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NO ZONING NEXT WEEK BUT...



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"...persons have been tracking down persons and doing some of the worst things that you'd not expect people to be doing in an epidemic like this; putting persons' pictures on Facebook etc." - Dr. Cameron Wilkinson

COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- ✧ Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale
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Editorial

Elections Have Consequences

Like most every other country in the world, we, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis are experiencing the effects of the pandemic known as COVID-19, and in order to minimise the spreading and ill effects of the virus, we are all required to make certain personal sacrifices and curtail most of our outdoor and other public activities.

These are necessary measures, vital to our continued good health, and even life itself. We call on all of our people to comply with the various orders, rules and regulations, and we compliment all those who have been cooperating with the authorities in those regards.

We have always been a law abiding people, and so it has not called for much effort to obey the orders and rules on the part of the vast majority of our people. Rather unfortunately, there are those elements who will always run afoul of the law, and they will always have to be brought back into line.

The measures were, for the most part, formulated on the basis of recommendations developed by health professionals, both locally and internationally. Quite unfortunately, however, the political wiles and fancies of those in power have influenced major aspects of their implementation.

From the very outset it quickly became all too obvious that the regime had been seriously delinquent in paying attention to the growing menace, and the threat which it posed to our people.

Ever an irresponsible lot, they continued on their merryway, going off on cruises, trips to carnival, and otherwise travelling hither, thither and yon, all while lining their pockets at the public expense. For them it was a case of 'business as usual'.

Whenever attempts were made to bring them to their senses, the SCHEME UNITY lot turned loose their 'guard dogs'. Attacks against any and all criticsers went viral. Such was the case, when Mr. Garth Wilkin, a lawyer, called them out on the matter. He did so in an open letter to the public, and in a very professional manner.

The attacks on the gentleman were vile and vicious, reminiscent of those which they launched on Dr. Bichara Sahaley sometime ago, simply because he, like Mr.

Wilkin, sought to act responsibly, following their consciences, and discharging their civic duties and responsibilities.

Indeed, as persons near and far increasingly called them out, government by gimmickry worsened, and SCHEME UNITY intensified it's spreading of misinformation, at home, across the region, and beyond.

The naked emperor attempted to dodge the issue, but reality eventually compelled him to 'try something'. Whichever way he turned he found himself backed into a corner by the facts.

The naked emperor went into a 'mental meltdown'.

Stung by the international acclaim accorded our beloved comrade leader, Dr. The Right Honourable Denzil Douglas, for his stellar performance in dealing with the 2008 and 2009 economic and financial disasters and their aftermath, the regime's misleader touted a puerile and most ridiculous claim that, where the handling of the coronavirus problem was concerned, we were being lauded as some example for the world.

Were it not such a serious matter one could have had a good laugh. Indeed, COVID-19 is a deadly threat.

Their behaviour also underscores the lies and deceptions so characteristic of that lot. Much is made of the term 'unity' in their moniker, yet, at a time like this they reject our offers to help. They claim to be 'at war', yet refuse to include the opposition, a very real necessity whenever a nation is truly at war.

"Oh, what a web we weave, when at first we practice to deceive!"

They have also been hoping that the emergency would keep our people's mind off the fact that they are continuing to burden our country with scandal, after, scandal, after scandal.

Quite recently it was disclosed that a very senior member of their SCHEME is

now facing very serious charges in The United States, and is due to go on trial in the not too distant future.

We shall endeavour to keep you apprised of those developments.

It is also terrifying, though not surprising, that the regime is attempting to use the emergency as a vehicle for all kinds of electoral shenanigans.

Quite obviously the pandemic has knocked their 'timetable' and all other arrangements into total disarray.

Perhaps, he who once observed that all that is done in the dark will eventually come into the light, should be made aware that 'man appoints, but God disappoints'.

He should also be reminded that ingratitude is worse than witchcraft, even though it will not improve his outlook and behaviour one iota.

All of our people need to take stock of the fact that the regime are using the emergency as a cloak behind which they are plotting some very dangerous measures to be used in their attempts to hold on to power.

We do not need to be afraid of them, but we do need to be aware, to remain on guard, and to be fully prepared to undertake whatever becomes necessary to ensure that they fail, and do so dismally, in their all too obvious attempts to subvert our democracy.

As we ponder these matters, dear people of St. Kitts and Nevis, let us also reflect on the fact that elections have consequences.

Whatever SCHEME UNITY may try, we simply CANNOT afford to allow them to get away with any of it.

We MUST all be fully prepared to return to the fold, and once more grasp the sure, steady, caring, and ever loving Hand of Labour.

ALWAYS bear in mind, dear people, that elections have consequences.

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No Zoning Planned For Extended State Of Emergency

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 15th April 2020) – All citizens and residents are being asked to exercise all health safety precautions, including social distancing, when they go about their shopping business come next week when zoning will be discontinued under the intended relaxed curfew restrictions.

Going on the advice of the medical team, St. Kitts-Nevis is facing four (4) more days in total lockdown with the government’s plan to further extend its State of Emergency to 28 days- with another week added -in light of controlling the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), effective tomorrow Saturday 18th April 2020.

According to the Federation’s Constitution, the government is required go to parliament in acting upon reason to go beyond 21 days, supported by expert advice, weeks after asking citizens and residents to stay home since 28th March 2020 when the patients count -now 14- was two.

That 21-day timeframe expires tomorrow, and come today Friday 17th April, an emergency sitting of parliament is scheduled to address the additional days regarding this health matter at hand.

Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Timothy Harris during an address to the nation on Wednesday 15th April disclosed the details of such by way of the government’s move guided by information from the medical team.

According to him, the team recommends that the government keeps in place “regulations for the immediate future to reduce the risk of transmission and that we must still be mindful to practice social distancing in everything that we do.”

“The Cabinet of ministers have therefore determined that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency currently in place, to extend regulations made under the Emergency Powers Act in order to continue the fight against COVID-19. The St.Kitts and Nevis constitution provides that a declaration of emergency shall lapse after 21 days unless it is approved by a resolution of the National Assembly. Saturday 18th April will be 21 days since the state of emergency was proclaimed on the 28th of March. As a result, there will be an emergency sitting of the National Assembly on Friday 17th April at 10:00 AM. This sitting has been called to debate and pass a resolution to extend the state of emergency. Further regulations would be made to come into force once the current regulations expire on Saturday 18th April...” he explained.

PM Harris said: “The new regulations that come into force this weekend, will extend from Saturday [18th April] morning at 6:00 AM to the following Saturday [25th April] at 6am. They will provide for a 24- hour lockdown; a total lockdown, from 6:00 AM Saturday 18th until Monday 20th at 6:00 AM.”

He pointed out that the medical team has advised that there be a gradual relaxation of the limited or restricted curfews on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st and also on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00PM each day- with nightly curfews from 7:00 PM each evening to 6:00 AM the following morning.

As understood, Wednesday 22nd will see a total lockdown.

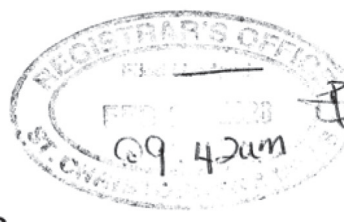
“In the middle of the week, from Tuesday 7:00 PM to Thursday 6:00 AM, there will be a further 24 hour lockdown, or total curfew,” PM Harris stated.

A total lockdown had been in place from Thursday 9th to Thursday 16th April under the current the extended state of emergency featuring partial curfews from 6:00AM to 7:00 PM on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th as the shelter in place regulations remain enforced.

Dr. Harris said come next week, the zoning plan will be discontinued.

“Four days will be made available to you if you must leave

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Claim No. SKBHCV2015/0207

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
and
**CLYVE CAINES
VERNICE MORTON**
and
CLYVE JEVON CAINES
NOTICE OF SALE

- Applicant

- Respondents

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 17 day of April 2020 at 2:15 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

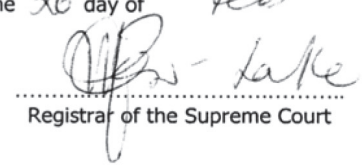
The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.


The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. E-6 situate at Bird Rock Residential & Commercial Development in the Parish of Saint George, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 127.29 feet; On or towards the East by Lot E-5, 253.78 feet; On or towards the South by Crown Lands, 131.90 feet and 87.66 feet; And On or towards the West by Lot E-7, 119.98 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.66 acre, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of December, 2007 and registered in Book G3 Folio 609 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **CLYVE CAINES, VERNICE MORTON and CLYVE JEVON CAINES of Earle Morne, Bird Rock, in the Island of Saint Christopher as Registered Proprietors thereof.**

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$815,048.33**
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Registrar of the Supreme Court



your home, but the shelter in place regulations will still be in force. This will allow you to better plan how to shop for food and other necessities. That is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be available for shopping and other essential elements to be taken care of with partial curfew in place. Wednesday will be a full 24-hour lockdown.”

To date, police have been enforcing the zoning plan introduced last week, catering to others outside of the essential workers groupings, who want to their leave residence to buy medicine, food or other necessities.

To this end, yesterday (16th April) Zone One were able to visit banks and other service providers, pharmacies, supermarkets and food outlets while Zone Two’s turn will be today (17th April) between the hours of 6:00 AM to 7:00PM.

In Nevis, yesterday Zone 3 residents were allowed to leave home while Zone 4’s outing is slated for today from 7:00AM to 5:00PM.

Photo: Shoppers line up outside RAMS supermarket on the Bay Road in Basseterre on Thursday 9th April 2020- hours before the total lockdown period (Thursday 9th April to Thursday 16th April)- as a police officer tries to enforce social distancing (Spokesman Snap)

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To the Magistrate, District “B”
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Carvel V. S. Lake now residing in Green Tree Project in the village of Old Road do hereby give you notice that is our intention to apply on 01st day of May, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of our premises in Green Tree Project in Old Road, St. Kitts.

Dated this
19th day of March, 2020
Signed: C. Lake



ID -19 Patients' Not To Be Made Public Anymore

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 17th April 2020)- The gender, age and race details of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will no longer be made public as part of the regular situation report by the local medical team in St. Kitts-Nevis

Medical Chief of Staff at the Joseph N. France General Hospital Dr. Cameron Wilkinson while appearing on a special edition of National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing on Wednesday 15th April 2020 explained why citing the protection of patient privacy in a small society in which he also touched on social media tracking.

“Going forward, we would not be giving all that information because First and foremost we have to think about persons’ confidentiality, and we live in a small community. When I lived in the United States, I take off my white jacket and step outside of the hospital and no one knew me; I just another person walking in the street. Here, in this very small environment that we live, people know persons and so when you give a significant amount of information as it relates to the race, the age, the gender, persons have been tracking down persons and doing some of the worst things that you’d not expect people to be doing in an epidemic like this; putting persons pictures’ on Facebook etc. sometimes they’ve put the wrong picture. Now what are we to do, call and say or that is the wrong person so that when they have the right person we say you have the right persons?”

Dr. Wilkinson noted: “And so we need to protect persons’ confidentiality. When you get the figures out of Italy, New York etc., you get a number; you don’t get any details as it was a black man aged 25 living in Harlem.”

He then highlighted the way forward on the matter saying “what we would do in time is to provide the data so that persons can look at the [trends] and so maybe at the end of a month etc. we’ll say the 14 cases, they were divided by age, sex etc. so that persons can look at the [trends] .in trying to protect persons confidentiality.”

“For all those persons out there who are yes we should give their information out , you would say yes until it is you, until it is your mother, until it is your father, and sometimes persons only understand the severity of a situation when it touches home but we need to protect every single one. I know exactly what some of these persons went through when persons tracked them down ...and we need to protect them; we need to look out for everyone,” he further noted.

Front page image of social media icons (credit: Flickr / Photo by Yoel Ben-Avraham)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SKELEC'S COVID-19 MORATORIUM

Basseterre, St. Kitts (March 30, 2020)— The St. Kitts Electricity Company, in keeping with the COVID-19 Economic stimulus package announced by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, wishes to encourage eligible customers to apply for its three-month moratorium from April – June 2020.

The COVID-19 Moratorium includes three months deferred payments of an electricity bill for April, May, June 2020. To qualify for the moratorium applicants must show proof of financial impact due to the economic fallout of COVID-19 by providing a letter from their employer confirming such impact. Customers can also submit documentation proving self-employment within the tourism sector or any other sector affected by COVID-19.

Customers who qualify for the moratorium must note the following:

- The next payment due will be for March’s bill which must be paid on or before July 2020
- If possible, customers are encouraged to make a payment during April- June 2020
- After the moratorium ends, customers must make arrangements with SKELEC to bring account up to date

To apply for the moratorium customers must email name, copy of bill or account number, and documents showing proof of financial impact to prove eligibility to customerservice@skelec.kn or log on to www.skelec.kn

Alternatively, customers can call our Customer Service Department at 869-465-2000.



Coronavirus SKN: Patients Require Two Negative Test Results Before Full Recovery

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 17th April 2020)-To date, the local COVID-19 team has been indicating that all fourteen (14) patients have been doing, and members of the public continue to be curious as to what is happening with regard to actual illness recovery details.

Medical Chief of Staff at the Joseph N. France General Hospital Dr. Cameron Wilkinson has pointed out that “a very stringent programme” in place-which includes two negative results- before a patient is fits the status of being fully recovered.

He made the disclosure

“In the United States, for example, once a person has gone 72 hours without any symptoms, you might hear them say that they are recovered. But because we know that the virus, even though you’re symptom free can still be present at very low levels and although your ability to transmit the virus might be low at that point in time, our policy is to wait until fourteen (14) days after you have no symptoms and retest you and see if you get two negative tests. We have not proclaimed that anybody has recovered as yet even though they are all doing well,” Dr. Wilkinson shared.

As of yesterday Thursday 16th April, in the latest statistics, 243 persons had been tested with the 14 confirmed cases, 199 confirmed negative and 30 results pending with 0 deaths recorded.

No one was quarantined in a government facility while 84 persons were quarantined at home, and the 14 patients in isolation and a total of 608 persons released from quarantine.

“There is a chance that individuals can experience relapse and so we have to be careful in so doing,” chimed in Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws.

Public Relations Officer of the NEOC Dr. Marissa Carty is advising individuals to be safe during the partial curfew days.

“Please be reminded that as you venture out on the partial curfew days adhere to all safety guidelines including wearing masks in public, sanitising your hand regularly, coughing or sneezing into the curve of the elbow or into a rag or tissue and dispose of it appropriately and practice the physical distance measures of at least six feet between persons. If we work together we will overcome together.”

Photo - Medical Chief of Staff at the Joseph N. France General Hospital Dr. Cameron Wilkinson (SKNIS photo)

Mischief-Making Behaviour During COVID19 Frowned Upon

...Over 70 Arrests Made

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 17th April 2020) - Individuals making prank calls to the COVID-19 hotline (311) as well as those playing 'cat and mouse' with the police during curfew hours have become frowned upon topics amidst the nation's efforts in the fight against the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Chairman of the National Disaster Mitigation Council Vincent Byron Jr. and Superintendent Cromwell Henry have both separately addressed such issues in asking mischief-makers to stop such behavior.

Notably, more than 70 individuals have been arrested for disobeying the 'stay at home' rules.

Speaking at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Thursday 16th April 2020, Bryon described prank calls to the hotline as a "disturbing" matter observed by the NEOC.

"We consider this to be very serious. The 311 is a hotline for emergencies for those who may require assistance. The 311 is a line that give explanations and assistance to who would require assistance and it is ...unacceptable for those who do not have any proper business or proper question to try to give prank calls to the 311 hotline. This must stop. This must be terminated immediately. What I will say is that these calls will be monitored if necessary traced if anyone wants to continue to give false information or to undermine our 311 hotline. It is doing a service for you and for all of us and should be taken very seriously," he remarked.

"This is not the time for prank," added Chairman of the COVID-19 Task Force Lesroy Williams.

Meanwhile Superintendent Henry at a NEOC Daily Briefing on Tuesday 14th April advised pranksters to refrain from playing 'cat and mouse' or else face the punishment for doing so.

"We are still in the 24-hour curfew period which means that persons must remain in their homes. In a few communities, we find persons are playing 'cat and mouse' with the police. They would congregate in the streets or on the sidewalks and would run through alleys or in their yard when the police approaches, and then as soon as the police leave they come back out on the street. This is not very amusing to the police, and persons caught in these circumstances will be prosecuted," he commented.

The top police official continued: "Again, we urge persons to comply with the terms of the curfew to stay in your residence including your yard and avoid being found on the street unless of course you have a very good reason; be it a medical emergency, you are an essential worker or you have special exemption from the Commissioner of Police."


In sharing the law enforcement activities as it relates to curfew breakers, Superintendent Cromwell- at the NEOC media event on Thursday 16th April- informed that from the period of March 28th up to April 15th, there has been seventy-two (72) arrests.

He provided the breakdown: In Division A (Basseterre area, Cayon, Stapleton, Frigate Bay) thirty-eight 38 arrests , twenty-five (25) in Division B (area of West Farm to Lodge) and nine (9) in Division C which is Nevis.

According to him, 48 of the 72 persons have been charged and 24 have been informed that they would be reported via summons.

Front Page Photo: Superintendent Cromwell Henry (SKNIS photo)

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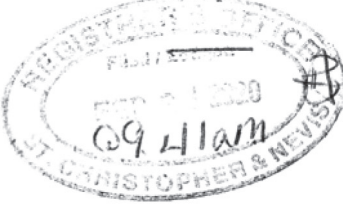
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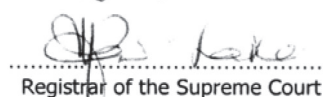
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ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Newton Ground, in the Parish of St. Paul, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Constantia Elliott, 54.89 feet; On or towards the East by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Emanuel Burke, 61.24 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Eleanor Charles, 30.09 feet; On or towards the West and South West by lands of Cranstoun Estate, 46,05 feet and 13.40 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,655.34 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 30th day of May, 2007 and registered in Book G3 Folio 294A of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of DERRICK HANLEY of Bradshaw Alley, Newton Ground Village, in the Parish of St. Pauls, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

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Registrar of the Supreme Court



New “Fast-track” EU-funded COVID-19 Resilience Facility to Benefit Caribbean OCTs

RESEMBID Media Release

Friday, April 17, 2020 — Cole Bay, Sint Maarten – The European Union and Expertise France on Monday, 6th April approved a special, fast-tracked €10 million COVID-19 mechanism to support the Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) in their efforts at managing and responding to the impact of the Novel Coronavirus.

The RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility has thus been established against the backdrop of overwhelmed public health systems across the OCTs, and jarringly deepening social and economic crises in most Territories.

The Facility is funded by the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund, and is a component of its regional RESEMBID Programme (Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity). RESEMBID is being implemented by Expertise France, the development cooperation agency of France.

According to Fabian McKinnon, RESEMBID’s Programme Director, the genesis of the new facility was his team’s recognition of the “crushing pressure” that the increasing number of cases and mortality are placing on the public health systems of the OCTs, on vulnerable groups and on the capacity of Governments to manage and respond.

“In these exceptional circumstances, and as the outbreak began to gather pace and rapidly internationalise, our team at RESEMBID quickly set out to explore ways and means of leveraging our Programme in order to come to the support of the OCTs at this terribly trying time,” said McKinnon.

He further pointed out that while the Facility is an integral part of the ongoing RESEMBID Programme, it does not displace any strategic or functional aspect of the existing Programme, that the allocated funds are geared



specifically towards financing COVID-19 Resilience response actions across the twelve OCTs.

Highlighting the simplified approval procedures, McKinnon further noted,

“We crafted it [the Facility] as a purpose-designed, fast-track, flexible response tool for the OCTs to confront the multiple challenges of responding to the pandemic.”

“Its aim is to be very quick and flexible, whilst affording each Territory maximum control and latitude in determining their needs and requests. We will do our utmost to support the OCTs.”

Speaking on the European Union’s decision to support the new “fast-track” Facility, Karel Lizerot, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union in Guyana – with additional responsibility for Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, and Suriname – cited the convenience and good fortune of having a pre-existing resilience-based programme already operational within the OCTs.

Referring to the recently concluded RESEMBID formulation missions to all twelve OCTs, Lizerot said,

“To have Expertise France and RESEMBID already up and running, and comprehensively covering all the Caribbean OCTs in a way that is very much based on listening, and taking care of their needs, has been very encouraging.”

“So all that trust that we have towards Expertise France, enabled us to give our green lights to this Facility.”

The decision came just days before Eurozone Finance Ministers successfully negotiated a €540 billion stimulus package in response to the devastating impact of the Novel Coronavirus on European economies. While the OCTs are linked to their respective European mother countries, politically, they are not a part of the European Union, and therefore are not eligible for EU external funding.

While most Governments have already implemented stern measures to prevent the community spread of the Novel Coronavirus – thus avoiding a complete collapse of local public health systems – the socio economic fabrics of the OCTs, are today being tested in ways previously unimaginable.

Lizerot in acknowledging

the challenge of predicting the ultimate impact of the coronavirus on the OCTs, and determining immediate responses, said,

“I can only praise the fact that we have a running programme that has always been – even before COVID-19 – resilience-based.”

“It was more based on climate change resilience, but it was also contractually and procedurally relatively easy for the European Union to reorient it towards the health resilience.”

Highlighting the unsung value of solidarity in crisis situations, Lizerot said,

“Prior COVID-19, I had my questions about how we were going to set up a truly regional approach among twelve OCTs, that are very diverse – different languages, different systems, different geography.

“However, I think now is really a good time to actually come together, and be one front against COVID-19 – all of the OCTs. Because COVID does not discriminate.”

The RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility is now deployed across the twelve OCTs, under a fast-track expedited procedure, with priority actions to be determined by each country or territory, consistent with local needs.

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Man Found Dead Inside Bath Village House During Total Lockdown

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 17th April 2020) - A man, 63, was found dead inside his Bath Village house in Nevis during the total lockdown period.

The discovery was made on Tuesday 14th April 2020 after police received a report at about midday.

Up to press time on Thursday 16th April, police had not identified him. However, this media house has received credible information which gives the deceased's initials as CM.

A spokesperson of the police public relations department has said "no foul play is suspected."

Although information is sketchy at this, it is believed that he was two or three days after his demise.



Photo: Video screenshot of the scene when the deceased's body was removed from his Bath Village home

Latest COVID-19 Patients Who Got Illness From Local Spread Were Under Quarantine Already

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 17th April 2020)-The two latest coronavirus patients who got the illness from local spread- one of whom is a close contact of someone in isolation and the other a relative of a suspected case- were reportedly already in quarantine when their test results came back positive, taking the Federation's count to 14 cases.

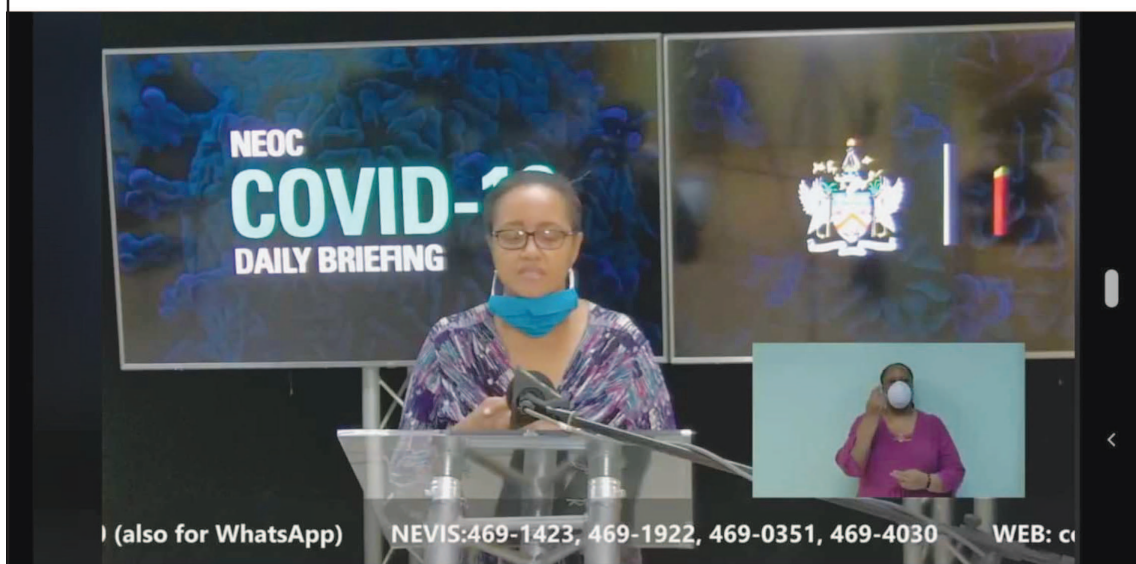
At the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Tuesday 14th April 2020, Junior Minister of Health Senator Wendy Phipps gave a fresh local update involving 12 samples sent to The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) on Monday 13th April.

"These are from persons of 12 contacts who were already placed on quarantine when their contacts received the confirmation of their tests results. The results were received today -in very quick time-and of the 12 tests, 10 were negative and 2 were positive. These persons tested positive were already in quarantine and will remain in isolation as of per our protocol that has been put in place from the very beginning," she said.

Phipps added: "These two cases reside on St.Kitts and of these two cases, one was a close contact of a positive case and was already in quarantine as stated earlier. The second one, however, is a family member of a suspected case already in quarantine and...these two positive cases represent the local spread of the virus within that household; it doesn't say within our community..."

The Junior Health Minister said all 14 patients are doing well.

"We continue with our vigorous contact tracing and quarantine and isolation procedures in order to keep the virus under control and we continue to stress the importance of personal responsibility in our efforts to control this disease. We are thankful, however, that all of the positive cases are doing well and recovering, and that we have had no hospital admissions or deaths with regards to COVID-19."



Junior Minister of Health Senator Wendy Phipps at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) live daily briefing held on Monday 6th April 2020 (Video Screenshot)

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Douglas: If our People Can Line up To Shop at Supermarkets Under COVID-19 They Can Do The Same To Vote In Elections

Basseterre, St Kitts, April 14, 2020 - Pointing that the coronavirus - COVID19 - has introduced a new norm in St Kitts and Nevis, Political Leader of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP), The Rt Hon Dr Denzil L Douglas said Tuesday that if people can line up to shop at supermarkets and pharmacies and do business at banks, they can also line up to vote in the next general elections while observing social distancing.

Dr Douglas in answer to a question, is seen as a response to a recent statement on Monday by Attorney General and Minister responsible for elections, Sen the Hon Vincent Byron Jr, that the COVID-19 crisis should place general elections which must be held in St Kitts and Nevis by August 14, 2020 "on the back burner."

"*Every crisis has its unique and distinctive features and this pandemic calls for social distancing, the requirements of which do not prove an insurmountable obstacle that cannot be easily and effectively managed in an election scenario," Dr Douglas told listeners.

"If our people can line up to shop for groceries, go to the pharmacy and to the bank, they can line up to vote in exercise of their democratic freedoms. Our people love our democratic freedoms just as much as they love food to eat, medicine to make them well and money in the bank to buy the food and buy the medicine. They will line up to vote. They will line up and they will distance themselves six feet apart. They will be gloved up and masked up in order to vote," said Dr Douglas, a former prime minister.

"Let us not fool ourselves. And so we have to examine carefully what we are being told by those who seem to have some kind of sinister agenda. Let us be very careful. The authorities have more than enough time to prepare," said Dr Douglas.

He is of the firm view that in light of the 'new norm,' the conduct of the next general elections "will have to be different."

He noted that although the life of the current National Assembly ends on 14th May 2020 and time is short, "we are going to have our elections conducted in the next few weeks under conditions of social and physical distancing."

"Each of us will have to wear a mask as we approach the



Photo - Rt . Hon . Dr . Denzil L Douglas

polling station and as we take the ballot paper from the Presiding Officer ... This is the new normal. Each of us voting might also have to wear gloves to handle the pencils which we may discard after making our "x." In other words, life has changed and even though the period of time is relatively short for our upcoming elections, we had better begin to understand that social distancing and a limit on the numbers of people allowed to vote at each polling station will have to be instituted if we are going to obey the new realities that have been brought upon us by COVID-19," the former prime minister said.

"We may even have to look

at how we are going to vote. It may take one, two or three days. This is a situation where the rule of law and good governance are of critical importance. This is a paradigm shift that would have taken place as a result of the pandemic," said Dr Douglas.

In a direct reference to prime minister Dr Timothy Harris' assertion that St Kitts and Nevis is at war in the fight against COVID-19, Dr Douglas said: "We are not in any war. There are some people who would want you to believe that we are at war, but we are not at war in this country. We are still a blessed and peaceful country, but the realities are that

certain changes would have to be made because of COVID-19 and its lingering effects that will last a prolonged period of time."

The former prime minister also suggested that persons who are employed in essential services such as police officers, defense force soldiers, nurses, doctors and other healthcare workers generally, will need to vote early if they are to carry out their duties while exercising their rights as citizens to vote.

"These are some of the things we would have to consider. We will need more agents, more poll clerks, etc. to manage the (election) exercise," Dr Douglas said.

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- The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.
- Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.
- Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

TRANSMISSION

- Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.
- Standing within one meter of an infected person.
- Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

WORKPLACE PREVENTION MEASURES

- Undertake risk assessments and implement controls.
- Explore alternative work methods.
- Share information and establish communication plans.
- Wash hands frequently and adopt good hygiene practices.
- Avoid sharing objects that could transmit the virus.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Beware of wide-spreading droplets (breath in and cough out).
- Keep workplaces and objects clean and disinfected.
- Protect clients and end users.
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Food crop farmers lament government's lack of seriousness on food security; farmers cannot be quarantined, says Mills

Basseterre, St Kitts, April 15, 2020 - The Timothy Harris-led Team Unity Government have been told that local crop farmers cannot continue to be quarantined and have accused the officials in the Ministry of Agriculture of continuing to give lip service to the sector even in the face of a threat to food security from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

A State of Emergency with a night-time and a 24-hour curfew has been in existence for three weeks.

"Crop farmers must be seen as our 'bird in the hand' and we are sure of that. If the food crop farmers are not allowed to go and look after their crops, it is 'open day for monkeys' on our farms," said Tristram Mills, who called into Tuesday's weekly radio programme hosted by the Rt Hon Dr Denzil L Douglas, National Political Leader of the opposition St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP).

Mills predicted that no local food crops will be available by August if the necessary measures are not taken to increase food crop production.



"Farmers cannot be quarantined, they cannot lock down farmers. Farmers cannot be quarantined especially at a time like this," said Mills, who called for the present situation to be addressed with the implementation of special provisions.



Prominent Nevisian farmer, Dr Kelvin Daley is questioning on whose advise the decision was first made to limit crop farmers to a time of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily to tend to their food crops and

livestock.

"If you are talking about pig farmers, poultry farmers, they are in a different category and those persons require time to look for their animals, feed them and make sure there are not other derimental issues, such as busted pipes, etc. Two hours is not enough," said Daley, who indicated that he is now aware that additional time - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. was recently implemented on Nevis.

"If you are a root crop farmer these hours are not enough if you are talking about food security. If you are talking about making sure that you stay on your operation to protect your crop from monkeys or roaming animals, I do not see the logic behind it," said Daley, who further pointed out that most crop farmers are independent, single or family operations and not a mass of people.

"I do not know of any mass of farmers congregating at any one farm so social distancing should not be an issue regarding the operations of a farm," said Daley on Freedom 106.5 FM on Tuesday.

Photo - Dr Kelvin Daley

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Childhood Exposure To Parental Smoking Linked To Poorer Cognitive Function In Midlife

A Finnish study coordinated by the Research Centre of Applied and Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Turku, Finland, shows that exposure to parental smoking in childhood and adolescence is associated with poorer learning ability and memory in midlife.

With the aging population, cognitive deficits such as difficulties in learning and memory are becoming more common. Active smoking is known to be detrimental to cognitive function and to contribute to the occurrence of cognitive deficits. Similar short-term associations have been observed for secondhand smoking. Results from a longitudinal Finnish study show that the harmful effects of childhood secondhand smoking exposure may carry over to midlife learning ability and memory function.

Previous studies have focused on adulthood exposure or on the short-term effects of childhood exposure, whereas this study brings novel information on the long-term associations between secondhand smoking exposure in childhood and cognitive function in midlife, says Senior Researcher Suvi Rovio from the Research Centre of Applied and Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Turku.

The results of this study highlight that the focus of prevention of secondhand smoking exposure should be on children and

adolescents in order to promote brain health in adulthood. In addition to protecting children and adolescents from starting active smoking, attention should be paid to their secondhand smoking exposure at home and elsewhere.

The cognitive performance of over 2,000 participants was measured at the age of 34-49 years. The results showed that participants who had been exposed to parental smoking in childhood had worse learning ability and poorer memory in midlife than those participants whose parents did not smoke in their presence. This association was present regardless of the participants' own smoking either in adolescence or adulthood. The difference in cognitive performance between those participants who had been exposed to parental smoking and those with non-smoking parents was equivalent to the difference caused by up to five years of aging.

The study is part of the ongoing national Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study coordinated by the Research Centre of Applied and Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Turku. The researchers of the follow-up study have studied 3,596 participants repeatedly over 31 years for their cardiovascular risk factors from childhood to adulthood.

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Dated this
19th day of March, 2020.

Signed: **L. Williams**

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Taiwan Donating Two Million Face Masks To Virus-hit Japan



A worker shows a surgical mask with "Made in Taiwan" mark from a production line in a factory in Taoyuan, Taiwan on 6 April 2020. Photo credit: Ann Wang (Reuters).

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan will donate two million face masks to its former colonial master Japan, which has been hard hit by the outbreak of the new coronavirus, as part of the island's efforts to show it can help the world combat the pandemic.

Despite being locked out of the World Health Organization (WHO) due to the objections of China, which considers the island merely a Chinese province, Taiwan has been keen to demonstrate it is a responsible member of the international community.

Taiwan is in the process of donating 16 million masks to countries hardest hit by the virus, including the United States and Europe, under the slogan "Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping".

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday the two million masks for Japan would go to front line medical workers.

"Taiwan and Japan share values and are close partners and important friends at all levels," it said.

Taiwan hopes to further strengthen cooperation with Japan,

including in the research and development of vaccines and exchanges between medical experts, the ministry added.

Japan, like most countries, has no official diplomatic ties with Taiwan, but the two have close unofficial relations. Japan ruled Taiwan between 1895 and 1945.

Japan has seen an accelerating infection rate in recent weeks, particularly in Tokyo. The government has responded by declaring an emergency in Tokyo and six other areas including Osaka, and a goal to cut interactions between people by 70 percent.

Japan, which tests only people with symptoms of the coronavirus, has so far recorded nearly 200 deaths and more than 9,000 infections, including passengers who caught the virus on a cruise ship.

(Reporting by Ben Blanchard; Editing by Simon Cameron-Moore.)

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Coronavirus Response - Why Cuba Is Such An Interesting Case

By Dr Emily Morris and Dr Ilan Kelman, UCL



Photo credit: Yander Zamora (EPA).

Some countries seem to be weathering the coronavirus pandemic better than others. One country that moved rapidly to deal with the emerging threat was Cuba.

Cuba has several advantages over many states, including free universal healthcare, the world's highest ratio of doctors to population, and positive health indicators, such as high life expectancy and low infant mortality. Many of its doctors have volunteered around the world, building up and supporting other

countries' health systems while gaining experience in emergencies.

A highly educated population and advanced medical research industry, including three laboratories equip-ped and staffed to run virus tests, are further strengths. Also, with a centrally planned, state-controlled economy, Cuba's government can mobilise resources quickly.

Its national emergency planning structure is connected with local organisations in every corner of the country. The disaster-preparedness system, with mandatory evacuations for vulnerable people such as the disabled and pregnant women, has previously resulted in a remarkably low loss of life from hurricanes.

However, COVID-19 presents differences. Cuba's lack of resources, which hampers recovery from



MOFA voices discontent with WHO remarks on Taiwan

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The MOFA expresses strong disagreement with the WHO Secretariat and its claims regarding Taiwan's WHO participation April 16 in Taipei City. (MOFA)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs April 16 expressed strong dissatisfaction over remarks made a day earlier by the World Health Organization's Secretariat justifying its stance on Taiwan's WHO participation.

The Secretariat's citing of U.N. General Assembly Resolution 2758 and World Health Assembly Resolution 25.1 as justifications for Taiwan's exclusion is erroneous, while its claim of having maintained good and extensive interactions with Taiwan also fails to present the full picture, the MOFA said.

The two resolutions do not refer to Taiwan as part of China, appropriately address the participation of Taiwan's 23 million people in U.N. specialized agencies or authorize China to represent Taiwan in the U.N. system, it added.

According to the MOFA, Taiwan is a democratic country widely commended by the global community that enjoys full statehood and maintains an advanced and comprehensive health care system.

Although the WHO has granted Taiwan limited involvement in recent years thanks to robust support from the global community, the organization's adherence to political considerations continues to hamper full participation, the ministry added.

Taiwan's bid to play a constructive, pragmatic and professional role in the WHO has gained widespread support, the ministry said, adding that an increasing number of countries have voiced concern that its exclusion from the WHO poses a risk to global health.

As the leading public health organization in the world, the WHO should maintain a position of neutrality and professionalism, and not become complicit in suppressing the right to health of Taiwan's people, the ministry said.

The MOFA called on the U.N. organization to acknowledge Taiwan and China are two separate jurisdictions, respond to the global community's calls by inviting Taiwan to attend this year's WHA as an observer, and facilitate the country's full participation in its activities, mechanisms and meetings. (SFC-E)

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disasters, also contributes to a housing shortage that makes physical distancing difficult. And the island's poor infrastructure creates logistical challenges.

Also, the pandemic comes at a particularly difficult time,

as tightened US sanctions have sharply cut earnings from tourism and other services, deterred foreign investment, hampered trade (including

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GREAT LEADERS WERE BORN, NOT MADE!

"I always believe that ultimately that if people are paying attention, they get good government and good leadership. And when we get lazy as a democracy and civically start taking short cuts, then it results in bad government and politics!"
Barack Obama.

Dear reader, I always heard my granny say that if wind does not blow, you will never see the bottom of the fowl exposed. Great Leaders of the world are tested ever so often to see if they are worthy of their positions, or to see the mettle of which they are made. In the Second World War of 1939-1945, the Germans were ferociously attacking European Countries, invading most of them. Britain was the smallest of these Nations, but it had a Leader named Winston Churchill who SOARED like an Eagle in that Crisis and rallied the country around him.

Hear his speech, "Country men, the Germans are wreaking havoc in Europe and the chances are that we will be invaded, but we will defend our country, for we will fight then on the beaches, we will fight them in the streets, we will fight then in our home, and we will defend our homeland!" And you know what? Britain was the only European Country, the Germans did not invade, for the British rose up gallantly behind their Leader and defended their homeland.

You see, in times of crisis the METTLE of the Leader comes to the fore. The Statesmanship of the Leader is exhibited and the Eagle in the Leader Soars to the Heavens. Trivial Politics are forgotten and the welfare of the Country and the people takes precedence; it is all hands on deck, to defend the homeland. This is the Leader's TESTING TIME, which he has to pass with flying colours.

This is what presents him to the world as a Statesman, and as a Respected Leader. This is what earns him International accreditation. This is what brings respect, adoration and admiration to the people and the country, which produce such an OUTSTANDINGLY Great Leader in times of crisis. Dr. Timothy Sylvester Harris is seeking a Second Term in Office, but who has failed terribly as a Leader in this crisis facing our homeland. When he should have been standing up like a Real Leader, he has been found wanting in Leadership Qualities, Lacking in Concern, In Inefficiency, Ineffectiveness, Vision, Planning!

On Sunday 22nd March, the Prime Minister Dr. Harris, came on Radio and T.V, proclaiming that we are free of the virus although there is an International crisis looming on the horizon, which could affect our country at any time soon. That Sunday night's Speech came at a time of grave uncertainty with people already being laid off, yet the Prime Minister did not come with ant relief package for them. What HEARTLESSNESS?

Somebody must have drawn his attention to this grave omission, this total disregard for the workers plight, this uncaring attitude for the workers whom he is trying to woo over onto his side, so he returned on Tuesday. Afternoon at a Press Conference with some figures in an attempt to bamboozle the workers that he really cared for them; such concerns should have been expressed in his very first speech on Sunday night, March 22nd, signaling his empathy with the worker working class of the land; he is with them; he is feeling their pain, suffering and deprivation.

Here you have people losing their jobs left, right and center and you are coming to them with no hope of how to cope? This clearly tells them, without a reasonable doubt in their minds, that their P.M. is really not a people oriented person; he only wanted to be Prime Minister for being the Prime Minister's sake. That the people could be starving and he doesn't care whether they live or they die. This feelingless attitude towards the workers plight is testimony to the fact that he harbours no concern for them and their hungry starving children.

That he is aloof, that he will never come down to them and assist them in their time of trouble or distress. The very first Speech when ton Loads of them have been sent home, wringing their



By: Earle Clarke

hands agonizingly, praying loudly and softly, hugging their children tightly to them in despair in despair, working out their math's as to how they're going to cope with the situation, moaning, groaning, tossing, twisting in their sleep, or with eyes staring wide open towards the ceiling, wondering where to turn to next and our Prime Minister cannot offer them a glimmer of hope in his first Speech to them? What a heartless LEADER?

There is a vast difference in a Leader who wants office to serve his country men and women than a Leader who wants office to gloat over the fact that he is Prime Minister. I have drawn this scenario in an earlier ARTICLE when the Government changed in 2016, pointing out that True and Great Leaders were born and such Leaders await their turn, for they are fully aware that their time will eventually come, but they first have to serve their period of apprenticeship.

In the West Indies Cricket Team, there was Vivian Richards the Master Batsman, vice-Captain and Clive Lloyd the Captain. Although Vivian Richards was the Master Batsman and everybody looked at him as the next Captain, there was never any friction between them on the field or in the dressing room, for Vivian Richards was fully aware that his turn will come, so he bided his time. His time eventually came and, what a Great Captain he emerged to be?

On the contrary, we have Dr. Timothy Harris who was with the Labour Party since he was a youth. A very brilliant scholar, but at the Party Conferences, not even his Constituents in # 7 ever put up his name to succeed the Party Leader as his successor? Filled with personal ambition and with

"Somebody must have drawn his attention to this grave omission, this total disregard for the workers plight, this uncaring attitude for the workers whom he is trying to woo over onto his side..."

all intention to become the Prime Minister at any and all cost, he personally did a survey in his Constituency while he was Chairman of the same Party, asking his Constituents, if they would vote for him if he ran as an Independent or formed his own Party?

This was done, after painting a horrid picture of the Leader of Labour Party. Look at the TREACHERY of the man? He went to PAM (The People's Action Movement) which was in the Political Wilderness for nigh 20 years and which had no hope of ever EXITING that wilderness, A Party, whilst in power 1980-1995, FIRED him from his job at Social Security in 1984, and hounded him when he applied for jobs elsewhere, in a brutal effort or attempt to ensure that he does not eat bread in the land of his birth.

He formed an alliance with this Party (PAM) along with the CCM and ousted the Labour Party which nurtured him all of his life, allowed him to attain his Doctoral Degree when he was a Minister of Government with FULL PAY. I have outlined this history to show that we have a Leader of the country who is ill-prepared to shoulder the responsibilities of the office, during the crisis we now face. Every Leader and every human being have to be tested at some time or other to see how we fare with problems.

How many of us have failed the Test? How many of us have shown how brittle we are? Look at our Present Prime Minister, who is now realizing that the Office is just not composed of glamour and glitter, but faces some perilous times? All of a sudden, the whole world has discovered the Pathological LIAR he is, the IMPOSTER and the INEFFECTUAL (not producing the required results) Leader that he is

Sunday, March 22nd, he was on the airwaves, broadcasting that we are COVID—19 free. On Tuesday March 24th, he held a Press Conference in which he proclaimed that the territory was free of the virus, but a reporter who possessed the gumption to ask if there were any suspected cases, learned that there were 281 quarantined cases, thirty nine of whom have been tested and all have been resulted as negative.

Then Wednesday 25th March, the Junious Minister of Health, Miss Wendy Phipps came on the airwaves in the afternoon, claiming that there have been TWO CONFIRMED CASES of the virus. My understanding is that the Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris had to have known about these cases before he came Sunday and Tuesday to give the impression that we were virus free, because the TWO persons entered the Federation on 18th March. This shows up the inefficiency of the system. This shows that no proper checks were being undertaken at the airport.

This shows that we were ill-prepared to face the virus. Dr. Harris, ashamedly came on the airwaves 11pm that same Wednesday night like Nicodemus and Santa Claus, to give credence to what Miss Wendy Phipps had said earlier.

This shows up the LIAR that Dr. Harris is. Dr. Drew has been warning the inhabitants about the gravity of the situation, but Dr. Harris, the HATE MONGER referred to those proper advice as propaganda. Dr. Timothy Harris has been weighed in the balances and found to be totally wanting, To be totally void of Leadership qualities. If the virus wind did not blow, we never would have seen the bare bottom of the fowl and we never would have seen inefficiency, incompetence, hopelessness, ill-preparedness, unsuitability for the heroic task of Leadership of the Federation.

From this display of Leadership by Dr. Harris during this crisis, it is plain for us to see that REAL LEADERS ARE BORN. NOT MADE! THEY AWAIT their time. They do not take shortcuts to reach the top! Dr. Harris has sent us the MESSAGE that he is UNWORTHY of a SECOND TREM in office! Dr. DREW and Dr. DOUGLAS, though in Opposition and refused to be invited by Dr. Harris to help to cope with this crisis, have exhibited Real Leadership Qualities when they provided TESTING EQUIPMENT to the country—"PUTTING COUNTRY ABOVE SELF!"

A Valley of Despair Does Not mean Death for Christians



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The Prophet Ezekiel in a message from Israel's God to Israel, the proclamation says, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6 NRSV),

Ezekiel, in what is called the most famous passage of this book, claims that God leads him out into a valley covered with a great many parched bones (see Eze. 37:2); and questioned him if the

bones can live. Ezekiel replied, only God can answer since His glory is always in His promise. The Prophet Ezekiel knew that the People of Israel felt cut off from every hope, but that in time to come did not end in that low-lying area. Indeed, the valley of dry bones was not going to remain the site of hopelessness and Death, rather, an ideal setting for the beginning of a new relationship with God.

If the landscape of unfortunate situations in a

Christian's life needs changing, it will take the breath of Almighty God. Only the God of the impossible can transform what is already dead into life. We have a clear example in the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Lent 5. According to John's account of the event, "When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days" (11:17). Jesus was no ordinary Man Who appeared on the scene; He was Jesus, "The resurrection and the life" (11:25).

Much disturbed over the whole affair, Jesus arrived at the tomb." It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a towel. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (11:38).

In Israel's case, when the scattered bones came gathered together, Ezekiel spoke the word of hope to them, but they remained lifeless until God's Spirit breathed the breath of life into them.

We are given the opportunity through prayer to speak the breath of God in all of our apparent lifeless situations. With such faith and hope and the Holy Spirit's intervention, we will be conquerors.

Nevis prison officers take to social media to end discrimination

Charlestown, Nevis, April 16, 2020 - Prison officers at the Prison Farm in Nevis are appealing to the authorities to end the discrimination being meted out to them.

According to a source, as a result of the State of Emergency and the curfew imposed, officers who are from St Kitts are unable to return home to their families because of the restrictions imposed on all but one of the ferry services.

"Some officers have had to work for 14 days non-stop before the Coast Guard could assist them in providing transportation. However the Coast Guard has indicated that it cannot continue to

provide transportation and as a result officers are left stranded," a source said.

The source pointed out that fire officers on Nevis have had the privilege of moving between Basseterre and Charlestown via water taxi at no personal cost to them.

The chief officer at the Prison Farm has reportedly informed officers they would

have to foot the transportation costs to travel via the water taxi when travelling between both islands to and from work.

"When asked why they cannot have the same privilege like the fire officers there has been no response," the source said.

A water taxi round trip costs a minimum of \$100 compared to \$50 to \$60 via the regular ferries.

Officers from St Kitts who work on Nevis also face more economic hardship by having to purchase food and other necessities when on Nevis in addition to providing for their families on St Kitts.

The source said officers have to use social media to air their grievances and concerns to remedy the various situations.

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medical equipment imports) and obstructed access to international finance - including emergency funds.

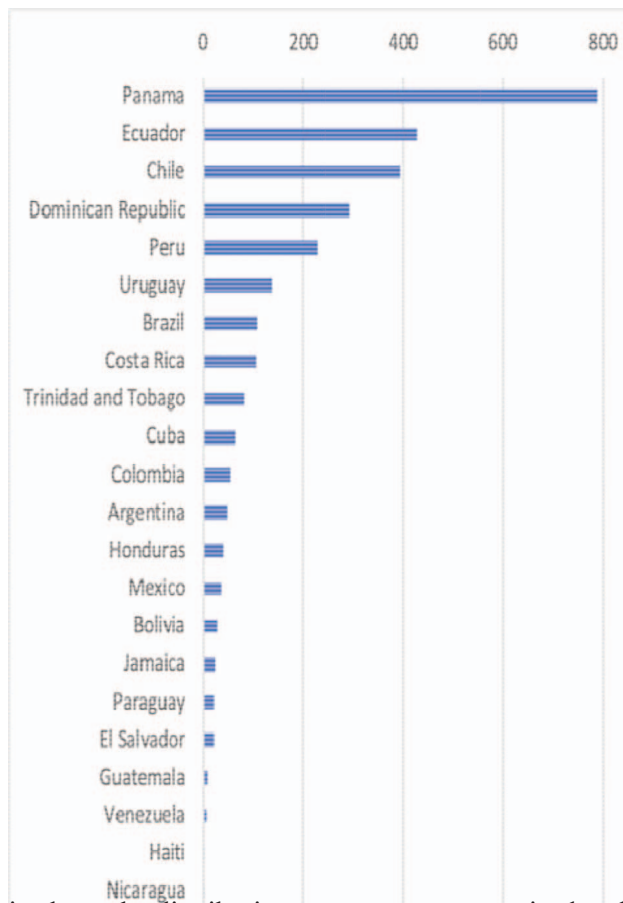
Given these strengths and weaknesses, Cuba provides an interesting case study in responding to the current pandemic.

Cuba's reaction to the coronavirus threat was swift. A "prevention and control" plan, prepared in January 2020, included training medical staff, preparing medical and quarantine facilities, and informing the public (including tourism workers) about symptoms and precautions.

So, when the first three reported cases were confirmed on 11 March, arrangements were in place to trace and isolate contacts, mobilise medical students for nationwide door-to-door surveys to identify vulnerable people and check for symptoms, and roll out a testing programme.

On 20 March, with 21 confirmed cases reported, the government announced a ban on tourist arrivals, lockdown for vulnerable people, provision for home working, reassignment of workers to priority tasks, employment protection and social assistance.

As issues arose, the Cuban government adjusted its response. For example, when face-masks and physical distancing proved insufficient to keep public transport safe, services were suspended and state and private vehicles and drivers were hired to transport patients and essential workers. And to reduce crowding



in shops the distribution system was reorganised and online shopping introduced.

Physical distancing enforcement has also been stepped up in response to instances of non-compliance.

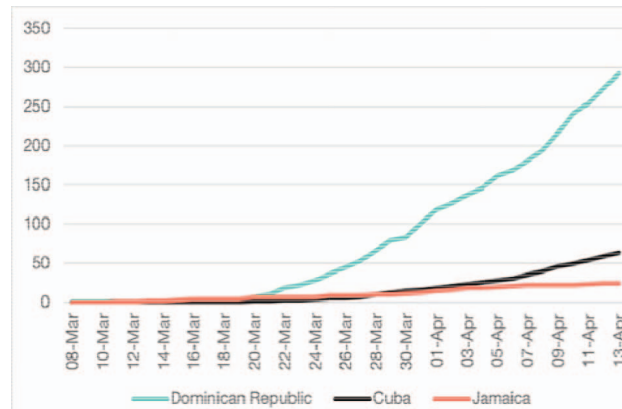
Latin America and the Caribbean: Reported cases per million, 13 April 2020. Source: WHO.

With 766 reported cases by 15 April (68 cases per million of population), Cuba is around the middle of the range for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The quality of data varies hugely between countries, with some governments substantially under-reporting cases. Cuba's reported cases are based on tests using WHO protocols.

Two Caribbean neighbours, using similar methods,

provide useful comparisons. The Dominican Republic, the most closely comparable in terms of population, income and tourism dependence, shows how the disease might have spread if measures had been less effective. In contrast, Jamaica seems to have succeeded in halting the spread of the disease.



Cumulative cases per million, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Jamaica. Source: WHO.

Jamaica's initial response was similar to Cuba's, but fewer cases had slipped into the country undetected before tourism was halted. Having identified 16 outbreak clusters now, Cuban authorities are still struggling to prevent a take-off.

What happens next in Cuba will depend largely on the amount of testing. An indicator of commitment to this task is the ratio of tests to reported cases. According to available data, Cuba (with 18,825 tests done) leads the region with a ratio of 25:1, compared with 16:1 in Jamaica and 3:1 in the Dominican Republic. (Vietnam and Taiwan have over 100:1, Germany 10:1, US 5:1 and UK 4:1.)

Around 40% of Cuba's recent positive results are from asymptomatic cases.

If Cuba's contact-tracing and testing regime gets the disease under control, its experience might offer lessons for controlling the pandemic, and more of its doctors will be available to help with the effort to combat the pandemic abroad.

But tests are expensive, at around US\$50 each, so if its hard-fought battle against COVID-19 is prolonged, Cuba's lack of access to finance could prove fatal.

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LOCK DOWN. LOCK UP AND FAMALAAAYYYY!!!

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

All Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris is trying to do with all these lock down, open up, zoning, curfew, lock down, open up, zoning, curfew, is to find an excuse, not a reason, to postpone the General Elections.

From the time that Music Festival 2020 was in early March “postponed” until 2021, a festival that is held in the very last weekend in June, Team Unity was setting the stage for a postponement of General Elections as well.

Music Festival 2020 was to be the official launch of Campaign 2020 for the government. The kind of money that had been already spent to bring the best artistes that our money could buy was supposed to blow the minds of even the most diehard Labour supporters and secure the victory for Team Unity once more.

All of Team Unity election victory eggs had been put into Music Festival 2020 basket, because everything else that they had tried had failed. This music festival was going to be the mother of all music festivals. Where Buju Banton had failed the previous year, Music Festival 2020 would not.

The success of Music Festival 2020 was also to vindicate the two big tiefs. After Music Festival 2020, nothing but praise would have been showered on the government and nobody was going to remember that the two of the main organizers and their boss were first, second and third big tief.

The anticipated success of Music Festival 2020 would have been so mind boggling that nobody was going to remember the Stem Cell scandal, the Herpes scandal, the Peter Virdee scandal, the MRI scandal, the BHS scandal, the cement and steel scandal, the second pier scandal, the ferry terminal scandal, the roofing scandal, the DPP scandal, the ex-SSMC workers scandal.

Just to name a few.

Music Festival 2020 was to have given them the hype, the buzz, the bump that screamed Second Term, because not even when they claimed that the polls suggested that they would win ten of the eleven seats did Timothy feel confident enough to ring the bell.

He obviously trusted neither the poll nor the pollster.

But I digress.

As a good Christian, I will never, ever

say that Team Unity is happy that the Corona Virus happened. But they are not sorry. They feel that it gives them their best excuse to postpone the General Elections.

Team Unity was already behind the 8-ball. Somehow, at no time in these five long years did they ever seem to have found their footing. The main reason is that their first four years were spent setting up themselves and their families. Next thing they knew it was 2020.

Another reason is that it was quickly recognized that Timothy was just a lot of froth. Just a noise box. During the 2015 campaign, people expected him to call Douglas’s name every time he opened his mouth. But after he won, people expected to hear how he would stimulate the economy to make us better than number one.

But he couldn’t then, and he still can’t stimulate even a prostitute, to borrow a quotation from Douglas Wattley. So he is not needed at a time like this.

COVID-19 calls for idea people. Creative people. Bold people. Brave people. People who could find money to make life bearable in a time like this.

All now so if Douglas was the prime minister, the \$1000.00 would have been paid out already. All now so if Douglas was the prime minister, we would have felt the stimulus package circulating in the economy.

As it is, it seems as if Team Unity is trying their best to pay out as little money as possible in the stimulus package.

Again I digress.

But that is why we have to do what needs to be done to ensure that we have free and fair elections by August 14, 2020. Team Unity has never impressed and their handling of this Coronavirus has found them wanting.

I believe that they are doing their best but they are just not able. We don’t have time for incompetence. We want steady, able hands to guide the ship of state. We can only find good leadership in the **CARING HANDS OF LABOUR.**



By Vigilante

- De ambassador in de closet promise to find a “friend” for de lady if she ain’t put out de age nor de gender a he and he mother. He say he ain’t able. Is load a wud dey gon get if people wuk out is dem.

- People want to know why all dem army man and police man have to be in de line dem wid long gun and peace orn. Dey want to know if is because everybody still got dey gun is why de police man and de army man dem ain’t tekking no chance.

- Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty ain’t ley dem tek he temperature because he did hot from some activity he and de fallen angel did just engaging in. Dey say dat de two a dem did sweating like two hog and panting like two dog and das what mek he never want he temperature tek.

- De vaccine dem what Humpty Dumpty talking bout done here since last month early. Dey say he buy dem when he hear dey could cure de Corona but come to de come to is just flu shot dey be. So he trying to see if he could send dem back.

- Dey say dat de food what de plane bring disappear. Through now people asking whey dey be, dey start to re-appear.

- School children say dat is a whole room, a house, he build on to he house to hold de food from de plane. Das what mek de food could reach back now people asking for it.

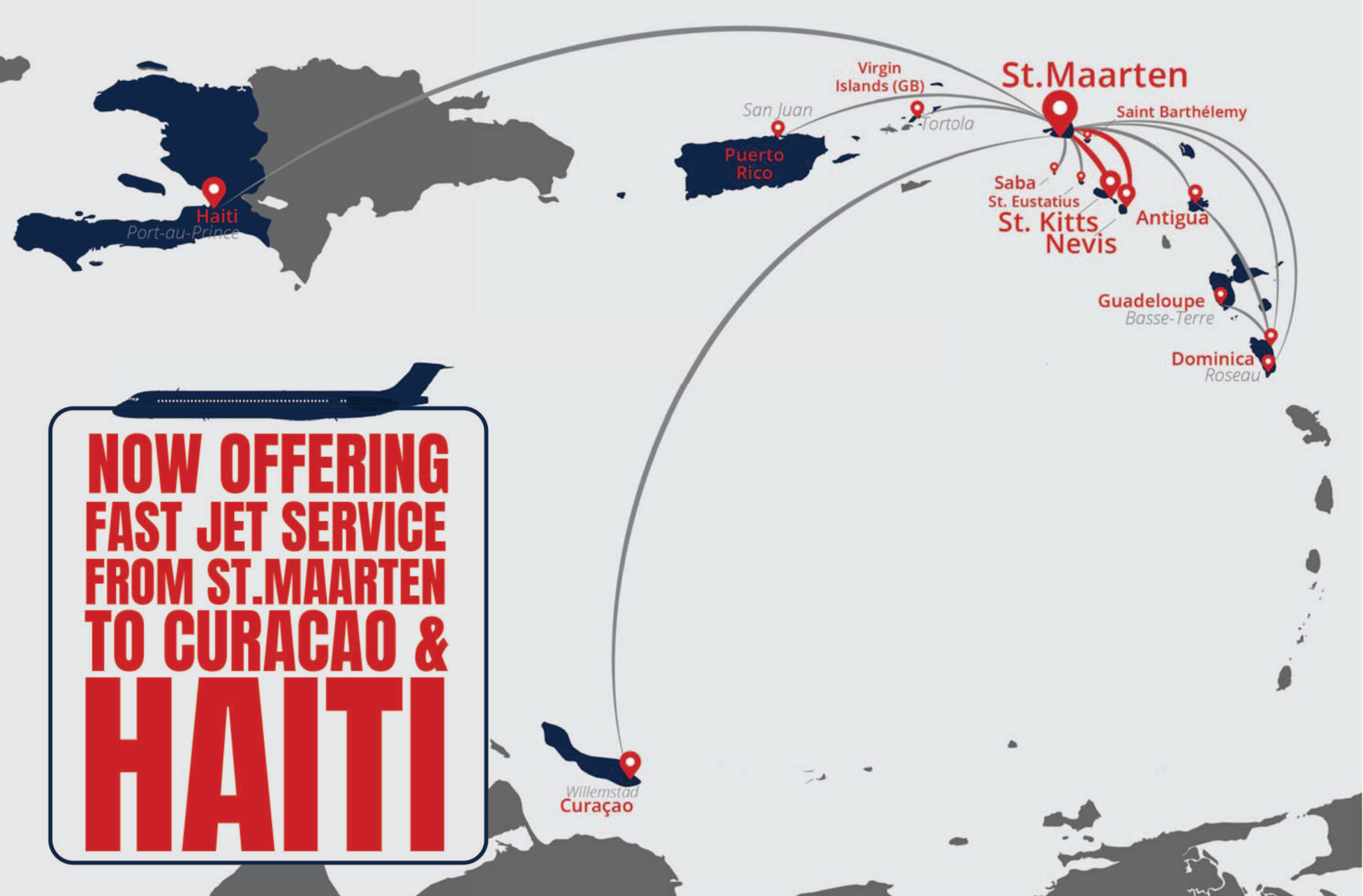
- Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty went visiting de supermarket dem and start to walk through expecting people to run out and hug him up like how dey does do de real boss. But dey say dat not a soul tek him on. So he tell he people dem de next time he going dey have to stand up in de line dem in all de supermarket for dem to jump up and clap when he come.

- Dey had de police dem driving round wid Humpty Dumpty voice telling people to stay off de road. But de police say dat de mount a wud dey get, dey had was to tek off de tape quick, quick.

- De frilly mout deputy blue mudder wex wid Humpty Dumpty. Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty mek Frilly people dem a offer he couldna refuse and he left Frilly one time for him.

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