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NEW NATIONAL PARTY ABHORS ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE GRENADAIAN PRIVATE SECTOR



Opposition Leader Dr. The Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell has called on Government to take immediate action to deal with the economic crisis now facing Grenada's private sector. Dr. Mitchell said that the situation in the private sector has now reached a crisis point and noted that "Grenadian businesses are currently experiencing an economic disaster of unforeseen proportions."

This disaster he says could threaten the very survival of many of our traditional businesses, *"I have been having consultations with many business owners throughout the country. What is most striking is the everyday struggle businesses are facing. Business owners cannot even think about profit but are fighting now to meet their monthly commitments and to keep their doors open. By now our private sector would have expected some creative and decisive action from Government to alleviate their grave problems, however, this has not happened and the lack of initiative and concern by Government has created the biggest financial crisis this country has ever seen."*

The Opposition Leader is worried that the situation is so bad that we could soon see more businesses closing their doors and laying off their entire workforce. Dr. Mitchell says not only is the crisis affecting businesses deeply it is also forcing the country's vital tourism sector out of business. Dr. Mitchell has been meeting with hoteliers on a one and one basis and now plans to have an emergency meeting with them within the next ten days. "Our hotel and tourism sector is one of our largest employers and the largest provider of valuable foreign exchange. Yet this NDC Government has treated the sector with little regard and has in fact made and continues to make very damaging statements which threaten investment into the sector. I know of hotels on the brink of closure; I know of hoteliers who cannot meet their commitments to the bank; and I know bartenders and cleaners who barely get one or two days of work in a week now. I doubt our Prime Minister knows the names of these people and I am beginning to doubt very much if he understands the gravity of the situation."

As a result Dr. Mitchell is calling on the Government to take the following urgent steps:

1. Suspend all international travel paid for by the Government of Grenada. He says “Our domestic crisis far outweighs any international obligations which we may have.”
2. Divert the monies being paid for high priced unproductive advisors to a special fund managed by the Board of Tourism which should be used to assist hoteliers.
3. Convene a special series of emergency meetings with the different private sector bodies in an effort to chart a course for the next few months.
4. Convene a special meeting with GRENLEC and representatives from the private sector aimed at starting a dialogue which would result in more affordable electricity rates and terms of payment.

The Opposition Leader says this is just a start, and over the next few weeks and months the entire country will have to start an in depth look on how to fix the economy. He has urged persons from all walks of life to also send their suggestions and comments to Government and to their elected representatives since it seems that the Government lacks the capacity to deal with or to understand the crisis affecting business. He has also urged the NGO groups, media, and others to take up their full responsibility and to become vocal on these issues. He said if we do not speak up now and do something our children and our grandchildren will still be paying the price of our silence.

NNP stages another successful Convention and Rally



The New National Party has celebrated its 28th year in existence with the staging of its 25th Annual Convention at the St. Andrew Anglican Secondary School (SAASS) on Sunday 8th July 2012. The party which is presently preparing itself for General Elections was in an upbeat mood at the Convention which was followed by a massive rally at the nearby Telescope Playing Field.

The convention held under the theme: Reviewing our Past, Charting our Future. NNP – The Only Answer attracted some four hundred delegates from every part of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique monitored by several hundred observers providing a fresh mandate to the New National Party Executive with only minor changes in the composition of floor members and in the position of Assistant Recording Secretary where former parliamentarian and government minister, Mrs. Brenda Hood replaced Mr. Stan Phillip who was elected as a floor member of the party. Dr. Keith Mitchell was returned unopposed as Political Leader as was the majority of positions on the executive as follows:

NAMES	POSITION
Mr. Gregory Bowen	Chairman
Mr. Kenny Lalsingh	Deputy Chairman
The Rt. Hon Dr. Keith Mitchell	Political Leader
Hon. Elvin Nimrod	Deputy Political Leader
Hon. Roland Bhola	General Secretary
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste	Assistant General Secretary
Mr. Steve Horsford	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Brenda Hood	Assistant Recording Secretary
Mr. Anthony Boatwain	Treasurer
Mr. Terrence Forrester	Public Relations Officer
Mr. Winston Garraway	Labour Relations Officer
Mrs. Joy Mancini	Welfare Officer
Mr. Oswald Gilbert	Floor Member
Prescott Swan	Floor Member
Mr. Cletus St Paul	Floor Member
Richard Mc Phail	Floor Member
David Stan Phillip	Floor Member
Mr. Bassanio Nicholas	Floor Member
James Stafford	Floor Member

In his statement at the completion of the convention Political Leader Dr. the rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell spoke to the delegates and observers gathered about the importance of the registration process. He also referred to the fact that many Grenadians had not taken the opportunity over the past six months to ensure that they are registered to vote come Election Day whenever it is called. He called on the members of his party to pay particular attention to the voter registration process and to constituency organizational work while working with the magnificent team of men and women who comprise the united team of the New National Party.

The Convention was followed by a Massive Rally at the Telescope Playing Field where thousands of Grenadians came together to participate in the rescue mission and hear the message of hope from the New National Party who did not disappoint them. Two times Member of Parliament and General Secretary of the Party Honorable Roland Bholá spoke on the issue of Agriculture and Fisheries while there were also presentations on the Economy by Senator Anthony Boatswain and on Legal and Foreign Affairs by Honorable Elvin Nimrod.

The activity ended with a wide ranging presentation by the Political Leader and Former Prime Minister Dr. the Rt. Honorable Keith Mitchell where he outlined the way forward for the party and country and the NNP's vision for the development of Grenada.

This Convention and Rally follows on the heels of several major activities by the New National Party for the first half of 2012 including major rallies in Gouyave St. John and in Carriacou as the party continues to place itself on an election footing.

The photos and videos of the Convention and Rally can be seen on our website at www.nnp.gd

NNP New Caretaker for the Constituency of St. Patrick East

The New National Party (NNP) caretaker for Saint Patrick East is a local son of the soil, Clifton David Paul otherwise popularly known as “Mann Paul or Pablo by his peers and associates. Pablo was born in December 1957 in the well known village of Morne Fendue, St. Patrick’s. He is the son of proud parents, Leon “Terror” Paul and Cislyn Paul.

From 1962 to 1967, Paul had his primary school education at the St Patrick’s Roman Catholic School and later at the Samaritan Presbyterian School. This was followed by his admission to Mc Donald College which he attended from 1971 and graduated in 1977.

In 1980, Pablo began a teaching career at the St Patrick’s Roman Catholic School and later spent a year in the Republic of Bulgaria (1982-83) where he pursued academic studies and obtained a diploma in Social Sciences. Upon completion of studies in the Republic, he returned to Grenada and resumed his teaching profession at the St. Patrick Roman Catholic School.

Between 1987 & 89, his passion, interest and commitment to education led him to attend the Grenada Teachers College where he graduated and attained the status of qualified teacher. In 2001, he successfully completed a University of West Indies (UWI) Certificate in Supervision and Management.

His academic and professional career did not deter him from accepting and contributing to family life. In 1995, he became the proud husband of Agnes Jean Paul “nee Joseph” and the father of a lovely sibling of nine lovely children.

In 2011, like many other Grenadians, he made the decision to retire from the workforce but remains deeply engaged with many local community initiatives including sports and extra-curricular initiatives

During his illustrious teaching career, Pablo has served on the Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) National Executive Branch, GUT. National Sports Committees and coordinated diverse sporting activities of the GUT Branch in St. Patrick.

Pablo’s venture into the political environment is not new. He has a long and protracted relation with the New National Party (NNP) where he held the position of Chairperson for the Rose Hill Support Group for several years and Secretary of the St Patrick’s East Constituency Branch of the NNP.

Pablo is now vying for the candidacy for St Patrick’s East Constituency under the banner of the only united party in Grenada – the New National Party. He promises the people of St Patrick East strong leadership and proper representation which they are not receiving from the present MP.

Pablo resides in Rose Hill, St. Patrick with his lovely family

***MONEY PASSED: THE SAUDI ARABIA LOOT WAS SHARED
IN DISGUISE: CORRUPTION ALIVE IN GRENADA:***



Tilly, it's time to come clean. This is embarrassing Grenadians.

Corruption, hidden financial misconduct and lies are all part of the modus operandi of the National Democratic Congress and the current Administration. Fabricated stories designed to mislead the Grenadian electorate has intensified as Thomas and his henchmen struggle to hold on to power.

The events over the last two months in Grenada have once again shown Grenadians at home and in the Diaspora the path of deceit, treachery, corruption and greed which now rule our tri-island state. It must be clearly noted that since the National Democratic Congress under Thomas and his feuding gang came into office in 2008, Grenada and its people have encumbered much lies and deceit perpetuated by the now crumbling NDC administration of Thomas, Burke, Noel, Bernadine and Simmons. It is indeed sad and a great embarrassment to former Tourism Minister David as to how he has been abandoned by his party comrades with whom he once shared the cabinet room and was seen sharing an embrace and a huge smile with Minister of Finance Nazim Burke at their last party convention. Oh how time has changed!!

To those of us who spent the 17 minutes listening to Thomas's boring national address, it became very obvious that it was the voice of a disgruntled ship Captain who could at any moment abandon his ship and crew. Having made observations of this likely possibility, it is the responsibility of the New National Party (NNP) and its medium to draw attention to three glaring lies which emerged from the address of Thomas. They are inexcusable and must be told to our people as it is the Prime Minister's responsibility to be truthful to the nation.

THE GRENADA-QATAR-SAUDI ARABIA- CONNECTION:

Thomas was not transparent with the Grenadian people when he indicated that the Emir of Qatar visited Grenada to explore the strengthening of diplomatic relations but was a cheap shot destined as a cover up to the grave financial misconduct which went on with NDC and government officials.

First of all, the Emir of Qatar never visited Grenada to explore the deepening of diplomatic relations. Qatar is a peninsula that does not engage itself in such search of diplomatic friends especially in the Eastern Caribbean. Qatar is fully aware that as pro-Western nation, it can always rely on support from the Caribbean region by working through other surrogate nations. Secondly, since the family coup in 1999 in Doha, the Emir seldom travels out of his nation and is not known for globe-trotting.

It is obvious, that Thomas and his officials are obligated to provide a line to Grenadians that he feels they would chew and swallow. Fortunately, they have not fallen for Thomas's deceitful line and they must be commended for their vigilance and assertiveness.

What is most interesting about the arrival of the Qatar delegation in Grenada was its hush-hush low profile presence. This is understandable as the \$150,000 (US) paid was hush-hush money destined to corrupt NDC and government officials for hush-hush and corrupt favors. We have no doubt that at the appropriate time the full story will unfold and Grenadians will get to know what went on.

We must not let this money issue die as some want us to do. The facts are;

- 1) **An amount of \$150,000 (US) that originated from Saudi Arabia, deposited into the account of a senior Cabinet Minister. These monies have been disbursed and the deposit still remains a MYSTERY.**
- 2) **Prime Minister Tillman Thomas openly admitted to Grenadians that an amount of \$50,000 (US) was deposited into his personal bank account from an unnamed source located in the British Virgin Islands. It is not known whether Thomas redirected these funds to the account of his party with the interests that were derived.**

While the NNP agrees that no laws were broken with the Thomas donation, the alleged Saudi payment might be a different case. It is a bit more complex and sophisticated and requires careful investigative mechanism to uncover the dealings. In conclusion, money passed, money hidden, money disbursed and top NDC and government officials were

allegedly involved. The NDC and its sinking crew can say **TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**. But the nation knows the truth as a result of the financial activities.

THE RIO JUNKET AND NO COST TO GRENADA TAXPAYERS

The Rio Summit on Sustainable Development which was held in Brazil and represented by a delegation headed by Prime Minister Thomas is not creative or innovative news. Thomas had no alternative but to lead the delegation in his capacity as Foreign Minister.

The New National Party (NNP) supports the concept and importance of sustainable development. Grenada was asked to chair the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) as a direct consequence of the outstanding works undertaken by the NNP Administration to rebuild the Country and Economy after the devastation of hurricane's Ivan September 7th 2004 and Emily July 14th 2005. The UN and the world at large were high in praise for the Government and People of Grenada for their resilience and the recovery in less than three years. It was widely accepted that the rest of the world could learn from Grenada's experience. During its period of governance, the NNP administration was a leader in sustainable development initiatives. This is why we supported Grenada's participation at the Rio conference.

Prime Minister Thomas last nation address made three references about the Rio Summit. These were: 1) That he would lead Grenada's delegation 2) That Grenada's cost for participation in the summit will not be borne by the Treasury of Grenada as funding for Grenada's participation was secured from a friendly government and 3) At the summit, Grenada will take the opportunity to intensify bilateral contacts in order to generate development assistance for the advancement of the nation.

While it is highly commendable to get assistance from friendly donors, the Prime Minister has a responsibility to inform the nation who is providing the assistance. By virtue of his pledge of no secret deals, the onus is on him to live up to his promise of transparency to the nation.

It is our understanding that the United Nations and Brazil will endure all costs for attendance at the Summit. Thomas could have been transparent with the people of Grenada by sharing with them who the friendly donor was. We only hope that it was not another BVI donor. It is customary for the United Nations and host to pick up some of the summit costs. Therefore, if the attendance at the Summit did not incur any cost to Grenada, did members of the Grenada delegation receive any financial advances? What were these advances applied to and what was the amount advanced to each delegate, including the Prime Minister?

Finally, the Rio Summit has come and gone but Thomas remains mute after promising listeners to his national address that he will report to the Nation, the outcomes of his bilateral diplomacy at the Summit. The NNP thinks it is time that Thomas come clean with Grenadians.

SAY SOMETHING ABOUT RIO MR. PRIME MINISTER. TELL GRENADIANS WHAT CONCRETE SUCCESS WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MANY PRESENTATIONS? WHAT SUCCESS WAS ACHIEVED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL INITIATIVES?

TILLY WILL HAVE TO COME CLEAN:



The banner features the Rio+20 logo on the left, which includes a stylized globe with a leaf and a person. To the right of the logo, the text reads "RIO+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" and "GRENADA DELEGATION". Below this, a green wavy banner contains the text "think green". On the right side of the banner, there is a small globe icon and the text "follow Grenada delegation in Rio + 20 GIS TV / GOV.gd" along with Facebook and Twitter social media icons.

THE DENIAL THAT BECAME THE TRUTH: DOES GLEN KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Treated with a bit more respect this time, but remains a shuffling target of the three musketeers

Two weeks before Thomas tinkered with his Cabinet; speculations were rife in Grenada about the re-assignment of Roberts and added Ministerial responsibilities for Quarless. But guess what? Tilly's mouth piece Senator Noel was adamant that no changes were in the works as he was not informed by the Prime Minister about the pending changes. Well Senator Noel, the changes occurred as Tilly had no alternative but to tinker with his cabinet by reassigning workload.

So what do you think Glen? It would appear that Tilly is doing some things without letting you know. Start taking a reality check!!

***NNP WOULD NEVER BE INTIMIDATED BY A NEWS EDITOR CURRENTLY
ACCUSED OF CRIMINALITY IN GRENADA:***



George 'Sandman' Worme

Some alleged criminal offenders tend to lie low when they are caught and brought to the criminal justice system. This should be the case of New Today Editor, George Worme, but he remains vocal, shameless and un-repentant for his alleged criminality in Grenada.

His recent attempt to intimidate the New National Party (NNP) by demanding proof to support the financial misconduct within the NDC and government is just another grand charge by this alleged sand thief.

The New National Party (NNP) did what was correct. Information was provided to the NNP who drew it to the attention of Prime Minister Thomas. In our view, the onus is on Thomas to investigate and bring the discovered facts to Grenadians at home and in the Diaspora.

Sorry Sandman, your bluff will not work.



The NDC Government of Grenada involved in a **VICIOUS RUMOUR** and a **BLATANT LIE!**



Hon. Tillman Thomas - Prime Minister



Hon. Nazim Burke - Minister of Finance



Hon. Ann Peters - Minister of Health

On Sunday 08th July in a Government sponsored Rally in Gouyave, St. John, in the presence of Prime Minister Tillman Thomas, the Deputy Prime Minister Nazim Burke and others, Sen. Ann Peters did maliciously spread a **VICIOUS RUMOUR** and a **BLATANT LIE** about violent misconduct within the NNP Convention being held in St. Andrew.

We want the people to know the TRUTH!

This is a **BLATANT LIE ISSUED BY THE NDC Government**. The NNP IS **DEMANDING A COMPLETE AND TOTAL RETRACTION** of this blatant lie.

Issued by the New National Party

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WORK OF THE NNP COMMUNICATIONS UNIT:



The NNP Communications Network is continuing efforts to meet the information needs of our members and supporters across the global communities. We have started our on line monthly newsletters; we are completing introduction of all our candidates and caretakers at the constituency level. We are also connecting with our support groups in the Diaspora and building communication capacities amongst our constituency groups. If you are not receiving the newsletter, you can read then online at www.nnp.gd

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