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PLP mounting national charge



Phillip Davis
Opposition Leader

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Parker-Edgecombe supports suspension

• West GB MP advises House Speaker: "Carry on"



PAKESIA PARKER-EDGECOMBE
West Grand Bahama and Bimini, MP

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In what many considered a contentious House of Assembly sitting Wednesday (February 7) morning, several sitting members, inclusive of the leader of the nation, Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis, expressed their views and support of the Speaker of the House, Halson D. Moultrie's decision to name and suspend Member of Parliament (MP) for Englerston, Glenys Hanna-Martin, in what many deemed blatant disrespect for the House Speaker and his authority in the chambers.

Lending her voice in support of the Speaker's decision, Member of Parliament for West Grand Bahama and Bimini, Pakesia Parker Edgecombe, Communication and Information PS in the Office of the Prime Minister said that Moultrie was in "his right" to suspend Hanna-Martin.

Noting that while she is new to

the political arena, Parker-Edgecombe said having witnessed the behavior of the Englerston MP, and by extension that of the official Opposition, the Progressive liberal Party (PLP) on numerous occasions – it appears they are seeking to deter the present government from conducting the business of those that have elected them to office.

"Based on that and the Rules of this House, Mr. Speaker you are well within your rights to suspend the MP due to her behavior.

"Mr. Speaker, truth be told, what transpired during the last proceedings in this House involving the member for Englerston, was bound to happen sooner or later. As you sit in here, time-and-time again, I saw the way the member opposite, on more than one occasion was asked to take a seat, but instead challenged you and your authority. Some may argue that the member was well within her right, last week, but I beg to differ," Parker-Edgecombe said.

"The mere fact that when you,

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DUDLEY SEIDE ROYO, President



BISHOP JOSEPH HALL



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NORRIS BAIN

Boys to Men Conference set for this morning

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The 11th Annual 'Boys to Men Youth Mentoring Conference' is set to take place this morning – Friday, February 9 – at the Calvary Temple Church between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The event, which is spearheaded by the Reach Out Youth Organization (ROYO), is one that aims to encourage youth, young men in particular, to remain mindful of their actions and encourages them to live positive and productive lives.

Dudley Seide, founder and president of ROYO was excited to announce the event and change day. "I am so happy and overjoyed, because an educator that died about three years ago, Mrs. Sandra Edgecombe, this was one of her visions to continue the Boys to Men Conference.

"I sat down with the Ministry of Education and this year history will be made. This Friday, the Reach Out Youth Organization (ROYO) will be having its Boys to Men Conference, for the first time, on a Friday. Our main focus this year, is to deal with prevention. A lot of times when we have our conferences it is after the fact.

"Our theme for this year's conference is, 'Making the right choice.' This year, we have invited business establishments such as Polymers, the Freeport Container Port and the Grand Bahama Shipyard to be a part of

the conference, so that the young boys in attendance can see that making good career choices is the right thing to do."

Seide noted that a number of long time educators will be honored, during the event as well. "We do not have many male school educators, so ROYO has decided to honor some of them that have been in the system for over 15 to 20 years, giving back to our boys in the community.

"We have a special guest speaker, all the way from Nassau, Dr. Carlos Reid will be here. Pastor Bruce Russell, will also serve as a guest speaker.

"I want to say a special thank you to our sponsors, Jarol Investments, BTC, PharmaChem Technologies and Coca-Cola, and we would also like to say a special thank you to Hadley Forbes, who will be assisting us with the bus transportation, along with the Grand Bahama Taxi Union and S & D Coach Tours.

"I am very excited that we finally have the opportunity for this. I would like to really hit the schools. I would like to thank Ivan Butler and Yvonne Ward (District Superintendents) for taking the time to sit with me. They both saw the vision to partner with us."

Seide confirmed that the conference is open to males attending both public and private learning institutions. "I would like to say a special thank you to the Grand Bahama Academy. Normally, when we have the conference on a Saturday, it is difficult for them to attend. They were very happy

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GBSBO HOPEFUL PORT IMPLEMENTS PM'S 'TIP'

• PM: All first-time businesses will be exempted from business license fees

• PM: All businesses with a gross of less than \$100,000.00 to be exempted from business license fees

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Grand Bahama Small Business Owners (GBSBO) on Wednesday (February 7) held a press briefing hoping to persuade the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) to consider Prime Minister Dr. Hubert A. Minnis' suggestion to waive Business Licensing Fees for companies grossing less than \$100,000.00

per annum during his address at the grand-opening of Pirates Cove and Bahama Zip Line at Taino Beach.

Lamenting the fact that many long-time Grand Bahama businesses are in peril, members of the GBSBO – D's Car Rental CEO Darren Cooper; Simply the Best Media president, Clifford Bowe Sr.; Signature Choices and Genesis Street Gear, CEO Alex Thompson and

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