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Thompson: we are optimistic, but not satisfied

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Statistics, the number of persons employed in May 2017 in Grand Bahama was 26,160 and that number increased to 27,240 in November 2017.

"We still need more job growth, but it does suggest that 1,080 more persons are working which means the numbers are moving in the right direction," he said.

Thompson added that it is particularly important to note that the government expects even more persons to be employed, after the renovations to the Grand Lucayan are completed.

The government will continue to promote job growth by creating the environment for the private sector to expand and continue to develop programs to encourage small business development.

"We will also continue to promote Grand Bahama as a good place to do

business, while encouraged there is still a lot of work for us to do. We remain thankful for the coming together of our pastors and churches for this very purpose and give God thanks for the progress thus far," he said.

Since the Department of Statistics' last survey report of May 2017, there was an increase in the number of employed persons in The Bahamas by some 3,575, with the employed labour force moving from 200,155 persons to 203,730 persons, or by 1.8 percent.

However, this growth in employment numbers was not sufficient to cover the net increase in available labour with school leavers entering the workforce, leading to a marginal growth in the unemployment rate from 9.9 percent to 10.1 percent.

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OPTIMISTIC, BUT NOT SATISFIED – Sen. Kwasi Thompson said that while the government is optimistic about the recent Labour Survey Stats released, they are still not satisfied with the numbers. (PHOTO): JENNEVA RUSSELL

Motorists have until Feb. 1 TO COLLECT PLATES, SAYS TRAFFIC CHIEF

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Speaking with *this daily* yesterday – Monday, January 29 – Supt. Henfield urged drivers to collect their plates from the Road Traffic Department (RTD).

Noting that the RTD has begun issuing licenses in 'GE' series, which are not yet on island, Henfield said motorists with ve-

hicles registered under the 'GR' and 'GD' series must collect their plates, which are presently at the Road Traffic Department or be subject to associated fines.

According to Henfield, "The Traffic Division has taken yet another stand to appeal to the public to collect their plates from the Road Traffic Department. We have visited with the

RTD and we are still seeing that a number of plates have not been collected by persons who have their vehicles licensed.

"We started this process roughly about a year ago and we are finding that persons in the 'GR' series, the first series that we started to license vehicles with ... In that series all of

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WE MEAN BUSINESS – Grand Bahama's Traffic Chief, Supt. Jeremy Henfield says motorists have to February 1 to collect their plates from the Road Traffic Department or they will be penalized. (PHOTO: TFN FILES)



HELPING VICTIMS – Victims of the damaging fire that occurred at The Mudd, a Haitian shantytown in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, were assisted through a Grand Bahama community project, led by Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC). Above residents of The Mudd are handed out items. See Page 9 for more on the initiative. (PHOTO COURTESY OF BTC)

GB COMMUNITY PROJECT ASSISTS ABACO FIRE VICTIMS



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