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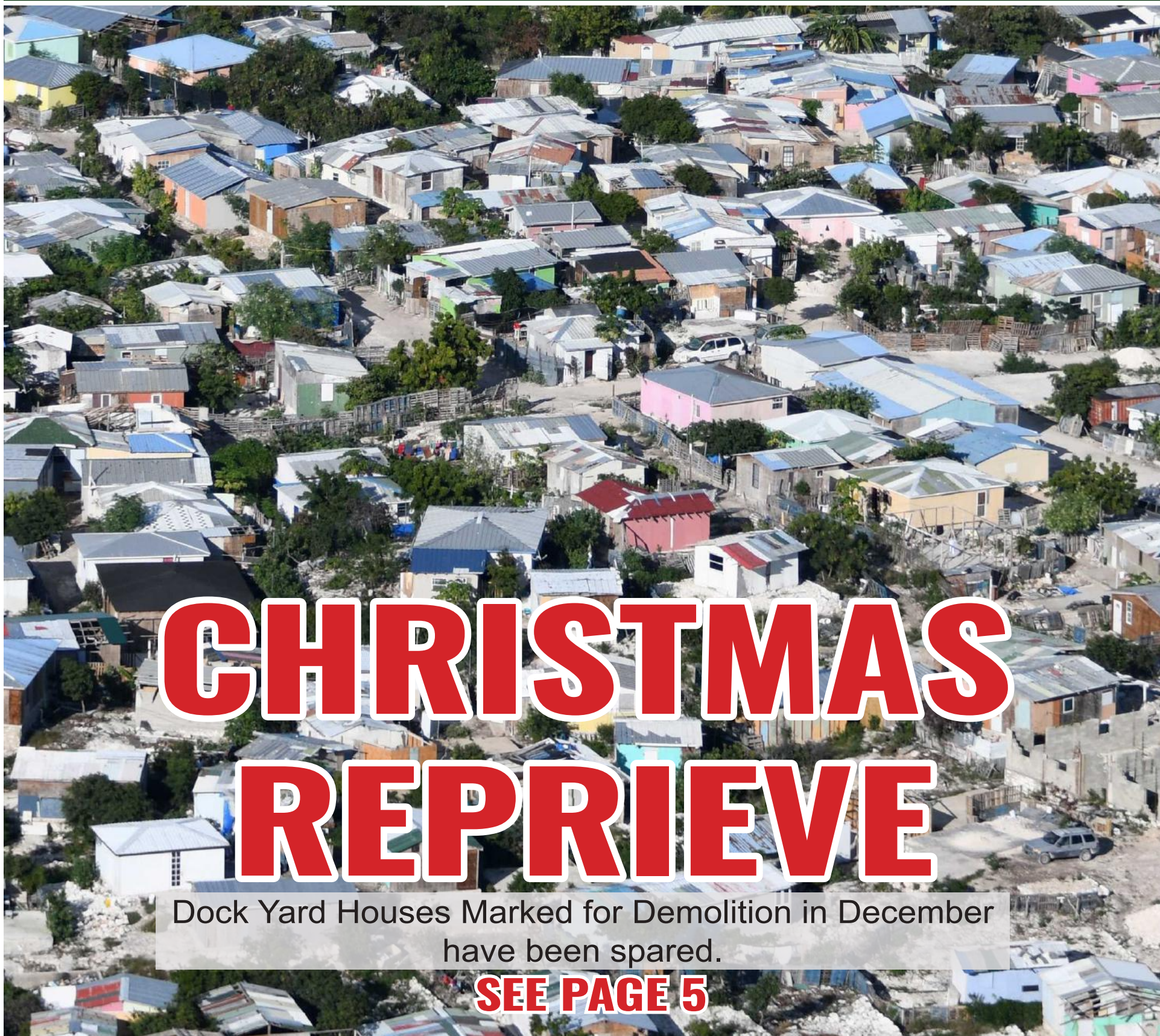
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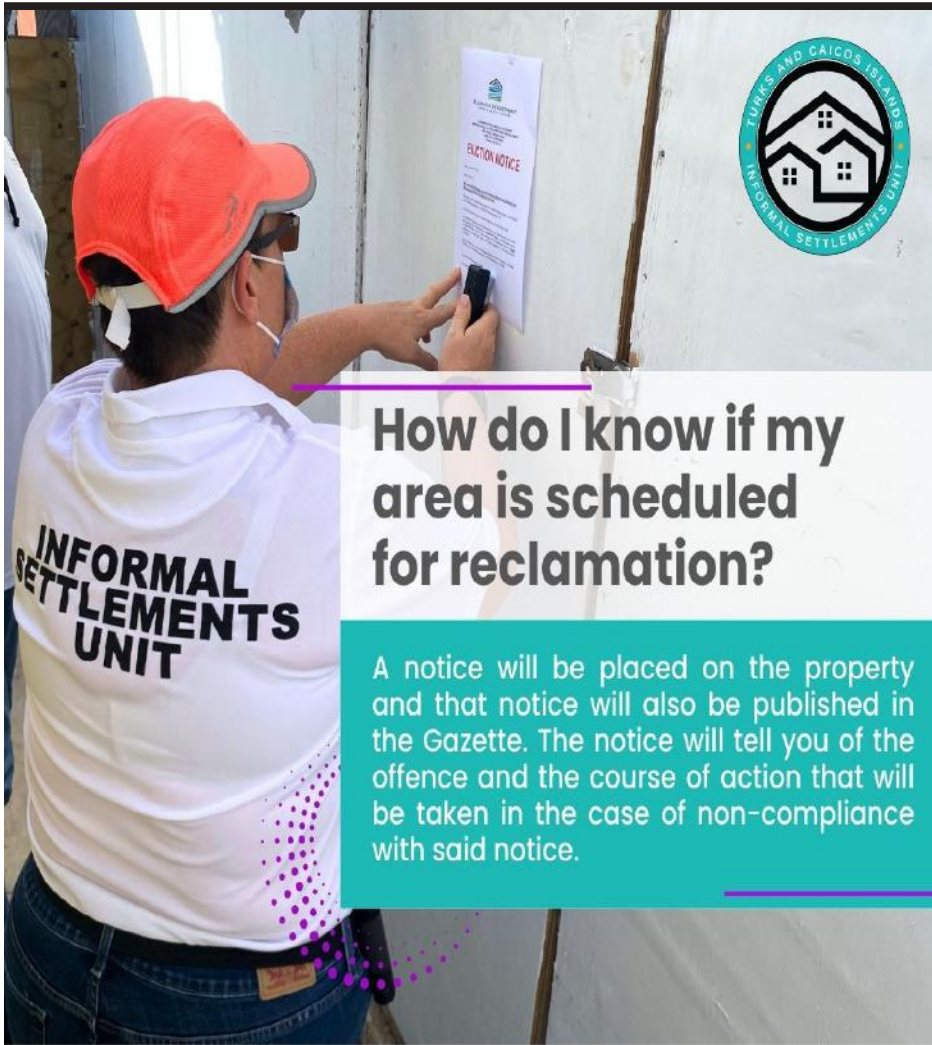
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Uniformed Groups Dazzle at Remembrance Day Observance

Remembrance Day across the British Commonwealth was observed on November 12, and the Turks and Caicos was no exception. Observance of solders who served from World War I was held at the St. Thomas Anglican Church on Grand Turk and the St. Monica's Anglican Church on Providenciales. NewslineTCI was in attendance at the St. Monica's Church and captured exclusive photos of the event. The uniformed groups who participated in the event were at their brilliant best. The following are highlights from occasion.



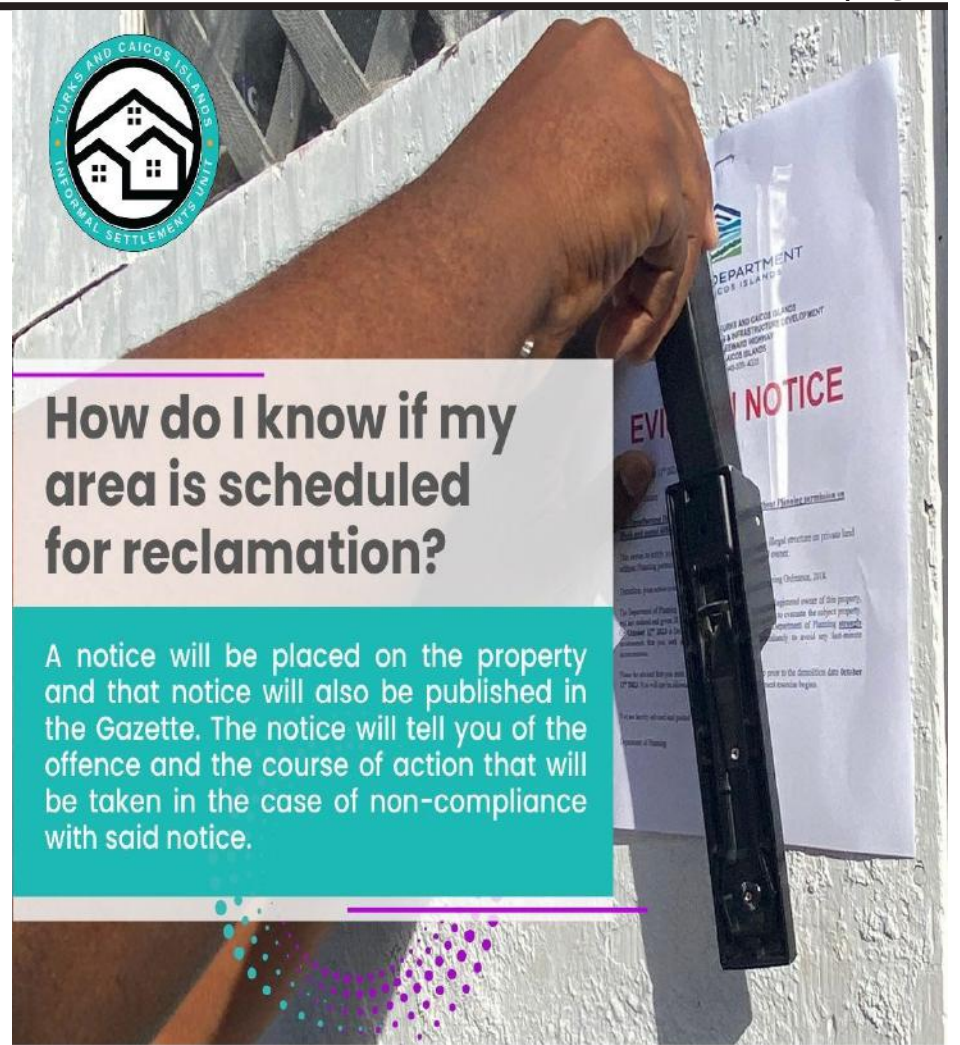


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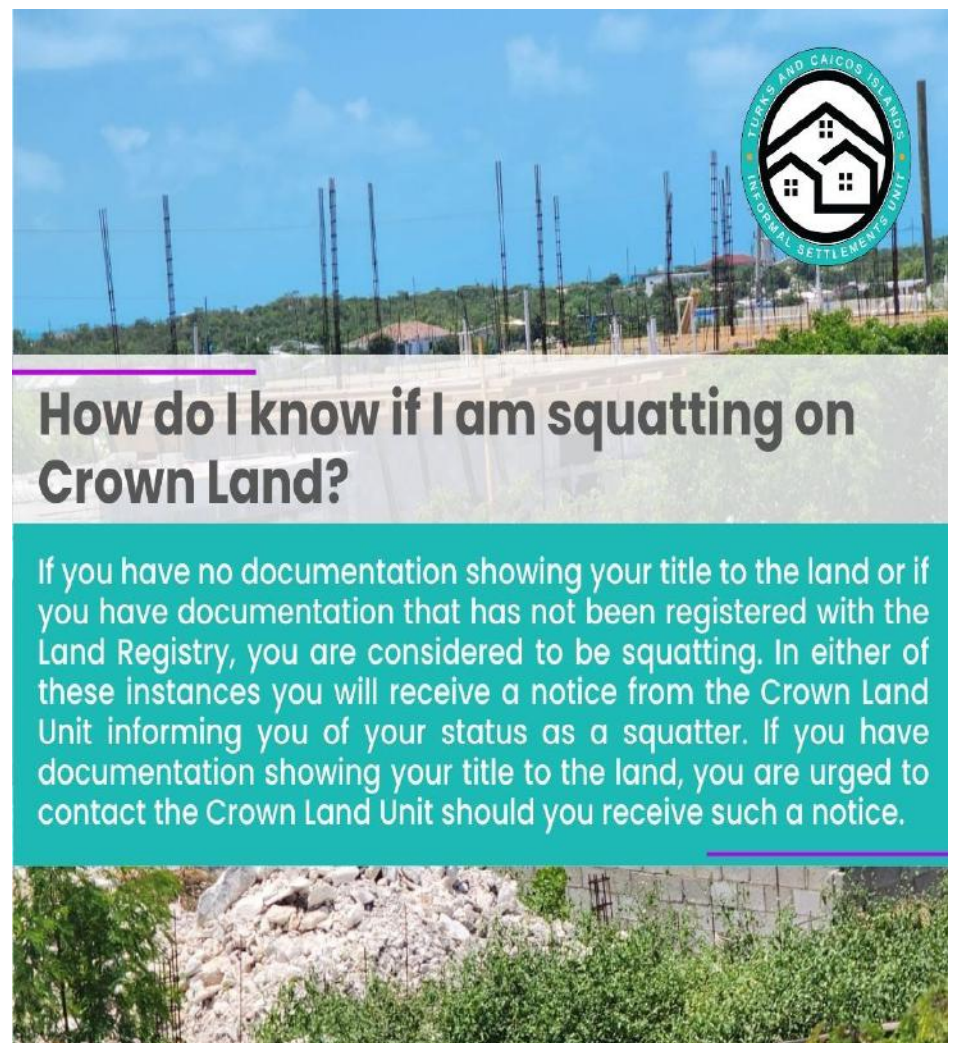


What are Informal Settlements?

The short and simple answer is that an informal settlement is any area comprising illegally built structures, but the reality is far more complex than that.

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How do I know if I am squatting on Crown Land?

If you have no documentation showing your title to the land or if you have documentation that has not been registered with the Land Registry, you are considered to be squatting. In either of these instances you will receive a notice from the Crown Land Unit informing you of your status as a squatter. If you have documentation showing your title to the land, you are urged to contact the Crown Land Unit should you receive such a notice.

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UK Sides With TCI To Abolish Appointed Members Positions



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Following the next election, which is due in 2024, chances are the make-up of the House of Assembly, which could be renamed 'Parliament', will not comprise appointed members, as the UK government has acceded to eliminate those positions.

As it stands now, the House of Assembly is made up of elected and appointed members. Two members are appointed by the governor, and one each by the government and the opposition. This has been the set-up for years.

However, a constitution team made-up of both government and opposition members, together with their lawyers, engaged the United Kingdom Government in constitutional talks, to add and eliminate certain sections the Turks and Caicos Islands' Constitution.

The local constitutional team put forward 28 recommendations, including, a dissolution of the appointed members process, changing the name of the sitting from House of Assembly to the House of Parliament, and to extend the life of parliament from four to five years, meaning that elected members would now serve for five years instead of four.

Premier Hon. Washington Misick, while delivering his Ministerial Speech on Thursday in the House of Assembly, revealed that David Rutley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Americas, and Caribbean reacted favorably to those requests.

The Minister's letter which the premier read in parliament notes in part:

"Subject to agreeing to the final detailed proposals, I am persuaded to agree to the following reforms now:-

1. Agreement in principle that the appointed members of the House of Assembly should be elected –
2. Agreement in principle to rename the House of Assembly to "Parliament" –
3. Agreement in principle to extend the House of Assembly term from four to five years.

Of course, we will need to wait for the process to conclude, before amendments can be formally introduced, but I hope this gives the members of the TCI constitutional reform negotiation team an indication of the UK's intentions at this stage. The UK Government looks forward to further talks to take forward the priorities of TCI in this process. My officials will be back in touch shortly regarding the next steps. I look forward to hearing of further progress."

The local constitutional team also battled for a revision of the Public Financial Management Framework Document. In response Rutley said: "I have asked officials to expedite work on this and will come back to you on that separately." The constitutional talks, which took place at the Governor's Residence - Waterloo in Grand Turk – was held over two days - October 16 and 17,

2023. Along with Premier Misick, the local team included Leader of the Opposition Hon. Edwin Astwood, Deputy Premier, Hon. E. Jay Saunders, Member of Parliament for the Leeward and Long Bay constituency Hon. Akierra Missick, the Opposition's Appointed Member Hon. Alvin Garland, former Premier Hon. Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, Mr. Ariel Misick, KC and Mr. Alan Wood, KC.

The team was also supported by Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braitwaite-Knowles constitutional consultant Sir Jeffrey Jowell. Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam and the Deputy Governor, Her Excellency Anya Williams were also in attendance.

The UK Delegation headed by Adam Pile, Deputy Director of the Overseas Territories.

The premier pointed out that the 28 proposed changes to Turks and Caicos Islands' Constitution, which were previously submitted to HMG in the UK, were as a result of the work carried out by the two separate constitution committees over the last eight years and was finalized by the consultant.

"These amendments are designed to give more authority to elected government within the context of a modern relationship between the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United Kingdom. The proposals encompass the most substantial set of changes to the Constitution since it was introduced twelve years ago," the premier said.

CHRISTMAS REPRIEVE



Justice Carlos Simons (KC), Director of the Informal Settlements Unit

Dock Yard residents whose homes were marked for demolition during the month of December by the recently installed Informal Settlements Unit (ISU), have been given the opportunity to spend Christmas in those home unscathed, as the ISU has suspended all bulldozing exercise during the month.

The ISU made the statement via news release earlier in the week. The temporary halt on demolition exercise in the community came as a result of a number of variables, according to the ISU. These include individuals whose residences were marked for bulldozing came forward with papers to suggest that they had purchased the properties on which they live.

Part of the ISU news release stated: "Recently an 'Eviction Notice' was served on various dwellings in the informal settlement of Dock Yard. The Notice was expressed to expire on 8 December 2023. All structures affected would appear to be located on privately owned land and to have been built without the requisite planning permissions.

"However, a number of the owners and occupants of such structures have come forward within the last several days with papers, including receipts for the payment of money that tend to show that they might have at least an equitable interest in the lands they occupy. It is right that

all such claims should be investigated fully and that all such persons be dealt with fairly.

"Given these circumstances, and given the approaching Christmas holiday season, the ISU, in conjunction with the Department of Planning, hereby announce that no action will be taken on the Notices expiring on 8 December, until at least 8 January 2024."

It noted however, that the limited and temporary suspension does not affect the Crown Land Unit's continued monitoring and reclamation of unoccupied structures on crown land.

The ISU, is tasked by Turks and Caicos Islands Government (TCIG) with responsibility to assist in the building of sustainable and safer communities, thereby improving the standard of living of citizens and residents alike. This work expressly involves the containment and management of informal settlements, such as construction undertaken in breach of the planning and land ownership laws of the Islands, also known as squatting.

"To be clear, the law does not allow persons to claim ownership of crown land through illegal occupation. In the case of private land, the period of uncontested occupation must be no less than 20 years and followed by the approval of an application for registration as proprietor of the land. In the course of its work so far, no such case has come to the attention of the ISU," the entity said.

The ISU noted that the Crown Land Unit has not engaged in any land reclamation exercises of roofed-over, occupied structures on crown land, and it will not do so until it is satisfied that the relevant considerations under the Crown Land Ordinance are able to be met.

"In the case of privately owned lands, the legally registered landowners are entitled, as a matter of law, to their lands. They are also legally entitled to request aid in removing any persons trespassing or otherwise illegally occupying their lands.

Additionally, in order to avoid the possibility of squatters claiming ownership of the land which they illegally occupy, the legally registered landowners must take appropriate action to end said illegal occupation.

"In those instances where private landowners have sought the assistance of the ISU, such assistance has been extended in order to ensure that reclamation exercises proceed in an orderly way under the watchful eye of the Police Force and other stakeholder agencies of TCIG. The ISU will

continue to offer such assistance to private landowners who have been deprived of their property ownership rights.

"It is also worth noting that in many cases, these same landowners intend to build exactly the type of low-cost housing units that are needed in the Turks and Caicos Islands in order to help combat our current housing situation," the ISU further posited.

Meanwhile, the ISU noted that persons who have been served with an "Eviction Notice" to expire on 8 December are encouraged to continue to present copies of their paperwork to the ISU or the Department of Planning Offices for review and assessment.

"They may do so in full reliance upon the pledge given here that such papers will be assessed carefully and fairly, and that they will not be made homeless where their documents suggest an ownership interest in the lands they occupy," the ISU Promised.

It added: "We want to remind all persons who are considering illegally occupying land that they do not own, illegally building an unapproved structure on land that they do not own, or illegally expanding upon an unapproved structure that is erected on land that they do not own, that this practice is illegal and will result in actions being taken to remove them and the structures.

"The mission of the ISU is to build safer, more sustainable communities and that objective will be achieved with empathy and due respect for the rights of those affected."

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HIGS TOURISM IDEATION WORKSHOPS

By Basil Springer



Basil Springer

"My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding." – Psalm 49:3

My last column concluded that the Caribbean could emerge as a global leader in sustainable tourism with appropriate training interventions. I am going to examine the action and impact of two training interventions in greater detail. Today, we will focus on HIGS Ideation Workshops. Next week, we will look at Investor Incentive-led Equity Funds with Shepherd Squads as Colateral.

The tourism economic gearing system conceptually consists of three wheels with interlocking cogs designed to transfer the action from the "Arrivals" wheel to the "Infrastructure" wheel to the "MSMEs" wheel.

The first wheel represents the flow of tourists into the Caribbean by increasing airlift capacity and cruise arrivals. It is the responsibility primarily of Caribbean nations and territories, which market their respective destinations,

along with supporting agencies such as the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) and their respective members.

The second wheel seamlessly engages with the large wheel and represents infrastructural facilities (hotels, restaurants and attractions) in response to the primary demands of tourists. This infrastructure established by entrepreneurs may be augmented by intrapreneurship, which is the responsibility of the private sector and can be supported further by local hotel associations and the umbrella CHTA.

The third wheel represents job creation through direct employment with the infrastructural facilities and ideas nurtured through entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship. This is supported by micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) to complete the tourism sector.

At the same time, job creation gives a sense of pride and self-satisfaction by reaffirming that individuals can support themselves as tourism contributes to economic growth.

Destination marketing drives the system. The existing private sector has responded through entrepreneurs (with stellar ideas) and intrapreneurs with ideas for expansion, which they can continue to promote from within the existing facilities.

Ideation is a common requirement for all three wheels in the economic gearing system. HIGS Workshop training interventions sponsored by the public and private sectors and combining the wisdom of education, experience and common sense, can generate ideas for increasing the flow of tourists, expanding infrastructural facilities and developing MSME enterprises.

The High Impact Growth Strategy (HIGS) workshop tool has been developed under my watch over the years. It is an innovative and interactive tool that generates several sustainable new ideas from a blank sheet of paper in two days

of interactive sessions led by skilled facilitators with a balanced selection of stakeholders. The power of HIGS to generate ideas is generic and may be used in the tourism industry.

Here is a synopsis of the HIGS workshop process:

The HIGS facilitators will have access to a well-documented HIGS workshop manual.

The local coordinating committee seeking to generate ideas submits a proposal to the facilitators for review.

Six teams will develop six new ideas (one per team) in a destination's tourism sector and prepare business opportunity profiles (BOP) for each idea.

The workshop is held on two consecutive days at a venue selected by the local coordinating committee.

Sixty participants from a balanced cross-section of interests are invited (with the expectation that at least 48 will attend).

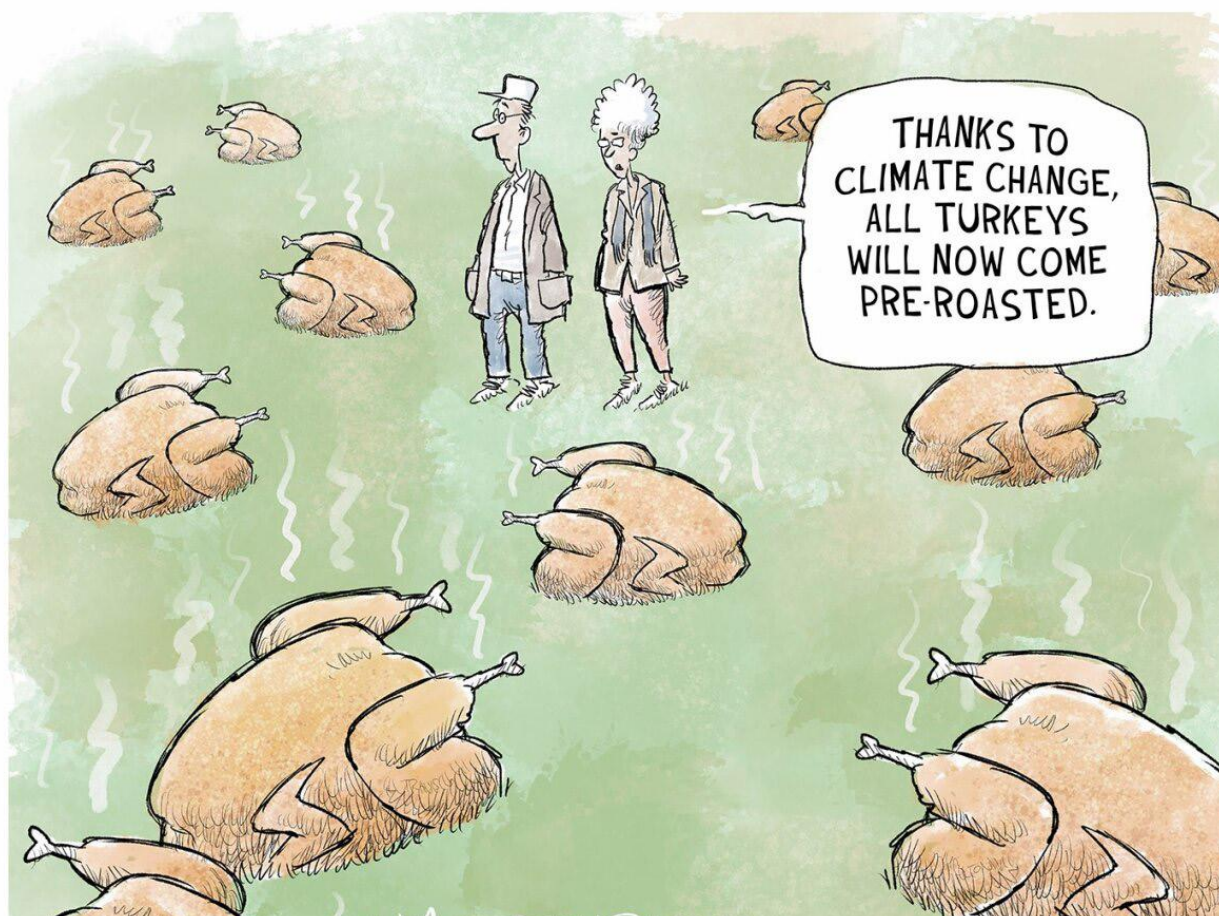
The participants are divided into six groups in a roundtable setting. All of the participants are expected to attend 100 percent of the time.

Over the two days, a new idea is nurtured at each table, under the guidance of the facilitators, and the corresponding business opportunity profile is developed.

Participants sign off on six initial business profiles with a guarantee, on the development and sale of the corresponding full action plan, of an equitable financial reward for their intellectual property associated with the plan.

The HIGS Tourism Ideation Workshops represent a forward-thinking and innovative initiative toward enhancing Caribbean tourism. Participants develop an appreciation of how to continually generate new or convert existing business ideas that link Caribbean tourism supply and brand opportunities with the global niche market demand, and subsequently turn them into commercial realities and economic growth.

Any takers?



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VACANCY NOTICE



The Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority is accepting applications for the following position:

JOB TITLE:

Electrical/Radio Technician

JOB LOCATION:

Providenciales

REPORTING MANAGER:

Engineering and Maintenance Manager

EMPLOYMENT TYPE:

Full Time

JOB PURPOSE:

The Radio Technician is responsible for predictive, preventative, and corrective maintenance of Electrical Systems, Radio Systems, Communication Systems, and Navigational Aids equipment related to Air Navigation Services under the direction of the Engineering and Maintenance Manager in accordance with established standards and recommended practices.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Performs predictive, preventative, and emergency maintenance on electrical systems, radio systems, communication, and navigational equipment in accordance with established standards and recommended practices and procedures.
- Performs routine preventative maintenance, repairs, and installation of Airfield Ground lighting and equipment.
- Performs routine preventative and corrective maintenance installations and repairs on security screening x-ray machines.
- Performs routine preventative maintenance, repairs, and installations of VHF transmitters, receivers, transceivers, and voice communications control systems.
- Perform routine maintenance and repairs in the upkeep of aeronautical telecommunications networks.
- Perform routine preventative maintenance, correction maintenance, and installations of AWOS Systems.

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- Performs first-level maintenance on electrical power generating and power systems; maintenance and upkeep for these systems must meet OTAR 171, ICAO Annex 10, and ICAO DOC8071 standards and requirements.
- Able to work on shifts, weekends, and holidays.
- Any other task issued by Engineering & Maintenance Manager & CEO.

SKILLS/QUALIFICATION:

- Technical Degree, Diploma, or Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technician or its equivalent.
- Five (5) Ordinary Level or equivalent passes, including Mathematics, English Language, and Physics/Engineering Science.
- Good communication, troubleshooting, analytical and observational skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and stressful situations while adhering to safety.
- Ability to work with and experience working with RF test equipment.

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JOB LOCATION:

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REPORTING MANAGER:

IT Manager

EMPLOYMENT TYPE:

Full Time

JOB PURPOSE:

The Information Technology (IT) Technician job covers various systems, equipment, and the company's Local Area Network. The successful applicant will be responsible for, but not limited to, the continued operation and maintenance of the company servers, workstations, printers, fax, Airline shared use system, self-check-in Kiosks, time clock system, CCTV Security, and access control systems. In addition, computer hardware and related device repairs are required for all systems. This individual will provide the IT Administrator and the Engineering and Maintenance Manager with the necessary recommendations and guidelines for the continued operation, expansion, design, and security of the TCIAA systems and Equipment.

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- Provide support to the Engineering & Maintenance team.
- Conduct briefings and demonstrations for users to enhance system productivity.
- Perform routine server monitoring and performance benchmarking.
- Monitor and remove viruses, spyware, and other unauthorized software.
- Complete special projects as requested.
- Performs routine and preventive maintenance as needed and as per schedule to ensure the ongoing functioning of systems.
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- Requests equipment and supplies to maintain inventory and ensure availability of items required to complete the necessary installation and/or repair.
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- Ability to Travel throughout the Turks & Caicos Islands to install, repair, and maintain computer and network systems at airports on other islands.
- **May perform other duties as assigned by your manager or any other person authorized to give instructions or assignments.**

SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Degree in Electronic & Computer Technology or related field, not limited to Cisco, Microsoft, and Oracle-approved training organizations.
- ◆ Ability to maintain a positive attitude and assist customers in high-stress situations.
- ◆ Excellent customer support skills.
- ◆ Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).
- ◆ A Minimum of 1 to 3 years working experience in the Information Technology Field.
- ◆ Knowledge of Windows desktop operating systems from Windows 2000 to Windows 11.
- ◆ Ability to multitask, prioritize, and manage time efficiently.
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- ◆ Basic networking knowledge.
- ◆ Excellent team collaboration and interpersonal skills.
- ◆ Moderate physical effort (able to lift/carry up to 25 lbs).

SALARY GRADE: 5.1

SALARY: \$37,000.00 per annum.

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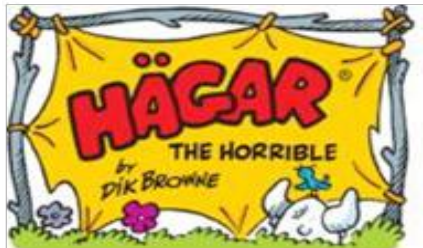
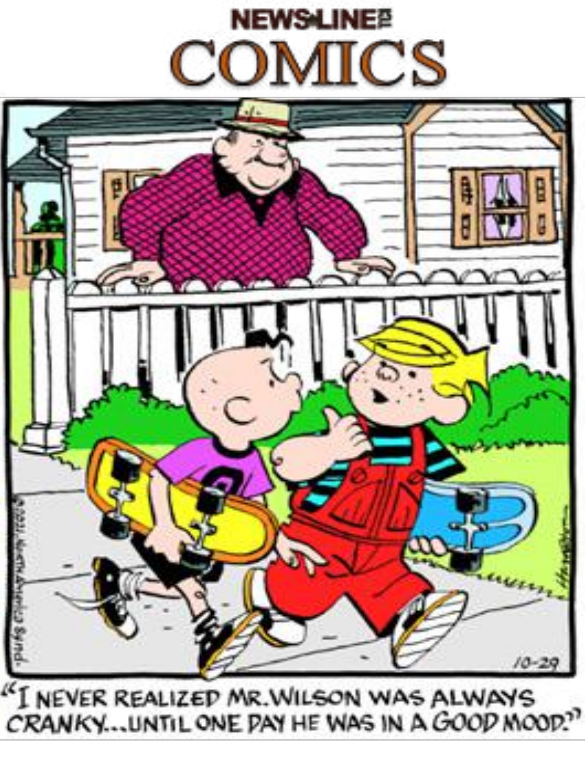
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TURKS head cactus

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The Turks head cacti (*Melocactus intortus*) is a variety of small barrel cactus. A reddish cap tops the cacti, and it's easy to see where the cacti got its name as this cap resembles a Turkish fez hat. The Turks head cacti appears on both the Turks and Caicos flag and coat of arms. Due to the lack of competition, the Turks head cacti is typically found in exposed and dry regions. In the Turks and Caicos, these areas are usually natural eroded limestone bedding landscapes, or in some cases, hard sandy dunes. Unfortunately, the cacti has largely disappeared from the main populated islands. The majority of existing plants are located on East Caicos and Big Ambergris Cay, with small clusters on Middle Caicos and a select few other cays.

More Highlights from the Red Cross Red Hot Fashion Show

The Annual Turks and Caicos Islands Red Cross staged its highly anticipated annual Red Hot Fashion extravaganza on the lawns of the Palms Resort on November 11. The show brought out a wide cross-section of the community, as patrons and also models. The models included, Her Excellency Deputy Governor Anya Williams, Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly, Minister of Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Jamell Robinson, and also members of the British Arm Forces. NewslineTCI ran a few photos on its fabulous PAGE2, but we have endeavor to highlight more of the event.





Second National Apprentice Transitions into Full-time Role



HARVEY: "I am truly honoured to have had the opportunity to enrol in the TCI National Internship and Apprenticeship Program and to have been assigned to the Ministry of Tourism".

Alique Harvey has become the second Turks and Caicos Islands National Apprentice to transition into full-time employment.

This employment was in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism.

As of November 1, Harvey, a returning

student, was appointed to the post of Communications Officer within the Department of Tourism Regulations in the Ministry of Tourism.

Harvey who was excited about this appointment stated, "I am truly honoured to have had the opportunity to enrol in the TCI National Internship and Appren-

ticeship Program and to have been assigned to the Ministry of Tourism, where I gained valuable experience in communication management. Your support and the opportunities provided through the program have been instrumental in helping me reach this significant milestone in my career. I am thrilled to be a part of the Ministry of Tourism team and deeply appreciative of the trust and confidence the TCI Apprentice Program have shown in me."

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Social Services worked with stakeholders to ensure the delivery of a first-rate national apprenticeship system for the Turks and Caicos Islands. This system offers every youth who wants to transition into the formal economy to go through an apprenticeship programme as supported by the public and private sector. It solves your social problems and mismatch in terms of the apprentice need for the kind of skills for the different job opportunities. The apprenticeship system provides employers with a reservoir of certified and trained skills.

Minister of Education, Youth and Sports Hon. Rachel Taylor in her remarks stated, "Congratulations to Alique Harvey in transitioning into his full-time employment, he has done an amazing job as an apprentice, and I know he will continue to develop in his area of study professionally and personally. My Ministry is dedicated to Building Human Capacity, and it is our goal to ensure that our students return home and gain the necessary experience and employment within their field of choice."

CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER AND TRAVEL + LEISURE LIST TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO VISIT IN JANUARY

The Turks and Caicos Islands continue to be recognised as one of the top destinations to visit during the winter season.

Premiere travel publications, Travel + Leisure and Condé Nast Traveler, have listed the Turks and Caicos Islands as a destination for travellers looking for a winter escape in January 2024.

The Turks and Caicos Islands is the only Caribbean island listed in Travel + Leisure's recommendations.

Writer Patricia Doherty says: "Providenciales offers stunning beaches, resorts, and vacation villas, plus Providenciales International Airport, ideal for those arriving by air."

"You can spend your days lounging on the beaches, fishing, boating, and windsurfing, or go beyond the shores to hike through nature reserves and spot local wildlife. End sun-soaked days with a visit to local bars to enjoy the destination's music scene and nightlife." Read the article here: <https://bit.ly/3sBH8Pb>

Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

This week in LIFELINE Featured church, we shine the spotlight on the Abundant Life Ministries International (ALMI) Church, located at 1085 Leeward Highway in Providenciales. ALMI was founded by Bishop Dr. Coleta Alexander Williams III. ALMI is a dynamic ministry, boasting numerous departments, including Public Relations, Youth, Usher, Praise Team, Music, and Video and Audio. In addition to the various ministries, ALMI also operates a radio station – 98.3 LIFE FM. The church is founded on the John 10:10 “I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly”. ALMI is on Facebook @abundantlyblessed; its website is: almi.tc. For further information contact 941-4750



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Looking for a worshipping house to praise God and fellowship with members of the body of Christ, here is a list of some of the available sanctuaries you can attend throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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How to:

mixed prints

Pairing classic prints may seem scary, but it's actually easier than it looks. Deliberately playing and patterns could be seen as a style rebellion. However rebellious this may be, ironi- rules to follow. This comprehensive guide should make it easier on how to combine off the most 'out there' fashion clashes.

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COLOUR. If you're going to wear a vibrant colour, balance it out with something darker. Much like this colourful plaid print with the darker scarf to contrast. SO bold patterns in neutral colours, for example, black and white, can offset wildly different patterns in a more vibrant colour scheme. One strategy is to mix a monochrome pattern, like a red and white polka dot, with a multicolour pattern that features the colour from the monochrome, like a red floral print. When in doubt, stick to

one colour palette. **LOUD & subtle.** The print on the scarves are less dramatic than the more vibrant print of the coat. The scarves are near solid in a similar colour scheme, so the colours blend together nicely. Mixed prints in the same tonal range look more put-together than not. Florals are some of the toughest patterns to mix and match. One tip that always works for doubling up on florals is to opt for one monochrome print and one multicolour print that picks up the first colour. **COORDINATE.** This is an easy

way to ease into mixing patterns. For example, mix a black and white polka dot outfit with a black and white striped clutch. Simple, but dynamic and effective. **STAPLES.** Classic, simple prints like stripes, polka dots and florals are a great start. Then, layer on a bolder print. For example, try a classic striped t shirt with a more exciting geometric pattern layered on top.

The simple stripe will act as a neutral. **OUTERWEAR.** Another easy way to ease into mixing patterns is by using outerwear. If you aren't willing to commit for the full day, add a plaid jacket or coat like the one pictured and throw on neutral graphic scarves. This can be an easy way to try out mixing prints. **Trust Yourself.** Prints are personal. Just because you love a print doesn't mean everyone else will love it and that's okay. So don't be disheartened if not everyone loves your print, and wear what makes you feel good.



Woman Murdered In Dock Yard



Crime Sleuths from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (TCIPF) are combing a section of the tough Dock Yard Community in Providenciales searching for clues after a 44-year-old woman was shot to death by unknown assailants early Thursday Morning.

The police reported that another woman was shot and injured during the attack. The information arm of the RTCIPF said

in a news release that the identity of the woman has been established but will not be released until her family members have been properly notified.

According to Serious Crime Unit, several explosions were heard coming from a yard in the community where patrons had congregated. A call was then made to the Police Control Room and a team of officers responded to the given location. The police stated that upon their arrival at the scene, two female patrons were seen suffering from what appeared to be bullet wounds. Shortly after, one of them succumbed to her injuries, while the other, who was described as a 30-year-old woman, was, at news time, receiving medical care.

Acting Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams, responding to yet another gun murder, stated: "An unfortunate incident occurred early this morning while patrons were socialising at an establish-

ment. The callousness of a few, intent on causing pain and suffering in the TCI has again surfaced.

"The value of life is meaningless to some, and our officers remain relentless in using all available resources to bring the suspect (s) to face the full brunt of the law for this heinous crime. I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest condolences to the victim's relatives and friends on behalf of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force.

"Additionally, I am calling on any person (s) who witnessed this incident to contact us. Tell us what you know. Let us work together."

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force is asking the public to contact 911, the closest police station, the RTCIPF Serious Crime Unit at 232-8752, or Stoppers at 1-800-8477 and anonymously give any information on this incident or other illegal activity.

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JOB LOCATION:

Providenciales

REPORTS TO:

The Security Supervisor

EMPLOYMENT TYPE:

Full Time

JOB PURPOSE:

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URLMLBAE

TSFUETREIBL

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SNUYN

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NHSIUNES

LSBMOOS

BAORIWN

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GENRDA

1. He may cross the line

5. Literary Finn

9. Divide

14. Desire

15. Eye with desire

16. Desire

17. Made mad

18. "Kaboom!"

19. Loosen up

20. CON

23. Affirm at the altar

24. Liza Doolittle's dwelling

25. CON

32. Drilled

35. Domain of Eos

36. Put to flight

37. Hollywood Gardner

38. Stan's comedic pal

39. Former fort near Salinas

40. "99 Luftballons" singer

42. Freshman, typically

43. Dates with a Dr., perhaps

45. CON

48. Word with go or by

49. Recited in rhyme, perhaps

53. CON

58. Tartan garment

59. "Night Sins" author Tami

60. SASE, typically

61. Dancer's support

62. Fit

63. "Dollhouse" heroine

64. Jerk

65. Mexican sauce

66. Eye affliction

7. They may have their own tartan

8. 1996 VP candidate

9. Cut corners

10. Factory configurations

11. "Mission: Impossible" composer Schifrin

12. "Meatballs" director Reitman

13. Popular cowboy nickname

21. Was laid low by a high?

22. Broadcasting pioneer Arledge

26. Jung contemporary

27. Yarns

28. "Dallas" family name

29. "Breakfast for Dinner" eatery

30. ____ cloud (home for comets)

31. Assents

32. "Kaboom!"

33. Out's partner

34. Punjabi princess

38. SNL alum, Cheri

41. Surreptitious romances

43. Love personified

44. Jazz-men Ellis and Russell

46. Type of bicycle

47. High point

50. Color lightly

51. Like wool sweaters, for some

52. Daphnis's love

53. Response to a rake

54. Legal opening?

55. Imitation

56. Bindlestiff

57. Eden event

58. NOVA network

1. Umbrella 2. butterflies 3. flowers 4. Sunny 5. Tulips 6. Sunshine 7. Blossom 8. Rainbow 9. Picnic 10. Garden

Brain Teaser

I can be short and sometimes hot. When displayed, I rarely impress. What am I?

Answer: Temper

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Birds Seen In TCI

Warbler

Hummingbird

Vireo

Gnatcatcher

Osprey

Gull

Tern

Cattle egret

Dowitcher

Mangrove cuckoo

Bananaquit

Brown pelican

Stilts

Sanderling

Green heron

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JOKE WEEK

I went down the street to a 24-hour grocery store. When I got there, the guy was locking the front door. I said, "Hey! The sign says you're open 24 hours." He Said, "Yes, but not in a row!"

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Man receives world's first eye transplant plus a new face

It's a step towards one day restoring sight



Dr Eduardo Rodriguez, NYU Langone Health's chair of plastic surgery, examines Aaron James in New York on October 23. In May 2023, surgeons performed the world's first transplant of an entire human eye, an extraordinary addition to a face transplant.

Surgeons have performed the world's first transplant of an entire human eye, an extraordinary addition to a face transplant – although it's far too soon to know if the man will ever see through his new left eye.

An accident with high-voltage power lines had destroyed most of Aaron James' face and one eye. His right eye still works. But surgeons at NYU Langone Health hoped replacing the missing one would yield better cosmetic results for his new face, by supporting the transplanted eye socket and lid.

The NYU team announced Thursday that so far, it's doing just that. James is recovering well from the dual transplant last May and the donated eye looks remarkably healthy.

"It feels good. I still don't have any movement in it yet. My eyelid, I can't blink yet. But I'm getting sensation now," James told The Associated Press as doctors examined his progress recently.

"You got to start somewhere, there's got to be a first person somewhere," added James, 46, of Hot Springs, Arkansas. "Maybe you'll learn something from it that will help the next person."

Today, transplants of the cornea – the clear tissue in front of the eye – are common to treat certain types of vision loss. But transplanting the whole eye – the eyeball, its blood supply and the critical optic nerve that must connect it to the brain – is considered a moonshot in the quest to cure blindness.

Whatever happens next, James' surgery offers

scientists an unprecedented window into how the human eye tries to heal.

"We're not claiming that we are going to restore sight," said Dr Eduardo Rodriguez, NYU's plastic surgery chief, who led the transplant. "But there's no doubt in my mind we are one step closer."

Some specialists had feared the eye would quickly shrivel like a raisin. Instead, when Rodriguez propped open James' left eyelid last month, the donated hazel-coloured eye was as plump and full of fluid as his own blue eye. Doctors see good blood flow and no sign of rejection.

Now researchers have begun analysing scans of James' brain that detected some puzzling signals from that all-important but injured optic nerve. One scientist who has long studied how to make eye transplants a reality called the surgery exciting.

"It's an amazing validation" of animal experiments that have kept transplanted eyes alive, said Dr Jeffrey Goldberg, chair of ophthalmology at Stanford University.

The hurdle is how to regrow the optic nerve, although animal studies are making strides, Goldberg added. He praised the NYU team's "audacity" in even aiming for optic nerve repair and hopes the transplant will spur more research.

"We're really on the precipice of being able to do this," Goldberg said.

James was working for a power line company in June 2021 when he was shocked by a live wire. He nearly died. Ultimately he lost his left arm,

requiring a prosthetic. His damaged left eye was so painful it had to be removed. Multiple reconstructive surgeries couldn't repair extensive facial injuries including his missing nose and lips. James pushed through physical therapy until he was strong enough to escort his daughter Allie to a high school homecoming ceremony, wearing a face mask and eye patch. Still he required breathing and feeding tubes, and longed to smell, taste and eat solid food again.

"In his mind and his heart, it's him – so I didn't care that, you know, he didn't have a nose. But I did care that it bothered him," said his wife, Meagan James.

Face transplants remain rare and risky. James' is only the 19th in the US, the fifth Rodriguez has performed. The eye experiment added even more complexity. But James figured he'd be no worse off if the donated eye failed.

Three months after James was placed on the national transplant waiting list, a matching donor was found. Kidneys, a liver and pancreas from the donor, a man in his 30s, saved three other people.

During James' 21-hour operation, surgeons added another experimental twist: When they spliced together the donated optic nerve to what remained of James' original, they injected special stem cells from the donor in hopes of spurring its repair.

Last month, tingles heralded healing facial nerves. James can't yet open the eyelid, and wears a patch to protect it. But as Rodriguez pushed on the closed eye, James felt sensation – although on his nose rather than his eyelid, presumably until slow-growing nerves get reoriented. The surgeon also detected subtle movements beginning in muscles around the eye.

Then came a closer look. NYU ophthalmologist Dr Vaidehi Dedania ran a battery of tests. She found expected damage in the light-sensing retina in the back of the eye. But she said it appears to have enough special cells called photoreceptors to do the job of converting light to electrical signals, one step in creating vision.

Normally, the optic nerve then would send those signals to the brain to be interpreted. James' optic nerve clearly hasn't healed. Yet when light was flashed into the donated eye during an MRI, the scan recorded some sort of brain signalling. That both excited and baffled researchers, although it wasn't the right type for vision and may simply be a fluke, cautioned Dr Steven Galetta, NYU's neurology chair. Only time and more study may tell.

Still, the surgery marks "a technical tour de force," said Dr David Klassen, chief medical officer of the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system. "You can learn a tremendous amount from a single transplant" that could propel the field.

As for James, "we're just taking it one day at a time," he said.



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The Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority is accepting applications for the following position:

JOB TITLE:

Maintenance Technician

JOB LOCATION:

Providenciales

REPORTING MANAGER:

The Engineering and Maintenance Manager

EMPLOYMENT TYPE:

Full Time

JOB PURPOSE:

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Execute electrical wiring plans for well-functioning lighting, intercom, and other electrical systems.
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- Thorough knowledge of safety procedures and legal regulations and guidelines.
- Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving ability.
- Excellent physical condition and flexibility to work long shifts (holidays, weekends, and unsocial hours).
- Diploma in relevant vocational training and completed apprenticeship as an electrician.
- Valid Police Record

SKILLS/QUALIFICATION:

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SALARY: \$37,000.00 per annum**Salary Grade 5.1**

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November 24, 2023**to:**

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Reggae Boyz shock Canada to qualify for Copa America, Nations League semis



Jamaica's Bobby De Cordova-Reid, top left, celebrates with goalkeeper Andre Blake after the team's win over Canada in the second leg of a Concacaf Nations League football quarterfinal in Toronto on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023.

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz came from behind to shock Canada 3-2 in Tuesday's return leg of the Concacaf Nations League quarter-finals at the

BMO field in Toronto.

The result meant the teams ended 4-4 on aggregate after the two legs, but the the Reggae Boyz won the tie based on away goals.

It was Jamaica's first-ever win over Canada in Canada and they were rewarded with a spot in their third Copa America, joining the USA and Panama in the semi-finals of the Concacaf Nations League set for March 2024.

Jamaica trailed 1-3 on aggregate going into the second half on Tuesday after losing 2-1 in the first leg at the National Stadium in Kingston on Saturday and going behind 1-0. But a frenetic 15 minute-period of the second half flipped the script on its head.

Shamar Nicholson, who scored on Saturday, scored two times in a three-minute span – his 12th and 13th goals for Jamaica – before Canada wrestled back the advantage when Ismael Kone scored in the 69th minute to make the aggregate score 4-3. However, Bobby deCordova Reid buried a penalty to decide the tie.

To add to the nail-biting finale, Demarai Gray, who was arguably Jamaica's best player, was sent off by Mexican referee Cesar Ramos after

picking up two yellow cards in a three-minute span, the second in the 83rd minute.

Despite a goalkeeping masterclass from Andre Blake, Jamaica trailed at half time thanks to a 25th minute goal from Alphonso Davies. The Reggae Boyz missed three gilt edged scoring chances, all from passes from Gray.

An adjustment at halftime saw Damion Lowe playing further up the pitch and it paid off as he won a tackle in the 63rd minute and found Nicholson who beat goalkeeper Milan Borjan from close with powerful shot to tie up the score at 1-1.

He completed his second Nations League brace and first since 2019 when he was sent through by Gray on the counter attack, beating Borjan through his legs to take the lead on the night. Kone swung the pendulum back in Canada's favour when he headed past Blake in the 69th minute.

However, there was more to come after Stephen Eustaquio, who scored the winner on Saturday, handled the ball in his area and, after a prolong VAR check, Reid coolly sent the Canadian goalkeeper the wrong way.

Former NFL Star Itching To Start School Programme In TCI



Audric Skippings, Caretaker Candidate for the Leeward and Long Bay Constituency present a cheque to Head of the Sports Department at the A. Louise Garland Thomas High School – Jody Pusey. Sharing in the moment from left are Adrian Stubbs (second left), Robert Been – Deputy Leader of the PDM, Mr Adrain Stubbs (black shirt), Mr Audric Skippings; Devanyo Quant (partly hidden between Been and Skippings); NFL Star Donald Penn; Acting Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams (with ball at left), and also students of the school.



NFL Star Donald Penn signs a pair of shoes of an A. Louise Garland Thomas High School.

If former National Football League (NFL) superstar Donald Penn has his way, a full full-fledged local programme could be on the cards as early as next year.

Penn, in an interview with NewslineTCI on Wednesday, December 22, said he was ready to bring in some of his former teammates to build a programme locally so that the Turks and Caicos Islands becoming a viable American Football Country in the medium to long term.

Penn spoke to NewslineTCI shortly after meeting with students at the A. Louise Garland Thomas High School in Providenciales, where he went to deliver motivational talks. Also, in attendance was Acting Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams, who also gave encouraging speeches to the students.

"I love giving back to kids," Penn told NewslineTCI. "When I played, I had a foundation...I coach high school football, and I love giving back to kids. So, I can't wait to bring some of my guys out here, teach some football, and really get a structure here. And so, I can't wait to get some structure going."

Penn pointed out that he would like to seek the sports built to the secondary school level, and that next year would not be too early to start.

"I think we can build it up to high school sports. Hopefully, we would start next year...as soon as possible...I want to start as soon as possible," he said.

The NFL superstar, who later signed autographs for swaths of adoring students, said he was happy with the post motivational engagement.

"Today was good because almost every kid raised their hands when I asked if they are interested, so, that is good feedback, and so, we will get more to it," he continued.

Penn played college football for the Utah State Aggies, and was signed by the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent in 2006, and later played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Oakland Raiders, and Washington Redskins.

He was introduced to the Turks and Caicos by local businessmen Devanyo Quant and Adrian Stubbs.

When he expressed his desire to meet with local students, Quant and Stubbs introduced former NFL player to the Deputy Leader of the Peoples Democratic Movement, Robert Been Jr., who said he has established close relationships with some of the schools' administrative heads.

"Myself, along with Devanyo Quant and Mr. Adrian Stubbs, who are good friends with Donald Penn, called me and told me that 'Don' was in town and he wants to go and visit different public schools.

"And so, I happen to have a great relationship with the principal here (A. Louise Garland Thomas High), and I gave her a call and told her that 'Don' wanted to come and speak," Been said, pointing out that, in addition to gift the students with Penn's presence, also made monetary donation to the school.

"And so, we said we would put something together and see if we can make some kind of donation to the institution. And it happened at the right time because it so happens that today is their sports day," Been added.

He pointed out that Penn was chomping at the bit to launch a school programme in the TCI.

"He wanted to engage in a motivational event with the students, but he also wanted to introduce football to Turks and Caicos. So, he would definitely be back," Been further noted.

In the meantime, the PDM Deputy Leader said he had already reached out to the Sports Commission for their expertise on how to get the programme off the ground and is now waiting for their response.

"We had a brief meeting yesterday with the sports commission, trying to arrange the proper structure to get this off the ground, so as soon as we hear back from the sports commission and to see what kind of involvement or what kind of guidance they can give us, Donald Penn would be ready to go. I am ready to go also, as well as well as Mr. Quant.

"So, right now it is up to sports commission to get involved on the way forward...if they are going to be part of it, if we have to do it privately, we are more than happy to do it," Been explained.

Meanwhile, Been said the funds donated to the school came from his, and the pockets of caretaker for the Long Bay Constituency – Audric Skippings, along with Quant.

"The funds actually came from among ourselves, Mr. Audric Skippings, Devanyo Quant," he explained.

Hency Gedion, Krysann Williams top CHHS House Road Run, Relays



Hency Gedion, overall winner of the Clement Howell Inter-House Road Run and Relays



Krysann Williams was the overall winner in the female category

Hency Gedion and Krysann Williams were the top boy and girl respectively at the Clement Howell Sports Meet held on Thursday, November 16.

Gedeon, representing Butterfield House, topped the road race in a time of 20.35.72 seconds, followed by Love Joseph of Cox House, who finished in a time of 2.41.0 seconds, with Johnslly Gaspard of Gardiner House ending his run in a time of 22.06.0 seconds for third.

Gelano Brumvert of Gardiner House crossed the finish line in fourth position in a time of 22.46.0 seconds, with Delano Rigby also of Gardiner House crossing the finish line in fifth position in a time of 23.04.1 seconds. Cendly Gerard of Gardiner House ended his race in 6th position in a time of 24.31.2 seconds. In seventh position was Peguy Francois of Howell House, who ended the race in 25.02.3 seconds. Tahjari Williams of Cox House crossed the line in eighth position in a time of 25.45.3 seconds, with Christian Higgs also of Cox House ending

the race in a time of 26.46.9 for ninth position, while Rayshawn Rigby of Butterfield House rounded off the top 10 with a time of 27.02.3 seconds.

On the girls' side, Williams of Howell House, was the first female to cross the finish with a time of 31.38.7 seconds. She finished 27th overall. Dassy Lacoste of Cox House was the second-best female on the day, crossing the line in second position with a time of 32.05.6 seconds. She ended the race in 28th position overall.

A'Jayana Hudson of Gardiner House was the third best finisher, crossing the line in 33.36.6 seconds, to finish 30th overall. Bervelyne Benjamin of Butterfield House ended in fourth position with a time of 33.44.4 seconds, to finish 31 overall.

Lawanda Borgella of Butterfield House was the sixth female to cross the finish line. She did so in a time of 39.30.9 seconds, earning the overall 37th position in the race. Calecia E. of

Gardiner House was the sixth female to cross the line, recording a time of 46.0.8 seconds, to finish 42nd overall.

Vasty Jaques of Howell House crossed the line in seventh position in a time of 46.23.8 seconds, for an overall finish of 44th in the race. Rose B. of Cox House was the eighth athlete to cross the line, recording a time of 48.10.7 seconds, to end the race in 45th position overall. Issa N. of Butterfield House was the ninth female athlete to cross the finish line, doing so in a time of 48.53.6 seconds, while Gabrelelle A., of Gardiner House, with a time of 50.57.6, was the 10tgh athlete to cross the line.

The first-place athletes collected 20 points for their houses. The second place get 15 points, the third place 12 points, the fourth place is awarded 9 points, the fifth place get athlete gets 7 points, the sixth receive 5 points, the seventh collect 3 points, and the eighth is awarded 2 points. All other finishers collect one point for their houses.



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