



# **People's Progressive Movement**

## **Press Release**

### **Hon Joey Hew, Leader of the Opposition, Delivers An Important Message To The People of the Cayman Islands.**

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My fellow Caymanians and residents, this is Joey Hew – Leader of the Opposition.

The recent resignations of Government ministers have left a void in our country's leadership, shaking the confidence of our people, the business sector, and our standing in the international community.

My number one priority, and the priority of all my PPM colleagues, is the well-being of our Islands. We have listened closely to your concerns and know that Caymanians want leadership that prioritises unity, stability, and responsible governance. Your well-being is at the heart of our every decision.

To that end, I have spoken to Premier O'Connor-Conolly and MP Andre Ebanks to better understand their positions.



I want to make it clear that the PPM has not joined the government or any other grouping inside or outside of Parliament. We remain fully committed to our role as the Official Opposition, focusing on holding the government accountable and advocating for the Caymanian people.

We do not believe that the current minority government, made up of only 7 of the 19 elected members of Parliament, is sustainable for more than the very short term. I have had the opportunity to speak to Her Excellency Governor Owen, who has confirmed that she is considering the earliest possible date for the next general elections. However, she is concerned, as indeed we are, that the date set will not disenfranchise newly registered voters that are not yet on the official voters' register.

In the interest of stability, until the next general elections are held, the business of government must continue. We fully recognise that important initiatives must continue for the good of the country—for example, ensuring voter rights are respected. In addition, MP Andre Ebanks and the Premier have advised me that there is important financial services legislation that is still outstanding, and which must move forward before Parliament is dissolved. Therefore, we will not hinder the government from bringing important business to Parliament until the Governor determines the timeframe for the general elections. However, we will not agree to move forward on any contentious issues.

This approach will provide the confidence the Caymanian people and the international business community need and will assist in a fair elections process. It will also allow our people to consider all options for Cayman's best path forward.



Our commitment to you is to remain vigilant, supportive of stability, and prepared to lead with unwavering integrity and accountability.

We will continue to listen to you and act in the best interest of our country.

In conclusion, as the storm approaches, I urge everyone to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of their families and property. Please make sure to stay informed by following official government channels for updates.

May God bless you all, and may He bless the Cayman Islands and keep us all safe.

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