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Labour Code Consultations Conclude



Participants at the Labour Code Consultations with PM Anthony second from left in picture at right

Discussions on the draft Labour Code concluded on Thursday this week with Prime Minister, Dr. Kenny D. Anthony saying that the intention had been to achieve the best possible consensus among the social partners. Representatives of the social partners – Government, Trade Unions and Employers – on Tuesday began a three-day retreat at the Conference Room of the National Insurance Corporation (NIC)

in order to end consultations on the Draft Labour Code.

According to the Prime Minister, who was chairing the proceedings, “the discussions went reasonably well, with lots of give-and take between the unions and the employers.” Describing the exercise as one “designed to fashion a Labour Code based on consensus”, the Prime Minister said the intention had been to provide Saint Lucia with

“a progressive Labour Code.”

The discussions began on Tuesday with opening remarks by the Prime Minister, the President of the Trade Union Federation, Mr Joseph Dosserie and the Executive Director of the Private Sector Council Mr Joe DuBois. The retreat began a day earlier, after the Prime Minister agreed to an urgent request by the Private Sector Council of St. Lucia to reschedule its start from Wednesday.

The Private Sector Council had earlier sought to advance the start of the retreat, explaining that the original “timing of the retreat [was] inconvenient to their Legal Advisor”. The Private Sector Council comprises the St. Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, the St. Lucia Industrial and Small Business Association, the St. Lucia Manufacturers Association and the St. Lucia Hotels and Tourism Association.

AMENDMENTS TO EVIDENCE ACT

Six amendments were made to the Evidence Amendment Act 2002 as the Evidence Amendment Bill came up for second reading during a sitting of the Saint Lucia House of Assembly on Tuesday. Presenting the Bill, Member of Parliament for Gros-Islet and Leader of Government Business in the House of Assembly Honourable Mario Michel said the major purpose of the amendment is to give certain rights under the act to the accused or defendant in criminal proceedings.

“This act was introduced in 2002, and if my memory serves right, it is the second amendment in a period of under four years, not ideally the way one would like to proceed.

One would like to proceed in ways that unless dramatically new circumstances come about, an act should not have to be amended in a period of under five years. But Mr Speaker, one is so intent to ensure that we get it right that if when one spots deficiencies in the legislation one doesn’t hesitate to bring it forward, bring amendments forward Mr Speaker to ensure that at the end of the day the legislation that remains on our statute books is the best that can be in the particular circumstance.”

A number of other bills which were down for presentation at Tuesday’s sitting were forwarded to the next sitting of Parliament on November 7th.

NATIONAL CLEAN UP ACTIVITY THIS WEEKEND

The St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority is this weekend staging the annual National Clean Up Activity (NCUA) under the theme “For Health, For Life, For Preservation – Let’s Clean up the Nation”. The activity began on Friday Number 3rd and will end on Sunday Number 5th. The goal of the National Clean Up Activity is to build national sensitivity and intolerance towards indiscriminate littering and dumping of solid waste throughout St. Lucia and to undertake cleanup activities island wide.

The activity takes the form of community clean up activities island wide. Groups are expected to engage

in the clean up of schools, road sides, illegal dumps, recreational areas, ravines, rivers, public spaces etc.

Schools and community groups have been mobilized for the activity. Private sector agencies are also being encouraged to support the activity by way of a donation of cash or kind if they are unable to undertake cleanup activities.

The Authority is encouraging community groups, sporting groups, non-governmental organizations, schools, public and private sector agencies to organize cleanup activities in their respective communities. For information on participation the Authority can be contacted at 453 2208 or 450 7070.

PM Calls For Speedy Investigation Into Police Shooting of Senior Citizen

Prim Minister Dr Kenny D. Anthony has called for a speedy investigation into the tragic death of 70-year-old Maurison Flavius, the man who died in last Saturday’s incident involving police and a bus load of commuters along the Castries to Vieux Fort Highway.

The Prime Minister has also extended his “most sincere regrets and condolences” to the family of the deceased elderly citizen from the South of the island.

In a statement to the Star newspaper this week, Prime Minister Anthony said: “Like the rest of the nation, I am immeasurably distressed by last Saturday evening’s tragedy involving the police and a busload of commuters.”

“Understandably,” he noted, “I must be careful not to pre-judge the outcome of an ongoing investigation into the incident.”

Dr Anthony said he however wished “to publicly express condolences to all the other casualties and relatives, which have already been expressed privately.”

The Prime Minister also urged the Director of Public Prosecutions (FPP) “to get to the bottom of the matter in the shortest possible time.”

Prime Minister Anthony indicated that the family of the deceased man has already been visited by Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Senator Philip La Corbiniere, on behalf of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Government and people of Saint Lucia.

Dr Anthony also indicated that the Government has offered to meet the funeral expenses of the dead man’s family.



Prime Minister Hon. Kenny Anthony

GOVERNMENT APPROVES RECLASSIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

The Government of Saint Lucia has agreed to reclassify posts in the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force. The Grades currently in force in the Public Service will be extended to the posts in the Police Force.

The Government has agreed as follows:

(1) The reclassification of the following posts within the existing Classification and Pay Plan of the Public Service, effective 1st November, 2006: (a) Inspector - Grade 12, (b) Sergeant - Grade 10, (c) Corporal - Grade 8.

(2) The creation of a stream of Constables as follows, effective 1st November, 2006: (a) Senior Constable - Grade 7, (b) Police Constable II - Grade 6, (c) Police Constable I - Grade 5

(3) The reclassification of the following Gazetted Ranks within the existing Classification and Pay Plan of the Public Service, effective 1st April, 2007:

(a) Assistant Commissioner of Police - Grade 18, (b) Superintendent - Grade 16, (c) Assistant Superintendent - Grade 14.

The salary levels of the Commissioner of Police and the Deputy are



Hon. Calixte George
Minister of Home Affairs and
Internal Security



Commissioner of Police
Ausbert Regis

determined by the Salaries Review Commission.

The Government also agreed that: (1) for the purpose of commencing the classification exercise on 1st November, 2006 Constables are to be assigned to the various grades based on years of service. Thereafter, movements through the grades will be based on clear performance criteria; and Constables of less than five years shall be classified as Constable 1. Constables more than five years service but less than ten years will be classified as Constable II, while Constables over ten years service will be classified as Senior Constables; (2) a Constable may, regardless of his or her grade, be promoted to a Corporal once eligibility and performance criteria in the Promotion Regulations are satisfied.

The Attorney General has been directed to amend Section 4 of the Police Act to reflect the ranks of Senior Constable, Police Constable II and Police Constable 1.

The reclassification of Police Officers is expected to add a further \$2.9 million dollars to the annual wage bill of the Government.



New Police Station For Dennery

The Dennery Community is next in line to receive a new police station, marking the fifth of an overall seven new stations earmarked for the country. Designed by the architectural firm of Brian Camacho and Associates, the police station will have a new look in a new location away from the Dennery Village where the old station is located.

Member of Parliament for Dennery South Hon. Damien Greaves speaking at the sod turning ceremony for the Dennery station said: "And now we have come to the moment when our policemen in Dennery who have faced many conditions, unfavourable conditions that is, will now be housed in proper conditions and I'm guided by the CEO Mr. Arnold who suggested that the Dennery Police station will be different."

Minister for Home Affairs and Internal Security Senator Honourable Calixte George called on the police to deliver the



Hon. Damian Greaves

highest level of performance to the public.

"I do not want to hear any excuses again, you now have to perform and you have to perform responsibly, you have to ensure the you respect the citizenry, you have to ensure that when you are investigating matters that you do them thoroughly, you have to ensure that you are embracing the communi-

ties in which you work."

The Dennery Police Station will be financed under BOLT Arrangements between the Government of Saint Lucia and NIPRO. The station will be constructed by R&F Construction Limited and it is anticipated preliminary works will commence on November 03rd and will be completed within 12 months.

British Police Join St. Lucia Police Force

Nine highly experienced British Police Officers are now on board the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force.

Sworn in on Wednesday, November first in the Offices of Police Commissioner Ausbert Regis, the officers will start duties via an orientation and familiarization period.

Police Commissioner Ausbert Regis says the occasion was momentous, marking a pivotal point in moves to reform the force.

The Police Officers will serve on a two year contractual basis. This initiative forms part of government's investment in National Security and crime prevention.

Based on discussions the officers will be assigned responsibilities in Intelligence and Crime, Professional Standards including anti-corruption,

Crime and Analysis Management, Research and Development, Investigations and community Policing.

ADDRESS BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL DAME PEARLETTE LOUISY ON THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' WEEK

Over the next few days, the St. Lucia Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Service League will once again be observing Veterans' Week, and honouring the memory of their colleagues who lost their lives in service during the two World Wars. And once again, the members call on us to join them in this national duty of remembrance, as we are the inheritors of the peace that was bought so dearly, at the expense of so many lives and so much suffering. To paraphrase the well-known comment by Sir Winston Churchill on the price that was paid for that peace: so much, he said, was gained for so many by so few. Every year therefore, all over the Western World, we honour those few in solemn Acts of Remembrance. Few they were, relatively speaking, when we take into account the many for whose safety they gave their lives. But for every one of those who died, their passing occasioned overwhelming personal loss for families and friends. Indeed someone once referred to that loss as the grief of permanent separation. We should have been able to say, after these terrible conflicts, that never again would so many have to die for the peace that was won at such a price. Regrettably, that peace that was won is continually under threat; many continue to give their lives to hold on to that tenuous victory won so many years ago. All the more reason then, Ladies and Gentlemen, why we must never forget the price of peace, and the ones who paid that price.

There is a lesson to be learnt from the lives of the twenty-four St. Lucians who are known to have died in World War 2, and those who returned to family and friends. And the lesson, described so succinctly by a former Australian Prime Minister, P.J. Keating, is that they were ordinary men and women who showed extraordinary courage in responding to the call for duty, and who, in the process, taught us how to endure hardships, how to be bold as well as resilient, how to believe in ourselves and how to stick together. As we honour and remember them this Remembrance Season, let us pledge to take that lesson to heart. Let each of us be bold in discharging our civic and national duty of working for the good of the country. Let us be resilient to the many challenges and constraints that face our country in these troubled and turbulent times, and work to overcome them. Let us believe in ourselves and in our ability to be a successful people. Let us stick together, in good times and in bad, having learnt from past experiences that there is strength in unity. Let us accept that hardships will come our way, but that we need not succumb

to them. In fact, we can learn to muster up the strength to endure and to prevail. These are the lessons that our fallen ones and our veterans have taught us by their example, a much more powerful teacher than precept. Let us hold fast to them, for in the words of the Canadian Heather Robertson, "the memory of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument".

Fellow St. Lucians, I urge you to apply to our national context what many of us tend to perceive as a foreign external problem. The global conflicts which we remember this Week as well as those that we see reported daily on our television screens are just a bigger version of what currently obtains at home. War thrives where peace is threatened. And if we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that peace in

our land is under threat. Daily reports of crime and acts of violence against each other; a general sense of personal insecurity and growing apprehension are all seeds which, if allowed to take root, will do irreparable harm to our country and to those of us who must live here. Let us not forget the pain, the suffering, the loss of life, the damage to person and property, the cultural, social and economic losses that conflicts and

wars have caused other countries. We are not immune from these. Let us do all we can to avert that danger, for it is one that you and I can ill afford. This time of remembrance is an appropriate and opportune time for us to reflect, to do some collective soul-searching, and to estimate the cost to our country of a national conflict and loss of peace in this increasingly unpredictable global environment. Peace in our times

should be our rallying cry. As we honour the memory of all those who have gone before us in this fight for peace, let us also remember the needs of the veterans who are still among us today. We do have a responsibility to them that the passage of time cannot discharge us from; we need to provide for their welfare and their well-being. You are approached once a year at this time through the

Poppy Appeal, but the work of seeing to their daily needs is a year-long one. Please give generously, so that you can touch their lives in a very practical way. Let us also join them in the Remembrance Services in Vieux Fort on Friday, November 10; in Soufriere and Gros Islet on Saturday, November 11, and in Castries on Sunday, November 12, to renew our commitment to lead

our country, to lead the world, towards a greater and more lasting peace. As we lay our wreaths at the Cenotaphs, the War Graves and other Memorial sites across the country during this coming Week, let us remember the admonition that no neglect on our part should give the present or future generations cause to say that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of freedom and the price of peace.



H.E. the Governor General Dame Pearlette Louisy



Scenes from a previous observance of Remembrance Day



OECS FIGHTS CRIME AGAINST YACHTING INDUSTRY

St. Lucia and the other OECS Member Countries are considering strategies to effectively address crimes inflicted on the region's vital Yachting Sector. Incidents have transformed over time from the simple stealing of items to what has become more violent and involving personal bodily harm.

Director General of the OECS Secretariat Dr. Len Ishmael told a recent Media Conference OECS Tourism Ministers have agreed on establishing an OECS wide website to record incidents of crime against visiting yachters as well as immediately post follow up actions to help ensure that the world's marine industry sees something being done regarding their concerns. She expressed that the number of crimes is sobering because they are increasing regularly on an annual basis throughout the region. The Director General added that as a result the Caribbean as a whole is tarnished regardless of where the crime took place.

Dr. Ishmael who also has a passion

for yachting warned that many yachters have threatened to no longer sail in the Caribbean because it has become increasingly unsafe and they also perceive that when crimes occur against yachters little or no care is shown by the islands.

"Yachting people are a different kind of breed of people as well in that they have access to immediate means of communicating on their radios so that the moment one incident takes place in any corner of the Caribbean all yachts people know and reporters overseas get hold of this information"

Dr. Ishmael notes that the move by OECS Governments to tackle crimes in the yachting industry, will complement approaches that have already significantly enhanced security at marinas throughout the OECS and strengthen the response to what she describes as: "a discernable upward trend in levels of in crimes against visiting yachts persons" throughout the Caribbean.

The OECS Member Countries excluding the British Virgin Islands earn about \$115EC million annually from

the Yachting Sector. Hence Dr. Ishmael stressed on the need to protect such a viable component of OECS Economies:

"If you take a look at the contribution of yachting to tourism in terms of what people actually spend versus the Cruise Industry, you'll find that it takes an astronomical number of cruise visitors to be able to leave behind what one yachting person would leave in a ten day stay in any of these islands."

OECS Tourism Ministers have discussed establishing a 24 hour VHF Safety and Security Radio Communications network as a result of public and private interface and collaboration. A joint crises co-ordination plan for the OECS is also on the table. To this end a meeting is being arranged for all stakeholders in yachting including the yachters and the public sector for December 2006.

OECS Member Countries are also considering a review of legislation that deals with visitors to the islands with a view towards a harmonized approach in dealing with crime against visitors.



Dr. Len Ishmael



Four Lane Highway Test Clarified

The Ministry of Communications, Works, Transport and Public Utilities has been clearing up some misunderstanding of a recently held demonstration on the Castries/Gros-Islet Highway over a week ago.

The demonstration was to prove that the route being rehabilitated could accommodate a four-lane carriageway. To do so, the ministry utilized four large trucks to drive along a short part of the route simultaneously.

Ministry officials said the trucks were only used as an example that the highway width, an international minimum, could work. Head of the Ministry's Special Projects Unit (SPU), Albert Jn. Baptiste said, when the route is opened for four-lane traffic, trucks would not be allowed to travel in the way demonstrated.

"We felt that if we could demonstrate to the public that four big trucks can fit, it would be convincing enough to demonstrate to the public that almost

any combination of vehicles can transit on that four-lane carriageway safely," said the SPU head.

He said the four lane highway running from the Vigie Roundabout to the area in front Sandals Halcyon, will have a continuous concrete median of some 30 inches high, separating the route into two carriageways, each having two-lane traffic.

The outer lanes, he says, will be 3 meters wide, which will accommodate trucks and other vehicles of the size used in the demonstration, as well as smaller vehicles, while the inner lanes will have a width of 2.75 meters.

He further stated that the four-lane route, though part of the highway, is not a highway in itself, but a traffic control measure that will have specific travelling speeds and guidelines. He also noted that ninety-degree turns normally executed across the highway from junctions along the route will not be permitted when the four-lane carriageway is opened. Motorists will be



A section of the Castries - Gros Islet Highway under rehabilitation

required to travel from their direction to the nearest roundabout in order to turn into the other carriageway.

The remainder of the route under rehabilitation will be a three lane carriageway. This includes the stretch of road from Jn. Marie's Gas Station to the Vigie Roundabout and from the Sandals Halcyon en-

trance to the Choc/Union Roundabout, now under construction.

Motorists, officials say, will have little to worry about where pedestrians are concerned, as some six pedestrian overpasses, also known as foot bridges, will be constructed at strategic points along the entire route

HEALTH MINISTRY LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR FOSTER CARE

The Ministry of Health's Division of Human Services and Family Affairs has embarked on a National Recruitment Drive for the purpose of recruiting foster carers and adoptive parents who will provide safe and loving homes for children who live in abusive situations. The Recruitment Drive was launched on Wednesday 1st November 2006 at the NIC Conference Room to be followed by a number of other activities this month in other parts of the island. The main objective of the recruitment drive is to sensitize the general public to the plight of abused and at risk children and the urgent need for alternative care.

According to the Ministry of Health, children are deemed to be in need of foster carers and adoptive parents when found to be living in abusive homes that are not conducive to their health and development. In a paper on

the subject, the Ministry said that it is disturbed by the number of reported cases of child sexual abuse but that it is even more concerned "by the known fact that these reported cases are not reflective of the reality on the ground as child abuse and sexual abuse in particular remains a silent crime that is underreported. According to the UNICEF Child Vulnerability Study in Saint Lucia (2005), more than half of the children in Saint Lucia (i.e., 58.2%) are at risk. The main risk factors are food insecurity, poverty, followed by chronic illness of a parent.

During focus group discussions held with children in Saint Lucia as part of the UNICEF Study (2005), the children revealed that some of the worse acts that could happen to them before attaining the age of 18 were early pregnancy, being rape by the 'Mister', forced prostitution, ill treatment, physical abuse, school dropout and involvement in drugs and

gangs among other social ills.

The findings of the Child Vulnerability Study are consistent with the nature of cases reported to the Division of Human Services and Family Affairs. Over the past five years reported cases of child abuse, neglect and abandonment have increased. Statistics for 2005 from the Division indicate an increase in the overall number of reported cases from one hundred and forty-eight (148) in 2004 to three hundred and six (306) in 2005, which represents a 48% increase. Of the 306 child abuse cases recorded in 2005, there were 107 cases of abandonment and neglect followed by 95 cases of child physical abuse. There were 75 cases of child sexual abuse and 29 cases of emotional/psychological abuse for the same period under review. For the year 2005 the Division recorded 83 cases of sexual abuse, 63 were carnal knowledge and 20 were incest. From January 2006 to September

2006, the Division has already recorded a total of 65 cases of sexual abuse, which represents 48 cases of incest and 17 cases of carnal knowledge.

What is of great concern to the Division is the fact that many of the cases of abuse against children are not adequately dealt with by the law. Many of the cases go through what is known as the 'arrangement' or out of court settlement, where parents receive cash or goods in kind in exchange of their children's psychosocial well being. Many parents are known to have constructed their homes, purchased vehicles and travel overseas with the monies collected. In return, the perpetrator escapes the humiliation of a trial and a possible prison sentence. In essence, those parents 'arrangement' simply seal a myriad of long lasting psychosocial issues for their children who continue to remain in the same abusive home environment and the cycle repeats itself."

Doctors to Step Up Action Against Child Sex Abuse

A cross section of St. Lucian doctors gathered at Au-berge Seraphim last weekend to discuss the issue of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) in St. Lucia. The seminar was part of the ongoing Continuing Medical Education programme of the St. Lucia Medical and Dental Association (SLMDA) which will launch a Child Sexual Abuse Campaign on Nov. 2, 2006.

In welcoming participants, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Stephen King, in congratulating the SLMDA for this initiative, advised doctors to "step up to the plate and do the right thing." He added: "As a profession we have whispered about child sexual abuse but the time has come for us to now become the protectors of all vulnerable groups especially our children. We have a lot of work to do."

President of the SLMDA, Dr.

Leslie Bishop, noted that the aim of the workshop is to equip physicians with the knowledge and skills to enable them to better identify victims of child sexual abuse as well as impress upon them the importance of mandatory reporting. Dr. Bishop stressed that the SLMDA's position on the matter is that "the welfare of the child is paramount" and that all doctors should be guided by decision that work in the best interest of children.

All presenters at the workshop noted the complexity of the issue of child abuse. Dr. Michele Lashley of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados, outlined Barbados' Protocols regarding reporting and treating child sexual abuse cases. She stated that a Child Care Board had the overall responsibility but worked together with the hospital and other agencies to provide medical, legal and psychological attention to victims. "This is no way perfect," Dr. Lashley remarked, "but it provides



Dr. Stephen King

The statistics related to child sexual abuse around the world paint a horrific state of affairs. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has called child sexual abuse "a silent emergency." WHO says it often goes unnoticed and is grossly surrounded by "a culture of silence and stigma". One in 10 children is abused in the Caribbean: 40% of children are abused by parents or step-parents; 25% by relatives and 10% by strangers

an opportunity to do everything for the victim at once under one roof." The Barbados model of a multi-disciplinary approach is being looked at for possible duplication in St. Lucia which is developing its protocols for mandatory CSA reporting.

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dren is abused in the Caribbean: 40% of children are abused by parents or step-parents; 25% by relatives and 10% by strangers.

The seminar ended a panel discussion on the "Role of Doctors in the fight against Child Sexual Abuse."

This seminar was the precursor preparation for the Association's latest public awareness campaign on child sexual abuse and prevention to be launched on November 2, 2006. The Theme for the campaign is: "Good Touch. Bad Touch. Know the Difference."

BLACK BAY FARMERS NOT TO BE DISPLACED

The National Development Corporation (NDC) has described as “unfortunate and misleading,” claims that over forty vegetable farmers occupying lands in the south of the island will be displaced as result of a hotel development in the area.

The Corporation says since the announcement of plans to construct a modern hotel plant in the Black Bay area in Vieux Fort, dialogue has been held with farmers’ representatives on no less than six occasions to apprise them of developments with the last meeting being held on Thursday, October 26th 2006.

NDC Chief Executive Officer Mr. Wayne Vitalis says only five (5) farmers out of approximately fifty (50) will be relocated to lands in the general vicinity at the cost of the developers. Mr. Vitalis says at no time were there any plans to displace farmers or drive them off lands which they occupy and on which they earn a livelihood. In fact, he says, the Government and the NDC are firm on their position that the majority of farmers remain in their present location.

He notes, “the very farmers stand to benefit from the development. In fact the developers have agreed to ensure the hotel purchases directly from farmers and work with them to maximize their production efficiency.”

Mr. Vitalis says he is surprised at the level of misinformation circulating in the media when all efforts were made to keep all parties abreast of developments. The NDC, he says, will continue to meet with the farmers and other interested parties to ensure that all stakeholders realize the maximize benefits possible.



Association President David Hippolyte, NDC Chairman Michael Chastanet, NDC CEO Wayne Vitalis, PS Agriculture Martin Satney & Developer’s Rep Mr. Roach



Black Bay Farmers at the meeting



NDC CEO Wayne Vitalis



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Manager of the Rodney Bay Marina and PR Manager of the Tourist Board shed light on the Yachting Sector and the upcoming ARC - Sun. Nov. 5th, 9:30 a.m.

A Local Cricket World Cup Official provides first hand information on the preparation of the Mindoo Philip Park ahead of Cricket World Cup 2007 – Mon. Nov. 6th, 6:15 p.m.

Facilitating Youth Development Through Sports - Tues. Nov. 7th, 6:15 p.m.

A Local Cricket World Cup Official provides first hand information on the preparation of the Beausejour Cricket Ground ahead of Cricket World Cup 2007 – Wed. Nov. 8th, 6:15 p.m.

The GIS discusses the high and low points of the music industry in St. Lucia – Thurs. Nov. 9th, 8:00 p.m.

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PM again challenges Sir John to ‘PUT UP OR SHUT UP!’



Prime Minister Hon. Kenny Anthony

Prime Minister Dr Kenny D. Anthony has issued yet another call for the Opposition United Workers Party (UWP) to prove its allegations that he and other Government officials own palatial mansions and luxurious vehicles at Cap Estate.

The UWP and its Leader, Sir John Compton, have long been making such claims and they were repeated in New York recently by Sir John.

The Prime Minister, who is also Leader of the ruling Saint Lucia Labour Party (SLP), challenges Sir John to “name the Government ministers or officials and take the press to Cap

Estate and show them the luxurious homes with swimming pools and BMWs he speaks of.”

Dr Anthony says he specifically wants “Sir John to show the press the palatial mansion he claims is owned by the Prime Minister.”

The Prime Minister, who several years ago took the press on a tour of his private home at Cul De Sac to dispel similar claims about its size and real estate value, called on Sir John “to put up or shut up” regarding such allegations.

“It’s time Sir John stops his nonsense,” said the Prime Minister.