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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Government of Belize Clarifies Municipal Curfew and Entry Ban Notice

Belmopan. March 22, 2020. It has come to the attention of the Attorney General's Ministry that there is a public notice circulating which states that Belizeans will not be allowed entry to the island of Caye Caulker and Sarteneja Village in the Corozal District.

The public is advised that only the Government of Belize can restrict the movement of Belizeans within Belize. Unless such restriction is enacted by the Government, municipal bodies should refrain from doing so. Any entity found guilty of doing such will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. Also note that it is not within the purview of any municipality to institute a mandatory curfew. This can only be done by the Government of Belize.

The Government continues to encourage social distancing as one of the best practices in avoiding the spread of COVID-19. Persons are encouraged to stay at home and avoid unnecessary social interactions.

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