



HINDS

# 'Kingfish' working

## Residents said to be responding favourably

**M**ORE THAN 400 telephone calls have been made to 811, the hotline for Operation Kingfish, the government's latest crime-fighting initiative, according to Glenmore Hinds, assistant commissioner of police in charge of the operation.

"Right now we are processing 34 of the calls to take further action," ACP Hinds told *The Gleaner* yesterday.

Elaborating, the officer stressed that 94 were considered to be actionable while information from 38 were passed on to the local police for investigation.

### IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACP Hinds said immediate action has already been taken in 24 of the cases. He added that the calls were in relation to drug dealers, extortion, organised gangs,

illegal guns, wanted men, drugs and the migration of criminals from one part of the island to the other.

"We are studying 12 gangs which are involved in a major criminal network," said the assistant commissioner.

He said members of the unit were kept busy in the parish of Westmoreland this week, conducting a two-day operation. The officer said more than \$3 million

worth of ganja plants were destroyed. ACP Hinds noted that while Operation Kingfish was targeting the crime bosses, "if the sprats are involved, we are not going to allow them to pass by, we are going to catch them."

Operation Kingfish, an intelligence-driven initiative, has received maximum support from the British and United States' governments.

## Arafat's condition critical

PARIS, (Reuters): YASSER ARAFAT was in a critical but stable condition on Friday as a row brewed over where he would be buried and questions loomed about who might succeed him.

A spokesman for the French hospital treating the Palestinian leader said Arafat's condition had not changed since he was taken into intensive care on Wednesday night, declaring: "The state of health of President Yasser Arafat has not got worse."

Palestinian envoy to Paris Leila Shahid denied Arafat, 75, was brain dead. She said he was in a reversible coma and "at a critical juncture between life and death". Other Arafat aides said he was on a respirator and in a critical condition.

### CONDITION SLIGHTLY BETTER

But senior aide Nabil Abu Rdainah portrayed Arafat's condition as slightly better than 24 hours earlier. He told al-Jazeera television: "I can reiterate that he is not in a coma and not in danger of death."

Palestine Liberation Organisation Foreign Minister Farouq Kaddumi told reporters Arafat was in "good health" and that to avoid further confusion only the medical team supervising his treatment would be authorised to comment on his condition from now on.

Some of Arafat's aides have been at pains to say he is still in charge and will recover, apparently hoping to calm fears of chaos at home, while others describe him as gravely ill.

## LABOUR

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that after Mr. Charles has been served, they will be returning to the Supreme Court next week Wednesday for a hearing.

After the respondents' lawyers Patrick Atkinson and Clive Mullings filed the appeal yesterday in the Court of Appeal Registry, Justice Algernon reviewed the documents and ruled that he could not hear the application. The judge said the application for permission to appeal "may not be considered at this time," because the formal order of Justice McIntosh had not been exhibited and there was no indication that an application for permission to appeal was first made to the court below (the Supreme Court), in accordance with the Court of Appeal rules.

### DISAPPOINTED

"I am disappointed that we have not had a chance to explain our position fully," Mr. Atkinson said yesterday. There is no official word as to when the conference will be rescheduled, with sources speculating that it could take weeks, perhaps months to finalise a new date. "These things take proper planning," one source noted. "There are people coming in from overseas ... we must be able to give advance notice to ensure a good turnout."

Speaking at a press conference at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston, Mr. Charles said he felt obliged to ensure the protection of the party's constitution and its members' rights and that his court injunction halting what should have been today's election of a new party leader, will eventually benefit the party.

"I firmly believe that at the end of the day, our party will be stronger and will be a more democratic party," he said. "The precedent set here will guarantee that no leader now or in the future will be unconstitutionally elected."



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Sir George Alleyne (left), chancellor of the University of the West Indies, makes the bow of respect with Dr. Gail Saunders, after he had conferred on her an honorary degree. Dr. John Ewen was also awarded an honorary degree at the university's 2004 graduation ceremony yesterday.

# Jamaican on US most wanted list extradited

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**LESS THAN** two months after he fled to Jamaica to avoid prosecution on charges of murder and assault in Maryland, United States, Trevor Anthony, a 23-year-old Tivoli Gardens resident, was escorted out of the island by United States Marshals on Thursday.

The fugitive, who appeared in the Corporate Area Criminal Court on October 8, was ordered extradited by the presiding judge. He was picked up by members of the Organised Crime Investigation Division (OCID) on September 30, two days after the shooting incident in the United States.

Anthony, who was hiding out at a residence on Bustamante Highway in Tivoli

Gardens, is among a number of Jamaicans who have made the U.S. Marshals most wanted list.

### OTHERS ON THE RUN

According to reports on the U.S. Marshals website, at least three Jamaicans, including a 52-year-old woman, are wanted by the U.S. authorities. Heading the list is Neville Crossdale, alias Samad Abdul, an alleged murderer for whom a warrant was issued in San Diego, California, on December 4, 1999.

On August 26, 1998, a warrant was issued in Alexandria, Virginia, for the arrest of Byron Brooks, alias Clovis Brooks, Byron Gordon, Gordon Byron Albert, Mark Lawrence, Mark Lindsey and Steven Curtis. The 41-year-old Jamaican is considered armed and dangerous. He is wanted for

possession of and intent to distribute ganja.

The woman, Ena McNeish, has been on the run since January 1993. She is wanted by the New York State Police in Albany County for criminally negligent homicide and possession of a controlled substance in the first degree. Reports are that the charges arose following a motor vehicle accident.

Allegations are that during the incident, McNeish passed a tractor in a no passing zone and collided head-on with another vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle later died.

While at the hospital, a large quantity of drugs was discovered strapped to her body. Despite being injured, McNeish escaped from the hospital and has been on the run since.

## Scotiabank gives donation to UWI

SCOTIABANK JAMAICA on Thursday donated \$25 million payable over five years to the International Centre for Environmental and Nuclear Sciences (ICENS), on the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI).

"The grant will be used to strengthen the capabilities of the centre, to examine essential and potential harmful substances in the Jamaican diet and investigate possible links between the high levels of heavy metals in Jamaican soils and high incidents in Jamaica of diabetes, renal disease and prostate cancer," said William Clarke, president of Scotiabank.

"We hope it will also contribute to scientific training and education," he added.

Mr. Clarke was speaking at a press conference held Thursday, at the UWI. He commended the university "for its persistence in this area of research (and) we are hoping that the work will culminate in discoveries that will be of local and international interest and will bring greater prominence to the UWI as a leading centre of excellence."

Gerald Lalor, director-general for the ICENS, said the idea was to try to collaborate with other



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organisations because of a wealth of information that exists on the individual level. He said that if "many bits of information are drawn together (it) will strengthen not only science and the results of the science but even the administration of the information and what can be done."

"The whole feel is to draw together a set of information on which policies can be made, our



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export crops can be protected and our people can have a better life," he said.

ICENS was established 20 years ago with the "primary goals to conduct multi-disciplinary research related to the environment, to help provide solutions to developmental problems and to contribute to the growth and retention of a cadre of excellent scientists and technologists."

## Cops raid ex-Trinidad minister's residence

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: MEMBERS OF the Police Anti-Corruption Squad last night searched the South Trinidad home of former Energy Minister Finbar Gangar.

Gangar was not at home but the police took away certain documents, according to reports.

He was energy minister between 1995 and 2000 in the United National Congress (UNC) administration led by Basdeo Panday.

### OTHER RAIDS

The raid followed similar ones on the homes of former Works Minister Carlos John and business tycoon Lawrence Duprey.

"It is all part of ongoing investigations into alleged corruption," said a police spokesman.

The UNC lost the last general election because it was tainted by reports of alleged widespread corruption during its five-year administration under then Prime Minister Panday, now Opposition Leader.

Panday, 71, is himself before the court on several charges linked to a London bank account.



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In the Friday, November 5 edition of *The Gleaner* we incorrectly headlined a story: 'UTech hosts homeless children for TV programme'. We wish to clarify that UTech DID NOT say the hosting of the children was related to any television programme.

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