

THE BARBADOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REMEMBERS MR. ABED

The Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry has joined Corporate Barbados in extending condolences on the recent passing of Mr. Shouket Abed.

President, Glenda Medford commented, 'Mr. Abed was highly respected in the business community and will always be remembered for being a pioneer in the retail sector in Bridgetown and particularly Swan Street where he operated a successful business for many decades'.

His success has been chronicled in the book- 'Business in Bim – A Barbadian history of Barbados – 1900 -2000' written by Henderson Carter who wrote:

'Shouket Abed was one of the early Syrians to establish an enterprise of significance after he landed in Barbados in 1956. Starting with a small store on Broad Street, he later moved to No. 32 Swan Street in 1964 and in 1966, bought No. 31 from N.E Wilson to expand his namesake fabric store. The store had a significant impact on the business culture in Swan Street...he was also the first to introduce air conditioning in his Swan Street store and, after half a century of trading, his enterprise continues to thrive.'

Mr. Abed was also known for his generosity and had a strong sense of corporate responsibility making donations to various charities, communities and national activities including Crop Over and sports over the years. He was an active member of various business clubs and his company was a member of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

'We have lost yet another distinguished business leader, an entrepreneur and astute businessman', added Ms Medford. 'May he rest in peace'.