

Speaking Notes of

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The UNC's Monday Night Forum

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Rio Claro East Secondary School

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Introduction

Good evening Mayaro, Rio Claro, Mafeking, Libertesville, Navet. Good evening Trinidad and Tobago.

For all those of you are here with us, or are joining us tonight on TV, radio or streaming us online, welcome to another Monday Night Forum.

Thank you for your warm reception! I am always happy to be in the Mayaro constituency.

You know ever since we put the country on alert that we are in full election preparedness mode, that we're getting ready to return good governance to T&T; we've seen the crowds get bigger and bigger at our events. I have felt the enthusiasm and energy grow.

Every week hundreds of people are calling our offices asking how they can help and volunteer. UNC Family, we are leading the charge of an exciting movement. I feel it and I know all of you can feel it too!

The theme of my speech tonight is the "bold face two face double speak Rowley government". This is what they are and i will give you some examples tonight.

We want an end to this useless regime.

We want an end to this Government that stood by and let thousands suffer in Poole, Mafeking, Navet and Mayaro after the flooding last year.

We want an end to this Government that decimated the oil industry and put hundreds of people in the south east out of jobs. People from Edwards Trace, Saunders Trace, Fonrose,

Guayaguayare, Rio Claro have lost jobs that they had in the oilfield service sector because of the Petrotrin closure.

We want an end to this Government who bought millions of dollars of fake oil from their friends using our money! Who up to now can't be brought to justice!

I put to you tonight that the sole and only reason for closing Petrotrin was to cover up the A&V drilling fake oil scandal. It was to protect the prime ministers best friend.

We want an end to this Government who says there is no money to run Petrotrin, or pay TSTT workers, or pay UTT workers, or pay flood victims; they even have the Police Commissioner begging them for money to pay basic things like police station phone bills -

(They quick to run and take pictures with the Commissioner when he doing his job, but at the same time they have him begging for money to pay basic day to day bills at the TTPS now!)

There's no money for any of that.

BUT...

There seems to be lots of money to rent Faris Al-Rawi's buildings for 23 million!

If you work an 8 hour day at minimum wage of \$15 an hour it's going to take you 525 years to earn what Faris is going to make in three years. Take a second and let that sink in.

Some people may say he's a scamp but i wouldn't say that. It's pure unadulterated GREED and elitist contempt for the normal people of our country.

There's plenty of money for PNM Minister's wives to receive million-dollar state contracts in the health sector.

There's plenty of money to buy land in Curepe from the useless PNM Minister Rohan Sinanan!

There's plenty of money to settle sexual harassment lawsuits by PNM MP Daryl Smith!

There's plenty of money to spend on PNM MP Maxie cuffie but none to buy medicines for you and your families.

So for the poor people of Trinidad and Tobago - no money - nothing to help improve your lives.

This is a government that seems to despise the poor as their only priority is to enrich their friends, families and financiers.

Christmas Carols and cocktails at the castle in December for the elite while the poor in our country struggle. When my government was in office we discounted the prices of oil, flour, rice and gave funding to NGOs and religious groups to ensure people had a meal for Christmas, Eid, Divali. Yes I want you all to remember and be honest to yourselves and see that my government cared for the normal people in this country.

But plenty of money for the PNM!

My friends, the people of Trinidad and Tobago are saying:

- "We want an end to the lies, deceit and contempt of this Government."
- "We want an end to the incompetence of this Government."
- "We want an end to the Keith Rowley Regime!"

➤ “We want to get T&T working again! We want the United National Congress!”

We hear you, and we are ready! Together, we can build a better future for our country.

UNC’s Plan for Trinidad and Tobago

My friends, there are a number of issues I want to deal with tonight, but I will come to the latest with the lies, incompetence and clueless PNM Government in a moment.

Every day, we see more examples of just how absolutely useless they are - they truly never had a plan for T&T.

Prime Minister’s Interview

You know, we got a little ole talk for holding our Monday Night Forum on this date (April 1st), people joked and we had a laugh.

What is funny is that the Prime Minister chose today to go on CNC3’s Morning Show. Some may say it’s PNM3 morning show but I wouldn’t say that.

This is a station that spent two weeks talking about a “buck” but couldn’t be bothered with Al Rawi and his rental. Yes Trinidad and Tobago that is how low some have reached. Thank goodness for social media to get our message out.

We thought it was an April Fool’s Day joke, but sadly, no, the Rowley government are fools 365 days a year. His appearance was another bold faced two faced pathetic attempt to deflect, distract and lie to the population.

It was the usual B K S - Blame Kamla Syndrome - nothing new.

I want to talk a bit about some comments the Prime Minister made last week, when he and his stooges turned the sod for the upgrade of the road from Valencia to Toco.

Have you noticed that at this time during my government’s term in office we were cutting ribbons to signal the completion and commissioning of projects. This government cutting ribbon to announce projects, they woulda, coulda, shoulda have done...

Rowley made some remarks - saying East Trinidad was “behind God’s back” and that these communities were neglected - trying again to blame my administration.

It’s true some of these communities are underdeveloped. It’s true there is lack of adequate infrastructure in east Trinidad.

What is also true is that the PNM has been in power for 42 of our 57 independent years. So Rowley needs to look no further than Balisier House and his own PNM party as the perpetrators of the endless neglect and economic isolation and abuse of east Trinidad.

I’ll give you an example of Rowley’s hypocrisy and abuse of the people of east Trinidad.

One such instance is Rowley’s boldface, two face, double-speak on the Toco port. When they turned the sod last week for the repaving of parts of the existing roadway. (Don’t be fooled

there's no highway, they're just repaving parts of the existing road and lying about a new highway as usual) the Prime Minister said¹:

“It matters not how loud we shout or who blames us un-til that infrastructure is built you will remain behind God back in T&T. Some people will find some-thing to fight about. If not this project, which one? And if not now, when? And if not the PNM who will do it?...We have drilling taking place offshore. Toco could easily become a jumping off point to our eastern reserves.” <https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/oil-and-gas-opportunities-for-toco-region-rowley-6.2.811289.b48ac265ec>

But when the UNC government wanted to build a port at toco and upgrade the road infrastructure to bring economic development to east Trinidad the same Keith Rowley, when in Opposition, on July 28th, 2000 was critical of any activity in Toco.

Here's what he said in Parliament 19 years ago:

“The basis for this port is some Tobago to Toco ferry. Nobody in Tobago wants it; nobody in Tobago or Toco appreciates it; but that is the grease to have the product created. Do you know who is doing this? The (UNC) Cabinet. By saying that it is a Tobago to Toco ferry, the Government is giving the impression that it is a public purpose and, under that category, the Government is now going to proceed to take away people's homes to create this port. So, here we have a situation where those who are living on the land enjoying it now, protected by the law, the Government is seeking to find a mechanism to acquire their land, then give that land to other private citizens to make money. I tell you, Mr. Speaker, this Toco ferry port has nothing to do with the people of Tobago and Toco..It has to do with creating a landing and jumping off point for the oil industry off the east coast.”

He thinks the people of Trinidad and Tobago will forget.

What's changed Rowley? You forgot you suffered the people of Toco for 19 years! Don't try to come now, months before an election to make promises that you know you will not fulfill.

Pure election gimmick!

Keith Rowley and the PNM are the reason that port wasn't started 19 years ago.

He and his party are the reason for this underdevelopment and now coming with his bold face filled with crocodile tears for the people of east Trinidad.

First thing the PNM like to say is “what you do Kamla?” What you do for the people of east Trinidad?

Well here's some of what we did for south east Trinidad in 5 years that the PNM couldn't do in 42 years:

CORE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT - JUNE 2010 TO MARCH 2015

- Refurbishment and Opening of Biche Secondary School
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- **Constructed \$85 US million Port of Galeota (Phase 1)**
- **Constructed and opened new Rio Claro Presbyterian Primary School**
- **Constructed first ever Rio Claro Public Library**
- **Upgraded Rio Claro Health Facility and 24 Hour service**
- **Provision of pipe borne to Union Village after 100 years**
- **Provision of Pipe borne water for the first time to Navet, Cushe, Charuma, Biche.**
- **(No more barrels and communal tanks by the side of the road).**
- **Constructed over 65 Retaining Walls (Landslip Repairs) eg @ Naparima/Mayaro Road, Dades Trace, Kildeer, Clearwater, Biche, Lazzari/Poole Valley, Libertville, Guayaguayare, Agostini, Navet, Charuma etc.**
- **Opened Rio Claro Social Services Centre**
- **Constructed Dual Lane Bridge at Navet**
- **Constructed Dual Bridge at Double Bridge, Guayaguayare**
- **Construction of Dual Bridge at Poole Village**
- **Construction of Mayaro Fire Station Complex**
- **Refurbishment of Ortoire Heritage Market**
- **Opened STAR ICT Access Centre at Guayaguayare**
- **Constructed Cushe Early Childhood Centre**
- **Repairs to Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the region.**
- **Constructed Ortoire Community Centre**
- **Constructed new Guayaguayare Community Centre**
- **Refurbishment of Libertville Community Centre**
- **Refurbishment of Rio Claro Community Centre**
- **Refurbishment of Navet Community Centres**
- **Refurbishment of Mayaro Civic Centre**
- **Reconstruction of Biche Presbyterian School**
- **Refurbishment of Mayaro Indoor Sport Facility**
- **Paved major road networks in Rio Claro, Tabaquite Road, Cunapo Southern Main Road, Agostini, Guayaguayare Road, Lazzari Road/Poole Valley**
- **Pipe borne water to the communities of Clearwater, Agostini, Deep Ravine, Mile End, Bangladesh, Begorat Trace and upgrades to mains in Grand Lagoon etc.**
- **Laying of Water Mains in Kernaham / Cascadoux**
- **Dredging of major river courses such as Nariva, Poole, to alleviate flooding**
- **Constructed Poole Demonstration Station**
- **Constructed Guayaguayare Livestock Breeding Unit**
- **Constructed Guayaguayare Fish Landing Facility**
- **Issued at least 1500 permanent TT Food Cards and over 900 Temporary Food Cards**

- Upgrade to Mayaro District Health Facility.
- Upgrade of Mayaro and Rio Claro Markets
- Rehabilitation of Mayaro and Rio Claro Taxi Hub
- Electrification of Recreation Grounds at Biche, Ecclesville, Mafeking, Rio Claro and Navet
- Disbursed Social Services Grants to over 600 needy families for House Repairs, Electrical, Toilet fixtures etc.
- Construction of Mayaro Public Library Complex
- Rehabilitated more than 40 Agricultural Access Roads
- Distributed more than 100 Certificates of Comfort to families living on State Lands
- Constructed new wing at St. Thomas R.C. Primary School
- Refurbishment of Rio Claro Magistrate's Court
- Minor repairs to Biche Police Station
- Minor repairs to Biche Health Facility
- Development of Ponds at Cushe, Union, Bristol, Charuma, Guayaguayare etc.
- Reconstruction of Manzanilla Road (restoration of devastated area of roadway due to severe floods)
- Refurbishment of Boos Demonstration Farm
- Housing Allocation for over 90 families
- Distributed Flood Relief Grants to 90 Families
- Refurbishment of Boos Community Centre

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It has always been the philosophy of the UNC to seek to improve the lives of ALL citizens of this nation.

The Government I led completed the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway Extension, we built new police stations in Piarco, Arima, Maloney started the construction of St Joseph and Besson Streets Police Stations.

We built early childhood centres (ECCE) in Wallerfield, Arima, Arouca, and we started construction of the new Arima Hospital.

We started construction of the long-promised Point Fortin hospital - this was something the PNM kept saying they would do for decades, but it was the UNC that got it started. And we built the Mayaro Fire Station.

The Valencia bypass, which was built by the former Government, has not only improved access but has significantly eased traffic congestion.

And we were not going to slow down. We had a number of plans to develop this area.

We plan to encourage investment in Resort, Eco and Cultural tourism, and revitalize the agricultural sector, investing in Agro and Fish processing.

You would remember that we have built a Port in Galeota and we were building a highway from Mayaro to San Fernando.

The projects we had in train would have opened up East Trinidad to investment and faster development and offer better options for jobs and through decentralisation, investment, growth and people and community development.

The UNC can boast of a track record which would have placed the people of East Trinidad and all citizens of this nation on the path to enjoying a standard of living on par with the most developed nations of our global community.

Tonight, in the constituency of Mayaro I congratulate your UNC MP Rushton Paray for the great work has been doing in building communities.

But, his path has been blocked by the incompetence, ineptitude and brutal policies of this Rowley-led regime.

What has this Rowley Government done in four years to benefit the normal man? For any area? In any field of endeavour?

Rowley had 42 months for his Government to engage the needs of the people of East Trinidad, but instead, his administration brought back property tax, put back VAT on thousands of food items, presided over massive job losses, shut the GATE program and cut other social services. All of which has caused significant hardship for the people of East Trinidad and across our entire nation.

While Rowley and his administration continue to fail the people of Trinidad and Tobago, the UNC has developed a plan with the East as an instrumental conduit for national economic transformation through our 12 key strategic Prosperity Engines.

These prosperity engines will mobilize and engage the private sector and will have large positive multiplier effects in kick-starting economic recovery.

Some new plans for Mayaro:

Tourism

There is enormous potential for the development of a tourism industry along the Eastern coast. The People's Partnership Government which I led, was working on a major tourism development project for Mayaro - The Lagon Doux Integrated Hotel and Resort Development 1, which was expected to contribute positive socio-economic benefits for South-East Trinidad by way of employment and income growth.

That project would have contributed to advancing the diversification of the economy, and 600 jobs were expected during the construction phase and 300 permanent jobs on completion.

The Lagon Doux project was expected to be undertaken through a Joint Venture Company.

Apart from developing the tourism sector, the project would have resulted in new housing, new medical facilities and other spin off benefits for the area.

Of course, that project was shelved.

They do not see the potential for tourism here in Mayaro but we do.

Nariva swamp

We plan to make the Nariva swamp the number one ecotourism site in the Caribbean.

This is a severely underutilized natural resource. It has tremendous potential.

We will invite the private sector to invest to establish a world class ecotourism facility at the Nariva swamp.

The facility will integrate an eco-friendly hotel similar to coupled with a research facility to enable persons to conduct studies on the myriad plants and animals of the tropical freshwater swamp ecosystem at Nariva.

We are going to upgrade Edwards Trace to a major road to connect Guayaguayare and Moruga. This upgrade will provide access to the southeastern coastline where we can develop first class beach and eco-tourism resorts.

This area has some of the most beautiful beaches, rivers springs, hiking trails and forests in this country. We will encourage private sector investment to earn income from these most beautiful natural assets.

Agriculture

We have singled out agriculture because of its potential contribution to the nation's food and security needs, foreign exchange generation, deepening of sectoral linkages, management of the environment and fight against climate change.

We have several agricultural commodities where there is significant market opportunity and good growth potential.

People are moving away from industrial farms because they want to know where their food is coming from and how it is being grown.

They are demanding organic "superfoods" like turmeric, moringa, cocoa, avocado, gluten free flours like cassava flour and green banana flour.

They are also demanding coconut water and other high value coconut products such as coconut milk, coconut butter, coconut sugar and are willing to pay premium prices for these products.

We are pushing to introduce non-traditional agriculture in such areas as therapeutic and nutraceutical plants, exotic livestock development, integrated aquaculture systems, biopesticides, crop genetic improvement, medicinal plant farms, and environmental conservation through farms to regenerate indigenous plants and animals.

Oil and Gas

We are going to extend the port at Galeota and encourage more oil and gas service companies to set up facilities there. A main part of our aim is to encourage the growth of the offshore

platform repair and platform construction as well as pipe yard facilities and ship chandler operations similar to labidco.

To make this happen, investments in infrastructure would most certainly have to be made, including new roads and protection of the coastline.

I guarantee you that we will begin construction of the first leg of the San Fernando to Mayaro highway in my second term.

The Mayaro/Rio Claro area is identified as a zone for focused economic growth through the development of the agriculture tourism and oil and gas service sectors.

Since we're speaking of oil and gas sector I want to spend some time on two related issues.

Natural Gas Prices

This is yet another example of their bold faced, two faced, double speak lies to the people of this country.

This Government's complete mismanagement of our Energy sector has meant that the National Gas Company NGC is now buying gas at higher prices and selling gas to downstream suppliers at non-competitive rates . We are producing more gas thanks the the PP's incentives and making less money thanks to Rowleys negotiations. This is threatening our Ammonia and Methanol producers at Pt Lisas.

It was none other than Keith Rowley and Captain Treason (or Captain Unpatriotic) the Facebook Police Stuart Young who made this mess.

By the way anyone notice how Stuart trying to dress like Gary now and walking around the place. Poor fella he is a laughing stock now because people have seen his uselessness.

Anyways Rowley and Young went to Houston in 2017 to negotiate prices with BP for gas for NGC. And God alone knows what they got up to. Because now NGC is paying higher prices for Gas. Normally you negotiate to pay less.

Rowley "negotiated" to pay more!

This week the Minister of Facebook responded saying:

STUART YOUNG 28TH MARCH 2019

POST CAB BRIEFING:

"We did not engage in negotiations. It is completely wrong to to say that the Prime Minister negotiated any gas price."

But here is what Keith Rowley himself said back July 11, 2017, in Point Fortin. And we have the video of it to prove it. You know how he forgets what he tells people and then likes to play wrong and strong.

KEITH ROWLEY 11TH JULY 2017 - CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, POINT FORTIN:

"When I went to Houston two to three months ago with Minister Young on a mission to meet BP, Shell and EOG. BP our largest supplier, Shell the new giant who bought out BG and EOG

our second largest gas producer. I went to Houston and concluded the negotiations that had been on going and we agreed on a gas price across the board.”

So the two positions cannot be true, which is true?

But....this morning, on the PNM3 morning show as some may call it, remember I wouldn't do that... Rowley boldfaced and two faced denied that he ever said that!

We really have to question whether our Prime Minister is taking the population for fools or whether it's just another bold faced lie.

This is a government that can't operate a ferry between Trinidad and Tobago, but they feel they can negotiate gas prices with international oil and gas companies.

These two guys went up to Houston and said:

“Behold I am the great salesman, negotiator Keith Christopher Rowley and this is my trusty water fetcher Stuart Young. I have come to negotiate!”

These foreign oil executives outsmarted Rowley and Stuart “the iceman”, tied them up like two hairy leg crabs and sent them straight back home.

It's true these two guys outsmarted themselves and now our entire gas industry is suffering because of the incompetence of Keith Rowley!

Tonight I am begging the Prime Minister please spare the people of this nation anymore more hardships and don't negotiate any more deals.

Call the election now!

We now go from bad to worse...

Paria Fuel Trading Company

In yet another instance of bold faced, two face, double speak lies the latest debacle involves the Paria Fuel Trading Company -one of the new companies Rowley created when he closed down Petrotrin.

Via a newspaper report, the Chairman of Trinidad Petroleum Holdings, Wilfred Espinet told the nation that a Request For Proposal for Paria Fuel had been put out - in other words, that Paria Fuel was up for sale. This was unbelievable!

There was not a prior word of this RFP from the Ministry of Energy. Then the very next day the Minister of Energy puts out a press release saying that Paria Fuel is not for sale and that the Chairman may have “inadvertently” put Paria up for sale.

How can a Chairman of a state enterprise “inadvertently” put up an asset that belongs to the people of Trinidad and Tobago up for sale?

That is madness! And the Minister of Energy had no sense of shame in putting out a release saying that?

But it gets worse. That same week, after he returned home from his two week jaunt abroad, the Prime Minister told the nation that Paria Fuel is not for sale.

But - the government may use it as “leverage” in the sale of the refinery depending on the proposals they receive.

The same refinery by the way that they first said they weren't going to sell because it was losing too much money and nobody will want it. But that they now decide to sell because 50 potential buyers interested. That same refinery.

So first Paria Fuel was for sale. Then it wasn't for sale. Now it still not for sale, but it might be for sale based on what offers the government get.

You all see the chain up?

And to make this confusion worse, (well, maybe that's their intention - to confuse the population while they carry out their agenda) when people started questioning this madness, the government start to blame me. They say this confusion over Paria Fuel is my fault. You believe that?

I want to tell the country that it wasn't Kamla who closed down Petrotirin, put thousands of families on the breadline and the entire economy of South Central Trinidad in jeopardy.

It wasn't Kamla who appointed a Minister of Energy who frankly don't seem to know where he is half the time, far less for what's going on in his Ministry.

You all need to call him Franklyn can't not Franklyn Khan. He can't do anything, he doesn't know anything, and he is simply in the Ministry of Energy to rubber stamp Espinet's dictates...

-he's more useless than a toothbrush to a man with no teeth...

-he's more useless than a comb to a bald headed man...

You all get the picture.

It's not Kamla who can't give the people of Trinidad and Tobago a straight answer as to what is the plan for the future of Paria Fuel.

But I will promise the country that it WILL BE KAMLA and the UNC who cleans up the horrible mess this incompetent Rowley Government has inflicted on the people of Trinidad and Tobago! Tonight I am once again calling on the Rowley regime to halt any intended sale of the Petrotrin refinery and its assets. These belong to the people of Trinidad and Tobago-and the people will decide what is to become of these assets. Not Rowley and his golfing friends.

Faris - Keeping it in the Family

And in my last example of bold faced, two faced, double speak lies we have the man who took 8 years to do a four year course in law school, the one and only (hopefully) Faris Johnny Seukeran Al-Rawi.

Just two weeks ago, I told the country about the millionaire Attorney General and the Al-Rawi clan rental deal within the cabinet that he is a part of.

Let me remind you of a few things, in 2009 the clan rented #1 Alexandra Street to the PNM government for \$690,000 a month. Faris drafted the agreement.

And remember, Faris Al-Rawi's wife, is one of the directors of the company that owns #1 Alexandra Street.

There were claims that we left the building empty, but here is what the PNM tries to hide; do you know when they rented the building it was a shell, it was not outfitted for use and it lacked statutory approvals.

Rohan talking all over the news about building approvals, but the PNM rented a building for \$690,000 a month without approvals.

Now they will be collecting 1.4 million dollars every month!!

They don't want to talk about that, but they want to hide behind the fact that #1 Alexandra Street which was such a bad investment from the start, that it took years for us to get the outfitting done.

We started outfitting the building, and it took Rowley another year, with them in Government to move a ministry into the building, that is how bad it was.

I had to mention #1 Alexandra Street tonight, because the PNM has tried to spin the #1 Alexandra building issue and merge it with the property next door, #3 Alexandra Street.

The morning after I exposed this new lease, where just weeks before, Faris Al-Rawi was named as the 50% shareholder of the company, the talk was that this was an old issue.

Trying to make everything on Alexandra Street, look like one and the same.

They are trying to pull wool over your eyes, as they laugh their greedy selves all the way to the bank.

You see, with greedy people like these, you know we trinis say they lickerish, you have not only to listen to what they are saying, but also take note as to what is not being said.

The Prime Minister pathetically bold faced and two faced defended his AG this morning, claiming everything is above board.

This is a man who:

- cut the 500 dollar baby grant for single mothers
- took away laptops
- took away 18000 food cards from struggling families
- cut GATE
- cut school feeding
- fired thousands
- raised fuel prices three times
- raised taxes on food, car, house and land
- is not paying for medicines for people at the hospitals

But he defends the Al-Rawi clan. I told you all once and I will tell you again. This is a Prime Minister who is a stooge of the elite in this country. He is just there to do their bidding.

He only has a mouth to bully workers and the poor. Wicked! Incompetent! Useless government!

The facts are clear, the AG and his wife owned Zaman Enterprises, and they bought the property next to the one that his wife and her family owned.

The AG is trying to defend his corrupt actions by saying that he is not a director of the company anymore.

But his wife and son, are the directors...

But he was a shareholder at all material times?

The 23 million dollar question is Why did he try to hide that he has ownership in the property by taking off his name from the list of directors just before the lease agreement?

I am asking you, Dr Rowley! WHY?!

Tonight I will share some more information with you.

Minister Marlene McDonald made a statement in the Parliament on March 21st 2019. Minister Macdonald told the Parliament that 3 Alexander Place was being rented from Faris for the CPO's office.

And she was correct. However Minister McDonald did not share with us how the CPO arrived at no 3 Alexander Place.

While the CPO was occupying a building in Barataria at nine dollars a square foot. A particular Minister frustrated the negotiations for renewing the lease when it came up for renewal.

Tonight I want to ask whether or not Minister Maxie Cuffie has any knowledge about the details of the lease for the CPO office in Barataria.

Maxie was the Minister of Public Administration before Marlene. Did a particular Minister make sure that the CPO didn't stay at the Barataria office so Faris's building could be rented.

I am advised that there are no problems with the CPO office and the Barataria property, it was considered value for money at nine dollars a square foot.

But this government is one where if you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours.

On Tuesday March 19th 2019 in an interview on i95.5 Attorney General Faris Johnny Seukeran Al Rawi said that the property at no 3 Alexander was being rented at 7 dollars a square foot or 7.50 thereabouts.

The cabinet note for the rental of the property in black and white reflects that the property 3 Alexander is being rented at over 14 dollars a square foot.

In her statement to the Parliament, Marlene described the rental of Faris's property for the CPO as value for money.

So you left a properly functioning property that you were renting for 9 dollars a square foot to rent for 14 dollars a square foot spending over 8 Million dollars more in rent for the same period as value for money.

What a bold face, two faced lie!

I tell you tonight connect the dots. I have always told you that the PNM is a big people party.

I will share with you on the next occasion how much money one man in the Cabinet and his family are receiving in rental and contracts from the state, there are several other companies and contracts. Stay tuned!

I am sharing the information with you so you can see for yourself what is happening in Trinidad and Tobago under this PNM.

When you see a Cabinet writing off millions of dollars in medical bills for a Minister understand how and why? Is this a case of you help me and I will help you?

If you are a UNC supporter...if you are a PNM supporter... and even if you are an undecided voter...

Ask yourself... Is this right?

I ask you, WAS IT THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

Prime Minister said this morning he is okay with this but then this is a man who is okay with over 50000 persons losing their jobs.

I want you at home, look across the room at your husband or your wife, and tell me if he or she signed a deal to make \$23 million, in three years, that you would not directly benefit from it.

The AG is saying that because his wife and son are directors, he does not benefit from it.

They all living, eating and sleeping in the same house, but he won't benefit.

What these people are doing is disturbing. They are filling their pockets, eating steak, champagne, cake and ice cream and you are out here catching your tail to put the most basic food items on the table. This Faris Al Rawi is all Greed personified!

This PNM Jack Spratt...could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean, and so betwixt them both, they will wipe the Treasury clean.

Wasn't one building rental for 690 thousand a month enough faris?

You just had to go get a next 644 thousand.

People out here making 15 dollars an hour. 3000 dollars a month to take care of all of their needs i.e food, shelter, clothing, medicine, school books, transportation ...

Faris you Lickrish!!! AND A GREEDY DISGRACE TO THE COUNTRY.

And then he and Young saying is okay, he left the room during the discussion.

Picture it, the Cabinet is meeting. You sitting next to people you have worked with, campaigned with and formed a bond with.

Picture it... Ask elected members here, from members of a cabinet to a local government council... you work with them and they become your family.

So picture it... when they going to talk about giving his family clan millions, he gets up and leaves the room. And all of a sudden, he is an outsider. All of a sudden, the fact that they work together, lime together and campaigned together no longer exists... all of a sudden, they are objective.

That my friends is unethical Greed.

They are taking you and this country for fools.

Prime Minister, this one not going to just die down with time.

Either you revoke and cancel the contract with the Al-Rawi clan or remove the AG from office.

You can't have it both ways.

The AG or No 3 Alexandra lease... Pick one... and do it now. We don't want to hear about investigation, while they continue to collect rent. No.

Choose! Al-Rawi or the rental!

The Way Forward

My friends, it is clear that this Government led by Keith Rowley has failed, and the time has come for a return to good governance in order for Trinidad and Tobago to progress. And it is a UNC Government that will return our nation to a path of growth, to stability, and get our country working again.

We have a vision of a stronger, more prosperous Trinidad and Tobago, and your party will continue to work towards achieving this vision.

We plan to return our country to growth, make our homes and streets safer, improve access to health care and education and create more jobs by rebuilding our economy with a drive powered by the innovation and creativity of our people.

Are you ready to move with us?

Are you ready to work with us?

Are you ready to get T&T working again??

We can do it, together we can fix the mess this bold faced two faced Rowley government has made and build a better future for our children.

So tonight, let us recommit to making this a reality. Let us move forward, united in purpose, and return good governance to our beloved nation.

Thank you and good night.

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