legislation specifically addresses restrictions in times of pandemic, those who oppose mandates argue that they are a breach of human rights.

President of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions, Helene Davis-Whyte, is expecting a national mandate if efforts to boost vaccination numbers fail.

She argued for a comprehensive public awareness programme with consultations before such a step is taken and cautioned that a "draconian approach" could discourage some people.

"We are not necessarily opposed, but what we are saying is that you have to do more work because we don't think that enough work

has been done," she told journalists recently.

And so, armed with their individual legal opinions, governments have been implementing the rules they say will protect their countries. By October 2021, at least seven governments across the region had instituted COVID-19 mandates for government workers.

In August, in Guyana, police were called to evict staff members in the education ministry's head office who had entered the building without proof of vaccination. Earlier that month, there were mass protests in St. Vincent and Barbados. And in July, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves was hit on the head and injured by an angry protestor during anti-mandate demonstrations in St. Vincent.

Barbados, like Jamaica, has not officially backed a vaccine mandate, but Holness acknowledges he may have to make the decision soon. But even with no national mandate in Jamaica increasingly, civil servants find they must be vaccinated to work.

The Ministry of Tourism has raced ahead to vaccinate the 170,000 people who work in the sector. Already workers who come in contact with cruise ship visitors must be fully inoculated.

And as the country eyes a return to full-time school, it's the turn

of teachers and school staff. Medical workers have already been issued a mandate. In the private sector, more than 80 per cent of staff are vaccinated.

In the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector, where several companies became hotspots during the height of the first wave, vaccination is compulsory. In Jamaica, COVID-19 restrictions and 14-days of lockdown cost the sector US\$42 million (J\$5.88 billion) in revenue.

But it is in the region's tourism industry that mandates have become the norm. Hoteliers and other service providers seek to prevent lawsuits and shutdowns by demanding that staff be fully vaccinated. In the Bahamas, workers and visitors must be fully vaccinated.

Unvaccinated visitors face a 14-day quarantine. Jamaica is aiming for a 100 percent vaccinated workforce.

A growing number of countries have instituted vaccination policies for incoming adult travellers. These include Anguilla, Grenada, St. Barts, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, and the Cayman Islands.

Meanwhile, the private sector's desire for a return to normalcy and increased economic activity could push many toward a vaccine faster than any government mandate could.

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.

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

Thira Dumont
Attorney-at-law

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CLIMATE FINANCE

There has been a great deal of talk about 'climate finance' during COP 26. Broadly speaking, it is money intended for assisting less affluent countries with the challenges of climate change in grants and loans but presently more loans than grants.

It is meant to assist with activities like phasing out gas and oil as our energy supply and switching to renewables such as solar, wind and tidal energy. It can also be used to protect environments and biodiversity as these are being threatened like never before by the results of climate change so planting and protecting forests and mangroves which are also great sequesters of carbon are very important.

The funding comes from wealthy countries, the UN and other multi-lateral development institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the European Union, private funding is also in the mix.

Considering that it is the industrialised world and its pollution which is driving climate change, we might think that most would be in grants to enable the developing world to deal with the damage inflicted by climate change. However, the reality is that in 2019, three quarters of the funding given was in loans and only a quarter in grants, this is according to Laetitia de Marez, the Director of the Climate Finance Access Network.

The Centre for Global Development estimates that the industrialised world has caused \$152 trillion worth of climate damage since 1979 and despite the promise of \$100 billion per year after the Paris Agreement in 2015 they only managed to pay \$15.4 billion in 2019.

We can predict that the figures of 2020 will be even lower as Covid has hit everyone very hard. This has led to countries in Africa and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which are already experiencing the effects of climate change, to form a coalition and demand the financing required to deal with the consequences of climate change.

Africa experiences temperatures that are climbing at twice the global rate, while SIDS are vulnerable to rapidly rising sea levels and increasingly violent hurricanes.

The aforementioned coalition includes a new renewable infrastructure finance facility by Bank of America (BoA) for SIDS in the Caribbean. The facility aims to invest about 800MW of new wind, solar and electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects in the Caribbean, with the aim of accelerating clean energy transition in the region.

Friends of the Earth Grenada applaud the efforts that are being made to achieve a system change in energy provision, however, one small point needs to be made. It is foolhardy to

go ahead with electric vehicle charging infrastructure while the electricity is fuelled by "dirty" energy. Sustainable, clean energy has to be the primary focus, across the tri-island State, electric cars and their charging systems come further down the agenda for funding.

We also implore those negotiating future funding that it has to be made available as grants, we need to continue to remind the developed world that we cannot pay twice for the errors of their ways, we are already paying in the damage being inflicted by their systems, why should we have to pay again in interest laden loans.

Another aspect worth mentioning is the notion of debt swap. A very simplistic explanation of debt for nature swap is that a rich buyer or country can buy a poor country's debt, usually with a body like The Nature Conservancy (TNC) acting as broker, the buyer dictates the terms of the contract, i.e. what the poor country has to do to get the funds and the poor country then has to pay back the entity who bought the debt.

Friends of the Earth Grenada have always been against this kind of arrangement due to the loss of sovereignty implied, in that the poor country loses its decision making powers in relation to its resources but is still in debt to the buyer.

There has also been a

great deal of talk before and during COP 26 about the notion of 'greenwashing', where the industrialised world buys the debts but in exchange for 'business as usual' for them and gaining the power to dictate terms to the poorer countries.

Obviously this is now becoming less and less acceptable as shown by COP 26's change in the slogan from Net Carbon to Zero Carbon, an indication that everyone has to cut their emissions and not just rely on the developing world's debts to solve the problems created by the industrial world.

Over the years Grenada has incurred significant debt with little or no monitoring as to if and how the country has benefitted from so much debt. If Grenada were to enter into this kind of arrangement in



Wildfire cause by climate change which is the current major topical issue among world leaders

relation to climate change, what would be the consequences if Government breached the agreement and what would happen if we had another natural disaster and we were unable to service the debt, could other entities claim our natural resources? Grenada has more than enough to contend with and this kind of pseudo

structural adjustment should not be the way forward.

Friends of the Earth Grenada want to support the notion of a coalition negotiating for funding to mitigate and adapt to climate change and want to reiterate that most of this funding should be as grants and not loans.

The Caribbean is not a

huge emitter of greenhouse gases, that SIDS are suffering the outcomes of industrialisation in the developed world and needs to be recognised as such and used as a bargaining chip at the negotiating table.

(The above reflects the views of Friends of the Earth Grenada)

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA

In the Estate of Morrell Anne Carter (also known as Morrell A. Carter on Death Certificate), late of Gouyave in the Parish of Saint John in the State of Grenada, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Nicole Antoine of Gouyave in the parish of Saint John in the State of Grenada but presently residing in the united Kingdom, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the Seventh day of June Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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 10th day of November, 2021

**Avril Anande Trotman-Joseph
JOSEPH & JOSEPH
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant**

Filed by Law Office of Joseph & Joseph Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: Lucas Street. St. George's Grenada

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Improved designs for St. John's River Flood Mitigation Project expected in December

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Humpback bridge, which provides a form of access to schools, businesses, and surrounding communities namely, Darbeau and Mt. Rush.

According to Sen. Cox, based on the investigations and analysis of the project engineer, the flood mitigation project will see the reconstruction of the "1.35-kilometer roadway alongside the river, "which leads into the Town of St. George.

"The road would be lifted allowing for deeper drain ways...to allow for

us to respond properly to those negative challenges when we had the flooding of the river (and) we will see the realignment of the road to change the shape of the meandering of the river to help with a smoother flow of water," Minister Cox told reporters.

The minister disclosed that so far, contracts have been awarded to "Sunrise Construction and Creative Designs for phases three (3) and four (4) of the project," with timelines set for "February and April 2022," respectively.

The St. John's River

Flood Mitigation Project is also geared to enhance the Steele's Auto bridge as well as the Humpback Bridge, which submerged in August 2018 when the river burst its banks in August 2018, due to adverse weather caused by a tropical wave, flooding homes, businesses and the nearby National Stadium.

The project also involves the desilting of the river, and the building and stabilising of existing retaining walls on both sides of the river bank.

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"TWISTING THE TRUTH"

"...The Prime Minister is twisting the truth."

That's the charge made against Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell by a senior trade union official on the island in reaction to claims made last weekend by the Grenadian leader that government and public sector unions have reached agreement on Pension Restoration.

The trade unionist was privy to the discussions taking place between the Government Negotiating Team (GNT) and representatives from the Public Workers Union (PWU), Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) and the Technical & Allied Workers Union (TAWU) that culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Pension two days before the 2018 general elections.

He recalled that GUT and TAWU signed the deal prior to the election and PWU did so two weeks after the poll in which Mitchell's ruling New National Party (NNP) returned to power with a 15-0 drubbing of the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC).

"It was a Memorandum of Understanding that we jumped out of. We jumped out of it because it could not stand up to what we wanted," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

The trade unionist said the MOU is no longer on the table since the unions have taken the matter of pension to court in order to seek a ruling that the pay-



Prime Minister Mitchell – accused of giving out false facts

ments have to be made in keeping with a 1958 legislation that provides for the sum due to public officers to be calculated on 66-and-two-third of their last salary.

"None of what the Prime Minister said there is true. The Prime Minister knows how to make false truth – he loves twisting the truth. That is really twisting the truth," he said.

"There was no agreement but basically a Memorandum of Understanding and the unions have decided that they are no longer associated with it and hence the court action taken on Pension," he added.

He went on to say: "So the Prime Minister is twisting the truth. We never agreed to it- we did not agree to it. He's not speaking the truth. What he's saying is make up – is falsifica-

tion. It is false truth – a twisting of the truth. That is the alternative truth he's giving dey, alternative facts, not truth – that is not the real facts. He ain't speaking truth.

The pension provision for public sector employees was affected by an act of the 1979-83 left-leaning People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) of slain Prime Minister Maurice Bishop when it suspended the Grenada Constitution after seizing power in a coup d'etat against the Eric Gairy government.

The revolutionary leaders sought to address the pension issue with the creation of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) in 1983 which is not as far-reaching in financial terms as the provisions in the constitution.

According to the senior trade union



Rachael Roberts – was involved in the 2018 negotiations

leader, the unions "were conned in the agreement" because as soon as the NNP won the last election it told them that how they interpreted the MOU is not what it really meant.

That MOU, he said, was a compromised position agreed to by the unions and "wasn't a normal legal pension according to the constitution".

"It was not the constitutional pension – it was a pension that we compromised on and we decided to support persons who wanted to go because people wanted to go (out of the public service) and let them get their pension and go and we will forget the constitutional pension which any public officer could take the union to court and say we give up their pension," he quipped.

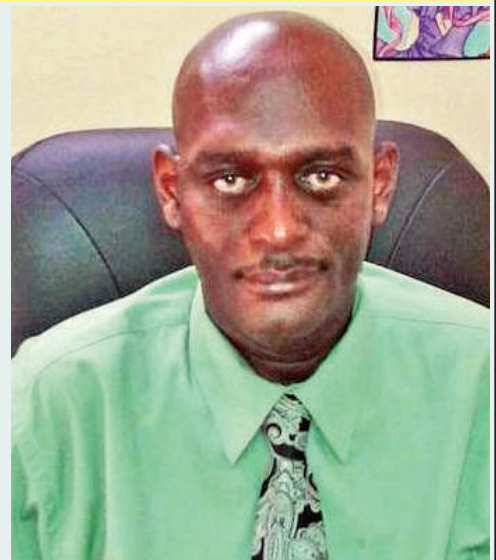
"Any public officer

after we did that (signed the MOU) had the right to take unions to court," he remarked.

The veteran trade union leader pointed out that the agreement which the unions were trying to negotiate with the administration back in 2018 was for both pension and gratuity.

He said that the two union leaders who were in the forefront of the negotiations with government three years ago were the then PWU, Rachael Roberts and her counterparts in GUT, Lyden Lewis and not TAWU's Andre Lewis as it represented only a small fraction of public sector employees.

The official indicated that as far as the unions are concerned the constitution makes provisions for pensions to be calculated on the basis of sixty-six-and-two-thirds % of one's salary which was con-



Lyden Lewis – led the GUT delegation in the talks

sidered as the normal pension.

He, however, said that the pension that was on the table with government for discussions consisted of contributions from NIS and government to make a combined payment of 70% of the salaries of workers – with government giving only 10% of the figure.

The union official recalled that one thorny issue that was not resolved was gratuity payment with government offering a mere 2% while the constitution pension provided for a payment of 12 and a half percent of a worker's 26 and two-thirds years of service.

"This Prime Minister does come and falsify information," he said and recalled the strike action and marches through the street after the 2018 poll against the 2% proposal which

resulted in Prime Minister Mitchell docking the salaries of the striking workers.

The trade union leader stated that contrary to the claims being made by the Prime Minister, the pension matter is currently at an advanced stage before the court and that all the unions are waiting on now is a ruling from the presiding judge.

He said the final arguments in the case were filed last month by attorneys representing both government and the unions.

"All we are waiting for now is the judgement and it appears that public officers are in a good position of being successful based on what the constitution is saying. Public officers are in a good position based on the argument that we would be entitled to our pension," he said.