

Speaking Notes of
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The UNC's Monday Night Forum

Kamla: "The UNC is a party for all of T&T. The principles that guide us – the safety and security of our families and the nation, opportunities for all, empowerment through education and skills development, integrity and good governance – these principles inspire our people to work together to help build a better future for our country. Tonight, I call on everyone, let us unite, let us work together to get T&T working again."

El Dorado West Secondary School

Tunapuna

Monday March 18, 2019

Good evening Tunapuna and Good evening Trinidad and Tobago.

It's hard to say that when the murder toll is 100 and a 71-year-old man can be gunned down in front a mall filled with families in broad daylight on a Sunday afternoon.

Nevertheless, I am pleased to be back in Tunapuna tonight.

On Saturday, we opened our brand-new East-West Corridor People Centre right here in Tunapuna I want to pay a special tribute to (list names) for making this possible. It is your hard work, sacrifice and dedication to the UNC that has made this new centre possible.

This new East-West Corridor People Centre will serve as a hub of community development.

Here, thanks to all the UNC family members who have stepped up to volunteer to serve their community, you will be able to access free health services, free legal advice, free resume writing and job advice and much more.

I am pleased to announce that our first free legal clinic at the Tunapuna People Centre will be held on Saturday 23rd March 2019 from 11.00 am. All are invited.

But the best part is that this East-West Corridor People Centre is just the first of many Centres we intend to open right across the East-West Corridor and all over the country!

This new East-West Corridor People Centre is a great example of how the UNC continues to evolve to meet the needs of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

Our great party will always put people at the forefront of everything we do.

This new centre is part of the UNC's "One Corridor" movement, which is designed to bring people together. We are listening to you, what your needs are, and we will work together to develop solutions.

Now is the time for you to let your voice be heard. I have called on young people to get involved and tonight I repeat that call - "Step Up, Claim Your Space", let's get T&T working again!

A TALE OF TWO PARTIES (PEOPLE CENTERED UNC VS SELF CENTRED PNM)

Achievements of People's Partnership in EW Corridor

The PNM is always trying to claim that the UNC neglected the East-West Corridor. That's another of their lies and attempts to deceive - we worked here along the corridor and we worked all across Trinidad and Tobago!

But let me remind them of the work we did in this area.

The following major projects have been done under the PP Government in The East West Corridor:

COSTAATT Campus - SANGRE GRANDE

New Arima Hospital (under construction) - ARIMA

Completed the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway Extension - ARIMA

New Arima Police Station - ARIMA

Arima ECCE

Jacob Hill ECCE - ARIMA

Arouca Pine Haven ECCE

Valencia bypass Road - VALENCIA

New Walkover - OROPUNE

New Walkover - MALONEY

St. Barbara's Spiritual Shouter Baptist Primary School - MALABAR

Nursing Academy - EL DORADO

Tunapuna Promenade - TUNAPUNA

Upgraded Tunapuna Market - TUNAPUNA

National Tennis Complex (now National Racquet Centre) - TACARIGUA

Churchill Roosevelt Highway/Uriah Butler Highway Interchange - GRAND BAZAAR
Completion of the Aranguez Overpass - ARANGUEZ
National Oncology Centre (stopped by PNM) - MT. HOPE
Mango Rose Homework Centre - EAST PORT OF SPAIN
Upgrade of the Blanchisseuse Police Station
Diego Martin Highway Extension - DIEGO MARTIN
Diego Martin Technology Centre - DIEGO MARTIN
Diego Martin Health Facility
Chaguaramas Boardwalk and Recreation Facility - CHAGUARAMAS
New D'Abadie Bridge (B1/23) - D'ABADIE
New bridge B1/14 Churchill Roosevelt Highway - TRINCITY
Creation of three lanes out of Port of Spain by building a third lane on Bridge at Sea Lots
Construction of Roundabout at Lok Jack School of Business
Repairs to the Blanchisseuse Road improving connection to Asa Wright Nature Center
St Joseph River Bridge being reconstructed
Valencia Stretch repaved along with several sections of Eastern Main Road as well as widening of CR Highway into three lanes going East
Upgrades to Hollis Main for an improved water supply along corridor
Water projects to expand pipe borne supply 24/7 for all.
Wastewater treatment plants in Matura, Arima, POS
The reconstructed bridge 2/10 Toco Main Road
New Bridge 1/47 Paria Main Road, Matelot
State of the art Carenage Health Centre
New Maloney Police Station
New Bridge Valencia Main Road, Valencia
THE VALENCIA VISITOR CENTRE
Arima West Government Primary School
Paramin Primary School
St Peter's RC Primary, former the Pt Cumana Primary
Febeau Primary School
Arima New Government Primary School
Rose Hill RC Primary School, Laventille
Morvant ECCE School

Morvant pavilion upgrade
Public Access Learning Systems (PALS) at Sea Lots
Sea Lots Community Centre
St Augustine South Government ECCE Centre
El Socorro South Government ECCE Centre
Santa Rosa Government ECCE Centre
Sangre Grande Government ECCE Centre
La Puerta Government ECCE Centre
Valsayn Government ECCE Centre
Petit Valley Government ECCE Centre
Tacarigua Government ECCE Centre
El Socorro North Government ECCE Centre
Salybia Government ECCE Centre
Lopinot/La Pastora ECCE Centre
Maraj Hill (Toco/Sangre Grande) ECCE Centre
Lower Cumuto ECCE Centre (Cumuto/Manzanilla)
Lower Cumuto Government Primary School
Maloney Government ECCE Centre
Valencia Government ECCE Centre
St Augustine ECCE Centre
Maraval ECCE Centre
Oropune Gardens ECCE Centre
Caura Royal Road ECCE Centre
Bon Air West ECCE Centre
Malabar ECCE Centre
La Horquetta ECCE Centre
St. Ann's ECCE Centre
Aranguez Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)
Mt Hope Government ECCE Centre
Manzanilla/Nariva Government Primary School
BICHE PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARANGUEZ NORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Freeman Rd, Community Centre rebuilt

Tunapuna Community Centre rebuilt

Tunapuna Gov't school rebuilt

Upgrade of Knowles Street, Rec Ground car park

Construction of ECCE School Completed, Jattan Street, Bamboo No.2

Construction of a sporting complex in Bassie Street, Spring Village (for over 25 years residents asked for this facility)

Upgrade to San Juan market

Built Febeau Primary School

Built Barataria Community Centre

Built Barataria ECCE

Construction of El Socorro South Activity Centre

So, don't let them try to push that divisive talk that they like to do and say the UNC only developed south of the Caroni.

You see that is the way they operate - they have nothing to show for their almost four years in office, so they lie and try to paint us in a bad light.

But we will not be deterred.

We have always focused on people-centred development, and we have worked to build communities across Trinidad and Tobago. And in our next term in office, we will continue the work we started for the benefit of citizens!

THE STORY OF ZAMAN

I am sorry, if you find I sound upset tonight but the truth is I am angry tonight because while people in our country are suffering, they don't have food to eat, they have lost their jobs and they can't pay their bills, those in the Cabinet are doing all that they can to fleece our nation before they are voted out of office.

Don't be fooled, this government knows the writing is on the wall for them and just as they did before 2010, they are on a desperate grab for all that they could get their hands on before they leave office.

Tonight, I will show you the type of corruption that is taking place by the highest office holders in this country. They are supposed to act in the peoples' interest but all they doing is securing their self-interest.

Last week in piloting the Companies Amendment Bill in the Parliament the Attorney General Faris al Rawi said and I quote: *"I love companies' law. Quite frankly I enjoy corporate law"*.

I will tell you tonight why the Attorney General loves company law so much. This is the same man who was telling the country that it is companies that are used by people to hide their wealth. I'll show you how they do it tonight!

I have some documents in my possession that I want to share with you and the nation tonight.
(SEE APPENDIX ATTACHED)

There is a company registered in the Company's Registry under the name "Zaman Enterprises Limited". This company only has two shareholders who hold one share each valued \$2.00. So, the entire share capital of this company is \$2.00. I will tell you who the shareholders are in a little while. You will find out tonight.

In 2006 this company bought a property known as No. 3 Alexander Street St. Clair. I have the deed here in my hand. The price this company paid for the property was \$2.5 million dollars. I have a document here in my hand which is captioned "Cabinet Minute No. 290". Any Minister of Cabinet is free to come forward and challenge its veracity. I also have a copy of an accompanying document captioned NOTE FOR CABINET dealing with the same property.

I want to thank the public-spirited citizen who realized the extent of the crookedness being undertaken and decided that he, or she, could no longer stomach the stench emanating from the corridors of power.

According to these documents the Cabinet led by the Prime Minister agreed to lease this property known as No. 3 Alexander Street St. Clair for the price of \$644,000 per month for three years (that is \$575,000.00 plus VAT = \$644,000).

The rental of this property, that was bought for 2.5 million dollars will put TWENTY-THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS in the pocket of some people. \$23,184,000. **FOR THREE YEARS!!!**

Do you want to know who these people are?

Let me tell you who they are. I have the last annual return for this company filed on the 27th April 2018.

On the last annual return, the shareholders of ZAMAN ENTERPRISES LIMITED are FARIS AL RAWI and MONA NAHOUS.

So, the Attorney General and his Wife with their two ordinary shares worth \$2, will, by this transaction go laughing to the bank with 23 million dollars of your taxpayers' dollars. You see why he loves companies?

This is the same FARIS AL RAWI who last week was telling the country that it is private companies that are used to hide wealth and we should know who are the real beneficial owners.

He loves to tell us about AL CAPONE but he doesn't want to tell us about AL RAWI. Let me tell you how this entire transaction took place.

According to the documents I have here, the note that was taken to Cabinet for the lease of this building was dated the 12th February 2019.

It was considered and agreed to by Cabinet on the 14th February 2019, only two days later.

When this note was taken to Cabinet only the first page of the annual return was annexed to the note so that the Cabinet would have seen who were the directors but not who were the shareholders.

And that is important. Who were the directors of the company at that time? Let me tell you. MONA NAHOUS AND ABRAHAM AL RAWI, THE WIFE AND SON OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

But who were the shareholders at this time when Cabinet was being asked to lease this property? THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS WIFE. But interestingly Cabinet was never shown who were the shareholders.

The Attorney General has some questions to answer...again.

The Attorney General must tell the country why was the Cabinet who were making a decision to rent a building for more than 23 million dollars was not told that the building belonged to him and his wife.

Let me tell you what the man who was preaching transparency and accountability in Parliament last week did before this matter came to the Cabinet.

My research shows that this transaction was being considered by the Ministry of Public Administration before August last year that is whilst the AG was a director and shareholder of the company along with his wife and son.

By letter dated 15th October 2018 Nazem Nahous, the father in law of the Attorney General was writing the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration and let me read to you what Faris' Father in Law was telling the Ministry.

"We are pleased to accept the State's offer to lease the captioned A Class commercial building at the rate of \$600,00.00 per month VAT exclusive".

So, the State was offering to lease the property owned by the Attorney General and his wife and, his father in law was writing to tell the government that he was pleased.

He has a right to be pleased!

At this time the legal advisor to the government is none other than the joint owner of the company that is leasing the property to the government. All this time the Attorney General is

a director and shareholder of this company. All this time the Attorney General owned HALF of the Company.

But it gets better while the negotiations are going on and before the matter goes to the Cabinet the Attorney General removes himself as a director of ZAMAN on the 8th November 2018 and leaves his son Abraham Al Rawi and his wife as Directors.

I want to tell the Attorney General that he must disclose to the country: -

Why he removed himself as a director of this company?

Why was this done immediately days before his father in law accepted a state offer to rent the property for millions of taxpayers' dollars?

Was the AG involved or aware of these discussions that the company he and wife owned was having with a government of which he as Attorney General was the absolute legal adviser?

Did he advise and participate?

What does he have to hide?

Why was Cabinet not told he was a shareholder of this company that was to benefit from this 23-million-dollar contract? And this is not a one percent or five percent. According to the on-line search conducted this morning, the documents show that the Attorney General was and IS 50 percent shareholder of the Company. His wife owns the other 50 percent.

What was the role of the office of the Attorney General in providing advice to the Ministry of Public Administration in this matter?

Did he make full and frank disclosure of the totality of his interest in this transaction to the Cabinet?

Let me make it perfectly clear. I DO NOT WANT this to be true. I do not want to believe that this abysmal level of misconduct lies at the feet and hands of the Attorney General. I do not want to believe that the Attorney General is capable of such duplicity and deception.

But I am reminded of FARISGATE - do you remember the bacchanal involving children posing with high powered guns? Do you remember the report which was done and then proven to be a lie and a failed attempt to cover up the complicity of a SENIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTER?

So, like you, I don't trust this government, and Faris? NOT AT ALL.

I want to remind the Attorney General of section 29 of the Integrity in Public Life Act

29. (1) For the purpose of this Act a conflict of interest is deemed to arise if a person in public life or any person exercising a public function were to make or participate in the making

of a decision in the execution of his office and at the same time knows or ought reasonably to have known, that in the making of the decision, there is an opportunity either directly or indirectly to further his private interests or that of a member of his family or of any other person.

(2) Where there is a possible or perceived conflict of interest, a person to whom this Part applies, shall disclose his interest in accordance with prescribed procedures and disqualify himself from any decision-making process.

Not only is the AG apparently heavily conflicted, but the ENTIRE CABINET which approved this transaction would be guilty if they KNEW and chose to facilitate it.

Tonight, I CALL ON all Cabinet Ministers present at the Cabinet when this matter was discussed to state whether they were aware of this potential conflict when they approved this transaction. Are you innocent or guilty?

I call upon the Commissioner of Police to launch an immediate investigation into this matter for breaches of the Prevention of Corruption Act and misbehavior in public office. I shall be bringing this matter to the attention of the Integrity Commission.

The Prime Minister refused to act on Faris gate effectively protecting the Attorney General for years in a matter for which many believed he should have been fired.

The Paria Fuel scandal

My friends, this Rowley-led Government is taking our country down a dangerous path, and they seem intent on giving away our national patrimony.

We have learned that moves are being made to sell Paria Fuel Trading as well as the Refinery. Espinet says its for sale, Franklyn Khan today says its not for sale. Who is telling the truth? I put to you tonight that it seems that the government does not have any idea what they are doing with Petrotrin.

Paria Trading - the newly-minted company responsible for importing fuel into the country - just a few months after it was created, they want to sell it. Why?

My friends this is the same Rowley Government who manufactured a crisis with the sea bridge-nearly crippling the economy of our sister isle Tobago and then decided that they needed to buy more boats.

I want to ask now - is the same thing being done with Paria Trading? Is another manufactured crisis about to take place where Rowley say unless Paria Trading is sold T&T will no longer be able to import fuel?

Do you remember when the talk about closing down Petrotrin first came up how they denied everything? They said over and over that the company was unprofitable and had to be shut down. Yet, the same Prime Minister just a couple months ago said that the refinery could be operational in months and that 50 companies are interested in buying it.

So, the refinery is such a loss-making enterprise that it needed to be shut down-but now miraculously 50 companies want to buy it. You hear chain up?

And they keep saying how the new companies they form to replace Petrotrin will be profitable but now they need to sell two of them.

But to top it all off, the citizens of this country had to learn from a foreign newspaper that Trinidad Petroleum Holdings, is now borrowing 1.4 billion US dollars! (9.8 billion tt)

My friends this is a government of secrets and lies!

These assets belong to the people of Trinidad and Tobago yet they are acting like it's theirs to give to their friends and financiers.

What we do know is that more hardship awaits our citizens because the sale of Paria would mean the total removal of all subsidies and an increase in fuel prices.

It's possible that National Petroleum (NP) would have to be shut down, as it would no longer be needed, since the new owners of Paria Fuel would most likely undertake their own distribution. More jobs at stake.

When the Government announced the restructuring of Petrotrin they said Paria's aim was to generate profits for our nation but from the very beginning we told them that this was the wrong way to go.

Now, less than six months after this new company was formed, Espinet claims that Paria Fuel Trading Company cannot be profitable and there is no need to remain in the business.

This is management PNM style.

We said it then - that this entire fiasco was a "con job" perpetrated from the very top to benefit a few.

Espinet must now tell this nation to whom are our revenue streams being sold off to?

What procurement method is being used to sell off the assets of our citizens?

What measures are being put in place to guarantee our nation's fuel security and price stability?

These are questions that must be answered.

Tonight, I am calling on the Prime Minister to halt the sale of the refinery and Paria Fuel Trading until after the General Election is held. Don't give away our nation's

patrimony. Don't sell at basement bargain prices. Let the people of Trinidad and Tobago decide in the 2020 elections if they want to keep these assets!

More of our plans to get T&T working again (JOBS)

My friends, here in Tunapuna and indeed across Trinidad, people are worried about the high crime levels, no jobs, and poor amenities.

Just this weekend there was a story in the news about the difficulties being faced by graduates and skilled young people in getting jobs.

No sustainable jobs have been created by the PNM in the past three and a half years?

No sectors have seen job growth?

No industries have engaged our young graduates?

This Rowley-led Government has presided over tens of thousands of job losses.

By his own admission over 20,000 jobs were lost in the first two years of his Government, but we know now that that figure is much, much higher about 50000.

Under the UNC, we worked to create jobs.

The UNC believes it is time to end the cycle of boom and bust which has been perpetuated by decades of failed PNM Governments.

To take our country out of this vicious cycle, we need to change the way we approach economic growth and national development.

The UNC doesn't believe in the old PNM ideas of "turn around".

To maximize the full potential of our people and nation we must embrace the economic challenges of the 21st century. The UNC believes what we need is **ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**.

When the UNC returns to Government, we will immediately implement our National Economic Transformation Plan. Diversification is at the heart of our economic plan.

We will encourage strategic investments in niche non-energy sectors where we have strong competitive advantage, market opportunity and growth potential.

We have developed **12 key strategic Prosperity Engines** spread across both Trinidad and Tobago. These prosperity engines will mobilize and engage the private sector, both local and international, and will have large positive multiplier effects in kickstarting economic recovery, fostering growth and supporting diversification.

These prosperity engines will spur a dynamic, sustainable, technological, resourceful economy which allows our people to prosper and fulfil their potential.

We consider the East West corridor to be instrumental in becoming a conduit for national economic transformation.

Three of our prosperity engines will be based along the East West Corridor. These are as follows:

The Tamana 'SolarTech' Renewable Energy Park

The East-West Biotechnology Manufacturing Corridor

The Piarco Aircraft Maintenance, Repair & Operations Hub

Tamana SolarTech Renewable Energy Park

We have our own natural renewable resource, the Sun, that is underutilized.

In recent years, solar power has surged to become the cheapest and fastest growing source of electricity on the planet.

We will invite private investors to establish a 'SolarTech' Park within the Tamana In-Tech Park. The 'SolarTech' Park will develop energy efficient modular solar solutions which can be retrofitted to existing buildings or integrated into new construction projects and used in several other areas such as marine, communication and transport.

Tamana 'SolarTech' will access and supply solar technologies through licensing and supply agreements and customize the product to provide specialist and turnkey energy solutions to communities within the Caribbean region.

Investors will be required to fully finance their own solar projects in the Tamana park.

Government will provide all necessary support required to fast track implementation of investors' plans, as well as tax incentives.

East -West Biotechnology Manufacturing Corridor

We will invite private investors to establish a biotechnology manufacturing zone along the East-West Corridor.

This manufacturing corridor will attract entrepreneurs and firms (both local and international) to create a cluster of industrial applications in agro, health and wellness, and industrial and environmental biotechnology.

Such areas could include therapeutic and nutraceutical plants, exotic livestock development, integrated aquaculture systems, biopesticides, crop genetic improvement, ageing medicine, generics and biosimilars, bioinformatics and environmental conservation.

Investors will be required to fully finance their own projects in the East-West Biotechnology Manufacturing Corridor.

Government will provide all necessary support required to fast track implementation of investors' plans, as well as tax incentives.

Aircraft maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) hub at Piarco

We will invite private investors to build and manage an aircraft maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) hub in the Aero-Park at Piarco International Airport.

One of the major challenges faced by air transport in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean is the lack of a major aircraft maintenance facility, so airlines have to conduct aircraft repairs overseas. Trinidad and Tobago could serve as an aviation centre for the wider Caribbean with significant experience in airport administration, air traffic management, aircraft inspection and air navigation services.

We will leverage these strengths into building a comprehensive aircraft MRO facility to provide heavy maintenance, line maintenance and aircraft painting.

Investors will be required to fully finance the aircraft MRO facility.

Government will provide all necessary support required to fast track implementation of investors' plans, as well as tax incentives. We will also open the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) Aviation Campus at Camden to provide a path for students and graduates of aviation training programs to apprentice or work at the aircraft MRO hub.

How This is to be Achieved

Lower corporate tax rate.

Exemption of property taxes for these businesses.

By the way I would like to know what is the status of property taxes. Are they hiding it only to bring it back out after the elections?

Increased customs duties on imported products that we propose to manufacture. We have to protect our manufacturers. The rest of the world is doing it for their people. A UNC government will protect our manufacturers.

Tax write-off on capital expenditure and investments in plant, machinery, building for over the first 15 years of operation.

Tax breaks for training and retraining of employees.

Increase in testing by Bureau of Standards of imported products that compete with our local products to prevent dumping of inferior products in Trinidad.

A UNC Government will back financing for local companies wishing to establish manufacturing industries on the east - west corridor.

I plan to incentivize companies, I don't plan to subsidize them. When you subsidize, they don't care to perform?

If you incentivize them, they know they have to perform in order to benefit from the incentive. The next UNC government is going to work for and work with our manufacturers. A UNC Government will continue its focus on investing in people.

The Way Forward

In Tunapuna, as in every constituency, we need to take back our country.

The UNC has a plan to transform Trinidad and Tobago, but we need all hands-on deck.

Tonight, I call on everyone, let us unite, let us work together to get T&T working again.

Your support on the ground, in our party groups, at the planning table, is what will make the UNC an unstoppable force in the upcoming elections.

The UNC is a party for all of Trinidad and Tobago. The principles that guide us - the safety and security of our families and the nation, opportunities for all, empowerment through education and skills development, integrity and good governance - these principles inspire our people to work together to help build a better future for our country.

The UNC worked hard to improve the lives of all citizens, and we remain committed to doing this when we return to Government.

Are you ready to move with us?

Are you ready to return the party with a plan to rescue Trinidad and Tobago from this uncaring, incompetent Rowley-led Government?

Let us work together to return our beloved nation to greatness.

God bless and thank you all.

APPENDIX

Chronology - Zamen enterprises limited

Date	Event
April 19 th 2006	Zaman Enterprises Limited incorporated by Faris Al Rawi
27 th June 2006	Property at No. 3 Alexandra Street bought for the price of \$2.5 million
July 7 th 2006	Deed of Mortgage for building located at 3 Alexandra Street, St. Clair. \$3.5 million
October 26 th 2009	Annual Returns for the year 2009 show that there are two shares in Zaman Enterprises Limited, one held by Faris Al Rawi, the other by Mona Nahous (Faris' wife)
November 2 nd 2011	Faris Al Rawi removed as director of Zaman Enterprises Limited, Nazem Nahous appointed as a director.
November 22 nd 2013	Nazem Nahous removed as director of Zaman, Faris Al Rawi reinstated as director
25 th January 2018	Abraham Al Rawi added as a Director
April 27 th 2018	Most up to date Annual Returns of Zaman Enterprises Limited show that, whilst the directors may have changed over the years, the shareholders of Zaman Enterprises Limited have always been Faris Al Rawi and Mona Nahous, his wife
October 15 th 2018	Letter from Nazem Nahous to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration- In reference to two previous letters written from the Permanent Secretary dated October 2 nd 2018 and August 8 th 2018, Mr. Nahous indicated that "we are pleased to accept the State's offer to lease the captioned "A" class commercial premises for the monthly sum of \$600,000.00 (vat exclusive)."
November 8 th 2018	Zaman Enterprises Limited Notice of Change of Directors with Faris Al Rawi being removed as a Director
November 30 th 2018	Letter from Zaman Enterprises Limited to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration In reference to letter dated November 28 th 2018 from the PS to Zaman, Director of Zaman, Mona Nahous, proposed a monthly rent of \$575,000.00 for the building
27 th December 2018	Memorandum from the Chief Personnel Officer to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration. In reference to discussions between the Honourable Minister Marlene McDonald Minister of Public Administration and the Chief Personnel Officer, the Chief Personnel Officer confirmed interest in the property and thanked the PS for assistance in pursuit of the property.
February 12 th 2019	Note for Cabinet The Note listed the matter for consideration is the lease/rental of the building. The Note identified the Directors of Zaman Enterprises, the owner of the building, as Mona Nahous and Abraham Al Rawi.
February 14 th 2019	Cabinet Minute No. 290 Cabinet agreed to rent the building for a monthly rent of \$575,000.00 for a period of 3 years.