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GOB Clarifies Treasury Memo

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The Government of Belize has been made aware of an internal memo from the Treasury Department, dated October 26, 2026. That memo directs that only the September celebration and Christmas decorations will be officially sanctioned in the Treasury Department and in sub-treasuries.

Some blogs on social media have erroneously concluded that Government has instructed that no Garifuna Settlement Day decorations are allowed on or around any government buildings countrywide.

The Government of Belize would like to clarify that the internal memo, which referred only to the Treasury Department and sub-treasuries, was written in reference to Halloween decorations, to which some persons took offence for religious or personal reasons.

The Government also takes the opportunity to advise social media users that not everything on that forum is accurate.

Finally, the Government of Belize looks forward to celebrating Garifuna Settlement Day, as is done every single year with the fanfare, celebration and respect it deserves.

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