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Abaco Airport Workers Walkout

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
 Journal Staff Writer

Security officers at the Leonard M. Thompson International Airport in Marsh Harbour, Abaco walked off the job on Saturday.

Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar told The Bahama Journal yesterday that the security officers walked off the job because of poor working conditions at the airport following Hurricane Dorian.

"I'm led to believe that

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▶ Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar



▶ Opposition Aviation Spokesperson Glenys Hanna-Martin

Gov't Refutes OHCHR Immigration Comments

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
 Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded to comments made by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and advised that due process was followed to determine whether an immigrant has the right to be in The Bahamas before

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▶ Minister of Foreign Affairs Darren Henfield

Sandbank Shantytown Cleared

PM Assesses Abaco Cleanup Progress



▶ Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis visited Abaco and the cays, Saturday, to assess the progress of reconstruction and recovery efforts and the status of security and cleanup operations on the island. He also visited Man-o-War Cay to speak with residents and NGO partners. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

Following the prime minister's weekend trip to assess the progress of the government's cleanup plan for Abaco, the Office of the Prime Minister con-

firmed that debris in the Sandbank shantytown has been cleared.

The government is executing its clean-up plan on Abaco through the

Ministry of Works and the Ministry of the Environment and Housing, and is exploring specific partnerships with international organiza-

tions such as the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Samaritan's Purse organization.

The Ministry of Works

has already awarded four contracts for debris removal and clean-up on the mainland has begun,

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'More Breast Cancer Research Needed'

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

As breast cancer statistics in The Bahamas remain frightening, Minister of Health Dr. Duane Sands said there is a great need to establish more robust machinery for local breast cancer research.

In 1999, the incidence

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Pilots Survive Plane Crash

Two pilots survived a plane crash last Friday, which occurred in waters near Old Fort Point, New Providence.

According to the Air Accident Investigation Department (AAID), at approximately 4:30 p.m. a DC3 aircraft registration N437GB declared an

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emergency due to left engine failure and crashed in the ocean a short time thereafter.

The two pilots onboard were rescued with minor injuries, by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and taken to the RBDF base.

The aircraft subsequently sank and efforts are underway to recover it.

AAID explained that weather conditions at the time were reported as visual meteorological conditions.

According to the RBDF, vessels from the Coral Harbour Base as well as the Harbour Patrol Unit were immediately dispatched to investigate the matter after receiving a call reporting the crash.

Patrol craft P-126, coxswained by Petty Officer Everette Rolle, found two life-jacket clad men, the pilots, both Florida residents, in the vicinity of the crash, floating.

“They rescued the men who were conscious, but obviously shaken up. They also recovered some of the

items littering the waters from the downed aircraft and brought the two men safely to Coral Harbour Base,” the RBDF said in a statement.

“They were seen by force medical personnel and taken to hospital in RBDF ambulance for further medical examination. Representatives from Civil Aviation, the Bahamas Air Accident Investigation Department and the Royal Bahamas Police Force were also present.”

Investigations are ongoing.



▶ A DC3 aircraft crashed in waters near Old Fort Point, New Providence on Friday. (Photo/Air Accident Investigation Department)



▶ Two pilots survived Friday's plane crash and received minor injuries. (Photo/Royal Bahamas Defence Force)

'More Breast Cancer Research Needed'

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of breast cancer in The Bahamas measured 32 out of 100,000 women.

In 2014, 62.9 percent of 100,000 Bahamian women were diagnosed with breast cancer, a potentially deadly disease that attacks with

ferocity.

“Early breast cancer is curable and screening detected breast cancer has the best outcome. Yet we still believe that prevention is better than cure,” Dr. Sands said.

Dr. Sands added that partnering with the private sector may be best

to provide better access to the research needed to combat the disease, which he said will answer a number of questions.

“For instance, why do so many Bahamian women have breast cancer? Why are there so many young women con-

tracting the disease? Why is it so aggressive in some patients and not in others? And why, with all the access to health-care do women continue to present themselves at the advance stages of the disease?” he said.

“A productive research environment

can provide the needed answers to these questions.

“Such research is only and integral part of the bigger strategic plan to provide greater collaboration and coordination of care from prevention to rehabilitation for those affected by breast cancer.

“Research can also provide access to clinical trials for patients who do not respond to standard treatments.”

Dr. Sands said much more needs to be done to combat this dreadful disease and pledged the Ministry of Health's commitment to doing so.

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Kelly Louise Chidgey, Single,
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Sandbank Shantytown Cleared

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including in the Marsh Harbour area.

The island and surrounding cays will be divided into zones and a phased approach will be taken for the removal and disposal of storm debris, said Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis.

"The removal of debris is part of the first phase of the reconstruction effort,"

said Prime Minister Minnis. "Once the debris has been cleared, the rebuilding process can begin."

At Sandbank, a former shantytown, debris has been cleared and is in the process of being sorted for proper disposal.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Disaster Preparedness, Management and Reconstruction Iram

Lewis explained that any area identified for clean-up is thoroughly checked for bodies using cadaver dogs and must be cleared before heavy equipment can be brought onto the site.

Clean-up of residential areas is expected to begin later this week.

The prime minister, Minister Lewis, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and North Abaco

MP Darren Henfield were among a group of government officials who spent the weekend in Abaco to assess recovery and reconstruction efforts, including security, the progress of the temporary housing program for government workers and Abaco residents, and clean-up efforts.

Land for the site of the Family Relief Center has been cleared and the nec-

essary infrastructure material has arrived on the island. RV trailers to house workers, who will construct the 250 domes, are also on site.

Prime Minister Minnis met with Abaco hurricane coordinator Jack Thompson and visited Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay and numerous settlements in the north and south of Abaco.

While in Abaco, the

prime minister also met with members of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce to discuss how the business community can assist in rebuilding the island.

We are making progress, but we have a mammoth task ahead of us," said Prime Minister Minnis. "It will take time to rebuild, but we will rebuild better and stronger than before."

Local Tech Company Receives Over \$100,000 in Investments

Alvernia Business Consulting (ABC Bahamas Ltd.) received \$112,500 in investment loans from the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) through the Access Accelerator, Small Business Development Centre (SBDC).

ABC Bahamas Ltd. is a boutique Information Technology (I.T.) service provider specializing in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) technologies and support. The tech company leads and assists with technical support, procurement and implementations.

James Woodside start-

ed ABC Bahamas Ltd. in 2003 after completing his Computer Repair Program at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI). After graduation, he travelled to Cat Island to assist his grandparents, but it ended up being the start of his own business.

Woodside reflects, "My grand-aunt took me straight from the airport to the District Superintendent's office for education and he was ecstatic to have a young person on the island who could help them repair and maintain the local school labs.

"Through their encour-

agement and support, I was able to build my experience and earn some income. Because of their support, other businesses and individuals on Cat Island, they inspired me to name the company after Mt. Alvernia, a local Bahamian landmark."

From 2003 to 2013, Woodside worked with many local businesses and travelled abroad to complete technical training and earn certifications. In 2013, Alvernia Business Consulting became incorporated. From the feedback from past clients, Woodside developed his business to meet the pres-

ent and anticipate the future needs of local Bahamian businesses and continues to.

ABC Bahamas Ltd. reached out to Access Accelerator after seeing an ad on Facebook to further expand the company's services. To better provide key technology for SMEs the tech company needs to build its own infrastructure to implement the technology. With the funds accessed through the organization, ABC Bahamas Ltd. will bring the new products to market.

"Receiving funding feels awesome," said

Woodside. "I'm grateful to have completed the process and see that the SBDC and RBC believe that we can assist our nation with its technological endeavours."

Currently, the company provides: network designs and implementations, virtualization, private clouds, offsite backups, new office setups, office migrations, custom application deployments, software upgrades, computer lab repairs, point to point and point to multi-point wireless, IP surveillance, IP Telephony deployments, structured cabling, electronic document man-

agement, security assessments and business continuity planning.

The technology company tried seeking capital before joining the SBDC but found it difficult.

Woodside said, "Accessing capital as a service-based company is next to impossible unless you already have funds or personal assets equaling in value to the amount requested. Most banks that I've approached required 100 percent equity financing for business loans."

ABC Bahamas Ltd.

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NOTICE:

The public is hereby advised that the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative, in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Works and the Bahamas Public Parks & Public Beaches Authority, has begun site works at Bishop Alvin Moss Park, Christie Park and Joe Billy Park in the Over-the-Hill community as part of its rejuvenation efforts.

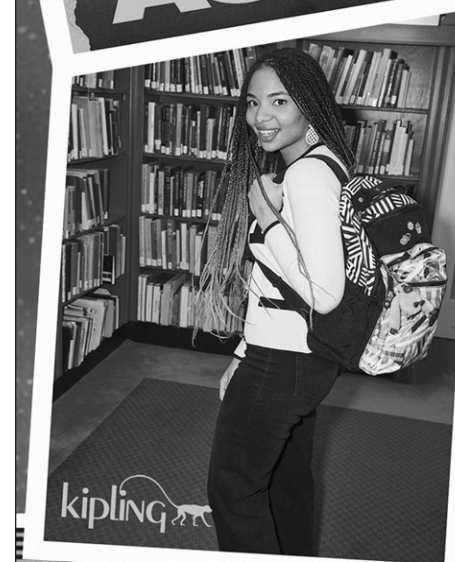
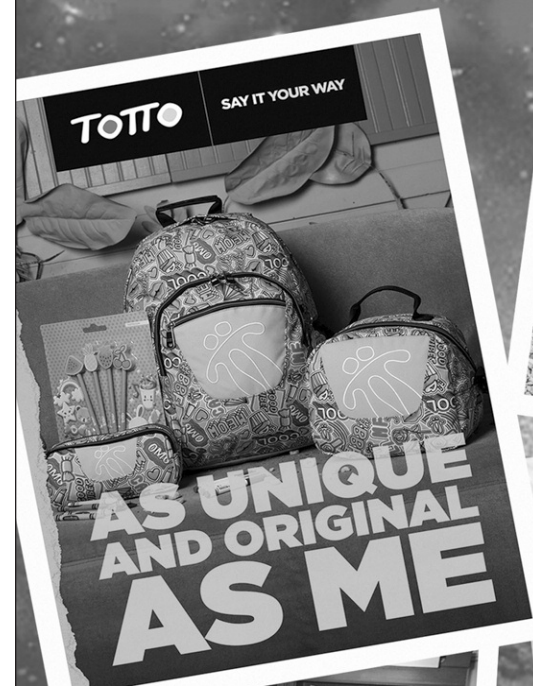
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a number of the security personnel at the Marsh Harbour Airport expressed displeasure with their working conditions and they did not feel that the Airport Authority was showing sufficient compassion and care to their state of affairs," D'Aguiar said.

He explained that the Marsh Harbour Airport has 43 employees and 30 of them have left Abaco and were relocated to other parts of The Bahamas by the Airport Authority because of the destruction of their homes and their desire to leave as there's no place for them to live.

The Airport Authority, he added, relocated the employees to other airports in Exuma, Eleuthera and Nassau.

As a result, D'Aguiar said, "That left 13 employees on the ground of which by the time you move the managers and other people, there were about eight to nine security officers, what I'm advised, and they decided to take industrial action."

As a result, Opposition Spokesperson on Transport and Aviation Glenys Hanna-Martin said the walkout jeopardizes airport security at the

facility.

"The airport workers say there has been absolutely no support forthcoming from either the Airport Authority or the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, even though they were mandated to return to work within days of the natural disaster and despite their own personal devastating circumstances," Hanna-Martin said.

"We are advised that in the face of their homelessness and traumatized condition, the authorities appear oblivious to or even worse, unconcerned with, their suffering and their general plight. As a consequence, airport security officers left their posts.

"We are forced to call upon Hon. Dionisio D'Aguiar to step up and ensure the necessary support is being provided to all airport workers impacted by this deadly hurricane. It is very unfortunate that there has been no support of these victims of Hurricane Dorian until now, yet they have been required to protect our national interests.

"The lack of empathy and sensitivity displayed by leadership is shameful. Further, in light of the recent walk out, the minister must guarantee the

integrity of airport security at this port of entry."

However, D'Aguiar said, "At no time was the airport left in an insecure state because we were able to, and had been anyway, bringing security officers from Nassau and firefighters from Nassau, flying them down to Marsh Harbour and they were actually living in the airport, camping in the airport on a three day on cycle and then they came back to Nassau."

The minister of tourism and aviation pointed out that the employees who walked off the job were elected to remain in Abaco.

"They claimed that they had no family elsewhere. Their homes did not sustain substantial damage and were in essence livable and they decided that oh, they had family relations they could go to. So they elected to remain in Abaco, even though the Airport Authority had offered that they wanted to leave," D'Aguiar said.

"So, the conditions at the airport are yes, not ideal. Bear in mind, we've had the worst hurricane in the history of The Bahamas and so we are trying as best as we can to improve the working conditions at the airport."

Gov't Refutes OHCHR

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deportation was considered.

According to the ministry, all illegal migrants, irrespective of their origin, removed from The Bahamas, were done so in compliance with the statute laws of The Bahamas, in accordance with the Immigration Act, consistent with the International Standards of the Rule of Law and in compliance with the International Human Rights Norms and Standards.

"The government of The Bahamas wishes to assure that there was adherence to all due process and the requisite procedures for proper documentation via captured biometrics were followed to determine every individual's constitutional right to reside lawfully in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Persons found wanting and in violation of the Immigration Act were lawfully removed, in accordance with the requisite court orders," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Saturday.

On October 11, the OHCHR called on the government "to refrain from deporting individuals who lack documentation, without the individual assessments and due process guarantees to which they are entitled under international law."

"We are concerned about the deportation of 112 Haitian migrants from The Bahamas to Haiti last Thursday, including people from the Abaco Islands, which were badly hit by the destruction caused by

Hurricane Dorian in September this year," OHCHR said in a statement.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during pre and post Hurricane Dorian, the Bahamas government relaxed its immigration deportation and repatriation policies and procedures to ensure the safety, security and well being of all persons, irrespective of nationality, within its borders.

"During the search and rescue phase of the humanitarian efforts, all displaced persons were carefully accommodated in safe abode, whether with family members or an authorized shelter, irrespective of their immigration status," the ministry said in its statement.

"All were accommodated at international standards, inclusive of three hot nourishing meals per day, bottled drinking water, clothing and medical attention by Government Board Certified Physicians, inclusive of free psychological evaluations afforded to any person thought to be affected by the trauma of Hurricane Dorian.

"Once the urgent search and rescue phase had passed and a semblance of normalcy returned to the country, the Bahamas government made the painstaking, conscientious, but necessary, decision to resume the implementation of its immigration laws."

The OHCHR said, "While Bahamian authorities had initially said Immigration Enforcement activities would be sus-

pending in the affected islands, this position was publicly reversed at the end of September, when they announced that all migrants without valid documents would be apprehended and deported."

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, OHCHR's statement is correct, as indicated in the local media by the minister of immigration.

"The Bahamas resumed lawful implementation of its statute laws after careful analysis, at a time when it was deemed appropriately humane and necessary to do so," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

"Contrary to what has been alleged by OHCHR, the government has received no reports of 'People leaving temporary shelters for fear of arrest and or persons failing to avail themselves of necessary humanitarian services or fleeing into hiding.'

"The international community may rest assured, the government of The Bahamas is a country that adheres strictly to the rule of law both locally and internationally, especially with respect to the rights of every man, woman and child in its jurisdiction. Any person entitled to be in The Bahamas legally will be accorded every fundamental right under its statute laws. Any person in violation of the Immigration Act will be dealt with in accordance with the statute laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas."

Illegal Firearms Recovered

Police in New Providence recovered several illegal firearms in separate incidents.

In the first incident, shortly before 10 p.m. on Friday, Central Detective Unit officers acting on intelligence conducted a search of an abandoned building on First Street Coconut Grove, where they discovered a .9 millimeter pistol with two rounds of ammunition. No one was arrested in this incident.

In the second incident, shortly before 4 a.m., Central Detective Unit officers, acting on information, conducted a search of an adult male on Victoria Avenue and recovered a .9 millimeter

pistol with three rounds of ammunition. The male was taken into custody and is expected to be formally charged before court.

In the third incident, shortly after 12 a.m. on Saturday, Central Detective Unit officers, acting on intelligence, conducted a search of an area on the Jubilee Gardens Park, Jubilee Gardens, where they discovered a sawed off shotgun. No one was arrested in this incident.

In the fourth incident, shortly before 10 p.m. on Friday, Central Detective Unit officers, acting on information, conducted a search of an area in the vicinity of a car wash on

Miami Street where they discovered a .9 millimeter pistol. No one was arrested in this incident.

In the fifth incident, shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, Central Detective Unit officers responded to reports of gunshots in the Rupert Dean Lane area. Upon arriving to the area, the officers spotted a male armed with a firearm, who opened fire on them. The officers engaged the suspect who was able to make good his escape.

The officers recovered a .9 millimeter pistol with four rounds of ammunition. No one was arrested in this incident.

Investigations into all incidents continue.

Man Stabbed Hospitalized

Police are investigating a stabbing incident that occurred on Friday, which left a man with injuries.

According to police, shortly before 12 a.m., a

man was in the area a business establishment George Street, off Bay Street, when he was attacked by another man armed with a sharp object, who stabbed him

about the body.

The injured man was transported to hospital where he is listed in stable condition.

Investigations are ongoing.

Police Search for Armed Robbery Suspects

Police are seeking assistance in identifying and locating two men responsible for an armed robbery which occurred last Thursday.

According to police, shortly after 7 p.m., a juvenile male was walking on Carmichael Road, when he was accosted by a man armed with a sharp object, who robbed him of cash and an iPhone, before

making good his escape on foot.


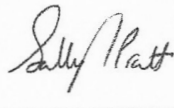
The following day, Friday, shortly before 9 a.m., police from the South Western Division acting on information proceeded to Strachan's Hill where they conducted search and found an iPhone, believed to be stolen during the armed robbery.


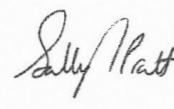
A 19-year-old male was taken into custody and is

expected to be formally charged.

In the second incident, shortly after 9 p.m., on Saturday, a female after making a withdrawal from an ATM machine on Wulff Road, was approached by an armed male who robbed her of cash before making good his escape in a red Toyota Passo.

Investigations are ongoing.

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --	
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