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*From the Heart of the Nation to the Soul of the People*



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**Special Report on Neighborhood Meetings Conducted in Belmopan City**

## Belize In the Foreign Press:

### *Miami Herald Headlines Norwegian Cruise Project*

**N**orwegian Cruise Line has bought two islands in southern Belize to develop as a port of call for its western Caribbean cruises.

The line announced Wednesday that it had bought 75 acres in the Stann Creek and Toledo districts that previously were approved for development of a resort. Norwegian plans to invest \$50 million in the Harvest Caye project, which it expects to complete in 2015.

“While the master plan for the 75 acres is still under development, the vision is to create a world-class cruise destination, consisting of two locations: an island destination with docking/tendering facilities and a mainland connection point for inland tours,” Norwegian said in a press release.

“Major components of



*Rendering of Norwegian Cruise Line’s port project, which it plans to develop on Harvest Caye that it has purchased in Southern Belize*

the project are anticipated to include a floating pier, island village with open-air structures on raised platforms, marina, transportation hub for tours to the mainland, a lagoon for a variety of water sports and a relaxing beach area. The goal is to design

an authentic experience grounded in the storyline of nature, ancient culture, art, adventure and music that celebrates Belizean, Mayan and Garifuna history and culture.”

Norwegian has retained IDEA Inc., an Orlando company

that designs branded ports and other destinations, to design the project.

Creation of the new port will divert ships from Belize City and is expected to relieve pressure from cruise-ship visits there — something that the Belize government has been calling for.

That’s especially important since Norwegian, which has three new ships on order, expects to quadruple the number of passengers it brings to Belize.

Norwegian said it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the government of Belize that calls for adherence to Belize’s environmental standards, creation of jobs for Belizeans, and significant economic benefits for the Central American country.

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## Creations for the Celebrations!



**T.R. Shine, Jaer August and Nello Player, First Place Winners in the Three different categories of the National Song Competition**

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## Belmopan’s Queen of the Bay Competes in National Pageant

Miss Mikayla Banner is the 2013 Queen of the Bay for Belmopan City.

She won the title on Friday August 2, 2013, competing among four other ladies in the Queen of the Bay Pageant which was held at the University of Belize Gymnasium in Belmopan.

Mikayla Banner will represent Belmopan in the National Queen of the Bay Pageant 2013, which starts August 17 with the Talent Night, and culminates August 30 at the Bliss Center for the Performing Arts in Belize City.

For residents of the area who wish to attend and support, a bus leaves Camalote at 4:30 PM Saturday August 17, and from Belmopan at 5:00 PM. Fare is \$10.00.

Let’s Support our lovely Queen.



**The Lovely Mikayla Banner**

## From the Desk of the Chairman

### *Please, No More Distractions!*



**Delroy Cuthkelvin**  
*Chairman, Editorial Board*

**I**n our last edition, we wrote about distractions that can affect the focus of the current administration, and at last Wednesday's Special House Meeting, we saw a very good example—a good example of a bad thing, that is.

The biggest issue of the day was the motion that fittingly sought to bring the former Prime Minister and current Leader of the Opposition to account for the great injustice they inflicted on the Nation in signing away major giveaways through tax write-offs to a foreign Billionaire on the backs of the hardworking People of Belize, and attempting to bind the current administration to the perpetuation of the unholy arrangement.

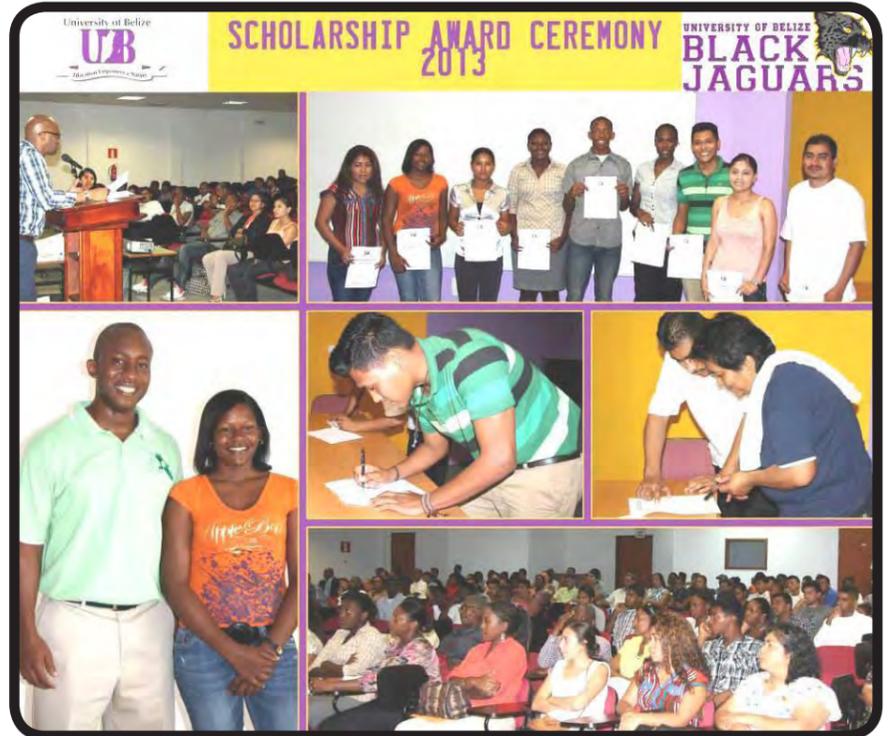
This and the fact that the Caribbean Court of Justice outrightly ruled against the award sought by the predatory Billionaire and his businesses, unambiguously

condemning the actions of Musa and Fonseca in purporting to assume unlimited powers to grant such special privileges to private interests without the knowledge or approval of Parliament, was certainly a matter that deserved the full attention of the National Assembly and the Nation.

Prime Minister Dean Barrow and Attorney General Sedi Elington had Musa and Fonseca on the ropes, and their attempts to counterattack were visibly ineffective. The Opposition members' only hope of escaping the knock out was the possibility of a distraction. They sought such a distraction, and lo and behold, they stumbled upon a convenient one when the Member from Mesopotamia ill-advisedly followed the Honorable Lady from Belize Rural Central down a path that, admittedly, reduced the debate in the National Assembly to a new low.

The Prime Minister must be commended for so promptly advising the reluctant Member to offer a public apology. Now, let us return to the issues that really matter, not the least of which is the fact that those two on the other side of the House who so willfully and secretly betrayed the public trust, are aspiring once again, God forbid, to be placed in charge of the Nation's affairs. Please, no more distractions!

## University of Belize Awards Scholarships



The University of Belize has awarded scholarships for the new school year to a total of 83 students. The students were awarded the scholarships at the University of Belize Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus in Belmopan on Friday, August 9, 2013.

The awards to the students were in three categories: Barton, UB Alumni Association, and Student-Athlete Scholarships.

The Barton Scholarship fund provides full and partial scholarships to students enrolled in University of Belize's Associate and Bachelor Degree programs. A total of 15 students were awarded this scholarship. Funding for this scholarship is provided through annual support from one of the University of Belize's benefactors, Nick and Debbie Barton from the United Kingdom.

The University of Belize Alumni Association (UBAA) Scholarship is based on financial need, academic excellence and other conditions set by the UBAA and the Office of Student Affairs. This year's recipient is Dyandra Marleny Williams a student pursuing an Associate Degree in Tourism Studies. President of the UB Alumni Association, Mr. Kerry Belisle, presented the scholarship to Ms. Williams.

The Student-Athlete Scholarship Program is funded by the University of Belize and it has been in existence for the

past eight years. The scholarship is catered for students who excel in both academic and athletic skill. This year the University awarded 67 student-athletes (male and female) that range from Basketball, Football, Softball, Cycling and Canoeing.

Dean of Student of Affairs, Mr. William Neal presented the scholarships to the students and congratulated them. The students also signed a contract where they assumed responsibilities including good behavior, good grades, and community service.

We extend our sincerest Congratulations to all awardees of the University Scholarships.

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# Investing in the Future of Belmopan

## Saldivar & Reconddev Donate to El Shaddai Primary School for Computers

Minister of National Security and Area Representative for Belmopan, Hon. John Saldivar, in conjunction with the Reconstruction Development Corporation (RECONDEV), has donated \$3,000 to El Shaddai Seventh Day Adventist Primary School in Belmopan to assist in purchasing computers for the School.

Hon. Saldivar presented the cheque of \$3,000 on Monday, August 5, 2013 to Vice Principal Valentine Diego at the School's campus on Macal Street



*Belmopan Area Representative Honorable John Saldivar, Vice Principal Valentine Diego, General Manager of RECONDEV Hector Sabido and Chairman of the Corporation, Rodney Neal*

in Belmopan City. Accompanying the Minister was Chairman of RECONDEV Rodney Neal and the Corporation's General Manager Hector Sabido.

Miss Diego said the donation will go a long way in assisting the school to equip its computer lab for the students.

Hon. John Saldivar said he is happy to make the donation to the School, as the most rewarding investment we can make as a nation is in the Education of our children and young people.

## Taiwan Donates \$40,000 to Belize for Celebrations



*Taiwanese Ambassador H.E David Wu hands over Cheque to Vice Chairman of September Celebrations Committee, Dianne Haylock*

His Excellency David .K. Wu, Ambassador to Belize from the Republic of China (Taiwan) on Wednesday August 7, 2013 donated a check for \$40,000 Bze to the Co- Chairperson of the September Celebrations Commission, Diane C. Haylock at the House of Culture in Belize City.

In his presentation, His Excellency David K. Wu Wu voiced his pleasure in being able to contribute to the 32nd anniversary celebrations of Belize's Independence and the 215th anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye.

In accepting the donation,

Co- Chairperson of the September Celebrations Commission expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Chair Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr. to the embassy for their continued show of friendship and solidarity to the people of Belize and conveyed that the money will be used to enhance various cultural activities on the calendar of events this year.

The ambassador sends his heartfelt congratulations to the Government and People of Belize and hopes that the September celebrations will be successful and greatly enjoyed by the people of Belize

## Orientation Luncheon for Belizean Students to Study in Taiwan

Last Saturday, August 10, 2013, an Orientation Luncheon was held for 26 Belizean Students who have obtained full scholarships from the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to begin studying in that Country in the upcoming academic year.

Saturday's event, hosted by the Taiwanese Ambassador in Belize, H.E. David Wu, was called the Belize Taiwan International Collaboration Development Fund Alumni Society Scholarships Orientation Luncheon, and it was held at the Chateau Caribbean Hotel where the recipients gathered with past recipients.

In an interview with Love TV, Ambassador Wu noted that this is the largest number of students to be granted such schol-

arships at the same time.

He said, "Belizeans students have the highest number to be awarded of the scholarship because we are very close diplomatic allies, but also the students from Belize have done very well in Taiwan in the past 7 to 8 years."

Her said, "15 will be pursuing their Bachelor's Degree, while the others will keep their heads in the books if they want to obtain their Master's, and one individual will be pursuing a Doctorate degree.

In the three major categories, one is agriculture."

Over 230 Taiwan scholarships have been granted over the past several years.

The Taiwanse Scholarships cover full tuition, accommodations and allowance.



*Students and Alumni joined by Taiwan Ambassador H.E David Wu, Belize Governor General Sir Colville, Doctor Corinth Morter Lewis, Ambassador Said Badi Guerra and Education CEO David Leacock*



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# Ministry of Health

Monthly Publication



## Oak Foundation donates \$2 Million for Pediatric Care Unit

The Ministry of Health was pleased to be a part of the announcement by Ms. Kim Simplis Barrow, Special Envoy for Women and Children on the generous donation of two million dollars from the Oak foundation towards the construction of the new Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.



The Lifeline Foundation, founded by Mrs. Barrow was instrumental in the discussions that eventually

led to the commitment of the funds. One million dollars will go towards the construction works while one million will go towards the purchase of equipment for the unit.

Dr. Peter Allen, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Health was present at the announcement Press Conference. He mentioned that the donation is the largest that has been made to any organization in Belize. He thanked Mrs. Barrow and the Lifeline Foundation and he urged everyone involved to support the realization of this important unit for the neonates and children of Belize.

## Mental Health Annual Workshop

The eleventh Annual Mental Health Workshop was held from July 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> in Placencia Village under the theme, "Integrating Quality into Mental Health Care.

In a short opening ceremony to welcome the participants, Dr.

Phillip Castillo encouraged the nurses to elevate the conversation to improve what exist in Mental Health while, Matron Augustina Elijio ask the nurses to adhere to principles, ethics, scope of practice and standards at all times when carrying out the duty of nursing. Mental Health Program Nursing Administrator



Eleanor Bennett welcomed and introduced Dr. Wesley Quimbo, Psychiatrist for Ministry of Health; he takes over from Dr. Claudina Cayetano who moved on to PAHO earlier this year.

Topics discussed during the three days workshop included Quality in Mental Health, Standards of treatment of Mental Disorders and developing a Quality Assurance Committee.

The workshop had a total participation of nineteen Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and one Social Worker. Facilitators were Dr. Illouise Murillo Tucker from Mount Sinai Medical Center and Matron Augustina Elijio.

## Technical Mission on Non-Communicable Diseases and Cancer

The Ministry of Health has been selected as one of the participants in a global project with the goal of "Strengthening policy frameworks to reduce premature death toll from Non-Communicable Diseases." As part of the project, a technical mission led by regional consultant, Silvana Luciani, Pan American Health Organization's Washington Office was in country from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, July to advance work in the area of national plans for non-



communicable diseases (NCDs) including cancer.

Working group sessions were conducted on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Biltmore Hotel in Belize City to discuss and formulate a plan forward on the national strategic and operational plans for NCDs and cancer. Participants included Ministry of Health staff, civil society organizations and the private sector.

## Vector Control gets pickup trucks to increase ULV Spraying of Mosquitoes

The Government of Belize recently purchased two 2013 Great Wall - Wingle 4 x 4 pickup trucks for the vector control program to assist with Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spraying in the Corozal and Toledo districts. The total cost of both vehicles was BZ\$78,800.00.

One of the trucks was handed over to the Northern Region and the second pick-up was sent down south to do work in the Toledo District.

The Ministry of Health has stepped up its surveillance and interventions to prevent dengue - from health education, mass larviciding, to ULV spraying.

## Suspected Bovine Rabies Case Notified

The Ministry of Health is hereby notifying the public that a suspected case of bovine rabies (rabies in cow) was reported on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2013 by Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) in the New Road Area of the Toledo District.

While there is no confirmed case as yet, the public is reminded that periodic cases are seen in the country alluding to active circulation of the rabies virus.

Officials of the Ministry of Health and BAHA will continue to monitor the situation and we encourage you to report any suspected case.

For more information visit the nearest health center or facility in your area.

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# Creations for the Celebrations

## National Song Competition Sets the Stage from September Season

It's an old tradition that was somehow lost along the way, but has been reclaimed and rekindled since 2008. And it has now become one of the most anticipated events associated with the Annual National September Celebrations.

It's the National Song Competition, and it was held this past weekend at the Memorial Park in Belize City.

Broadcast live on all the major national television and



*T.R. Shine, Jaer August and Nello Player, First Place Winners in the Three different categories of the National Song Competition*

lo Player', won First Prize for the second year consecutively, with his song, "Dah Belize Eh Deh".

He took home \$6,000.00, and a trophy, while also earning the right to a music video production and the opportunity to represent Belize at a regional competition.

Second place was taken by Wilson Grinage with a song titled, "Patriotic Pride", receiving \$1,000.00 and a trophy.

And in the Carnival Category, this year's winner



*Nello Player performing his winning song at Memorial Park*



*T.R. Shine performing his winning song at Memorial Park*

radio stations, the event attracted a large crowd.

When the night was over, the winners that emerged in the three categories were as follows:

In the Junior Category, First place went to Jael August who received \$1,500.00 and a trophy; and second place was taken by Marilyn Vansen who took home \$1,000.00 and a trophy.

In the Patriotic Senior Category, Kernelle Parks, who's singing name is 'Nel-



*Jael August performing her winning song at Memorial Park*

was TR Shine with his tune, "Kick off the Carnival".

He earned himself \$6,000.00 cash and a trophy, plus the right to a music video production and the opportunity to represent Belize at a regional competition.

Second place was taken by Ernestine Carballo with her song titled "Every day for me is Carnival". She took home \$3,000.00 in cash and a Trophy.

Congratulations to all the winners, and Happy September Celebrations, Belize!





By Zelda Hill

# Faith Lift

## Which is your “Last-Days” Attitude?

**T**he pages of history are filled with the memoirs of those who assisted in evil and those who labored and sacrificed to reverse it and to do good. Then there were those who just observed; those who chose not to get involved thinking that their very own survival was at stake. This same scenario plays out in our world today.

The recent events in our own nation have proven that these three aforementioned attitudes also exist. Although the “observers” in the war between Good and Evil may be okay in the court of public opinion, God’s Word places them in one of the two categories.

The truth is that when we remain silent and untroubled amidst all the mayhem, we are joining forces with those that oppose good. We must reflect on the Scriptures to determine which attitude we must choose, especially in these Last Days.

If you agree or not, we are living in the “Last Days”, which is the period that began after Jesus’ resurrection and will continue until He returns. The Old and New Testament contain numerous references and prophecies of personalities and events that will mark specific seasons of history; many of

them have already been fulfilled, some are yet to happen and others are occurring right now.

Paul’s letter to his young companion, Timothy [and to us], describes the difficult times and the ‘godlessness’ that would be evident in these last days, attitudes we must reject.

Paul wrote, “*But mark this: There will be*

These are harsh but accurate descriptions of people’s attitude and actions today.

On the other hand, there are those who will be of sincere faith and will have a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline – not a spirit of timidity. Many will not be ashamed to testify about Jesus and will live holy lives through

themselves to doing what is good (2 Tim. 4:1-3; Titus 3:8). There will be people who will learn from God’s Word to say, “No”, to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live upright lives as we wait for the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Himself made the bold declaration, “*He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters* (Matthew 12:30).”

Evidently, anyone who tries to remain neutral in the struggle of good against evil is choosing to be separated from God. Especially in this time of heresies and false teaching, a time when even religious leaders seem to “ride the fence” or to utterly reject truth, the attitude we choose will be determined by who we will obey (Joshua 24:15).

As an incentive, it is encouraging to know that God (good) will ultimately triumph over evil. Christ will return to rescue His people and to settle accounts with all those who defy Him.

So if you are still an observer on the fence, it is past time to lay aside the garments of complacency and cowardice and be clothed with the right “Last-Days” attitude.

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*terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love (natural affection), unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power...*

*...They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth (2 Tim. 3:1-7).*

the power of God. Their words and their actions will prove that they are convinced that God is able to guard their trust in Him. Despite the difficulties and persecutions they will go through, they will know that God is still in control (2 Tim 1:3-12). Others will preach the Word and be prepared to correct, rebuke and encourage. There will still be those who will be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled and sound in faith, love and endurance as they devote

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# Revolutionizing Public Transportation

## South Korea and Belize Collaborate to Forge Master Plan

**A** Major undertaking is in the making that promises to revolutionize and modernize Belize's Public Transportation System.

It's a collaborative undertaking between the Government of South Korea through the Korea Development Institute and the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Public Utilities and other relevant Ministries and Departments.

A meeting took place two Mondays ago, on August 5, 2013 at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Belize City between the relevant bodies to begin forging and formulating a Transportation Master Plan for Belize.

The meeting follows the signing of a bilateral agreement some time ago with the Government of the Republic of South Korea through its Ministry of

Strategy and Finance.

Following that meeting, The Korean representatives from the Korea Development Institute was scheduled to meet with heads of the relevant ministries and to visit various transportation facilities in Belize to get a firsthand look at the needs of infrastructural development that will be included in the master plan.

In an interview with Love Television on the day of the meeting, Belize's CEO in the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Public Utilities, Doctor Colin Young commented as follows:

"From the presentation, what the team was saying is that they are here to have the consultations with the relevant ministries; Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Public Utilities, as well as the private

sector, to get a sense of what are our priorities into the future for transportation.

It's quite clear based on their experiences, they believe that development really cannot progress at the rate we want without the kind of infrastructure: port, highways, roadways, as well as the movement of goods and services; and so, they want to get a sense of what are our challenges, what are our priorities; and so, they are here to help us work through this and complete a very comprehensive and forward-looking master plan for Belize.

The first step here is that they are now here to do the consultations; once they collect the first set of data, a Belize delegation will visit the Republic of South Korea where we will discuss the findings of the plan.

The third step is for them to return to socialize the findings with the Government of Belize and all the stakeholders

that we mentioned; the fourth step is to finalize the document.

The Koreans offer very concessional financing, very low interest rates; and so, the idea here is that once this is done and the business case is proven, then Belize would qualify for this very concessional financing to now do the actual investment in the infrastructure that was identified in the plan.

One of the projects we are looking at, and has been identified as a priority, is the paving of the Coastal Road to create that kind of link between this part of the country and the south. That's a multi-million dollar project; but those are the kinds of scale and size projects we hope will come out of this."

Doctor Colin Young said it is expected that the Transportation Master Plan will be completed by April of next year, 2014, and the initial phase of its implementation should take a couple of years.



# Staying in Touch with the People

## Saldivar Holds Belmopan Neighbourhood Meetings



*Hon. John Saldivar speaking at the Neighbourhood Meeting held a couple Wednesday nights ago at the Sir Gorge Brown Field*

ing his full-time assistant who also has an office at the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Khalid Belisle. In a methodical manner, Mr. Belisle documents (on paper) the needs and concerns of the residents in order to ensure that every such matter is followed up and addressed in a

The other five zones are Belmopan North; Belmopan South; Las Flores; Salvapan/San Martin and Maya Mopan/San Martin. Each of the six zones in the constituency has its own neighborhood meeting that is scheduled for every quarter or so (every three months).



*Residents who attended the Neighbourhood Meeting for the Central Zone held at the Sir Gorge Brown Field*

**M**ore than a hundred and fifty residents of Belmopan came out last Wednesday, August 31, 2013 to a town-hall style meeting conducted at the Governor General Field at the Corner of Libertad Street and the Ring Road. It was only one in a series of neighborhood meetings held by Honorable Saldivar in every zone of the electoral division that he serves, the Belmopan Constituency.

It is a very effective way of staying in touch with the people, keeping them informed about ongoing developments, about the work of their Government and Area Representative, and to hear and address their concerns and issues. Following



*Residents raising issues, sharing their views and asking questions at the neighbourhood meeting*

the meetings, residents also get to speak one on one with their Area Representative and discuss whatever personal issues and concerns they might have.

Accompanying the Minister during his neighborhood meetings are key members of his working committee, includ-

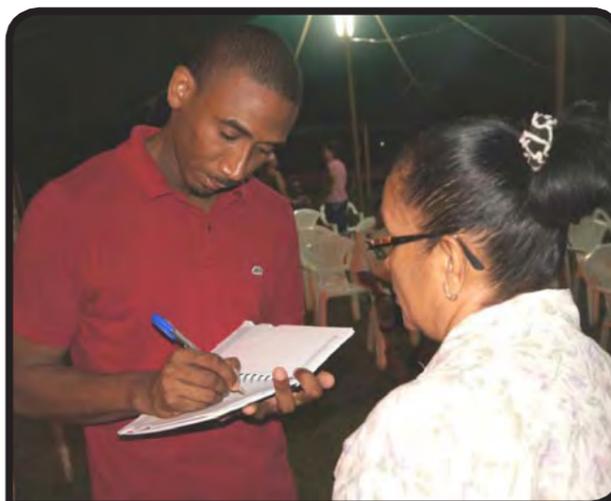
timely and satisfactory manner.

The meeting held last Wednesday was specifically for the residents of the Belmopan Central Zone, which is one of six different zones, each of which has had its own neighborhood meeting over the past two weeks.

This particular round of neighborhood meetings started off with the first meeting held for Belmopan South on Friday July 26, 2013 at the Lion's Den in the Mountain View Area.

Belmopan North had its neighborhood meeting on

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*A Resident discussing personal concerns*

*Minister's Aid Khalid Belisle documents concerns*

*A Resident discussing personal concerns*

# Staying in Touch with the People

## *Saldivar Holds Belmopan Neighbourhood Meetings*

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Monday July 29, 2013 at the Chon Saan Palace Restaurant and Lounge in the Piccini Area.

On Tuesday July 30, 2013, the neighborhood meeting for the Las Flores Zone was held at the Las Flores Commu-

gust 5, 2013 at Kushlin Ha Government School.

The next round of neighborhood meetings is tentatively scheduled for November of this year. Residents of Belmopan, particularly those residing in these particular areas are invited to come out and participate.



*Hon. John Saldivar taking questions at the Neighbourhood Meeting held a couple Wednesday nights ago at the Sir Gorge Brown Field*



*Residents who attended the Neighbourhood Meeting for the Central Zone held at the Sir Gorge Brown Field*



*Residents raising issues, sharing views and asking questions*

nity Center. The Salvapan/San Martin Zone had its neighborhood meeting on Friday August 2, 2013 at the San Martin Government School. And the round of neighborhood meetings wrapped up with the Maya Mopan/San Martin Zone, which had its meeting on Monday Au-

At this newspaper, we congratulate the Area Representative for this effective means of staying in touch with his people. It is an excellent example worth emulating by all elected politicians everywhere. Those who are not doing likewise should consider starting now.



*A Resident discussing personal concerns with her Area Representative Honourable John Saldivar following the neighbourhood Meeting*



*A Resident discusses personal concerns*



*Khalid Belisle documents concerns*



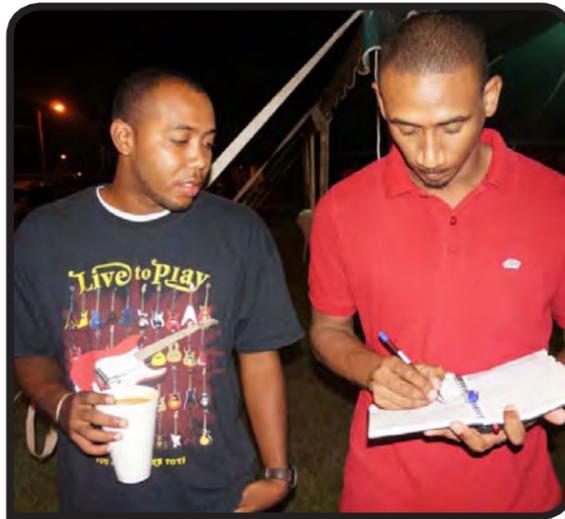
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## *Saldivar Holds Belmopan Neighbourhood Meetings*



*Resident thanks Hon. Saldivar for assistance*



*The Minster's assistant documents concerns*



*A Resident discusses personal concerns*



*A young resident discusses personal concerns with his Area Rep Hon. John Saldivar, following the neighbourhood meeting*



*A Mother from the Belmopan area discusses her issues of concern with her Area Rep, Hon. Saldivar, following the neighbourhood meeting*



*Hon. Saldivar conversing with residents following the neighbourhood meeting*



*Hon. Saldivar and his assistant conversing with residents following the meeting*



*A Mother discusses her issues of concern following the neighbourhood meeting*



*A Mother discusses her issues of concern following the neighbourhood meeting*



*The Minster's assistant documents concerns following the neighbourhood meeting*



*Honourable Saldivar meets a resident and inquires about her concerns*

# NBA Champion Inspires Young Belizeans

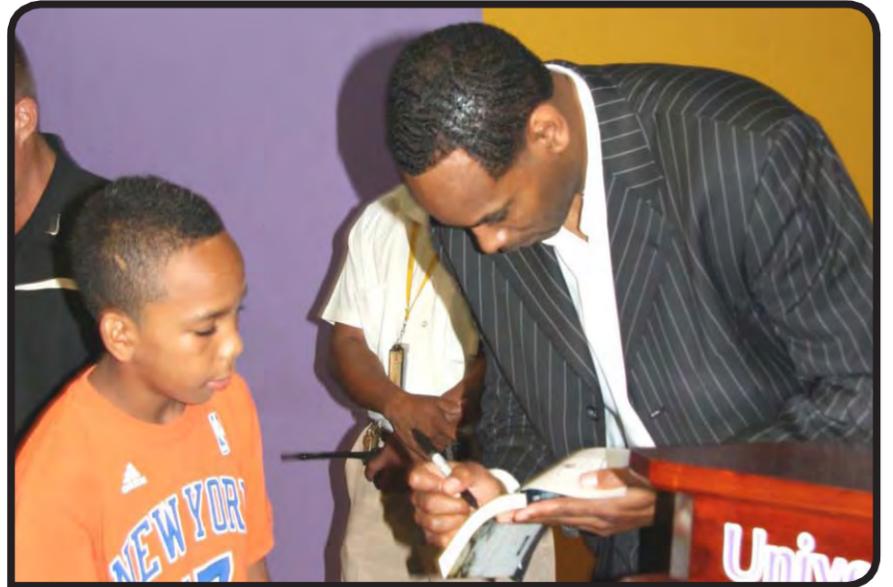
## Derek Anderson Delivers Motivational Talk at UB in Belmopan



Visiting NBA player Derek Anderson delivers Motivational Speech on Entrepreneurship at the University of Belize Auditorium



A packed auditorium at the University of Belize in Belmopan



Derek Anderson signs copy of his Book, Stamina, for a young Belizean



Derek Anderson sharing a special moment with a Young Belizean whom is hoping to inspire towards a fulfilling future

Former NBA player, Derek Anderson delivered a Motivational Speech on Entrepreneurship to basketball players and members of the surrounding areas of Belmopan on Thursday August 8, 2013 at the Jaguar Auditorium, University of Belize, Central Campus, Belmopan.

He is one of 13 players who won an NBA Championship (in 2006 with the Miami Heat) and an NCAA Championship.

Growing up poor and without parents who had left him to the streets, Derek found his inner self-motivation that led to his success as a producer, philanthropist, inventor and author. His inspirational story is detailed in his book titled "Stamina."

Derek's visit to Belize at the invitation by the US Embassy was to reach out and help others who have found themselves in similar situation as he did. He retired from the NBA in 2008.



Visiting NBA player Derek Anderson with a group of Belizean Youth and Children at the UB Auditorium in Belmopan

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# Belmopan Day - Saturday, August 3, 2013



# Discipline - Teamwork - Leadership

*National Security Minister visits BDF Youth Cadet Corp Summer Camp*



*Young Cadets demonstrating their drills during the Minister's visit*



*Hon. Saldivar invite to inspect Guard of Honor by young cadets*

In our last two editions, we featured the Belize Defence Force's Battle Camp conducted annually for members of the Volunteer Battalion. This week, the Volunteer Battalion is in the news again, this time with respect to the annual summer camp that it conducts and supervises for members of the BDF Youth Cadet Corps (BDFY-CC).

The camp, which was just completed this past weekend, ran for one week and a day, from Saturday, August 3 to Saturday August 10, 2013, and was held this year at the Julian Cho Technical High School in Big Falls, Toledo. Close to 300 children and youth attended the camp, which is almost half of the total number of members that now make up the BDF Youth Cadet Corps.

That total number, which last year stood at just over 500, has now been increased to around 650, with about 120 additional members added as part of the commitment by Minister of National Security, Hon. John Saldivar. Saldivar had made the announcement when he visited the BDF Youth Cadet Corps

Summer Camp last year in Cayo District conducted on the grounds of Eden High School in Santa Elena, that announcement being that he would secure additional resources to increase the size of the BDF Youth Cadet Corps, doubling its mem-



*Hon. Saldivar and BDF Commanders tour Summer Camp Grounds*

bers over the next three years to a total strength of 1,000. The addition, then, of 120 new members is the first step towards fulfilling that commitment, with additional increases due 2014 and 2015 to bring the total to the 1,000 that was promised.

Hon. Saldivar last week visited the youths at his year's Summer Camp in Toledo and reiterated his commitment. He

congratulated the youths for their involvement in such a positive endeavor and encouraged them to continue being a good example for other young people to engage in such positive activities towards good character development and acquiring of

valuable lifetime skills. He also commended and thanked the high command and officers of the Belize Defence Force and its Volunteer Battalion.

The Minister was accompanied on his trip by Commander of the Belize Defence Force, Brigadier General David Jones; Commander of Volunteer Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Felix Enriquez; and BDF Bat-

alion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Asariel Loria. On the grounds of the summer camp, the Minister inspected a guard of honor consisting of members of BDF Youth Cadet Corps.

The Minister and Commanders were then briefed by Adjutant and PR Officer, Lieutenant Sarita Westby and Operations Commander Major Edmund Ogaldez. They then had the opportunity to witness a number of drill demonstrations by the young cadets displaying the special skills they had acquired. While there, he and the commanders also had lunch with representative members of the BDF Youth Cadet Corps. The Minister ended the visit with his remarks to the youths and their supervising officers from the Belize Defence Force and its Volunteer Battalion.

The BDF Youth Cadet Corps was started back in June 2008 under the leadership of the then Minister of National Security, Hon. Carlos Perdomo and was borne out of an initiative to positively influence youths. It has become an integral part of the structure of the

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*Young Cadets marching off following the Minister's visit*



*The BDF Youth Cadet Corps Marching Band*

# Discipline - Teamwork - Leadership

## National Security Minister visits BDF Youth Cadet Corp Summer Camp



*Hon. John Saldivar addressing the cadets at the end of the visit*

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BDF Volunteer Battalion which administers and supervises the entire program of training and activities in which the youths are involved.

The aims of BDFYCC are to enhance youth development in Discipline, Life Skills, Teamwork and Leadership; to development Social and Environmental Awareness and Re-

sponsibility; and to promote Civic Pride, Community Spirit and Patriotism. Those include two evenings of training per week, for sessions of one hour, plus one Saturday per month;

the Annual Camp over a period of one week, appropriate duties to assist in times of National Emergency; one community project per year, and occasional ceremonial duties such participation in national parades. Specific activities include, Sports Competition; Drill Competition; Chess Competition; Social Studies Competition; Community Projects; Cultural Nights; Two Night Field Activities; Site Visits by recruits; and a Three-Day Expedition by seniors. In 2012, for example some seniors took part in a Cockscomb Mountain Expedition, and earlier this year a group of 30 cadets and 5 instructors undertook a full tour of the Mama Noots Eco-Resort in the Mayflower Bocawina National Park of Southern Stann Creek.

The BDF Youth Cadet Corps has nationwide memberships, and the annual camp is moved from district to district each year, being hosted by the



*Young Cadets demonstrating their drills during the Minister's visit*

ment; 2011 in Orange Walk by Toucan Company Detachment; 2012 in Cayo District by Black Orchid Company Detachment;

ciety and Solid Waste Management.

Minister Saldivar's visit to the BDF Youth Cadet Corp



*Lt. Sarita Westby leading the briefing*

and this year 2013 in Toledo by Mahogany Company Headquarters. Next year the full tour will be completed in Belize District, hosted by Tapir Company.

This year's annual summer camp covered Drills, Band Practice, Environmental Study, Physical Training, Administration in the Field, First Aid, Knots and Hitches, and Personal Hygiene.

There were lecturers from the Police Department, National Drug-Abuse Control Council, HIV/AIDS Commission; Fire Service; Audubon So-



*Major Edmund Ogaldez wraps up the briefing*

Summer Camp 2013 was conducted on Thursday, August 8.



*Hon. Saldivar and BDF Commanders being briefed*

responsibility; and to promote Civic Pride, Community Spirit and Patriotism. Those include two evenings of training per week, for sessions of one hour, plus one Saturday per month;

respective company. In 2008, it was hosted in Corozal by Toucan Company; 2009 in Belmopan by Black Orchid Company; 2010 Stann Creek District by Mahogany Company Detach-

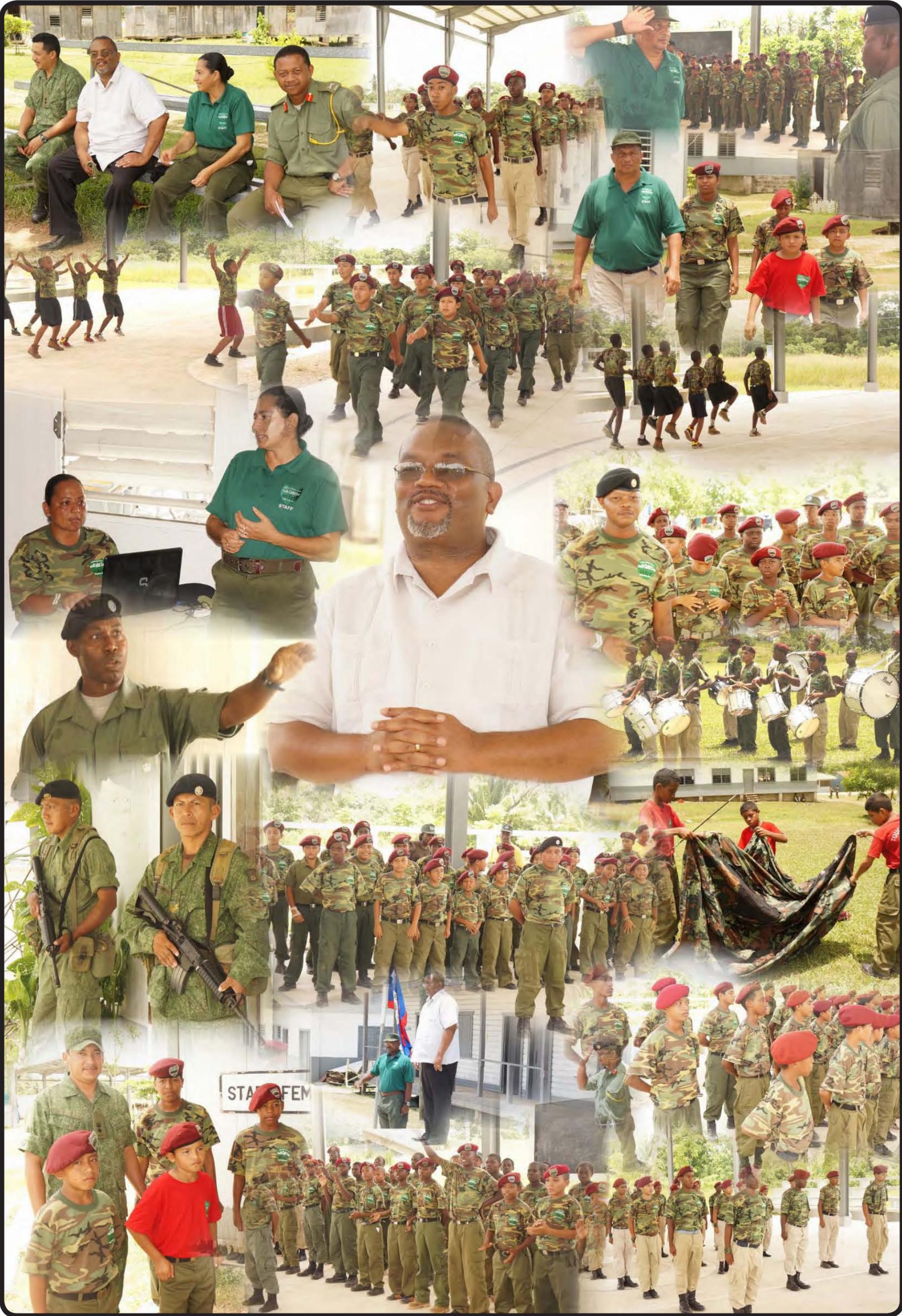


*A group of Young Cadets meeting the Minister and BDF commanders*



*A group of Cadets Demonstrating their tent-making abilities*

# BDF Youth Cadet Corps Summer Camp 2013



# BDF Youth Cadet Corps Summer Camp 2013



# Special Fireworks at Special Sitting!

## Musa & Fonseca Rebuked & Retaliate

Held on Wednesday rather than the traditional Friday, it was called a Special; and it was special, indeed, in more than one. For one, last Wednesday's House Meeting in Belmopan had more than its fair share of drama; and according to some, the discourse descended to a new low.

There were a total of 13 Bills that were introduced, but none of those turned out to be the big news of the day. As anticipated, the attempt by PUP Cayo South Representative, Julius Espat, to bring a motion to the House to alter the composition of the Public Accounts Committee was pretty contentious. But that was heavily rivaled, if not eclipsed by a motion which Prime Minister Dean Barrow presented which he defined as a resolution to, "deplore and deprecate the actions of the member for Fort George and the Member for Freetown, while in government for...granting tax concessions entirely contrary to the laws of Belize."

This particular motion was clearly intended to bring attention to the fact that the Caribbean Court of Justice has recently handed down a judgment that effectively condemned the actions of former Prime Minister and Fort George Representative Said Musa and those of Former Attorney General, Freetown Representative and current Leader of the Opposition, Francis Fonseca in signing the infamous Accommodation Agreement and subsequent Settlement Deed that purported to grant millions of dollars in tax-write offs to the Belize Bank and British Caribbean Bank, a subsidiary of the Ashcroft controlled Belize Bank.

As was expected, Musa and Fonseca took quite a beating on the issue, even as they attempted to fight back, try-



*Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow in the National Assembly*

ing to defend themselves and launch their own offensive at the UDP Government Side. Here is some of the exchange that took place as documented by Channel Seven News in their Wednesday evening newscast:

**P.M. Hon. Dean Barrow:**

"These two and their actions were described as malignant tumors on our democracy, which no court could allow to go on. It was said that what they did, if allowed to stand, would set back the democracy of Belize by some three hundred years. The member for Fort George as Prime Minister, did say to the nation that there had been a settlement deed and that in consequence of the settlement deed, some taxes had been written off for the Belize Bank. He never told us the content of the settlement deed; he never told us how much tax had been written off; and he certainly did not tell the nation that in addition to what was written off, going forward until at least 2020, no taxes would be paid by the Belize Bank. They, as the CCJ said, carved an unalterable special regime for the Belize Bank. I heard the Leader of the Opposition say, 'well at least there was no corruption'. Look up 'corruption' and see how the dictionary defines corruption. That was corruption!"

**Former P.M. Hon. Said Musa:**

"I accept full responsibility for this settlement deed, for that decision, that second-

ly, Mr. Speaker, that unlike this Prime Minister in the House today, we accept the court's decision, even when it goes against the position we took. Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister today is castigating me because he said that the CCJ declared that my action was illegal, void and contrary to public policy, and that is true, that is exactly what the court said 'illegal, void and contrary to public policy'.

The Prime Minister should also admit to this House that the Court of Appeal in Belize has declared his action as illegal, void and contrary to not only the public policy but to the Constitution of Belize. It is indeed, however, the heights of hypocrisy for this Prime Minister to seek to use the decision of the CCJ, when as Leader as the Opposition, he and his law firm were allied with, and represented the Ashcroft interest.

The purpose of the settlement deed, as I said Mr. Speaker, was well intentioned and done in good faith, even the Caribbean Court of Justice is ruling, and the Prime Minister doesn't quote this part, in delivering their judgment, does not question that when I sign the settlement deed, it was an attempt to settle a prior dispute. The Leader of the Opposition did not take that decision; I did. I was the Prime Minister, and I was the Minister of Finance.

Well you can say what you like. You know to throw it, but you don't know how to take it. So, Mr. Speaker, I accept

full responsibility, but I stand up in this Honorable House and say that what I did was in good faith in an attempt to settle the decision, that I acted out of noble motives, and that no one on that side can successfully accuse me of making any money off this matter."

**Hon. Wilfred Elrington  
Attorney General:**

"He has not yet explained; he gave away to the richest man in Belize, or his company, 20 million dollars right off the bat; 20 million dollars write-off for taxes. I'm not content with that. He purported to give them tax exemption from 2005 to 2020, not knowing how much money, in fact they were raking in. We know that when we stopped it, they turned around and came against us for 44 million dollars.

If you add 20 to 44 million dollars, you know how much that will give us? That's 64 million dollars. If he says that he did it in good faith and there was no end motive and that he didn't get any money out of it, then tell me why didn't he bring it to the House? Why did he agree that this was going to be a secret document? Why not publicize the transaction? Why didn't he share it with the other colleagues, if in fact it was done in good faith, then it could have been brought to the House. How do you explain to me not bringing it to the House?

That is not acting in good faith; your actions belie your words; you're telling us one thing, but you're doing something else; and it always happens. You make the same most beautiful speech, but it makes no sense. But I will feel completely good, liberated, and free if in fact the two members of the other side would do the decent thing and get out of the

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*Hon. Francis Fonseca*



*Hon. Said Musa*

# Special Fireworks at Special Sitting!

## Musa & Fonseca Rebuked & Retaliate



Hon. Wilfred Sedi' Elrington

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faces of the Belizean people. Remove themselves from the political scene; that is what any decent, honorable, caring, conscientious, patriot would do.”

**Hon. Francis Fonseca – Leader of the Opposition**  
 “What he needs to understand is that under his watch, the people of Pickstock have gotten poorer and poorer. He is here beating his chest; self righteous dignity. He cannot go anywhere in Belize, he’s one of the most hated men in Belize today; that’s what he should be saying. The reason, there is one reason for this meeting, and it is this motion; that is the sole purpose of this meeting; to grandstand and posture and play political games when there are serious problems affecting this country. That’s the sole purpose of the meeting, to grandstand and talk and play games.

Where is your motion that you are to present today, your motion to deal with the failing education system, where is your motion to deal with the crisis in health, where is the motion apologizing to the fathers and mothers of the 13 babies who died at Karl Heusner? Bring a motion to the House for that! There is no question that



Hon. Johnny Briceno

we acted in good faith, and I can place my integrity up against any person, any individual in this House. I am prepared to do that.

I have said publicly, people are free, because we live in a democratic society, people are free to criticize the decisions of the Government of the day; people are free to pass judgment in the harshest terms if they wish, but there is absolutely no support, no evidence for any allegation of bad faith or any allegation of corruption. This leader, Mr. Speaker, I never claimed to be perfect, I grow and learn, and when people say things are wrong, I hope to learn and grow from that, and to be a better person, and a better leader because of that; I’m not afraid to say that.”

**Hon. Michael Finnegan:**

“He was shouting like he had hysteria; he was deafening our ears; and I believe when you are the Leader of the Opposition, you are put in a position where you should articulate a message; and if you cannot articulate a proper message as Leader of the Opposition, then, Mr. Speaker, as far as I’m concerned, the Leader of the Opposition should step down.”

**Hon. Johnny Briceno:**

“The then Prime Minister felt, at that time, that in the interest of the Government, and in the interest of trying to move things forward, he felt he had to sign this agreement. But, Mr. Speaker, we need to give him credit because he stood up here as a man and said, yes, that he signed it, but he did it because he felt it was in the best interest of the Country at that time.”

**P.M. Hon. Dean Barrow:**

“The impression all three of them sought to give is that the CCJ accepted that while this was wrongly done, it was not done out of an improper motive. Well you, Member for Orange Walk Central, for God sake, go read the judgment before you are seduced or traduced by what the two lawyers beside you have said.

When you read that judgment, the CCJ in no way came even close to endorsing the motives of the ex- Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. What they said was that ‘we don’t have the evidence before us as to the motives, so we will refrain from speculating’

but then they went on to say, what we do have before us are the actions. I just read a part of the judgment again, the cloak of secrecy surrounding what they’re doing, what they were doing, the fact that the ex-Prime Minister had absolutely no intention of ever bringing this before the public, man come on, one and one is two, you know.

You got up, and you said that ‘I accept the judgment of the court’ but you still tried to obfuscate, still tried to prevaricate, you still tried unfortunately, to lie and to suggest that the court gave you a bly in one respect. The court gave you a bly in no respect.

The court was completely condemnatory of what you did, and you need to acknowledge to the people and concede to the people that there’s this other aspect of the judgment. The court said what you did was so outrageous that it shocked the public conscience in this Country.

You, Mr. Member of Orange Walk Central, you want to sweep this under the rug. The court said it shocked the conscience of this Country, but the court went on to say that, let us see if in addition to shocking the domestic public conscience, it would also shock the international public conscience . That is the basis, the court said, on which we would then have absolutely no choice but to refuse to enforce this award.

And the court found that even by all the international legal norms, what you and the Leader of the Opposition did shocked universal conscience. You are not just a domestic and a local pariah; you are an international outlaw.

You talk about laws passed by this Government, that has been found to be unconstitutional, laws passed by the National Assembly. You talk about the acquisition of Telemedia? Everything was done ‘en la plena luz del dia’, in the full light of day. We are not like you; and I, certainly, am not like you. Nobody can talk about Prime Ministerial governance in the way the CCJ absolutely harpooned you, absolutely skewered you, and absolutely eviscerated you.

You talk about my having represented Ashcroft when I was in Opposition and at the private bar? There was absolutely nothing wrong with that.



Hon. Michael Finnegan

The point I will make with this though, even as I represented Ashcroft, every time you, during that period as Prime Minister, member for Fort George, spoke about all your shenanigans and Telemedia and Prosser, and so on, every time I got wind of any deal that you had done, I stood up here and I made it plain, Mr. Ashcroft can pay me as a professional to represent him in court, when I come to this House, I stand for the People of this Country. And I will denounce Mr. Ashcroft every time, in collusion with a corrupt People’s United Party government, he does anything wrong.

Then you expect to get a free pass by coming here this morning and saying, ‘well I respect the judgment of the court’ No man! Do what you’re supposed to do. Do what follows logically; don’t just respect the judgment of the court; resign! Mr. Speaker was extremely liberal with you all. Oh, you’re leaving? You can’t take it? Better you go; but don’t come back! I need to express the hope, Mr. Speaker, that this departure will not be followed by any return; not now, not ever.”

But, as Channel Seven pointed out, Musa was just stepping out of the Chambers for a quick lunch break in the Members’ Room; and he *did* return later to participate in the rest the day’s proceedings.



Speaker of the House  
 Hon. Michael Peyrefitte

# Dead On Arrival!

## Much Heralded Julius Espat Motion Falls to the Floor



*Hon. Julius Espat*

**H**e had created quite a stir in the local media about his intentions to introduce a motion in the National Assembly to alter the composition of the Public Accounts Committee which he presently chairs as a member of the Opposition.

But when Cayo South Area Representative Julius Espat brought his much heralded motion to the Special House Sitting last Wednesday, it was almost anti-climactic, as Prime Minister Dean Barrow followed through on his promise to dismantle and expose the motion as ill-conceived, procedurally out of order and therefore unfit even to be debated in the House, let alone passed.

Here is how Espat attempted to introduce his misconceived motion, and how it immediately got knocked to the floor and literally thrown out of the National Assembly:

### Hon. Julius Espat:

"Whereas the membership of the proposed committee is to consist of seven members, four members from the House of Representatives of which two shall be non-ministers from the

government side and two from the members from the opposition, one should be chairman of the joint Public Accounts Committee and three members from the Senate to be appointed in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Senate, of whom one should be the representative of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Belize Business Bureau and two, one should be representative of the National Trade Union Congress and the Civil Society Steering Committee, and the other shall be representative of the Belize Council of Churches and the Evangelical Association of Churches."

### Hon. Dean Barrow - Prime Minister:

"Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry, this motion is entirely and wholly misconceived, shot through with procedural and substantive errors from beginning to end, and I, after I finish speaking, will ask you for a ruling because it is my submission that it is out of order and has to fall without the merits being debated."

### Hon. Francis Fonseca:

"If you believe that it is fundamentally flawed then bring your objections to the House and let us fix it."

### Hon. Michael Peyrefitte Speaker of the House:

"The procedure, member, is that if it is not procedurally correct, any member of the house can object to that. Not every motion that is brought... What do you mean based on what? Do you want me to rule now without even having to hear from the Prime Minister? Because, to tell you the truth, member, the Prime Minister didn't need to speak; I already know, based on what is happening here, what will be my decision."

P.M. Hon. Dean Barrow:

"You can't change the rule which says that the balance on that committee reflects the balance in the House; that is a fundamental principle of Democracy, majority rule. How can you come here and try to hoodwink the Belizean people and suggest that what you want to do is to make things more transparent when in fact you're looking to up end the first principle of our Democracy?"

Mr. Speaker, as I said, utterly and totally misconceived, error from beginning to end, and this motion has absolutely no chance, in my respectful submission to you.

The whole purpose of bringing forward this motion is to take away attention from the fact that as chairman of the public accounts committee, he has not been doing his job."

### Hon. Julius Espat:

"The Belizean people are tired of the rhetoric; they want systems in place that can work for us."

If you are serious, you would join us and make sure everything is done your way."

### Hon. Michael Peyrefitte:

"Member from Cayo South, can you give me five minutes; let me tell you something; let me tell you what this is not, and I don't respond to emotions; I don't respond to talk shows; I don't respond to anything like that. I don't have to go to England, India or America or anywhere like that; we have the standing orders of Belize; and I am saying that there's an objection, which I take myself. You have not proposed the section that you want to amend. Why didn't you do that?"

### Hon. Julius Espat:

"This motion will not go away, so let the Prime Minister join us to find a way to do it his way so that it can benefit the People of Belize."

Hon. Michael Peyrefitte:



*Prime Minister Dean Barrow*

"You can carry it for as long as you want, but once, let me tell you something, the National Assembly is not a testing ground."

### Hon. Francis Fonseca:

"We heard a long, lengthy objection, a very technical objection from the Honorable Prime Minister. He has raised valid concerns about the motion. The question is, can we agree that there is a need for us to reform this Public Accounts Committee? My sense is that there is a general perception among the Belizean people that there is a need for such reform; the question is, how do we move forward?"

The objective of the motion, is to put on the table the need for reform; we are prepared to work with the Government to achieve that reform."

The Prime Minister is a very good lawyer, and he has done his research. If he can assist in the process of making this motion better and enhancing the objectives of the motion, we welcome that."

But all that was just wishful thinking on the Opposition's part, a last ditch effort to save some face, as the "misconceived" motion fell flat on its face on the floor of the National Assembly."



*Hon. Francis Fonseca*



*Hon. Said Musa*



*Speaker of the House  
Hon. Michael Peyrefitte*

# Belize Wins Game One

## CONCACAF Under -15 Football Tournament Underway in Cayman

August 14 - CONCACAF kicked off its first ever U-15 championship in the Cayman Islands yesterday with Bermuda beating the Virgin Islands 8-0 and Belize beating St. Lucia 1-0.

The championships, an initiative of CONCACAF president Jeffrey Webb, will be played through to August 25 with 23 national teams competing for the title.

The tournament marks another step for the confederation under its new management regime, and its determination to raise all elements of the game throughout its region to higher levels – both on and off the field.

“It is important for coaches and players to have competitions for development,” said Webb. “This tournament was conceived to intensify our grassroots efforts while helping to identify and



Members of the U-15 Belize selection that is in Grand Cayman

develop talent that will eventually create our future stars.”

Played on Grand Cayman, the tournament in its first edition has the distinction of being the largest CONCACAF competition of its kind to be played in a single

country. The tournament will now be held every two years.

For the first round of group games teams have been put into four pool- three of six teams and one of five teams. Each team will play the others in its group once with the

group winners advancing to the semifinals on August 23 at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex. The match for third place and the final will take place two days later at the same venue.

Countries competing in the tournament include Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Curacao, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, Saint Martin, St. Maarten, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago and the US Virgin Islands.

The tournament is bringing nearly 700 participants to the island during the low-season for tourism.

*(Belize plays its second game on Thursday August 15 against Dominican Republic.)*

## FFB Football Stadium's Lights Being Upgraded



FFB President and an Official of Canchas Deportivas de Centro America signing the contract

On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, a contract was signed between the Football Federation of Belize and Canchas Deportivas de Centro America of El Salvador for the improvement of the lightning facilities at the F.F.B. Stadium in Belmopan. This project is being financed by FIFA US \$298,000.00.

In a Press Release, the F.F.B says it will keep the pub-



One of the sets of lights at the FFB Stadium being upgraded

lic informed on the progress of this project and other projects scheduled to be undertaken by F.F.B and FIFA this year.

## Spreading the Love

### National Footballers Donate School Bags



Representatives of the National Football Selection along with community leaders and students in the Village of Bullet Tree Falls

Recently the Belize National Football Team has been receiving generously from the Belizean population, but on Wednesday, July 31 they gave back a little.

While in the USA before the last game the team was challenge to bring back a small gift for a needed child in Belize.

Team Jaguars rose to the challenge and each donated US\$20.00 to purchase a school bag to bring back home for the kids.

Team captain Dalton Eiley handed over the money to Senior V.P. Sergio Chuc

to purchase the school bags.

Team members Trevor “Burga” Lennon and Danny Jimenez were in Bullet Tree Falls Village in the Cayo District to hand over 50 school bags to needy kids from the Bullet Tree Roman Catholic school.

Mr. Victor Pott, the school principal gathered the kids he thought most needed the bags.

Village council chairman Cyril Pott and the Premier League deputy chairman, Al Westby, were on hand to see the gifts being distributed.



One side of the FFB Stadium in the Capital City of Belmopan

# Atlantic Bank Women's Football Finals

## Belmopan Triple B's confront Ladyville Jaguars



*Kaina Martinez of Belmopan*

The undefeated Belmopan Triple B's will meet the Ladyville Jaguars in the Atlantic Bank women's football championship finals. Triple B's ran over Esperanza's Gentle Touch 4-1 in Game 2 of their semifinal series at the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio on Saturday to advance to the finals by a 7-2 a goal aggregate.

Shirley Codd anchored Triple B's defense with help from Beatrice Alfaro, Wendy Vernon and Roslyn "Chu-Chu" Cadle, but couldn't stop Gentle Touch's Kimberly "Brazilian" Perez from unleashing a left foot shot that mercifully went wide of the up-



*Noemi Saavedra of Ladyville*

rights early in the game.

Miriam Villamil opened the scoreboard for the Triple B's in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute, when she sailed the ball in from long distance and it floated over the gloves of Gentle Touch goalie Myrenie Drysdale and just under the cross bar into the back of the net.

Triple B's goalie Idania Ramirez was on top of her game and frustrated the best efforts of Gentle Touch's Abby Halliday, Cindy Fuentes, Ethlene Gentle and Marsha "Ninja" Stevens to get on the scoreboard.

Kaina Martinez increased Triple B's lead to 2-0 in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute when she escaped the marking of Shannone Gentle to embarrass Drysdale with a 2<sup>nd</sup> goal. The visitors led



*Iris Centeno of Belmopan*

2-0 at half time.

Eden Gentle donned Drysdale's goalkeeper's jersey in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, while Drysdale sought medical attention at the hospital, turned out both her collarbones were broken.

Jennisha Scott sought to increase Triple B's lead when she out-manuevred the Gentle Touch defenders Cynthia Salazar and Shamera Wade with a forward pass to Iris Centeno, but Iris' header hit the goal upright. Kaina Martinez tried to get to the rebound but Gentle beat her to it.

Kaya Cattouse kept Gentle on her toes with a shot from outside the box, which passed Gentle to Centeno, but again the goal upright denied Iris' left foot shot. Kaya would not be denied as she escaped Shannon

Gentle embarrass Gentle in a 3<sup>rd</sup> a goal in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute.

Eden also could not to stop Kaya's next shot when Jennisha Scott fed Kaya the ball and the Belmopan girls now led 4-0. Only 5 minutes of regulation remained when Cindy Fuentes scored Gentle Touch's only consolation goal with a left foot shot from the left flank that hit the right upright and rebounded into goal.

In the other semifinals series, the Ladyville Jaguars advanced by a 4-3 goal aggregate from a 2-1 win over the Dangriga Pumas at the Carl Ramos Stadium on in Game 2 on Sunday, after Game 1 ended in a 2-2 draw.

You'd never have known from the turnout that it was the Pumas' home game as the



*Jennisha Scott of Belmopan*

game started with only 11 Pumas players in the stadium. Speedy Shameika Franklin opened the scoreboard for the Jaguars when she escaped the Pumas' defenders Patricia Marin, Jackeline Arzu, and Bernadine Gonzalez to embarrass the Pumas' goalie Shereen Vasquez in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute. The Jaguars' defenders Alma Alarcon, Sara Arzu, Shinelle Gentle and Mercedes Choc frustrated the best efforts of Pumas' Shayamah Quniah Caliz and Tyra Hernandez to get the equalizer, even as the Griga midfielders Naomi Gamboa, Ireini Lopez, Ilkiei Swazo and Cindy Flores broke up the Jaguars' plays.

Policewoman Kara Kising escaped the Pumas' marking to embarrass Shereen Vasquez with a shot that hit the



*Miriam Villamil of Belmopan*

far goal post and rebounded into the net in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute of play, as the visitors took a 2-0 lead into the break. The Pumas' coach introduced Anigi Welch and Celine Saravia into the ball game in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, and Jackeline Arzu went on the offensive, scoring the Pumas' only consolation goal in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute. The Jaguars' coach defense introduced Britney Nunez, Noemi Saavedra and Mertell Bailey to help their goalie Claudia Martinez the win. The competition takes a 2-week recess while the national under-23 female selection travels to international competition, so the Jaguars take on the Belmopan Triple B's in the finals at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan on Saturday, August 31.



*Shameika Franklin of Ladyville*

# Miley Garcia Cayo Softball Finals

## Camalote Blazers vs Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy

**R**oaring Creek Grace Kennedy will meet the undefeated Camalote Blazers in the Cayo Softball Association's female softball championship finals to be played at Joan Garbutt on Sunday, August 25.

This will happen after the national women's team returns home from the VIII Pan American Women's Softball Championships in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico on Monday, August 19th.

The consolation game for 3rd place will also see Esperanza Wolverines do battle with the Ontario Rebels. Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy had eliminated the Wolverines from the finals by a 9-5 win in Game 2 of their semifinals series in Esperanza on Sunday, August 4.

Esperanza's pitcher Indira Spain gave up 9 hits, struck out 3 batters and walked one while Esperanza's diamond made 5 errors. Roaring Creek led 3-0 when Tanya Davis, Stephanie Francis



**Francine Salazar**  
Pitcher for Camalote



**Ayannah Smith**  
Pitcher for Roaring Creek

and Shadalee Ho scored in the 1st inning.

Esperanza's Patricia Spain and Melinda Blancaneaux scored to lead 5-3 when Shamira Wade, Indira Spain and Pat Spain scored in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.

Roaring Creek soon led

again when Greta Davis, Karlee Bradley and Shanicka Anderson scored in the 3rd inning. Myralee Ho scored in the 4th inning again in the 6th, and Shadalee Ho followed for the 9-5 win. Esperanza's batters got 8 hits off Roaring Creek's Ayannah Smith who also

walked 3 batters, but the Roaring Creek's girls made only 1 error. Esperanza left 5 runners on base.

Camalote also eliminated the Ontario Rebels from the finals by a 6-3 win in Game 2 of their semifinals series. Ontario got 5 hits off Camalote's pitcher Francine Salazar, who also walked 4 batters. The Camalote batters got 9 hits off Ontario's pitcher Kenreen Gillett who struck out 1 batter. The Ontario Rebels made 6 errors.

Camalote led 2-1 when Shadine Salazar and Tamira Martinez scored in the 1st inning, while only Ontario's Trecia Coye scored in the 1st. Shadine and Frances Coye extended Camalote's lead to 4-2 in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning and only Ontario's Sharine Reyes scored in the bottom of 5th. Shadine and Tamira scored in the 7th inning to win 6-3 after Loren Henry scored in the 7th.

Camalote Blazers had left 5 runners on base, but they made only 2 errors. The Ontario Rebels left 7 runners on base.



*The Camalote Team that is going to the Finals*



*The Roaring Creek Team that is going to the Finals*

The San Martin Aguilas bombed Roaring Creek: 2-0 to win the Cayo 1<sup>st</sup> Division football Championship at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan on Sunday afternoon, August 4.

The San Martin's forwards Giovanni Lopez and Henry Nino Gomez led the attack with the help of midfielders Santiago Cruz, Carlos Tzalam, Bandido Gutierrez and Nicolas Caliz, but Brett Smith led the Roaring Creek defense with the help of Avery Galvez, Amir Torres and Kenny Williams and goalie Jose Mangar to keep the Aguilas scoreless up to the half time a break.

MVP Robert Sutherland led the Aguilas' defensive line of Carlos Avellos, Victor Caliz and Nicholas Caliz to shut down Roaring Creek's top scorer Darrell Myvett the Myvett the entire game.

Roaring Creek's Ajani Banner also attacked the goal,

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### The San Martin Aguilas Beats Roaring Creek

but San Martin goalie was taking care of business. Roaring Creek's goalie Jose Mangar handled Giovanni Lopez's shot on goal but when the defenders tried to get the ball out, Giovanni Lopez

recovered the ball to shoot right back at goal, embarrassing Mangar with the 1st winning goal.

Roaring Creek's attacks became desperate and the Aguilas' goalie was equally desper-

ate to stop them. When tempers flared, the referee sent 2 players to cool off in the showers with 2 red cards, one each for the Roaring Creek and San Martin.

Mangar managed to deflect Aguilas' Santiago Cruz shot at goal but Henry Gomez got the rebound; he beat the last defender and scored a 2nd goal to secure the championship. Giovanni Lopez earned the referee's ire and was ejected with a late red card, leaving Aguilas finished with only 9 men on the field at the final whistle.

FFB program coordinator Cruz Gamez presented team trophies to the champs, 2nd place - Roaring Creek and 3rd place - Cotton Tree.

Aguilas' Robert Sutherland won the Most Valuable Player award, while Aguilas' goalie Marco Hernandez won Best Goalkeeper. Darrel Myvett won Most Goals award.



*Player for San Martin Aguilas Receives First Place Trophy*



*Player for Roaring Creek Receives Second Place Trophy*



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