

FNM Wasting Time Focusing On PLP Website While Country Crumbles

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Nassau, N.P. - With the country facing the worst economic outlook in our history and crime and the fear of crime affecting the daily lives of hardworking Bahamians, the governing Free National Movement and its National Party Chairman appear to have nothing better to do than to observe the official website of the Progressive Liberal Party.

The statement issued by the FNM's chairman regarding the status of www.myplp.com and www.progressiveliberalparty.com shows that the Free National Movement is devoid of ideas or inspiration for the Bahamian people and are left only to resort to petty devices and misleading statements.

The facts surrounding the down time of www.myplp.com are simply as follows.

The Progressive Liberal Party's websites are up and active. We experienced a disruption to access by users for half a day starting Wednesday April 28th in the afternoon to around 7 PM of the same date.

The former Vice Chair responsible for the registration of the domains was unable to access the account in time to avoid a disruption to access. The notice on the placeholder said that the site's URL had expired on April 22, 2010, however, contrary to Mr. Bethel's misleading statement, the site remained active and viewable until noon April 28th because the domain company provides that grace.

The Progressive Liberal Party's official website remains by far the most widely read website of any political party in this country. Our website is updated on a daily basis with not only Parliamentary related items but also innovative content. It is laughable that the Free National Movement would try to characterize their website as a trendsetter when the facts do not support this.

The PLP's website predates the FNM's. As a matter of fact, it was the FNM that sought out the developers of the PLP's website and based their current site on our upgraded site.

We were the first to incorporate the views and opinions of the Bahamian people through our revolutionary section called Have Your Say. While the FNM can only muster a few hundred pages of comments, Have Your Say has amassed over 3,170 pages of comments. This section has allowed Bahamians the opportunity to comment freely about matters relative to our party and country without the heavy censorship found on the FNM's website. One need only ask a difficult question or criticize the government to find out how free the FNM is with their website.

Our party's website was the first to feature a regular live web chat with our Party Leader responding to the questions and views of the Bahamian public.

Our website was the first to provide live video streaming coverage of political rallies and meetings both in New Providence and on several of the Family Islands. Our website was the first to provide live video streaming of our Leader, the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie interacting with viewers and being interviewed.

Our website was the first to stream a live debate between candidates vying for National Party offices and did so from Freeport, Grand Bahama. Our website was the first to stream from start to finish, a National Party Convention. The FNM has always followed the PLP's lead with regard to the internet.

Our website and the affiliate websites of our various candidates continue to break new ground in what can be done using the technology of the internet. On Tuesday April 20th, 2010 our Ryan Pinder became the first sitting Member of Parliament in the history of this country to host a life event over the internet where residents of Elizabeth and the country at large, could interact with him, be updated on what is going on in their constituency, get a report on the Parliamentary session and the upcoming debates and ask questions

or raise concerns on www.ryanpinder.com and www.mypip.com. No FNM MP, its leader or its officers have ever opened themselves up to that kind of transparency and scrutiny and while the FNM Chair is quick to claim “openness and forward thinking”, showing and proving the same to be true seems to elude him.

It is shameful and disgraceful for the Free National Movement to dedicate the amount of time it spent writing and rewriting this silly statement about a non-issue while countless Bahamians remain trapped in a three year cycle of record levels of murder and crime, unemployment and under employment on the watch of a government that has heaped a burden of debt so high that it will take generations to repay.

While the Progressive Liberal Party thanks Mr. Bethel for visiting our website, looking for ideas and inspiration no doubt, we strongly urge the Chairman of the FNM to use his time better to influence his parliamentary colleagues in making decisions that are truly in the best interest of the Bahamian people.

Their time to fulfill that role is quickly drawing to a close.

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