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Cabinet Brief

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The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, met remotely in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

- Cabinet approved the request by Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Home Affairs and New Industry, for the recruitment of Intake 95 of the Belize Police Department. This new intake will increase the ranks of the Police Department by 225 new constables. Intake 95 will commence January 2021.
- Cabinet discussed and approved new COVID-19 measures which will be presented to the nation at a press conference hosted by Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Health and Wellness, and his team on Friday, December 18, 2020.
- Cabinet approved the formation of a committee to be led by Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of the Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, to review and develop standard operating procedures for passenger entry at the Phillip Goldson International Airport. A significant increase in arrivals is projected for the next few months, and therefore the arrival process must be more efficient.
- Cabinet was briefed by Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia, Minister of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, on the roll-out of the Belize COVID-19 Cash Transfer Program (BCCAT). The Minister informed that the program, which is being funded by the World Bank, has begun accepting applications for COVID-19 relief assistance to eligible persons who are not already receiving assistance through BOOST and the COVID Food Assistance Program.

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