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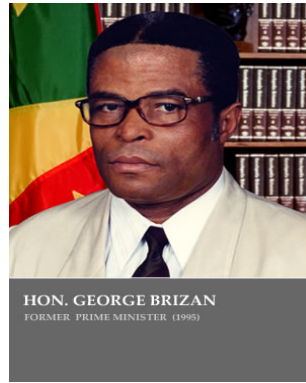
Welcome to our second monthly on line newsletter which will continue to be a central communication link between you and the New National Party. As we continue to produce and disseminate this publication, we are continuing with other communication initiatives that will improve the flow of information to individuals and institutions. We recognize the importance of sharing vital information with the electorate as the Thomas led administration continues to decline with its warring and renegade coalition partners.

Since our last newsletter, the National Democratic Congress (NDC) has grown into further decay and denial. The sudden unexplained departure of the NDC Chairperson from Grenada to a North America Country shows the NDC disrespect to Grenadians; Thomas's recent poor performance at a Toronto press conference organized by the local consular mission prior to addressing Grenadians at a 38th Independence Anniversary gala leaves much to be desired. His continuous blame and pointing of fingers on the past administration is not holding water. In essence, the confusion and melee in his administration stretches from his administration's failure to get the Government of Canada to reverse its visa policy requirements on Grenadian visitors to Canada; inability to stem the growing unemployment chaos, the shelving of his Finance Minister rebranded economic Citizenship Program, the Grenada Individual Investment Program (GIIP) and of course the hiring of his new Chief of Staff to manage the day to day affairs of his office.

The Prime Minister must understand that he has failed the Grenadian electorate and no amount of NDC rebranding will afford him further trust and respect of the voters.

As many here and abroad continue to lament on the political situation in Grenada, they are very much aware of NDC deception and dishonesty which worked in 2008. It gave them a trial run but Grenadians are now saying "enough is enough". We can't take it anymore. We need a return to effective governance and a stable economy.

DR. MITCHELL DESCRIBES BRIZAN AS “ A RELIABLE AND DEDICATED WORKER”



The Right Honourable Dr. Keith Mitchell, Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition and the New National Party (NNP) has joined with scores of well wishers to extend condolences to the family of former Prime Minister George Brizan who departed us recently. Mr. Brizan became Grenada's 6th Prime Minister after Sir Nicholas Braithwaite demitted office in 1995.

Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Brizan are "Old Boys" of the Presentation Brothers College (PBC) and later entered politics where they both had the opportunity to serve as Cabinet Ministers in the government of former Prime Minister Herbert Blaize.

The New National Party is very cognizant of Brizan's contribution to nation building. His efforts and contributions to the development of Education and Agriculture will always be remembered and appreciated.

May his soul rest in peace.

NNP'S RESCUE PLAN ALSO CALLS FOR MINISTERIAL DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT:

NNP'S Grenada rescue plan will also ensure that discipline and good ministerial conduct are demanded and practiced as the process of governing takes place.

The NNP is appalled at the ongoing disrespect shown by several Ministers and their advisers. A glaring case is the behaviour of Minister Burke and his rebranding of the Economic Citizenship Program, the Grenada Individual Investment Program which he attempted to pilot through even if it was not discussed in the Cabinet nor given the necessary approval. Mr. Burke's Private Sector point man in the Ministry of finance Mr. Chris De Riggs also has compromised the principles of the Cabinet as Mr. Gilbert was accused. It is alleged that he has given written commitments on Citizenship acquisition to potential foreign investors. Unlike Mr. Joseph Gilbert who was sacked as a minister by Prime Minister Tillman Thomas, Mr. Burke and Mr. De Riggs are the exception to the rule of Hon. Thomas. These double standards once again demonstrate Prime Minister Thomas's weak and indifferent leadership.

PM THOMAS DISMISSES ALBA AND URGES HIS CARIBBEAN COUNTERPARTS TO FOCUS ON CARICOM:



PM Thomas tells Caribbean News Now Rebecca Theodore what he thinks about ALBA and his Caribbean Colleagues

Prime Minister Thomas has urged Caribbean leaders to place more emphasis on the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) instead of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our Americas (ALBA), Thomas made these bold faced comments during a media brief in Toronto on February 17,2012 at the Consulate of Grenada. PM Thomas emphasised strongly that he believes a nation with strong values is more important than money. Is Prime Minister Tillman Thomas saying that St. Vincent, Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica who are members of ALBA do not have strong values?

ALBA is made up of Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Ecuador and St Vincent and the Grenadines and was in the news in a Caribbean context recently when leaders of all eight countries reportedly agreed to block any ships flying the Falkland Islands flag from docking in their ports. The three Commonwealth Caribbean members of ALBA later backtracked on the reported agreement.

NNP QUESTIONS:

- If the Prime Minister feels this way about ALBA, why is Grenada still holding observer status?
- Is it true that when former Foreign Affairs Minister David proposed full membership in ALBA, a Cabinet vote resulted in a split between two competing factions hence the reason for Grenada observer status?
- What does the future hold for bilateral relations between Grenada, Bolivia and Cuba?

WILL NDC CHAIRMAN KENRICK FULLERTON RETURN TO BATTLE NNP'S ROLAND BHOLA IN NORTH EAST ST. ANDREWS?



*Hon. Roland Bhola
NNP Candidate in North East St. Andrews*

The above question is constantly been asked all around the North East St. Andrew Constituency which Roland Bhola ably represents. Why is this question being asked? A few months ago the NDC loudly cheered when Chairperson Kenrick Fullerton and long-time Peter David loyalist was selected to represent the NDC against Bhola. Current information indicates that Fullerton has left the Nation for an unknown destination in North America. Although many of his NDC colleagues are aware of Fullerton's sudden departure, they have remained very quiet on the situation. It is now rumoured that the NDC has reactivated their candidate search vehicle for a new Candidate to oppose Bhola. We will have to wait and see if the former trounced candidate will heed her party's invitation to contest the constituency or the former Sportsman accepting the challenge.

In 2003, Bhola's political career began when he was appointed as a member of the Grenada Senate. As a Senator, he was assigned as Junior Minister in the Ministry of Communications, Works and Energy. He was later elected to the lower House and became a Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance with specific responsibility for Revenue Administration. After his re-election success in 2003, Elections, Bhola was appointed as Minister of Sports, Community Development and Co-Operatives. Roland ably represents the people of his constituency of St Andrew's North East. He also ascribes to the fact that he represents all of St Andrew's, St Patrick and St David's, since none of these areas have representation on the opposition side in Parliament at this time. He has the capacity to succeed in solving difficult problems. He is patriotic, loves his people, his nation and best of all he loves himself.

He has presented a characteristic display of political professionalism that tends to compensate for a somewhat much convincing record of political achievement and such energies as he is able to spare for domestic issues are largely devoted toward striking a balance between the demands of labour's plans for social reorganization. Politically, Mr. Bhola's most significant achievement is perhaps the extent to which he established himself as a national leader in his constituency.

Mr. Bhola is campaigning actively in his constituency of St Andrew's North East. He has the political knowhow to keep his party united and help lead it to victory. He believes the present government is too weak to accelerate growth and reduce unemployment. He is anxious to develop both the political and economic unity of the Caribbean countries. He sees his role as a doer, in his view what

Grenada needs is vigour in working out accepted programs

NAZIM: IS A NEW ECONOMIC CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM IN THE MAKING? BE TRANSPARENT TO THE VOTERS:



Honourable Victor Nazim Burke, Min of Finance

The New National Party (NNP) which governed Grenada up to 2008 was always conscious about the need for innovative and diverse economic development activities and programs. It was within this context that the then administration established the Grenada Economic Citizenship Program which brought many economic benefits to Grenadians but was persistently hammered by Burke and his deceptive National Development Congress (NDC).

Now that the horse is out of the stable, Finance Minister Burke and his private sector point man at his Ministry have found themselves at odd on the above policy thus demonstrating more deception and tomfoolery to the Grenadian electorate who continue to grow weary about NDC trickery and lies.

Given the confusion that currently exists about the Grenada Individual Investor Program (GIIP) which is a de facto economic citizenship program, it is extremely difficult to separate the behavior of the Minister and Director of Private Sector Development. Since being appointed to the well remunerated position, most observers agree that De Riggs have not delivered much and it is yet another embarrassment for Nazim and Prime Minister Tillman Thomas.

While Nazim continue to emphasize to the local media that GIIP has not been approved by Cabinet, the minister's comment contradicts promises in a letter written last year by Christopher De Riggs to the head of a Chinese financial company.

The letter written by De Riggs and copied to Burke, – it is alleged assured the Chairman of the Board of Touchstone Capital Partners Enterprise of China that the "the government of Grenada accepted the Touchstone proposal " for resident status for potential investors, provided that "the applicants shall pay all applicable fees associated with their application."

The issue at the centre of the exchange between De Riggs and Touchstone, which was promising to invest up to US\$50 million in Grenada, parallels the GIIP talk shows that currently consume Burke's time.

However, it is now time that Prime Minister Tillman Thomas address the nation explaining if he is

about to bring back an Economic Citizenship Program?

“STRUPPS – U EH SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AND NAZIM CRASH EVERYTHING:



Disappointed Grenadians in the North American Diaspora

Grenadians abroad are deeply committed to nation building and this is why they make the sacrifices of remitting financial and other resources to their loved ones and also taking the opportunity to return home on vacation especially for Christmas and the Carnival seasons.

However, upon their arrival in Grenada, they become shock and disappointed with the deteriorating social and economic environment brought on by the National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration of Hon. Tillman Thomas. Many have continued to ask questions as to whether there was another Hurricane Ivan that they were not informed about.

When asked to compare the work of the past administration with the current one, the usual response is **“strupps – u eh see Tillman and Nazim crash everything”**

GETTING TO KNOW DELMA THOMAS – NNP CARETAKER AND CANDIDATE FOR ST.ANDREW NORTH WEST



Delma Thomas, St. Andrew North west

As the New National Party (NNP) sets about its task of building an electoral team that will become fully engaged in the rescue mission to save Grenada and restore good governance, the NNP is delighted to have a challenging, articulate and popular nominee that will carry the NNP flag in the next general elections. Popularly known as “Teacher Delma”. Mrs. Delma Thomas is described by her constituents as humble, compassionate and people oriented with a strong religious background that embodies good moral and Christian values that serve as a ray of hope which guided her throughout her upbringing.

“Teacher Delma” is a long- time resident of the constituency having resided in Paraclete and later Mt.Horne. Mrs. Thomas is an educator with twelve (12) years of unselfish experience in the teaching profession. She attended the Paraclete Government School, and the Grenville Secondary School (GSS). Following her graduation, she entered the T.A Marryshow Community College (TAMCC) and obtained a Teacher’s Certificate in Primary Education and later another Teaching Certificate from the University of the West Indies (Faculty of Humanities and Education). Mrs. Thomas’ focus on development and success is clearly demonstrated in her academic pursuits and achievements. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Masters Degree in Management from Cambridge on line College.

Her decision to enter the challenging arena of politics is influenced primarily by her love for God and her people. She harbours a wonderful vision for the socio-economic and infrastructural development of her constituency as well as a desire to see her people receive the effective parliamentary representation that they deserve. She holds the conviction that the presence of a true representative of the people should be both seen and felt. Her personal motto is “ACTA NON VERBA” (action not words).

As she bolsters and consolidates her presence in the constituency, Delma is reaching out to the aged, the young, the poor and underprivileged, those in need of support and assistance, as well as other groups, organizations and individuals. Through her personal initiative, a number of projects have been undertaken in communities throughout her area – some already completed while others are still in progress. Her work has shown a high level of professionalism and reflects an unselfish and unwavering determination to be there for her people and improve the quality of their lives.

Delma values the family and has incorporated these values as a major part of her life – her husband and children, parents and siblings provide her with tremendous emotional and moral support. Given this positive environment, she continues to work tirelessly to ensure that strong family values are sustained and empowerment of the communities prevails in her constituency. She believes that with God, all

things are possible and invites you to work with her to make our vision for a better, healthier, more productive and prosperous St. Andrew's North West, a reality.

NIMROD CALLS ON THE THOMAS ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FULLERTON MATTER



Honourable Elvin Nimrod, MP

Former Minister of Legal Affairs, Honourable Elvin Nimrod, MP who represents the constituency of Carriacou and Petit Martinique has called on the Thomas administration to take full responsibility for the Kenrick Fullerton affairs in the midst of growing allegations of fraud and other financial improprieties at the Ministry of Youth and Sportss. Fullerton who is the current Chairman of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) was also a senior adviser in the Ministry appointed by the administration.

Nimrod was especially disturbed that the administration's flagship Mantras of transparency, accountability and good governance was totally ignored in the Fullerton fiasco and that these Mantras are only used conveniently to deflect and mislead the Grenadian electorate.

Nimrod also took the opportunity to respond to the various excuses that were coming from various government members although a senior Cabinet Minister is on record as saying that he is in regular contact with the alleged Grenadian fugitive.

Mr Nimrod ended his comments by reiterating the New National Party (NNP) concerns about Thomas's modus operandi when appointing friends and supporters in various government positions. NNP felt that Thomas should have stayed clear from Fullerton given ongoing allegations of domestic violence, financial irregularities and sexual deviant behaviour. This shows clearly how Thomas and his renegade bunch manage the affairs of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

**FLOUNDERING, DECEPTION, LACK OF GOVERNING ACCOUNTABILTY BESETS
THE THOMAS ADMINISTRATION DAILY**

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