SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

A San Ignacio taxi driver is today recuperating at home from head injuries he sustained in an attack during the last minutes of Sunday, November 30, 2008.

Alfredo Glen “Towel” Velasquez, 40, Belizean taxi driver of a 6th Street address in San Ignacio Town informed that it was shortly after 11:30 on the night of Sunday November 30, when the vehicle in which he was riding, along with two friends, pulled up at the Legends Night Club on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio where they were to continue the drinking spree.

Towel admitted that he was somewhat shaky from the drinking and hence he was not driving his car. He said that whilst entering the club, two boys who were sitting under a shed on the premises, began harassing him and he told them to cool off. Instead of cooling off, the boys allegedly attacked him. He recalls getting a first hit from a beer bottle in the face just above the right eye. He said that in an effort to defend himself he ran into the bar, took possession of a beer bottle and hurled it at the attacker closest to him hitting him in the head.

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Two Policemen Charged For Extortion

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The police high command continues to display zero tolerance in terms of corrupt actions by those in uniform sworn to uphold the constitution and the law.

There are two reports this week of policemen arrested and criminally charged for breaking the law whilst in the execution of their duties.

San Ignacio Police reports the arrest of PC# 813 Luis Coc stationed in Benque Viejo Town while Belize City police reported the arrest of PC Marlon Harris, both on separate charges of extortion.

San Ignacio Police today confirmed reports that one week ago on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Hector Arnoldo Aguilar Pajares, 40, Guatemalan Truck Driver residing in Melchor De Mencos, Guatemala told Benque Viejo police that at around 8:00 pm the previous night, November 25 he drove his Freight Liner truck into Belize via the Western Border Station in Benque Viejo Town. He parked the truck and was walking to the arrival section of the club, two boys who were sitting under a shed on the premises, began harassing him and he told them to cool off. Instead of cooling off, the boys allegedly attacked him. He recalls getting a first hit from a beer bottle in the face just above the right eye. He said that in an effort to defend himself he ran into the bar, took possession of a beer bottle and hurled it at the attacker closest to him hitting him in the head.

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2008 - Going Out With A Bang

The year 2008, in several regards, can be considered a historic one.

For the purposes of this editorial, the year started off with the worse electoral defeat for Belize's oldest political party in early February.

A few months later the price of oil on the world market peaked at the highest prices per barrel.

Tropical depression #16 produced the worse flooding conditions experienced in recent memory. The flooding affected areas in western, central and northern parts of the country causing tens of millions of dollars in personal losses especially within rural farming communities where agriculture and livestock as well as the tourism sector were hardest hit.

In early November, an African American was overwhelmingly elected, for the first time in history, as the president of the United States of America.

The year is closing with the pump price for all grades of fuel, as well as butane, at the lowest prices they have ever been in many, many years, for consumers in Belize.

A former Prime Minister and a senior power minister in his cabinet have been arrested and charged for theft. This singular occurrence ushers in a new era for Belizean politics as from henceforth politicians should consider themselves under close scrutiny as those from opposing political parties, especially the old guard of the PUP, might never forgive anyone for the arrest of their former leader and could very well be tempted to seek revenge for this historic move.

This new era should therefore serve to keep politicians on guard when dealing with the people's money.

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Can I Borrow $25?

Sent in by: Bismillah Stores, San Ignacio Town, Cayo. A man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year old son waiting for him at the door.

SON: “Daddy, may I ask you a question?”

DAD: “Yeah sure, what is it?” replied the man.

SON: “Daddy, how much do you make an hour?”

DAD: “That’s none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?” the man said angrily.

SON: “I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?”

DAD: “If you must know, I make $50 an hour.”

SON: “Oh,” the little boy replied, with his head down. “Daddy, may I please borrow $25?”

The father was furious. “If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don’t work hard everyday for such childish stuff.”

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy’s questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money?

After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that $25.00 and he really didn’t ask for money very often. The man went to the little boy’s room and opened the door.

“Are you asleep, son?” he asked.

“No daddy, I’m awake,” replied the boy.

“I’ve been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier” said the man. “It’s been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here’s the $25 you asked for.”

The little boy sat straight up, smiling. “Oh, thank you daddy!” he yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. Seeing that he already had money, the man started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

“Why do you want more money if you already have some?” the father grumbled.

“Because I didn’t have enough, but now I do,” the little boy replied. “Daddy, I have $50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you.”

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness.

It’s just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that $50 worth of your time with someone you love.

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Six Months To The Date, Crooks Hands In Report

BELMOPAN, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

The Ministry of National Security informs the public that Mr. Harold Crooks officially handed over his report titled “A Review of the Belize Police Department” to the Honourable Carlos Perdomo, Minister of National Security on 30th November 2008 at the Phillip Goldson International Airport. The consultancy commenced on 2nd June 2008.


The Ministry of National Security has established a working group to review the recommendations made and provide a report to the National Security Council by 15th January 2009 after which selected elements of the Review will be made available to the media and the general public. The working group will scrutinize the recommendations for their feasibility, acceptability and suitability for implementation. The Ministry of National Security continues to seek the continuous improvement of the Belize Police Department, and to improve its delivery of service to the general public.

Mr. Crooks’ study will no doubt go a long way in transforming the Belize Police Department into an organization capable of effectively contributing to creating a safe and secure Belize.

Anyone requiring further information on the Crooks’ Report or other pertinent matters is advised to contact Brig. Gen. (Ret’d) Lloyd Gillett, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of National Security, at 822-2217.

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

A midmorning violent confrontation generated much excitement on the streets in Santa Elena Town last Friday leaving many residents wondering what was going on.

Reports reaching us indicate that off duty Police Constable 191 Kemsley “Donkey” Duncan, of a Santiago Juan Layout address in San Ignacio Town, was socializing at the Cozy Corner Club on La Loma Luz Boulevard in Santa Elena Town, with two friends, Dwayne Tillett, Belizean mechanic of 11th Street, Santa Elena and Ernesto Guzman, Belizean construction worker residing in the village of Bullet Tree Falls.

In a report to the police PC Duncan informed that as they were about to leave the club, a gold color Toyota Camry car pulled up behind the vehicle in which they were about to enter thereby blocking them from leaving. Three male persons emerged from the car, one of them brandishing a jack handle and began attacking Duncan, Tillett and Guzman. A fight erupted resulting in all six persons sustaining varied degrees of injuries. The car then sped off with Duncan and his friends in hot pursuit. While the brawl was underway, the police were contacted and they rushed out deal with the report.

The vehicles sped down the western Highway with the Camry in front, it was eventually stopped on Andrews Street in Santa Elena where the bleeding occupants of the car were violently removed and taken into police custody.

The driver’s side, was left in the middle of the street for several hours.

The occupants of the Camry car were identified as Alfredo Marín, Alfredo Panti and Oscar Tzib. They were taken to the San Ignacio hospital were Marín was treated for a cut wound to the head, Panti for swelling to the face and Tzib with a large cut wound to the head.

Whilst at the hospital, Marín and his friends indicated to the police that they will be proceeding with filing a complaint for criminal action. They were advised to visit the police station after receiving medical attention for the recording of statements. However, today, one week later, they are yet to do so.

Police reports that the detection of the aroma of alcohol on the breath of all six persons involved in the confrontation thereby suggesting that they were all consuming alcoholic beverages prior to the incident.

Officials close to the investigation informed that, if Marín and his friends proceed with filing complaints, the matter could wind up with the laying of counter charges against all six persons involved in the incident.

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The Ministry of Health, along with the Embassy of Mexico in Belize and the Department of Health of Quintana Roo, Mexico held a two day Health Fair in Corozal Town on 28th and 29th November, 2008 under the theme "Eat Healthy, Exercise, Live Longer".

The objective of the Health Fair was to sensitize the population of Corozal and its surrounding areas on the importance of a healthy lifestyle for the prevention of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, HIV infection, cervical cancer.

Hundreds of residents from Corozal and its surrounding areas accessed services during the course of the two days.

- 48 persons received HIV pre-counseling and testing
- 636 patients accessed pharmaceutical services
- 565 laboratory tests were performed
- 595 persons received general medical care
- 156 children were seen by Pediatrician
- 392 persons received Ophthalmological services
- 207 pap smears were done
- 169 persons accessed dental services

The health fair held in Corozal was the second for 2008 with the first being held in Belmopan in July.
SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

He came from very humble beginnings, worked long and hard to become a self made successful businessman.

Victor Modesto Valdez, known to many as “Jefe” or “Don Victor” passed away quietly around noontime on Monday, December 1, 2008, at his home on the Western Highway in the heart of Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

Victor Valdez was the first child born on January 12, 1929 in Santa Elena, Cayo to the union of Emedio Valdez and his wife Telesfora Sosa Valdez.

El Jefe knew no other home but Santa Elena, Cayo, where he was born, grew up, married, worked and passed away.

Although he had very little formal education, Victor Valdez possessed four of the greatest qualities anyone could have in life; he was honest, dedicated, ambitious and above all hardworking.

Jefe was only 23 years of age, when in 1952 he met and married the young Cenaida Castellanos from Benque Viejo Town. He dedicated his life to Ms. Cenaida right up and even after her passing a few years ago. The union of Don Victor and Ms. Cenaida gave birth to two girls and two boys: Daughters, Bertha Del Carmen Valdez Brizuela and Yolanda Valdez Frutus; Sons, Luis and Carlos Valdez.

Don Victor started off as a shoemaker in that era when consumerism barely existed. It was in those days when everything was repaired including shoes. When the income from shoemaking proved insufficient to provide for his young family, he started the Tienda Gracias De Dios which today, over half a century later still bears that same name at #34 Western Highway in Santa Elena Town.

Don Victor later designed and constructed the Mar Azul Club building, just across the street from Tienda Gracias De Dios. Mar Azul once housed a popular dance hall and billiards palour on the upper floor and a rum shop on the ground floor.

In those days when the transportation of passengers and goods to and from Belize City was done by truck (long before the commuter buses came into existence) the ambitious Victor Valdez invested in a truck, which he name “Yolanda” and in so doing he was able to tap into the passenger and goods transportation business.

Ever interested in the real estate/land holding business Don Victor acquired many adjacent properties on the Western Highway. He owned a ranch in the Chaa Creek area up the Macal River. His family recalls fond memories of traveling by boat to the farm.

About two years ago Jefe fell seriously ill from a collapsed right lung. Despite his children’s effort to get him the best medical attention, from henceforth it was a continuous downside for a man who knew not what it was like to be slowed down by incapacitation. His condition grew progressively worse as he sustained a mild heart attack a few months ago causing him to forgo the use of his legs and producing a speech impediment until his passing on Monday, December 1, 2008.

El Jefe was laid to rest on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the Santa Rita Cemetery in San Ignacio after a 3:00 pm funeral services at St. Ignatius Church in Santa Elena.

We express condolences to Bertita, Yoly, Luis and Carlos as well as to his several grandchildren, great-grandchildren other relatives, acquaintances and many friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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As the nationwide tour continues, Minister of National Security Hon. Carlos Perdomo will be in the west next week.

Minister Perdomo, accompanied by National Security Chief Executive Officer, Ret. Brig. Gen. Lloyd Gillett, are scheduled to arrive in San Ignacio during the mid morning hours on Thursday, December 11 where he will be met by Police Commissioner Gerald Westby and the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District Sr. Supt. Paul Wade.

Minister Perdomo will then be invited to inspect a guard of honor mounted by Police, Special Constables and Cadets attached to the San Ignacio Police Station after which the minister will be invited for a brief tour of the refurbished police station and cell block. The minister and his team will then be invited into the new conference room at the San Ignacio Police Station where he will be meeting and addressing the staff after which he will avail himself to listen to their concerns and answer their questions.

Minister of National Security Hon. Carlos Perdomo

From the San Ignacio police station, Minister Perdomo and his team will move on to tour rural communities which, for obvious security purposes, we will refrain from going into details.

In winding up the first day of the western tour, the Minister will be meeting the public at a town meeting set to commence at 7:00 pm, at Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio. The general public is invited to attend this public meeting to voice their concerns and to listen to responses from Minister Perdomo, CEO Gillett, Commissioner Westby and Cayo Commanding Officer Wade.

The ministerial tour continues on Friday, December 12 when Minister Perdomo and the team travels to Benque Viejo Town and the Western Border station for facility and personnel inspections as well as personnel and public meetings.

San Ignacio Police Station, Minister Perdomo and his team will be.

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"Oh those eggs were for...I wish you could understand what I'm saying," replied the officer.

"What happened?" asked the officer.

"Very cool car! Hey, you got a fridge in your Rolls? I've got one in my back of my Saturn!" said the driver of the Saturn

"Hey, buddy, a Rolls-Royce is the course I have a television. Listen to me buddy a Rolls-Royce is the finest luxury car in the world!" said the driver of the Rolls.

"Oh boy, I can't believe this, you got me out of the shower just to tell me THAT?"

Lee was known among his friends for the punctuality with which he sent his wife her alimony payment to that witch, she might well try to repose me."

In an effort to determine the #1 crime fighting agency in the country, the Minister of National Security narrowed the field down to three finalists, the Special Branch (SB), the Anti Drug Unit (ADU), and the Crimes Investigation Branch (CIB).

The three contenders were given the task of catching a rabbit which was released into the forest.

The CIB went into the forest. They came out two hours later with a badly beaten bear. The bear was yelling "Okay, Okay, Yes, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit".

Sixteen New Trained Volleyball Coaches

BELIZE CITY, Monday, December 1, 2008: The Belize Volleyball Association (BVA) announces the entry of 16 new trained coaches into the sport.

A media release from the association informs that the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Level 1 Coaches Course was conducted between November 13 and November 26, 2008.

Sixteen participants completed the 13 day intensive experience. Among the participants were 2 coaches from the BH Stars Club, as well as teachers/coaches from the University of Belize, Anglican Cathedral College, Wesley College, Gwen Lizarra High School and the following primary schools: St. Ignatius, Hattievile Government School, Lucky Strike, Caye Caulker Primary School, Ladyville Evangelical and Hummingbird.

The course, sponsored by the Olympic Solidarity through the Belize Olympic Committee, was aimed at teaching local coaches the basic techniques and tactics of volleyball.

The highly esteemed and well known FIVB instructor, Mr. Jivko Jitchev was the chief instructor for the entire course which, despite timing and challenges, had been described as a major success.

The BVA intends to hold a similar local course during the summer to have local qualification of coaches for other primary, secondary, and tertiary schools.

Taking No Chance

Two months after extensive investigation they concluded that rabbits do not exist.

The ADU went into the forest. After two weeks without a capture, they burned the forest killing everything in it, including the rabbit. They made no apologies and reported that the rabbit deserved to die.

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The surveillance camera inside the store recorded the entire robbery clocking it at exactly 50 seconds from entry to exit.

Just as Huang’s Supermarket on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio, was preparing to close for the business day last Thursday, November 27, it became the latest victim of armed robbery as three masked men pulled off the act in under a minute.

The surveillance tape running from 9:12 to 9:13 pm shows three masked persons rushing into the store from around the left corner. One of the robbers was armed with a sawed off shotgun while the other two were armed with short machetes.

The workers, and a sole male customer, were ordered face down on the floor while two of the robbers stripped the right side register of its cash contents and the third one did likewise with the register on the left side of the entrance. One of them took two bottles of liquor from a shelf and jammed it onto the bag he was carrying.

The surveillance tape shows two of the attackers wearing ¾ jeans pants while the third wore a full-length black pants. Two of them wore warm caps while the other had a white cloth strapped over the head. All three had handkerchiefs over their noses and mouths.

After pulling off the quick act, they beat a hasty retreat and when they were outside, the gunman squeezed off a shot which found its target on the driver’s door of the sole customer’s taxi that was parked in front of the store. The blast left a dozen pellet holes in the door. They then headed in the opposite direction, right towards Bullet Tree, bending the first left street corner and disappearing into the darkness.

The store owner, Selwin Huang who witnessed the entire incident, offered no resistance as he maintained his hands up during attack. He estimates the loss at round $1,500 in cash along with two bottles of liquor. Investigators have been facilitated with a copy of the surveillance tape but to date one week later, no one has been arrested.
TAURUS: April 21 - May 21
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SAGITTARIUS: November 22 - December 21
A good time which sees realisation of material desires and a tangible inflow of funds. You are at your sharp alert best and this helps you in organising legal and financial issues to your comfort. Domestic environment is likely to be harmonious unless you let petty issues get out of hand. Try to resolve issues calmly. Composition will no only help rule out chances of strife, it will open doors for greater spiritual benefits. Lucky numbers: 3, 40, 67.

ARIES: March 22 - April 20
This week is likely to be marked by lots of good events that leave you feeling satisfied. There will be a sense of lightness. Personal and financial problems seem to disappear. You are in a mood for revelry and there could be increased socialising on a large scale. There could be an urge to spend lavishly on some luxury product. Be careful not to get carried away. Health needs to be taken care of. Lucky numbers: 9, 21, 33.

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A good time which sees realisation of material desires and a tangible inflow of funds. You are at your sharp alert best and this helps you in organising legal and financial issues to your comfort. Domestic environment is likely to be harmonious unless you let petty issues get out of hand. Try to resolve issues calmly. Composition will no only help rule out chances of strife, it will open doors for greater spiritual benefits. Lucky numbers: 3, 40, 67.

ARIES: March 22 - April 20
This week is likely to be marked by lots of good events that leave you feeling satisfied. There will be a sense of lightness. Personal and financial problems seem to disappear. You are in a mood for revelry and there could be increased socialising on a large scale. There could be an urge to spend lavishly on some luxury product. Be careful not to get carried away. Health needs to be taken care of. Lucky numbers: 9, 21, 33.
BY: Antoinette Moore, Attorney at Law and Human Rights Advocate

DANGRIGA TOWN, Stann Creek District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

On Wednesday, December 10, 2008, the Human Rights Commission of Belize (HRCB) will host a conference at the House of Culture, Belize City to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the United Nation’s adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (the Declaration).

The theme for the event is “Dignity and Justice for All of Us,” which has been designated by the United Nations for the anniversary.

The conference will be held between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Countries around the world will also be organizing activities to celebrate this human rights milestone.

The Declaration is the most translated human rights document in the world. It sets out the most basic rights each human being is entitled to regardless of that person’s race, sex, religion, status or other circumstances.

In 1948 when the United Nations adopted the Declaration, the world was very different than it is today yet the Declaration speaks as loudly and eloquently to human rights in 2008 as it did 60 years ago.

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Galen University, Central Farm, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

In light of the devastating impacts of Tropical Depression 16 on Belize’s Sustainable Development, the Business Administration Students in the Masters Degree program enrolled in the Sustainable Development course at Galen University are staging a presentation entitled “The Social, Economic, Environmental and Institutional Impacts of Tropical Depression 16 on Belize: Implications for Sustainable Development”.

The presentation will be held at Galen University, Central Farm, Cayo, commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2008. All interested persons and organizations are invited to attend.

Galen University's MBA Students Invite You

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Position: **Health Education Officer: Health Education and Community Participation Bureau (HECOPAB)**

**Qualifications:**
Masters in Health Education/Health Promotion or Masters in Public Health.

**Principal Duties:**
- Responsible for the development of technical norms, standards and protocols in regards to health education and health promotion.
- Monitor and evaluate program performance at regional level.

**Pay Scale:** 21

For detailed information on the vacancy kindly visit the Ministry of Health website: health.gov.bz

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Position: **Director Laboratory Services**

**Qualifications:**
Diploma in Medical Technology or equivalent

**Principal duties:**
- Establish all laboratory procedures and quality control practices for the provision of clinical medical laboratory services.
- Provide technical support to health.

**Pay Scale:** 16

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**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Monday, December 1, 2008:**

With three occurrences in one day, Benque Viejo police are reporting what they suspect to be the re-emergence of armed Guatemalan bandits roaming, terrorizing and robbing Belizeans in the area of Arenal Village on the Belize side of the border.

In the first reported incident on Friday, November 28, 2008, Ovidio Howe, 44, Belizean taxi driver, of an E Street address in Benque Viejo Town, reported that at about 8:30 that morning he was driving his 1996 green, four door Saturn car along with 28 year old William Ruiz of Arenal Village when upon reaching about a mile and a half from Arenal Village he saw four male persons of Hispanic descent each wearing a rag covering the area of their face below their eyes, emerging from nearby bushes all armed with both long and short guns.

Speaking in Spanish, the assailants ordered Howe to drive the car into a nearby feeder road where car and persons were searched.

Howe had nothing of value in his possession, while Ruiz was relieved of his $75.00 Casio watch, $12 green cap, $10 brown leather wallet, $150 Samsung cellular telephone, and $150 in cash all for a total value of $397.00. After pulling off the act, the bandits returned from whence they came.

In the second incident, Simon Najaro Quinonez, 50, Naturalized Belizean Guatemalan farmer residing on the road to Arenal, reported that while reaching the same area he came upon four male persons wearing dark clothing, two of whom were armed with what appeared to be M16 rifles.

Quinonez reported that he instantly placed his two door red Escort car in reverse while several shots were fired at him. The car ended up stucked in a small ditch. He jumped out of the car and ran towards Arenal Village. He reported that several shots were fired at him while running, none of which struck him.

When he went to check on his car later he found the following items missing from inside the car: one cellular phone valued at $275, one CD player valued at $250, driver’s license, social security and nationality identification card.

He also found the car with three bullet holes on the hood and a single shot on the driver’s side front windshield.

In the third incident of the day, five persons were reportedly robbed this time however, by a group of eight heavily armed unmasked male persons.

Teresita Penados, 52, Belizean housewife, of Central American Street Benque Viejo Town, Belarmino Toralla, 49, Belizean farmer of a George Street address in Benque Viejo Town, Alvaro Gongora, 45, Belizean farmer of #8 Providence Street Benque Viejo Town, Marco Guzman Jr., 22, Belizean watchman of Arenal Village, reported to Benque Viejo police that they were at Teresita Penados’ ranch which I situated about three and a half miles on the Hyrdo Road and about five hundred yards off the road when they were attacked and robbed by eight unmasked Hispanic young male persons suspected to be between 18 and 20.
Taxi Driver Attacked and Severely Beaten

Bandits Re-emerge In Arenal, Belize

Years, armed with high powered rifles suspected to be AK47’s and M16’s.

All eight persons were dressed in dark clothing with each carrying knapsacks. In the incident, Teresita Penados was robbed of a pair of gold rings valued at $120.00, a pair of gold ear-rings valued at $220.00 and one ladies watch valued at $30.00. Belarmino Toralta, was robbed of his $200.00 Motorola cellular telephone and $2.00 in cash, while Carlos Barrera was robbed of a $200.00 Samsung cellular phone and $150.00 in cash all for a total value of $922.00.

The robbers then escaped into nearby bushes. While no arrest has been made, police and BDF presence has been increased in the area. Additionally, a meeting was held on Wednesday, December 3, between Belizean and Guatemalan law enforcement officials, to coordinate efforts in tackling criminal occurrences of this nature.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that GUO LIAN WU is applying for the renewal of his SHOPS LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate MAXWELL SUPERSTORE located in the village of Bullet Tree Falls in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JOSE J. VALLIS is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate HODE’S PLACE located in the Savannah Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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