

PLP Mini Rally  
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Bahamians need the PLP!

Party Leader, colleagues, my brothers and sisters across the length of breadth of this country, I have come to tell you The Bahamas needs the PLP!....

Since that vicious beating in the great constituency of Elizabeth and the rejection of the FNM, Hubert Ingraham better known as PAPA these days, has launched a wicked attack on Bahamians!

If you don't believe me, you tell me:

Who is the Prime Minister of the Bahamas?

Who STOPPED, REVIEWED and CANCELLED contracts to hire young Bahamians?

Who placed the largest tax increase on the working poor and elderly - even taxing the Bible?

Who fired the temporary government workers in 2007?

Who increased the rates at BEC and shut the lights off to over 6,000 homes?

Who increased National Insurance?

Who is today managing this FAILURE IN GOVERNANCE ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY?

It's Hubert Ingraham and The FNM!!

He held a press conference on Sunday.

Ingraham says he can't deliver this Baha Mar baby by himself. He says that this is a PLP baby and so he needs the PLP's help. Ingraham must think we fool and forget! We remember that it was him – PAPA - who prevented the birth of the baby when he said that he did not believe the deal between Baha Mar and Harrah's would go through. It was PAPA, NOT THE PLP, that caused the investor to break-off running.

It was his delay in addressing the issues that were left to be done and his

expressions publicly that questioned the financial wherewithal of Baha Mar that aborted the birth.

After he made those silly statements Baha Mar had to find a new investment partner during the worst credit climate since the Great Depression.

Investment Banks were trying to make sure that they didn't go under and they weren't in to lending money. All of this caused Baha Mar to run into the willing embrace of The Export Import Bank of China, all thanks to Papa! So PLPs, in the words of the song. "the baby ain't mine!".

The baby is yours my brudda.

Understand Chinese labour was never a subject in the PLP Baha Mar discussions. Harrah's (Caesars Palace) was the next chased. You made-up this bed mah brother, nah you gotta sleep in it!

Why they need the PLP to help them make a decision on an issue that they created? We left an investor in place! Only Immigration approves work permits, which is led by Brent Symonette who is also by coincidence, the minister of foreign affairs. Be a MAN and MAKE THE DECISION!

Talk about mix up, I read yesterday that Ingraham said he would not have approved the deal either. What message does this send to the investing public and more importantly the Chinese. We now know why they chase Harrahs and now he is chasing the Chinese and any other who would wish to consider investing in this project.

[Then this decisive Ingraham who just said he doesn't listen to the PLP nor does he need to consult the PLP now wants us to help him make a decision.](#)

When Ingraham and the FNM contracted a firm out of Florida to run the City Dump they didn't bring a resolution to Parliament to request the Opposition's approval.

When the FNM decided to bring in José Cartellone of Argentina and hundreds of Argentine workers to pave roads, they didn't bring a resolution to Parliament to get the Opposition's approval. So tell me please: Why they want to bring it now? Why you need the help of the PLP now.

The FNM brought that 'Budget of Pain' on the people and wanted us to vote on it. We tried our best to tell the FNM not to raise taxes so cruelly on the People but they refused to listen. They found \$10 million for 19 FNM companies owned by the wealthiest of Bahamians to build the Container Port facility at Arawak Cay but they could not find the money, in that same budget, to help poor Bahamian families bury their dead. Something gotta be wrong with that! That cannot be right!

How is it that Ingraham could find money for those 19 companies but he could not find money for the Ranfurly Home and others in the Bahamas?

And while we on the budget, we want Ingraham to answer this question: Who are the Cabinet Ministers who are also apart of that special list of 19 companies.

We also want this same GOVERNMENT to tell the people how much the government paying for to buy Ansbacher House and who are the beneficial owners of the building? How much money Papa did these people give to the FNM in the 2007 General Elections? Inquiring minds wants to know PAPA! – Again you could find money to buy buildings but can't find money to meet your legal obligations to public servants – No increments – No increase in salary.

Bahamians, we know we are in rough times when we see the government declare all-out war on privately funded Education. We saw cuts at COB, drastic reductions in the subsidy going towards church operated schools and private learning institutions but yet we could make contributions to the port – to the tone of 16M – and buy buildings.

Ingraham's untamed fiscal discipline has run over struggling Bahamians! Taxes have climbed against the poor and everywhere you turn in this country Bahamians have lost businesses, lost homes, lost jobs and lost hope.

Today the cuts are worse and the tax hikes steeper than ever before! National Insurance has gone up. BEC has gone up and they even talking about charging you to collect your garbage! Things so tough that I even hear it cost more to buy tuna and grits in the morning - from .99 cents to \$2.99!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND  
It's TIME TO ROLL THEM OUT!  
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I say, its time to ROLL THEM OUT!

The storm clouds are gathering about the headquarters of the Free National Movement on Mackey Street. Everywhere you go in this country you hear the chorus singing the certain defeat of Ingraham and the FNM.

Ask anyone in the country what they see in the future for the Bahamas and they would tell you, that there is no future for the Bahamas with Hubert Ingraham and the FNM in government.

At a rally in July of 1992 Ingraham said, "Our homes are being auctioned off. Cars are being repossessed and sold. School fees can't get paid. Lights are turned off. Baby pampers can't be bought and babies crying for food. Things are tough..."

This is 2010 – that was 18 years ago . Is this not true as well today?  
When elected...WE IN THE PLP WILL PUT PEOPLE FIRST!

WHEN ELECTED WE IN THE PLP WILL BRING CHANGE TO THIS  
COUNTRY!

WHEN PERRY GLADSTONE CHRISTIE RETURNS AS PRIME MINISTER  
HE WILL PUT THE BAHAMIAN PEOPLE BACK TO WORK!

WHEN WE RETURN WE WILL RESTORE ALL OF WHAT THE CANKER  
WORMS AND THE CATERPILLARS HAVE TAKEN FROM YOU!

BE BRAVE PLP,  
BE BRAVE BAHAMAS!

I SAY BE BRAVE!!!! AND VOTE THEM OUT!!!

PLP!

Good Night and God Bless!  
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