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SUICIDE SUSPECTED IN DEATH OF COLLEGE STUDENT

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Thursday, October 30, 2008:

The death of a loved one brings sorrow and grief to family and friends.

The SUDDEN death of a loved one brings even greater sorrow and grief.

It is in this light that we begin by expressing heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Kelvin Rosado**, 19, which occurred on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Crime Investigators from Benque Viejo Police Detachment are classifying the sudden death of this young, 2nd year Sacred Heart Junior College sixth form student, as a case of suicide.

Reports reaching us indicate that it was shortly after 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 28 when an anonymous female caller informed the police of the presence of a person hanging from a tree in that westernmost municipality.

Police rushed to the scene in the Hills

of Promise Area where they came upon the body of a male person suspended by the neck, with two joined canvas type belts, from a tree in the back yard.

The body was removed and rushed to the San Ignacio Town Community Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead and identified as that of Kelvin Rosado, 19, student, of Benque Viejo Town.

Investigations revealed that during the night of Monday, October 27, Rosado was out and about the town in San Ignacio socializing with friends from Benque Viejo.

They reportedly visited a popular restaurant in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio after which they visited the Princess Casino and later a Chinese Restaurant before returning home shortly after the midnight hour.

Reports indicate that at around 1:50 a.m., that Tuesday morning a "*Te Amo*" (I love you) text was sent from

his telephone to the telephone of his girlfriend, **Ildy Aldana**, who reportedly responded with like expression of love.

His friends informed that although they were drinking Lighthouse beers around the town in San Ignacio, Rosado was "*high*" but not "*drunk*" and that at no time did he seem depressed or indicate any intention to take his life.

In fact, they say, he was his usual jovial self throughout the night right up to the time they parted ways in Benque Viejo Town with each of them heading to their separate homes.

A family friend informed that with his mother working in Belmopan,



Kelvin Rosado, 19

SUNRISE: July 31, 1989

SUNSET: October 28, 2008

Rosado maintained a rather close relationship with his girlfriend, Ildy Aldana, and her family as he often had lunch at her family home.

In a statement to the police, the girlfriend informed that on several occasions Rosado had spoken to her about feeling lonely and about taking his life but that she never took him seriously as he always did so in a joking manner.

Police informed that a note was found on the dining room table. Out of respect for the family and due to the personal contents thereof, we will refrain from going into the details of the rather lengthy note; suffice to say that it contained expressions of love for his mother, sister, girlfriend and "*all my friends who I drink with. Saludos a mi Hernamo La Raza Bear Obed.*"

Many relatives, friends and fellow students attended the 2:00 p.m., funeral services at Mount Carmel Church in Benque Viejo Town on Thursday, October 30.

We end by again expressing deepest sympathy to the family and friends at the sudden passing of a loved one.

May his soul rest in peace.

Collapsing Culverts On The Western Highway

MILE 9, Western Highway, Thursday, October 30, 2008:

As the effects of tropical depression #16 continues to adversely affect life and property in western, central and northern Belize, our highways and other roadways are not spared the effects of raising flood waters.

The latest victim today was two sections of the Western Highway, within 3 miles of each other, first at mile 12 and a few hours later at mile 9.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Works, **Hon. Edmund Castro**, was on hand during the first minutes of Thursday, October 30, when, shortly after the midnight hour, he reported the dangerous collapse of a galvanized culvert across the Western Highway at mile 12.



The initial stages of the collapse at mile 9 on the Western Highway (encircled)

He summoned the Ministry of Works equipment and personnel into immediate action and **Turn To Page 15**

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"Why The Hell Did We Even Bother To Vote For The UDP?"

A few weeks ago the United Democratic Party (UDP) newspaper, **The Guardian**, published an article under the caption "*Coming Soon – The Venezuelan Money*". These funds are on the verge of being disbursed and although we are yet to receive official word, the grapevine is saying that the money will be disbursed among all 31 Area Representatives.

If we are to take this statement at face value, it could very well mean that included in the 31 are the 6 People's United Party (PUP) Area Representatives.

Need we be reminded that voters went to the polls on February 7, and overwhelmingly voted the PUP out of office primarily because of their misuse of public funds, rampant corruption and secret wheeling and dealings?

On February 7, voters across this nation, in resounding form, said that this bunch must never again lay their hands on the people's money. The wishes of the people must therefore never be betrayed.

In the short time since the February 7 general elections it is still fresh in our minds how the PUP sprinkled the crumbs of the first disbursement of the Venezuelan money while hoards of needy Belizeans, in almost riotous manner, crowded the locked gate at the Ministry of Housing on North Front Street in Belize City hoping to benefit from the spoils while in just two weeks, all the money was gone with the effects yet to be felt,

much less seen, in any quarters of the nation.

Apart from being a betrayal of the wishes of the people, handing over any portion of these funds to any PUP would be tantamount to shooting oneself in the foot.

In terms of the disbursement of goods and services, the PUP is known to play strictly by the political books. This is the reason why today, under the new UDP government, in the wake of the devastating flood conditions produced by tropical depression #16, we are yet to hear any accusation of relief supplies being distributed along party lines.

On the other hand, this kind of accusation was rampant in the wake of Hurricane Dean under the PUP government.

This is the reason why supplies intended for hurricane victims in the northern districts where diverted by the PUP National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) operatives and stock piled at the home of a PUP activist in Santa Elena for subsequent use as campaign handouts.

This was one of the reasons why international aid agencies steered away from giving relief supplies to the PUP government and instead channeled their contributions through the Red Cross and other such humanitarian organizations.

What therefore makes us believe that this latest disbursement of Venezuelan aid in the hands of the PUP will be handled any differently? What therefore makes us believe that the PUPleopard has changed its

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There is a strong possibility that, given access to these funds, in typical PUP fashion, the crumbs will be dusted off the table solely among PUP supporters while UDP's in these communities will look on in awe and wonder: "*Why the hell did we even bothered to vote for the UDP?*"

Would the UDP be able to handle this kind of resentment in 4 of the 10 Belize City constituencies and the two northern districts as we round the bend into the March 4, 2009 municipal elections?

Have we forgotten how the PUP government handled the disbursement of funds for the 2007 September celebrations? Remember how all those duly elected UDP Mayors were by-passed while celebration funds were placed in the hands and under the control of unelected PUP political officers and standard bearers.

Would it not be much easier for the Prime Minister to summon any member of his party to provide an explanation for the misuse of these public funds?

We have certainly not forgotten how these very same funds were diverted into buying

a hospital for the PUP and how the new UDP Government, under the steadfast guidance of **Prime Minister Dean Barrow**, expended tremendous time and effort into securing the return of these funds. Why then would we want to hand back any part thereof to any PUP?

They have stolen enough from the people. Let them use these stolen funds to repurchase their newspaper, radio station and party headquarters from those among them who shamelessly stole these party assets from them.

Let them repatriate a portion of the money they stole from the people to resuscitate their dying party in their effort to, at the very least, muster enough candidates to contest the approaching March 4, 2009 round of municipal elections.

The PUP has done the people wrong. They must therefore bare the brunt of the long road to recovery.

The peoples' money should not be used to cushion their fall from grace.

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CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)

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The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any persons whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcel must get in touch with me before the expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.


(MARJORIE PETZOLD) (MRS.)
REGISTRAR OF LANDS

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200807646

These parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SARTENEJA**, Block No. 3 and being Parcels No. 1418.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200807647

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200807993

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **SAN ESTEVAN**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 65.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 140 of 1996 dated 15th May, 1996 in favour of **EVARISTO REYES SR**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808003

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENCIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1968.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808004

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN ESTEVAN**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 233.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 441/1995 dated 6th February, 1995 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 1995 at Folios 1407-1416 in favour of **ELISEO PATT**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808016

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **GUINEA GRASS**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 663.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 536 of 1993 dated 23rd November, 1993 in favour of **JOSE COPO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808018

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808053

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808084

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENCIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1672.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808134

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200808134

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENCIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 2627.

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Stop The Vandalism

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, October 31, 2008:

A few weeks ago a reader wrote regarding the unlighted condition of the pedestrian pathway on the Hawksworth Bridge spanning the twin towns of Santa Elena and San Ignacio.

Within days of the article, the electricity company responded. All 10 fixtures were either repaired or replaced and light was restored to the bridge.

It did not take for long for 8 of the lights to go out again. The visible evidence indicate that most of them were vandalized as several of the transparent globes were broken with the bulbs hanging from their moorings.

It's a real shame that there are people in this community who would want to engage in this kind of practice.

This kind of behavior leads us to believe that these are the same individuals who under the cover of darkness prey upon victims traversing the bridge during nighttime hours robbing them of cash, jewelry, cellular telephones, bicycles and other personal property.



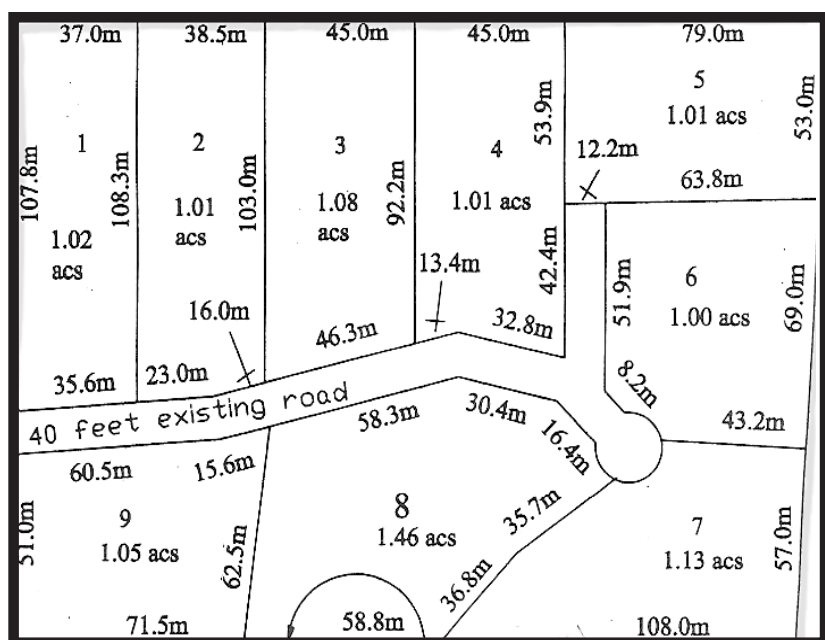
One of the 8 damaged light fixtures on the bridge with the internal mechanism dangling by a wire after the globe was broken

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Bringing Young Entrepreneurs Together

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, October 27, 2008:

In order to achieve a greater participation level among young people in the Caribbean in the Young Americas Forum, the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) in a collaborative effort with the OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat and the National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas is holding the Caribbean Sub Regional Dialogue on October 29 and 30, 2008 in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Representing Belize in this Dialogue is Tylon Gladden, of Youth Business Trust Belize. Tylon, a savvy young entrepreneur, received assistance from YBTB to open Ty Dee's Footwear located just opposite Xtra House on Cemetery Road in Belize City.

The Dialogue is an official event of the Young Americas Forum and the Fifth Summit of the Americas Process. The Dialogue will create participatory channels for young people from the Caribbean to be involved in civil society's contribution to the Summit.

Participants will reflect and share how the theme of the 5th Summit of the Americas, "*Securing Our Citizens Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability*" can be made relevant to young people and their

needs, thus increasing the level of awareness on the importance of the development of young entrepreneurs as being a public policy priority. Once finalized, the findings of the Caribbean Dialogue will be incorporated with decisions made in similar processes in North America, Central America and South America, the results of an online survey and national youth reports to prepare a final report, which will be submitted to the Governments of the 34 Member States to the OAS through the Summits Implementation and Review Group (SIRG) meetings.

This event seeks to bring together young entrepreneurs from various universities, business associations, youth organizations, national agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations, international organizations, financial institutions and OAS Member States. The Caribbean Sub Regional Dialogue expects more than 50 youth representatives to participate.

Youth Business Trust Belize is a program offering young persons between the ages of 18-35 assistance in starting their own businesses. The program offers loan financing, training and the ever important component, mentoring, which guides the young persons business on the road to success.



The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture would like to inform the public of the location and telephone numbers of its office as well as Departments and Units under its portfolio.

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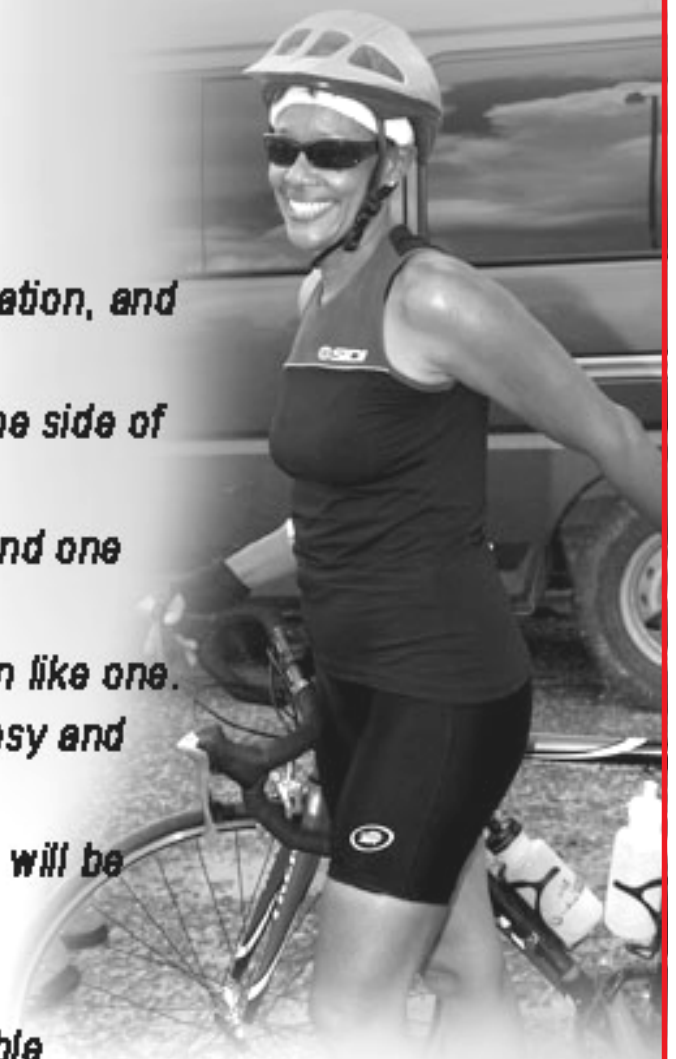
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World Heaviest Man Marries

BBC News (AP) - Friday, October 31, 2008:

The world's heaviest man has married his girlfriend in front of TV cameras and 400 guests in Mexico.

Manuel Uribe was taken to his wedding on the bed he has been unable to leave for the last six years, towed by a truck, in his home town of Monterrey.

The 43-year-old tipped the scales at 560kg (88 stones - 1,234.8 pounds) in 2006, but has since shed around 250kg (39 stones).

A tearful Mr Uribe married Claudia Solis, 38, in a ceremony filmed by a US TV channel.

Mr Uribe earlier told reporters: *"I'm very happy this is a really special day for me. God has permitted this day to arrive and for a beautiful woman like Claudia to marry me. We will start a new adventure together."*

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Mr Uribe's custom-made bed was decorated with a canopy, flowers and gold-trimmed bows at it was towed by a truck through the streets of Monterrey to a local hall for the civil service, the Associated Press news agency reported.

He wore a white silk shirt and a sheet wrapped around his legs, while his bride wore a strapless ivory dress and tiara.

Instead of a first dance, the pair are reported to have sat together, holding hands and swaying to the song.

Mr Uribe's mother, Orquedia

Garza, said her son had steered clear of the five-tiered wedding cake - a vow he made when he announced the date of his wedding at the start of the month.

"He didn't break his diet," she told the Associated Press (AP). *"His doctors are here and they are watching him closely."*

Manuel Uribe, a former mechanic, entered the Guinness Book of Records as the world's heaviest man when he weighed 560kg - the weight of a small truck.

He has since been following the Zone Diet - consisting of a strict formula of carbohydrates, proteins and fats - which has enabled him to nearly half his body weight. However, he remains unable to walk.

He met Claudia four years ago and the couple were engaged for the last two years.

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The Ministry of Works would also like to thank the general public for their patience and cooperation as we continue to serve you.

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**Inspection of Roaring
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MOW personnel after
flood waters had
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★ STAR HUMOR ★

That's You On The Picture

When I went to get my driver's license renewed, the little office downstairs of the Town Hall was packed.

The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his license.

He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I

ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The clerk looked at his picture closely and said "It's okay," she reassured the man: "That's exactly how you're going to look anyway when our traffic wardens give you a ticket or when the cops pull you over and check your license."

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Arriving home in eager anticipation of a leisurely evening, the husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife.

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Before he could say more than a word or two, the druggist told him, "Now, just a minute, listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, but I'll be darned if I didn't lock the house with both house and car keys inside. I had to break a window to get my keys.

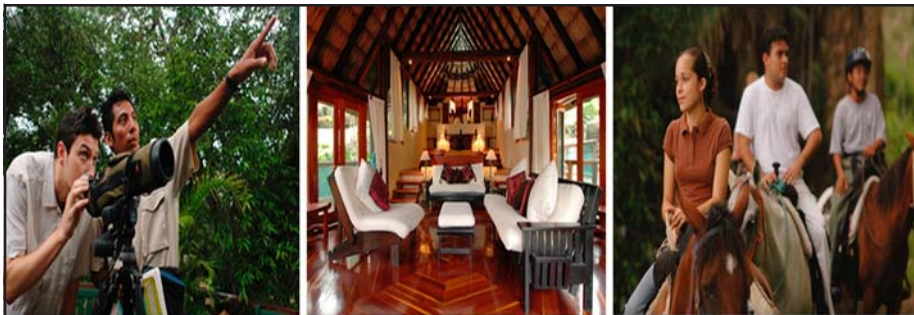
Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Then, about three blocks from the store I had a flat tire.

When I finally got to the store there

was a bunch of people waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, and all the time the darn phone was ringing its head off.

Then I had to break a roll of nickels against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I got down on my hands and knees to pick up the nickels - the phone is still ringing - when I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it, and half of them hit the floor and broke.

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"Human Catastrophe" Grips Congo

BBC News (AP) - Friday, October 31, 2008:

Fierce fighting between government and rebel forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo has caused a humanitarian catastrophe, the Red Cross says.

Diplomatic efforts are under way to end the crisis, which has threatened to spill over into neighbouring Rwanda.

A tense ceasefire is holding in the eastern city of Goma, where tens of thousands fled as rebels advanced.

But rebel leader Gen **Laurent Nkunda** has threatened to take the city unless UN peacekeepers guarantee the ceasefire.

Killings and rapes have been reported in Goma and aid has not been reaching the displaced.

Oxfam and other leading international aid agencies have suspended operations in the city, where a main hospital as well as numerous businesses and homes have been looted.

The Red Cross's **Michael Khambatta** told the BBC the priority now was providing the vast numbers of civilians forced from their homes with food, medical aid, shelter and some sort of security.

Overstretched peacekeepers

After several days of fighting,



Gen Nkunda declared the ceasefire on late on Wednesday, and his Tutsi forces are positioned some nine miles (15km) from Goma - the provincial capital of North Kivu.

He said he was opening a "humanitarian corridor" so aid could reach the thousands of people trapped between his forces and UN soldiers backing up government troops in the city.

Much of the looting has been blamed on retreating Congolese troops.

The UN is considering redeploying some of its 17,000-strong

force in DR Congo - the world's largest - to bolster around 5,000 peacekeepers in the city.

As the tense ceasefire held early on Friday, a multi-pronged diplomatic effort was under way to resolve the crisis.

UN Secretary General **Ban Ki-moon** sent envoys to both DR Congo and Rwanda as each accused the other of launching cross-border incursions.

The African Union is to hold crisis talks on Friday and EU efforts have been ongoing to bring Rwandan President Paul Kagame and Congolese President Joseph Kabila together.

The EU is also to discuss sending troops to the area to aid the humanitarian effort.

Fleeing for the forests

Meanwhile, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs **Jendayi Frazer** has held talks with Mr Kabila in DR Congo's capital, Kinshasa.

Many in DR Congo say Rwanda supports Gen Nkunda's forces - something Rwanda denies.

However it happens, an end to the fighting cannot come soon enough, says the BBC's Peter Greste on the DR Congo-Rwanda border.

In the past two months, more than 200,000 people have been driven from their homes across eastern DR Congo, our correspondent adds.

While thousands have sought refuge in Goma, many thousands more have fled into the forests, where the militias cannot find them, and the aid agencies cannot help them.

Gen Nkunda has told the BBC his goal was to protect the Tutsi community from attack by Rwandan Hutu rebels, some of whom are accused of taking part in the country's 1994 genocide.

Correspondents say a race for the area's mineral wealth is fuelling the conflict as much as ethnic enmities.

There are growing concerns for the welfare of 39 wildlife rangers who were forced to flee into dense forest after their headquarters in eastern DR Congo were stormed by rebels.

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Stop This Blood Bath - Bring Back The Death Penalty

BY: Dr. Mark A. Ludwig
San Ignacio Town, Cayo District,
Friday, October 24, 2008:

In response to your recent article *“Restoring Law and Order in a Lawless Society”*, I think that we should understand that part of our problem is a result of our colonial past.

We have inherited or laws and legal system from the British. Furthermore, the British system is maintained here even when it plainly doesn’t work.

The mechanism for maintaining British control is the *“right”* that criminals have to appeal to the Privy Council in England. What this means is that an elite club of English judges can effectively overturn any of our laws if they don’t like them. When the court rules, its ruling is effectively law in Belize, and it creates a precedent that Belizeans have no power whatsoever to overturn.

Of particular concern to Belizeans right now are the laws against murder. It is time to stop this blood bath. It is an easy matter to stop it. A few good laws will do it.

First, we need a law that will put murderers where they belong. Presently, you can murder someone in broad daylight and in front of a hundred witnesses, and the only

punishment you will get is that you will be fed and housed at public expense for a long time. Not everybody in our society even considers that to be a punishment. For some, it’s more like an honorable pension. And the good people of Belize are forced to pay the upkeep of Belize’s worse through taxes.

A simple law is all we need: put murderers to death. That’s what the Bible says must be done with them. Anything else destroys God’s created order and causes heartache, grief and national failure. People who do not respect human life have no right to the respect of their own lives. Believe me, after a few executions, Belize’s problem with murder would tame down real fast.

The problem we face is that the English Privy Council isn’t going to let us execute murderers. England is a godless society that has rejected the Bible and godly wisdom, replacing it with the foolishness of man. When God is rejected, man is made God. Human life in the abstract becomes the ultimate value, and to take a human life the ultimate evil. The government then, it is reasoned, should not take a human life. Only so can the great judged in their mahogany paneled offices maintain their moral cleanliness and keep their manicured

hands clean.

Such an argument is insane though. By refusing to take the lives of murderers the government encourages murder. The murderer gains a benefit. The result of his murder is simply that the government supports him, possibly for the rest of his life. Other would-be murderers see that and decide that the drawbacks of murdering somebody aren’t al that bad. The result, which we see at work in Belize today, is that murder becomes more and more common.

This is not merely some abstract cause and effect relationship either. Just last February the Privy Council ruled, once again, that Belize cannot put to death her most heinous criminals, when it overturned the death sentence of Pipersburg and Robateau who butchered four people in 2003. Since that decision, crime – and especially murder – has again been on the increase. And why not? The Privy Council has told every would-be murderer in Belize that he doesn’t have to be afraid of the consequences of his actions.

Ultimately what the refusal to properly punish murder says is that these innocent people who are being murdered are not worth much anyway. This, too, is fallout from our colonial past. The natural born

citizen of England’s colonies never were worth what the sons of the mother country were worth. Indeed, England herself is a stratified nation with upper and lower classes. The upper class runs the country and the lower class are worthless, degraded scum. England says that, loud and clear to her own people and to us here in Belize.

Our legislative is prevented from punishing murder in the only way that it should be punished – by death. We legislate capital punishment and the Privy Council will not allow our laws to be carried out.

The question is; how much longer WILL Belize put up with this? How much longer CAN Belize put up with this? Shall we wait until our tourist trade is dead, and all of the jobs resulting from it are gone? Shall we wait until we’ve all been touched by having a loved one murdered? How long? When will our hearts go out to the victims of this senseless lawlessness instead of sheltering and protecting the perpetrators of these crimes?

If England insists on forcing us to descend into a blood bath, then it is time to sever our ties with England, and stop the right to appeal to the Privy Council. That will require at least a constitutional amendment. It may require some guts added to it. (*The Privy Council blocked a Jamaican amendment on technicalities in order to maintain its authority in*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, at 6:00 pm**, there will be a public meeting to discuss the Supreme Court judgment in the case concerning the Environmental Compliance Plan and the Chalillo Dam at the Cultural Center in San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

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Four areas of non-compliance were set out because of their impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the people downstream:

- **A dam break warning system or inform people of a dam break emergency and a plan on what to do in case of a dame break,**
- **properly testing the fish for mercury levels and reporting the findings to the public concerning the safety of eating fish,**
- **properly monitoring water quality in the river and informing people of the findings,**
- **having public participation meetings and open communication with stakeholders (us).**

Participants in the meeting will include:

Clarissa Vega, Attorney from Honduras, location of the largest dam in Central America; Antoinette Moore, Belize Attorney and other visitors from the region and the United States of America.

NEMO and DEMO have also been invited



TENDER NOTICE

The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Works, intends to purchase the following items:

- 6 No. Utility Pickup Trucks**
- 1 Line Marker (For line marking of roads)**

Tenders are invited to submit a quotation for the supply of the above mentioned items.

The format for the tender/quotation and specifications for the above items are available at the Ministry of Works Office at the below listed address.

Failure to complete all relevant sections of the form and to submit the required technical data (brochures) shall result in the offer being regarded as unresponsive and may render it ineligible for consideration.

The quotation shall be duty and tax free.

Deadline for submission is
4:30 pm, Friday, November 7, 2008.

Sealed tenders should be sent to the following address:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Works
Power Lane
Belmopan

Stop This Blood Bath - Bring Back The Death Penalty

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Jamaica.)

Such proposals have been made before, but everybody seems to be waiting around for the establishment of some Caribbean Court. If it can be put together, fine, but the real question is, why do Belizeans really need that? Belize has some sensible judges. They are under Belizean control, and if they don't do a good job we can fire them just as surely as we can hire them.

Why surrender control of our country to some external body of big men appointed by who knows who? How can we ever expect to be able to build this country and make it better for everybody if we can't even put our own laws into effect? Is it just that our leaders are too cowardly to stand up and say how things need to be without the blessing of the ruling elite in England? Maybe we are dealing with another hangover from the colonial period, and our leaders don't really believe they can stand up and make such decisions because their skin is too dark?

In the end, the legislature who condones murder by refusing to punish it with death has on its hands the blood of the innocent, and the land is soaked with blood by reason of their godless madness. A legislature who lets a far away court make the

decision that is their responsibility to make is no better. Unless and until the legislature does everything in its power to stop the blood bath, they are shirking their responsibility. But they are responsible. They will be held responsible by the victims, by the people of Belize and by history. All the blood of every innocent victim of the Belizean blood bath will be laid at their feet by man and by God. If the legislature cannot pass a law and deal with the murder problem, then it needs to pass a constitutional amendment now.

More tough sounding laws that everybody knows the Privy Council will quash immediately do nothing, including proposed anti-terrorist legislation. They are a demonstration of cowardice. A constitutional amendment is the first step, and the only step that will count for anything. If the Privy Council refused the amendment, then Belize's independence was never anything more than a sham and we need to declare our independence for real.

In the past, Belize has not rocked the England boat or ruffled its feathers because England provided Belize with plenty of aid money. But if this money comes at the cost of destroying the country and making it a place where no good man can live

and raise a family, then it is not worth the price. This is an opportune time, too. With the revenues from oil, Belize really doesn't need English aid. Maybe I cannot speak for all Belizeans, but I do not think the perks coming from England are worth having one of my sons bleeding to death in my arms, the victim of just another senseless murder.

We need to put ourselves in the shoes of the victims, of family members left behind – the children, the widows, and the parents. Do that and you can see clearly what must be done. And if it doesn't get done then in a few years you are likely to be in those shoes, mourning the infinite, unrecoverable loss of someone dear to you. All because some high and mighty judge far away doesn't consider your loved one to be worth very much.

Realize, too, that if Belize doesn't take a stand on this critical matter then the country will descend into deeper darkness.

Belize should know that English law now forbids victims from retaliating when a crime is being

perpetuated against them. Case in point: If a robber comes into your house and you punch him – you will be charged with assault. If you come upon a rapist in the act of violently raping your wife and you kill him – you will be charged for murder. If someone comes into your house with intent to harm you and you chop that person with a machete – the charge is attempt murder for you.

It is only a matter of time before this insanity is foisted upon the people of Belize. Just one test case – just one appeal to good old mother England, by some scoundrel who was foiled in his evil – and that will effectively be the law in Belize too. Already Belizeans' right to defend themselves in their own homes is under attack by the courts.

The Bible says *“all who hate me (God) love death.”* Those who ignore God's law for murder have declared their hatred for Him, and they shall face death at the hands of the sons of the devil whom they empower.

Belize, it's time to wake up!

Training The Police

The Belize Police Department's Community Policing Unit is conducting two (2) trainings with thirty-six (36) Police Officers starting this week.

The first training is in collaboration with the Belize Red Cross *“Together We Can Project”* with the focus of training for trainers as Instructor Trainers in the education and prevention of HIV/AIDS and building skills in Youth Friendly Services. This is a three days training that's begins today 14th to 16th October, starts at 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yabra's Youth Friendly and Community Drop-in Center. Some of the topics that will be focusing on are:

- a) Effective Communication Skills
- b) Sexuality
- c) Values & Attitudes
- d) HIV/AIDS 101
- e) How to communicate with young people

Objectives of this training are in three (3) areas, awareness, empowerment and capacity building; at the completion of this training Police Officers will receive certificates and be certified as Instructor Trainers from the Belize Red Cross. All financial funding for this training is from United Population Fund (UNFPA).

The other training is a three weeks *“Introduction to Computer”* training. Sixteen (16) Police Officers will participate in areas of:

- i) Introduction to Computer
- ii) Introduction to XP Computer Program
- iii) How to access & utilize Microsoft Word

iv) How to access & utilize Microsoft Excel

v) How to access & utilize Publisher Program

Objectives of this training are in three (3) areas, awareness, empowerment and capacity building. Police Officers who completes will:

- a) Be trained in basic Information Technology
- b) Be aware about the effectiveness of computer programs that are meaningful to themselves in the workplace
- c) Be knowledgeable about the services offered at the Community Policing Unit.

This training begins today 14th to 31st October, 2008; daily two hours sessions will be conducted at the Community Policing Computer Center in Yabra. All participants who completes will receive a certificate.

For further information please contact **Mr. Douglas Hyde**, Police's Youth Program Coordinator at 625-3016.

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Pursuant to Decision 6(b) of the Final Decision issued by the PUC on June 26, 2008, in relation to the 2008 Annual Review Setting Methodology (RSM) has been implemented effective September 1, 2008.

The new RSM is intended to provide for more timely collection of the costs paid by BEL for wholesale power and to encourage more efficient consumption of electricity by consumers.

Under the new RSM, the PUC sets the Reference Price of Power (RPP – the cost of power component of the Mean Electricity Rate [MER]) twice during an Annual Tariff Period (ATP – the current ATP is from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009). The RPP is designed to allow for full recovery of the cost of power purchased and generated for the period that it is applied, but may result in excess costs or payments on a monthly basis.

After each month during the ATP, the variance in the Actual Cost of Power (ACP) and Actual Sale of Power (ASP) is compared to the variance in the Forecast Cost of Power (FCP) and Forecast Sale of Power (FSP) and if there is any material deviation, the PUC determines if there will be any Cost of Power Recovery (CPR) rate applied to consumers' bills in order to recover for BEL any material excess cost of power or to rebate to consumers any material excess payments.

The new RSM has been applied in October, 2008, and BEL has provided the Actual Cost of Power (ACP) and Actual Sale of Power (ASP) for the months of July, August and September, 2008. The result of applying the new RSM is presented below:

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Notice

Determination of Cost of Power Recovery for November, 2008

Mean Electricity Rate (MER) - July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008:

Value Added of Delivery (VAD):	\$0.135
Rate Stabilization Account (RSA) Recovery:	\$0.080
Corrections:	-\$0.086
Reference Price of Power (RPP):	<u>\$0.312</u>
MER:	\$0.441

Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000:

Month:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Forecast Cost of Power (FCP):	12,545	12,181	10,223	10,423	9,125	8,870
Forecast Sale of Power (FSP):	10,961	11,009	11,198	10,658	10,316	9,921
Forecast Cost of Power Variance (FCPV):	1,584	1,172	-975	-236	-1,191	-1,051
Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account (FCPVA) balance:	1,584	2,756	1,781	1,545	354	-697

Actual Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000:

Month:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual Cost of Power (ACP):	12,664	10,635	7,597			
Actual Sale of Power (ASP):	11,101	11,724	11,891			
Actual Cost of Power Variance (ACPV):	1,563	-1,089	-4,294			
Actual Cost of Power Variance Account (ACPVA) balance:	1,563	474	-3,820			

Conclusions and Determination:

The balance in the ACPVA is (\$1,780,782 - [-\$3,819,681] =) \$5,600,463 lower than that for the FCPVA for September, 2008.

There is no indication of any imminent event likely to occur during the current period to reverse the current trend of actual energy costs being lower than forecast energy costs.

There will be no Cost of Power Recovery (CPR) rate applied for the month of October, 2008.

The approved tariffs contained in the Final Decision of June 26, 2008, continues to apply.

Issued October 15, 2008, by the Public Utilities Commission

Suspected Hugo Chavez Campaign Money In Argentina Elections

A US judge has ordered the jury in the trial of a Venezuelan man accused of being an illegal agent of a foreign government to continue deliberations.

The jury told the judge on Wednesday they were deadlocked over the guilt or innocence of **Franklin Duran**.

Mr Duran is accused of going to Miami to try to help his government hide the source of a cash-filled suitcase that sparked an Argentine election scandal.

The judge says if a verdict cannot be reached, she will declare a mistrial and a second trial would then be scheduled.

“We cannot reach a unanimous verdict,” the jury said in a note to **Judge Joan Lenard** after deliberating for more than three days.

Judge Lenard replied with instructions for them to keep trying. **‘Campaign contribution’**

The alleged plot on which the trial is based first came to light when **Guido Antonini Wilson**, a Venezuelan-American businessman based in Florida, was stopped in August 2007 as he tried to enter Argentina carrying \$800,000 (£488,000) in a suitcase.

Mr Antonini, who holds dual Venezuelan-US nationality, was not



Guido Antonini Wilson

charged with any crime and was able to return home to Florida.

Soon after he returned, Mr Antonini agreed to co-operate with US investigators in an operation that led to Mr Duran’s arrest.

Mr Duran is accused of operating illegally in the US as an agent of the Venezuelan government and conspiring to secure Mr Antonini’s silence about the money.

Prosecutors said the evidence

clearly showed that Mr Duran had come to Miami to cover up the source of the suitcase cash at the request of the Venezuelan intelligence service.

They say the money was intended as a campaign contribution from Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez’s** government to **Cristina Fernandez de Kichner**, who was bidding to be elected president of Argentina in elections in October that year.

Lawyers for Mr Duran, who has pleaded not guilty, say he was set up by the FBI.

Four other men have admitted involvement in the attempted cover-up and say the Venezuelan intelligence agency played a central role.

Mr Duran faces 10 years in jail if found guilty.

President Chavez and President Fernandez have both said the trial is politically motivated.

Workshop On Belizean Export Requirements To Mexico

BELMOPAN CITY, Thursday, October 30, 2008:

The Embassy of Mexico informs that today, it presented the workshop *“Overview of Sanitary Requirements for Agricultural Products Imported into Mexico”* by **Dr. Cesar Villarreal**.

The lecture was held at the University of Belize Auditorium, in Belmopan. The event was organized by the Embassy of Mexico, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Belize, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food of Mexico (SAGARPA), the National Service of Health, Safety and Agro-Alimentary Quality of Mexico (SENASICA), and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA).

Dr. Cesar Villarreal, Technical Coordinator of the National Emergency Office for Animal Health of Mexico, is a Mexican expert in the prevention of foot and mouth disease, avian flu and animal exotic diseases.

Dr. Villarreal explained the sanitary and phytosanitary regulation that Mexico applies to Belizean products which are intended to be exported into Mexico.

Among other requirements, he highlighted that the Government of Belize will have to establish an inspection system for livestock and animal products exports, as well as to implement a preventive control on

diseases, plagues and harmful chemical products. These controls will have to be approved by Mexico, upon international standards.

Dr. Villarreal explained in detail the procedures for the entry of animal, vegetable and fish products into Mexico. He mentioned that Mexican requirements on imports comply with those established by international organizations for the trade of this kind of products between countries.

Dr. Villarreal pointed out that any Belizean producer can consult the requirements at:

www.senasica.gob.mx or to write to Dr. Rocío Campuzano rocio.campuzano@senasica.gob.mx (regarding animal products), to Mr. Vicente Rosas Medina regfito@senasica.gob.mx (regarding vegetable products), or to Dr. Salomé Koloffón Tella skoloffon@senasica.gob.mx (fish products).

The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, BAHA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Beltraide and Belizean producers from different associations.

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Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:-

NAME	CERTIFICATE NO.	REGISTRATION SECTION	PARCEL NO.
SHEENA GARBUTT	961/1987	SOCIETY HALL	1067
CLAUDIO GONZALEZ	830/1982	DOUGLAS RURAL	8

It is proposed to cancel the above Land Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any of the above mentioned certificates is required to return to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Belmopan.

(MARJORIE PETZOLD) (MRS.)
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Apply Early For Your US Visa

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Belmopan City, Thursday, October 30, 2008:

A public service announcement from the United States Embassy in Belmopan informs that the embassy would like to remind all applicants that visa appointment times fill up early in the month of December.

Applicants who plan to travel

during the Christmas or New Year holidays should schedule their appointments as soon as possible in November or early December.

Expired visas cannot be extended or renewed without a personal interview.

Visa application and appointment schedule information is available on the Embassy's website at www.belize.usembassy.gov."

New Peace Corps Volunteers Sworn In

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Belmopan City, Thursday, October 30, 2008:

The United States Peace Corps held a Swearing-In Ceremony on Wednesday, October 29, 2008.

With the participation of His Excellency **Sir Colville Young** and the assistance of Peace Corps Country Director **Steve Miller**, United States Ambassador **Robert Dieter** inducted 37 new Peace Corps Volunteers, who will be serving with Belizean counterpart agencies in four program areas: Business and Organizational Management, Education, Healthy Communities, and Youth Development.

The ceremony took place at 10:00 am on the grounds of the Governor General's Residence.

The new volunteers join 30 volunteers who are already serving throughout Belize and the more than

1,700 Peace Corps Volunteers who have served in Belize since the program began in 1962.

The new Volunteers arrived on August 20, 2008, at which time they began a ten-week, pre-service training program that included cultural training, language instruction, and technical training for their assignments. Following the Swearing-In Ceremony, the Volunteers travelled to the communities where they will live and work for the next two years.

The Peace Corps is celebrating 47 years of service at home and abroad. Currently, there are 8,000 Volunteers abroad, a 37-year high for service in the field.

Since 1961, more than 190,000 Volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries in which they serve.

Collapsing Culverts On The Western Highway

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he personally supervised the 6 hour restoration works as it was shortly after 6:00 a.m., when the culvert was replaced and traffic was allowed to make the crossing.

No sooner was this first task completed when reports began emerging of another collapsing culvert three miles down the road, at mile 9.

The traffic was momentarily interrupted as, at first, only light weight vehicles were allowed to pass under the direction of National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) Chief Executive Officer, (CEO) Retired Colonel **George Lovell**.

Technical personnel from the Ministry of Works, including CEO, **Cadet Henderson**, later arrived on the scene and after careful analysis

other vehicles were permitted to make the crossing.

As a precautionary measure however, passengers were ordered to disembark from buses while these vehicles crossed over the threatened surface of the highway.

By mid-day the culvert was eventually removed, and the void was filled with boulders thereby rendering it safe for transit by all forms of vehicular traffic.



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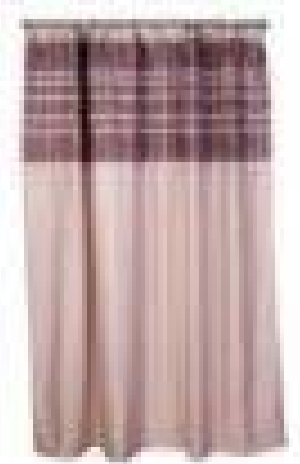
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