SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, December 14, 2012; The eldest son of an Assistant Commissioner of the Belize Police Department is currently on remand behind bars on a drug trafficking charge.

The report coming out of Beque police informs that it was shortly after 1 o’clock on the evening of Thursday, December 13, 2012, at about 1:15 pm when the attention of a team of policemen on mobile patrol in the Calla Creek Road area of the jurisdiction, was drawn to a suspicious grey Ford F150 pickup, with a camper, traveling out of the village towards the George Price Highway.

In complying with police instructions the driver halted and exited the vehicle. Nothing incriminating was found inside the cab of the vehicle. The search then proceeded to the back of the vehicle where the police came upon two rimless tires which when searched were found to contain a dozen black plastic bags tightly wrapped with transparent plastic tape which when opened in the presence of the driver was found to contain suspected marijuana.

The driver was identified as Noel Richard Leal Jr., 27, Belizean auto dealer of #6095 Buttonwood Bay, Belize City. He is the eldest son of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Noel Miguel Leal who is currently serving as the Commander- Planning, Performance, Review and Inspection (PPRI) at police headquarters in Belmopan.

Leal, the vehicle and the suspected marijuana were transported to the police station in Benque Viejo Town where the suspected illegal drugs was weighed in his presence amounting to...
Police Commissioner’s Son Busted With Western Weed

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exact 19,818.6 grams (43.69 pounds).

Noel Leal was consequently arrested and formally charged for drug trafficking. He was brought up to San Ignacio on Friday, December 14.

Brady Busted By Benque Police

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search resulted in the discovery of two parcels tightly wrapped in black plastic and bound with transparent tape. When the parcels were opened, they were found to contain suspected marijuana.

Both persons and the merchandise were transported to the police station in Benque Viejo Town where the weed was weighed and recorded at 5,103 grams (11.25 pounds). The investigation led to the arrest of one of the persons, identified as Brady Martinez, 19, Belizean student residing in Roaring Creek Village Cayo. Martinez was consequently arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He appeared in the San Ignacio Town courtroom of magistrate Narda Morgan on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, where the single drug trafficking charge was read to him. Martinez promptly pled guilty to the charge. After Martinez indicated agreement with the facts as presented by the police prosecutor, Magistrate Morgan proceeded to impose the ten thousand dollar maximum fine on him. He was ordered to pay six thousand dollars forthwith and the remaining four thousand dollars by the end of March 2013. In default of payment he would spend three years in jail.

Unable to come up with the first six thousand dollar installment by the time the prison shuttle was ready to leave for the day, Martinez was on board bound for the ride to the central prison in Hattieville.

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We thank you for your support throughout the year, and look forward to continue working with you in the new year.

Have a blessed Christmas and a successful 2012!
Hon. Rene Montero
Minister of Works and Transport

Takes This opportunity to wish Belizeans at home and abroad, especially residents of Cayo Central a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Prosperous New Year!!!

May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope; The Spirit of Christmas, which is peace; The heart of Christmas, which is love!
Let There Be Light In Bradley’s Bank

Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Sunday, December 16, 2012: A rural electrification project, which will benefit more than 200 residents in the Bradley’s Bank area of Santa Elena, was launched this Sunday afternoon.

The project, to be financed by the Government of Belize through the Social Investment Fund and will be implemented by the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) at a cost of $211,567 with funds coming by way of the Commonwealth Debt Initiative (CDI).

The project includes the extension of overhead electrical lines to approximately 157 lots with the installation of seven transformers, almost 80 poles and almost 15 thousand feet of power lines.

In his keynote address, Hon. Rene Montero, Minister of Works and Transportation and Area Representative for Cayo Central, spoke about the significance of the project and the great convenience it would bring to the residents of Bradley’s Bank. He told the gathering that he remains committed to improving the lives of the people of his constituency.

Hon. Rene Montero said:

Today, as I stand here, words alone cannot explain how elated I am, how pleased I am to see this project finally coming to commencement stage. Over two months ago, we were poised to launch this project, but due to circumstances beyond our control it had to be delayed; but why am I so overjoyed to be launching the Bradley’s Bank Electrification Project and what is the significance of this project.

Bradley’s Bank, as we all know is a relatively new subdivision in the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. A new subdivision in Cayo Central of which I am the Area Representative, a growing area within the past five years. In March of this year you once again elected us to office because you were convinced that only under a UDP Government, and together we slowly started to rebuild the Belizean economy and improve the standard of living for you the people. You can bear witness to the many projects and initiative that have been accomplished in San Ignacio and Santa Elena alone within the past five years. In March of this year you once again elected us to office because you were convinced that only under a UDP Government, and together we slowly started to rebuild the Belizean economy and improve the standard of living for you the people. 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Wishing Belizeans Everywhere A Truly

Merry Christmas

Special Wishes is extended to all residents of Orange Walk North And All Employees of The Ministry of Natural Resources & Agriculture

From Hon. Gasper Vega Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Natural Resources & Agriculture

¡Feliz Navidad!
Child of Faith

Diana Azueta

Mrs. Diana Azueta was the 2nd of five (5) children born to Mr. & Mrs. John Swift. Diana grew up in St. Mary’s literally where by the time she was born her mother Sylvia Swift was already a teacher at the school and an active member of the church.

Sylvia Swift later became an outstanding principal in the chain of exemplary teachers and principals of St. Mary’s school, like Basil Coleman, Mrs. Hinkson and Mrs. Marcella Weatherbume.

In 1968 Diana entered Wesley College and graduated and then advanced to 6th form. She married Alfonso Azueta, an Auditor in the Government Service. The union produced one child, a beautiful daughter Nyani. Alfonso is now deceased.

On graduation Diana Azueta nee Swift, joined her mother as a staff member of St. Mary’s school. In 1974 she entered the Belize Teachers College and was blessed to complete her internship also at St. Mary’s. In 1977 she was secondment to the Teacher’s College to teach Arts and Visual Arts. She Then went to England to do a Dip Ed. Studies program. In Art and Primary Education.

On Diana’s return from England she taught at the St. Hilda’s Junior School. When this institution became defunct in the 80’s she returned to St. Mary’s and continued teaching part-time at the Teacher’s College.

By this time she came to terms with the fact that the profession she hoped very much not to get involved was the very one God had called her to. So, on her return to St. Mary’s she accepted her fate and entered teaching with a greater passion, once more.

After two more years spent at St. Mary’s she was secondment once more. This time to work with the Ministry of Education’s Reading Center for a year working with Doreen Jones and Mary Williams, writing and illustrating Belizean reading books. In the meantime her mother Mrs. Sylvia Swift who had been teaching for over thirty-six years had retired. Mrs. Swift had been principal of St. Mary’s Infant School for more than ten (10) years, thanks to her dedication and commitment to the church and school, Diana continued to pursue excellence as she witnessed in her mother’s career so many years before.

Since then, Diana worked at Queen Square and Grace Primary for the past nine years. She has earned several awards as Best Teacher and most recently in 2010, Teacher of the year Belize District and Country. Her years have also been filled with conducting countless workshops and training for teachers in management skills, Language Arts and Teaching Methods with Arts and Craft top of the list.

Diana’s spare time, if there is such, is spent more often helping someone to master the English language or doing some art related task, like making banners, of which several were and are made for St. May’s Church.

39 years has not only been a success for Diana, but because she has chosen to put God in her life, she is truly a warm, confident, loving, honest, humble and willing individual. As she notes from St. Matthew’s Gospel:- “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.”

Meeting and knowing this wonderful child of God brings joy and great blessings Diana has being a wonderful witness to the love of Christ in St. Mary’s School and church all her life. What a wonderful testimony to the love of God.
Hon. Erwin Contreras

Takes this opportunity to wish all Belizeans especially residence of Benque Viejo Town, Succotz, Arenal & Calla Creek a very Merry Christmas!

and Happy New Year

The season of love, peace & joy is here to stay.

Celebrate this season forever and not just for today.

Have a blessed Christmas. Feliz Navida
GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE RIVER VALLEY RURAL WATER PROJECT

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF 2", 3", 4", AND 6" DIAMETER DUCTILE IRON PIPE, VALVES, AND APPURTENANCES

INVITATION TO BID

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD3,480,000 towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Rural Water Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

GOBZ will execute the project through Belize Water Services Limited (BWS), and a Resident Consultant Engineer within BWS will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants have been retained by BWS to assist in the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

BWS hereby invites eligible firms to submit bids for the supply of 2", 3", 4", and 6" diameter Ductile Iron Pipe, Valves, and Appurtenances. The appurtenances are required for new a forty five (45) mile PVC pipe water network. Consideration will be limited to firms, or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country or countries and are either:

(a) more than 50% beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or

(b) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

Bidding documents will be available as at December 7th, 2012, at the address below between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Written applications must be clearly marked: “REQUEST FOR BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE, VALVES, AND APPURTENANCES”. The documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BZD200.00 or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each set. Applicants who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize, which will accept freight collect charges. The documents will be dispatched by the designated courier upon receipt of the fee. Under no circumstances will BWS be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so dispatched.

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date for submission of bids and must be accompanied by a bid security of twenty thousand Belize dollars (BZD20,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. Completed tender documents together with all required enclosures shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked “TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE, VALVES AND APPURTENANCES” and deposited in the tender box at the address below by 1600 hours on January 18, 2013. Each sealed envelope should include the name and address of the bidder. They will be opened at the same address at 1630 hours on the same day in the presence of representative(s) of any bidder who wishes to attend. Bids will not be accepted after the tender box is closed.

BWS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for BWS action. BWS will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, The gladness of Christmas give you hope, The warmth of Christmas grant you love.

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We look forward to Serving you in 2013!!!

The Oceana Family wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year

Happy Holidays
Hon. John Saldivar

Takes this opportunity to wish all Belizeans, especially residents of Belmopan and the hard working and dedicated members of the Belize Police Department as well as the Officers Corp, Regular and Volunteer Elements of the Belize Defence Force and the National Coast Guard,

A very safe and very Merry Christmas!!!
Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20
Feel free to move forward with your plans. This is a great week to take action. You have done a great deal of data collecting and analyzing lately. Now is the time to put that information to good use. You are helped by an extra boost of inner confidence and emotional strength. Your grounded, conservative approach will be richly rewarded. You couldn’t ask for a more productive day! Lucky numbers: 19, 43, 77.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You may have a hard time getting started this week. This might be a better time to plan. Be realistic and thoughtful in your actions. Be conscious of the steps you need to take to reach a certain goal. When in doubt, take the more conservative route. You will find that there is a great deal of support for that path. Don’t get distracted along the way. Stay on target. Lucky numbers: 32, 60, 93.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
Bring your emotions down to Earth this week. Your imagination may run away with you. If you don’t take a hard look at reality, you may find yourself in big trouble later. The higher you soar, the harder you fall. Make sure you have a working parachute. Be realistic about your current situation and act with confidence. Make sure you have the facts before you set goals and plans. Lucky numbers: 04, 27, 63.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23
Try not to be extravagant this week. You are much better off living low. Focus on you and what you need to do. Don’t waste your time trying to attract others’ attention. Let them deal with themselves while you concentrate on your goals and chores. Tackle all projects with confidence. You will find that you can be very productive as long as you stay focused and calm. Lucky numbers: 36, 54, 89.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
This week is a terrific week in which you should find that things work very smoothly. You have a hardened approach that will help you get down to business and get things done. Make sure you are on solid ground before you take the next step upward. You have the ability to reach the summit of many mountains, so don’t waste any time. Put on your boots and start climbing. Lucky numbers: 09, 23, 68.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
There’s a serious tone to the day, so take this into account when you get the urge to play a practical joke on a friend. Keep things real. Stick close to home and take care of any menial tasks. Start a garden or buy some plants for your house. You have a disciplined nature that will help you get things done. Lucky numbers: 15, 39, 83.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
Bring stability to your emotions this week. You have the tendency to take things to extremes, swinging from incredible highs to rock-bottom lows. Give your nervous system a break and calm down. Go for a walk in the park. Make sure that all your actions are rational and well planned. See to it that you are in control of your emotions before you interact with others. Lucky numbers: 45, 59, 96.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
Take care of your home this week, both physically and emotionally. See that bills are paid and the bedroom is tidy. Don’t forget to clean the dust from under your bed and the demons from inside your mind. Realize that you might be running on someone else’s operating system that got stuck in your hard drive. Make sure you replace it with your own software before you continue. Lucky numbers: 10, 35, 66.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
Go ahead and act confidently. You will find that you are more stable and grounded in general, leaving you free to explore and take more risks than you normally would. Your intuition may be strong, so don’t hesitate to rely on it. Make sure your actions are clear and decisive. You have a great deal of power, so use it wisely. Lucky numbers: 07, 38, 73.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
It may be hard for you to get a project off the ground, Capricorn. Perhaps this is a sign that it needs to stay there. Take it back to the drawing board. Do some more planning and testing. Make sure that your actions are well thought out. Test the brakes before you drive down the mountain. You will find that you can accomplish a lot this week if you stay focused and disciplined. Lucky numbers: 02, 51, 75.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19
Finish whatever you didn’t wrap up last week. Use the morning to plan, the afternoon to execute, and the evening to relax. Be conscious of time and your physical and mental limitations. Bring your dreaminess down to Earth and be realistic about goals. Take time to put the extra coat of wax on the car or extra stitch in the fabric. That effort will serve you well in the long run. Lucky numbers: 17, 55, 86.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
Give it a rest this week. Recharge your batteries. Stick close to home and take a load off your feet. Convince someone to give you a massage, or better yet, go to a professional. You deserve a break. Once you are restored, consider all the ramifications of whatever actions you take before you start. Plan your moves carefully. Be strong and decisive not rash and frantic. Lucky numbers: 22, 50, 79.

Liquor License Notice
Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that AURORA & CARLOS DUARTE are applying for the renewal of their PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Roof Top Bar located on Wyat St., Benque Veijo Town in the Cayo District.
An old couple in Jamaica was puzzled when the coffin of their dead relative arrived from foreign. The corpse was so tightly squeezed inside the coffin that her face was practically touching the glass cover. When they opened the coffin, they found a letter pinned to her chest which read:

Dear Mama and Papa:
Mi a sen yu wha lef a Puncie fi di funeral dung deh inna Jamaica. Sarry seh mi couldn’t mek di funeral cause dem seh di expenses dem too high. Yu wi find inside a di coffin, unda Puncie body:
12 can a Bully Beef
12 bottle a Posner Shampoo
12 bottle a Posner Conditioner
12 bottle a Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion
12 tube a Colgate toothpaste
Pon Puncie body is a brand new pair a Nike (size 8) fi Keefa.
Unda Puncie head is four pair a Nike fi Boysie son dem. Puncie a wear six Fubu t-shirt - one is fi Trevor and di rest fi im son dem. Puncie a wear one dozen Wonder Bras (a fi mi favorite), jus devide dem mongst the likkle gal dem inna di district.
Di two dozen Victoria Secret panty dem dat Puncie have on is fi mi nieces and mi cousin dem. Puncie also have on eight Levi pants, tek one fi yuhself and give di rest of dem to di likkle boy boy dem whey work pon Papa truck.
Di Swiss diman watch yu did ask mi fa de pan Puncie lef wris and di tings dem wha yu did sen come beg mi for Mama (di earrings, ring and chain), dem is where dem suppose fi wear pon Puncie body, please tek dem before anybody come fi view di body.
Hope seh yu get everything alright. Di damn palitishan dem mek yuhaffe tiefall kina way fi get tings eena di kuni.
God bless yu and keep yu,
Your loving daughter,
Babsie
P.S. Mi a beg yu find a dress fi Puncie bury eenna.

MONEY LENDERS APPLICATION

Notice for the publication in newspaper of application for a moneylender’s certificate

I, LEIDY FLORES, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Magistrate Court, at one of its sittings in San Ignacio Town during the month of December 2012, for a certificate to be granted to me under the Moneylenders Act, Chapter 260 to authorise me to carry on business as a moneylender in the name of Leidy’s Pawn Shop at #45 Benque Veijo Rd, San Ignacio, Cayo. (23 December 2012 - 2nd publication)

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that RICHARD ROTH is applying for the renewal of his Restaurant LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Pine Ridge Lodge located in Mountain Pine Ridge in the Cayo District.
Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JANINE LOPEZ is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Wild Bill's Restaurant & Bar located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that EDWARD JENKINS is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Briana Restaurant & Bar located in Succotz Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that MARIO WONG is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Local Motion Bar located at 121 Commerce St. Dangriga in the Stann Creek District.

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Hon. Patrick Faber
Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

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Dr. Spence, the daughter of Mrs. Selma Spence-Jackson, is celebrating the memories of her late grandparents, during her stay in Belize. She is a Pediatrician and graduate of Southern Illinois School of Medicine, Springfield, USA. She is currently in her second year of residency, at the Morehouse University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Spence is now pursuing her Pediatric Fellowship in Neonatal Medicine (Neonatology).

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:
1. Starting Date and Duration: The Administrative Officer shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty- four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.

2. Reporting Arrangements: The Administrative Officer will report to the Project Coordinator.

3. Place of Work: Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities may be necessary.

4. Qualifications:
   - Minimum of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration or equivalent recognized qualification in closely related field.
   - At least 3-5 years relevant experience in administrative work.
   - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
     - Superior writing skills and Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Microsoft Project.
     - Good numeracy and IT skills
     - Fluency in English is essential and ability to speak Spanish is an asset.
     - Have good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask
     - Well organised and have planning and problem solving skills
     - Able to set timelines and meet deadlines
     - Human Resource skills, People Management and File Management

DUTIES:
1. Review and be familiar with all documents relating to the project, in particular the Action Plans, Results- Oriented Monitoring and Evaluation Kit and Visibility of Actions Kit, and all the requirements and guidelines for briefing, written material, press conferences, presentations, invitation, signs, commemorative plaques and all other tools used to highlight EU participation- Visibility of Action
2. Oversee the smooth operation of day to day business of project office:
   - i. Responsible for the procurement and overall maintenance of office equipment, vehicles, IT and all utilities.
   - ii. Responsible for the disbursement and replenishment of the petty cash.
   - iii. Prepare and issue Requisitions, Purchase Orders and Fuel Orders.
3. Define and implement functional reference and filing system for project documents. He/ She will also be responsible for coordinating access to project files and the overall security of the files and filing system.
4. Drafting and transmittal of correspondences and take appropriate follow up action.
5. Coordinate and liaise with Director of Human Resources (BTB) on all human resources activities related to the project.
6. Serve as Secretary to the Project Steering Committee and perform general administrative support and clerical duties of the project as needed.
7. Coordinate and organize staff meeting and technical meetings with Project Stakeholders.
8. Coordinate and schedule travel arrangements for project team.
9. Assist the Project Coordinator in preparation and presentation of progress and final project reports as required by the Belize –EU Cooperation National Authorising Office and the Project Steering Committee.
10. Attend inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) – Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: The Administrative Officer will be paid a monthly salary at the rate to be negotiated during contracting, based on qualification and experience.

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Inmates And Guards Killed In Mexico Jailbreak Attempt

At least 17 people have been killed during an attempted jailbreak in Mexico, officials say.

Eleven inmates and six guards died in a shootout in the city of Gomez Palacio as the prisoners tried to escape through tunnels.

Gang violence is an endemic problem in the Mexican penal system.

The incident happened a day after President Enrique Pena Nieto announced the creation of a national police force to help tackle crime and violence.

The latest deadly clashes, which occurred in the state of Durango, appear to have happened when wardens tried to prevent prisoners from fleeing, the BBC's Mexico correspondent Will Grant reports.

It is the first violent episode at a Mexican prison since President Enrique Pena Nieto took office on 1 December, our correspondent says.

Assaults and mass prison breaks are particularly frequent in jails housing inmates linked to the country's drug cartels and organised crime.

In September, more than 130 prisoners, many from the powerful Zetas cartel, escaped from a facility in the state of Coahuila, close to the US border.

So far only a handful have been re-arrested.

On Monday, President Pena Nieto unveiled a six-point strategy to combat linked to drug violence, kidnappings and extortions. His plan includes a new militarised force of 10,000 officers.

However, there has currently been no mention of reviewing the country's antiquated and dangerous prisons, our correspondent says.

Human rights groups say the penal system suffers from chronic overcrowding and is in urgent of an overhaul.
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

1. Starting Date and Duration: The Policy Coordinator shall be employed by the action for the period of eleven months (11) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.

2. Reporting Arrangements: The Policy Coordinator will report to the Project Coordinator.

3. Place of Work: Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.

4. Qualifications:
   - Minimum of Bachelor of Science or Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Public Administration or Bachelors in related filed with at least 3-5 years experience in policy development
   - At least 2-3 years relevant experience
   - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
     - Knowledge of Legal & Regulation and Policy Framework of Belize
     - Knowledge of Health and Safety Standards in the Region.
     - Knowledge of International and Regional policies & standards governing Parks and Attraction Management
     - Knowledge on how to create effective operational manuals for management of sites
     - Able to set priorities and identify any area that requires further research.
     - Have supervisory skills, good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask
     - Able to set timelines and meet deadlines

DUTIES:

1. The Policy Coordinator shall review and be familiar with all documents relating to policy creation and implementation including the Belize- Standards Act Chapter 295, Revised Edition Section 6 with supporting Statutory Instrument No. 23 of 1997 (Standards- Preparation and Declaration- Regulations).

2. Act as the primary liaison to develop standards based on existing national legislation, international/ regional obligations, such as the, Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Site and Attractions Standards with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MoTC), Belize Bureau Standards (BBS) and the Technical Committee for Tourism.

3. Liaise with MoTC, BBS and the Technical Committee for Tourism guiding the proposed standards through the proper channels of scrutiny with the goal of having Parliament endorse and adopt these standards.

4. Spearhead the production of Health and Safety Manuals and the introduction and implementation of the health and safety provisions established. This includes training workshops and other means of consultation.

5. Execute with the Quality Assurance Department -Cave and Rescue Training Programme

6. Attend inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.

7. Produce progress/evaluation reports for review by the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee across the development and implementation stages.

8. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action.

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Crime - A Social Problems Of A Developing Country

Contributed by:
Corey Constantino and
Sherry Gibbs

Crime is defined as the breaking of laws set by the governing body of a country. It may come in many forms from as little as lying to even killing. This is one of the social problems most affecting the developing world. There are obviously many troubles that come along with having this problem in a society, and we see it everyday. And we always try to cure this problem by attacking it from that angle, but why not look at it from another? Why not try to find out what are causing these problems, and furthermore, find out what we need to do to fix them?

What Causes people to murder?
This question gives rise to an array of answers, and they are all are correct, even if in the periest of ways. One of the most influential though, is the pessimistic relationship between poverty and education. Globally, poverty is at a high, and because of that, there are many people who do not have the opportunity to afford secondary schooling, much less tertiary. This one misfortune can shape the rest of a person’s life. It is human nature to want to belong and have a place where they feel most comfortable and sociable. And so, victims of this bad luck often turn to gangs, organized groups of criminals that go about committing various acts of societal evils; murdering is one of the highest among developing nations. According to Gayle (2011), a Jamaican Anthropologist of Social Violence, “people who are in gangs mostly tend to be those who are not educated and are looking for a way to belong in a society.”

In answering the question, “what causes people to murder?”, it is also important to understand what personal influences may drive them to do it. Childhood plays an important role in one’s life and how and who they will grow up to be in the future. Everyone lives the lifestyle they were raise around, and so if a child is familiarized with violence at an early age he or she can grow up to be quite vehement. If a child experiences abuse at an early age, for example, there is a very large probability that the child will eventually grow up to be one who is violent. According to the Love Our Children organization in the United States (2012), “children who grow up in homes where violence is present are a hundred times more likely to be abusers themselves.” It is also normal for people to use alcohol and other drugs as a medium for escaping their problems, and when a person is under the heavy influence of drugs, it can cause them to lose their capabili- ties of rationality and self-control. Therefore, this is also another reason for murdering.

So, we know some of the highlighted causes driving violence via killings, now what? Well, we need to find solutions to them. No more waiting for an example for us to have to make a move. Prevention is better than cure. We need to find ways of dealing with these problems at their roots. In regards to poverty, governments need to cater into making wiser decisions in investments that are proportional to sustainable development rather than on consumptions-a basic principle of economics. If China was able to lower its poverty rates drastically by efficiently planning and placing this matter as its main concern, then other countries can definitely do the same. Developing nations are the richest in the world, maybe not financially, but in aesthetics and natural resources. In Belize for example, there is no reason why secondary education cannot be free. We dig oil, to export and get refined, only to buy back in the end. Why can’t we invest in our own refinery? Sure the benefits might not be immediate, but they will be seen by our kids and theirs.

If poverty is reduced then education increases. This will also have a positive impact of gang activities. Hence, to reduce gang violence it is important for us to educate the young men within our communities. According to Gayle (2011), “there is a direct relationship between education and violence. Countries with low level of education usually have high levels of homicide, and vice versa.” This is exactly the reason why countries like Panama and Barbados have rather low homicide rates, because their citizens are highly educated. Hence, there is a need to focus on the education of the citizens of a country. And they need to do this by attacking poverty. One way the government can do this is by lowering subsidies from one facet of the economy and putting it into education. For example in Belize, the government can alter their initiative of the “gang truce” and put it into education. Again, we need to stop trying to cure this societal ill and try to prevent it instead. And this can only be done by attacking its root cause, that is, by reducing poverty so as to promote education.

Crime is definitely a social problem in the developing world. Studies indicate that murder rates in these places and those that have a low education rates are very high. These issues need to be addressed in order for this problem to be alleviated, and so perhaps the wisest way to do so is by initiating an objective of achieving at least national secondary education. And it seems that the wisest way to do this, would be by lessening poverty.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

1. Starting Date and Duration: The Works Manager shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty-four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013
2. Reporting Arrangements: The Works Manager will report to the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee
3. Place of Work: Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.
4. Qualifications:
   · Minimum of Bachelor of Science in Physical Planning, Urban Planning, Civil Engineering or other related Engineering, Architecture, Geography, or closely related field.
   · At least 5 years experience as a Construction Project Manager
   · Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
     o Proven experience in managing high output construction sites
     o Good knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations
     o Must be able to drive. Familiar with Belize’s geography and Archaeological Sites
     o Have supervisory skills, good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask
     o In-depth knowledge of all aspects of construction
     o Well organised and have planning and problem solving skills
     o Good numeracy and IT skills, including Microsoft Project and related software.

DUTIES:

1. Manage the construction process ensuring adherence to the expected results and activities set forth in the ‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent to Archaeological Sites’ Project Proposal and the established minimum standards for Sites and Attractions. Also supervise construction sites, direct manager and subcontractors to make sure standards of building performance, quality, cost schedules and safety are maintained.
2. Act as primary liaison to develop Works and Supplies Contracts for the PEU to ensure technical robustness, quality, efficiency and compliance in accordance with all timelines, budget and all legal obligations with specific focus on the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards.
3. Provide a supporting role for the development and complete bidding documents, reference budgets, schedules and timelines for all construction projects in consultation with the Finance/Procurement Officer and the Project Coordinator.
4. Provide technical support within the procurement process to include participation in short listing evaluations and representation within the evaluation of technical and price proposals ensure adherence to EU policies.
5. Act as primary liaison with NICH in obtaining necessary mapping for project consultation and ensuring that all pre-required planning and feasibility conditions are fulfilled. Along with the Project Coordinator, the Works Manager will be responsible for decisions made on any changes of design or construction.
6. Maintain and provide the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee with accurate records of site resources and materials.
7. Execute bi-weekly construction site visits with NICH and relevant authorities. Also required to attend monthly inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.
8. Provide the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee with a monthly report describing activities carried out and the corresponding outputs/ deliverables, achievements and challenges and any reason or corrective action taken.
9. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action

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Deadline for submissions is December 28th, 2012
BACKGROUND:
The Belize Tourism Board has received a grant from the European Union and the Government of Belize under the Belize Rural Development Project II for an Action ‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites’. Additional funding is provided by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH). The project is being executed by BTB, with the assistance of NICH and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

The project will be over 24 months. The objectives of the project are to: (1) Improve economic opportunities in rural communities and contribute to the reduction of poverty; and (2) Enhance the tourism experience through improvement to tourism infrastructure and services at selected archaeological sites.

The project anticipates the following results: (1) Improved Product and Service Monitoring Systems; (2) Improved Health and Safety Provisions at selected archaeological sites; (3) Diversified community based tourism products and services.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:
1. Starting Date and Duration: The Finance Officer shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty- four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.
2. Reporting Arrangements: The Finance Officer will report to the Project Coordinator and BTB’s Director of Finance.
3. Place of Work: Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.

4. Qualifications:
   - Minimum of Bachelor of Science or Master’s Degree in Accounting, or Financial Management, or Business Administration or Auditing or other related field.
   - At least 5 years relevant experience in financial management and/or procurement. Experience with the EU finance management will be an asset.
   - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
     - Knowledge of Financial Reporting and Procurement Procedures of the EU or other recognized International Organizations would be an asset.
     - Basic knowledge of Auditing
     - Able to set priorities and identify any area that requires further research.
     - Good presentation skill are a definite plus
     - Have good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask

DUTIES:
1. The Financial/ Procurement Officer shall assist the Project Coordinator in the following tasks:
   a. Submission of monthly report to the Belize EU National Authorising Office, the PSC and BTB’s Director of Finance including activities undertaken and challenges to be addressed with recommendation for action
   b. Production of final project reports.
2. Responsible for the preparation of the procurement documents, utilizing sustainable procurement practices, while adhering to EU policies prior to issuing the public tender.
3. Schedule, organize and facilitate bidding meetings related to quotations, tenders and proposals. Prepare recommendation for award. Provide suppliers debriefing sessions, when requested, with unsuccessful respondents.
4. Primary liaison to prepare and review all documentation relating to all Service/Technical Assistance, Works and Supplies Contracts, and Disbursement Projection Matrix and to produce progress/evaluation reports for review across the development and implementation stages of the Action.
5. Monitor contracts and performance to implement corrective action when required. Prepare a contract report on each contract period- each activity carried out and the corresponding outputs/deliverables shall be described.
6. Prepare Programme Budgets, Procurement Plans, Payroll and Bidding documents for audits in line with EU guidelines.
7. Maintain accurate financial accounting records for the action in line with the standard financial reporting requirements of the EU.
8. Monitor and report on budget execution on a continuous basis (daily, weekly and monthly).
9. Prepare and maintain monthly the cash flow projection for the period of time for which funding is available.
10. Attend inspection meetings at all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.
11. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action.
12. Achievement of outputs/deliverables should be stated and any reason or corrective action taken for challenges that arise.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: The Administrative Officer will be paid a monthly salary at the rate to be negotiated during contracting, based on qualification and experience.
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The New Rene Montero

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Friday, December 21, 2012:

The first term in office was a learning experience for Cayo Central’s Area Representative/Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Rene Montero. When he was put to the test in the March 7, 2012 general elections; he received a narrow passing mark and was almost defeated by a new comer on the political scene.

Subsequent to that narrow victory, a new baggage and negative vibes from the political scene. He has shed himself of the political experience of March 7. The new Rene Montero is now focused on putting his shoulders to the wheel in immediately addressing the needs of his constituents. He has publicly committed that he will not wait until an election year or in the months leading up to the next test at the polls to do what has to be done for residents of Cayo Central.

The new Rene Montero is expanding electricity and water supply in Cayo Central. The new

BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED
BELIZE RIVER VALLEY RURAL WATER PROJECT
INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 44 MILES OF PVC AND DUCTILE IRON WATER MAINS, VALVES AND APPURTENANCES

Invitation to Bid

The Government of Belize (GOZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD$4,480,000 towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Rural Water Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of GOZ, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

GOZ will execute the project through Belize Water Services Limited (BWS), and a Resident Consultant Engineer within BWS will be responsible for the day to day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants have been retained by BWS to assist in the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

BWS hereby invites interested eligible firms to present their sealed bids for Contract H1, Contract H2 and Contract H3. Bidders may bid on any single Contract, any two Contracts, or all three Contracts. The Contracts are further described as:

Contract H1:
- Installation of approximately 14 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Barrell Bowen, Flower’s Bank, Scotland Halloon and Berneilman Landing Villages.

Contract H2:
- Installation of approximately 15 miles PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Berneilman Landing, north of BBL, Lamanai, and Double Head Cabbage Villages.

Contract H3:
- Installation of approximately 15 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Double Head Cabbage, Wilchesville, St. Paul’s Bank and Ranch Dolores Villages.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country or countries and are either:

- more than 50% beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens of and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting those requirements; or
- owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The requirement for pre-qualification will include:

- an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last five years of (i) Belize Dollars (BBD) 750,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) Belize Dollars (BBD) 1,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) Belize Dollars (BBD) 2,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.

- demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of (i) BBD 150,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) BBD Dollars (BBD) 300,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) BBD Dollars (BBD) 450,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.

- experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments (including drainage assignments) of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete). and

- Project Manager with five (5) years experience, which has been spent in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including not less than three (3) years as a Manager.

Building documents will be available as at December 21st, 2012 at the address below between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Written applications must be clearly marked: “Request For Bid Documents For The Installation Of Approximately 44 Miles Of PVC And Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves And Appurtenances”. The documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BBD$300 (three hundred Belize dollars) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each set to the order of BWS. Potential bidders who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize, which will accept freight collect charges. The documents will be dispatched by the designated courier upon receipt of the fee. Under no circumstance will BWS be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so dispatched.

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date for submission of bids and must be accompanied by a bid security of Twenty Thousand Belize Dollars (BBD 20,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. Completed tender documents together with all required endorsements shall be placed in a sealed envelope which includes the contract number and will be clearly marked “Tender for Belize River Valley Rural Water Project – Installation of approximately 44 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances”. and deposited in the tender box at the address below by 4:00 p.m. on or before January 25th, 2013.

The tender box is located at the address at 4:15 p.m. on the same day in the presence of representative(s) of any bidder who wishes to attend. Bids will not be accepted after the tender box is closed.

BWS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affiliated prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affiliated prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for BWS’s action. BWS will not destroy any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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