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Verbatim Remarks by BDF Commander Jones at Chiquibul Symposium

CCJ Rules against Mr. Litigate

“A Great Victory for Belize and the Rule of Law”

In Belize, the name Ashcroft has become almost synonymous with Litigation. The British billionaire, who somehow under the last administration managed to wrap his tentacles around every part of the nation's economy and financial system, seems to pride himself in his ability through litigation to frustrate and impede a sovereign nation and duly elected government from managing its own affairs in the best interest of its people.

This past week, howev-



The Belize Bank, of which the BCB is a Subsidiary

er, the Government of Belize scored a major victory over the Ashcroft Alliance in what has apparently become his favorite arena, the courts.

Judgment was handed down on Friday July 26 by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) which upheld the Government of Belize's position that it cannot be legally bound to honor a tax-write off arrangement entered into by the last administration which involved a Settlement Deed in which the Gov-

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West & Gaynair of Belmopan Bandits Rewarded by UNCAF



Woodrow Wilson West

Goalkeeper Woodrow Wilson West who performed spectacularly for Belize at the Gold Cup, and Ian Gaynair who scored our only goal, were invited to watch the Gold Cup Finals as a gesture by CONCACAF for having turned down and exposed offers for match-fixing bribes.

They were also invited to



Ian Gaynair

President Rafael Tinoco's Banquet. Here at home they are being honoured by the Belize Olympic Committee with the Gilmore Henkson Fair Play Award to be presented by the Governor General.

The two national selection players are both members of the Belmopan Bandits Football Club.

Fighting the Good Fight!

Battle Camp Closes with Service and Ceremony



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From the Desk of the Chairman

No Distractions - Stay Focused!



Delroy Cuthkelvin
Chairman, Editorial Board

When this U D P Government first got elected in 2008, it was on an overwhelming mandate to clean up corruption, restore honesty and sanity to the management of the nation's affairs, and serve the interest of the masses rather than that of a few.

It was a given, of course, that this would be accompanied by, and to some extent result in real and sustainable economic growth.

By all accounts, the Government of Prime Minister Dean Barrow has to this point succeeded in attaining these basic goals, having withstood and overcome the turbulence of a global economic recession that saw developed economies going under or struggling to stay afloat.

We have certainly succeeded thus far. But

success, like failure, is never permanent, and there is a kind of complacency and permissiveness that seems to follow triumph almost as surely as night follows day.

This administration, our Government, would do well to guard itself doggedly against the frailty and human tendency of becoming so consumed by ones own success as to abandon the very principles that earned us that success, hence becoming a victim of it.

We must not forget it were the masses that elected us to serve the interest of all Belizeans, not the interest of a few, as did the administration that preceded us, the one that was overwhelmingly rejected in 2008.

That the margin of victory was considerably narrowed in 2012 is undeniable evidence of the perception, real or not, that the gap between what was and what is had measurably shrunk; and that is also worth remembering.

Let it never be said of us that what we came to Belmopan to change, we became. Let's remain focused now, and not allow ourselves to be distracted by petty agendas and special interest.

We've come too far to turn back now!

CCJ Rules against Mr. Litigate!



Former P.M. Said Musa and current Leader of Opposition Francis Fonseca, co-signed Accommodation Agreement and Settlement Deed



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ernment of Said Musa agreed to abandon litigation against the Carlisle Group for the recovery of outstanding business taxes in exchange for the Carlisle Group abandoning its pending litigation related to the BTL buy back.

The CCJ declined to enforce an Award made by The London Court of International Arbitration in favor of the British Caribbean Bank (BCB). The BCB had won the award of over \$45 Million US dollars based on the Settlement Deed signed by the Musa Administration. It was all part of the infamous Accommodation Agreement signed by the former PM himself, Said Musa, and his Attorney General at the time, now Leader of the PUP Opposition, Francis Fonseca.

The Judgment from the Caribbean Court of Justice states finds the agreement to be: "illegal, void and contrary to public policy," and that, "the Deed purported to alter and regulate taxation and under the Belize Constitution...this could only validly be done by Parliament."

Further elaborating on the judgment, a press release from the Caribbean Court of Justice states: "To allow the Minister of Finance to assume essential law-making functions beyond his constitutional or legislative authority would put democracy at peril. Caribbean courts therefore have an obligation to strike down executive action that undermines the au-

thority of the legislature."

Commenting on the CCJ Judgment, Prime Minister of Belize Hon. Dean Barrow said that it vindicates his Government's position on this and many other agreements entered into under the Musa Administration, specifically with the Ashcroft Alliance. He described the Judgment as a landmark decision which establishes that the various settlement deeds and accommodation agreements signed by the previous Government were repugnant to the Constitution and laws of Belize and could not be enforced.

PM Barrow said the CCJ decision is a great victory for Belize and for the rule of law.

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United States Wins Gold Cup!

Reprinted From Fox Soccer (Exclusive) - Written by Jamie Trecker

The United States men's national team collected their fifth **CONCACAF Gold Cup** title at Soldier Field on Sunday, downing Panama 1-0 thanks to a goal from substitute Brek Shea, scored just seconds after he entered the game.

It will not be remembered as a classic match -- for long periods it was simply unwatchable -- but it extended the American's win streak to eleven games and earned them another piece of domestic hardware.

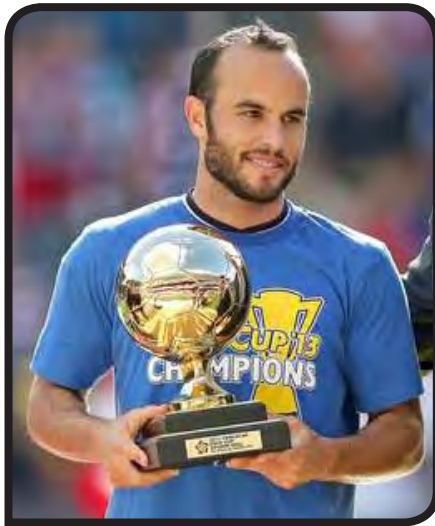
Shea's goal in the 69th minute finally broke open what had been an interminable match. Coming off a cross from the far right flank from Alejandro Bedoya, Landon Donovan attempted to slip the ball to the far post of Jaime Penedo's net, but missed. Bedoya's ball kept on running and would have ended up in the net had Shea not even put a boot on it.

It was a rare mistake from what had been an organized -- if not particularly entertaining -- performance from the Canaleros, who frustrated the Americans with a moving 4-4-2 that always seemed to place three men between the ball and the net. Despite enjoying the lion's share of possession, and then a bit more, the Americans were often reduced to passing the ball back and forth in their own half while Gabriel Torres and Blas Perez kept them honest up top.

When the Americans got a rare chance to run at Penedo's net, they were greeted by a red wall that turned every shot into the stands. Donovan, so influential in this Gold Cup, was not a factor in the early running; Damarcus Beasley was given a torrid time by Marcos Sanchez and struggled to make an impact as well.

Finals of this nature are often ugly creatures. They are tense and teams more often play not to lose than to win. Even by those standards, this one was especially tedious. Soldier Field had seen a massive pre-sale of tickets on the expectation that Mexico would meet the Americans here, but when El Tri were dumped out in the semifinals by Panama, the air went out of the occasion. By the time the first half ended, there were enough bodies in the seats to make the game look respectable, but this final had none of the pomp that organizers and fans had hoped for.

That carried over to the



Landon Donovan (USA) receives Most Valuable Player Award

play on the field, and it is telling that the biggest moment in the first half came when Stuart Holden went down after a seemingly innocuous challenge from Alberto Quintero. Clutching his

oft-injured right knee, Holden was immediately taken to the sideline with what was reported initially as a sprained right knee. Holden will undergo further tests on Monday.

But after the break, the Americans slowly began to turn the screw. Beasley found Donovan all alone in the 55th, and the USA's MVP this tournament was unfortunate to see his snap header cruise wide left. Panama's previously stout high line began to get pushed back, and Kyle Beckerman and Mix Diskerud started to have more time and freedom to spread the ball wide.

The Americans were often the best team in this Gold Cup, and Donovan has been the player of the tournament. But

there had been some concern coming into this match because of the state of USA's manager: Jurgen Klinsmann was confined to a skybox after CONCACAF slapped a **single-game suspension** on him following his sending-off against Honduras in the final. In his stead, Andreas Herzog was the American manager of record, and will take official credit for throwing Shea in at the right time.

Next up for the Americans is a tougher, truer test: they face Costa Rica and Mexico in back-to-back **2014 World Cup** qualifiers, and can seal their berth for the 2014 World Cup early should results break their way. While the Yanks will be happy to collect this trophy, the truth is that the real games are yet to come.

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Garifuna Collective in Canada

Festival Preview: Garifuna Collective Brings Music of Belize to Interstellar

(Reprinted from the Edmonton Journal- July 24, 2013 -Written by Roger Levesque)

EDMONTON Garifuna Collective may be the most exotic act at this year's Interstellar Rodeo. The septet represents the largest-ever tour of musicians from Belize. While they're justifiably proud to bring their special Central American sound to the rest of the hemisphere, that hasn't kept them from collaborating beyond their borders or looking to the future. That's something you catch on to listening to their new album *Ayo* (on the Cumbancha label).

"This is not about preserving something in a glass box in a museum," explains Ivan Duran, producer and contributing player with the Collective. "This is about showing the world this is a vibrant culture that will survive because it adapts. Our music is based on the traditional roots and primal rhythms but it has evolved a lot over the last decade."

The ancestral roots of the Garifuna people go back to a group of West African slaves who were shipwrecked around the island of St. Vincent in 1635, only to settle along the coast of Central America, especially in Belize, where they now number 600,000.

Their songs tend to address everyday life, all bound up in great, hip-swivelling grooves.

The Garifuna's Canadian connection is of particular significance on this seven-week, 25-city tour. After regular extended visits to Belize over the past decade, Ontario folk-rockers Danny Michel chose to record his last album *Black Birds Are Dancing Over Me* (Six Shooter, 2012) there with friends from the Collective, with Duran co-producing. In turn, they made him a guest on *Ayo*, and for the Canadian tour dates they're performing together, alternating between the Garifuna Collective's songs and Michel's tunes.

For Michel, Belize has become much more than a vacation spot. He even headed up a campaign to raise funds for a high school there known



Members of the Garifuna Collective jam at Home
(Photo by Peter Rakossy)

as Ocean Academy. Duran admits he was a bit dubious when Michel first proposed the *Black Birds* album last year but he's pleased with the musical bonds they have established. "It's amazing how the Collective is getting into playing Danny's songs. I think that's something a lot of Canadians probably haven't seen, musicians from outside working with one of their own artists onstage like it was their own music."

Garifuna Collective works hard on its collective spirit, something you'll hear upfront in the vocals on *Ayo*, which almost always come through in a chorus of voices.

"Instead of one person leading the crowd, I wanted it to sound like the village is singing and that's why all the songs are written by more than one person and the lead parts are divided among two or three singers."

At the same time, the Collective is fostering some rising solo stars, like Lloyd Augustine and Desiree Diego, who both figure on the album's cover shot, and on the current tour.

Duran's Stonetree Records has recorded and licensed the Collective's music to Cumbancha. Stonetree was founded in 1994 when he decided to document local music veterans who kept the old indigenous sounds of piranda music alive. Some 30 albums later, the focus is on new artists and evolving sounds like those

of Garifuna Collective.

Duran also produced the previous Collective release *Watina*, which featured the group's late leader Andy Palacio on the cover. World music fans may recall Garifuna's splendid Edmonton debut at the 2007 Folk Fest, led by Palacio. Much more than just a frontman, the singer played a huge role in gaining recognition for Garifuna culture back in Belize, where he even became the minister of

culture. Then he died suddenly from a stroke in early 2008.

"It was a huge blow. In Belize he was a hero, kind of like Bob Marley was to Jamaica."

As Duran explains, the Collective needed time to regroup and to get back to making music at his studio, situated in the small town of Bengue Vijo, about 130 kilometres from Belize City.

"We took a lot of time to make this record. It actually started about three years ago. Living and working in a small town allowed us an easier pace with fewer distractions and more focus. In the end, *Ayo* is very much a tribute to him and I think, an uplifting album."

(*Ayo* means "goodbye" in the Garifuna language.)

Here, Duran gets to what he feels is unique in the roots sound of Garifuna music.

"It's less about native instruments but more a kind of vibe, very soulful with a hint of melancholy underneath, but without being down. We want the world to connect with us."

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By **Zelda Hill**

A wise person said that a more suitable label for “Pro-Choice” (those who support a female’s right to choose to keep or murder her unborn child) would have been “No-Choice”!

Indeed, those who profit substantially from propagating the lies that abortion is a human right and can be a normal and safe procedure without any consequences, skillfully weave their schemes to convince their vulnerable victims that they have no other choice.

Even in this era where science and medicine continue to make giant strides in reducing and eliminating many medical dilemmas with the intent to preserve life, Pro-abortionists continue to magnify the probability of the risk of death to the pregnant female in support of their position. In Belize, Abortion for a “crisis” is legal under the Medical termination of Pregnancy clause (Criminal Code Chapter 101 of the Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000, Section 112).

Jeannie W. French, Founder of National Women’s Coalition for Life accurately stated, “The answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the crisis; not the child”. But the business of illegal and legal abortion procedures [whether established locally or is attached to a poor nation’s acceptance of foreign anti-life and godless ideologies] promote the elimination of the child as the natural and most desirable choice. The truth is that the majority of abortions are done for non-medical reasons. Situations like stress and poverty of the mother and family are often

disguised by legal and medical terms in abortion policies and laws. However, time always proves that these facilitators of evil have neither regard for the life of others nor for the will of the Creator of life; they are merely ‘foot-soldiers’ of infanticide who receive orders from Satan himself.

But God who condemns the murder of the innocent endows all with equal and inalienable rights. Providentially, He also equips with the wisdom, knowledge and skills to protect

of Human Services and share the message of Life at health fairs, schools and with other organizations. *Seed of Life* has branches in Benque Viejo, San Ignacio and Belize City and through their services many females have chosen Life for themselves and for their unborn child.

By their deeds, *Seed of Life* endorses the view that “Abortion is not a sign that women are free but that they are desperate”. Therefore, relieving the causes of desperation will enable others to make a decision for

religion and spirituality then must demand that we join our voices and hands to defend the lives of the unborn and fight for their cause and ours. It is a grave injustice when those in the business of abortion believe and entice other nations to believe that the poor have no right to procreate as the wealthy has and that poor or handicapped babies have no equal right to life.

God continues to set before individuals and nations “life and death, blessing and curse”; therefore, we must choose and support Life so that we and our seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:19).

If you value Life, get equipped to join in the battle to make Life a real and more accessible choice for our Belizean daughters and children!

“Since abortion thwarts God’s plan for humanity, true religion and spirituality then must demand that we join our voices and hands to defend the lives of the unborn and fight for their cause and ours. It is a grave injustice when those in the business of abortion believe and entice other nations to believe that the poor have no right to procreate as the wealthy has and that poor or handicapped babies have no equal right to life.”

life and He uses His people to be His voice and hands so that abortion is never the only choice one has.

Throughout the centuries, God’s servants have always labored to eliminate all forms of injustice and to alleviate suffering. Individuals and groups have provided practical alternatives in an effort to end the abortion carnage and protect God’s voiceless, weakest and defenseless creatures. In Belize, groups like *The Seed of Life Pregnancy Resource Center* minister to the needs of pregnant females in crisis and to those contemplating an abortion.

It is a Christian ‘Pro-life’ Ministry, which fosters a Christian view of human sexuality. With love and compassion, they provide pregnancy counseling, medicine, vitamins, babies’ supplies, food baskets, sewing classes, parenting and breast feeding classes and pre-natal and post natal care. They also assist with adoptions to Christian couples in partnership with the Department

Life. Although unplanned-pregnancies and unwanted babies are often the consequences of rejecting the omniscient Creator’s design for pro-creation and the rearing of children within a loving, secure monogamous marriage relationship (Genesis 2:21-24), one wrong choice never has to lead to a series of worse choices.

Abortion takes lives created at the moment of conception and injures females for life. It robs the community and the entire world of individuals who were destined to find the cure for illnesses and diseases and to bring an end to adversities like famine.

Since abortion thwarts God’s plan for humanity, true

If you are facing a crisis in your pregnancy or would like more information on God’s plan for marriage, sex and family, or to donate please contact:

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"Let Your Light So Shine Before Men!"

Missionaries do Good Works in Belmopan



The Missionaries who painted and cleaned up the Hospital



The newly face-lifted Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

That is certainly the principle behind the good works recently being carried out by a church group consisting of local Christians from the Belmopan area and over 30 missionaries from Erie, Pennsylvania, USA.

The Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan recently received a much-needed face-lift, thanks to the group of foreign and local missionaries led by Pastor Richard Smith of My Refuge Christian Network.

In conjunction with the Hospital Management, the group repainted the building, cleaned up the compound removing garbage and debris, and organized and painted the parking lot in front of the Hospital.

While the hospital face-lift project was going on, members of the same group of missionaries also conducted an eye-clinic mainly in the Salva Pan area of Belmopan.

Kudos to Pastor Richard Smith and his group; and praises be unto the Almighty!



Pastor Richard Smith



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Internship Opportunity Temporary Communications Assistant Terms of Reference

Background:

The Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust (BNECT) is a partnership between the Government of Belize and Belize Natural Energy Ltd (BNE), established by Trust Deed dated February 25th 2008. The Trust was established to make a difference in the lives of Belizeans and thus seeks to empower people and communities to thrive in a harmonious, socially and environmentally responsible manner so that they can be the conscious architects of their own future. The Trusts mission is to serve as a catalyst for people and communities to believe in themselves so they can achieve their full potential.

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- Compile database of BNECT constituents/ stakeholders
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Interested Students may submit applications including a cover letter, resume and at least two recommendations to the General Manager at the above address.

Deadline:

August 15th, 2013

“Fight The Good Fight!”

Battle Camp Closes with Service & Ceremony



Lt. Colonel Felix Enriquez

“Fight the good fight of faith!” The famous Bible verse taken from 1 Timothy 6:12 was one of the passages of Scripture that was quoted from the Good Book by the Force Chaplin who led the

Closing Ceremonies were held this past Monday, July 22.

The event started with a drill competition, followed by the Church Service led by Force Chaplin Canon Jeris Valentine.

Delivering the main address and presenting awards and promotions was BDF Commander, Brigadier General David Jones.

Receiving the award on behalf of the best performing company in both Drill and Sports Competition, Delta Company (from Stann Creek and Toledo), was

Corporal Kristy Tillet of Bravo Company, Belize District. Best performance in the Section Commander Course went to newly promoted Corporal Robert Jones also of Bravo Company, Belize District; and Top Student in the Junior Non-Commissioned Officers’ Course was newly promoted Lance Corporal Melissa Garbutt of Support Company, Belmopan.

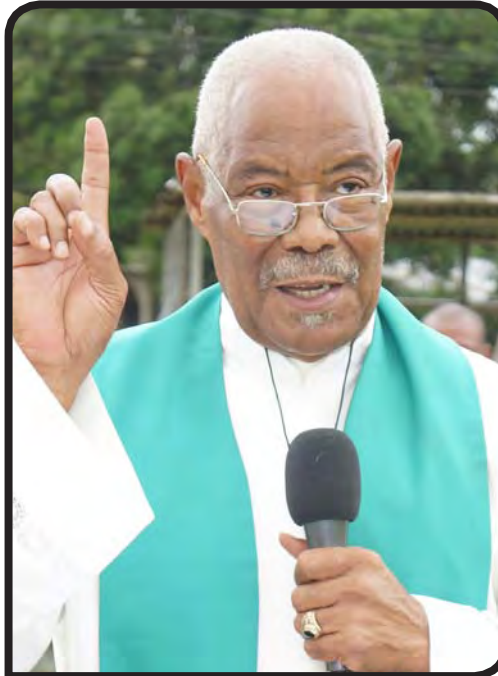
An award was also presented to Lt. Colonel James Requena, Commander of the First Infantry Battalion, headquartered at Camp



Major Edmund Ogaldez

teau. The Joan Garbutt Stadium in Esperanza was the venue for the Sports Competition held over the weekend, as well as the Drill Competition, Church Service and Closing Ceremony conducted on Monday.

Assisting the BDF Commander in presentation of the



Reverend Canon Jeris valentine



Promoted Volunteer salutes Commander Jones



Commander Jones Promotes a Volunteer

church service that marked the end of this year’s BDF Volunteer Battle Camp.

The Church Service and

its Acting Commander, Lt. Sarah Arzu, who currently heads a platoon. The award for Soldier of the Year was taken by

Belizario, Cayo District; and a certificate of appreciation was presented to Vice Chairlady of Esperanza Village, Shern Roba-

awards and promotions were Captain Clifton Williams and

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BDF Volunteers doing the final March Pass



Lt. Colonel Enriquez, Commander Jones and Lt. Colonel Requena

"Fight The Good Fight!"

Battle Camp Closes with Service & Ceremony



Lt. Sarita Westby

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Lt. Sarita Westby who was joined at the event by her husband, Deputy Mayor of Belmopan Lt. (Ret.) Joel Westby. Also speaking at the ceremony was Officer Commanding the Volunteer Battalion Lt. Colonel Felix Enriquez, as well as Op-

Closing Ceremony, Commander Jones said he was pleased with the performance of the BDF Volunteer Battalion which he says is a reserve element that must operate at the same level of fitness

and military proficiency as the Regular Force. For his part, Officer Commanding the Volunteer Battalion Lt. Colonel Felix Enriquez said this year's Battle Camp was a major success and he expressed thanks to all employ-

ers countrywide (including the Government of Belize) who

the ranks of the Volunteer Battalion, having been on training since November of last Year, 2012. A total of 316 Volunteers attended this year's Battle Camp

which was held at Camp Belizario in Central Farm from July 12 to 23, 2013 and focused mainly on operations conducted in what the BDF calls the Western Tactical Area of Responsibility. The final day, July 23, was utilized by all companies to ensure that volunteers and their company's

resources are returned safely to their various stations and



Captain Clifton Williams

fectiveness in Jungle Warfare. Minister of National Security Hon. John Saldivar, who visited and addressed the volunteers on Friday, July 19, extends congratulations to them and all the commanders and organizers of the event, and thanks the men and women of the Belize De-



Commander Jones Promotes a Volunteer

erations Officer Major Edison Ogaldez, who also heads the Delta Company.

In his address at the

gave paid time-off to the volunteers to attend the Battle Camp.

At this year's Battle Camp, 33 new recruits joined



Commander Jones being Saluted by Corporal Robert Jones and Lance Corporal Melissa Garbutt

properly accounted for. Next year's Volunteer Battle Camp will focus on Safety and Ef-

fense Force in general for their continued selfless service to their Nation and its People.



BDF Volunteers doing the final March Pass



Lt. Westby, Major Ogaldez, Military Liaison Officer Anthony Velasquez

"Fight The Good Fight!"

Battle Camp Closes with Service & Ceremony



Lt. Colonel Felix Enriquez, Lt. Sarah Arzu, Commander David Jones



Lt. Colonel Enriquez, Corporal Kristy Tillett, Commander Jones



Lt. Sarah Arzu



Lt. Colonel James Requena receives Certificate of Recognition



Officer receiving Certificate of Recognition



Captain Francisco Lizama lowering the Belize Flag



Promoted Volunteer salutes Commander Jones



Promoted Volunteer salutes Commander Jones

Improving Revenue Collection & Expenditure

City and Town Councils Participate in Revenue Enhancement Program



Yvette Alvarez, GOB Financial Advisor and Member of BMDP Project Steering Committee delivering the keynote address

The final report on the Revenue Enhancement Support Program (RESP) for all city and town councils in Belize was presented this past Wednesday July

efficiency in expenditure.

The technical assistance was carried out to achieve the above aim, through the implementation of recommendations of the Municipal Finance and Revenue Enhancement Report and other practical and innovative suggestions for revenue enhancement and finance management.

In the execution of their duties, both consultants analyzed a number of issues. These included the analysis of current status of reporting to the Ministry of Local Government, assessing the current levels of annual financial commitments of the various towns and city councils (TCCs) for maintenance of municipal

Capacity Building for Town and City Councils and Central Government and Project Management and Administration.

Under phase I of the BMDP, 19 streets have been paved in the seven participating municipalities; the Punta Gorda Town Council Administration Building and adjacent town hall were also rehabilitated while renovation of the Dangriga town market is currently underway. This represents approximately \$7.8 Million in infrastructure investments throughout the municipalities. These include Benque Viejo del Carmen, San Ignacio/Santa Elena, Belmopan, Dangriga, Punta Gorda, Orange and Corozal.

physical asset inventory and maintenance planning, public relations officers and traffic managers, including a public education program for road users is being provided.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway to initiate phase II of the BMDP. This will see a further investment of approximately \$13.0 Million in infrastructure development in the municipalities throughout Belize.

In attendance at Wednesday's presentation of the final report were Mayors and Deputy Mayors of all city and town councils, Town Administrators, members of the BMDP Project Steering Committee, Chief Executive Officers



Consultants, Edmund Zuniga and Peter Doty; G.O.B Financial Advisor, Mrs. Yvette Alvarez; Ms Nellie Trench; and Mr. Ernest Raymond



Participants at the Revenue Enhancement Support Program

24, 2003 at the George Price Centre for Peace and Development in Belmopan.

The RESP was carried out by Mr Peter Doty and Mr Edmund Zuniga, Financial Consultants, as part of the capacity building component of the Belize Municipal Development Project (BMDP) during a period of 18 months.

The main objective of the RESP was to strengthen the capacity of the local city and town councils to become more effective in carrying out their responsibilities with a view to attain financial sustainability through enhanced financial position by increasing revenue collection and improving

infrastructure and other capital assets; revenue generation, including identifying new sources of funding, identification of priorities for the improvement of municipal finance and develop a work program for implementation among others.

The BMDP is a \$30.0 million Government of Belize project being financed through the World Bank and implemented by the Social Investment Fund (SIF). The project is focusing on three main components namely: Municipal Infrastructure Investments, Technical Assistance and

Under its capacity building component, the BMDP is providing training on municipal development planning to seven municipal bodies and has strengthened their revenue enhancement capabilities through the provision of training, computer equipment and accounting software. In addition, training on

from various Ministries as well as representatives of the Ministry of Local Government, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Social Investment Fund.

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Renewal & Advancement

Sandhill Multi-Purpose Center Inaugurated



Hon. John Saldivar, Minister of National Security, delivering Keynote address at inauguration of Sand Hill Multipurpose Centre

resources in the village.

The project was implemented by the Social Investment Fund and financed by the Government of Belize at a total cost of \$300,246.00. Of this amount, \$285,246.00 was in the form of a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank while the remaining funds were contributed by the community of Sand Hill.

The project scope entailed the rehabilitation of the old community centre including the addition of a one room extension to serve as a

kitchen for skills training. A temporary partition to facilitate mobile health clinics was installed. External timber doors were replaced with metal doors and all windows were replaced with storm guard metal louver windows with security grilles. The asbestos roof was replaced with a concrete slab fitted with lights and ceiling fans. The electrical and plumbing systems were rehabilitated. New fixtures were installed and floor and wall tiles were also installed to the male and female bathrooms, which provide access from the inside of the building.

The renovated facility will also house a library, equipped with internet services and a wide assortment of reference books. A few members of the community will be identified and trained by the Belize National Library Service and Information Systems (BNLSIS) to serve as volunteer librarians. As part of the project, study desks and chairs for

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The Newly Inaugurated Sand Hill Multipurpose Centre, reconstructed by the Social Investment Fund and financed by the Government of Belize at a total cost of \$300,246.00

The Sand Hill multipurpose Centre was officially inaugurated on Sunday July 28 in Sand Hill Village, a community nestled between mile 14 and 22 on the Philip Goldson Highway.

The facility will benefit over 400 students, who prior to the project had to travel all the way to Belize City to do their school research due to the lack of computer and internet



Members of the audience at the inauguration of the Sand Hill Multipurpose Centre

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both children and adults, bookshelves as well as six computers with software and accessories, a printer and a photocopier will be provided. A stove and a refrigerator will also be supplied so that women in the village can make optimum use of the centre.

Prior to the project, there was no library in the village and the students who attend school in Belize City had to stay back after school hours to use the Leo Bradley or Thurton Libraries both of which close at 7:00 pm. Students, therefore, had limited time to do their research since they had to return home. But with the multipurpose centre the situation will change for these students.

Sand Hill is located on the Philip Goldson Highway approximately 14 miles northwest of Belize City. It runs from the Burrel Boom junction with the Philip Goldson Highway at mile 14 up to mile 22. The village was established

during the heyday of the logwood and mahogany industries in the later part of the 19th century due to its proximity to the Belize River. However, with the downfall of these industries residents now commute to Belize City, Ladyville and Orange Walk to work. The village has approximately 1,800 inhabitants.

The keynote speaker for the event was Hon. John Saldivar, Minister of National Security. An address was also delivered by Hon. Edmond Castro, Minister of State in the Ministry



Hon. Edmond Castro, Area Rep for Belize Rural North, delivering Special Address at Inauguration of the Sand Hill Multipurpose Centre



From left, Mr Glenford Barrera from BNLSIS, Hon. John Saldivar, Ms Nellie Trench from SIF and Hon. Edmond Castro cutting the symbolic ribbon



Hon. Edmond Castro with children at the new library of the Sand Hill Multipurpose Centre

of Works and Transport and Area Representative for Belize Rural North.

Other speakers included officials of the Social Investment Fund, the Sand Hill Village Council and the Belize National Library Service and Information Systems.

Information and Photographs provided by Mr. Mike Hernandez Jr. (Sr. J.P.), Director of Public Relations of the Social Investment Fund (SIF)

Policy, Strategy, Ways & Means

Remarks by BDF Commander David Jones at Chiquibul Symposium

Radisson Fort George Hotel, Belize City, Friday July 19, 2013

I have had many compliments in regards to what the BDF is doing. I have even had suggestions as to why doesn't the BDF take over and do everything for the Country. And I had to remind people that this is a democracy, and there is no intention for any military dictatorship in Belize; it will not happen, definitely not under my watch. But it's good to be here, and I want to reiterate what the Minister said this morning, that the Chiquibul is not the only area that the Belize Defence Force is actually working.

There are national priorities; there are many things happening within the Country; there's crime in Belize City; there is illegal narcotics trafficking; there's human smuggling; there are a lot of customs issues; there are a lot of immigration issues; there are a lot of forestry issues; and the BDF is engaged in every single one of them, and more. Our soldiers work really hard; they're doing an excellent job with the little resources they have. Of course we would like to have more resources, but that comes with money; that comes with finance.

We have observation posts in the Columbia Forest Reserve; we have in Vaca; we have down south; we have all the way down to Cadenas in the Sarstoon Area, and there are plans to implement more. There are discussions to put one in the Valentin Area as Mr. Manzanero mentioned. Of course we'd like to have more, but as I mentioned, it's going to take finance. We actually have three in the Chiquibul. We have Rio Blanco that was mentioned, Tapir Camp and also Ceibo Chico. Our soldiers patrol from those bases twenty four hours, they move



*Brigadier General David Jones
Commander of the Belize Defence Force*

out north, south, east and west of those locations trying to arrest the activities and the problems that are now occurring in Chiquibul. It's a difficult job, they are doing it with the most limited resources they have, but they are doing the best with what they have.

great concern with regards to more Guatemalans infringing on Belizean territory and sovereignty, and it was suggested that we take an aerial reconnaissance to see what's happening. And I immediately said, yes, let's go.

And when I took that

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I was able to take a helicopter flight in May along with the CEO from Foreign Affairs starting from the area of Arenal going all the way down to Caracol. We looked at what was happening in the Chiquibul. A member of the OAS informed us that there is

flight, it was alarming, the amount of clearing, planting, encroachment, illegal logging that is occurring in the Chiquibul at this time. It's a huge area, as Mr. Manzanero has pointed out, as the other previous presenters have pointed out; and it's going to

take a lot of effort to arrest the situation and the activities that are taking place in the Chiquibul. The Belize Defence Force cannot do it alone; no single organization in this Country can do it alone; you cannot only blame and expect the Government alone to do it. It is going to be a collective effort. We need to get our brightest minds together, sit down, get all the information we can on the area, analyze it, decide what needs to happen, and then execute a plan.

What we're doing, we're only reacting to what is happening now. There needs to be a better thought process, more deliberate action on how to approach this particular scenario and any other scenario that requires national action.

After that flight that I took over the Chiquibul area, we immediately had an operation launched. The information from that operation was not made public, but I'll give you some of the information on what we achieved during that time. Some of the milpas that Mr. Manzanero spoke about, we destroyed from the First of June to the Seventh of June, about eleven of these milpas. They range from 2 acres in size to twenty acres in size. This is what our soldiers have been doing; a lot of acres of farming we destroyed in the area. That included a huge marijuana plantation of over 7,000 plants that we destroyed in the area.

We arrested other Guatemalans that we met in the area, we informed them, showed them exactly where they were in Belize, and because they didn't have anything illegal with them, we escorted them to the border and asked them not to return.

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Of course, we document the names of these people, particulars of them, and so we keep it in records in case we do meet them again, then probably different actions will be taken.

We destroyed some dwelling huts in the area that people probably would start to live in; we destroyed some small, what the military would refer to as some lean to, which are some small huts that people would spend the overnight, and then continue the following day, and then continue their operation.

There are some more out there. Apart from those plantations, we saw a lot more that has been cleared and are ready to be planted, and probably is being planted now. There are some clearings that we have seen out there that range in size of up to 4 acres. There are some huge clearances that are happening within the Chiquibul.

Definitely, something needs to be done, and I would suggest it needs to be done now. It's a lot of work that needs to be done. Our laws within the Country are there. They are good laws; they need to be enforced. Customs, Immigration, Forestry, the lead agencies that need to take action in those areas need to get together; and, of course, the Belize Defence Force and any other NGO like FCD, everyone who has a stake in what's happening in Chiquibul, needs to get together and work together to come up with a plan of action and execute it, because there's a lot of work to be done out there.

The patrols that our soldiers have to conduct are very rugged. Mr. Manzanero has alluded to it; and I

can testify to it. There have been some villages in the past, if you can recall, probably over a decade ago, when we had the village of Machaquilá, the village that was at Rio Blanco, the one at Santa Rosa, and there was another village called Nuevo Union. When the Confidence Building Measures started it was

village there. So I was tasked to find the village; and apart from that task of finding the village, I was also given the task to find the different border corners from where I was to where I was supposed to end up. Looking at a map; you can look at the map and you can decide, okay, I will walk from here to there, but just look-

days we were supposed to. When we arrived at the village, the Guatemalans were surprised that we were there. They had the impression that we were going to be violent against them, or unfriendly towards them, or just evacuate them. But I approached the situation in a calm manner; I tried to find out who was the head of the village; I spoke to him, and I explained to him, you are in Belize, I showed him the map, and I told him possible consequences of you being here is that eventually you will be evacuated. I am not here to get you guys away from here. That would be done between political leaders of Belize and Guatemala in an amicable way, an objective way, to make sure that neither country is offended.

There were other villages after that; I spent two weeks there, and I was subsequently extracted by helicopter and sent to another village, Machaquilha. So, from there I spent another two weeks in the jungle without coming out; and after my fourth week in the jungle, that rugged terrain, I was on my way to walk

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because of these villages that were along the border.

The first patrol that was deployed was in the Rio Blanco area. I was the patrol commander for the first patrol; I was inserted in the Rio Blanco Area by helicopter, and I was tasked to find the village, because we flew over by aircraft, we saw the dwellings, and we realized that there was probably a little

ing at the map is different from being on the ground; it's totally different. When I was doing that patrol in the area, of course, I was mad, because my thought went back to the person who gave me the task, with the time frame I had, and the rugged terrain I had to walk; because personally I would not have sent my horse on that patrol.

We did it in the couple

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The large audience at the Chiquibul Symposium at Radisson Fort George Hotel on Friday July 19

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BDF Soldiers on guard in one of Belize's borders areas

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out finally after four weeks. On my journey out, being inquisitive, as most soldiers are, I found a track, and I decided to follow it. Lo and behold, I found another village of about 26 families.

I didn't see my family for four weeks, they hadn't heard from me in four weeks; there were no telephones behind there to inform them that I could not have been home after fourteen days, which is normal for us to do; fourteen, sixteen days, then go home. I had already spent a month; my thought process was going; should I report this village, or should I just continue and take the grid reference and let someone else come and find it?

But as a god soldier and officer, I stayed there, I sent the radio message, and lo and behold, the commander said, well, you will remain there, but not just remain there, I had to walk back and forth in that rugged terrain everyday from one village to the other. I was just given resupply of rations, over sixty to seventy pounds, on my back, and that's what I was walking

back and forth with everyday, to liaise with people in the village in the north and the village in the south.

So, I ended up spending an extra three weeks in there; and the final two weeks

that I spent there, we were being resupplied by helicopter at the northern village. British Forces had their helicopter here at the time.

Unfortunately, on my fifth week, the helicopter couldn't get into the area because of weather conditions; so we ran out of rations, and I had another two weeks to stay there. So on the radio, using my initiative, I called in and I said, I suggest that we use some horses from the village of San Jose Hawaii to load some rations on it, get some farmers, pay them and have them walking that three-day

journey up to where I was. So they said, Okay, however, you may need to guide the horses in. So I had to walk out to the village where I was supposed to be extracted from, get the farmers, get all the rations loaded, and then walk back in.

On the journey, about half way to where I was returning, the horses fell; they started to foam; and I could keep going and leave them there, but our rations were on the horses, and I couldn't carry all of that. So, we had to wait a couple of hours to revive the horses, to get the ration back on them, and to go back in.

Well, that's just an example of what our soldiers actually go through, because the terrain is really rugged. So, when people talk about

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going along the border and carrying out certain activities, without having the knowledge that comes with being on the ground, we as soldiers understand and we know what's really happening in that area. We know the resources that are required there, we know the type of work that is required there, and I as an officer, I understands that it requires collaborative effort.

So, apart from the suggestions that have been made by Mr. Manzanero, the consideration by Mr. Gibson, I'll make two more points before

we close. Two things need to happen. There needs to be a policy on what should happen in that area, which alludes that there should be some political directive. There has to be guidance from the top. It needs to have a directive as to what should happen in the area and what we want to achieve. So there needs to be a course of action adopted to achieve national goals and address collective interest. This needs to happen.

That policy needs to be driven and supported by a strategy. That's the second thing that needs to happen. There needs to be a strategy. Strategy is a word that many people use, they use it in the business community, they use it in sports, they use it for other reasons, but basically it is a plan. Without a plan, you're not going to achieve anything. You're just headless chickens going in different directions without anything coordinated. So there needs to be a plan.

The policy needs to have the information of what the ends are, meaning what do we want to achieve, and particularly, in the Chiquibul, what do we want to achieve in the Chiquibul. Apart from the ends, the means need to be inside that policy; what are we going to use to achieve it? Now, when it comes to the ways, that can be adopted by the people who will sit down and discuss how we're going to do it. So the BDF, the Police, FCD, Forestry, Immigration, all the other organizations that have a stake in this Chiquibul Forestry Reserve need to sit down and discuss the ways in which this is going to be achieved.

So, a strategy has three

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components - the ends, the ways and the means. So the end, what you're going to achieve; the means, what you're going to use; and the ways, how you're going to do it. So, all the meetings that we have, all the engagements that we're doing inside the Chiquibul, they're only pieces of the puzzle.

All this has to be nested, has to be grouped, has to be nested. So, overarching, there is a goal, and we need to know how to reach that goal. Having an effective strategy, needs to be tested, and there are four things you can use to test it. It needs to be acceptable, it needs to be suitable, it needs to be feasible, and it needs to be sustainable. Acceptable has to do with the political realm; it has to be politically acceptable, not to be confused with party political acceptability. It has to do with the national interest of the Country, and the national objectives that the Country wants to achieve. Don't even think about political objectives; it must be about the national interest when it comes to the political directive.

Suitability: Whatever is done needs to be legal, it needs to have the economics in mind as how you're going to achieve it. Feasibility: the resources that need to be put in place to achieve the ends. So, military resource, the Police, Forestry, Immigration; apart from the human resources, the equipment that needs to be bought, trucks need to be bought, weapons, whatever ancillary or equipment you need, all that needs to be bought; and you need to think, sit down, and decide how much money and resources is needed before you

go into a venture like this.

And sustainability: If you go into this venture, you need to have the will to do it. You need to be prepared to go for the long haul. You can't just go in there and say, boy this is tough, I can't continue with this; or you wasting your time. The operation has to be sustained. It may be difficult

"What we're doing in the Chiquibul is only tactics, engagements. What we need to do is to pool these engagements to win a war. Because we're just fighting battles, we're only fighting battles; we need to win the war. So, we need to have a clear, articulate vision of what we want in the Chiquibul, and look at the end, and then work on it."

to have a time frame on it, but it is good if you can have one, and work within the time frame that you have to achieve it.

Now, of course the Government has its instruments of power, one of which is Diplomacy, appealing to its counterparts in Guatemala, as Mr. Gibson mentioned, to dissuade their people from coming in. It cannot be an effort just within Belize. We have neighbors, our concern is one of our neighbors coming into Belize reaping our resources.

There are a lot of things being taken out of Chiquibul and leaving our country. Different logwoods, Xate, Gold-panning, other illegal things happening, contraband coming in and out, and we cannot do this without engaging our partners to the West. So we have to work with them. The peasants living over in Guatemala look over into the Chiquibul and see a sustainable way of having a livelihood for themselves. They may wonder across innocently, or be encouraged to come over. Who-

ever we encounter there, we need to approach them in a respectful manner, in a dignified manner, find out exactly what they are doing, and come to some solution in getting them back over to their country.

Internationalize this scenario, as what Mr. Manzanero said. The rest of the

the war. So, we need to have a clear, articulate vision of what we want in the Chiquibul, and look at the end, and then work on it.

So, what Von Clausewitz said is that none in his right mind will engage in a war without knowing exactly what he wants to achieve and exactly how he is going to achieve it. So, this means the political directive, from the start, needs to be right before any strategy is derived or implemented.

So ladies and gentlemen, we need to have a good policy, we need to develop a strategy, we need to sit down, work together and implement what we want.

The Chiquibul is a very beautiful place; there are a lot of beautiful sceneries inside Chiquibul that most Belizeans will never see. Some of the rangers may never see it. Only soldiers have walked some of those places. And, sometimes walking those places under the conditions that we do, we might not pay attention to the beauty because of the pain that is on our backs, as we keep going. Nonetheless, there are beautiful places in the Chiquibul.

So, I will end my comments there, Ladies and Gentlemen, and if related questions come later, I may be able to entertain them.



Aerial View of a portion of the Chiquibul National Park

Belmopan Bombers win Back to Back In Cayo Men's Softball Competition



*Francisco Gutierrez bats
Belmopan Bombers*



*Stephen Williams bats
Belmopan Bombers*



*Dion Richards bunts
Belmopan Bombers*

The undefeated Belmopan Bombers are leading 2-0 in the men's softball competition organized by the Cayo Softball Association, which continued at the Denbeigh Fuller Stadium in Camalote Village on Saturday, July 20.

In Game 1, the Camalote Warriors were leading 17-13 before the Belmopan Bombers recovered to win 26-18. Warriors pitcher Nelson Flowers and relief pitcher Daniel Pollard gave up 8 hits, struck out 7 batters and walked 20 batters.

No runs scored in the 1st inning; neither did the Warriors in the top of the 2nd inning, but Belmopan led 3-0 when Francisco Gutierrez, Linsford Reneau and Dennis Myles scored in the bottom of the 2nd.

The Warriors led 7-3 when Nelson Flowers, Joseph Trapp, Ryan Arnold, Alexander

Card, Kenroy Banner, Ron Waight and Amir Quintanilla crossed the plate in the top of the 3rd.

Belmopan tied the score 7-7 when Randy Joseph, Troy Williams, Stephen Williams and Francisco Gutierrez crossed the plate in the bottom of the 3rd.

Camalote led 17-13 when Brian Arnold and Ban-

ner rounded the bases twice off Stephen Williams' pitching in the top of the 4th; and Tyler Pollard, Trapp, Daniel Pollard, Card, Waight and Edward Rowland also crossed the plate in the 4th.

Dion Guzman replaced Williams on the mound for Belmopan, but they were down as only Joseph, Troy, Ste-

phen Williams, Gutierrez, Reneau and Guzman crossed the plate in the bottom of the 4th.

Only Tyler scored for Camalote in the top of the 5th as the Belmopan men took over the lead 21-18 when Dion Richards homered and rounded the bases twice in the 5th inning; while Troy Williams, Stephen Williams, Gutierrez, Myles, Lee Valencia and Guzman crossed the plate in the bottom of the 5th.

The game was called by mercy rule when Gutierrez, Reneau, Myles, Valencia and Guzman scored in the bottom of the 6th. The Warriors had made 8 errors.

(In the Senior Male Tournament this past weekend, July 27, Camalote Warriors, playing at home, defeated Las Flores 21-5. Camalote's Junior Team, Rising Stars, also won over the Esperanza Royal Devils, 16-8.)



*Stephen Williams pitches
Belmopan Bombers*



*Dion Guzman, Relief Pitcher
Belmopan Bombers*



*Troy Williams scores 3 runs
Belmopan Bombers*



*Dion Richards scores 3 runs
Belmopan Bombers*



*Francisco Gutierrez 5 scores runs
Belmopan Bombers*

Belmopan's Triple B takes the Lead In Atlantic Bank Female Football

The undefeated Belmopan Triple B's are No. 1 in the Atlantic Bank national female women's football competition with 10 pts from 3 wins and a draw; while the Sugar City Girlz picked up their first 3 points of the tournament when they outlasted the 4 time national champs, Esperanza Gentle Touch, 4-3 at the People's Stadium on Sunday, July 21.

Triple B's schooled the Dangriga Pumas 4-0 at the FFB stadium in Belmopan. Nykemah



Triple B Win 3 Games in Atlantic Bank Female Competition

teno made no such mistake as she embarrassed Vasquez with the hosts' 3rd goal in the 43rd minute to lead 3-0 at the break.

Magana and Jersha Estrada got their breaks to score but came up empty and the Triple B's coach Kent Gabourel Sr. introduced Shadalee Ho, fresh from a softball game, to replace Estrada. Ho choked on 2 tires right in front of goal, but Kaya Cattouse was not so forgiving, she blasted in a 4th goal in the 73rd minute for the 4-0 win.

The Sugar City Girlz



Fabiola Velasquez controls Belmopan Triple B



Two players from Belmopan Triple B defend against Dangriga Pumas player



Shadalee Ho shoots Belmopan Triple B



Noemi Magana attacks Belmopan Triple B



Iris Centeno - First goal Belmopan Triple B



Patty Marin vs Shadalee Ho Belmopan Triple B

Kuylen and Cindy Flores had led the Pumas' offensive with the help of Shayana "Shy" Caliz, Jackline Arzu, Tyra Hernandez and Sheyanne Castillo who gifted the ball to Triple B's goalie Idania Ramirez on her first try.

Sherane Anigi Welch, Patricia Marin, Ireini Lopez and Ilkei Swazo anchored the Pumas' defence, but Triple B's Noemi Magana stripped Patty Marin of the ball; her kick sent the ball to Iris Centeno, whose immediate left foot shot embarrassed Pumas' goalie Sherreen Vasquez with the hosts' 1st goal in the 14th minute.

Kaya Cattouse stole the ball from the Pumas' midfielders

and embarrassed Vasquez with a 2nd goal in the 31st minute. Pumas' top striker Nyke-

mah Kuylen was right in front of the goal when she sent her shot wide of goal, but Iris Cen-

posted their 1st win over Gentle Touch at the People's Stadium on Sunday. Karen Garcia scored Sugar City's 1st goal in the 10th minute, but then Gentle Touch's Kim "Brazilian" Perez scored a hat-trick with goals in the 25th, 31st and 41st minutes to lead 3-1 until Karen Acosta pulled one back for Sugar City in the 44th minutes.

Sugar City's Giselle Baeza equalized 3-3 in the 46th minute and Karen Garcia scored the game winner in the 65th minute.

The tournament continues as the Sugar City Girlz visit the Ladyville Jaguars for a back match in Ladyville on Sunday, July 28.



Belmopan Triple B's impenetrable defence

Belmopan Emeralds Victorious In Miley Garcia Cayo Softball

The Belmopan Capital City Emeralds and Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy both posted big wins in 2 back matches of Cayo Softball Association women's competition in Blackman Eddy on Sunday, July 21.

In Game 1, both the Emeralds and the Las Flores Shooting Stars did not make the cut for the playoffs, but the game determined their final ranking. Las Flores' pitcher Guadalupe Chicas struck out 1 batter and walked 1 hitter, but gave up 18 hits. Las Flores also made 11 errors, but the Emeralds still left 8 runners on base.

Paulette Flowers and Dominga Tut rounded the bases twice in the 1st inning, while Darlene Clarke, pitcher Dana Mae King,



Capital City Emeralds - won 17-9 over Las Flores Shooting Stars

Maud Blancaneaux, Felicia Gillett and Trecia Gillett all scored to lead 9-0 in the 1st inning. Blancaneaux

and Gillett crossed the plate again in the 2nd inning to lead 11-0. Emeralds' pitcher Dana

Mae King gave up 12 hits and walked 2 batters; the Emeralds made 2 errors, but the Stars also left 6 runners on base.

Antonia Cawich scored in the bottom of the 2nd, and Griselda Ortiz and Arlenie Pastrana scored in the bottom of the 3rd as the Stars trailed 3-11.

The Emeralds led 14-3 when Flowers, Shadonna King and Clarke crossed the plate in the top of the 4th.

Las Flores' Ortiz, Pastrana, Chicas, Regina Sho, Marilu Hernandez and Alica Leslie scored bottom of the fourth to trail 9-14.

Flowers and the two Gillett's crossed the plate again in the top of the 5th, and the game was called when Las Flores failed to score in the 6th inning.

Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy Defeats Ontario Rebels 15 to 4



*Myralee Ho 4 runs
Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy*



*Greta Davis hit 2 runs
Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy*



*Tanya Davis
Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy*



*Stephanie Francis scores 3 runs
Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy*

In Game 2, Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy walloped the Ontario Rebels 15-4. Roaring Creek led 2-0 when Myralee Ho and Stephanie Francis scored in the top of the 1st inning; but Ontario's Indira Ireland and Kenreen Gillett scored in the bottom of the 1st.

Ontario's pitcher, Indira Ireland, gave up 13 hits and the Rebels' made 6 errors. Roaring Creek's pitcher Leyandra Guy gave up 5 hits, struck out 1 batter and



*Lisandra Guy hits
Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy*

walked 2, allowing no runs in the 2nd inning. Roaring Creek soon led 10-2 when Greta Davis hit a grand slam bringing home Tanya Davis, Myralee Ho and Francis. Shadalee Ho, Karlee Bradley, Joyce Galves and Lisandra Guy also scored in the top of the 2nd.

Myralee crossed the plate home again in the 3rd, while the Rebels' Trecia Gardiner and Ireland scored in the bottom of the 3rd.

Roaring Creek left 3 run-
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Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy Defeats Ontario Rebels 15 to 4



Loren Henry hits Ontario Rebels



Kenree Gillett scores Ontario Rebels



Loren Henry catches Ontario Rebels



Sharine Reyes catches Ontario Rebels

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ners on base. Guy shut out the Rebels as Myralee, Francis, Greta and Shadalee crossed the plate again in the top of the 5th . The game was called by mercy rule when the Rebels did not score in the bottom of the 5th. Roaring Creek made 5 errors, but Rebels had left 4 runners on base. The Ontario Rebels take on Esperanza Wolverines and Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy will challenge Camalote United, when playoffs begin in Camalote on Sunday, July 28.



Karlee Bradley hits One Run Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy

New Update:
This past Sunday, July 28, in Camalote, Game One of the best of 3 Playoff Semi-final Series saw Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy defeating Esperanza Wolverines 14-10. In the other series, Camalote United won over Ontario Rebels 6-1. Games 2 of both playoff series will be played in Esperanza Village this coming Sunday, August 4, 2013.



Roaring Creeek Grace Kennedy outfielder make a defensive catch to



Myralee Ho hits 5 runs Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy



Shadalee Ho hits Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy



Tanya Davis hits One Run Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy



Myralee Ho makes a catch Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy



Myralee Ho hits 4 runs Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy

Queen of the Bay Belmopan 2013



Mikayla Banner



Magdalen Gibson



Krishna Mendez



Molica Spence



Marline Meggs

Friday August 2, 2013, University of Belize Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 General Admission, \$15.00 Reserved

After-bash at E & L Sports Bar featuring Presidential Sounds and Alfrain Supaul

