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**YOUR WEATHER**

**80°F**  
Mostly sunny, beautiful

SUNRISE: 7: 22 a.m.  
SUNSET: 6:34 p.m.  
HIGH TIDE: 12:06 p.m. - 12:26 a.m.  
LOW TIDE: 5:35 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
WINDS: N at 10 mph

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# DPM: 'NHI is not a tax'



**DPM: What it (NHI) is, is an insurance premium**

- The idea that we can do this free is just not tenable
- NHI require shared sacrifice and contributions from everyone
- The PLP Administration also put forth a plan, but there was no funding mechanism attached

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The government continues its attempt to convince the populace that the two percent the citizenry will be required to pay for National Health Insurance (NHI) is just a "proposal" and not an additional "tax."

In an interview with *this dai-*

ly on Friday, October 26 at the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce Awards, Deputy Prime Minister K. Peter Turnquest, Minister of Finance said, the National Health Insurance Authority put out a proposal for what is believed to a, "good plan," to address the whole issue of universal health care or National Health Insurance (NHI).

When NHI's policy paper was released on October 23 titled 'National Health Insurance: A shared responsibility' by the National Health Insurance Authority, a proposed two percent contribution was suggested.

The document stated that it is estimated that employees will pay two percent of their salary to a maximum of \$42.00 per

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**"The funding mechanism that has been suggested at two percent, is not set in stone, as the prime minister (Dr. Hubert Minnis) has indicated and it is an item that is up for discussion."**

**K. PETER TURNQUEST, DPM**  
Minister of Finance

# Grand Lucayan's future a secret?

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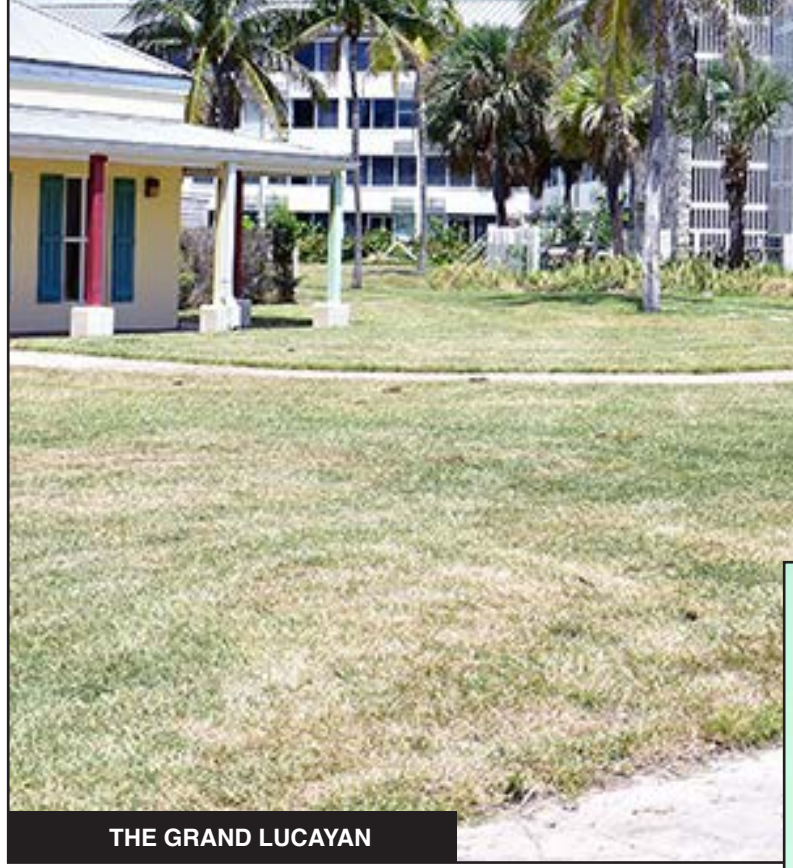
The future of the Grand Lucayan Resort remains a hot topic, particularly after the government purchased the property and have taken the responsibility to pay out severance package to employees, who have decided to tender their services.

Recently, prime minister Dr. Hubert Minnis and Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Sen. J. Kwasi Thompson alluded to the fact that there were several interested investors vying for the purchase of the Grand Lucayan Resort from the government.

*The Freeport News* caught up with deputy prime minister K. Peter Turnquest over the weekend for an update regarding investors' interest and the sale of the property.

"I would not want to speak to that, but it is safe to say that we

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