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Sir Manuel Esquivel to be honoured with State Memorial

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The Office of the Prime Minister informs the public that the Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño has designated a period of mourning from Monday, February 14 to Wednesday, February 16, 2022, in honour of the Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Manuel Esquivel, KCMG, PC, former prime minister of Belize. As such, the Prime Minister has ordered all Belizean flags flown at half-mast for three days.

The Government of Belize has planned a state memorial for Sir Manuel Esquivel who died on February 10, 2022, in Belize City, Belize. The former prime minister will be accorded a memorial event on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Government House in Belize City. Below is the order of events.

- February 15 – The urn containing the remains of the Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Manuel Esquivel, KCMG, PC, will be transported via Cortège (Procession) to the former State Dining Room at the Government House, where it will lie in state. The paying of respects by invited guests only will commence at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.
- February 16 – Cortège (Procession) to the House of Culture in Belize City, commencing at 2:10 p.m. from the home of the former head of government, followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all events are closed to the public. The public is invited to view live coverage of the two-day event via the Facebook and YouTube pages of the Government of Belize Press Office or via live television broadcasts from all major media houses.

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Manuel Esquivel, KCMG, PC, served as Prime Minister of Belize from 1984 to 1989, and then again from 1993 to 1998.

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