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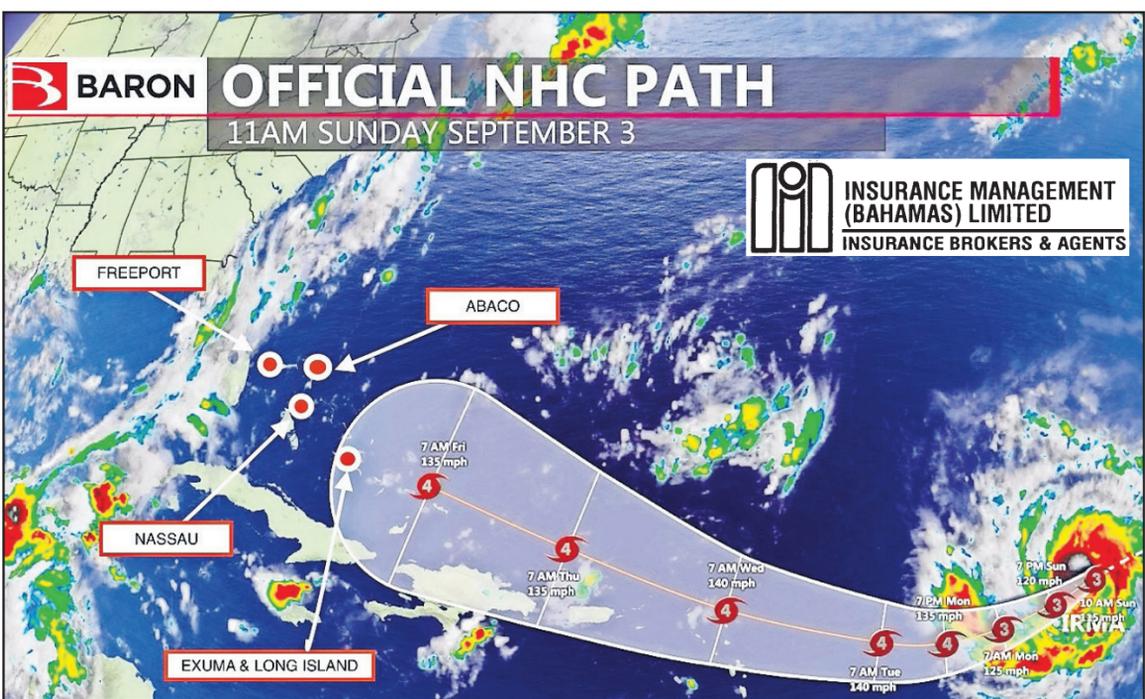
HURRICANE Irma is expected to be a major category four or category five hurricane as it moves closer to The Bahamas, according to Accuweather meteorologist Evan Duffy, who said on the system's current track the eye of Irma will likely "cut very close to New Providence" by Friday bringing with it "heavy rains, flooding and strong winds".

In an interview with *The Tribune* on Sunday, Mr Duffy said Irma, currently a category three hurricane, poses an imminent risk to the entire Bahamas because the system is growing and is not expected to weaken before it moves into Bahamian waters.

Kevin Nugent, a meteorologist from Baron Weather, a US agency, said Bahamians should "prepare for the worst but hope for the best".

"Over the past 24 hours, the models have come together in better agreement and are predicating a hit for The Bahamas," Mr Nugent said.

"We are at the point now where Bahamians need to begin making preparations," he added. "By late Friday, early Saturday, The Bahamas will experience the impact of this hurricane. However, there is still time and a shift in track



could make the difference between a direct hit and The Bahamas being spared. "The hurricane will need to be monitored very closely as model guidance has come into better agreement and has shifted the track much closer to The Bahamas over the past 24 hours. The official NHC (National Hurricane Centre) forecast extends to 7am Friday morning and at that time the hurricane is forecast to be a category four storm near the Turks and Caicos," Mr Nugent added.

Irma has been fluctuating in intensity over the past few days, but is expected to strengthen to a category four hurricane with sustained winds of 130-156mph on its closest approach to the islands.

According to Accuweather, the exact path of Irma beyond the middle of the week remains uncertain and will depend on a variety of factors. However, Mr Duffy said in all but one of the possible scenarios, The Bahamas will be greatly impacted.

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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO INAGUA

AS HURRICANE Irma approaches, the National Emergency Management Agency announced it plans to ship donated emergency supplies from the United States to the country's Emergency Relief Warehouse in Inagua.

The emergency relief equipment was donated by the United States through its embassy in Nassau and the United States Northern Command.

The items, which were delivered to The Bahamas via eight 40ft containers, are to equip the recently constructed Emergency Relief Warehouse in Mathew Town.

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D'AGUILAR FURY OVER CRUISE LINE THREATS

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THE Minister of Tourism has slammed as "reprehensible" the threat by a major cruise line to terminate Bahamian tour operators' contracts if they direct-sell to passengers without its permission.

Dionisio D'Aguiar, pictured, hit out after Tribune Business obtained a

copy of Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) August 30 warning letter demanding that Bahamian shore excursion providers "discontinue this practice immediately".

Pledging to confront the cruise lines, Mr D'Aguiar said he

"completely agrees" that NCL's letter amounts to 'restraint of trade' and anti-competitive practices that have left Bahamian companies earning mere "crumbs" for years.

NCL's letter, signed by Steve Moeller, its vice-president of commercial development, warns the cruise line's "partner" Bahamian tour operators that selling their product direct to its passengers violates their "Shore Excursion Agreement".

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CUTLASS KILLER SUSPECT CAPTURED

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A 54-YEAR-OLD Long Island woman was hacked to death with a cutlass early Saturday morning during a domestic dispute that also left her elderly mother in the Intensive Care Unit at Princess Margaret Hospital.



ELEANOR DEAN

The horrific murder of Eleanor Dean, a mother of eight, took place shortly after 2am on Saturday in the quiet community of Long Island.

And as *The Tribune* went to press, another murder took place in Nassau, bringing the country's murder count to 93 for the year.

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WE RISE: KEEP YOUR PROMISES

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THE success of Saturday's We Rise march against the Minnis administration's "inaction" in office, proves many of the promises made by the government on the campaign trail have gone unfulfilled, according to one of the group's lead organisers, Coderro Emanuel Armbrister.

Maintaining the organisation is apolitical of nature during an interview yesterday, Mr Armbrister said the group is not focused on challenging the Minnis administration, but rather, on holding the government to its promises.

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BIMINI \$2M COCAINE BUST

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TWO Bahamian men were arrested Friday in connection with a major drug bust that has resulted in the seizure of some \$2m worth of suspected cocaine on the island of Bimini.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Terecita Pinder reported that DEU officers intercepted a 26ft aqua

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TRIBUTES AT MEMORIAL TO LARRY SMITH



JOANNE van Sertima-Smith, wife of the late Larry Smith holds a portrait of her husband. Below, mourners and tributes to Mr Smith at his memorial service on Saturday at the Bahamas National Trust on Village Road.
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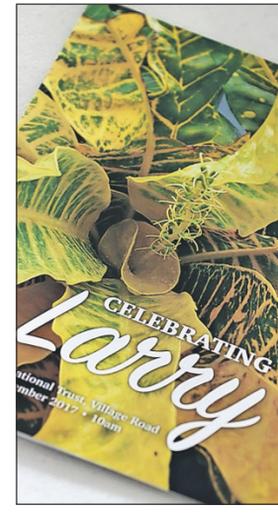
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"If and when this storm goes to The Bahamas, it will have a significant impact because the system is growing," the Accuweather official said.

"It is already a category three and is not projected to weaken because there is not a lot of land mass between The Bahamas and this system. So unless this tracks close to the Dominican Republic, The Bahamas will experience significant rain, wind, storm surges, rough surf and rip currents.

"Honestly, we are still pretty far out but the models are coming together. Around Monday we expect the storm to turn to the north and west. This track will put Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands in the path of the storm.

"Everyone in that area should be paying attention. After that is when things get confusing. We have some different tracks possible. The first track goes west and passes the Antilles and if that were to occur, there would be significant impact to the Turks and Caicos Islands and the southern Bahamas including Inagua, Crooked Island, Ragged Island and Andros," Mr Duffy said.

"That has a low chance of

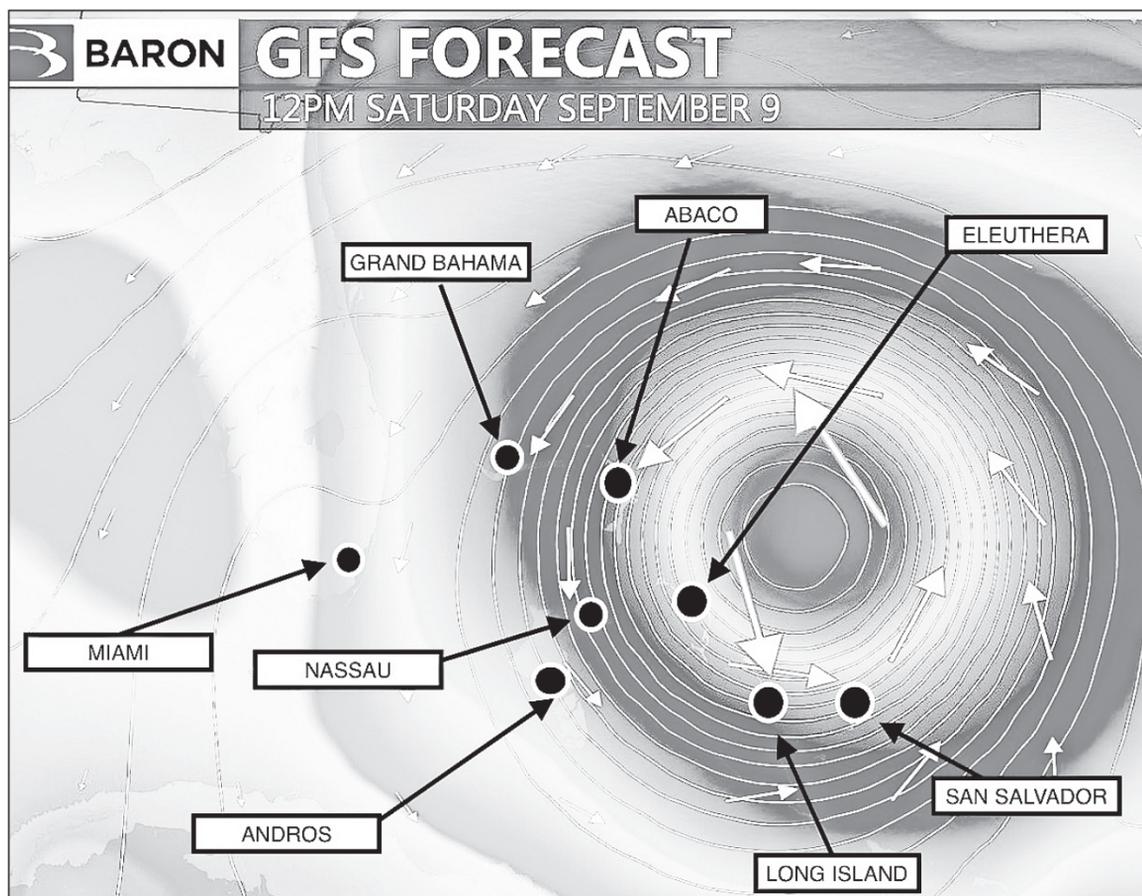
happening. The other path means the system will move west northwest away from the Dominican Republic and directly over Turks and Caicos and The Bahamas as a major category three or four hurricane.

"That's bad news because the track literally runs the entire Bahamas. The island will get a direct hit, this has a moderate chance of happening. In the other track, the storm will run along the eastern side of the Bahama Islands causing issues for Cat Island, Eleuthera and Abaco and the eye will cut very close to New Providence. This track also has a moderate chance of happening and will cause a lot of issues.

"Another scenario has the system turning north west after it leaves the Dominican Republic and then it will graze The Bahamas.

"However, the wind impact would still be high, there will be plenty of rain and wind but the worst would be avoided, this also has a moderate chance of happening.

"Lastly, the storm could stay north and then move east and go somewhere between Bermuda and miss The Bahamas completely but that has a low chance of happening. The Bahamas will probably start seeing rough surf as early as tomorrow (Monday) and things will start picking



up on Wednesday for the Turks and Caicos Islands."

Local meteorologist Orson Nixon said Bahamians should be preparing for the worst.

"It is still a little far off but based on the models

we use, most of them have the centre of Irma passing through the entire island chain or east of the island chain," Mr Nixon said.

"Bahamians should prepare, the entire island chain needs to be ready. We have

a few days to make arrangements because even in the best scenario The Bahamas will get tropical storm force winds. Irma should be a category four or five by the time it comes to The Bahamas. It is small now, but it

is expected to expand in the next 72 hours, this will be bad for us," Mr Nixon said.

As the storm approaches, officials have warned businesses against price gouging while urging residents to begin hurricane preparations.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO INAGUA

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The warehouse, which was officially handed over to The Bahamas government on June 22, is also a gift from the US government, constructed at a cost of \$1.8m.

The equipment and supplies valued at an estimated \$600,000, includes among other items: 5kw and 10kw generators; berthing kits; cots; water containers; fuel

containers; blankets; tools; power cords; pallet stacker; water purification tablets; radios and flashlights; tents; shower/shelter combo; water canteens and field toilets.

Captain Stephen Russell, director of NEMA, confirmed that the equipment and supplies would be transported to the Inagua warehouse within the coming days via HMBS Lawrence Major, the Royal Bahamas Defence

Force's roll on/roll off vessel.

This vessel has made an invaluable contribution to the logistics and transportation efforts in support of the National Disaster Response and Recovery programme since its commissioning in 2015, immediately in the aftermath of Hurricane Joaquin.

"The equipment (and supplies) are earmarked for the islands of the southern Bahamas, namely Ina-

gua, Mayaguana, Acklins, Crooked Island, and southern Long Island. And is aimed at strengthening the preparedness and response capabilities of the communities in those island prior to, during and in the aftermath of any emergencies," Capt Russell said.

The delivery of the equipment to the Mathew Town warehouse will further strengthen NEMA's strategic emergency relief warehouse programme,

with warehouses that are equipped in the northern, central and southern Bahamas.

"The aim is to ensure that emergency equipment are readily available, to provide a timely response in the aftermath of an emergency or disaster," Capt Russell said.

A spokesperson from the US Embassy said: "The cooperation between the US and the Bahamas runs deep. The United States proudly

donates over \$600K in disaster relief supplies to the Bahamas to fill the three US-donated disaster relief warehouses in Nassau, Freeport, and Great Inagua. These supplies will be used to assist the National Emergency Management Agency as they prepare for storms or other natural disasters in The Bahamas and the region."

Irma is expected to affect The Bahamas by Friday morning.



A CABINET meeting held last night to discuss the threat of the approaching Hurricane Irma.

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POWER PLANT STILL HAS A HOLE IN ITS ROOF FROM HURRICANE MATTHEW

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PAUL Maynard, president of the Bahamas Electrical Workers Union, has warned of potential flooding at Bahamas Power and Light's Clifton Pier Power Plant after damage sustained during Hurricane Matthew last October was never repaired.

In an interview with *The Tribune* yesterday, Mr Maynard said BPL would be "in trouble" if the roof on the control room to the Clifton Pier Power Station is not repaired before Hurricane Irma's potential landing in The Bahamas this week.

He said even if repairs began today, they would not be done by Friday, when Irma is expected to hit.

"The roof is a mess and it has been like that since the last hurricane. Back then, we were told it would cost \$100,000 to fix so I don't know what it would cost now," he said.

"At this point, even if they make attempts to repair the

roof now, it won't be done before the hurricane comes. The best bet is to open up the other side and let the breeze blow through. They will have to make an attempt to deal with this and place bricks over some plastic to guard the equipment, that's what we will have to do. The repairs are urgent and we would be in trouble if this hurricane hits because we are still weak from the last hurricane."

Mr Maynard said the damage to the roof is mainly over the administrative office, but if that office floods the water can damage the engines.

"The equipment in the office is what we would have to worry about but the machines would not be fine if that office floods," he said.

"We have a bunch of pumps and we can pump the water out if we need to but honestly we just need to get rid of that power station altogether. We need to change the engines. This issue should have been dealt with a long time ago and now we are just coping."

Last December, Mr Maynard raised the alarm about conditions at Clifton Pier, when he threatened industrial action if the government did not immediately repair the damage to the plant caused by the passage of Hurricane Matthew in October.

At the time, Mr Maynard said the situation at Clifton required "urgent attention" and the environment was too dangerous for his members to continue to work.

In December, he said the covering on the smokestacks at the plant was "peeling" and falling to

the ground. He said at any moment, one of the metal plates could "hit one of the workers" severely injuring them.

Days later, BPL confirmed plans to repair the external structure of the damaged smoke stacks at the company's Clifton Pier plant.

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The Chinese future in The Bahamas

LAST WEEK, Foreign Affairs Minister Darren Henfield announced China's new restrictions on overseas investments. In so doing, he said that these restrictions could possibly affect "new investments" in The Bahamas, but not those already approved. Yet this is contrary to the very pronouncements of the President of China and many of China's largest companies have started selling their controversial real estate holdings. In fact, last week in London, a Chinese "powerhouse" pulled out of a deal that, like the sale of Baha Mar to CTF, had not closed.

We hope no "new" Beijing investments are contemplated for The Bahamas, especially after our experience with Baha Mar, the sordid details of which still remain a mystery, despite the soothing talk of Attorney General Carl Bethel.

One of the planks in the FNM's election platform was to open Pandora's Box on the Baha Mar agreement, and any corrupt dealings that might be related to it, between the PLP, China Export Import Bank (CEXIM), the lender, and presumably China Construction America (CCA), without which as partner, the bank would not have entered into the loan agreement with Mr Izmirlan.

At an early meeting of the House of Assembly after the May 10 election, Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis announced that he had, as promised, laid the heads of agreement for the sale of Bah Mar on the table of the House. When questioned afterwards, Attorney General Carl Bethel said the unsealed documents contained nothing unusual that would prompt government to question its terms. However, he said, there were other "sensitive" documents relating to the sale that remain under court seal. Yet we know that many of the "sensitive" documents, such as the sale from Perfect Luck to CTFE, and any agreement between CTF and the government are not sealed. Why have these not been made public? We call on the Prime Minister to honour his government's campaign obligations and release these documents.

We now hear that many Bahamians are not accepting the explanation, some who seem to know more than the average Bahamian about the deal, are protesting. Others are questioning the Attorney General's opinion.

"We said if there was anything untoward or conflicts of interest with these people we would renegotiate," Mr Bethel told a *Tribune* reporter. "But there is nothing particularly unusual in the documents."

It is true that the verdict is based on one lawyer's opinion. We suggest that a few of the best brains in the legal profession sit down with the Attorney General and together go over all of the documents. It is only then, when their views are made public, if they all agree with the Attorney General, that the documents might gain credibility. If not, in the end, Baha Mar might yet bring the country down with investors convinced that The Bahamas is not a safe place in which to do business.

Many Bahamians still cannot understand how Sarkis Izmirlan, the largest single investor in the history of The Bahamas, who spent at least 15 years trying to create in The Bahamas the Caribbean's largest and most glamorous resort, could have it snatched from him by the Chinese EXIM bank with the tacit support of the Christie government. Are these actions really now supported by Prime Minister Minnis? The irony of this whole tragedy starts in the days when former prime minister Perry Christie was a practising lawyer, and American Phil Ruffin, a business partner of now US President Donald Trump, was his client. It was when Mr Ruffin decided to sell his Cable Beach hotel that Mr Christie tried to interest Mr Izmirlan in its purchase.

Apparently, Mr Izmirlan turned him down twice. On Mr Christie's third try, Mr Izmirlan capitulated. But his vision was far larger than that of Mr Ruffin. He decided to buy all three of the aging hotels on Cable Beach —the Crystal Palace and Cable Beach hotels were renovated and opened, while the Nassau Beach was closed.

"I saw a real opportunity to create something special here," a young Sarkis Izmirlan told a TV interviewer at the time. "Cable Beach had a lot of potential, but it needed a big vision to create a great destination which would complement Atlantis and be big enough to compete against places like Orlando."

It was in 2005 that Mr Izmirlan's newly formed Baha Mar Development Company made the purchase. By then, Mr Christie was the prime minister. Mr Izmirlan reached an agreement with the Christie government for a \$1 billion plus development that would include hotels, casino, convention centre, retail village, enlarged golf course, beach and pool area. He then entered into a joint venture with Harrah's Entertainment of Las Vegas, and was given a deadline for the completion of the deal. But the Christie government, having signed the heads of agreement on April 6, 2005, did nothing to complete the agreement. Obviously, with an election looming, the PLP didn't want this to become an election issue. The PLP lost the election. By that time, Mr Izmirlan had also lost the Harrah's agreement for non-compliance with the deadline.

During that period Mr Izmirlan was forced to write a stiff letter to Mr Christie to try to get the contract signed to meet Harrah's deadline. "I wish to be very clear, and very frank," he wrote. "Unless your government delivers on the much advertised partnership between the government and Baha Mar, I am seriously considering whether investing billions of dollars in this country is the right decision... Indeed in order to meet firm board commitments of the partners, these matters must be finalised no later than the first week of February (2006)."

If the Christie government had lived up to its commitment and met the contract deadline, the Harrah's group today would have been the joint investor, Baha Mar would have been flourishing and there would have been no need for Standard & Poor's credit rating agency to dismiss this country's credit as "junk" and Harrah's to put The Bahamas on probation, maintaining its credit worthiness at Baa3, but changing its credit outlook from stable to negative. One slip and we go down the "junk" drain.

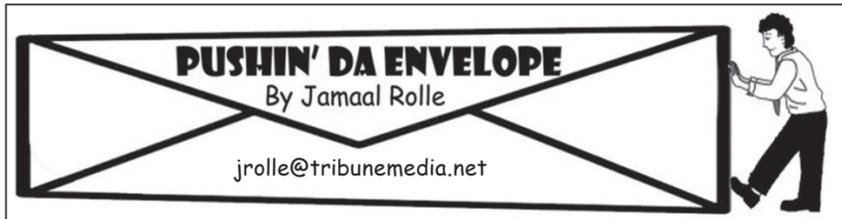
And — all for the want of a signature from the PLP government by February 2006 — we are now at the mercy of China Import Export Bank and the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party. Also thanks to the construction deadlines, which China Construction America (CCA) set for themselves, but consistently failed to meet. This ended the magnificent Baha Mar dream.

And now the irony of the tragic affair is that CCA, having agreed not to abandon Baha Mar for its own project at The Pointe until Baha Mar had been completed, upped tools and moved to The Pointe with Mr Christie's approval and a heads of agreement allowing CCA to move Chinese workers and equipment from Baha Mar, boasting that at least that project would be completed on time because he, CCA's senior vice president Daniel Liu, owned it. Apparently, the difference was that Mr Liu did not own Baha Mar, which might indicate why it failed. Now Mr Liu knows what it feels like to swing in the wind of uncertainty as he pleads with the Minnis government — after being spooked by the Chinese government's pronouncement on overseas investments — for "immediate assistance" for The Pointe's condominium and marina construction approvals. Now that the tables are turned, Mr Daniel Liu, might learn a much needed lesson in integrity.

In January, 2015, Mr Liu urged government — that is the PLP government — to "quickly make a decision" on the proposed masterplan to revitalize downtown Nassau. He described Bay Street as an "unfulfilled dream" for 50 years that today had failed to move forward.

We would like to remind Mr Liu that Bay Street is a Bahamian dream, which when it moves forward will have Bahamians at the helm with Bahamians as the work force. Remember this is our country that will control its own future.

• To be continued.



Glenys a front for Obie

EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

I WATCHED with a smile the launch of the candidacy of Glenys Hanna-Martin for the post of PLP leader. Glenys was among her supporters pledging to modernise her party if they pick her to be leader.

I smiled because I know Glenys does not want to be PLP leader. The job would stress her too much. She is not suited to it.

Those in the know in the PLP know what this is really about — that is, the ambition of Obie Wilchcombe.

Glenys and Obie are close friends. Obie has always had as his dream leading the PLP. He has said it many times. Sir Lynden Pindling was his mentor.

Obie lost his seat in the May 10 general election. In parliamentary systems like the one we have, it is best for party leaders to be in the elected chamber of parliament. Obie therefore really can't run for leader because PLPs would disqualify him from their thinking because he is seatless.

Obie is smart — very

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smart. He is also very ambitious. Since he can't run Glenys is his candidate. If she were to win, that would give Obie the ability to rule from behind the throne — and rule he would. He would be PLP leader in all but name.

Glenys is a good person, but PLPs should know what they are voting for if they elect her. You would be voting for Obie.

Truth be told, it is unlikely that Obie, Glenys or Philip Brave Davis could win a general election in 2022. People are tired of the same old PLP faces. They know nothing new will come from the past.

The PLP needs to bring its young forward. Bold, energetic faces should be taking over the party. Young people not connected to the scandals of the past should be the voices carrying the new PLP message.

The PLP is a hardheaded party. After it lost in 1992 the party ran Sir Lynden

again. Everybody knew that was a bad idea. They still ran him. He lost worse in 1997 than he did in 1992.

The PLP looks like it is going to try the same thing all over again. The party will send an unpopular leader to the people. That will lead to cut hip number two. If in 2027 the PLP still has not learned and sends another old, tired face, that would be cut hip number three.

Bahamians will keep punishing the PLP until it changes. It sinned last term. It messed up the country. It must change before having any chance to be government again.

Anyway, back to Glenys. Don't be bamboozled by her talk. She's Obie's horse. If you like him, how he leads, how he treats people, vote for Glenys. Don't expect her to make any decisions about the direction of the PLP if she comes leader. It would be the SS PLP with Captain Obie at the helm.

MARTHA S GREENE
 Nassau,
 August 31, 2017.

Empty barrels

EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

LISTENING to former minister Zhivargo Laing yesterday on his radio talk show, I was amazed to hear him attempt to redefine the projects of the Chinese in The Bahamas as simply, "strategic investments", not unlike those controlled by US or other super power interests.

I refuse to believe this former minister of finance is that naive, and I am much more relieved now that he is designated to a sub-par radio programme instead of making decisions on behalf of this country.

The minister is either woefully ignorant of the

many projects being undertaken by the Chinese in not only our country, but a multitude of others in the Caribbean and around the world, or he is opting to wear blinders much like the set that caused his rapid free fall from public service.

I wish to be absolutely clear that no superpower, be they American or Chinese will invest in a country without ulterior motives, and history has taught us that their motives never benefit the inhabitants of the country. He would have us believe, one must assume, that our current economic state was caused by poor investment strategy by the powers that be, instead of pre-med-

itated sabotage and manipulation of a key project to gain a stronger foothold in this country. He would have us bury our heads in our aragonite rich ground than call out the Chinese for what they are, colonisers. Plain and simple.

They have colonised African nations, other Caribbean nations, and now their lasers are focused on us, but this man would have us sit back and say, "well, America did it too". Do us all a favour, sir, and go quietly into that good night where you were sent in 2012.

RELIEVED CITIZEN
 Nassau,
 August 31, 2017.

Cutlass killer suspect caught

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The latest murder took place shortly before midnight last night at Kim's Crescent, off Blue Hill Road Corner, by Sid's Bar. Police were at the scene late last night.

In the incident in Long Island, police last night arrested a suspect in the killing. They had been searching for a male relative of the victims in connection with the killing, believed to be Philip Dean. The deceased, a janitress who worked in the local administrator's office, was described by loved ones as kind and upbeat.

In an emotional interview with *The Tribune*, Stacye Dean, Eleanor's only daughter, said her mother was a phenomenal woman and the "rock of the family". "My mommy was a one of

a kind mother with unconditional love for her family. No matter the circumstance, mommy was there encouraging her children and telling us to always give it our best," Ms Dean said, speaking to *The Tribune* from overseas.

"She was always smiling and telling jokes. Her laugh was contagious and no matter if you're having a bad day her presence would turn everything around, that was a gift from God. She loved to give a helping hand to others and words of wisdom to everyone, she was a true angel. She will be forever missed as a phenomenal woman and the rock of our family. Our family is mourning the loss of a great woman."

According to police, Eleanor and her mother were in their Long Island home when a man, known

to them, entered the house and "chopped" the two women with a cutlass, causing serious injuries.

Eleanor died on the scene, however her elderly mother who recently had a stroke, was airlifted to New Providence. She is currently listed in serious condition.

Delores Bowe, a long time friend and coworker of Eleanor, said the entire island is mourning the death of "the kindest woman I have ever met".

"We were friends for over 20 years and I don't think I ever heard her grumble," Mrs Bowe said.

"We worked together at the administrator's office; I was the secretary and she was the janitor. Her death had a great impact on this community because everyone knew Eleanor, from the north to the south. She was the nicest person I ever



ELEANOR DEAN

met, she was helpful and pleasant and anything you wanted, if she could give it to you, she would. She did not deserve to die like that. She was a hardworking mother and wife. Everyone is trying to cope but it is so sad. Everyone is shaken up,

no one can come to grips with it. These things just don't happen here."

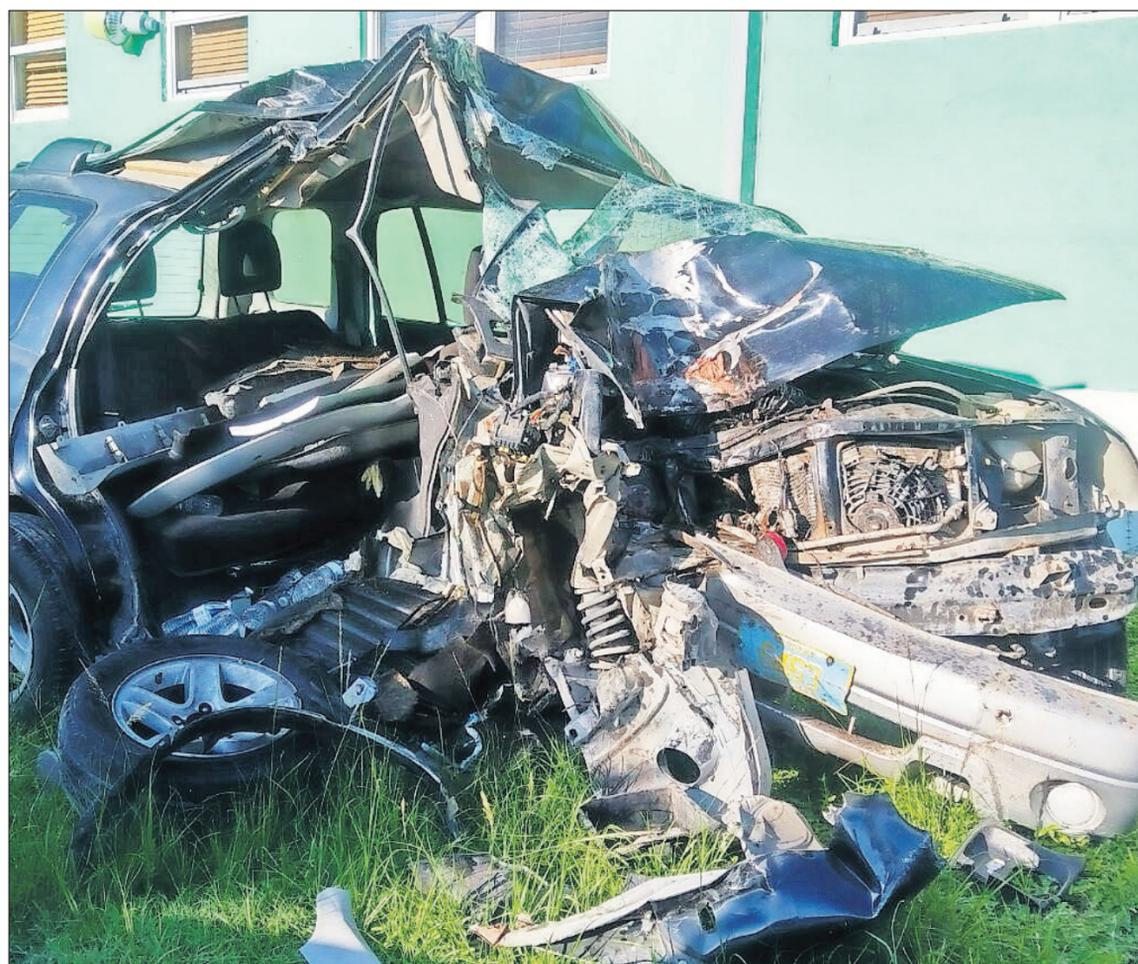
In a statement on Facebook, member of Parliament for Long Island Adrian Gibson asked the public to "pray for the community".

"Our island folk are over-

come with emotion and gripped with the sadness that accompanies such tragic occurrences," Mr Gibson wrote. "Let us all pray for the family and ask God's guidance. My deepest sympathies are extended to the grieving family. May His peace be with you," he said.

"Let us also pray for the elderly lady who has been injured in this matter. She has left for Nassau via emergency flight and we pray for her full recovery. As Bahamians, we must remember to be our brothers/sisters keepers. Let's work hand in hand to restore the love, serenity, peacefulness and tranquility that once existed on our islands and among ourselves."

Anyone with information on this homicide is asked to contact police at 911 or 919, the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 328-TIPS.



THE WRECKAGE from a fatal crash in Eleuthera yesterday.

TWO KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AT WEEKEND

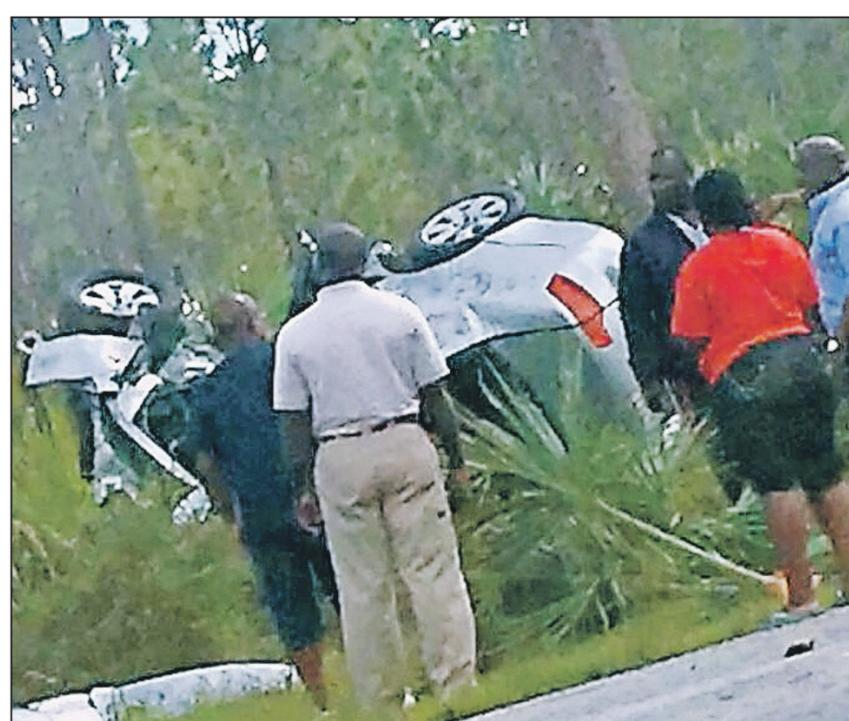
POLICE are investigating two traffic accidents that left two people dead - one in Grand Bahama, the other from Eleuthera.

In the first incident, police said shortly after 4pm on Friday, officers were called to the Grand Bahama Highway in the area of the domestic terminal.

There, police found a silver coloured 2006 Audi A4 sedan in bushes with extensive damage, with a man inside. The male driver, a resident of Grand Bahama, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The second accident occurred on Sunday, shortly after 4.15am in Rock Sound, Eleuthera.

Police said a man was driving a black Suzuki Grand Vitara on Queen's Highway when he appar-



ONLOOKERS at the scene of the crash in Grand Bahama.

ently lost control of the car and ran into a tree.

The car's front seat passenger died at the scene. The driver and a rear pas-

senger were airlifted to New Providence in critical condition.

Officers from the Traffic Department in New Provi-

dence are in Eleuthera helping with the investigation.

Police have asked motorists to wear their seat belts

POLICE HUNT FOR SUSPECT AFTER LATE-NIGHT MURDER

By SANCHESKA DORSETT
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POLICE are still searching for the person responsible for a shooting incident that left one man dead late Friday night.

The murder took place shortly after 11pm and was one of two killings that took place over the weekend, the other one was in Long Island. They pushed the year's murder count to 92, according to *The Tribune's* records.

Police said Friday's victim was walking in the area of the Bahamas Baptist Convention Office off Blue Hill Road when he was approached by a man who shot him multiple times.

The victim died on the scene. Police have no suspects in custody and no motive for the killing.

Last month, in the face of rising homicides, National Security Minister Marvin Dames presented a number of crime fighting initiatives, highlighting plans to clamp down on persons out on bail, firearm traffickers, drug houses and enhancing senior command at the divisional level of the force on a 24-hour basis.

Mr Dames said effective immediately, the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) will "double down" on its efforts to combat violent crimes across the country.

Reflecting on the coun-

try's latest murders, Mr Dames said at the time that police will be taking a more aggressive approach to handling drug peddling and shutting down drugs throughout the country, which he referred to as "the source of many of the crime problems that exist."

The Mount Moriah MP also indicated that police would be increasing intelligence and operational efforts to identify and disrupt gang activities. More specifically, he said from an intelligence perspective there will be an increased focus on firearm traffickers with a view to bringing them to justice.

Mr Dames added that police intelligence has also revealed that a large percentage of recent homicides have occurred in what law enforcement refers to as "hot spots," specifying the areas of Pinewood, Kemp Road, Bain Town, Yellow Elder, Fox Hill and Carmichael Road.

Pointing to areas of concern, Mr Dames said police will increase vehicle and foot patrols and will be using all the technology available to them, including increased monitoring of CCTV and all of their resources to curtail these violent crimes.

Anyone with information on this incident or any other crime is asked to call police at 919, the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991 or the Crime Stoppers hotline anonymously at 328-TIPS.

SPATE OF ARMED ROBBERIES

POLICE are looking for the suspects behind five separate armed robberies that occurred over the weekend.

In the first incident, shortly after 3pm Friday, two employees were at a business at the Airport Industrial Park when two men, one with a handgun, entered and stole cash along with personal items.

Then, shortly before 9pm Friday, a man had just arrived at his home on Hamster Road when two men, one with a handgun, robbed him of his white Honda Accord, licence plate AH0503.

The other three incidents were car robberies that occurred around 3am on Saturday.

Police said a man had just arrived at his Pyfrom Road home when three men with

handguns approached and robbed him of his blue 2013 Honda Civic, licence plate AC9702.

Another man was driving his black 2006 Honda Accord on West Bay Street in the area of Gambier, when the occupants of a white Ford Taurus forced him to stop.

The men, who had handguns, stole his car.

The final incident occurred when a man and a woman were driving a red 2014 Kia Sportage, licence plate AC9643, on Fox Hill Road when they stopped to remove a tyre that was in the middle of the road.

Police said the occupants of a black Honda Accord approached and two men with handguns got out of their car and robbed the other two of their Kia Sportage.



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MARCHERS at the We Rise event on Saturday morning, in this photograph posted to Facebook.

We Rise: keep your promises

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However, a few well-known Progressive Liberal Party faces, including PLP Senator Fred Mitchell and Free Town candidate Wayne Munroe, QC, attended the march. At one point Mr Mitchell spoke to the crowd on Saturday and chastised Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis for leading a delegation to Atlanta, Georgia, while every day Bahamians were suffering.

Meanwhile, Mr Armbrister said yesterday the success of Saturday's well-attended march, signals all Bahamians are listening and are prepared to stand up for what is right.

Scores of protesters marched from the Southern Recreation Grounds in Bain Town on Saturday evening. They waved placards, some of which read "Stop abuse of contract public officers," "Minnis create jobs if you know how," and "Minnis stop political firings."

"This was a great start," Mr Armbrister said. "Saturday was a good build up of momentum for our next step. We have to stand up

because this government promised to look out for the small man all the way up to election and all we've gotten since then is moves for the rich man.

"The messages from the group are simple, they want to know where the commissioner of police is? They wanted to know how come schools are not ready even though this government has had 100 days."

He continued: "They want to know how the government could go nearly 10 weeks without Parliament meeting, despite everything going on."

"Those that marched want to know what is the \$720m the government borrowed two weeks into office is being used for. VAT was not removed off breadbasket items as promised, but washers, dryers and airplanes are getting breaks? How is that possible?"

Mr Armbrister said the Minnis administration presented itself as the party for the downtrodden and disenfranchised.

He said the government bragged and boasted of its policies based in transparency and accountability.

However, Mr Armbrister

said to date, the public has seen very little come to fruition.

"The government promised immediate relief and comfort to the poor man. Do what you promised, is all we are asking. Take one step at a time and lighten our loads. We want to work along with the government, but we need to see some effort to fix the things promised," he concluded.

Observers have noted several similarities between We Rise and its protest action, and the We March Bahamas group.

We March Bahamas gained prominence after more than 1,000 protesters marched from Arawak Cay to Rawson Square in November 2016 to demonstrate over the Christie administration's performance. The group held several smaller protests after that.

The leader of that movement, Ranard Henfield, parlayed his success with the organisation into a Senate appointment by the Minnis administration earlier this year.

Some detractors have also labelled the new group as nothing more than the PLP's attempt to rally its base in opposition to the government.

We Rise is being spearheaded by Alex Dorsett, alongside Mr Armbrister. The group is planning another event for October 6.



WE Rise Bahamas held a protest/march on the Southern Recreation Grounds on Saturday under the theme Stand for Democracy. Photo: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff



SOME of the participants in the We Rise event, in this photograph from Facebook.

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THE SUSPECTED drugs seized near Alice Town.

BIMINI \$2M COCAINE BUST

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During a search, officers discovered two white coolers and two backpacks all con-

taining some packages of suspected cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$2.3m.

The two suspects on board who are residents of Bimini were taken into police custody and are expected to be arraigned in New Providence early this week.

Time for the government to foster opportunity

YOURSAY
By Frederick R M Smith QC

A VISIONARY and enlightened approach to economic policy would focus on the pursuit of "economic opportunity," not simply "job opportunity".

In my view, the proper role of the government is to foster a political and economic environment that encourages Bahamian ownership in the economy, not simply the expectation of employment.

The focus on simply creating jobs is an antiquated, paternalistic, colonial, plantation-style "hand-out" culture and mentality.

It devalues the worth of Bahamians and negates their potential entirely.

Rather, the focus should be on creating a political and investment model where Bahamians have an opportunity, first and foremost, to be employers, owners of businesses, investors in their own right.

This should be the Bahamian political and economic Holy Grail.

Key to achieving this is the institutionalisation of democratic norms of governance – fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency in government.

Government must fight corruption and instill ethical expectations of political leaders.

It should also:

- Invest heavily in education

- Enact laws and pursue policies that encourage foreign investors to openly partner with or make joint ventures with Bahamians

- Reform Immigration law to promote Bahamian economic empowerment with and through foreign investment and labor
- Remove financial barriers, such as Exchange Control laws that prevent Bahamians accessing cheap foreign venture capital, such as the trillions of US dollars sitting idle in over 700 international banks operating in this country.

This is not an overnight process. There are thousands upon thousands who simply need jobs, because historically they have suffered from under-education, lack the necessary skills to compete globally, and exist within a political and economic foreign investment model that militates against ownership of the economy by Bahamians.

This FNM government has made ambitious promises and now has a unique mandate to adopt aggressive policies, laws and measures that will help The Bahamas quickly transition to a model of long-term ownership and participation by Bahamians in our own nation and economy.

Bahamians should be encouraged by their government to aspire to become employers; to become owners of businesses that employ, for instance, hundreds of foreign workers, instead of being content with working for a foreign investor who simply "gives" jobs to hundreds of Bahamians.

Take myself as an example. I am a Bahamian. I am the senior partner in the oldest and one of the most respected law firms in the Bahamas. Why should I be prevented, say, from employing ten expert foreign lawyers, to compete with the law firms in Bermuda, or the Cayman, or London, or New York, in providing national and international legal services?

The laws in those other countries allow their own citizens to create such business opportunities so they

can compete effectively in the international marketplace. Yet I cannot do the same. Nor can any other law firm in The Bahamas.

We have been sold on and have accepted the false idea that foreign professionals are "the enemy" because they take jobs away from Bahamians. In fact, the opposite is true – foreign professionals can create many exciting professional and ownership opportunities for Bahamians if we strategically harness their expertise and use it to expand and diversify the economy.

We the citizens continue to tolerate a system of political governance that is counterproductive, economically constricting and which decreases our competitiveness in the global economy. Bahamians have been shooting themselves in the foot since 1969 with the advent of "Bahamianisation". The Bahamas has lost so many economic opportunities to the Turks and Caicos Islands, Cayman, Bermuda and other Caribbean jurisdictions.

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The old political guard view themselves as being "entitled"; they believe they know best and can tell Bahamians who they should or should not get into business with; they consider it their divine right to control Bahamian participation in the world economy with exchange control; they dictate which foreigner gets to invest in The Bahamas, ensuring they can get their sticky fingers into the cookie jar in the process.

Why should they control policy, law and expectations? Why should they be allowed to relegate Bahamians to collecting the lowest hanging fruit of economic activity?

Do they want our sons and daughters to only collect garbage? Only toil and break their backs in the hard, rocky, no-soil limestone in Andros? Only pick up towels on the beach for millions of tourists? Only clean hotels rooms? Only carry bags? Only labor under the hot sun? Only work in oily, dirty and often unsafe heavy industry?

Don't get me wrong, there is no indignity in hard work. There is no job that is not worth having. But we must look at what's happening in other countries, particularly the richer more affluent developed economies.

Although regrettable, the reality is that in developed countries, the lower paid, more physically strenuous, less desirable jobs are generally left to immigrants. Citizens, meanwhile, aspire to, are educated for, and benefit from political, financial and economic institutions that support their engagement in top level professional and ownership opportunities.

Our government should pass laws and pursue policies that encourage a similar scenario. We should aspire to be masters, not servants.

Why, for instance, is it that the casinos, cruise ships, hotels, Container Port and shipyards in Freeport should only be owned by foreigners?

The irony is most of the



A SUPPORTER of the FNM holding up a sign declaring It's The People's Time - but will the government bring economic opportunity to the people?

big foreign investors in The Bahamas are companies that are publicly traded on international stock exchanges. Shares are owned by millions of foreigners, but in The Bahamas, not one Bahamian can own a single share in any of these companies that profit from our own daily toil and often blood, sweat and tears!

Yet members of our political elite have seen nothing wrong with forming their own joint ventures or partnerships with foreign investors; they have ensured their own sons and daughters are educated abroad thus obtaining the higher paying management jobs; and they have often corruptly profited from secret deals in the nontransparent, non-accountable and restrictive governance model that has suited their kleptocracy.

Meanwhile, the older white oligarchy already has a settled and comfortable economic position, meaning that regular Bahamians, both black and white, are left with little more to look forward to than getting a job inside the Massah's house and jealously guarding it. They remain servants in the fields, enviously watching the fruit of their labor consumed by their Bahamian political masters and protected foreign white, and now also wealthy Asian investors.

Until we can break this corrosive model, the negative cycle will continue. MPs will continue to succumb to those juicy offers to "help" some foreign interest. Projects that are bad for The Bahamas will continue to get sold to the citizenry as great bringers of "jobs".

I urge the new FNM to stay true to their campaign promises and dramatically transform the political and economic model of The Bahamas so that all Bahami-

ans have the opportunity to become self-empowered.

Prime Minister Minnis has announced spending cuts, but there has been no discussion of how to grow revenue into the future. How are we to prepare our young people to enhance the economy and generate new wealth both for themselves and for the country?

Innovative educational reform is key to systemic change, but there seems to be no plan in this regard. Again, there is no need to reinvent the wheel; across the United States, for ex-

ample, thousands of urban youths from backgrounds very similar to our own "Over-The-Hill" communities have graduated college thanks to creative educational models and bold out-of-the-box thinking.

At the end of the day, a major overhaul of our economic system will require a great deal of finesse and strategic thinking, education reform, as well as a sound understanding of economic realities and trends. What is needed is a well thought out 20-year plan for the future – similar

in spirit, if not in content, to the kind of forward thinking and planning advocated by the late Sir Lynden Pindling.

It may be our first prime minister had a better understanding of history, economics and policy than those who came after him.

I urge "The People's Time" government to learn from his example and craft a long-term plan for creating an open, innovative, globally competitive economy for the benefit of all Bahamians.



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The victim's tale

PICTURE posed by model.
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by **ROCHELLE DEAN**

DOMESTIC abuse, whether verbal or physical, exists everywhere. No home is off limits, whether from Lyford Cay to Old Fort Bay or our more grassroots 'over the hill' areas. It's a subject we know exists but one we often chose to ignore, happy it's not something which encroaches on our own lives. For the victims the

abuse can be life changing, destroying everything. It is only by understanding their stories that we can begin to educate the abusers and begin to effect change.

When Faye met Paul, he was a young aspiring professional whose dream was to start his own business and provide for his family. At the time Faye was a young daddy's girl who lived a very happy life with close family. Paul fell in love with how family oriented she was and

couldn't resist starting a relationship with her.

Faye never expected her life to turn out the way it did. Paul pursued her all the way to the aisle, a seemingly happy couple soon blessed with their first child. When the baby came Paul insisted Faye stay at home, looking after the baby but at the same time helping him with managing his business.

This was the plan, their way to financial freedom but things just didn't

seem to work out the way they envisioned, or perhaps as Paul wanted them to be.

One afternoon, Paul asked Faye about a woman client, complaining she had been rude and how damaging this was to his business. No matter what she said he wouldn't listen, ears closed to her pleadings that she had been totally polite. He chose simply not to believe her, shouting abuse at whatever she said.

He called her stupid, an idiot, insisting she was the reason his business was failing- it was all her fault.

Desperate to try and calm him, Faye said she was sorry for anything she had done which was when the first blow came. Why, he said, apologise if as she said she'd done nothing wrong? Liar, he punched her to the ground and left the room.

Faye felt humiliated, detached, shocked by his actions and felt less than a human being. Paul would never treated the dog the way he had just treated her.

That night, she went to their bedroom to find the door locked. That night she slept on the couch, wondering her fate and thought that Paul would make it up to her in the morning.

The next morning, Paul said nothing, just dressed and went to work. Faye was once again humiliated,

ashamed and confused.

It was the beginning of the end. Paul began calling her names at every opportunity, persisting in his illusion that she was trying to ruin him. She would insist she was sorry and he would simply respond, 'But you I thought you did nothing?'

Inevitably, each row, each volley of abuse would end in violence.

Faye's only solace was that Paul was a good father to their son. For a time things improved, his business got better and she became pregnant again. Faye was very happy and Paul was excited to be a dad for the second time. The violence drifted away for a time but it would not last.

He came home one day and the old Paul was back. Again he was screaming she was trying to ruin his life, that she was a 'basket case', crazy woman' who wanted him to have nothing. This time he totally lost control and the blows rained down.

She reached out to her family for help but they simply took Paul's side. She had a beautiful home, kids, she should not be upsetting him.

Not for the first time, Faye felt alone, betrayed and completely humiliated.

As Paul continued his abusive ways, using her as a punch bag anytime she did

anything wrong, her self-esteem began to deteriorate. Faye began to feel like she was nothing to Paul, that he didn't want her to be a part of his family anymore.

One night, he came straight out with it telling her she should leave because she was not a good wife, mother or employee.

She refused and of course it just served to fuel his rage.

She'd imagined things couldn't get any worse until the night he told her he had a new woman in his life, he wanted to marry her and was moving her into their home. Somehow she still couldn't bring herself to leave and so suffered the abuse from both Paul and his mistress.

When things got too bad, she'd call the police whose only advice was to leave, try the Crisis Centre. Family and friends didn't want to know, fearful Paul would turn on them too.

The abuse was unbearable but she wouldn't leave. In the end it was her defiance, her contempt for Paul that made him leave the house but he took the children with him.

The violence was over, but she was left alone, struggling to make it on her own.

She knew one thing though. She had survived, whatever it took she'd make it, no matter what.

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Dorsett given 21 days to present alibi

By **KHRISNA RUSSELL**
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FORMER Environment Minister Kenred Dorsett was back in Magistrate's Court on Friday for a status hearing after he faced several criminal charges in July.

At the time he was arraigned on a single count of misconduct while in public office and four counts each of extortion and bribery totalling \$120,000.

Dorsett, who was accompanied by his wife and other relatives, appeared

before Magistrate Samuel McKinney, where he was asked to stand as the Crown presented a voluntary bill of indictment (VBI) in relation to the case.

Once these documents were read and reviewed by the attorneys representing Dorsett, who included Damian Gomez, QC, and Wayne Munroe, QC, Magistrate McKinney asked whether the former MP understood the terms and conditions of the VBI. "Yes," he replied.

Magistrate McKinney went on to explain that Dorsett would not be re-

quired to enter an alibi or produce evidence because he did not apply to so with the Office of the Attorney General.

However, Mr Munroe interjected raising questions over the level of difficulty present in requiring his client to present an alibi.

He argued that the Crown alleged the criminal acts occurred between March 1 to May 9 or a total of 70 days, adding the details provided were not specific to day, time, or location.

Mr Munroe pointed out the charges only indicated the alleged acts happened

on the island of New Providence.

"It's impossible for him to give notice of alibi," Mr Munroe said.

Following this argument, Magistrate McKinney explained that Mr Dorsett had 21 days in which to present an alibi or witnesses.

The matter has been adjourned to September 15, when Dorsett will appear in the Supreme Court before Justice Bernard Turner.

Magistrate McKinney said a failure to appear at this time would result in a bench warrant against Dorsett, who is currently out on bail.



FORMER Environment Minister Kenred Dorsett outside court on Friday.
Photo: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

Political rivals dispute late payment of workers

By **RICARDO WELLS**
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PROGRESSIVE Liberal Party Chairman Bradley Roberts raised concern yesterday over the non-payment of numerous civil servants last month, a matter Minister of Finance K Peter Turnquest said occurred due to a system coding issue with contract workers whose employment periods had ended.

Mr Turnquest said the matter was being addressed and most if not all of the persons affected should be paid today.

In statement to the press, Mr Roberts said that large numbers of civil servants did not have their salaries deposited to their accounts at various banks for the pay period of August, calling the issue "highly unfortunate and heartless on the part of prime minister".

When contacted for response, Mr Turnquest, who is also deputy prime min-



istry of Education were not paid on time, due to the fact that their salaries had been 'coded', as their initial contract period had expired and the necessary adjustment had not been made to the system," Mr Turnquest told *The Tribune*.

"The matter has been addressed with the requisite files sent to the respective banks for posting on Friday afternoon. Most if not all of these persons should receive their salaries today.

"Do note that the Ministry of Finance continues to work through a litany of unresolved financial and human resource issues left behind by the former PLP administration so as to ensure that all legitimately engaged persons receive their due compensation. The government will not be distracted by idle and duplicitous voices who - when they had their time - squandered the people's money, and cared little about the actual well-being of Bahamians,"

Mr Turnquest added.

Meanwhile, Mr Roberts said that many of those affected workers are parents who were depending on those funds to properly prepare their children for school, which open across the country today.

Mr Roberts said: "While students and their parents suffer because of the terrible policies of Dr Hubert Minnis which created unnecessary uncertainty, hardship and misery for countless Bahamian families, the prime minister and his foreign minister violated their own self-imposed policy on foreign travel and are enjoying cocktails in Atlanta at the expense of Bahamian taxpayers, hundreds of whom Minnis fired since coming to office."

He added: "...Numerous persons spoken to have expressed extreme disappointment in the Minnis government to date who appears strongly driven to place large numbers of civil servants on the unemploy-

ment lines.

"We ask again how in heaven's name can the Minnis government justify giving away \$10m in business licence rebate to the rich on the one hand and terminating long-serving civil servants in the name of politics while claiming the cupboards are bare? Bahamians continue to ask, which people's time is it anyway? The policies of the FNM are at odds with their campaign slogan of change and it's the people's time."

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Smith: Spy bill is a suicide pill for FNM

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FRED SMITH QC

THE government's plan to reintroduce the controversial Interception of Communications Bill is tantamount to a "political suicide pill," according to Grand Bahama Human Rights Association President Fred Smith, QC, who called the legislation a "rape" of privacy.

The prominent attorney told *The Tribune* he was surprised by how quickly the "recently popularly elected government" opted to "unnecessarily court unpopularity" with its plan to bring the bill to Parliament.

Meanwhile, in a separate interview, former Attorney General Allyson Maynard-Gibson called for the latest incarnation of the bill to be passed as soon as possible, but lamented how politics doomed her party's version of the legislation.

Last week, Attorney General Carl Bethel told *The Nassau Guardian* that the Minnis administration intends to bring the bill to

Parliament this term. *The Tribune* revealed exclusively how the Christie administration quietly tabled a similar bill in February. Public uproar over the bill and resistance from the Free National Movement led the former administration to shelve the controversial piece of legislation.

Mr Smith, highlighting the FNM's disapproval of the bill while in opposition, questioned what has changed since the party was elected in May.

"(This) makes no political or social sense," Mr Smith insisted. "I have no objection

to the police and other regulatory agencies hunting down criminals who they have reasonable or probable cause to suspect are breaking the law. However, the 'Spy Bill' however it is to be drafted, turns the presumption of innocence upside down and people are assumed to be guilty rather than presumed to be innocent."

Mr Smith opposed the Interception of Communications Bill as proposed by the former administration. The Christie administration proposed the interception of material would be done in the "interest of national security," which was defined as protecting the country from "threats of sabotage, espionage, terrorist acts, terrorism or subversion."

Mr Smith at the time expressed concern over what the term subversion could entail. He said subversion could be perceived as any simple form of "political dissent," adding that this can be construed to mean anyone openly disagreeing with the government.

Mr Smith added over the weekend: "Everybody

wants their privacy protected. The 'Spy Bill' is a rape of everybody's privacy. The Constitution protects the right to privacy. Why is it so urgent to push it down the public's throat right after the election when the FNM was so opposed to it before the election? What has changed? Is the FNM a political party of hypocrites?"

Mr Smith argued that in a democracy, there is always a balance to be struck between the power of the state and the protection of the rights of the individual.

He stated: "I don't know what the intended bill contains but it seems very odd that this government would bring such an unpopular bill to Parliament during the first legislative assembly. One would have thought that they had better things to focus on."

"Yes, fighting crime is important. And it was declared, pre-election to be a priority, but the government has the necessary tools and it only needs the political will to fight crime effectively. Ravaging our right to privacy is not the solution to crime.

"No matter how many laws are passed, if the Cabinet ministers and the regulatory authorities created by Parliament do not have the financial and human resources and the expertise put at their disposal to effectively fight the criminals, no matter how many laws are passed, crime will continue to escalate."

Mr Smith urged the government to withdraw the bill from its first parliamentary session. He also recommended the government put out a white paper explaining the rationale for the bill and for at least six months of public consultation.

Subsequent to that, Mr Smith said a green paper should be released, followed by a return to Parliament with "something that can be rationalised".

He warned if these steps aren't taken, his organisation will fight "this rape of our constitutional right to privacy" to the bitter end.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson became a lightning rod for criticism from activist groups and the FNM when she promoted the bill as a

part of the Christie administration's agenda. Earlier this year, she announced that it had been shelved.

Asked for her reaction to news the new administration intends to bring the bill back, she said: "I believe that attorneys general since independence have done their best to exercise their discretion in the requisite quasi judicial fashion."

"Unfortunately, for political and other reasons we have and will continue to be victim of mischievous and unfounded criticisms—that is the nature of democracy. Today, as yesterday, the fact remains that 21st century methods must be used to combat transnational and gang related crime in the world. It is my hope the Bahamas puts politics aside and embraces national building."

"Also, as the excellent OAG consultants and advisors continue to say, The Bahamas cannot continue to ignore the clear advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council. The Interception Communication's Act is a necessary crime fighting tool and I hope that it is passed ASAP."

'ARE CHURCHES GETTING A BETTER DEAL FROM GOVERNMENT?'

By RICARDO WELLS
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ATTORNEY Fred Smith, QC, has called government's change of course "discriminatory" in its demand that churches, together with other non-profit organisations, submit their financial information to the Registrar General's Department in accordance with regulations.

The outspoken lawyer called on Attorney General Carl Bethel to either disclose the parameters of the deal made between Bahamas Christian Council (BCC) and his office, or extend the same arrangement to all other non-profit organisation (NPOs).

ment and BCC resolved a dispute over a requirement that some churches submit their financial information to the Registrar General's Department in accordance with NPO regulations, granting churches the ability to "self-regulate" their financials, according to BCC President Delton Fernander. However, the Minnis administration didn't soften its demands to have all other NPOs submit their financial information directly to the Registrar General's Department.

In July, the department listed in newspapers hundreds of NPOs that had to submit information that confirmed their purpose, objectives and activities, the source of their annual income, the identities of

the people who own, control and direct them and annual financial statements or other financial records while also explaining their transactions in and outside The Bahamas.

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Churches were given a 30-day extension on the time to submit such information. Then last month, Bishop Fernander said some of the "stringent" requirements of churches had been relaxed.

"This stinks to high-heaven of deal-making at its finest," contended Mr Smith. "Through law, this government made a demand and weeks later, circumvented that law by allowing one

sub-group more privilege than all the others. Laws are not an order of deal making behind closed doors in dark corners.

"We are governed by the rule of law as an act by Parliament periodically; we are not governed by the arbitrary decisions, 'deal-making' of the executive members of Cabinet. Whether it be through secret heads of agreements like Baha Mar or deals with religious NPOs," Mr Smith added.

Mr Smith, a self-proclaimed advocate for the election of the Free National Movement (FNM) before the 2017 general election, said he was shocked at how quickly the Minnis administration "picked up PLP tricks."

"I didn't support the FNM to see them become a repeat of the PLP. In this move, the FNM is behaving no differently from the PLP it campaigned against. If all churches have been designated, by law, as NPOs, how can you then sidestep the laws and say, 'everyone, except this small group, must follow this law?'"

Mr Smith added: "This makes this whole thing an arbitrary exercise because it shows that if you could cosy up to the government, well those high up, you too can go beyond the laws of this country."

Mr Smith said he currently has two ongoing cases against the government with respect to this issue.

However, he suggested that many other NPOs are

currently afraid to speak out on the demands of the regulations out of fear their operation could be "black-balled" moving forward.

"Many of them often want the government to support their activities - they don't have the resources to be fighting any cases. They could have their accounts cancelled; most of them don't have any lawyer advising them and in this little dictatorship that we have a lot of pressure can be brought to bear from all kinds of directions," he told *The Tribune*.

"This is turning the law upside down. NPOs are entitled to a level of protection under the constitution. Unless the government has probable cause to suspect a NPO is being funded by a terrorist organisation or some unscrupulous source, it cannot demand a disclosure of their finances.

"This omnibus demands for confidential financial information is seizure of private information."

He continued: "Why pick on NPOs? Why not ask the gaming boys as well? Why limit it at all? What's the rationale? Why not ask all companies - all lawyers, all accountants, all private trust companies, all banks?"

"This underscores the arbitrary nature of this demand just from NPOs. They are not the only ones that handle money. And, if you think about it, most NPOs handle local money. It is all the other financial institutions that receive for-

eign currency that would probably be more suspect for terrorist funding.

"I'm pretty sure that not one NPO has been given permission by exchange control to have a foreign currency account. And so they cannot be involved in terrorist funding, because terrorist funding necessarily requires foreign currency to be sent out of The Bahamas."

It was previously reported that a paramount concern of the BCC had been the requirement that religious institutions submit financial information about churches.

"Now we're kinda going to self-regulate those financials," Bishop Fernander said last month. "The financials will be checked by accountants who will report to the ministry that it was done. If there are violations or something untoward shows up, we will gladly turn over the information."

"We'll make notice to that church that it's been requested and we will pass that information. Otherwise, the financial information will remain in the possession of the BCC."

Bishop Fernander said the government has agreed to pay accountants to collect the financial data for churches that can't afford to do so themselves.

"This is more secure in the approach and is across the board," the bishop said. "It's fair for every person and church that all are asked to do these same things."

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The deadline for proposal submissions is: 4:00 p.m. EST Friday, 8th September 2017.



PRIME Minister Dr Hubert Minnis and Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield pictured with their wives and consular staff in Atlanta, Georgia, during their visit.

Photos: Yontalay Bowe

Minnis makes first trip to US as PM

PRIME Minister Hubert Minnis travelled to Atlanta, Georgia, on the weekend, where he urged Bahamians overseas and other potential investors at a special reception to invest in this country, saying his administration is cutting the red tape and long wait times associated with getting projects approved.

It marked Dr Minnis' first trip to the United States since being elected as prime minister in May.

Dr Minnis also extended sympathies to those in the US who have experienced loss and devastation from Hurricane Harvey.

He told those gathered that his administration has launched a programme of long-term economic growth, in order to reduce unemployment and to move the Bahamian economy to a more sustainable path.

"We are dedicated also to stabilising public finances, reforming government and addressing official corruption," Dr Minnis said.

"Our programme of reform and transformation includes new thinking about the role of government, as

we create new and innovative partnerships for national development."

He invited Bahamians overseas, those with Bahamian heritage or links to the country to "consider new investment opportunities" in the Bahamas in areas ranging from tourism, aquaculture to the maritime sector.

"The Bahamas has a highly favourable investment regime. We are cutting the red tape and too often long waiting times for international investment projects to be vetted and approved.

"I invite you also to consider lending your talent and resources in areas such as youth development and community service.

"... During the run-up to the May general election and in my party's manifesto, we repeatedly pledged our commitment to utilising the gifts, and resourcefulness of the Bahamian Diaspora around the world.

"The Bahamian Diaspora is a major talent and investment pool that The Bahamas must tap into. Like other countries that have

successfully done so, my government will cultivate and utilise the energy of the Bahamian Diaspora.

"Working with our foreign missions, we will create a database of Bahamians overseas who the country may tap into as potential investors and consultants.

"For example, if there is not a domestic Bahamian consultant available in a given area, the priority will be to locate a Bahamian overseas, instead of first using a non-Bahamian consultant. We are also giving consideration to an overseas council of the Bahamian Diaspora, which will utilise social media and a dedicated website that will help to produce a database and platform for communication of Bahamians overseas.

"Such an overseas council may also promote investment and job opportunities for Bahamians wishing to return to and/or work in The Bahamas. The council will also promote ways that Bahamians overseas can network and help with educational and community-minded projects that will

benefit The Bahamas, especially young Bahamians. We intend to help create a global network of Bahamians to help boost national development and to create 21st Century Bahamas."

He said the government is also keen on targeting the African-American market, inclusive of the lucrative group tour market.

Dr Minnis was accompanied by his wife, Patricia, Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield, Mrs Henfield, and Acting Consul General Monique Vanderpool.



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VENEZUELA BLOCKS TRAVEL BY ACTIVIST

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A prominent anti-government activist was barred from leaving Venezuela on Saturday for planned meetings with European leaders, dealing a setback to opposition attempts to rally international pressure on President Nicolas Maduro.

Lilian Tintori posted a photo on Twitter of herself at Caracas' international airport holding a document signed by immigration officials ordering the seizure of her passport as she was preparing to board an afternoon flight. Tintori said she had a meeting planned for Monday in Paris with French President Emmanuel Macron.

No explanation for the travel ban was given, but the move came a day after she was ordered to appear before a judge on Tuesday to answer questions about a large sum of cash found in her vehicle.

Tintori, the wife of the nation's most-prominent detained activist, Leopoldo Lopez, said she was also to meet with the leaders of Germany, Spain and the UK.

RECORD-BREAKING ASTRONAUT COMES BACK TO EARTH

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Astronaut Peggy Whitson returned to Earth late Saturday, wrapping up a record-breaking flight that catapulted her to first place for US space endurance.

Whitson's 665 days off the planet — 288 days on this mission alone — exceeds that of any other American and any other woman worldwide.

She checked out of the International Space Station just hours earlier, along with another American and a Russian. Their Soyuz capsule landed in Kazakhstan shortly after sunrise Sunday — Saturday night back in the US.

Toxins in the water - a new threat to Texas

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

TEXAS Gov Greg Abbott said Sunday he expects the Environmental Protection Agency "to get on top" of the threat of possible water contamination after an Associated Press report of highly toxic waste sites flooded in the Houston area.

"The EPA is monitoring that. The EPA is going to get on top of that," said Abbott, when asked on "Fox News Sunday" whether toxic floodwaters could pose a continuing health threat to Texas residents.

"We are working with the EPA to make sure that we contain any of these chemicals harming anybody in the greater Houston area or any other place," he said.

The Houston metropolitan area is home to more than a dozen Superfund sites, designated by the EPA as being among America's most intensely contaminated places. The AP surveyed seven of them and reported Saturday that all had been inundated



A BARBED-wire fence encircles the Highlands Acid Pit that was flooded by water from the nearby San Jacinto River as a result from Hurricane Harvey in Highlands, Texas. Floodwaters have inundated at least five highly contaminated toxic waste sites near Houston, raising concerns that the pollution there might spread. Photo: Jason Dearen/AP

with water, in some cases many feet deep, raising the concern that floodwaters may wash in pollution.

An EPA statement later confirmed the AP's reporting that the federal agency had not yet been able to physically visit the Houston-area sites, saying the sites had "not been ac-

cessible by response personnel". EPA staff had checked on two Superfund sites in Corpus Christi on Thursday and found no significant damage. On Sunday, Abbott said there will always be a threat of contaminated water whenever there is a flood situation.

"What people need to do

is they just need to be very cautious in the way they respond," he said. "Do things like wear gloves, wear a mask, wear clothing so that your skin is not going to brush up against what you're cleaning."

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said he was comfortable with the safety of

Houston's drinking water, saying the Superfund sites were outside the city.

"Certainly, we would hope that the EPA would be on the ground now to take a look at those Superfund sites, to make sure that contamination is contained and limited," he said.

US WARNS NORTH KOREA AFTER HYDROGEN BOMB TEST

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

DEFENCE Secretary Jim Mattis on Sunday shot back at North Korea's claimed test of a hydrogen bomb with a blunt threat, saying the US will answer any threat from the North with a "massive military response — a response both effective and overwhelming." Earlier, President Donald Trump threatened

to halt all trade with countries doing business with the North, a veiled warning to China, and faulted South Korea for its "talk of appeasement."

The tough talk from America's commander in chief and the retired Marine general he picked to oversee the Pentagon came as the Trump administration searched for a response to the escalating crisis. Kim Jong Un's regime on Sun-

day claimed "perfect success" in an underground test of what it called a hydrogen bomb. It was the North's sixth nuclear test since 2006 — the first since Trump took office in January — and involved a device potentially vastly more powerful than a nuclear bomb.

Trump, asked by a reporter during a trip to church services if he would attack the North, said: "We'll see." No US military action appeared imminent, and the immediate focus appeared to be on ratcheting up economic penalties, which have had little effect thus far.

The UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting at the request of the US, Japan, France, Britain and South Korea.

It would be the Security Council's second urgent session in under a week on the North's weapons tests, which have continued in the face of a series of sanctions.

Members of Congress expressed alarm at the North's test and emphasized strengthening US missile defences. Leaders in Russia, China and Europe issued condemnations.

In remarks after a White House meeting with Trump and other national security officials, Mattis told reporters that America does not seek the "total annihilation" of the North, but then added somberly, "We have many options to do so."

The administration has emphasised its pursuit of diplomatic solutions, know-

ing the potentially horrific costs of war with the North. But the decision to have Mattis deliver a public statement seemed to suggest an escalating crisis.

Mattis also said the international community is unified in demanding the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula and that Kim should know that Washington's commitment to Japan and South Korea is unshakable.

The precise strength of the underground nuclear explosion had yet to be determined. South Korea's weather agency said the artificial earthquake caused by the explosion was five times to six times stronger than tremors generated by the North's previous five tests.



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MORE DIPLOMATS IN CUBA SUFFER HEALTH ATTACKS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mysterious incidents affecting the health of American diplomats in Cuba continued as recently as August, the United States said Friday, despite earlier US assessments that the attacks had long stopped. The US increased its tally of government personnel affected to 19.

The new US disclosures came the same day that the union representing American diplomats said mild traumatic brain injury was among the diagnoses given to diplomats victimised in the attacks. In the most detailed account of the symptoms to date, the American Foreign Service Association said permanent hearing loss was another diagnosis, and that additional symptoms had included brain swelling, severe headaches, loss of balance and "cognitive disruption."

IRAN 'WARNED US AIRCRAFT'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's Arabic language TV station al-Alam is reporting that the country's air defense base sent two warnings in the last six months to US spy aircraft that approached Iranian airspace.

The TV's website quoted the country's chief of air defense, Brig Gen Farzad Esmaili, as saying Iran warned a U2 reconnaissance aircraft on March 21. He did not mention the location.

He also said the country's air defense warned an American drone on Aug. 26. Gen Esmaili said: "We do not allow such rabid aircrafts to enter our territory."



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