

GRENADA: Opposition Further Isolated

Grenada's Prime Minister Bishop appears to be exaggerating an incipient conspiracy against his seven-month-old regime to justify further arrests.

Bishop, who has long been paranoid over the possibility of outside intervention against his government, alleges that an insurrection was being planned involving seaborne landings and the assassination of government leaders. We have no evidence to support his allegations and many Grenadians do not believe the Prime Minister's charges against the 16 people imprisoned last weekend or against 20 others jailed in October.

Some kind of plot against Bishop might have been in an early planning stage.

Three men claiming to be Grenadian citizens told [redacted] on 4 October that they intended to oust Bishop primarily because of the deteriorating human rights situation on the island.

Bishop claimed to have proof that individuals in the US were raising funds to help topple him.