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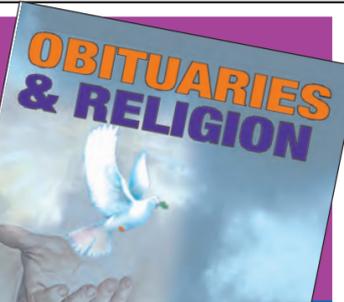


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LOCAL NEWS

# Surgeon says pancreas failure killed prisoner

By **KHRISNA VIRGIL**  
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THE surgeon that attended a prisoner who died after spending months in the Princess Margaret Hospital told the Supreme Court yesterday the main cause of death was the diminishing condition of his pancreas.

Corporal Donovan Gardiner has been charged manslaughter in the 2008 death of Desmond Key, who the prosecution alleges was severely beaten while

in police custody. Constable Tavares Bowleg is accused of abetment in the case.

During cross-examination by defence attorney Wayne Munroe, Dr Duane Sands said 28-year-old Desmond Key's pancreas was severely diseased and inflamed.

Admitting that the cause of the ailment could have been a number of factors, Dr Sands said the medical team, which he headed, used a process of elimination to narrow down the causes of Key's

condition.

The list of the possibilities included high alcohol intake and blunt force trauma, he said.

Mr Munroe further questioned Dr Sands on the likelihood of persons who are heavy drinkers developing pancreatitis.

Dr Sands said that a small number of such persons do develop the disease.

The doctor said that the victim was also plagued by a number of other conditions resulting from his pancreas, including a leak-

age of the fluid contained in the organ. Parts of his pancreas were also dying and ultimately became infected, he said.

Key, said Dr Sands, was later operated on to drain his abdomen of the toxic fluids and placed in the Intensive Care Unit.

The victim later bled into shock and never regained neurological function.

Dr Sands said the victim's prognosis remained poor as there was no sign of recovery even after he was transported to the US for further medical

attention.

Ultimately, the complications of Key's pancreatitis was the cause of his death, Dr Sands said.

Testifying to Key's condition after his death, forensic pathologist Karen Sands said he had a decreased brain size, heavy lungs, and a loss of muscle mass – of which she attributed to the condition of his pancreas.

When asked by Mr Munroe if she discovered any fractures in the victim's chest or skull, Dr Sands replied, "No".

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As with the New Providence Road Improvement Project (NPRIP) workers a few months ago, DNA candidates and representatives said they are prepared to listen to the concerns of disfranchised employees and fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

It is unfortunate, the DNA said, that Labour Minister Dion Foulkes has proven to be "unable or unwilling" to swiftly address this issue in the best interest of concerned KFC employees.

"Once again, Mr Foulkes has demonstrated his inability to protect the most vulnerable in our society, working families," said the party statement.

Leader of the DNA Branville McCartney said: "The right of workers to organise and petition their working conditions is inherently Bahamian, it is a part of our fabric. The DNA is prepared to protect that right at all costs."

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## Ex-central banker who won a bailout

JUST after accepting the least-wanted job in Greece more than three months ago, Lucas Papademos pointedly remarked that he was not a politician.

But the former central banker, appointed interim prime minister with the Herculean task of staving off bankruptcy and keeping Greece in the single currency group he helped the country join in 2001, has developed a knack for knocking notoriously fractious party leaders' heads together.

Holding together an unlikely coalition, Papademos, 64, has since succeeded in getting two-thirds of the Greek Parliament to impose hugely unpopular cutbacks on an austerity-weary nation, winning one of the most crucial votes in the country's modern history on Feb 13.

And in the early hours of Tuesday, he achieved the main mission of his brief interim mandate: To secure \$172 billion in rescue loans out of Greece's increasingly unwilling European partners and the International Monetary Fund, while wiping \$141 billion off the country's privately held debt to help stave off a potentially disastrous default on its bond payments next month.

"It's no exaggeration to say that today is an historic day for the Greek economy," Papademos said after the agreement early Tuesday.

Failure to secure the bailout would have been catastrophic, with Papademos warning of "uncontrollable economic chaos and social explosion". Greece would have defaulted on its debts late next month, and might well have been forced to revert to a heavily devalued form of its former national currency, the drachma.

The deal has come at a price, however. The country has agreed to change its constitution, to give priority to debt servicing payments that will be put directly every quarter into a segregated account. On top of this, the Greek Parliament has agreed to a stringent round of austerity measures and the leaders of the country's political parties have pledged to continue with the cuts and controls should they come to power.

According to the terms of his political appointment, the unelected Papademos could soon step down, ahead of national elections originally set for this month but put off for late April due to delays with the twin deal.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology-educated economist is in a peculiar position: he is currently more popular than most of the elected politicians Greeks blame for nurturing the bloated, inefficient, spend-thrift and corrupt public sector their parties built over the past four decades.

However, his critics in Athens see Papademos as the messenger for their country's creditors.

And Papademos has also seen his popularity decline as Greece enters a fifth year of deep recession with a million people — more than a fifth of the work force — unemployed. A Public Issue poll for pri-

vate Skai TV and Kathimerini newspaper found that positive opinions of Papademos have fallen from 55 to 46 per cent over the past three months, while negative opinions rose from 18 to 48 per cent.

Papademos' selection in November followed 10 days of political chaos triggered by the shock announcement by his Socialist predecessor, George Papandreu, that he wanted to put the European bailout deal to a referendum. Fears that the popular vote could scupper the agreement led to mayhem on international markets, infuriated European leaders and triggered a revolt among Papandreu's own Socialist lawmakers that led to his resignation.

The subsequent interim coalition headed by Papademos is an historic marriage of the Socialists with the conservative New Democracy party — bitter political foes that have ruled Greece in turn over the past 37 years of democratic government since the fall of the 1967-74 military dictatorship.

Officials from some of the other 16 countries that use the euro privately express disappointment with Papademos' record, drawing unfavourable comparisons with Italy's Monti, a former Commissioner who took over about the same time following political turmoil.

Both countries are struggling with recession — albeit on different scales. Italy's gross domestic product of \$2.53 trillion shrank 0.5 per cent in the last three months of last year compared with same period in 2010. Greece's economy — which stands at \$297.5 billion — fell 7 per cent in the same timeframe.

Monti managed to ease market pressure on Italy by quickly passing reforms through parliament and giving the country a respectable face after the antics of his predecessor Silvio Berlusconi. But in contrast to Papademos, Monti was able to appoint outside experts — bankers, diplomats and business executives — to his 18-seat cabinet and not politicians, a difference that has been noted in Brussels.

Papademos' 45-member cabinet is cluttered with ministers left over from the previous Socialist government, some of whom seem more preoccupied with running for the party's leadership or bickering with the conservatives, rather than getting the job done. During extensive riots the night Parliament approved the new austerity measures, police were unable to prevent vandals from burning, smashing and looting more than 100 Athenian businesses. Illegal immigration remains unchecked, while crime rates are high.

"The government of Mr Papademos is not a technical team," European Commission spokesman Amadeu Altafaj Tardio told a journalist who accused the EU of installing a technocratic regime in Greece. "I invite you to look closely at the composition of the government."

*This article is by Nicholas Paphitis of the Associated Press.*

# Constitution cannot back illegal act

EDITOR, The Tribune.

CONTRARY to popular belief, children born in The Bahamas to illegal migrants are not entitled to be registered for citizenship.

Two examples illustrate this point:

• Example one: Peter buys a car, which he then gives to his wife as a gift. Later, the police determine that the car was stolen and confiscates the car. Peter bought the car in good faith and neither he nor his wife knew that the car was stolen. Is Peter or his wife entitled to keep the car? No! But he didn't know that the car was stolen, and paid for the car. Still no! Why not? Because the car was illegally obtained (ie it was stolen). A legal act (sale of the car) cannot result from an illegal act (stolen car). So even though Peter and his wife did nothing wrong, they cannot profit/benefit from the illegal act (sale of a stolen car). They are not entitled to keep the car. (By the way, a similar situation was recently reported in the media).

• Example two: Joseph is a wealthy man. He owns expensive cars, boats, and a big house. He has a young stay-at-home wife and two young children that live with him in his big house. One day, Joseph is arrested and charged for criminal activity. At the trial, Joseph is found guilty and it is determined that all of his wealth was obtained from his criminal activity. All of his possessions, the expensive cars, boats, big house are confiscated. Joseph's wife and two young children must move out of the house, they have no other possessions and nowhere to go. Can his wife and young children keep the house? No! Can they keep a car? No! Why not? Because the wealth

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was illegally obtained (from criminal activity). A legal act cannot result from an illegal act. So even though his wife and children did nothing wrong, they cannot profit/benefit from his illegal acts (criminal acts). They are not entitled to keep Joseph's wealth.

Now to the case at hand: The Constitution of The Bahamas is the highest law in the land; it is the "supreme law." It is a set of fundamental principles or rules by which a sovereign state (The Bahamas) is governed. The rule of law is a fundamental principle of any constitution, ours is no exception. Any act that is contrary to the rule of law (i.e. that breaks the law) is contrary to the constitution. The constitution cannot condone an illegal act; to do so would render the constitution itself null and void.

Now whereas The Constitution of The Bahamas provides for a person born in The Bahamas to parents who are not Bahamian citizens to apply to be registered as a Bahamian upon attaining the age of 18 years, this entitlement may only be afforded to persons who acted according to the rule of law (ie parents that were in the country legally at the time of birth).

An illegal immigrant (illegal is the key word) broke the law, and therefore the child of an illegal immigrant is not entitled to apply to register as a Bahamian because the "entitlement" was illegally obtained. Even though the child did nothing wrong, the child cannot profit/benefit from the illegal act (illegal migration of the parents). The child is not entitled to apply to

be registered as a Bahamian. Therefore, all Bahamian citizenships granted in these circumstances are unconstitutional, illegal and therefore void and of no effect.

As regards the children of illegal Haitian immigrants, applying the law of the land will not make these children "stateless". According to Article II of the Haitian Constitution, "any person born of a Haitian father or Haitian mother...possesses Haitian nationality at the time of birth," therefore the child is a Haitian national at birth.

Further, The Constitution of The Bahamas requires that foreign nationals who apply for Bahamian citizenship must first renounce the citizenship of the other country in order to receive Bahamian citizenship.

Therefore, even if we assume that these children of Haitian parents are entitled to apply to be registered, given that these children are "Haitian at birth", did they renounce their Haitian citizenship? If not, then by law, Bahamian citizenship cannot be conferred on these persons, making these grants of citizenship unconstitutional, null, void and of no effect.

We are a small country, a few people. Why do we so foolishly give away our country, our birthright?

Mr Prime Minister, Mr Attorney General, Mr Minister of Immigration, we are a small country, a few people, please do your job and protect our country, protect our sovereignty, protect our birthright — otherwise we will be a small country, with many people — but we won't be Bahamian.

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## A fond adieu to Monsieur Cash

EDITOR, The Tribune.

ERIC BERTRAM CASH gave up the ghost Friday, 3rd February, at the advanced age of 93 years. He was my modern language teacher when I attended Prince Williams

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He taught French and it was his introduction of the subject and his didacticism that made me fall in love with his classes, leading ultimately to my success in London GCE O-Level Exam.

He made the classes come alive by entertaining us his pupils with the interesting details of his summer jaunts in Paris at L'Universite de La Sorbonne, and his many and varied experiences while in France, which Van Dyke described as "Paris is a woman's town with flowers in her hair, while London is a man's town, with power in the air." From his very enlightening exchanges with the class, we left with a deeper appreciation, broader education and greater love of the French culture, music, the country and its people.

In addition to his duties of teaching the language of the Gauls, he utilised his great musical ability by playing the piano for morning assemblies.

Eric Cash was a Pedagogue who was never feared, but favoured by his "ecoliers", never shunned but welcomed, and not hated but respected.

He loved teaching, and it was quite evident to all that

he saw teaching as his vocation or calling, rather than a profession or job, for which he had to be monetarily compensated. Would that there were more teachers like him today.

Henry Van Dyck wrote: "And what of teaching? Ah! There you have the worst of all the vocations. Do not enter it unless you love it. For the vast majority of men and women it has not promise of wealth or fame but they to whom it is dear for its own sake are among the nobility of mankind. I sing the praise of the unknown teacher who lights many candles which in later years will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward."

Eric Bertram Cash was among the nobility of mankind. He entered teaching for the love of it. His compensation was found in seeing his students excel in the world and live decent balanced lives. He was always delighted to meet his former students, and to enquire of their progress on the stage of life. I am extremely proud to be able to count him amongst my "professeurs" and I will forever sing his praise for the candle he lit in my life.

Adieu, Monsieur Cash. Requiescat in pace.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Senator Fitzgerald accuses Foulkes of negligence

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PLP Senator Jerome Fitzgerald accused Senator Dion Foulkes of negligence in his presentation of allegations against PLP MP Fred Mitchell.

This came during Mr Fitzgerald's contribution to the Senate debate on amendments to the Parliamentary Election Act, during which Mr Foulkes admitted he was not aware of the police investigation into the foreign affairs official who accused Mr Mitchell, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, of attempted visa fraud.

Mr Fitzgerald said he is "offended" by the way the Senate has functioned over the last two sessions.

He said rather than debate important legislative matters before Parliament on the eve of an election, the governing party is using the Senate for political purposes.

Mr Fitzgerald said: "It appears to me that unfortunately the Senate is being manoeuvred and used to play a political game."

Referring to the visa fraud allegations, Mr Fitzgerald said Mr Foulkes should have been aware of a report on the police's investigation into Mr Mitchell's accuser, issued on May 8, 2007, which showed who was at fault and where the corruption really lay in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He added that based on the report's findings, the civil servant who accused Mr Mitchell was removed from the department by the newly appointed FNM Foreign Affairs Minister.

On a point of order, Mr Foulkes rose to say he was unaware of the police investigation or its findings at the time he tabled the Wikileaks cables in which Mr Mitchell is accused.

He said: "I never knew about the report from the police, as a matter of fact the first time I read the report was when it was revealed by the former Minister of For-



PLP SENATOR JEROME FITZGERALD

**"It appears to me that unfortunately the Senate is being manoeuvred and used to play a political game."**

— PLP Senator Jerome Fitzgerald

Foreign Affairs Mr Fred Mitchell, and that's the first time I read the report," he said.

Either Mr Foulkes knew about the report, or neglected to research the matter properly, Mr Fitzgerald said.

"It was a dereliction of duty on his (Mr Foulkes') part to come and talk about an incident without speaking to the

minister responsible to get the facts," he said.

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Mr Fitzgerald said the Fox Hill MP nor his colleagues were given an opportunity to defend the allegations made against Mr Mitchell prior to the suspension of the Senate.

He said the Senate should not be a place to scandalize members or attack their reputation.

On February 15, Mr Foulkes tabled a US Embassy cable released by Wikileaks, in which it was claimed the Fox Hill MP pressured Foreign Affairs staff to grant visas to 30 ineligible Chinese nationals.

The document details a conversation between a former US consular chief and a senior Foreign Affairs official, who claimed the visa applicants were sponsored by former PLP MP Sidney Stubbs.

The civil servant accused Mr Mitchell of "complicity in visa fraud by pressuring his staff to issue visas to ineligible visa applicants and, specifically, to unqualified Chinese nationals," the embassy official wrote in his cable to the State Department.

Denying the claims, Mr Mitchell produced a police report showing his accuser was herself suspected of issuing visas in return for cash.

A statement issued by Mr Mitchell called the allegations "well worn stories" issued by a "disgruntled employee."

He said: "The allegations are in every particular untrue, false and misleading. I demand a retraction and apology from the minister (Mr Foulkes) from forthwith for repeating these false statements in public if he has any decency."

## Campbell's presence at FNM event a source of heated exchange in Senate

ACCORDING to a photograph on the FNM's website, newly retired Ambassador to China, Elma Campbell, took part in the FNM South Beach constituency opening on February 21.

FNM Senator Dion Foulkes revealed that Mrs Campbell resigned her post on January 31. She, therefore, had not attended a political function as a sitting ambassador.

Mrs Campbell's presence at the FNM event was a source of heated exchange in the Senate yesterday after PLP Allyson Maynard-Gibson sought to table a photograph of her.

She was stopped by Senate President Lynn Holowesko who said she would not rule on the matter until investigations were launched to determine the photo's date and authenticity.

In last week's senate session, questions concerning



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the number of sitting ambassadors were raised by opposition members.

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## Governor General welcomes Police Staff Association's new slate of executives



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LOCAL NEWS

# Morozov completes second leg of sailing around the world

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT — Sailor Sergei Morozov completed the second leg of his sail around the world, arriving safely in Grand Bahama from Bermuda on Wednesday.

He set sail on December 5 from Halifax, Nova Scotia on his 35ft C&C sailboat to Bermuda, completing the first leg of a very difficult journey.

Mr Morozov — an experienced mariner and professional navigator — had encountered rough conditions in the Atlantic and had to manually steer his sailboat after the self-steering system failed.

He arrived in Bermuda on December 24 and stayed there until necessary repairs were completed before continuing on to Grand Bahama.

Mr Morozov, who is sailing solo with his cat, was towed into the Port Lucaya Marina after more than two weeks at sea. His motor and sail were damaged in a storm.

Unlike the first leg, he said it was smooth sailing for most of the way to Grand Bahama. His fingers were very dry and peeling.

“It was much better than between Halifax and Bermuda, he said. The weather was much nicer for most of the way except for one storm.”

Mr Morozov said he purchased the old sailboat for \$1,000 and spent \$30,000 repairing it.

“The vessel is old and I bought it eight months ago — I fell in love with the boat the first time I saw it,” he said.

He said he was painfully exhausted after having to manually steer the boat. “The steering almost killed me,” he said.

According to the Royal Gazette Online, Mr Morozov steered by hand for six days, almost 24 hours a day.

Mr Morozov said he plans to sail from Grand Bahama to the Panama Canal. From there, he will sail the Pacific Ocean to the French Polynesia, then to North Australia and on to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

He will then sail to Cape Town, South Africa, and across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, then back to Hal-



GRAND BAHAMA resident Shaun Bean (left) poses with Russian Sailor Sergei Morozov (holding his cat above) as he arrived in Grand Bahama on Wednesday at Port Lucaya Marina, completing the second leg of his sail around the world.

Photos by Denise Maycock

## Arrives safely in Grand Bahama from Bermuda



ifax.

After sailing around the world, Mr Morozov will attempt to embark on a much more difficult project — he will attempt to row around the world.

“No one did it before. One person died and another quit — I will try to be first one,” he said.

“When I couldn’t find enough money for my rowing around the world trip, I decided to sail around the world to see the route for myself; to see how currents and winds work for rowing the boat,” he said.

Morozov said that his

daughter has been concerned about his safety, but knows he is a very experienced navigator.

Grand Bahama resident Shaun Bean, who has been in contact with Morozov’s daughter, said she was relieved to learn that he had arrived safely in Grand Bahama.

“She was wondering about her dad and if he arrived, but she knows he is a capable mariner.

“I am happy he is here safe and sound. Mr Prebin Olsen kindly agreed to help tow him in and give him a slip at Port Lucaya,” she said.

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ACCA SWE Symposium	ACCA/BICA/BCCEC	Wednesday 14, March 8:30am - 1pm	The British Consular Suite
Coaching for Success	Rajeev Tandon	Wednesday 21, March 9am - 1pm	BCCEC Main Boardroom
Retirement and Investment Planning Symposium	Wendee Gable	Monday 27, March 9:30 - 1pm	BCCEC Main Boardroom
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Workshop Ethics	Nichelle Miller	Thursday 26, April 9am - 1pm	BCCEC Main Boardroom
Entrepreneurship Workshop Series	Dikra Gonyea/Janice Ferguson	Wed 2nd - Thu 3rd, April 9am - 4pm	BCCEC Main Boardroom
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In a study done by Dr Judith Hurley, along with five other researchers, it was discovered that in the Bahamas, “48 per cent of the patients with breast cancer are under 50 years old”.

Dr Hurley claimed that

“anecdotal information” suggests there is a “high incidence of breast cancer” in young Bahamian women.

She also documented that 48 per cent of breast cancer patients under the age of 50 have stage three cancer or higher.

“This high rate of locally advanced breast cancer in very young women points to a genetic etiology,” she stated.

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LOCAL NEWS

# ARTS FESTIVAL 'SHOULD BE A HOUSEHOLD NAME'



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THE organising secretary of the E Clement Bethel National Arts Festival said the festival should be a "household name" in the Bahamas because of the range of islands and genres covered each year.

"This festival is truly a national festival," said Keva Cartwright during the announcement of the 53rd annual instalment.

"It is the only festival of its type in the entire country,

something that I think we should be so proud of."

Ms Cartwright said she recently spoke to a regional cultural stakeholder who was "dumbfounded" at how long the festival has endured.

She added that the festival is not just for seasoned artists, but gives opportunities to those new to the arts.

"It is to sharpen the skills of young artists," Ms Cartwright said.

"It is also nothing for you to play at. To be a national winner is really something big. You can use this on your resumé when you go off to college, even at the workplace or on certain jobs. It is a big deal."

Ms Cartwright noted that if a singer enters a heavily contested category, such as gospel singing, they are competing against every singer in the country.

"If you win that, you are the best in the nation at that age level," she said.

"People believe that everything is happening in New

Providence; but some of our best people come from the more remote islands.

"In drama, for instance, Inagua is off the chain. Then there are islands like Long Island and the like.

"Grand Bahama and New Providence sometimes seem like they believe they are the only ones on the map and they are not."

Ms Cartwright said the festival can attract as many as 30,000 entrants in a given year, is free to the public during adjudications and open to adult entries in the community classes.

"I hope that the day comes when we can bring them all together to New Providence so that we all can see that the rest of the country is there," Ms Cartwright said. "It is just that they do not have that exposure."

The 2012 E Clement Bethel National Arts Festival starts adjudications on March 5 in New Providence, March 6 in Grand Bahama, and then nationwide.

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**Keva Cartwright**

LOCAL NEWS

# Great Abaco highway bypass taking shape



ISLAND ADMINISTRATOR Cephias Cooper (left) and Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, discuss plans for the Abaco Bypass Road. Photos: Letisha Henderson/BIS

THE new bypass road under construction on the Great Abaco highway is taking shape.

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"On the west, it will take you to North Abaco," he added.



NEKO GRANT, Minister of Public Works and Transport (fourth from left), speaks with officials about the progress of work on the Abaco Bypass Road. Also shown (third from left) is permanent secretary Colin Higgs, resident engineer John Schaefer and administrator Cephias Cooper.

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LOCAL NEWS

# KFC stores closed for third day in dispute



ONE OF the closed KFC restaurants. The company released a statement yesterday saying that it was faced with illegal strike action and will not pay employees while stores remain closed.  
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RESTAURANTS (Bahamas) Limited has confirmed that its nine KFC Nassau locations will remain closed as a result of the "illegal strike action" ordered by union bosses.

The company claims this strike was supervised by paid union organisers in each store, who ensured KFC employees sat down and did not work on Monday.

Following the last round of strikes, KFC Nassau said, it notified its employees and the union that should any further illegal industrial action occur, the stores would be closed, and would only reopen when an industrial agreement was reached.

"Such irresponsible actions only continue to inconvenience KFC's customers," said a spokesman.

The Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union still does not have a strike vote or a certificate to strike, the company noted.

The spokesman said: "On Monday,

union officials located in each store instructed staff to sit down and cease work.

"This disruption to the restaurants' operations was an illegal industrial act, and has caused an inconvenience to our customers, as well as thousands of dollars worth of product that could not be sold due to the closure of the restaurants and instead was donated to charitable organisations.

"Any good trade unionist would have secured the necessary authorisation to strike before doing so. We're disappointed that employees' jobs have been put at risk by such irresponsible conduct."

KFC Nassau said it intends to "fully exercise its rights as an employer faced with an illegal strike action. The company is unable to reopen its restaurants and bring its employees back to work without completion of a new industrial agreement. Based on this illegal action, the company is unwilling to pay any employ-

ees while stores remain closed.

"On several previous occasions the company endured the illegal industrial action sponsored by the union, and continued as best it could to operate its business. On this occasion the company is unwilling to operate in this hostile environment."

KFC Nassau also said it has not as yet received a claim for recognition from the union.

"The procedure set out in the Industrial Relations Act calls for the employer to be served with a claim for recognition, which is then followed by either an acceptance or rejection of the claim within the prescribed period," said the KFC spokesman.

"Certification of recognition must be preceded by a claim for recognition to the employer."

The union was unavailable for comment when contacted by *The Tribune* last night.

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# DNA GIVES ITS BACKING TO WORKERS IN KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN DISPUTE

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owner, RBL, to reach a swift and immediate resolution that protects the interest of workers.

The party said it will continue to champion workers' rights and map out the way forward for swiftly resolving union and management disputes.

"A DNA government will be one where workers are seen as the beneficiaries instead of adversaries of government," the statement said.

The DNA said it recognises that it is time the "diligent, mobile workers of this nation reap the benefits of their labour and, in doing that, a DNA-government will be their support system to facilitate this progression".

On Tuesday, the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union was certified as the official bargaining agent for KFC line staff by Minister Foulkes.

This came in response to management's announcement that it was withdrawing recognition of the union as a dispute over wages and working conditions rages on.

The move brought to an end a more than three-decades-old relationship.

Although Mr Foulkes has maintained that there are no legal provisions that speak to the terms of voluntary recognition of a union, BHCAWU officials claim the decision disregarded due process and represented an outright attack on the 300 KFC workers.



SEABREEZE candidate Alfred Poitier has asked several questions of KFC management.

## POITIER POSES QUESTIONS OVER BARGAINING

ALFRED POITIER, DNA candidate for Sea Breeze, noted that according to employment laws, employers cannot take away a benefit that an employee is already receiving without the employee's consent or that of the bargaining unit of the employees.

He said this seems to be the case according to information provided by KFC, who are requesting a reduction in the salary range for their employees.

Mr Poitier said: "Realisti-

cally, I do not know any bargaining unit that would readily agree to that."

Mr Poitier posed several questions to KFC, seeking to know:

- Have they sought to reduce any other expenses other than salary?
- What is the exact financial position of the business?
- How has the volume of traffic in the business decreased over the last 12, 24 or 36 months?

If the volume of business decreased, did KFC reduce

the staff count?

"We must be mindful that the livelihood of many of our Bahamian brothers and sisters — Bahamian families, are being adversely affected due to this issue during an already poor economic period.

"Openness is key to a favorable solution," Mr Poitier said, adding that the party prays that calm heads prevail and hopes that the employees are protected from a loss of jobs or income.

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CROWDS at the scene in Yamacraw Road following the murder.

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When Sherman's body was identified by his wife and family outside of the morgue on Monday morning, his wife had to be whisked away by loved ones as she fought to compose herself.

Sherman's brother, Greg, informed *The Tribune* at that time that his family was "heartbroken" and unable to come to terms with his death.

"It hasn't hit us all yet. It's been really rough on his wife. What is even more distressing is that he leaves behind two young children, a 10-year-old boy and a daughter who is eight. They were his world. I don't think they can understand the magnitude of what

has happened.

"We are here for them, and my brothers and sisters will do whatever we can do to ease the burden on my brother's wife and kids.

"My brother had a really big heart. He was a good person. He would take the shirt off his back for you and any one else. This whole incident is very senseless to us.

"What have we come to as a nation when we can't live together in peace as brothers and sisters? We just seem to be killing up each other.

"There is no value on life anymore - \$40 and a cell phone? Is that what my brother is worth? Something is seriously wrong with that," he said.



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LOCAL NEWS



**HAPPY FAMILY:** Lynieka Drew and baby Lamiea, who was born at home on Valentine's Day, pose for a photo with daddy Lamarque Drew.

# DOCTORS HOSPITAL STAFF TALK FATHER THROUGH BABY'S DELIVERY OVER THE TELEPHONE

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happened so fast she didn't have time to be scared about what was happening.

"I wasn't doing anything really. He did all the work," she says of her husband whose friends, upon learning of his role in his daughter's birth, started calling him 'Dr Drew.'

"It was so important to have someone on the phone at Doctors Hospital keep me calm and talk me through everything," said Lamarque, adding "they don't teach you how to deliver a baby in Lamaze class."

"When you think about all that could have happened or gone wrong, it really seems surreal. If she had come out a split second earlier before I put my hands there she could have fallen on the floor or if I hadn't gotten someone on the phone at Doctors to walk me through it, I just wonder," he said.

Doctors Hospital's Vice President of Patient Care Services Dorcena Nixon is proud of her team's ability to provide top quality healthcare regardless of the circumstances.

"At Doctors Hospital we pride ourselves on being a

leader in healthcare, but it's extremely rewarding to see how our associates are able to step up to the plate and help patients and their families even when they find themselves in such unusual circumstances," she said.

Lamarque, a relationship officer with Scotiabank, commended Doctors Hospital for the treatment they received at every stage of their baby's birth.

"I have to say you have wonderful staff here. I like how you check around the clock on the patients. It's been a wonderful experience. Even when we came to register, it wasn't a hard process. Customer service is everything and I must say it's been wonderful for us. The service here is amazing," he said.

Knowing that his wife and new baby are fine, he now jokes that Lamiea was born early and in a hurry because she heard his voice and couldn't wait to meet him.

There is another theory at play, though. Lynieka believes baby Lamiea just wanted to add to a family tradition. She was born on Valentine's Day and her older brother's birthday is Christmas Day.



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