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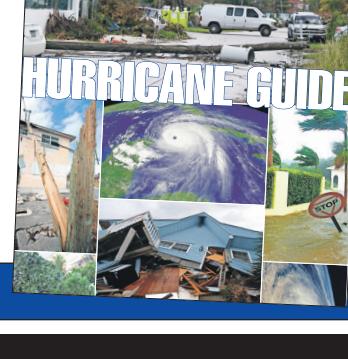


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DELIVERING the "strongest plea possible," Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis appealed to residents of Mayaguana, Inagua, Crooked Island, Acklins, Long Cay and Ragged Island to evacuate their respective areas, stressing emergency personnel and assistance will not be available during the immediate impact of "potentially catastrophic" Hurricane Irma.

During a national address last night, the prime minister, *pictured*, warned southern island residents "not (to) be foolish and try to brave out this monster storm," adding the price for not evacuating may be a life or serious physical harm.

As the country faces what could be the most severe natural disaster in the modern history of The Bahamas, Dr Minnis said because of the possible loss of life associated with the category five storm, a voluntary evacuation of vulnerable communities has been put in place.

This is the largest evacuation in the history of the country, Dr Minnis said.

Irma, according to US Acuweather forecaster Dan Kottlowski, now has winds of 185mph, making it a solid category five storm.

Officials have said the southern islands will begin to feel Irma's impact by Thursday evening continuing into Friday.

The central and northern Bahamas will also likely experience effects of the storm as it



churns through the country into the weekend.

"We are advising in the strongest possible terms that the residents of MICAL and Ragged Island comply with the evacuation from their respective islands," Dr Minnis said, flanked by members of Cabinet and other government officials at his office on West Bay Street.

"Let me be very clear:

those who refuse to evacuate, place themselves in potentially great danger from this monster hurricane, including from dangerously strong and high storm surges, which is one of the greatest threats from a hurricane.

Emergency personnel and assistance will be unavailable during the immediate impact of the hurricane for those in MICAL and Ragged Island who do not evacuate.

Furthermore, rescue and recovery may take an extended period of time for those who did not evacuate."

He continued: "Let me again make the strongest plea possible to the residents of MICAL and Ragged Island to evacuate their respective areas.

"Do not put your life and those of your loved ones at unnecessary risk. Do not be foolish and try to brave out this monster storm. The price you may pay for not evacuating is your life or serious physical harm."

Mr Kottlowski told *The Tribune* yesterday the southern islands will likely feel the worst of the storm on Friday.

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POLICE BEG PUBLIC: NAME THE SHOOTERS

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ACTING Commissioner Anthony Ferguson yesterday announced the establishment of a 24-hour incident room at the Central Detective Unit as police revamp crime strategies following another spate of shootings.

Two men were killed and three others, including two women, are in hospital after three separate shootings on Monday.

The deaths of the men pushed the country's homicide count to 95 for the year, according to *The Tribune's* records.

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DAMES: THERE'S NO QUICK FIX ON KILLINGS

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NATIONAL Security Minister Marvin Dames rebuffed critics of the government's actions on crime, telling reporters the Free National Movement came to office with crime at alarming levels and the

problem could not be solved in three months.

However, he said, the government is determined to solve the problem and is constantly discussing ways to do so.

He spoke to reporters the same day Shadow Minister of National Security Glenys

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IN preparation for Hurricane Irma, Bahamians have been stocking up on a large quantity of water to supply them through the storm.

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A NUMBER of Bahamians have started to block up windows ahead of the storm.



WATER supplies have been a focus of many consumers' attention.

Traders warned over price gouging

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LABOUR Minister Dion Foulkes yesterday discouraged opportunistic merchants from price gouging as the country braces for Hurricane Irma.

Mr Foulkes flagged possible penalties for lawbreakers like an \$8,000 fine or the revocation of a business licence, and urged persons to contact the Price Commission's hot-

line to report any concerns of increased prices.

He also advised there was no possibility of a fuel shortage as major gasoline and diesel suppliers are fully stocked.

"Normally leading up to national disasters such as this hurricane," he said, "we have had past experiences of merchants increasing the prices of hurricane related items, particularly at hardware stores and food stores. We would like to ad-

vise all merchants that it is an offence under the Price Control Act and the Consumer Protection Act.

"The total fine if you combine both acts is about \$8,000 penalty for that, also there is a risk of losing the business licence. So we would like to encourage merchants generally not to take advantage from an illegal point of view but also from a moral point of view of the Bahamian consumers during this period."

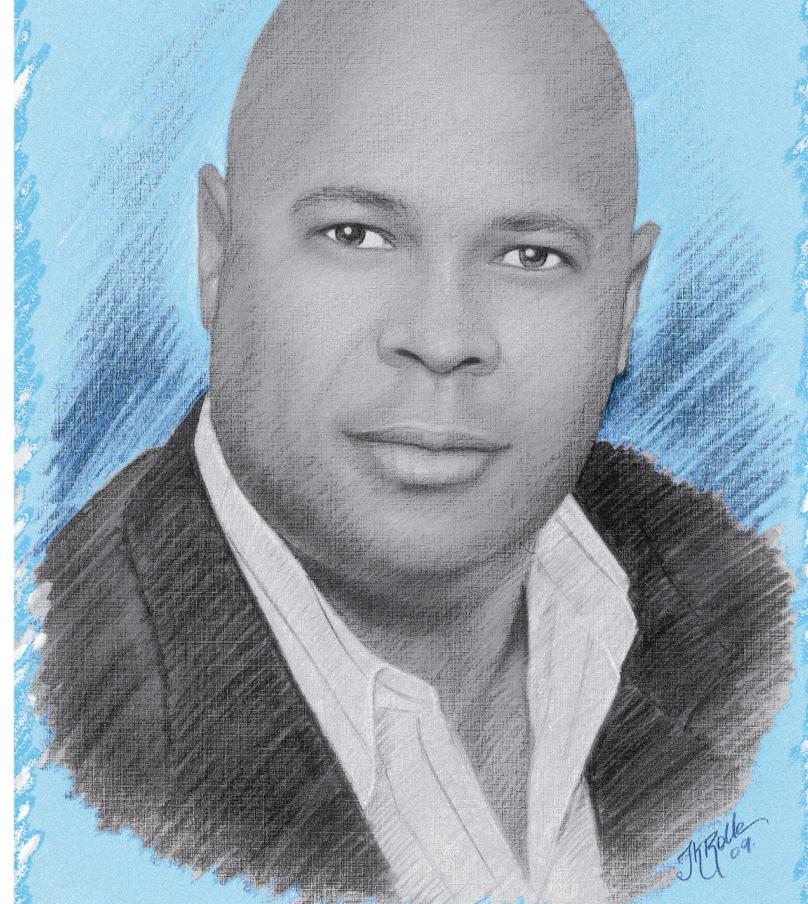
Mr Foulkes said he could not speak to anecdotal accounts of price gouging during previous storms, adding his ministry was committed to ensuring the regulations are enforced with the help of the police and Office of the Attorney General.

The Price Commission's hotline numbers are 376-1507 and 376-5125 which are operational from 9am to 9pm and will remain active until a week after the passage of the storm.

"We want to encourage The Bahamas to call us because we have about 60 inspectors throughout the country from Inagua to Grand Cay that will be enforcing these regulations."

He continued: "I also want to inform that all of the three major suppliers of gasoline and diesel have advised us that they are fully stocked and there is no possibility of them running out. So if you hear anything on social media don't believe it, you don't have to panic and run to the gas stations."

In a later press statement, Mr Foulkes said there were some serious issues concerning consumer affairs in the country and that the Price Commission and the Consumer Protection Commission must readily address them. Among these concerns he noted were the newly introduced charges by some banks on various banking transactions along with other vexing consumer issues.



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He warned Bahamians to continue preparing for a "pretty strong situation".

"Right now, Irma is moving on a west at 14 mph and has winds of 185mph which makes it a solid category five hurricane," Mr Kottlowski said.

"It ties as the second strongest hurricane in the Atlantic so it will continue to track over the northern portion of the Leeward Islands tonight (Tuesday) and early tomorrow (Wednesday) and pass very close to the Virgin Islands (Wednesday) and north of Puerto Rico (today) and (tonight)."

"It will start to impact the Turks and Caicos as we head into Thursday with tropical storm force winds."

"It's now looking like the centre of Irma is probably going to pass just south of the Turks and Caicos Thursday night and Friday. However, they are still going to be on the north and east side of the hurricane, which is where typically the strongest winds are, so they can still expect to see hurricane conditions and very, very heavy rainfall. This again is going to start to happen late Thursday or Thursday night and the worst conditions in the Turks and Caicos and the southern Bahamas will generally be centred on Friday."

He continued: "Now looks like the storm is going to track probably Friday night and Saturday but it will still bring high winds and very rough surf and very heavy rainfall into the central Bahamas Friday night into Saturday and those hurricane conditions will then potentially spread into the northern Bahamas Saturday night into Sunday morning."

"Right now, the way we are looking at it right now it does look like the centre of the storm will pass south and west of The Bahamas. So The Bahamas will be on the



PRIME Minister Dr Hubert Minnis addressing the nation last night as he announced plans to evacuate the southern Bahamas.

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eastern portion of the hurricane, which again is the side that has the strongest winds and again can create the terrible surf and so forth.

"So just because the centre of the storm is not going to track right over The Bahamas it doesn't mean that we need to let our guard down because again conditions are going to be pretty bad especially over southern Bahamas during Friday. Central and northern Bahamas again are going to have sustained winds of 39mph to 70mph with wind gusts over 74mph during Saturday growing and building into Sunday."

"So people should still prepare for a pretty strong situation," he said.

Evacuations

Evacuations from the southern islands will begin early Wednesday morning and are expected to be complete by this evening.

The prime minister said those who agree to evacuate should secure and bring identification with them, including passports, NIB and voter's cards along with medication, clothing and toiletries sufficient for sev-

eral days.

He said those who agree to evacuate should contact relatives, friends and church fellowships to accommodate them during their stay in New Providence.

For anyone without these kinds of accommodations, Dr Minnis said the Kendal Isaacs National Gymnasium will be used as a major shelter for those evacuated from MICAL and Ragged Island.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese has also generously agreed to the use of Loyola Hall on Gladstone Road as a major shelter, he said. These centres will be adequately staffed by various personnel, and will be secured by the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

"We are working to ensure that the evacuations are completed as efficiently and as orderly as possible given the circumstances at hand and the possibility of the hurricane taking a different path than currently forecast."

"We are receiving constant updates on the location and the potential impact of Hurricane Irma. We are also closely monitoring

Tropical Storm Jose, which may develop into a hurricane by Friday."

The prime minister said this is now the time for national unity.

"In this spirit, I have briefed the Leader of the Opposition (Philip 'Brave' Davis) on Hurricane Irma. I have also invited the leader of the opposition to join me at the Office of the Prime Minister during the preparation for Hurricane Irma, and to offer his advice as the country faces the threat posed by this monster hurricane, including during the rescue and recovery stages after the storm passes."

While extending prayers, best wishes and solidarity to Bahamians and the country's CARICOM partners, Dr Minnis called on the generosity of Bahamians, at home and abroad, and residents, to offer whatever they can in terms of volunteerism, monetary and other resources to help those affected by Hurricane Irma.

He also appealed to Bahamians to refrain from re-sending social media posts which appear questionable or false.

1,000 VOLUNTEER TO EVACUATE

NEARLY 1,000 Bahamians have already volunteered to evacuate their homes in the southern islands and temporarily relocate in New Providence as Hurricane Irma churns its way toward the country.

According to Captain Stephen Russell, director of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), 82 people will leave Acklins, 55 from Crooked Island, 155 from Mayaguana, 55 from Ragged Island and more than 600 persons will leave Great Inagua on Wednesday.

Anyone who refuses to leave will have to weather the storm in shelters available on their respective islands.

He said the Royal Bahamas Defence Force will also station advance teams of three to six marines who will "ride out the storm one way or the other."

He said Tuesday night: "If there is an opportunity to get out of a potentially disaster stricken area, I

would urge persons to come out and not take a chance and risk their lives.

"Homes, furniture and appliances we can replace, but there is no way in the world we can replace a life. If you are seriously injured as a result of the storm it can be a nag for you for the rest of your life not just physically but mentally because you had the opportunity to leave and refused to leave."

Bahamasair, Pineapple Air and Sky Bahamas are assisting the government in this exercise.

The flights will begin at various times from as early as 7am in Inagua.

Additional flights from Inagua will leave at 11am, 3pm, 4.30pm and 5.15pm.

For Ragged Island, Captain Russell said Sky Bahamas will begin shuttling people out by 11.30am and 4.30pm.

Bahamasair's flights are expected to arrive in New Providence beginning at 9.45am and ending at 5.15pm.

TRIMMING EXERCISES MAY MEAN OUTAGES

BAHAMAS Power and Light has warned customers in New Providence that they may have service interrupted by planned outages as crews carry out emergency tree trimming exercises ahead of Hurricane Irma's approach.

BPL said if these areas are not addressed, BPL's system could be seriously damaged during the storm.

These areas include: transmission lines that would affect a large number of customers if impacted and high risk and high density areas. These include areas where the infrastructure exists behind properties, or are otherwise difficult to access and lines in routes to vital areas including airports, hospitals and shelters.

Once such critical sites have been addressed, if time allows, BPL teams will begin targeting different communities and individual customers.

BPL has also advised the public that it has initiated its emergency response plan in preparation of Hurricane Irma.

"BPL's hurricane preparedness began earlier in the year and included tree trimming exercises and the procurement of critical parts that may be damaged in the event of a storm," the company said in a statement issued Tuesday. "As such, spare parts have been distributed in both New Providence and the Family Islands."

lands. Additionally, capital projects and maintenance activities during the last 12 months placed a great deal of emphasis on making certain that BPL is better prepared to withstand severe weather and to assist in faster service restoration following a storm.

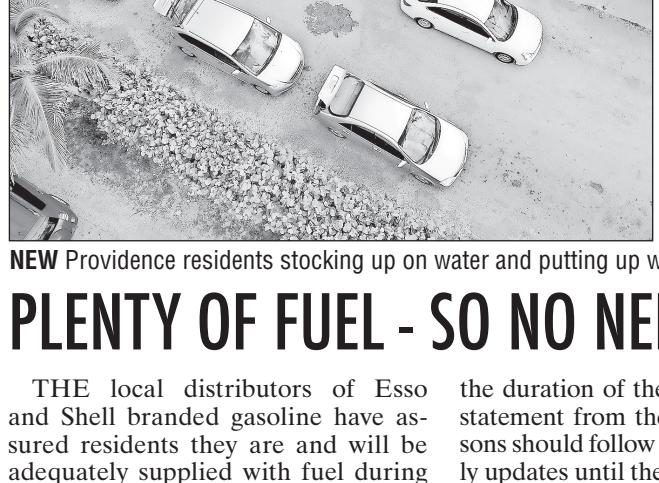
"While much uncertainty remains regarding the exact path of Hurricane Irma, BPL has assembled teams that will be deployed to assist local teams on impacted islands, as well as contacted the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) to secure additional support, if needed."

After the storm, BPL said local teams on affected islands will immediately begin clearing and clean-up work in advance of the additional resources reaching those areas.

"Moreover, shipping vendors have been secured to transport supplies and other resources; including machinery and vehicles, into any affected island to expedite restoration," the company's statement said. "BPL officials in New Providence and the Family Islands will continue to closely monitor and prepare for Hurricane Irma. We encourage all customers to pay attention to BPL's Facebook page as well as local radio and television programming as we will regularly provide periodic updates with respect to the impact of Hurricane Irma on The Bahamas."



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NEW Providence residents stocking up on water and putting up window shutters yesterday.



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PLENTY OF FUEL - SO NO NEED TO PANIC, SAY SUPPLIERS

THE local distributors of Esso and Shell branded gasoline have assured residents they are and will be adequately supplied with fuel during Hurricane Irma's passage over the Bahamas.

SOL Petroleum Bahamas Ltd, exclusive licenced distributor of Esso brand fuels in the Bahamas, has assured its retail service station and commercial customers in New Providence and the Family Islands that it has multiple contingencies in place to respond to potential impacts from Hurricane Irma.

The company said Sol is now, and will be, adequately supplied throughout

the duration of the storm's passage. A statement from the company said persons should follow its Facebook for daily updates until the threat has passed.

Meanwhile Sun Oil Limited, the Shell licensee for the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands, said its Clifton Pier terminal is "well-stocked with over 45 days' worth of fuel inventory on hand" for customers' needs.

"Our facilities have undergone additional strengthening in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, reinforcing our capacity to resume fuel import and distribution operations immediately after the passage of the storm," the company said on Tuesday.

"We have observed and interpreted increased activity at our service station sites as signs that customers have begun their preparations for Hurricane Irma. As you do so, we encourage you to act responsibly and safely. Fuel should only be dispensed from the service stations into your vehicle's fuel tank or approved fuel storage containers. Gasoline and diesel are highly flammable liquids."

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Ready or not, here she comes

ON MONDAY, as Hurricane Irma swirled in the Atlantic gathering strength on what appears to be a direct path for the southeastern Bahamas, Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis and officials from various ministries and departments held a press conference at Police Headquarters. The purpose of the press conference was ostensibly to advise individuals how to prepare for the oncoming storm and to persuade the same public that government was doing all it needed to do and could do to protect life and property.

There was another purpose for the press conference. With an overwhelming gathering and show of high-ranking officials from every nook and cranny of the public sector, government wanted to send a clear message that it was not going to be caught with its pants down this time as the former government was in Hurricane Joaquin two years ago.

While we heard one official after another at the press conference discuss plans, most of which sounded thorough, what we did not see on the streets is what we had expected to see.

Where were the BPL bucket trucks that should have been clearing tree branches from power lines? We traversed the island, from Gambier to Adelaide, Albany to Sea Breeze over the past few days, from the time that Irma first became a threat, and there was a complete absence of physical preparation by BPL.

How much more is the Bahamian public supposed to accept from this company that cannot keep power on during calm and tranquil days and is making no show of stepping it up for a hurricane that is barreling towards us with winds and rain that will certainly down power lines? How much more are we supposed to take from a company that must know inaction will wreak far worse havoc because heavy tree branches are overhanging power lines throughout the island of New Providence? BPL must fire up its trucks and clear away branches fast, even if it means engaging other companies that have the equipment and manpower to assist.

The press conference reflected an appropriate, even impressive, sense of urgency. It is good that there are command centres set up on various islands and the Ministry of Health has its plans in place as do Tourism and Environmental Health.

It is acceptable that Police promise to prosecute anyone who attempts price gouging or, following the storm, is found breaking the law, including looting. We commend the Royal Bahamas Defence Force which said 150 people were engaged, another 100 persons ready to go, ships positioned to serve as relief centres and they are taking responsibility for managing shelters throughout New Providence. It appears that the Defence Force has emerged as the prime model for hurricane preparedness, assistance, rescue and recovery with its ships ready to set up in affected locations, making and storing water, providing medical care and serving as the floating centres of sustenance for those impacted by the storm. Its mobile base city can produce up to 33,000 gallons of water a day. Its landing craft was in Inagua Monday offloading supplies donated by the American government to NEMA's newly constructed warehouse. We wish the Defence Force were in charge of the distribution. But the information it presented and has presented before are the straightforward facts we need to know.

Nassau as a whole responded differ-

ently to the threat of the storm. We saw people and businesses preparing farther in advance than we have ever seen even though Irma was expected to graze New Providence, saving her most powerful blow for the southern Bahamas. Cash registers were ringing as plywood, nails, tuna, canned goods and batteries flew off the shelves and cars filled up with fuel. The traffic on the road was reminiscent of last minute holiday shopping. Long lines formed at water depots.

Our hearts go out to those in the southern Bahamas, many of whom are still reeling and recovering from Hurricane Joaquin. We do not know how they will find the strength to bear the brunt of another brutal storm. Rebuilding the church in Acklins, a labour of love, is still ongoing nearly two years later as the Bahamas Hurricane Restoration Fund works to transform the structure into a beautiful community centre with historic architectural integrity and contemporary amenities that make it useful as a shelter as well as a place to worship. In Crooked Island, of the houses that are left, several still have tarpaulins for roofs. Rebuild Bahamas, the recovery effort between the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation and Rotary, and the Restoration Fund continue to work in the area.

The wrath of a storm makes news and fades as other news replaces it, leaving those impacted to struggle as they rebuild their lives. While we pray for our brothers and sisters in the southern Bahamas, again we ask: Where are the BPL bucket trucks that should be clearing New Providence to keep the damage from high winds to a minimum? We wait with baited breath for the day Minister of Works Desmond Bannister lays bare the management contract with Power-Secure and the mysterious business plan that the Bahamian people paid for that to date has remained a secret.

As we await the storm, we issue one last plea to BPL, please, tackle the job at hand. There are people in Adelaide who still do not have power, 11 months after Hurricane Matthew. Much rests on your shoulders and nothing will demonstrate your lack of love for The Bahamas more than your actions that so far tell us you think it is business as usual when it is anything but. The cost and unreliability of consistent energy is the second greatest obstacle to doing business in The Bahamas. This is one chance for BPL to show its stuff if it actually wants to remain in The Bahamas post-Irma. If not, the Bahamian people will very likely support a government that says: "Enough is enough and we are just not going to take it anymore." The days ahead may be stormy for the country but they will be even stormier for the management contract for the company called BPL if it fails to perform in an emergency.

• EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Tribune received a statement from BPL yesterday in which the company says it has initiated its emergency response plan and had started its tree trimming exercise earlier in the year. Our eyes reveal that if there was indeed a plan it fell far short of what it should have been. We saw heavy tree branches overhanging power lines throughout New Providence. Further, The Tribune confirmed that the tree trimming is the responsibility of BPL and not the Ministry of Works. If this is a wake-up call, we hope it serves the purpose and that BPL will quickly call in all assistance to minimise damage and widespread loss of power. (See page 3 for BPL statement).

The plan appears to be to ship the items sometime this hurricane season so that the supplies can be prepositioned and stored in the Emergency Relief Warehouse (also funded by the US) at Mathew Town.

However, NEMA should ensure that the

warehouse is big enough to hold all the additional emergency supplies our Chinese comrades will undoubtedly donate, as usual.

**KEN W KNOWLES,
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Nassau,
September 4, 2017.

PUSHIN' DA ENVELOPE

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In love with The Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I RECENTLY became an ambassador in the tourism industry. The experience so far has been breathtaking.

I have worked in many fields during the course of my professional career ranging from being a Royal Bahamas Defence Force Officer, a senior bank manager and a grocery store manager just to name a few. I have worn many hats.

I always believed in providing excellent customer service while in these professions and the tourism industry for me is no different. But for some reason I feel a deeper sense of pride. Everything seems to be so natural. The tourism industry has given me a totally different perspective on life and servitude.

I vividly remember in 1998 when I fell in love with the woman of my dreams.

We are now married and have a beautiful teen age daughter. Like most couples, our journey has been a storied one, but we are still together and she is still the one. I knew even back then that she was the one when we met. I know now that The Bahamas is my new love and the tourism industry will be one channel that I use to express this passion.

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Working directly in the tourism industry for only five weeks has made me think about when I met my first love. Do you know what goose bumps are? These are what I get when I learn something new about The Bahamas.

Do you know what it is to lose sleep at night? This has been happening to me ever since I started the Ministry of Tourism's Tour Guide Course several weeks ago.

Do you know how it feels to wake up on a Sunday morning and go on YouTube to listen to Ronnie Butler's songs like Shot Gun Wedding, Burma Road and Bungy on Fire?

Or to listen to KB's Cocoo Soup? Or to listen to Gino D's Drunk Again? Or the 'Brilanders' Party in the Backyard? And to do all of this before getting out of bed.

Do you know the feeling when you are now looking at the same buildings that you once passed everyday of your life with a renewed sense of pride and then searching on Google and local sources to become better informed about their history?

Scott Kelly, an American

astronaut who spent one year in space said, "The Bahamas is the most beautiful place from space". I believe we are the most beautiful country on earth and we have a storied and rich history that all Bahamians need to explore more.

At 43 years old, I have suddenly acquired an insatiable desire to learn more about my country. I want to now know the full story, the true story. I want to learn about the grave site that is now covered by the basketball court near Reeves Street in Fox Hill.

I want to learn about the inhabitants who I am told were in The Bahamas as early as 600 AD. I want to learn more about the Glass Window Bridge in Eleuthera. I need to visit Cat Island, Mayaguana and Rum Cay.

I will continue to learn more about The Bahamas. I will treat her right and take good care of her because she is mine. I will not allow anything bad to happen to her; no, not under my watch.

I am in love again and this time it's with my country, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

DEHAVILLAND MOSS

Nassau,
September 3, 2017

EDITOR, The Tribune.

HURRICANE Irma is a category four storm. It is a life-threatening storm and it is getting closer to The Bahamas.

We Bahamians should make sure we are prepared on all islands. We've been hit consecutive years. We all see the potential damage. Many people haven't recovered yet from Joaquin

and Matthew.

Make sure you do all of your preparations. Watch the reports from the Department of Meteorology here in The Bahamas and the Weather Channel out of the US.

Not being prepared and being slack could cause you your life. Devastating storms can kill. Remember that Bahamians died in Hurricane Andrew.

As hot as it is and as warm as the water is I wouldn't be surprised if this storm strengthens more. If you need to stay in a shelter, do so. Prepare now to do so.

We all hope the storm passes us, but hope doesn't affect the direction of storms. Be ready.

DARWIN R LUTHER

Nassau,
September 2, 2017.

Let's be ready

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Nassau,
September 2, 2017.

Be prepared...

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: Emergency Supplies Shipped To Inagua.

The Tribune, September 4, 2017.

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Some residents vowing to ride out the hurricane

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HOURS before Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis pleaded with residents of MICAL and Ragged Island to evacuate ahead of "potentially catastrophic" Hurricane Irma, many residents in those communities told *The Tribune* yesterday they had no intention of leaving their homes, although Irma is now a category five storm and packs winds of 185mph.

Despite having survived the devastation left behind in the southern islands by Hurricane Joaquin in 2015, many residents in Crooked Island, Inagua and Ragged Island were apprehensive about leaving their homes before the storm, which will start to affect the southern Family Islands by Thursday evening.

Last night, Dr Minnis announced flight arrangements to evacuate residents from the southern islands to New Providence.

The voluntary evacuation will begin at 8am and is expected to end at 6pm Wednesday.

Daphne Cunningham, of Crooked Island, was one resident who said she believed her house would be safe and sturdy enough to withstand Irma.

"I'm living on a hill so I think we should be straight," she told *The Tribune* on Tuesday afternoon, before Dr Minnis' announcement. "So I am going to stay right here at home and ride out the storm."

"We are right now trying to do the necessary preparations, stocking up on grocery items, and battening up," she continued.

Asked if her experience with Hurricane Joaquin would in any way shape her decision in bracing for Irma, Mrs Cunningham said: "No one is really panicking. We are all just hoping for the best."

Another Crooked Island resident, who did not want to be named, said despite

his home being severely flooded by sea water during Hurricane Joaquin, his only decision was to seek shelter at a nearby church, located on a hill. He said he did not consider evacuating the island and seeking shelter in New Providence or another Family Island.

"If I evacuate, I will go to the Church of God in Cripple Hill, about four miles from where my house is now. That's the nearest shelter," he said.

"Everyone is clearing loose debris and old wood. We are securing everything that could be secured, stocking up on gas and getting foodstuff. We are monitoring the storm to determine if we are going to move to higher ground, but that's about it."

"Last time I was in Landrail Point and we got unbelievable flooding. The water flowed where it could have."

Resident Gerald Cunningham added: "Crooked Island is ready. Everybody is ready. Some people are

planning to go to Nassau tomorrow (Wednesday), but I don't plan to evacuate. I live on a hill so no water can do me anything."

Florence Ferguson had different sentiments.

Ms Ferguson, a retired teacher now living in Major's Cay, Crooked Island said she was in the process of packing up her car with personal items in preparation to take the mail boat to New Providence.

She said: "I already prepared for everything and now I am just trying to lift my things to higher ground and pack up my small car. I live in a T11 house. It's wooden and it's small. I am leaning towards putting my car on the mail boat and getting into Nassau."

"The boat is getting in at 8pm and I plan to be there at 5.30 waiting."

"My children in Nassau are calling for me to come, so I think I will go."

Earlier on Tuesday, officials placed the southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands

under a hurricane watch. This includes the islands of Inagua, Acklins and Crooked Island, Mayaguana, Long Cay, Samana Cay – which all make up the MICAL constituency – as well as Ragged Island and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

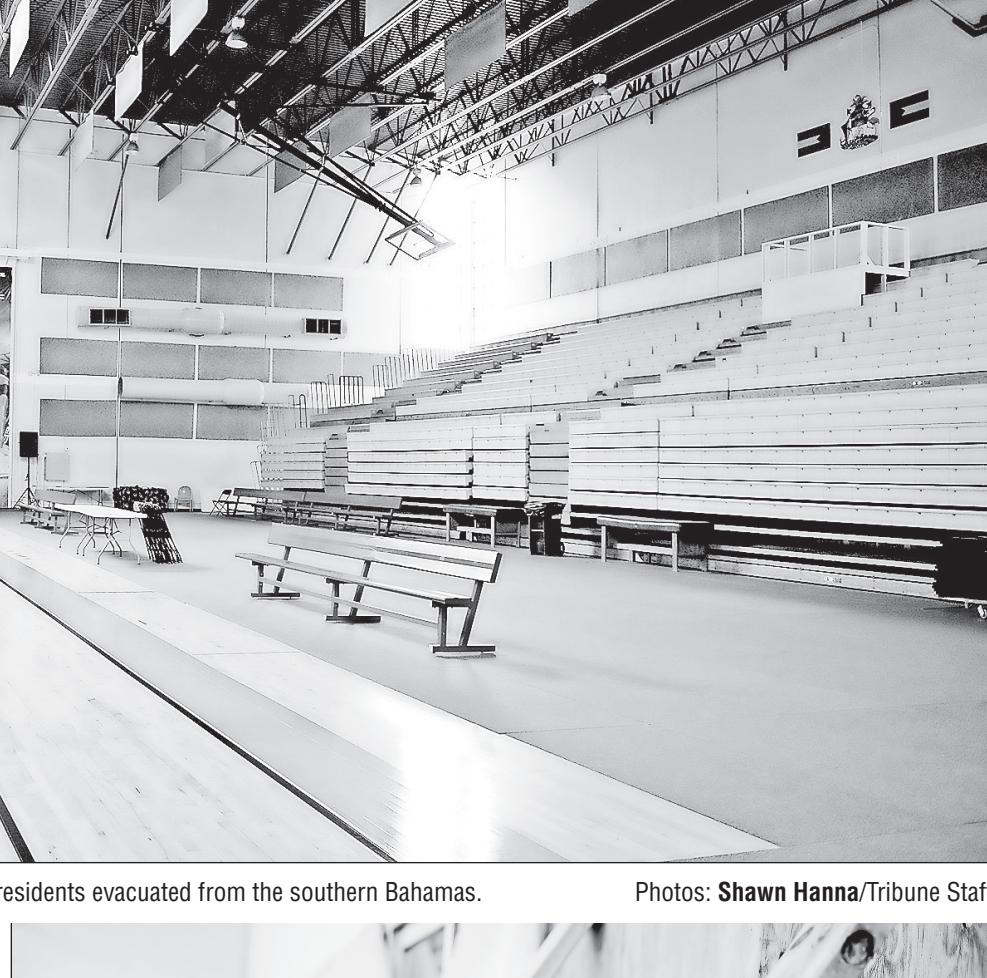
This means these areas could feel the impact of Hurricane Irma within 48 hours.

In Duncan Town, Ragged Island, Granville Hepburn said he didn't see the need to evacuate. Duncan Town is the only settlement on the island.

He said: "The only thing we could do is get prepared. (We are) preparing houses getting prepared for Irma. Everyone is just about done battening up."

"Many of us on the island don't see the need to go anywhere, because the island is high. I don't think we would flood."

However, he said at a meeting scheduled for later in the afternoon some were expected to decide on



THE KENDAL Isaacs Gymnasium, which will serve as a shelter for residents evacuated from the southern Bahamas.

Photos: Shawn Hanna/Tribune Staff



MAKING preparations at Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium yesterday.

Caicos Islands under a hurricane watch. This includes the islands of Inagua, Acklins and Crooked Island,

whether they would leave the island.

"I guess if there is a way to get out, people will take it. I haven't made up my mind, but I don't think I'm going anywhere," Mr Hepburn said.

Residents in Inagua who spoke with *The Tribune* seemed for the most part unbothered by the impending dangerous storm.

Marquis Rolle, 20, said "it is what it is" when he was asked whether there were any fears over the storm.

"I mean we are doing everything we could and are trying our best to get every-

thing together and trying to help neighbours and other people secure their homes and belongings," he told *The Tribune*.

"Yeah, a lot of people are battening up, but the storm is coming. It is what it is. We can't really do anything except for hope and pray for the best."

He said he was still undecided on whether he would evacuate the island.

Another resident, elderly Delores Symonette, said she was not prepared to leave the island, but she would seek shelter at her son's house.



BAHAMIANS stocking up on wood to protect windows.

Photo: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

AIRPORT: FLIGHTS LIKELY TO CEASE ON FRIDAY

THE Nassau Airport Development Company has announced that operations at the Lynden Pindling International Airport are likely to cease on Friday evening with a potential resumption a day later, depending on the damage Hurricane Irma brings.

In a statement released on Tuesday, NAD said it held its first hurricane meeting with the LPIA community to review the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season projections, lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew last

year, and any updates to each agency's standard operating procedures for hurricanes.

As a result of that meeting and based on the Meteorological Department's forecast, NAD said: "On its current forecasted track and given its size, New Providence should start feeling the impacts of Hurricane Irma as early as Friday evening, around (9pm). The time and date are subject to change based upon the change in forward speed of the storm.

"If the storm remains on the current track - still subject to change - New Providence may experience tropical storm force winds. However, we are unable to provide more definitive information at this time, as the cone of uncertainty remains large over the Northwest Bahamas and Florida. We do not anticipate a cessation in airport operations until Friday evening, with a potential resumption in business Saturday evening, depending on the aftermath

of the storm."

NAD said it has activated its hurricane response plan and will continue to closely monitor the hurricane, and will meet with all stakeholders as required. Another meeting is scheduled with the Met Department and the airport community Wednesday morning at 11.30, and it is envisaged that more defined decisions can be made then based upon new updates and a more defined cone of uncertainty, NAD said.

GRAND BAHAMA 'MUST TAKE STORM SERIOUSLY'

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KWASI THOMPSON, State Minister for Grand Bahama, has warned Grand Bahamians to take Hurricane Irma seriously.

"This is a very strong storm; it is an historic storm, and all Grand Bahamians must take this storm seriously," he said of Hurricane Irma. "We want to encourage

age all residents to continue to monitor the storm."

Senator Thompson noted that while Grand Bahama is not in the direct path of the storm it could take a change to the north and affect the island. "I am encouraging all Grand Bahamians to be prepared, do not panic, but be prepared."

He is urging residents to secure their premises and purchase sufficient food and water, and pay attention to updates on the storm

on the various news outlets.

He said that all of the relevant agencies are ready and further meetings will be held on Wednesday.

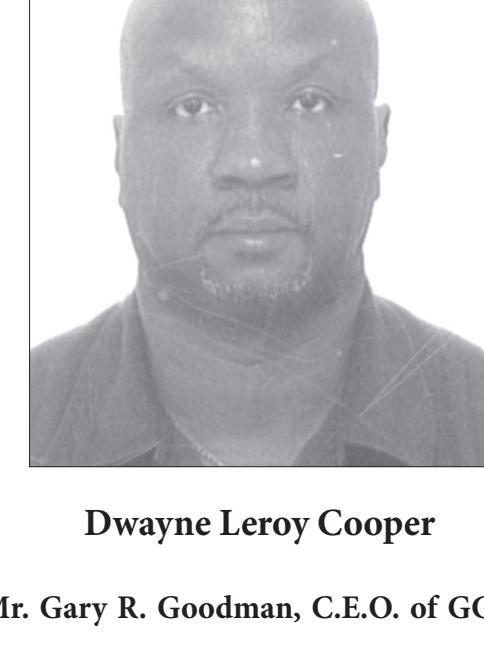
Mr Thompson has called on Bahamians to assist each other, and for churches and civic organisations to help residents during this time.

At a town meeting in West End on Monday, West Grand Bahama and Bimini MP Pakesia Parker Edgecombe said central government officials will be assist-

ing local government and making tarp available to homeowners whose houses have still not been repaired since Hurricane Matthew last year. She also apologised for the delay in home repairs due to the change in government.

"I want to extend our sincere apology that there was a delay, but the names have been given and we are aware work has to be done on your house, but our apology for the delay," she said.

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POLICE BEG PUBLIC: NAME THE SHOOTERS

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Mr Ferguson declined to confirm the total number of homicides for the year at yesterday's press conference, instead adding that he felt the public was more concerned with preventing killings rather than counting them.

"As a result of the recent overnight shootings in the capital that resulted in two deaths," Acting Commissioner Ferguson said, "we have revised our operational strategy effective immediately. Realising that crime is dynamic it becomes necessary from time to time to review current strategies because the criminal element is finding innovative



THE BODY of a man killed in a shooting at a bank in Madeira Street is taken from the scene on Monday.

ways to commit crime."

"Therefore, a 24-hour incident room has been set up at the Central Detective Unit. This unit will receive calls from members of the public who may have information, and this information will be managed so that the matters can be effectively and efficiently in-

vestigated."

The acting commissioner said while he will not provide further details, the impact of the revised strategy will be "felt and seen."

In the first shooting on Monday, a man and woman were sitting in a yard on Abner Street, Fox Hill around 9pm when the occupants of

a dark coloured vehicle shot at them before speeding off. The victims were said to be in stable condition at hospital, according to police.

The second shooting took place an hour later in Palmdale. A man and woman were approached by two men armed with handguns as they were about to make a deposit at a bank on Madeira Street. The gunmen shot and robbed them of a deposit bag before speeding off in a dark coloured vehicle. The man, said to be a security guard, was pronounced dead at the scene, and the woman was listed in critical condition at hospital.

Police have not officially identified the deceased, however, *The Tribune* understands that he is Freder-

ick Rigby, 44.

Yesterday, Acting Commissioner Ferguson said police had two men in custody in connection with the Palmdale shooting incident.

The final shooting occurred an hour later, shortly before 11pm, in Pinewood Gardens. According to police, a man pulled into the driveway of his home on Croton Street when the occupants of a dark-coloured vehicle shot him before speeding off. He later died in hospital. The victim has been identified as 24-year-old Elton Hanna.

"We feel very good in respect to where we are with our investigations," Acting Commissioner Ferguson said at yesterday's press conference, "but there are

far too many people moving around this island with illegal and deadly weapons. You, the wider public, know exactly who they are so we are depending on you to provide this information to us before you or your families are affected.

"However the RBPF will continue to do its part, we will remain vigilant and focused therefore lawlessness and criminal behaviour will not be tolerated."

Mr Ferguson urged the public to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings, particularly persons coming home late at night.

Persons can reach the 24-hour incident room at 502-9969, 502-9971, or 502-9904. CDU's main line is 502-9991.

Blair raid suspect said he was just driving

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TWO police officers testified yesterday how one of two men accused of the 2014 murder of Blair resident Andre Cartwright allegedly told one of them that he was not directly involved in Cartwright's murder, but had served as a driver for the four suspects the day the incident occurred.

Police Detective Sergeant Sherwin Braynen, taking the witness stand before Justice Renae McKay, said Tiano D'Haiti allegedly told him that while he was one of five men who visited Cartwright's home on October 28, 2014, he stayed in the car while the other four, inclusive of co-accused Kevin Andrews, forced their way into the Cartwright residence.

According to Det Sgt

Braynen, who was attached to the homicide division of the Central Detective Unit (CDU) at the time of the incident, D'Haiti allegedly made his statements on October 31, 2014 while in the Princess Margaret Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound.

Det Sgt Braynen said he, along with two other officers, went to the hospital with a court order to draw D'Haiti's blood. Only another officer, Police Corporal Santino Maycock, was present in the room, serving as D'Haiti's police guard, as well as the doctor who withdrew the blood, Det Sgt Braynen said.

He added D'Haiti allegedly told him that Andrews, along with Andrews' younger brother and two other men picked him up in a white Astro van on October 28, 2014 and drove around for a while before arriving in the Blair Estates

area sometime after 1am.

At the time of their arrival in Blair, D'Haiti said he was driving the vehicle, according to Det Sgt Braynen. Upon arriving in the area, D'Haiti said he parked the van near a wall while the other suspects proceeded on foot to the Cartwright's residence.

Det Sgt Braynen said D'Haiti told him that he only went into the house after he heard the sound of gunshots. Upon entering, D'Haiti allegedly saw Andrews and his younger brother before proceeding towards the home's inner door, which separates the bedrooms from the rest of the house.

The officer said upon arriving at the inner door, the accused heard another shot ring out, prompting him and the others to flee the residence.

It was then that D'Haiti said he realised he was shot,

Det Sgt Braynen claimed. The officer said he was told the van sped off and ultimately ended up at the residence of Andrew's girlfriend, whose roommate then drove D'Haiti to the Accident and Emergency section of PMH.

Det Sgt Braynen said he relayed the information he received from D'Haiti to an Officer Evans, whom he said was the lead officer that day, before filing a written report later that day.

Cpl Maycock, who took the witness stand just moments before Det Sgt Braynen, offered a similar testimony of the statements made by D'Haiti to Det Sgt Braynen. Cpl Maycock said he later filed a report of what he heard that day.

Subsequent to Det Sgt Braynen's testimony, D'Haiti's attorney, Jairam Mangra submitted that the written reports of both of

ficers were almost identical, and questioned if the two had colluded to produce the documents in question. Det Sgt Braynen denied this, stating that he never saw Cpl Maycock's report.

Mr Mangra subsequently requested to have Det Sgt Braynen presented with both reports for comparison's sake, a request that was contested by the Crown.

This and the legal issues that subsequently arose ultimately led to Justice McKay discharging the jury and adjourning the matter to today at 11am.

Yesterday's proceedings mark the second week of trial for D'Haiti, of Thompson Lane, and Andrews, of Montell Heights, in connection with Cartwright's murder in 2014.

D'Haiti, represented by Mr Mangra, is accused of murder and attempted

armed robbery, while Andrews, represented by Murroo Ducille, is accused of murder, attempted armed robbery and burglary.

According to initial reports from police, Cartwright, 44, was at his Blair Estates home around 1.40am with his mother and father on the morning in question, when men kicked in the door of the house.

When he heard the noise, the deceased got his licensed shotgun and went to investigate, police reported. He encountered the suspects, one of whom was armed with a handgun, police said.

There was a brief exchange of gunfire, which resulted in the victim being shot multiple times. He died at the scene. One of the suspects was also shot, however, initial reports from police said he and the other men escaped in a silver coloured Honda Accord.

DAMES: THERE'S NO QUICK FIX ON KILLINGS

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Hanna Martin and Senator Fred Mitchell called for more action from the FNM on crime.

His comments also came on the heels of a spate of shootings in the capital. Two men were killed and three others, including two women, are in hospital after three separate shootings on Monday. The deaths of the men pushed the country's homicide count to 95 for the year, according to *The Tribune*'s records.

"These shootings and homicides didn't just start on May 10 and for anyone to even look at that and say the crime strategies are failing, we've been at this for three months, we came into office with high murder rates," Mr Dames said.

"The question is, what do we do to begin to work with the community to bring numbers down? I can't get involved in the politics of this situation, the elections are over we're all Bahamians now."

"We must work to gather collectively to find solutions to these problems and I can assure you that as a government day-in and day-out we are looking at ways to work towards mitigating this problem and we're determined to do so."

He added: "I'm not concerned with people being critical, that's ok. This is not a quick fix these problems have manifested in this country for decades, we can't get in for three months and expect this problem to arrest itself."

Mr Dames pointed to the recent formation of a Cabinet committee to take

a holistic, multi-agency approach to crime challenges, and the establishment of the National Crime Prevention Council.

Mrs Hanna Martin, Engleston MP, yesterday underscored the destabilising effect of violent crime in the country as she called on the government to urgently collaborate with national stakeholders.

She said the Official Opposition stood ready to collaborate with the government in this "national emergency."

Taking aim at Mr Dames' pre-election campaign advertisements, Mrs Hanna-Martin said she was reminded of the trite irony of his attractive political commercial. She questioned where was Mr Dames' "smug guarantee" that Bahamians will feel safe in their homes under the Free National Movement administration.

She spoke of the three homicides that occurred last week, including the shooting death of an eight-month-old infant.

"Within the last four months alone, we have had more than 40 murders. This horrifying rate of killing and bloodshed combined with what appears to be an alarming rise in armed robberies have escalated levels of fear and created a sickening unease in our community."

She continued: "This rate of violence is unsustainable to the wellbeing of our country. It is eroding public safety and harming public confidence; it is threatening our social and economic stability as a nation."

Meanwhile, Mr Mitchell yesterday questioned the level of government resources deployed to his constituency. Two of Monday's shooting victims were accosted in Fox Hill.

Mr Mitchell said he wrote to Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade requesting additional resources citing community fears of a "tit-for-tat" drug war.

"Last night residents of Fox Hill called me when the sound of eight gunshots rang out in the vicinity of

Abner Street," the former Fox Hill MP said.

"As they spoke to me, they were crouching in their home for the second time in as many days; the night before the same thing had occurred."

"I wrote the commissioner of police complaining that the swimming pool with children in it had to close its access and send the children home because in the middle of a Sunday afternoon shots rang out in the same vicinity."

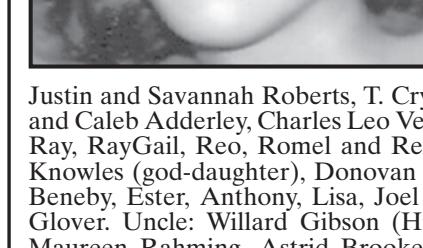
He continued: "I pleaded for additional resources. I made a public statement in similar terms on August 31. I said that the community feared that an ongoing tit-for-tat drug war was going on and that additional resources needed to be placed in the area to deal with it. I copied the national security minister. To this day and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, nothing has been done."

Mr Mitchell said: "... How much more is this community going to be asked to take of this?

"What resources of the government can be called upon and supplied in their aid and comfort or is it because it's Fox Hill that the government refuses to act?"

In her statement yesterday, Mrs Hanna Martin also said: "It must be clear to all that this worrying dilemma of violence in our country is not the subject of some prideful political stance. It is both destructive and complex at the same time; it impinges on multiple factors, including the apparent ease of availability of guns, the severe economic pressures bearing down on many people, the substandard physical conditions people are forced to live in and the deprivation suffered by many of our children."

"This epidemic of violence requires the government to go to another level; they must on an emergency basis collaborate with all relevant stakeholders in our country to develop a comprehensive plan that will yield results, both in the immediate short term and in the long term," she said.



of #26 Sun Set Ridge, San Souci, will be held on Thursday, September 7th, 2017 at 11am at Grant's Town Wesley Methodist Church, Bailiou Hill Road and Chapel Street. Officiating will be Rev. L. Carla R. Culmer and Rev Charles A. Carey. Interment will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens, John F. Kennedy Drive.

Annamaria's memory will forever be cherished by: **Husband:** Bradley Arthward Smith; **Children:** BriAnna Blaire and Sebastian Ovett Carey, Jarrod Bradley Ryan Smith; **Grand children:** Ethan Samuel Ovett and Arielle Alesha Blaire Carey and Jayda Blaire Smith, **Mother:** Jane Adeila Adderley; **Siblings:** Vernelle Loretta and Charles Carey, Patricia Allore and Terrance Fountain, Sonja Jane and Bruno Roberts, Vernal Alfred Brian and Cassandra Adderley and Elise Delancy; **Nieces and Nephews:** Alexis, Justin and Savannah Roberts, T. Crystal and Jeffery Fountain, Vernal Brian, Anthony and Caleb Adderley, Charles Leo Vernal Carey, Miyoshi Cadena, Peter and Trent Jules, Ray, RayGail, Reo, Romel and Regan Smith, Totcina Allen, Euphemia and Krystal Knowles (god-daughter), Donovan Thompson, Samara Johnson, Geano and Shandia Beneby, Ester, Anthony, Lisa, Joel and Ricardo Moxey and Quinton and Theodore Glover. Uncle: Willard Gibson (Hilda); **Aunts:** Lois Richardson, Joyce Burgzorg, Maureen Rahming, Astrid Brookes and Valerie Clarke; **In-laws:** Marsha Knowles, Rev. Patricia and Edmundo Moxey, Mary Thompson, Wayde Smith, Vitzel and Arnette Cooper, Louis and Michal Cooper, Arthward and Evelyn Cooper, Patsy Lyles, Carolyn Smith, Maria King, Gary and Marie Cooper, Sandra McKenzie, Kayla Culmer, Valerie Storr, Lithera Smith, Sandy and Gilda Cooper, Tamita Butler, Regietta Minnis, Gordon and Ingrid Musgrove, Deborah Bethel, Raymond and Theresa Antonio, Kingsley Rahming, Derek, Shawn, Monty and Melita Barr, Ricky, Jane, Tony and Laverne Lyles, The Reverend Archdeacon Father & Mrs. Kingsley Knowles, Rudy, Charles, Tony and Judith Cooper, Linda Collie, Stephanie Pinder, Anita Johnson, Don, Lana, Melanie and Cardy King, Frank, Craig, Bert and Huey Smith and Carol Ritchie; **God-children:** Bradley Forbes, Brandon Dames, Logan Hanna, Leslie Bryan Smith; **God-brothers:** Carver, Frederick, Trevor, Ian Burgzorg, Cranston Rutherford; **God-sisters:** Lena Dotchin, Carol Morley, Joan Fountain, Philippa & Shelly Collymore, Trevor McKinney; **Relatives:** Lillith Major, Elizabeth Cartwright, Shirley Farrington, Helen-Michelle Anderson, Jacqueline Pinder, Ovid, Spencer, Rodney, Okell, Edison and Plato Thompson, The Family of Landis Thompson, Vernal & Alfred Adderley, The Very Reverend Dean Patrick Adderley, Dominic Deveaux, Leroy and Cyril Gibson, Francis & Ambrose Adderley, Kenneth & Wallace Adderley, Emma Adderley, Ruth Smith, Emmie Adderley, Naomi Smith, Prudence Bain, Sidney "Buster", Prince, Uriel, Sgt. 1533 Ronald Albury, Eleanor Barry of Eleuthera; Helen Pratt, Katheline Higgs, Angela Major, Elizabeth Rolle, Pauline Cooper, Paula Steel, Gaynor Simms and Shorn Gibson; Eleanor Adderley, Angeline Smith, Bessie Sweeting, Sylvia Knowles, Winifred Brennen, Agnes Adderley, The Adderleys of West End. Ronald and Edward Pratt, Coralie Pratt-Odoms, Vernelle Davis, Carol Johnson, Lawrence "Buddy" and Robert Smith, Timothy Pinder, Sheila Francis, Verdell Johnson, Suzanne Hall, Christine Docemo, Deborah Bailey, Adina, Vanessa, Oscar and Garth Munroe, Paula and Tom Darcy, Maxwell and Eve Poitier, Rev. Manette and Nicholas Cripps, Ida and Kenneth Turnquest, Spencer Poitier, Wendy Albury, Flora and Senator Dwight Sawyer, Eric Poitier, Marie and Terrence Smith, Brandford and Vera Chase, Eliese, Arthur and Gail Chase, Hugh and Primrose Chase, Haldane and Darlene Chase, Renee and Colyn Chase, Sharon and Michael Poitier, Marcian and Valerie Mortimer, Lorna and Gerard Mortimer, Alfred and Daphne Richardson, Iris Richardson, Anthony and Hazel Richardson, Dr. Kenneth and Avis Richardson, Katherine Richardson, Ralph and Sherry Richardson, Selwyn and Dellarese Richardson, Drs. Osmond and Kimberly Richardson, Steven and Jennifer Richardson, Roosevelt and Earl and Clare Rahming, Monique Wright, Charisse and Alexander Brown, Claudia and Vaughn Clinton, Joyanne and Daniel Ferguson, Cheryl and Dr. Homer Bloomfield, Daphne and Dr. Graeme Fraser Bell, Eugene and Peggy Culmer & Family, The Family of Elma Maycock, The Family of Arthur Maycock, Ida Culmer, Godfrey Culmer, Kermit Culmer & Family, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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John Bull raid conviction quashed

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THE Court of Appeal has quashed the conviction and sentence of a man previously found guilty of conspiring to rob John Bull's flagship store due to "prejudicial evidence" produced during trial and the judge's permission of an "unsafe" out-of-court statement against the appellant.

Court of Appeal Justices Dame Anita Allen, Jon Isaacs and Stella Crane-Scott, in a recent ruling, quashed Jonathan Armbrister's 25-year sentence, referring to a confession made by the co-accused outside of court proceedings, as well as evidence of Armbrister's "bad character" being "blurted out" by a police witness.

Armbrister was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment on November 7, 2012 after a jury found him guilty of conspiracy to commit armed robbery for the role he allegedly played in the brazen May 22, 2011, armed robbery of John Bull's flagship store on Bay Street.

The perpetrators smashed the store's show-

case with a hammer and stole a number of Rolex watches. The hammer was left behind at the scene.

According to the ruling, Armbrister's appeal, filed just days after his sentencing on November 20, 2012, asserts that during the summing-up, the trial judge directed the jury that in relation to Armbrister's conspiracy count, the confession statement of Armbrister's co-accused was admissible against Armbrister.

According to quotes from the trial's transcript outlined in the Court of Appeal ruling, the trial judge referred to a "confession" which one of Armbrister's co-accused, David Collins, gave to police which implicated Armbrister as the mastermind behind the armed robbery.

The ruling further notes how the trial judge directed the jury to view Collins' statement, advising them that according to the "rule of law", an "out-of-court statement" made by one defendant – in this case made during an interview and/or confession to police – is "not evidence against any other defendant".

Justice Isaacs noted that the judge's directions up to that point were "unobjectionable", and that "had the judge stopped at that point no complaint could have been made about her directions to the jury on this ground".

However, the Court of Appeal ruling noted how the judge went on to say how the "normal rule" she referred to is "subject to an exception", which she said in the circumstances was one of conspiracy. She said the law as it stands, is that "evidence which implicates one of the defendants, can be used against the other, but there must be some other independent evidence coming from other witnesses".

However, Justice Isaacs noted that two factors must be present to the court before the out of court statement of one co-accused can be regarded as evidence against another: evidence proving the existence of the conspiracy must be first adduced; and "the statement must have been made in furtherance of the common design".

"The second factor identified above is absent in the

present appeal," Justice Isaacs noted. "Collins' alleged confession does not fall within the category of a statement made in pursuance or furtherance of the conspiracy. At the time of its making, the conspiracy had already concluded. In the premises, we find favour with this ground."

The ruling further noted that while the COA judges are unable to say whether the jury acted on the judge's direction, they are "satisfied its mention renders this conviction unsafe."

The COA ruling also said there is "some merit" to the submission that evidence of Armbrister's bad character, which was "blurted out" by police witness Superintendent Fernander, "ought to have led the judge to discharge the jury."

According to the ruling, the officer's evidence was that while leaving the Tyler Street residence where the stolen Rolex watches said to have been stolen were found, Armbrister's cousin shouted: "Jonathan, you on your own. You get yourself in problems again."

The COA ruling noted that it was "unfortunate" that the cousin's words were

heard by the jury, particularly "in circumstances where they may have been uttered by Superintendent Fernander purposely, in view of the scrupulous care taken during the voir dire (to determine whether or not statements allegedly made by the appellant and his co-accused were obtained voluntarily) to avoid them being mentioned."

"His decision to reveal the cousin's utterance may be viewed as deliberate in the circumstances," the ruling continued. "In the face of this it was incumbent on the learned trial judge to discharge the jury. Failure to do so was a material error; as such this ground, too must succeed."

The COA ruling also noted Armbrister's appellate submissions that his trial was invalidated by the preferment of a newly filed indictment meant to reflect certain amendments granted by the judge.

Just before the close of the Crown's case, an application was made by the Crown to amend the information in the VBI to reflect that Jasper Curry, one of the co-accused, was no longer a defendant, as

well as to correct the name of the virtual complainant from "Marshall" to "John Bull." Despite objections by the defense to the proposed amendments, the judge granted the request.

The trial thus continued against Armbrister and Collins on the basis of the amended information in the VBI and the jury ultimately rendered its verdicts based on that information.

However, Armbrister, via his attorney Jerome Roberts, took the position that the trial judge was required to endorse the amendments on the existing indictment, pursuant to section 150(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) and that she failed to do so.

Thus, Armbrister's submission was that as there was no endorsement on the amended indictment, there was no valid VBI before the jury and the trial, and that in the circumstances the trial was a "nullity".

However, the COA ruling found no merit in that submission, stating that there was "a valid information in existence and it was not rendered invalid by the lack of an endorsement of the amendment order".

BAHAMASAIR 'COULD FACE CUTBACKS' EVEN AS HAITI SERVICE LAUNCHES

By RICARDO WELLS
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THE country could see a systematic cutback of domestic flight service by Bahamasair, as the national flag-carrier continues to refocus its international metrics, according to the airline's managing director, Tracy Cooper.

Speaking on the sidelines of ceremony held to mark the relaunch of the airline's service into Cape Haitien, Haiti, on Tuesday, Mr Cooper said with plans to launch services into Houston, Texas in its final stages, and plans for ser-

vice into Chicago, Illinois, steadily progressing, officials "are working" to realign local offerings.

While stressing the successes of both the Port-au-Prince route, launched back in January, and the Cape Haitien route, relaunched Tuesday after a nearly 20-year hiatus, Mr Cooper insisted that opportunities to grow the Bahamasair brand are available if the airline were willing to take the necessary steps to take advantage of them.

He said discussions are underway between the government, Bahamasair and other industry partners, to ensure domestic routes are

not left unattended.

Mr Cooper stated: "Obviously we can't leave our own folks out. So, our intent is that we are going to have to find a good balance that will provide suitable services into the (Family) Islands, as well as expansion into our international routes."

Back in May, Tourism and Aviation Minister Dionisio D'Aguilar hinted at the possibility of Bahamasair vacating the domestic market in favour of expanding its role as the national flag-carrier on more international routes.

At that time, the Free Town MP claimed the "nature of the industry" had

placed Bahamasair in a predicament in which it was beholden to local routes that yielded very little profits, unable to service major international routes in a timely and properly structured manner.

Mr D'Aguilar, a respected businessman, said the government had to find a way to "encourage and develop" the domestic aviation industry, all while it worked to end its presence in it.

In addition to the Cape Haitien route, which Mr Cooper on Tuesday presented as a "common sense move" for a country with more than 90,000 residents

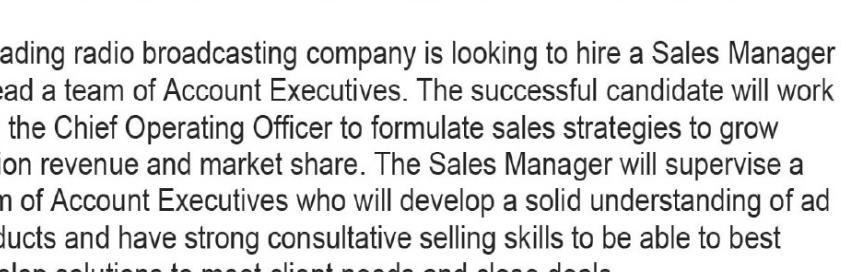
and low, we will be able to provide the international routes with more stability for the airline."

Also present for Tues-

day's relaunch was Bahamasair Chairman Tommy Turnquest; Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly Don Saunders; various Bahamasair board members; local representative from the Bahamian-Haitian Association and Haiti's Tourism Minister Emile Jessy Menos.

Flight 291, piloted by Captain Allison Rolle, departed Lynden Pindling International Airports at 6.10am and arrived in Cape Haitien shortly after 8am.

SALES MANAGER

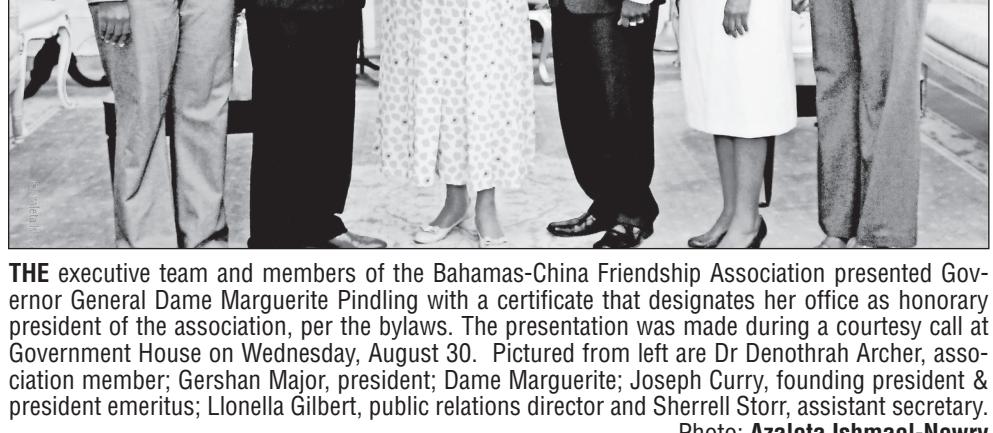


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THE executive team and members of the Bahamas-China Friendship Association presented Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling with a certificate that designates her office as honorary president of the association, per the bylaws. The presentation was made during a courtesy call at Government House on Wednesday, August 30. Pictured from left are Dr Denothrah Archer, association member; Gershon Major, president; Dame Marguerite; Joseph Curry, founding president & president emeritus; Llonella Gilbert, public relations director and Sherrell Storr, assistant secretary.

Photo: Azaleta Ishmael-Newry

BAHAMAS-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WELCOMED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL

EXECUTIVES and members of the Bahamas-China Friendship Association paid a courtesy call on Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling at Government House on Wednesday.

The Bahamas-China Friendship Association was founded on September 29, 2004, to deepen and expand the people-to-people relationship with the People's Republic of China.

The founding officers of the association included: President Joseph Curry; Vice President Sir Arthur Foulkes; Secretary Philip Simon; Treasurer Anthony McKinney; Assistant Treasurer Marlon Johnson; Public Relations Director Anthony Capron; and Trustees Brian Wong, Lowell Mortimer and Carey Leonard.

A representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs served as an ex-officio of the executive body in the person of Philip Miller, under secretary in that ministry.

Gershon Major, the current president of the association said: "As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of diplomatic rela-

tions between the People's Republic of China and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the objectives of the association remain as relevant today, as from when they were first penned, and some may submit even more so."

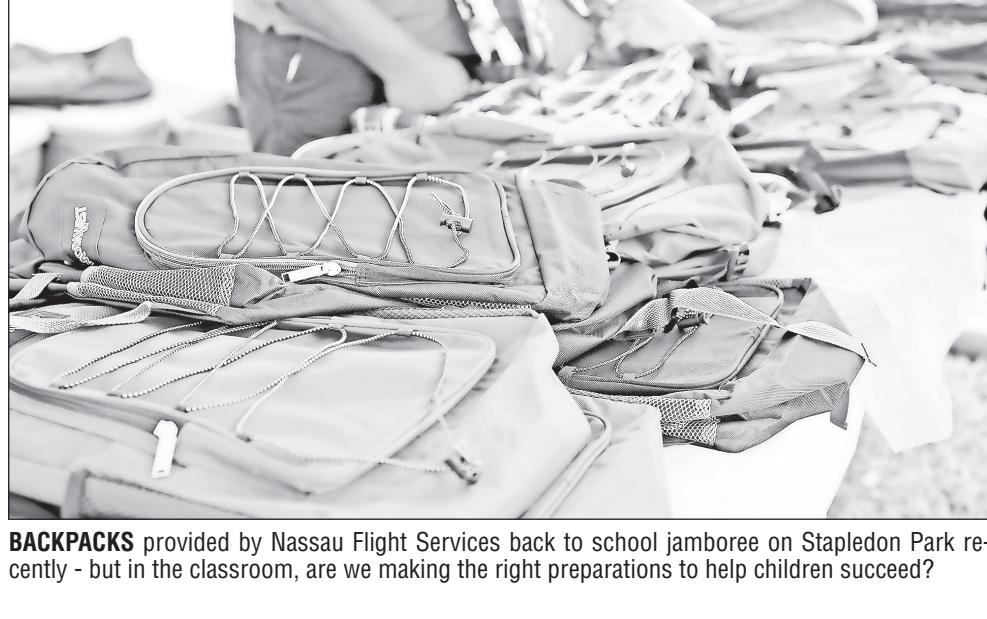
The association was founded to promote, foster and encourage good relationship, goodwill and people-to-people contact between the people of the Bahamas and the people of China and to afford them the means of and the opportunity for social intercourse, mutual helpfulness and assistance, moral improvement, friendly collaboration and rational recreation; promote good understanding of the cultures of the people of the Bahamas and China through cultural exchanges and to facilitate the study of the language, culture and history of both countries; advance economic and trade opportunities through entrepreneurial development and participation in trade fairs and investment tours; provide relief and assistance to the people of the Bahamas in anyway whatsoever and especially

in cases of emergency and likewise, to make donations to the people of China from time to time in respect of relief or social enhancement and assist in the improvement of the general social, economic, spiritual and material welfare of the peoples of The Bahamas and China.

Mr Major explained that the association, under its newly elected officers, is excited about how it will continue to build on its objectives to improve the educational exchanges, affording more Bahamian students the access to be able to study in China and for Chinese students, to now study at The University of The Bahamas, particularly, the subject of English.

"We will continue to work closely with academia as we have in the past. We will continue to promote and encourage an increase in two-way trade and commerce with the Business community – including the financial services and tourism sectors, we will aid in the increase of cultural exchanges through the arts, music, dance, fashion and food," he said.

D-average students aren't the problem - it's us who are failing them



BACKPACKS provided by Nassau Flight Services back to school jamboree on Stapleton Park recently - but in the classroom, are we making the right preparations to help children succeed?

EVERY year around this time, the entire country is frustrated by the BJC and BGCSE results. The "national average" becomes a measure of our worth and indicator of success, both present and future.

For the past decade, this "national average" based on national examination results has been a D, and we have come to casually define ourselves as "D-average". It is the first thing that comes to mind when someone runs a red light, an MP makes a nonsensical statement, a neighbour fails to sufficiently prepare for a hurricane, or people

Culture Clash

By ALICIA WALLACE



Learning and Teaching Styles

In many ways, we have not built schools and educational programmes that accommodate our students. One style of teaching does not work for every student. Learning styles are typically broken down into four categories: visual, auditory, reading and writing, and kinesthetic.

We don't consider lack of respect for law and order, or the quickness of a lie as opposed to time and energy it takes to tell the whole truth. We don't think about the scarcity of resources necessary to complete tasks, or the desperation of people who need a way out of poverty. The D-average is the national scapegoat, and every summer we are reminded everything can be blamed on it.

Resist the urge to make sweeping generalisations about lazy students, poor parenting, and underpaid, overworked teachers.

We know we will not be able

to solve a problem until we define it. Is the under-

performance of students in national examinations the problem? Could the

problem be the exams themselves? Should we be

thinking about the way we

prepare students for these

exams? With over fifty per

cent of students sitting the

national exams getting un-

der a C, the problem cannot

be the students. The exist-

ing system is not working.

For emphasis, our stu-

dents are not the problem.

They are not, year after

year, failing us. We are fail-

ing to properly serve them.

Missing the Basics

Social promotion is still practised in our schools. Students who do not meet the minimum standard for one grade are pushed through to the next. They fall further and further behind, unable to catch up because a level of knowledge and understand-

ing is assumed, and the students are often too em-

barassed to admit they have

not acquired them. This can

manifest in a number ways,

from the appearance of dis-

interest to poor behaviour.

Teachers can often identify

these issues, but are limited

in what they can do in a class

of dozens of students with

limited resources, minimal

involvement of parents/

guardians, and an unchang-

ing educational system.

Home Life

In pre-school and primary school, learning cannot stop in the classroom. Homework and grade level-appropriate project help to bring context to new knowledge, and give students the opportunity to practice what they've learned and test their understanding of material.

This, more often than not, requires parent/guarding participation. Someone in the home needs pay attention to what is being taught and how the student is pro-

gressing by assisting with

homework, reviewing tests,

and meeting regularly with

the teacher. Some parents/

guardians are willing and

able to do these things, but

others are either ill-equipped

or unavailable for this level of

involvement. Multiple jobs,

shift work, and low literacy

are among the barriers to

greater involvement in their

children's education.

Beyond help at home, nutrition and rest are critical to student performance. In 2014, it was reported that 19.3% of five to 14-year-olds were living in poverty. We often hear stories about students going to school hungry, and not having money or anything packed for lunch. How can we expect them to learn under these conditions?

Some students work after school and on weekends to help ends meet, and some have to help in other ways like taking care of elderly relatives or children younger than themselves. With these responsibilities, and concerns about their homes and families, it is not hard to understand why students are struggling in school. Add to this the lasting effects of hurricanes like Hurricane Matthew, from missing school to untreated PTSD.

What are you prepared to do? How can you contribute to the effort? Email me, and let's get to work.

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'FAKE NEWS' CLAIM IN MYANMAR EXODUS

KUTUPALONG, Bangladesh (AP) — Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi is blaming fake news and a misinformation campaign for fueling a crisis that the UN says has now pushed more than 125,000 minority Rohingya Muslims into Bangladesh.

According to a statement, Suu Kyi told Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in a phone call that her government is defending "all the people" in western Rakhine state.

She told Erdogan that his deputy prime minister was a victim of fake news when he posted photos purportedly showing dead Rohingya that were not related to the crisis. The photos on Mehmet Simsek's Twitter account had been taken down.

She says such misinformation helps promote the interests of "terrorists," a reference to Rohingya insurgents whose attacks Aug. 25 triggered the latest military crackdown and streams of refugees.

POPE TO VISIT COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Pope Francis is heading to Colombia on Wednesday to try to help heal the wounds of Latin America's longest-running conflict, bolstered by a new cease-fire with a holdout rebel group but fully aware of the fragility of the country's peace process.

During a deeply symbolic five-day visit starting Wednesday, Francis is expected to press Colombian leaders to address the social and economic disparities that fueled five decades of armed rebellion, while encouraging ordinary Colombians to balance their need for justice with forgiveness.



DACA supporters march to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office to protest after US Attorney General Jeff Sessions' announcement. Photo: Matt York/AP

Immigrants 'betrayed' by Trump

By ANDREW SELSKY and JOSH HOFFNER
Associated Press

THEY grew up in America and are working or going to school here. Some are building businesses or raising families of their own. Many have no memory of the country where they were born.

Now, almost 800,000 young immigrants who were brought to the US illegally as children or overstayed their visas could see their lives upended after the Trump administration announced Tuesday it is ending the Obama-era program that protected them from deportation.

"We are Americans in heart, mind and soul. We just don't have the correct documentation that states we're American," said Jose Rivas, 27, who is studying for a master's in counseling at the University of Wyoming.

The news that the government is phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA, was met with shock, anger and a sense of betrayal by its beneficiaries, often called "Dreamers." For opponents, many said they were pleased the Trump administration had put an end to

President Barack Obama's DACA program, calling it an unconstitutional abuse of executive power.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who made Tuesday's announcement, said DACA was an "overreach" that could not be defended by the Justice Department. The Trump administration and other DACA opponents argue that it is up to Congress to decide how to deal with such immigrants.

Late Tuesday night, Trump tweeted, however, that he might get involved in the issue if Congress does not come up with legislation. The president tweeted: "Congress now has 6 months to legalise DACA (something the Obama Administration was unable to do). If they can't, I will revisit this issue!"

Demonstrations broke out Tuesday in New York City, where police handcuffed and removed over a dozen immigration activists who briefly blocked Trump Tower, and in other cities, including Salt Lake City, Denver, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon. Students walked out of class in protest in several cities, including Phoenix and Albuquerque.

Attorneys general for several states threatened to sue to protect the DACA beneficiaries. "We stand

ready to take all appropriate legal action to protect Oregon's Dreamers," Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum tweeted.

Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes, a Republican and an early Trump supporter, said the president has every right to end DACA, which was started by Obama in 2012. But he added that it would be unconscionable to deport those who benefited from the program.

"These children grew up believing they are American, and so many of them have lived lives of which America can be proud," Reyes said.

At a Los Angeles rally, handyman John Willis carried a sign saying "American lives matter" and criticised the DACA program as an "unlawful tyrannical executive order that our previous president thrust upon us."

"I don't wish these kids to be sent back to Mexico or anything like that. But I don't believe we should have two sets of laws," he said. "We have one set of laws, we should follow them. Congress needs to get up off the pot and enact some legislation to take care of this mess."

Trump's action received harsh reviews among those in Houston who have been helping immigrants navigate disaster relief amid fears of

ramped-up deportations in the new administration. The city is home to more than a half-million immigrants in the country illegally, and one DACA recipient described at a news conference how her family lost everything in the storm.

Another Houston DACA beneficiary, Ricardo Ortiz, who was brought to the US from Monterrey, Mexico, at age 3, has been volunteering at the downtown convention center that sheltered thousands of storm victims.

"It's crazy that people really think that we don't belong here when we've been here all of our lives," said Ortiz, a 21-year-old student at the University of Houston.

Carla Chavarria, 24, is a Phoenix entrepreneur who owns a digital marketing firm and a fitness apparel line. She came to the US from Mexico when she was 7.

Her permit expires in November, and she is waiting for her renewal to be processed. She is set to close on the purchase of a home later this month.

"It's hard being a business owner as it is, especially with being young and being a woman and someone who's an immigrant. It's already hard as it is. Now having DACA being taken away," she said.

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MARSH HARBOUR - NASSAU

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670	3:30 P.M.	4:05 P.M. EVERYDAY	670	4:35 P.M.	5:15 P.M.

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