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DNA says PLP issues remain

THE less-than-flattering report into the reasons behind the PLP's 2007 election loss is the latest knife to be twisted in the ongoing war of words between the opposition and the fledgling Democratic National Alliance.

In a statement yesterday, the DNA said that while PLP leader Perry Christie has been focused on attacking their own leader Branville McCartney, he seems to have forgotten the reasons for his own "embarrassing defeat" in the last election.

The DNA said its officers have been made privy to the Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Report, conducted by the PLP's foreign consultant to determine what caused the loss.

The party said the results of the "extensive polling" revealed the three leading reasons why Bahamians did not support the PLP to be:

- Weak leadership by Perry Christie
- Corruption and scandals
- The Shane Gibson issue

with Anna Nicole Smith. The statement said: "The DNA now asks of Mr Christie, how do you expect to achieve success in this election when you have not addressed any of the issues that plagued your party in 2007?"

According to the party, Mr Christie is still considered weak "after four years of his silence being perceived as involuntary approval of he and Ingraham's shared agenda".

The DNA also said Mr Christie has yet to display the fortitude required to curb the scandal and corruption in his party.

And, it said, Shane Gibson, after bringing international shame and humiliation on the Bahamas, has again been ratified the PLP's candidate for Golden Gates.

The DNA said: "If Mr Christie is serious about the advancement of the PLP and the Bahamas' progress, then he should resign as the weak, fledgling, indecisive leader

that brought the party defeat and make way for innovative, vibrant leadership that is capable of restoring its reputation."

DNA leader Branville McCartney added: "For most of their tenure, Christie's PLP has been stained with corruption and greed that he has been too weak to curtail.

"In fact, many PLPs have joined the ranks of the Democratic National Alliance - from candidates to donors to supporters."

The DNA said that after recruiting numerous candidates once selected as standard bearers for the PLP, it is certain that because Mr Christie did not heed the warning of the Rosner report, this trend will continue.

The DNA said it is convinced that these former PLPs, disenfranchised by Mr Christie's weak leadership, are all in search of a new direction and will continue propelling the party "toward victory".



SHANE GIBSON, the PLP candidate for Golden Gates in the coming election, has been named as one of the reasons behind the PLP's 2007 election loss.

PLP CANDIDATE HITS OUT AT LACK OF TOURISM INVESTMENT

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FREEPORT - PLP candidate Gregory Moss says tourism is virtually dead on Grand Bahama and the FNM government has done nothing to reduce government taxes in the tourism sector.

According to Mr Moss, many small hotels have closed and the escalation of airport fees and increased government taxes has left the island uncompetitive.

"Instead of attempting to address that they (the government) have advertised Nassau as if it is the entire Bahamas and left out Grand Bahama and the other Family Islands," he said.

Mr Moss was speaking to supporters on Friday at the Grand Lucayan resort. The attorney is the standard bearer for the PLP in Marco City.

He said the FNM government continues to lie to Bahamians saying that the global recession is the blame for the state of the economy.

Despite the recession, Mr Moss stated that tourism has increased in many of the Caribbean islands, except the Bahamas.

He reported that the Caribbean Tourism Organisation website shows that tourism has actually increased from 2008 to 2011 by four to 10 per cent in just about every other island of the Caribbean, while at the same time tourism decreased in the Bahamas.

"The reason for that... is that they were selling higher arrivals number by bargains of discount. In other words, they were selling a deal.

"What did the Ingraham administration do? They didn't sell a deal," Mr Moss said.

"The FNM government increased departure taxes, increased hotel taxes, increased

National Insurance contributions, increased the cost of importing and licensing cars, and made tourism more expensive for the entire Bahamas, including Grand Bahama. It did nothing to reduce the cost of tourism," he added.

Mr Moss said the PLP will lower government taxes at the airport and for hotels to make the island more competitive.

PLP Leader Perry Christie announced that through a programme called Project Grand Bahama, the govern-

ment will provide an incentive for the rejuvenation of existing hotels and the expansion of new ones. Mr Christie proposes to cut government taxes at the airport and harbour in half, and cut hotel taxes by 50 per cent for a period of five years for existing hotels and 10 years for new hotels.

Mr Moss said the five FNM MPs did nothing for tourism or to create job growth and reduce the cost of electricity.

He stated that many Bahamians are unemployed

while a large number of foreigners are employed in the industrial sector. "The Prime Minister admitted that he did nothing for Grand Bahama because of he did not like Hannes Babak (former GB Port Authority chairman)."

Mr Moss indicated that while many foreigners catch the bus to go to jobs and line up in banks to cash cheques, Bahamians are out of work and made to line up on the welfare lines.

"There is no shortage of

jobs in the industrial sector, there is just a shortage of jobs for Bahamians," he said.

Mr Moss said now that an election is drawing near, the FNM has put people to work through its 52-week job programme and assisted persons to open businesses.

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