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### NEW GOVERNMENT WILL AMEND ALIEN LAND HOLDING ACT



Dr. Mitchell addressed Grenada Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Grenada's Opposition Leader and former Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell, has given the assurance that a new Government led by him will give full support to the local and regional business community, in recognition of the role that the private sector will have to play in helping our country to recover from the economic slowdown that it is now experiencing.

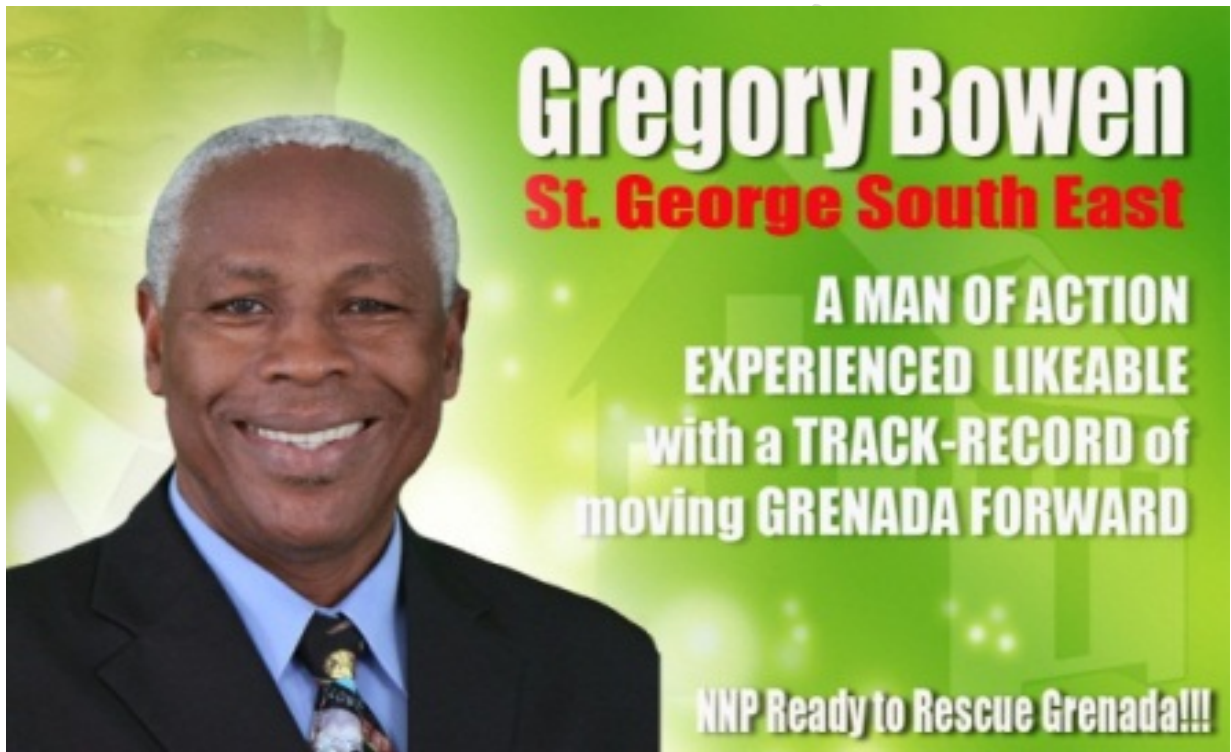
In a recent luncheon meeting with members of the Grenada Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the Opposition Leader indicated that a government led by him will promote and facilitate investment in Grenada by Caribbean business people by taking relevant measures including the amending of the Alien Land Holding requirement for Caribbean nationals and businesses only, subject to verification that the land will be used for bona fide businesses.

The Opposition Leader said that his party intends to repeal and amend the existing provisions within one hundred days after its return to office, and that safe guards will be put in place to ensure that there are no loopholes to be exploited. The new provisions will reduce the time from application to approval from three months as is the case at present, to thirty days. The objective of this action will be not only to attract investor interest but, more importantly, to secure investment.

Dr. Mitchell advised the gathering that the delays and other weaknesses in the past and present will be immediately corrected to facilitate growth in the economy. The former Prime Minister noted that international support has already been identified to ensure that this becomes a reality.

He added that the NNP has learnt from the experiences of the past and reiterated that steps will be taken to ensure that these licenses are issued only after the necessary due diligence is conducted.

### **A PROFILE: NNP’S CANDIDATE FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAINT GEORGE SOUTH EAST**



Senator Gregory Bowen is always considered as a stalwart of the New National Party (NNP) and as the current Chairperson of the Party, there is not much more we can ask of him except to continue working hard in his constituency so the final obituary of former Foreign Affairs Minister can be realized.

An Electrical Engineer by profession, Senator Bowen first attended the St. Dominic's Roman Catholic School and later the Presentation Boys College (PBC). Upon graduating from PBC, he embarked upon a teaching career which at PBC and later the Anglican High School. Like many other Grenadians, he embarked upon his career goal and in 1976, he entered the University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine, Trinidad where he pursued studies and obtained a B.Sc in Engineering.

In 1979, Senator Bowen joined the Grenada Electricity Services (GESL). Two years later, he demitted office in pursuit of post graduate studies in Canada where he obtained an M.Sc degree in Engineering. In 1983, he rejoined GESL at the rank of General Manager and pioneered many innovations that resulted in GESL being one of the most competent private sector organizations in Grenada.

Senator Bowen's innovation and success are far and wide, during 1985-1994, he was successful in taking the only generating transmission distribution power company in Grenada, from an annual of \$15 million loss to a profit realization of over \$100 million dollars.

In addition, he is also credited for having led an ambitious rural electrification program which resulted in an increased percentage of residents gaining access to electricity which grew from 45% to 98% between 1986 and 1989.

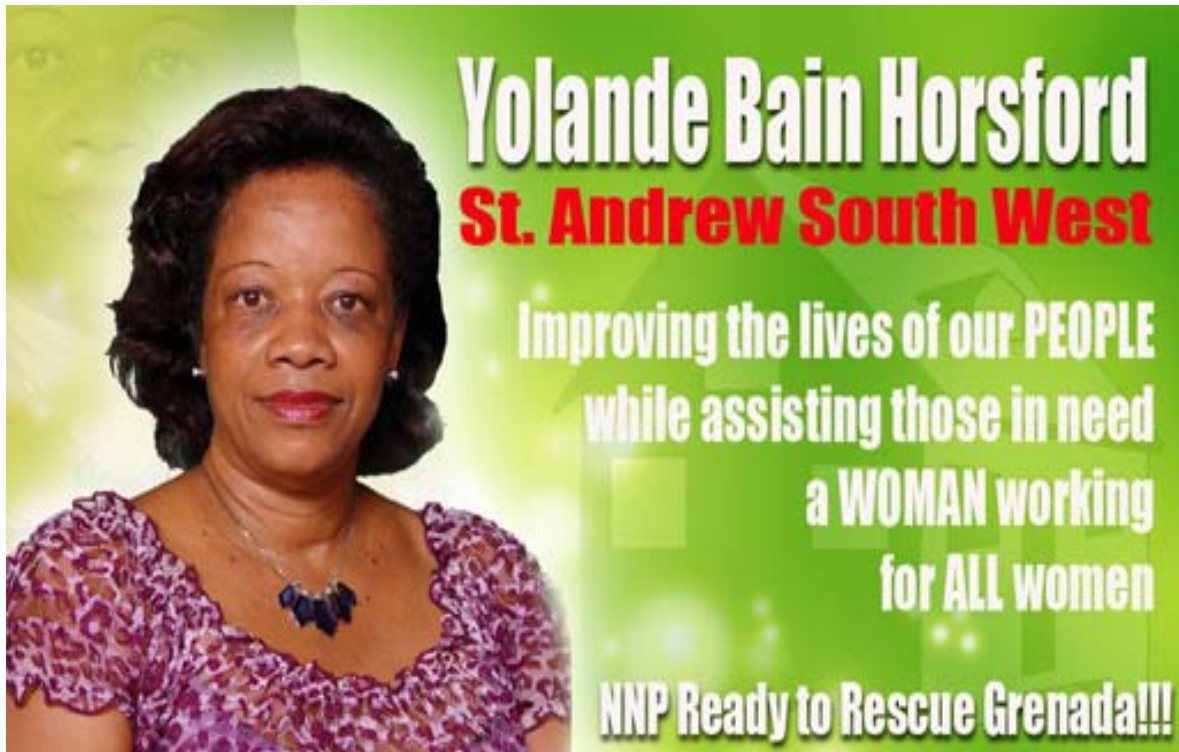
His political career is showered with even greater success. In June 1995, following the decisive victory of the NNP, he was appointed to the Upper House of Parliament (The Senate) and joined the Cabinet as Minister for Communications, Works, Public Utilities and Transportation. In 1999, he was elected as the representative for St. George South East, retained his previous portfolio with added responsibility for Energy.

Between 1995-2003, given his portfolio and experience, he facilitated the improved infrastructure of Grenada to the tune of \$380 million dollars; liberalization of the Telecommunications Sector which was once a monopoly thus affording diversion and access.

Senator Bowen has also held the position of Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries, Public Utilities, Energy with special responsibilities for the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB).

He is a dedicated political stalwart and will be an excellent representative for the NNP in Saint George South East.

## ***SAINT ANDREWS SOUTH WEST CONSTITUENCY HITS THE ROAD***



***St. Andrews South West Caretaker  
Yolande Bain-Horsford***

In an effort to continue reaching out to voters in the constituency of Saint Andrew South West , NNP caretaker, Yolande Bain-Horsford recently embarked on holding a series of public meetings so constituents can be kept duly informed about the ongoing political crisis and NNP's plan for the future. The meetings have garnered large crowds as voters are extremely concerned about their future and that of the tri-Island state.

Last week's meeting in the junction of Grand Bras brought out large crowds as the NNP leader, Dr. Mitchell continue to provide hope to the people despite the pains and frustration coming from the Thomas administration. Dr. Mitchell expressed grave concern about the deteriorating state of the economy; growing despair amongst the nation's youth; collapse of the construction industry and victimization of non NDC supporters.

Dr. Mitchell concluded his address by reminding the administration that the preservation of security and public safety was its responsibility and high priorities should be placed on these two areas in order to avoid a repeat of the 1983 event. He assured the crowd that a new NNP Government will ensure that the needs of the people, the health care of the nation and the education of the children of the country will be given its rightful place in the developmental thrust of the Government.

**NNP SOUTH ST.GEORGE CONSTITUENCY EXTENDS DEEP CONDOLENCE TO MINISTER  
GLYNIS ROBERTS, MP**



***Alexandra Otway-Noel  
Caretaker, South St George***

Mrs. Alexandra Otway-Noel together with the Management team of the Constituency is saddened to hear of the passing of the husband of our Parliamentary Representative Mrs. Glynis Roberts.

We extend our profound condolences to Mrs. Roberts and her family at this time of sorrow, and hope they will find comfort knowing he is in God's care now and what better care could we ever ask for him? Now we pray for your comfort in the days ahead.

God bless you and keep you in His tender care and love.

**ANOTHER MINISTER TREATED BADLY BY THE INCURSIONISTS:  
HE AWAITS HIS OBITUARY**



***FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER HOOD: RESIGNS?***

The persistent rumours over the last month that pervaded the Grenada population regarding the status of Former Foreign Affairs Minister Karl Hood within the Thomas administration has finally come to end. Shortly after his resignation, with tears streaming from his eyes, Hood shared with friends and media representatives, the shoddy treatment that he and his constituents were accorded by Prime Minister Thomas, Finance Minister Burke and Mobilization Minister Noel. He described his four (4) years in the Thomas cabinet as a dictatorial sanctuary that did not entertain and encourage ideas and suggestions for taking the nation forward.

Hood joins a growing list of disgruntled NDC members who have either been fired or voluntary resign from the Thomas administration. Will there be any other resignations? We do not know.

***ANOTHER MASSIVE RALLY IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAINT JOHN***





*The people of St John came out in large numbers to hear NNP Comrades and their plans for reviving the Grenada economy*

### NNP HOLDS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RALLY

The New National Party on Sunday May 20, 2012 held a Massive Rally in the Parish of St John's under the theme "NNP TO THE RESCUE"

The very large crowd numbering over six thousands (6000 ) was very animated throughout the four plus hours of the Rally as they listened intently to messages of Hope from the united team of the NNP.

Grenadians braved the intermittent weather so as to be informed further of the NNP's plans for governing the country, in winning the next general elections.

The Caretaker for St John's, Mr. Alvin Dabreo who was approached by the NDC to join their party; but refused, spoke of being proud to be associated with the NNP; a Party that has consistently demonstrated that it genuinely loves people.

Mr. Da Breo, an engineer by profession, promised the people of St John's that an NNP government will bring an end to the suffering and hardship that they are currently experiencing under the NDC.

According to him, an NNP Government will ensure:

- The construction of a new health centre.
- The fishing community of St John's gets to use the new fish complex.
- The fishermen of St John's get to purchase ice at the plant rather than traveling to Grand Mal thus allowing them more time for fishing at a lower cost.
- The one lane Hubble-back Bridge will be replaced with a two lane modern structure.

There were also speeches from Mr. Nicholas Steele, the man tipped to challenge the MP for the town of St George.

He called on the NDC Representative to stop playing games with the lives of the people of the constituency.

“will the real Peter David stand up,” remarked Steele.

Mrs. Alexander Otway-Noel, the NNP’s Team Leader for St. George South, lamented the woes of the Tourism industry under the NDC administration.

She told the gathering at the Rally that the fact Royal Caribbean Cruise line has rescinded its decision and is coming back to the region but not to Grenada is that the Local Tourism Authority did not see it fit to lobby the company as the other islands did.

Senator Bowen, who had served as Energy Minister in the last NNP Government, dealt specifically with the Trinidad and Tobago/Grenada oil deal, telling the Nation that they can count on the NNP to look into the signing of the treaty to ensure the Grenadian people receive the benefits that is in it for them.

Dr Clarice Modeste-Curwen, who is always passionate about the country’s health sector, looked at the recent “no confidence motion” which was tabled in Parliament by the Opposition Leader on Tuesday May 15, 2012, indicating that it was necessary because NNP heard the cries of the people.

“We heard their cries and had to act on their behalf,” she remarked.

Deputy Political Leader Hon. Elvin Nimrod informed the crowd of recent allegations that continue to make the rounds throughout Grenada and the rest of the region of practices that is not in conformity with the conduct of good governance principles.

According to Nimrod in his discourse, “the briefcase is now replaced with US \$150,000.00, approximately EC\$400,500.00 and we, therefore, call on the Prime Minister to disclose the facts.”

The political leader who spoke last admonished that the first order of business when the NNP gets back into office is to unite the country.

And his advice was that “as a people we cannot go on hating and hurting people.”

Secondly, Dr. Mitchell said the NNP will restore confidence in the investment and economic climate and no Minister will be allowed to malign any investor.

Like Nimrod when looking at the allegations pertaining to what’s believed to be a US \$150,000 transaction, Dr Mitchell took the opportunity to call on the FIU to investigate where the law of Grenada was broken.

“The FIU is supposed to be an independent body, so show your independence,” stated the NNP Political Leader.

While not calling any names, he said “the sum of US \$ 150,000 came from Saudi Arabia to the Republic Bank” and alleges that “Prime Minister Tillman Thomas and leader of the NDC know exactly who received the money.”

“We are waiting eagerly to see how the FIU will act,” said Dr. Mitchell.



***PM THOMAS AND HIS NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS (NDC)  
DISCIPLES CONTINUE TO WRECK THE TRI-ISLAND STATE:***



***PM Tillman Thomas***

It is often said that when a difficult situation presents itself and the fire gets too hot, the only sensible and plausible thing to do is to make a hastily retreat and explain why it was done. The New National Party (NNP) along with many other global observers are fully convinced that Thomas and his disciples should have retreated from political office three months ago as the governance heat has become too hot. However, Thomas in his usual stubborn and eager attitude to hang on to the office of Prime Minister has ignored all calls to take bush. It is indeed a very sad spectre as the crisis within his party deepens,, the economy declines, quality of life for Grenadians becomes more difficult and families are hurting.

Grenadians are extremely fortunate to have an opposition party and leader with political acumen and skills that is ready to rescue the nation. Dr. Mitchell's recent performance in the no- confidence debate clearly attributes to his commitment of leading and repairing a wrecked nation; restoring national confidence and respect and most importantly re-organizing the economy that will improve the lives of citizen especially the young people of our nation.

The NNP has always taken the position that when a political crisis exist, the facts and circumstances which led to it must be told to the Citizens. It was in this context that the NNP was forced into filing a no confidence motion so the true facts of the national crisis will be highlighted and allow the chips to fall where they belong.

The NNP is not a power grabber. In 2008, the Party accepted defeat and pledged its commitment to working with the Tillman Thomas administration. Unfortunately, the NDC/RMC coalition chose to ignore our pledge and felt that our assistance was not required. This is why we have arrived at this critical juncture and there is no one else to blame but the fumbling Thomas administration.

As the debate intensifies about the future of our nation, the NNP cannot shrug its responsibilities but to dub the existing sentiments being expressed across the nation. One of NNP'S key concern is the security and public safety of our nation. In this respect, while we do not wish to be accused as alarmists,

the Thomas administration has a responsibility to ensure that our citizens are safe and secure. Grenada cannot afford to return to the sad events of 1983.

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will always be remembered in the parliamentary history of Grenada as a day when NDC elected House members succumbed to greed and selfishness by bowing their heads and nodding to their leader and acknowledging that he is doing an excellent job. The court of public opinion will have their say in the coming months.

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***ALLEGED SAND STEALING ROGUE, NEW TODAY EDITOR; GEORGE 'SANDMAN' WORME DUE FOR ANOTHER COURT APPEARANCE SHORTLY:***



***Alleged sand Stealing Rogue, New Today Editor,  
George Worme***

Last s month, alleged sand stealing rogue, George Worme, appeared in a Magistrate's Court to answer criminal charges of allegedly stealing sand. He has since being remanded and will make a further appearance in the near future. We earlier reported that Worme was arrested by the police and charged criminally.

It is understood that he has retained the legal representation of Anselm Clouden who was recently forced to appear publicly and apologised for slandering the reputation of well known businessman Ambassador George Cohen of Calivingy Island. Since his dramatic apology, not much has been heard about Clouden except complaints of frustration with his NDC and abandonment by Prime Minister Thomas.

Thank God, Dr. Mitchell is still around and preparing to put his rescue mission at work to save the people of Grenada from the NDC wreckers.

**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](http://www.nnp.gd)

We can also add you to our mailing list. Send us your email, cell number and BB Pin. We appreciate your ongoing support for our party. Thank you.

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