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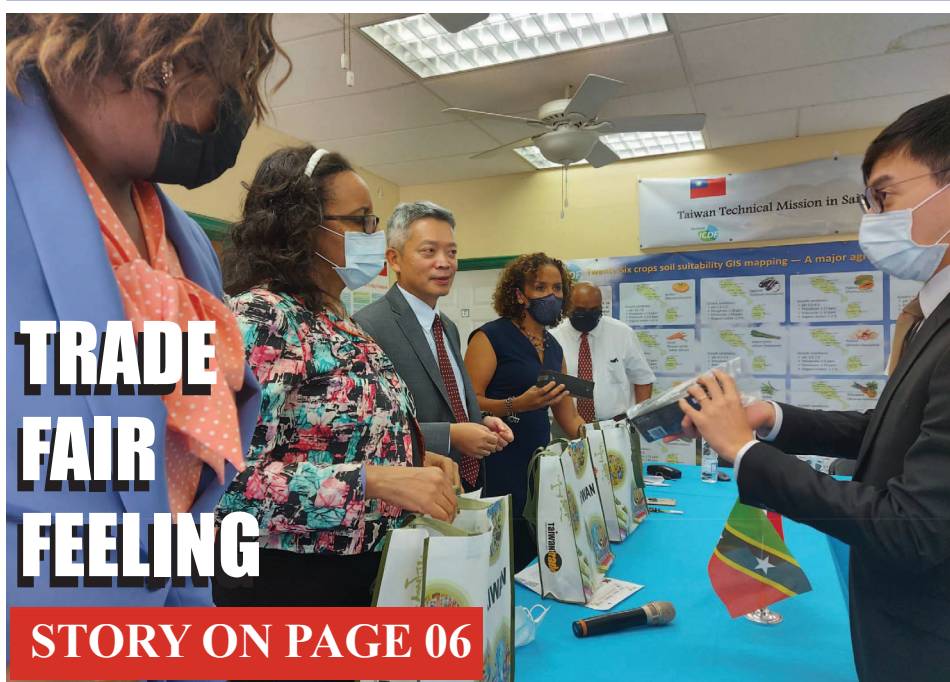
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Editorial

The Nightmare Of Deceit

This is a time when we, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, all wish that we could put aside the horrors of living under the incumbent regime known as SCHEME UNITY. Instead, our concerns deepen and expand as we experience the unrelenting growth of their deceptions in terms of number, scope, and sheer brazenness.

Weekly full page advertisements by a demonic creature perpetuate their evil, and serve to remind our people of the truly horrendous propaganda campaign which has brought us to the very sad state in which we now find ourselves.

They also serve as constant reminders that Satan is the father of all liars, even as the good book has warned us. We need to take heed, and warn ourselves, and each other, against ever again falling prey to such agents of darkness.

Within recent times there has been, amongst our people, a growing concern that information is being withheld from us about the extent and effect of the coronavirus upon our people and our country.

There were reports of certain carriers of the highly contagious disease being at large on The Island of Nevis. There followed reports concerning those who had been apprehended and appropriately placed in quarantine. NO information has ever been given about those who had been also identified, but managed to evade the authorities.

What are people to make of such obvious deceptions?

Earlier there had been similar incidents on St Kitts. The treatment of the relevant information in those cases was a precursor of what obtained on Nevis.

In the US Virgin Islands, where the situation had been bad enough, almost from the onset of the pandemic, matters quite recently took a turn for the worse as a number of their people returned from the US mainland and elsewhere. The police and health authorities rounded-up all such persons as quickly as was possible, but, in a number of instances, the damage had already been done.

On Wednesday the government of that territory immediately made a full disclosure of information to their people, and ordered a full 'lockdown' until the end of the year.

After the health of our people, the economy is the matter of next high concern. From time to time we have warned about the debilitating effects which the pandemic has been having. Indeed, many have described the outcomes as being catastrophic.



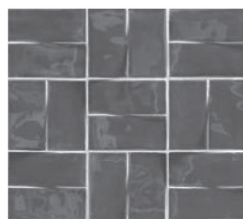
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An undisclosed number of small operators have gone out of businesses. Taxi and bus operators are having the time of their lives just to survive. Those retail outlets which have so far managed to survive are, quite literally, hanging by their teeth.

But big businesses and manufacturers are also suffering very badly, but it appears as though they are not yet ready to protest.

Our once highly acclaimed Citizenship By Investment programme has been reduced to being a mere shell of what it once was. As is the case with everything that SCHEME UNITY touches, the CBI has become riddled with corruption, and claims of it being some kind of 'gold standard' are bogus, as is everything else touched by those people.

While all of that is taking place, claims are being made that the number of 'new' businesses awarded licences are higher than they have ever been. Such claims are not only suspicious, they are in fact bogus, and the attempt to rate them against the new registrations for 2014 is clearly another attempt to deceive the people.

The new registrations for 2014 were truly new, and they represented a then ongoing and ever increasing number of start-ups, year on year, dating from when Labour was returned to power in 1995.

Last week, an article by one Dr. Everson Hull was published in a local newspaper. It appears to have been a piece of political propaganda which was intended for publication during the run-up to the June 2020 general elections. Why it was not published at that time has not been indicated, but why it has been at this time is all too obvious.

That article is choc full of highly questionable claims, all of which were designed to make

the governing regime appear as though they accomplished some outstanding developments of the country, economic and otherwise. We, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis know better, for who feels it knows it.

Meanwhile the people of St. Kitts and Nevis are left to ponder the fact that our economy, which grew on a steady, annual basis when managed by Labour and The NRP, has been in steady decline since SCHEME UNITY assumed office. And that decline started long before COVID-19.

We are still in the dark as to what the IMF reported about our economic performance for the year 2017. Will we ever learn the truth about that sorry episode?

This week's budget session in parliament was so bereft of substance, that we find ourselves constrained to rate it as being a big insult to our people, and we shall return to that matter in due course.

SCHEME UNITY's only expertise is in the area of corruption. They have no genuine or realistic plans for the development of our country. They NEVER did. Thus, whatever they tout has to be debunked and shown for the empty, worthless nonsense that it is.

They do not know how to manage a country's economy, therefore it would be a waste of time to expect them to perform otherwise.

But there is yet hope for our country. Labour stands ready to once again lead and manage our country's affairs.

Let us therefore resolve to use this holy season as one of prayer and reflection, and let us continue to stand ready to once again take up the management of our country's affairs.

Our people of today are fully dependent on us, Labour, and so too is the lot of future generations.

LABOUR

ST. KITTS – NEVIS LABOUR PARTY (Founded 1932)

POLITICAL LEADER: Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas

CHAIRMAN: Dr Terrance Drew

NATIONAL SECRETARY: Diana Williams-Humphrey

Fraternal Remarks of the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas Political Leader, St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party SKNLP Annual National Conference, December 13, 2020

Greetings Comrades!

Let me first recognize all our guests, dignitaries, officials of our Party and of course our Delegates who are here with us this afternoon.

Let us thank God for bringing us together in this place, on this special day.

It was 88 years ago in January 1932 that our Founding Fathers inspired by God and their understanding of right and wrong registered this Party as the Workers League of St Kitts and Nevis, and gave life to the Labour Movement of our country.

Today, in this Anniversary Conference marking the 88th years of the founding of this great Party, we pay special homage to all our Founding Fathers on whose shoulders we continue to stand, and whose works we continue to build upon. And so, let us seek God's guidance and direction in all that we may do and say at this important juncture in the history of our nation - and the history of our Party.

We are extraordinarily fortunate, Dear Comrades, to be members of this great and wondrous Party.

We are members of a Party which was born from, and is rooted in, a philosophy of compassion . . .

. . . a Party created with a culture of courage . . . a Party with a history of unparalleled and incomparable accomplishments.

The Party to which we belong, Comrades - the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party - has proven itself, time and time again, to be a Party of great vision. And you've heard the Chairman of the Party a moment ago underscore some of these achievements which were visionary. A Party of focus... A Party of positive transformation. And you can look all around this country and see how it has been transformed from what it was to what it is today.

We are the Party, Comrades, whose spirit and motivation, whose rock-solid ethos is summed up in the seven, sacred words given to this Party by our own Founding Fathers: **"For The Good That We Can Do"**.

The St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has been opening doors. Clearing paths. Transforming lives. Ensuring growth. Stressing innovation. Respecting people's rights. Respecting our freedoms. Making a way for ALL segments of society for the past 88 years - for almost one hundred years now.

And THAT is why, without fail, THIS Party; YOUR Party; OUR Party, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has ALWAYS . . . ALWAYS . . . received more votes than any other single Party in the history of our blessed Federation.

Comrades: We have in our hands a precious and noble legacy.

We have in our hands a Movement, an Institution, a Force, that has removed barriers and unleashed historic opportunities - NOT ONLY here in St. Kitts and Nevis, but across the entire Caribbean region.

Everyone knows that it was the people of St. Kitts who rose up in the 1930's, specifically in 1935 starting in Buckleys and moving throughout our towns and villages, sending a very powerful message throughout the entire Caribbean . . . unleashing, as a result, a wave of political actions that led to the free and independent Caribbean States that stand tall in the world of nations today.

So, throughout the history of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, we have - with the help of Almighty God - made the impossible, possible.

Through the focused work and boundless courage of competent, compassionate men and women, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has, from the earliest days of our existence, put into direct and verifiable action our sacred credo **"For The Good That We Can Do"**.

Today, my dear Comrades, is the day when our sacred and bounden duty is to chart a path forward that will protect, strengthen, build upon, and continue the blessed and historic legacy that has ALWAYS set Labour apart from others.

So today, I say to you Comrades, Delegates in Conference, we must do this by relying and depending on the very best ideas - as put forward BY US.

We must do this by embracing brilliant strategies - formulated BY US of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

We must move forward, putting into place the carefully developed - priorities decided upon BY US of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party - ONLY by US.

NOT by those whose SINGULAR aim it is to skillfully engineer the demise of our great Party. Not by those who continue to spread lies, slander and propagand... this Party is united in moving this great Party forward. It MUST ONLY be US... WE of this great Party that will determine where we go forward.

NOT by those who lack our legacy, because if you do not understand our legacy you cannot be part of us... Not by those who do not understand our track record; who do not understand our reputation, and the impact that we have made. We will determine where this Party goes in going forward.

Not by anyone BUT US, I emphasize US; you and me - US!

Let me remind you in this historical Annual National Conference of the following: Firstly, Labour is a family ... 'not that famalaay... Labour Family!

Secondly, we must act - and interact - as a Family.

Thirdly, we must be COMMITTING ourselves to LISTENING to each other. Fourthly, we must be RESPECTING each other.

Fifthly, we must be TRUSTING each other.

So, WORKING together, UNDETERRED and IN NO WAY DISTRACTED by those whose most fervent desire is to see us fragmented, disoriented, and confused. But we will confuse them instead, my dear Comrades.



And on that note, we must thank with all our hearts, Geoffrey Hanley; Marcella Liburd; Konris Maynard; Ambassador Steve Wrensford; Ambassador "Kenny" David Douglas; Leon Natta-Nelson; Dr. Terrance Drew - and of course the Comrades of Number 6, undefeated and ready to go again! These men and this lady have held the Labour banner high during the last Election, and after the last Election we have brought into our Parliament, a young female... none other than Senator, Dr Joyelle Clarke...that's the platform we currently have for you the people of Labour. These are the faces that have presented and defended our platform, and who have made the case as to why Labour was the answer to the challenges that our Federation now faces - and will face in the years to come.

Together, we won in 2020 more votes than any other political Party. And for that, we applaud them.

And we applaud all the men and women who worked so faithfully alongside them - despite the innumerable hardships imposed by the lockdown, the political State of Emergency, and all of the shenanigans that emerged in the last Election. We thank those who have laboured in the National Election Campaign Headquarters, the Constituency Branches and the various Branch Election Committees. Those who have stood with us, especially when we needed strong legal advice... those who have been working with us for all these years seeking wherever we can, the opportunity for legal and judicial review of those decisions of the government pursued by Electoral Officials, which were unfair and unjust.

We thank those who have worked with us... those who provided the financial resources that enabled us over the years to finance our campaigns.

And so again I emphasize my dear people, Labour's aim today is to look forward under the theme of this Conference **...Reorganize; Refocus and Reconnect"**.

Beginning today, and until the end of time, **after all voices have been heard, and all positions examined**, we in Labour **MUST** commit ourselves to be of **ONE MIND**;

ONE Heart

ONE Focus

ONE Purpose ... to get this Party back in government to represent the people of St Kitts and Nevis.

For therein, Comrades, lies THE KEY to our being

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Fraternal Remarks of the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas Political Leader, St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party SKNLP Annual National Conference, December 13, 2020

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returned to government, in order to continue building on the historic advances delivered for this country by each of St. Kitts-Nevis' three Labour administrations. So, I ask some fundamental questions my dear people:

1) Will we, within Labour have disagreements? Of course! We will have disagreements as we are only human.

How else will we be able to examine and then decide upon the best possible path?

2) Will there be occasional tensions? Absolutely!

Just as there are tensions within the Church. Within Corporations. Within families - between husband and wife . . . parent and child. Even within this government today.

But, as is done in any healthy church corporation, family, marriage - we, within Labour, must work on those emotions. Or they will work on us.

We must manage these emotions. Or they will manage us.

And so, I come back to what **MUST** be our guiding principles moving forward: We must listen to each other.

We must respect each other.

And we have to remember - always ... the guiding credo of the Party: "**For The Good That We Can Do**".

We must ensure that our decisions . . . our choices . . . and our behavior are guided by that noble charge "**For The Good That We Can Do**".

Government and governing should be 100% about service.

Politics, on the other hand, is often like a game of draught . . . or checkers . . . or domino . . . or chess . . . depending on who one's opponent might be.

And so today Comrade Delegates, you will receive a series of Reports for your consideration. Since we met here a few months in our Party's Post Election Retreat a number of committees and councils were created to do very important work. I understand that the work is not yet completed nevertheless, the Executive has mandated that these Reports be brought to this Conference of Delegates today so that you can be briefed and make your own input and consider how we will go forward on the critical issues that are being reported upon. And so, you will receive a series of reports for your consideration. You will be informed about the updating of the current Strategic Plan of the Party as we now formulate a new Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026 of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

Let us ensure, Comrades, that we,

in the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, after considering all of the options and comparing all strategies, we would be able to move forward on ONE path.

ONE Path.

ONE Team.

So that we will be an impenetrable wall of resistance against the manipulation of others.

So that we will be financially sound in and out of election cycles, and able to reject attempts of corrupt practices thrown our way by our detractors.

So that with a structured PR and Communication Strategy and Team, we will be able to withstand the winds of misinformation and manipulation that others most assuredly will blow our way.

So that we will be able to recognize any and all booby-traps placed in our way to entrap us.

We need to protect the proud LEGACY of our Party. And so, as was discussed earlier, the National Executive and I have established a National Leadership Transition Council, the purpose of which is to establish workable, well thought out Transition and Succession Models, to guide the Party for generations to come. The National Leadership Transition Council has started its work and has been engaging several persons in a series of consultations. It will report today on its work to date to you Delegates at this Conference.

The world is far more complex than it was at the dawn of our Party, and so the systems and procedures that guide our operations must evolve as well. They must reflect the desire for strong National and Constituency Branch political leadership, together with competent supporting administrators to execute and operate the Party's activities with efficiency.

It is in light of this that we decided that the time has come for us to put in place policies and procedures that would ensure that those persons who occupy leadership positions within our Party are individuals with a heart-felt desire to serve . . . individuals who have earned the support and respect of Party membership at all levels . . . and individuals who have the strengths and skills to meet the responsibilities as outlined in the Job Description that they will be expected to assume.

This is why you will also be asked to consider seriously the National Executive Resolution through which it

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ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A.D. 2020

Application No. 20

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title By Registration Act Cap 10.19,

And in the matter of an application by Hendrickson's Legal Chambers, Attorneys-at-Law on behalf of CARIBBEAN GALAXY REAL ESTATE CORPORATION for the replacement of a lost Certificate of Title to land contained in Book N3 Folio 325 of the Register of Titles for the Island of St. Christopher

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of a lost Certificate of Title to land being **ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land situate at Heldon's Estate, in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows:- On or toward the North North East by an Estate Road, 352.51 feet; On or towards the North East by the Island Main Road, 272.61 feet; On or towards the East by the Island Main Road, 242.31 feet and 177.38 feet; On or towards the South East by the Island Main Road, 306.31 feet; On or towards the South West by lands of Heldon's Estate, 424.25 feet; On or towards the West South West by lands of Heldon's Estate, 621.42 feet; and On or towards the North West by lands of Heldon's Estate, 352.51 feet and comprising by admeasurement eight (8) acres all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan thereof by Calvin Esdaille dated the 28th day of February 2014.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or any information which may lead to its recovery is kindly requested to contact Hendrickson's Legal Chambers, New Road, St. Peter, St. Kitts.

Dated the 10th day of December 2020.

HENDRICKSON'S LEGAL CHAMBERS
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant



is seeking the mandate from you the Delegates to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (Workers' League). This would allow us to be better prepared in move **FORWARD** to serve you.

The St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has been a formidable force throughout history. We know that, the country knows that, and those who oppose us today, know that - we may be down but not out!

Let us remember who and what we are.

And let us move forward - **One TEAM; One PATH; One VISION**. Let us be:

Alert;

Aware; Energized;

Committed to God, each other, and country; Ready and equipped to take on the task at hand; **ONE Heart;**

ONE Mind;

For SHARED Victory that we deserve.

May God bless our Federation.

And may God forever bless this St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

Long live the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party!

Long live the People of Labour!

Long live the Leadership of this Great Party! Thank You!

SKNLP National Executive Committee To Be Elected At 2021 Conference

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 18th December 2020)

- Reliable information gathered by this media house indicates that at a special conference hosted by the opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party on Sunday 13th December 2020 at the St.Kitts Marriott Resort in the year of its 88th annual occasion, delegates decided that the 2019 elected National Executive Committee would remain in place leading up to the 2021 Annual National Conference in May when the usual election as well as other selection and nomination processes is expected to be carried out.

In light of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Party's yearly conference could not have taken place in the month of May earlier this year.

Party Chairman Dr. Terrance Drew, in addressing delegates ahead of the start of business/private session, pointed out that the Party has been guided by its constitution in arranging that conference this time of the year.

"We respect our constitution - I want people to understand that we don't just make decisions; we follow the constitution and where we may not understand fully, we seek legal advice on how to proceed, and so we sought legal advice. Article 8 of our constitution 1 (a) speaks about our National Conference... 'The Annual National Conference of the Party shall be convened on the third Sunday in May of each year or such other date and at such a place and time as may be fixed by the National Executive'."•

Dr. Drew added: "On the 10th of May, the National Executive made the decision following the constitution... to postpone the National Conference because of the extraordinary circumstances we were living under. In addition to that, a specific date at that time could not have been given because we did not know exactly when we would be allowed to meet again..."

At the Party's May 2019 annual conference held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, former Prime Minister Dr. Denzil L. Douglas was re-elected as Party Leader by delegates in attendance.

Dr. Douglas, who is the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher 6, was first elected Leader in 1989.

In 2019, delegates also re-elected Marcella Liburd as Deputy Leader while

Dr. Terrance Drew was re-elected as Chairman and Diana Williams-Humphrey re-elected as the National Secretary.

The executive body also includes other positions such as Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, branch representatives from the eight constituencies and also a Young Labour representative.

Front Photo: Some of the delegates seen gathered outside the Ballroom at the St.Kitts-Marriott Hotel where the opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party held a special conference, on Sunday 13th December 2020

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2 Shot Dead, 1 Injured In 5

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By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 18th December 2020)- Over a period of five days in the month of December 2020, the Federation has recorded two homicides after separate shootings claimed the lives of two young men while another has been left injured by gunfire.

Following the shooting death of Akeem "Little Man" Christopher on Monday 7th December 2020 in St.Kitts, 36-year-old Bernel Nisbett of Colquhounâ•™s Housing Project in Cotton Ground was fatally wounded in the aftermath of a shooting incident which took place in Nevis on Friday 11th December.

On Thursday 10th December Denrick Pemberton of Hanley's Road in Nevis was left wounded after being shot at while walking to his home.

Police say the deadly shooting incident involving Nisbett occurred in that project, and that a report was received just after 11 a.m. indicating that someone was shot and fatally wounded in the area.

When Officers visited the scene, they found Nisbett's motionless body on his veranda

with multiple gunshot wounds.

The District Medical Officer examined the body and pronounced him dead.

Personnel from the Forensic Service Unit processed the scene and items of evidential value were collected. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Police are making an appeal to anyone who might have any information in relation to this incident to call the Violent Crimes Unit (Nevis) at 469-5269, 663-5414 or their nearest Police Station.

In relation to Christopher's shooting death, police say as a result of a report made sometime after 10 p.m., officers visited a shop in Carty Alley, Newtown which was operated by him.

Upon arrival, officers met his motionless body lying on the floor with what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that Christopher was inside the establishment when an unknown assailant approached him and shot him multiple times before fleeing the scene.

The District Medical Officer visited the scene and pronounced him dead. Personnel from the Forensic Services Unit arrived and processed the scene. They collected items of evidential value and an autopsy has been scheduled.

Police are making an appeal to anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Violent Crimes Unit by dialing 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468, their nearest Police Station or the crime hotline at 707 where information can be given anonymously.

Regarding the non-fatal shooting incident involving Pemberton, police reportedly visited the Alexandra Hospital following a report that there was a male individual with a gunshot wound present.

Preliminary investigations so far have revealed that at about 6:30 p.m., he was walking towards his home when an unknown individual fired several shots at him.

Pemberton was struck in the leg. He managed to make it home and was transported to the Alexandra Hospital in a private vehicle where he was warded in a stable condition.

Personnel from the Forensic Service Unit processed the scene and items of evidential value were collected. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Police are also making an appeal to anyone who might have any information in relation to this incident to call the Violent Crimes Unit (Nevis) at 469-5269, 668-0636 or their nearest Police Station.

Brexit: UK police to lose access to crime fighting tools

EU-UK post-Brexit trade talks BBC NEWS

A senior police officer has said the UK will lose access to a major database of criminal information, whether or not it secures a Brexit deal with the EU.

Steve Rodhouse, director general of operations for the National Crime Agency, said the UK could no longer use the 'SIS2' database.

UK and EU talks are ongoing ahead of the 31 December deadline for a deal.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has previously told the

BBC's Andrew Marr security will improve after Brexit.

Mr Raab also said the UK was seeking access to some of the tools used in the EU as part of "common sense co-operation".

UK 'will be less safe' without EU security deal

Crime agency warning over post-Brexit security

The UK left the EU on 31 January, but continues to follow current EU rules until the end of the year while negotiations take place.

'Take longer'

Any deal would need to be ratified by parliaments on both sides.

On security, the UK had wanted to maintain the same

access to shared databases that it has now, but the EU says that is not on offer to non-members.

Mr Rodhouse warned that around 40,000 alerts relating to investigations in other European countries would disappear from the UK's police national computer on 31 December.

He said: "Investigations could take longer, and it could mean that serious criminals are not held to account as quickly."

EU member states use the Schengen Information System (SIS) database, which sends out alerts to police and border guards.

UK police will switch to the Interpol "red notice" system for international investigations in Europe, but Mr Rodhouse told the Home Affairs committee he was unsure whether EU countries would use it.

'Not sighted'

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SKN Participates In Taiwanese Virtual Trade Fair

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 18th December 2020) - The Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis has its booth-type presence among a total of 23 countries around the world participating in a 2020 Virtual Taiwan trade fair expo in response to having a new arrangement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A launch ceremony was hosted by the Taiwan Technical Mission at its office housed at Needmust on Friday 11th December 2020, showcasing the online platform designed by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA).

The Taiwan Embassy has highlighted that such an online platform allows Taiwanese suppliers to digitally present their products and relevant information to the public of St. Kitts and Nevis. The flexibility of much more products being visible thus offering more options and opportunities to potential buyers from St. Kitts and Nevis has also been noted.

Resident Taiwanese Ambassador Tom Lee, in his remarks, said that this year the expo in St.Kitts-Nevis was originally scheduled on the Agriculture Day in March.

“Starting from last year, our embassy used the Agriculture Day to host a trade fair to further deepen our economic tie with St.Kitts and Nevis as well as to showcase Taiwan’s excellent products to our friends, and this year, we all know that because of COVID-19 and our embassy we cannot host it physically that’s the reason why our government set up an online trade fair platform so that it would be easier for people to use it.”

In encouraging Kittitians and Nevisians to see what the expo has to offer, he told “.. of course you are not limited to the Taiwan Expo in St.Kitts and Nevis where we showcase agriculture machinery and products” whilst also noting ... you can go to other expos in other countries.”

Offering user insight, he talked about clicking a product to see contact information and name of manufacturer

Ambassador Lee gave assurance that his government will continue to “work tirelessly to further our economic ties with St.Kitts and Nevis for the benefit of our two great peoples.”

Minister of International Trade, Industry, Commerce,

Consumer Affairs and Labour Wendy Phipps commented that the virtual expo is “testimony to versatility and adaptability of the Taiwanese people; their longstanding investment in information and communication technologies for which they are now renowned as world leaders, and this expo is a further demonstration of that.”

President of the St. Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce Giselle Matthews congratulated the Taiwan Mission for executing a virtual of this year’s expo exhibition.

“Having to reinvent yourself after only one year of launching, it shows that the embassy and its mission certainly are very flexible and willing to accept change in this new COVID environment but it also exhibits the fact that technology can be used in so many ways and the use of technology today is certainly showing us that although we cannot physically be a space, we certainly can have online access to it.”

She continued: “It does take away some of the human element and the opportunity to network directly with the exporter or the producer but at the same time also opening up an avenue for many people who would not have been able to attend the expo for whatever reasons and we can share that accessibility through our smartphones, computers and other means.”

Mathews expressed excitement that they can easily share the link with all of our Chamber members.

“I think at the Chamber what is exciting for us is that we can easily share the link with all of our members and they can have access to see the products that are available for possible import into St. Kitts and Nevis.”

Following the launch event, guests were each presented a gift of a new speaker type of product on the market, made in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The virtual expo is accessible via <https://bit.ly/TW-Expo> and <https://bit.ly/TW-Expo2>.

Among countries taking part are India, Chile, Haiti, Nigeria and St.Lucia.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO: Third Secretary at the Taiwan Embassy Damien I-Ching Liu tells Minister of International Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Labour Wendy Phipps about a new speaker type of product on the market made in Taiwan while Resident Taiwanese Ambassador Tom Lee (center) President of the St. Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce Giselle Matthews and her colleague Executive Director Andrew Satney (right end) and Permanent Secretary Jasemin Weekes, Ministry of International Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Labour (left end) look on (Spokesman Snap)



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Sugar Mas Virtual Opening Gets High Praises

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 18th December 2020)- The virtual opening of Sugar Mas 49 staged at the Sugar Mill at the Warner Park Stadium on Friday, 11th December, 2020 has been on the receiving end of high praises by patrons who attended via viewing the live streaming on social media, ZIZ television or listening to ZIZ radio.

Minister of Culture, Sports, Education and Youth Empowerment Jonel Powell, in his address, expressed that Sugar Mas 49 promises to be exciting and interesting despite challenges brought on by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

“.....because of the restrictions on mass gatherings, we have had to forgo some of our signature events such as J’ouvert, pageants and parades. We would still have some exciting and interesting Sugar Mas 49 with the other planned events and of course and heavy dosage of culture.”

“The winner of this year’s slogan competition Sasha Herbert puts it best when she penned Carnival Celebration Redefined For Sugar Mas 49 and indeed it has been redefined,” he added.

Gracing the stage individually that night were National Carnival



Queen Hardai Baley, National Carnival Swimsuit Queen Avis Glasgow, National Carnival Talented Teen Queen Shanika Johnson and National Carnival Mr GQ: St. Clair Williams.

Performances that night included Dejour, Infamus, Mimi and Khyla, Vernelle Powell, Mr.

Mention, Rucas HE, the reigning senior calypso Queen-Queen Independent, Kollision Band, King Socrates and Collin Wyatt.

Folklore appearances included the St. Peter’s Actors and Valon’s Masquerade Troupe.

Front Banner Photo: Mr. Mention (well-known lead singer of the Nu Vybes Band International also known as De Sugar Band) performs during the virtual opening of Sugar Mas 49 (official Sugar Mas photo)

COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH



International Labour Organization

SYMPTOMS

- 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.
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- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

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- Undertake risk assessments and implement controls.
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- Wash hands frequently and adopt good hygiene practices.
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- 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.
- Workers should stay at home if sick.
- Seek advice from the Department of Labour and health authorities.

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PRESS RELEASE: Molineaux/Cayon Cricket Club (MCCC) Honours Players at Awards Dinner

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 17th December 2020)-The Molineaux/Cayon Cricket Club hosted its inaugural Awards Dinner on Saturday 12 December 2020, where the Club celebrated its outstanding performers throughout the year as well as installing the Executive of the Club.

The event was hosted at Sunset Cafe at Timothy Beach Resort where members turned out in their numbers.

The evening was punctuated with the members confirming the Club's new Executive Body that will be led by President Steve Saunders, Vice President Jacques Taylor, Treasurer Viandre Edwards, Secretary Anthea Burroughs and Assistant Treasurer and PRO Loshoun Dixon.

The Club then honoured its top performers this year as follows:

Most Consistent Player to Practice -

Loshoun Dixon

Best Fielder - Captain Larry Audain

Most Improved Player - Curwin Skeete

Team Personality Award - Valentine Anthony

Best batsman - Jael Clarke

These awards were presented through the kind sponsorship of companies and person in Mr. Charles Morton (Vice President St. Kitts Cricket Association), FLOW, SKN Information Technology, National Caribbean Insurance Co. Ltd., and Carib Crafts and Graphics.

The Club also chose to honour one of its long-serving members in Mr. Leon Clarke who retired from competitive cricket this year. He was presented with a medal and a cake complements Fraites & Sons Bakery.

President Saunders admonished the players to continue their hard work and strive for greater not only as a club but as individuals. He intimated that he hopes the event to become an annual affair and it would be bigger and better the next time around.

Vice President Taylor addressed the gathering and expressed the many opportunities available for players to make a career out of cricket while Club captain Larry Audain noted it was an up and down year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic but as a team played well.

He iterated, "we deserved everything that we are getting [and] to the players that put in their hard work and dedication I want to say thank you". He then went on to ask players for their continued commitment so as to take the Club to the level they dream.



OECS Member States shine at 2021 Caribbean Travel Awards

OECS Media Release

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 - The Commission of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States extends hearty congratulations to the OECS Member States selected for the Caribbean Journal 2021 'Caribbean Travel Awards' - winning 7 of the 20 prestigious tourism honours.

The winners of the 2021 Caribbean Travel Awards were selected across 20 categories by the Caribbean Journal's editorial staff and its network of contributors. In light of the many challenges imposed by the global pandemic this year, Editor-in-chief of Caribbean Journal, Alexander Britell, underscored the resilience of the Caribbean region and its people.

"[E]ven in a year of impossibilities, the Caribbean is back, navigating its way through the challenges of the new age of travel, an essential task for the most tourism-dependent regional economy in the world," Britell said in a statement.

The five OECS destination award winners selected were:

Antigua and Barbuda, winner of the 'Caribbean Tourism Minister of the Year

Award', 'Caribbean All-Inclusive of the Year Award' and 'Small All-Inclusive of the Year Award';

The Commonwealth of Dominica, winner of the 'Caribbean Hotelier of the Year Award';

Grenada, winner of the 'Luxury Destination of the Year Award';

St. Kitts and Nevis, winner of the 'Yachting Destination of the Year Award'; and

Martinique, winner of the 'Caribbean Chef of the Year Award'.

Maria Fowell, Senior Technical Specialist for Tourism at the OECS Commission, welcomed this celebration of achievements in the region's tourism industry following an undoubtedly difficult year:

"It is gratifying to see so many of the Eastern Caribbean destinations standing out in these Caribbean Travel Awards. Heartiest congratulations to all awardees. We especially would like to congratulate Hon. Charles Fernandez for the 'Caribbean Minister of Tourism of the Year' Award. As the current Chairman of the OECS Council of Ministers of Tourism we know how hard he has worked this year not just for Antigua but for the region."



About the Caribbean Travel Awards

The Caribbean Travel Awards is an annual competition created in 2013 by the Caribbean Journal with the aim of recognising and encouraging professionals of the tourism industry who continuously thrive in the region.

This year, the 20 categories of the Caribbean Travel Awards were: 'Destination of the Year', 'Caribbean Hotel of the Year', 'Small Hotel of the Year', 'New Hotel of the Year', 'Caribbean Tourism Minister of the Year', 'Caribbean Tourism Director of the Year', 'Caribbean All-Inclusive of the Year', 'New All-Inclusive of the Year', 'Small All-Inclusive of the Year', 'Caribbean Hotelier of the Year', 'Innovative Destination of the Year', 'Luxury Destination of the Year', 'Yachting Destination of the Year', 'Caribbean Restaurant of the Year', 'Caribbean Culinary Destination of the Year', 'Caribbean Chef of the Year', 'Caribbean Airport of the Year', 'Caribbean Airline of the Year', 'Caribbean Bar of the Year', and 'Caribbean Villa Company of the Year'.

Photos courtesy: Caribbean Journal.

ILO News: COVID-19 is a threat to peacebuilding in conflict-affected nations

Press release | 17 December 2020

GENEVA (ILO News) - The ongoing COVID-19 crisis uniquely complicates peace and reconstruction efforts in conflict-affected countries, jeopardizing public health responses and threatening peacebuilding efforts.

A joint report co-authored by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), Interpeace, and the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (DPPA/PBSO) calls for tailored and coordinated responses to build and sustain peace in countries affected by conflict.

The publication, *From Crisis to Opportunity for Sustainable Peace - A joint perspective on responding to the health, employment and peacebuilding challenges in times of COVID-19*, offers ways to tackle the health crisis, create decent jobs in a conflict-sensitive manner and contribute to peacebuilding.

In countries affected by armed conflict or where the risk of an outbreak of violence is high, the COVID-19 crisis or the response to it can exacerbate grievances, increase mistrust, discrimination and perceptions of injustice over access to health services, decent jobs and livelihoods, says the report.

"The COVID-19 crisis has worsened already fragile situations... The ILO is more aware than ever of its responsibility to promote peace and resilience in the time of this global pandemic."

Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General

It can erode trust in state authorities and have a disproportionate impact on certain segments of the population, especially women, migrants, and displaced, marginalized and vulnerable groups.

"Conflict often arises from the absence of decent work," said ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder. "The COVID-19 crisis has worsened already fragile situations and requires stakeholders to work together in partnership to address the root causes. The ILO is more aware than ever of its responsibility to promote peace and resilience in the time of this global pandemic."

Immediate measures in response to the public health crisis should be part of a wider, long-term vision for recovery, says the report. Ways to build resilience in societies to both conflict and the challenges posed by the current and potential future pandemics include scaling up existing public employment programmes and social protection schemes and increasing investment in productive infrastructure, the publication emphasizes.

Such measures can help lay the foundation for more structural changes that build and sustain peace over time. Emergency public works schemes, for instance, can mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic and support the health response by upgrading infrastructure for primary health care and access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene.

"Equitable health services strengthen community trust, which in turn contributes to strengthening health systems and peacebuilding efforts," said WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Inclusive health and socio-economic responses can also be an opportunity to give a voice to local actors in the decision-making process and encourage local responses, which could contribute to increased trust in government institutions and among groups.

"COVID-19 has exacerbated existing grievances and inequalities. Building back better requires integrated health, humanitarian and socio-economic responses that must be conflict-sensitive and do no harm," said Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support.

"We have seen that the pandemic has significantly intensified social, economic and gender inequalities, and eroded trust in institutions, increasing the likelihood of violence. If we are to tackle the multi-dimensional COVID-19 crisis, we must bridge the silos of health, employment and peace and devise a multi-dimensional response that places trust-building at the center of the recovery process," said Scott Weber, President of Interpeace.

Source: ILO Newsroom

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From The White House To Ancient Athens Hypocrisy Is No Match For Partisanship

By Dr. Raman Sachdev, University of South Florida



President Donald Trump playing a round of golf on 15 July 2018 in Turnberry, Scotland, UK. Photo credit: Leon Neal (Getty Images).

Donald Trump has spent a lot of time on golf courses during his presidency.

That may come across as hypocritical if many of us consider how Trump criticized Barack Obama for playing golf during his presidency instead of attending to the country's needs.

Such hypocritical behavior, of course, is not unique to one politician or political party.

Immigration advocates have criticized Barack Obama for presenting himself as a champion of immigration reform. They point out that during his presidency he deported more immigrants than any other president.

You may ultimately support these politicians despite their respective actions. This fact reveals a stark truth: Our biases toward a person are stronger than our moral judgments of their hypocrisy.

As a philosopher focused on the history of philosophy, I spend a lot of time studying big ideas like God, justice and skepticism.

In reflecting on such ideas, I realize that many seemingly straightforward concepts are more complex than they initially seem. Hypocrisy is one such concept.

Hypocrisy as morally reprehensible

It's often difficult to determine how the hypocrisy of public figures plays into our moral judgments of them.

Some researchers have argued that when it comes to political preferences, voters' concealed opinions about political candidates belie their openly stated views.

Nonetheless, numerous studies show that people respond with outrage against public figures once their hypocrisy has been discovered.

Philosophers and psychologists who have studied this phenomenon agree: When it comes to people who are in positions of moral authority - from family members to our priests or religious mentors - we tend to react negatively to their hypocrisy.

Perhaps that's because hypocrisy adds deception to a lie. Moral authorities who are discovered to be hypocrites have doubly

deceived us. They have not only contradicted their stated moral views but also pretended that they have not done so.

Recall, for example, the scandal surrounding The Reverend Jesse Jackson in 2001, when it was discovered that he had a child out of wedlock. For years, Jackson had hidden the affair he was having. When the truth emerged, people were outraged by the hypocrisy of someone who publicly deemed himself a spiritual and moral leader.

So, it seems reasonable to argue that hypocrites relinquish their claim to moral authority and deserve blame.

But if we look at the experience of the Greek philosopher Socrates on trial, we might come to a different conclusion.

Socrates' experience as a guide

Plato's "Apology" recounts Socrates' self-defense against two charges: corrupting the youth and believing in false gods.

Meletus, Lycon and Anytus - three highly influential men in Athens - bring these charges against Socrates, and a jury of about 500 citizens decide his fate. Socrates' accusers claim that he broke the law by teaching young people to question Athenian customs and by introducing strange new gods into the Greek pantheon.

Socrates denies the claims. He argues that public opinion had been prejudiced against him for years - that his accusers are insincere in their accusations.

But the jury finds Socrates guilty. As punishment, he is forced to drink poison hemlock.



Socrates in prison about to drink hemlock given by his executioner. Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Collection, Wolfe Fund, 1931

What fascinates me most about the trial is how Socrates presents an argument against hypocrisy.

He chastises his accusers for being pretenders - public figures who give the impression of telling the truth, all the while knowing that their words are lies:

"How you, O Athenians, have been affected by my accusers, I cannot tell," he says, "but I know that they almost made me forget who I was - so persuasively did they speak; and yet they have hardly uttered a word of truth."

In an exchange with Socrates, Meletus claims to have thought seriously about the charges brought against Socrates, one of them being the corruption of the youth. But then he states that Socrates is the only person in Athens harming the city's young people.

"Hypocrisy" is defined as "... feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not: behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe or feel."

A hypocrite, then, in the most basic sense of the word, is someone who doesn't practice what he preaches.

In this case, if we understand a hypocrite to be someone who pretends to have a virtuous character when he in fact does not, then I argue that Meletus fits the bill. From a moral high ground, he claims to have good reasons for accusing Socrates, and when it's publicly revealed that he doesn't, he presses on nonetheless.

Socrates plainly shows the hypocrisy of his accuser when he says:

"Meletus is a doer of evil, in that he pretends to be in earnest when he is only in jest, and is so eager to bring men to trial from a pretended zeal and interest about matters in which he really never had the smallest interest."

But the jurors remain unconvinced, and they find him guilty.

Two sides of the aisle

Socrates' trial resonates in today's highly polarized political climate. Although many people may view hypocrites as deserving of moral disgrace - especially when they're public figures - their biases for or against such people mitigate the intensity of their moral judgments about them.

Americans' strong support of one politician, or their bitter distaste for another, will play a big part in how they view their respective acts of hypocrisy.

Antipathy between Republicans and Democrats is so strong that influential politicians on either side of the aisle can act immorally and hypocritically without any significant negative repercussions from their voter bases.

Despite his immigration policies, for example, Obama retained significant Latino voter support. And the historically high voter turnout in support of Trump during the 2020 US presidential election, in spite of his hypocritical behavior, further reveals the extent of this extreme partisanship.

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Taiwan Central Bank Says US Move To Monitor Its Currency Reflects Trade Surplus

By Reuters Staff

TAIPEI (Reuters) - The US Treasury's decision to put Taiwan on its currency monitoring list is a reflection of the international economic situation and the island's trade surplus with The United States, central bank deputy governor, Yen Tzung-ta, said on Thursday.



A staff member standing beside the Taiwanese Central Bank logo in Taipei, Taiwan on 26 February 2018. Photo credit: Tyrone Siu (Reuters file).

The US Treasury on Wednesday added Taiwan to a "monitoring list" of countries whose currency practices have caused concern.

Speaking at parliament, Yen said maintaining the stability of the foreign exchange rate was their obligation, and that the US decision was based on information for last year rather than the current exchange rate.

Taiwan's central bank has continued to stress to the US Treasury that the benchmarks they use are disputed, he said.

Countries must at least have a \$20 billion-plus bilateral trade surplus with the United States, foreign currency intervention exceeding 2% of gross domestic product, and a global current account surplus exceeding 2% of GDP to be labelled a manipulator, according to US Treasury criteria.

Taiwan's 2019 trade surplus with the United States hit \$23 billion.

The Treasury said its "monitoring list" of countries that meet some of the criteria had hit 10, with the additions of Taiwan, Thailand and India. Others remaining on the list are China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Italy, Singapore and Malaysia.

The Taiwan dollar has strengthened more than 6% against the US dollar this year.

Taiwan was last formally labelled a currency manipulator by The United States in December 1992, but was later put on the US Treasury monitoring list in 2016 and 2017.

The issue is particularly sensitive for Taiwan as the government is keen to keep in Washington's good books, with the United States being the Chinese-claimed island's most important international backer and arms seller.

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An Avocado A Day Keeps Your Gut Microbes Happy

By Marianne Stein, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Adding avocado to your meal improves gut health, a new University of Illinois study shows. Credit: College of ACES, University of Illinois.

Eating avocado as part of your daily diet can help improve gut health, a new study from University of Illinois shows. Avocados are a healthy food that is high in dietary fiber and monounsaturated fat. However, it was not clear how avocados impact the microbes in the gastrointestinal system or "gut."

"We know eating avocados helps you feel full and reduces blood cholesterol concentration, but we did not know how it influences the gut microbes, and the metabolites the microbes produce," says Sharon Thompson, graduate student in the Division of Nutritional Sciences at U of I and lead author on the paper, published in the *Journal of Nutrition*.

The researchers found that people who ate avocado every day as part of a meal had a greater abundance of gut microbes that break down fiber and produce metabolites that support gut health. They also had greater microbial diversity compared to people who did not receive the avocado meals in the study.

"Microbial metabolites are compounds the microbes produce that influence health," Thompson says. "Avocado consumption reduced bile acids and increased short chain fatty acids. These changes correlate with beneficial health outcomes."

The study included 163 adults between 25 and 45 years of age with overweight or obesity - defined as a BMI of at least 25 kg/m² - but otherwise healthy. They received one meal per day to consume as a replacement for either breakfast, lunch, or dinner. One group consumed an avocado with each meal, while the control group consumed a similar meal but without the avocado. The participants provided blood, urine, and fecal samples throughout the 12-week study. They also reported how much of the provided meals they consumed, and every four weeks recorded everything they ate.

While other research on avocado consumption has focused on weight loss, participants in this study were not advised to restrict or change what they ate. Instead they consumed their normal diets with the exception of replacing one meal per day with the meal the researchers provided.

The purpose of this study was to explore the effects of avocado consumption on the gastrointestinal microbiota, says Hannah Holscher, assistant professor of nutrition in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at U of I and senior author of the study.

"Our goal was to test the hypothesis that the fats and the fiber in avocados positively affect the gut microbiota. We also wanted to explore the relationships between gut microbes and health outcomes," Holscher says.

Avocados are rich in fat; however, the researchers found that while the avocado group consumed slightly more calories than the control group, 5% slightly more fat was excreted in their stool.

"Greater fat excretion means the research participants were absorbing less energy from the foods that they were eating. This was likely because of reductions in bile acids, which are molecules our digestion system secretes that allow us to absorb fat. We found that the amount of bile acids in stool was lower and the amount of fat in the stool was higher in the avocado group," Holscher explains.

Different types of fats have

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Brexit trade talks: 'Big differences remain'

- Ursula von der Leyen

EU-UK post-Brexit trade talks - BBC NEWS



Boris Johnson on a call with Ursula von der Leyen

"Big differences remain to be bridged" in talks to reach a post-Brexit trade deal, the EU Commission head has said following a call with Boris Johnson.

Ursula von der Leyen warned it would be "very challenging" to overcome differences, particularly on fisheries.

According to a No 10 spokesman, the PM said "time was short" and the talks are in a "serious situation".

He also said a no deal scenario was "very likely" unless the EU position changed "substantially".

Despite speaking of difficulties, Mrs von der Leyen also welcomed "substantial progress on many issues".

Talks in Brussels will continue on Friday, with two weeks to go before the UK leaves EU trading rules.

In a statement issued after the phone call, No 10 said: "He [Mr Johnson] said that we were making every effort to accommodate reasonable EU requests on the level playing field, but even though the gap had narrowed some fundamental areas remained difficult.

"On fisheries he stressed that the UK could not accept a situation where it was the only sovereign country in the world not to be able to control access to its own waters for an extended period and to be faced with fisheries quotas which hugely disadvantaged its own industry.

"The EU's position in this area was simply not reasonable and if there was to be an agreement it needed to shift significantly."

The UK's chief negotiator David Frost echoed the prime minister's tone, tweeting: "The situation in our talks with the EU is very serious tonight. Progress seems blocked and time is running out."

European Parliament leaders have set Sunday as a deadline for them to see the text of any deal agreed by the negotiating teams.

The senior MEPs said they would "not be rushed" into approving an agreement at their end, and would have to see the

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differential effects on the microbiome. The fats in avocados are monounsaturated, which are heart-healthy fats.

Soluble fiber content is also very important, Holscher notes. A medium avocado provides around 12 grams of fiber, which goes a long way toward meeting the recommended amount of 28 to 34 grams of fiber per day.

"Less than 5% of Americans eat enough fiber. Most people consume around 12 to 16 grams of fiber per day. Thus, incorporating avocados in your diet can help get you closer to meeting the fiber recommendation," she notes.

Eating fiber isn't just good for us; it's important for the

Nigerian boys 'freed after Boko Haram abduction'

BBC NEWS

Hundreds of schoolboys kidnapped last week from a boarding school in north-western Nigeria have been released, local authorities have told the BBC.

A spokesman for the governor of Katsina state said 344 had been freed and were all in a good condition.

However, it is unclear whether all the boys are now accounted for.

The attack was claimed by the Islamist militant group Boko Haram, which hours earlier released a video apparently showing some of the boys.

In his statement, the

Nigerian spokesman, Abdul Labaran, said the boys were being taken to the regional capital Katsina City, and would soon be reunited with their families.

He said the clip released by Boko Haram was authentic, but a message seemingly from the group's leader Abubakar Shekau was, instead, by an impersonator.

The state Governor Aminu Bello Masari was quoted by Reuters news agency as saying, "we have recovered most of the boys. It's not all of them," while a security source told the AFP news agency some remained with their captors.

Mr Labaran said none of the kidnapped boys had been killed, contradicting a boy shown in the video who said some had been killed by Nigerian fighter jets.

Few other details have been made public, but news of the release has been confirmed to BBC Hausa by another state government official.

Boko Haram has been notorious over the last decade for school kidnappings, including in Chibok in 2014, when nearly 300 schoolgirls were seized. Its name loosely translated as "Western education is forbidden".

However, these abductions have until now taken place in the north-east, where Boko Haram is based.

Brexit: UK police to lose access to crime fighting tools

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"It is right for me to raise the prospect that there will be some EU member states in some circumstances who don't use Interpol alerts and of course if the UK doesn't have access to SIS 2 that provides a gap for us," he said.

"I'm led to believe that many of the capabilities or tools can be replicated but certainly not all."

Deputy Assistant

text by the end of the week if they were to sign it off by 31 December.

Commissioner Richard Martin from the National Police Chiefs Council said that around 9,000 pieces of information from the EU database had been moved to the Interpol system.

Mr Rodhouse said he had been in close touch with the Home Office during the negotiations but was "not sighted" on the detail of any possible agreement.

In October, cabinet minister Michael Gove said "there are many, many areas in which we can co-operate more effectively to safeguard our borders outside the European Union".

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microbiome, too, Holscher states. "We can't break down dietary fibers, but certain gut microbes can. When we consume dietary fiber, it's a win-win for gut microbes and for us."

Holscher's research lab specializes in dietary modulation of the microbiome and its connections to health. "Just like we think about heart-healthy meals, we need to also be thinking about gut healthy meals and how to feed the microbiota," she explains.

Avocado is an energy-dense food, but it is also nutrient dense, and it contains important micronutrients that Americans don't eat enough of, like potassium and fiber.

"It's just a really nicely packaged fruit that contains nutrients that are important for health. Our work shows we can add benefits to gut health to that list," Holscher says.

More information: Sharon V Thompson et al, Avocado Consumption Alters Gastrointestinal Bacteria Abundance and Microbial Metabolite Concentrations among Adults with Overweight or Obesity: A Randomized Controlled Trial, The Journal of Nutrition (2020). DOI: 10.1093/jn/nxaa219

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Dr. Kennedy Alponse Simmonds, Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, Dr. Timothy Sylvester Harris, Prime Ministers: PART THIRTEEN

"But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving, treacherous, reckless, swollen with deceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." - 2 Timothy 3:1-4.

Dear Reader, I am rounding the bend and I am on the final stretch, soon to touch the tape and end my long marathon. I hope that you have gleaned a lot of vital information from these Titus 2:8 SERIES and would henceforth cease to stifle your conscience any further. What a DREADFUL PIECE OF TREACHERY, Dr. The Hon. Timothy Sylvester Harris has COMMITTED against Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, a man who bent himself backward in order to facilitate his travelling abroad to study for his Doctoral Degree and, on his return from those studies, plunged the dagger of TREACHERY deep into the back of Dr. Douglas who paved the way for him, but you see, an INGRATE will always be an INGRATE, never brave enough to soar like an Eagle to express THANKS or to show Appreciation for the GOOD that has been done to him/her.

In the 1984 General Elections, which was won by PAM, Timothy Harris who came Second in the Federation's Scholarship and who was lauded and applauded by Richard Caines in the National House of Assembly as a brilliant young man and who was presented with a job at Social Security, was unceremoniously dismissed like myself, because he was the Polling Agent for St. John Payne the Labour Candidate in Constituency #7. Not only was he unceremoniously dismissed, he was hounded by Dr. Simmonds the Prime Minister, Michael Powell the Minister for Social Security and PAM, whenever he made application for a job in the Private Sector which supported PAM. One CEO put his foot down and employed him. That is why he was not run out of the land of his birth.

Today, you have the same Dr. Timothy Harris paying more homage to Dr. Simmonds and Michael Oliver Powell who wanted to run him out of the Land of his birth, than to Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, who sent him away to study and looked after his office and Constituency in his absence. During Dr. Harris' tenure with the Party, no Constituency or Constituent ever placed his name in



By: Earle Clarke

the Labour Party's Annual Conference Book to run against Dr. Douglas or to be his Deputy. I could well remember in 2012, when the Party was celebrating its 80th Year of Existence at the Marriott Hotel, that neither Dr. Timothy Harris nor Sam Condor's names were mentioned in the Conference Book.

At that time both Comrades were visiting Radio Stations, lambasting the Labour Party and its Leadership, while not resigning their positions in the Government and the Party.

Upon realizing that their names were not mentioned anywhere in the Conference Book, they both requested an Emergency Meeting with the Executive of the Party during the Luncheon Break.

At the end of that Meeting, both emerged, mounted the podium unaided and pledged ALLEGIANCE to the Party and the Comrade Leader Dr. Denzil L. Douglas. The next

day, both were on Radio Station WINN FM 98.9, lambasting the living daylights out of the Party, its Leaders and Executive, not once mentioning that they paid Allegiance to the same Party and its Leader, yesterday Sunday.

But this was the antic of Dr. Timothy Harris who badmouthed the Leader during his visit to Cuba in 2009 to participate in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of its Revolution. He used expletives when he spoke to the rest of the St. Kitts delegation, saying, "Why the Douglas don't hand over the Leadership of the Party to me? What is he holding on so long for?"

This was the year of the alleged foreign object, bringing such shame and disgrace on the Kittitian-Nevisian Students studying there. It is said that another member of the delegation who had to pay the cost of the operation to remove the foreign object, although he, as a Government Minister must have been paid an allowance to travel?

There was another instance when Earnest Wigley heard about the treacherous behaviour of Dr. Harris towards Dr. Douglas and decided to heal the gaping wounds by holding a meeting with both of them. The story is that a date and a time were set and Comrade Wigley communicated with Dr. Douglas. Comrade Wigley sat awaiting in Church Street for Dr. Harris to appear on the date and at the time, only to learn that he was over in Tabernacle holding a Meeting in his house with PAM supporters, while he was still a Labour Minister in the Dr. Douglas led Administration.

Do you see pon Treachery? Comrade Earnest Wigley took a chance, caught a bus and went to Tabernacle and there was Dr. Harris holding a meeting with all PAM supporters who were egging him on to leave and, at the same time, pledging their support to him.

Comrade Wigley waited until the meeting was over, went up to him and reminded him about their meeting. Dr. Timothy Harris assured Comrade Wigley that he will come and that he must return to Basseterre. Comrade Wigley obliged, returned to the Capital and ere long, Dr. Harris arrived, made a few stops before journeying upstairs to his Office which adjoins that of Dr. Douglas. Meanwhile, Earnest Wigley visited Dr. Douglas' Office to acquaint him that the Meeting is on. While in Dr. Douglas' Office, Dr. Timothy opened the adjoining door, walked into Dr. Douglas' Office and said, "Me ain't come here for no long talk. I just want to know when you are going to hand over the Leadership of the party to me?"

This, after holding a Meeting with PAM supporters who were encouraging him to leave the Labour Party and pledged their support to him at a meeting in his house in Tabernacle, just a few minutes ago. If Dr. Douglas who lacked the authority to grant Dr. Timothy Harris' request in turning over the Leadership to him, do you see how Dr. Harris would have sold out the LABOUR PARTY and ITS SUPPORTERS?

Dear Reader, can a man of Dr Harris' caliber (the quality of the man's character), ever be trusted? Did DR. Timothy Sylvester Harris have the interest of the ordinary man and woman plus the

country at heart, or was it only Dr. Harris that Dr. Timothy Sylvester Harris' ambitions in becoming Prime Minister, he was interested in? You be the Judge!

To Be Continued!!!

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Mine Piz-Piz Restaurant now residing in Upper Collage Street in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Beer Licence in respect of my premises in Fort & Cayon Streets in Basseterre.

Dated this
13th day of November, 2020.

Signed: Gilbert E. W. Martin

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Susan Achieng Pollard now residing in Cabbage Tree, in the village of Cayon, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Cabbage Tree, in Cayon.

Dated this
27th day of October, 2020.

Signed: S. Pollard

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Kai Carty now residing in Pitcairn Alley, Newtown in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Pitcairn Alley, Newtown in Basseterre.

Dated this
14th day of December, 2020.

Signed: Kai Carty

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Yanqing Li - Xinhue Supermarket now residing in Cardin Avenue in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Cardin Avenue in Basseterre.

Dated this
01st day of December, 2020.

Signed: Yanqing Li

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PAP, PEACE AND YELLOW LINES.

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

When the taxi drivers were parking their vehicles on the sidewalk on the Bird Rock road, the traffic department immediately recognized that they were impeding the smooth flow of vehicles to and from Bird Rock and wasted little time in painting a yellow line along the length of the sidewalk.

KFC has opened a drive through restaurant at Bird Rock. Since the opening, the line of cars waiting to enter KFC has impeded the smooth flow of traffic on a daily basis and the traffic department is yet to do anything about it. I have a feeling that the traffic department will NOT do one thing until a major accident involving a White person occurs.

The traffic department only has strength for the little people. From allowing the traffic from Rams Cash and Carry to exit out into the main road to make an already busy intersection even busier, to now having KFC patrons create this headache for residents of Bird Rock and the surrounding communities is all the evidence I need that some people are more equal than others.

Still we plod on.

When the young man was gunned down in Nevis, someone said in a Facebook post that those getting peace money were not getting enough. To me he was being sarcastic. Perhaps even facetious. But sure enough, the government increased the salaries of the young men and women from \$12million to \$31million. I am just hoping that people are not being sacrificed for a pay increase.

The nearly \$20million increase has a lot of people up in arms, but considering that before the elections of 5th June, 2020, Timothy had said that he would spend whatever he had to in order to keep the peace, all who voted for Unity voted for this.

What I need to do is to see how I can get on to the Peace programme.

That is where the money is. Civil servants not getting any double. People waiting since June on their severance package still waiting. The \$1000.00 stimulus money done. Many native Kittitians not getting the \$500.00 PAP any more. Many native Kittitians not on STEP anymore and those still on it have to show up to work. Employees at SCASPA had to take a pay cut.

But not if I am on the Peace programme.

As an outsider trying to get in, I would reason that if I was getting \$1,000.00 a week when the government spent \$12,000,000.00 on our programme, surely now that our money has more than doubled, I should be getting at the very least \$2,500.00 a week.

There can't be any former gang members who are not getting peace money. The numbers moved from 70 to 800! And that number includes girlfriends of the gang members, siblings of the gang members and even parents of the gang members.

In other words, all who are supposed to be on the peace programme are already on it. So a major increase in the money allocation for the programme can only mean a major increase in the money to be paid out to all former gang members.

Even if a few millions are misappropriated and lodged into some overseas bank accounts, those on the peace programme MUST get a raise of pay. And a big one too.

And that's why I want a piece of the peace money.

Perhaps instead of going to school I should have gone to jail and I would have been in a better position to get on the programme.

So I console myself in the knowledge that though life may not be fair, God is always good.



By Vigilante

* De frilly mout deputy so afraid de two misappropriator dem dat he wuk out he only saviour is Humpty Dumpty. Das what mek if all a dem plan to boycott Humpty Dumpty function dem, Frilly bound to be dere. And das what mek is only he one went church wid Humpty Dumpty last Sunday.

* People in de know say dat is through Humpty Dumpty tek de people dem off de other money program dem and dey threaten to tun up de place, he had was to double up de money quick, quick before more people dead.

* Dey say every lamppost, every tree a mile round Humpty Dumpty house got on a camera. Dey say is bout five security in he house alone and dey say even to go toilet in he own house, a security got to go wid him.

* When de current went over by de hotel, Humpty Dumpty was so sure dat is de fellas dem come do him someting.

* De massive fella wex dat Humpty Dumpty done him for de fella who does mate all over de land. Dey say dat when he went go bawl to somebody bout how ungrateful Humpty Dumpty be, dat what he done do for him de other fella never do for him, Humpty Dumpty send message to him dat he get a brand new jeep duty free. Is what else he want?

* When Humpty Dumpty hear dat de man get lock up, is two tablet dey had was to put under he tongue to get dung he pressure.

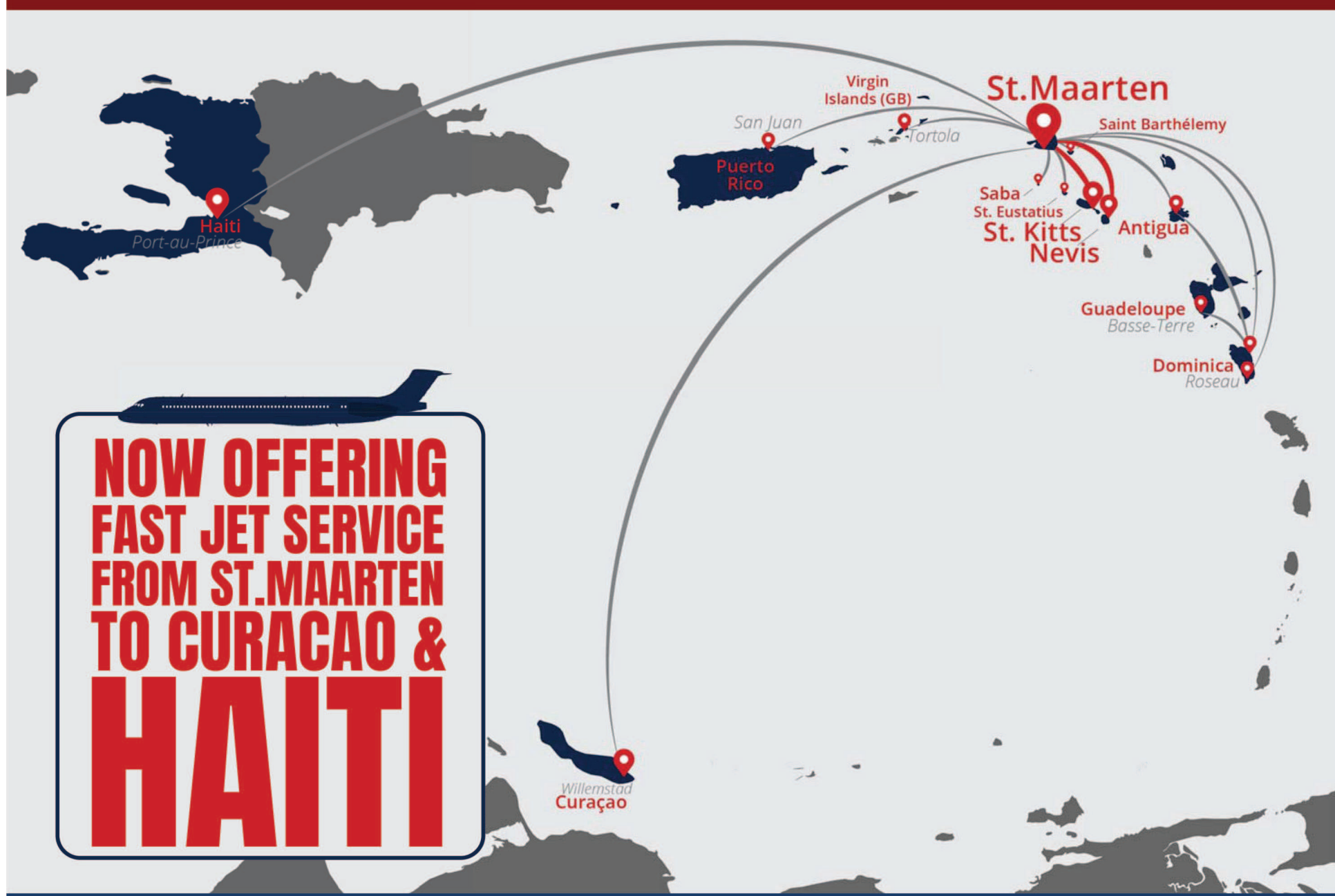
Dey say dat he call de bank in St. Martin to mek sure dat dey carn trace de money from de operation at JNF to de man dat de FBI lock up.

* De lady who bruk dung de Chamber table had was to drink two whole bottle a whisky before she drop sleep when she hear de man get lock up. She tell somebody dat she hope de FBI ainâ€™t find out dat she pay off for she house wid some a de money.

* Ole Mother Hubbard say dat is a good ting is only she money from de campaign she getting back. And it coming from de Treasury. She say is two more years before she get back all and as soon as she get it, she gone.

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