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Cabinet Brief

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The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, met in regular session on 11th May 2021.

- Cabinet received an update from the Ministerial Consultation Team on their recent meetings with the Joint Unions and decided that the Prime Minister will inform the unions of government's firm position in writing. Additionally, PM Briceño informed that he would address the nation on the position of the Government, as he felt that ALL Belizeans have a right to know the real situation going into this meeting between the parties.
- Cabinet approved the enactment of a modern securities law for Belize that is consistent with international standards. The existence of a comprehensive and sound regulatory framework will enable the much-needed development of a capital market in Belize and bring down the cost of capital by giving potential investors confidence in the Belizean capital market.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the strengthening and upgrading of the National Fire Service of Belize which includes infrastructure improvements in Belize City, Ladyville, Trial Farm, Independence and Placencia villages. In addition, Cabinet gave its approval for the establishment of a National Fire Service Advisory Committee.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing to begin the process of incorporating into Belize's legislative framework standards which will guide the design, planning, permitting and construction of building structures and dwellings in Belize.
- Finally, Cabinet will institute a temporary travel ban on persons who have travelled to or originated from or have transited the Republic of India and the People's Republic of Bangladesh. This temporary ban is due to the rising numbers of persons in these countries infected with the COVID-19 virus.

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