

DISCUSSION

amount of the budget support of the budget in Montserrat...," and speaking about the currency exchange, "you've actually seen a 30% reduction to this and actually the amount of money you were expecting in terms of the purchasing power of sterling...I explained to them that this isn't

just an issue for Montserrat. It's for all of the Overseas Territories where we provide assistance but for many other countries across the world."

The problem with that was that our leaders just went away and cried and said and did nothing. Oh for some honest and holistic

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representation.

She had said at the time also that DFID had its shortcomings in delivering aid to Montserrat and she admitted that again this year February, but declared that a change was coming in that regard. In addition, she urged that we wait and see how our

public servants who she thought showed in her discussions with them the potential for 'capacity', would react in getting projects on stream and completed. She had said all the right things and looked forward to 'good' things from the new government, in power for five months, but had not held a press conference to that day.

She did say, "You know we have to get certain standards

enforced." Did we really know what she was speaking about? What has changed since Sue Wardell left in February with a promise that DFID would boost up its method of delivery? Projects were enumerated. Little Bay project in doubt! Public servants do little or nothing to help, that is not their style, but the CM after calling on the private sector to shape up or ship out, reverts to

the public sector who must now set the example, which they have all failed to deliver on especially since 1998.

There has been an unusual chumminess in some quarters, and it seems now it is all much of the same. Let us see who will be willing to provide some answers and some information that may well spark the discussion that is so needed in this place.

Madoff son found dead in NYC in apparent suicide

By Kevin McCoy, USA TODAY
NEW YORK — The older son of infamous Ponzi scheme archi-

tect Bernard Madoff was found dead early Saturday, after he apparently hanged himself on the second anniversary of the multi-

billion dollar scam that victimized thousands of celebrities, charities and average investors.

The New York City Police

Department said investigators found the body of Mark Madoff, 46, in his condo in Manhattan's expensive Soho neighborhood after receiving an emergency call around 7:27 a.m.

"Mark Madoff took his own life today," said attorney Martin Flumenbaum, who has represented the apparent suicide victim and his younger brother, Andrew in the sprawling investigation of the scam. This is a terrible and unnecessary tragedy. Mark was an innocent victim of his father's monstrous crime."

Police said the New York City Medical Examiner's office would conduct an autopsy to confirm Madoff's cause of death.

It was the Madoff sons who alerted authorities in December 2008, after they said their father had confided the scheme was on the verge of collapse. Although

the brothers consistently have maintained they were blameless, investigators have focused on them because they worked closely with their father in the family's financial businesses.

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Flumenbaum suggested the continuing investigation might have triggered the suicide, saying Mark Madoff "succumbed to two years of unrelenting pressure from false accusations and innuendo."

"We are all deeply saddened by this shocking turn of events," said Flumenbaum.

The apparent suicide came as Irving Picard, the court-appointed trustee seeking to recover Bernard Madoff's assets on behalf of burned investors, filed a wave of lawsuits against banks and investment firms ahead of the midnight Saturday deadline for

suing entities and individuals suspected of having any role in the scam. Picard earlier filed lawsuits against the Madoff sons and other family members, seeking the return of millions of dollars in alleged improper gains. Picard has accused them of negligence and breach of their financial responsibilities.

Curious onlookers and reporters gathered outside Mark Madoff's building as news of the apparent suicide spread.

Bernard Madoff, 72, is serving a 150-year term in a North Carolina federal prison after he confessed and pleaded guilty last year. He insisted he acted alone. However, federal authorities have since filed criminal charges against several of his financial lieutenants and other longtime employees.

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