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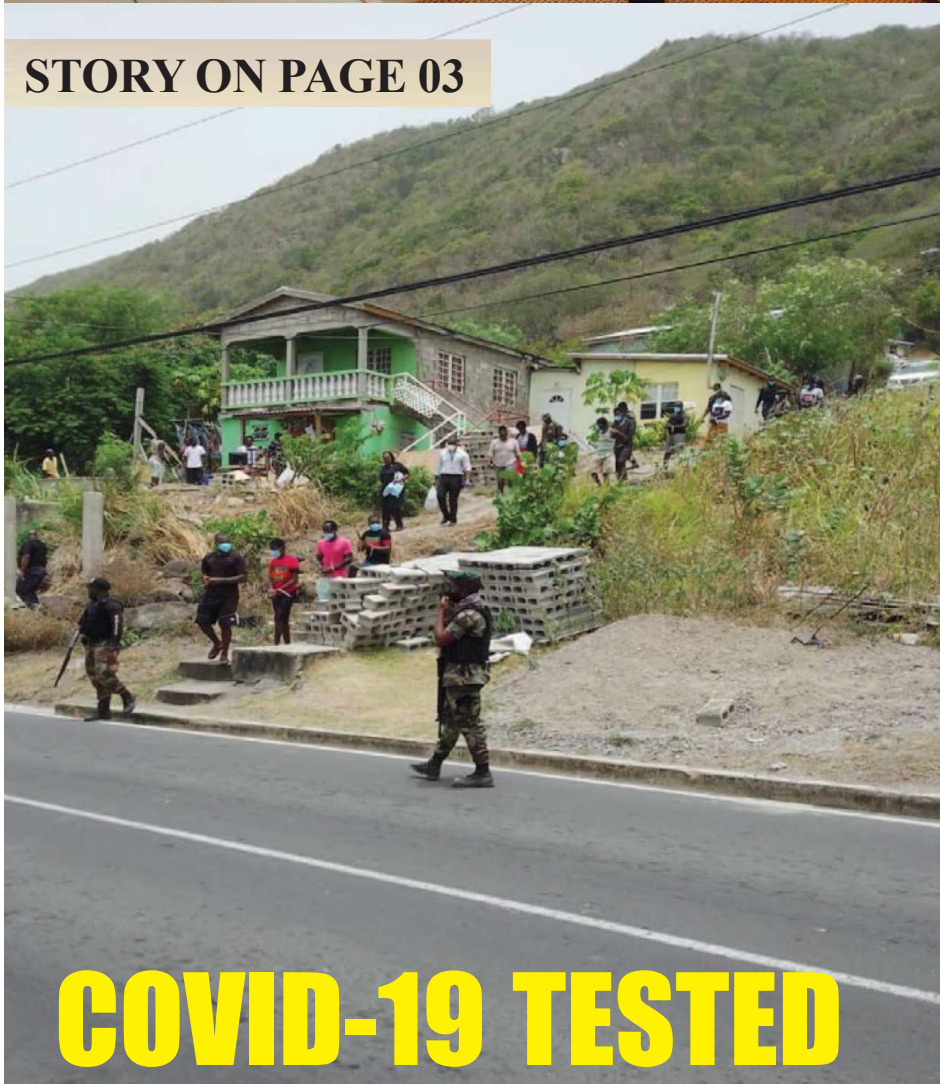
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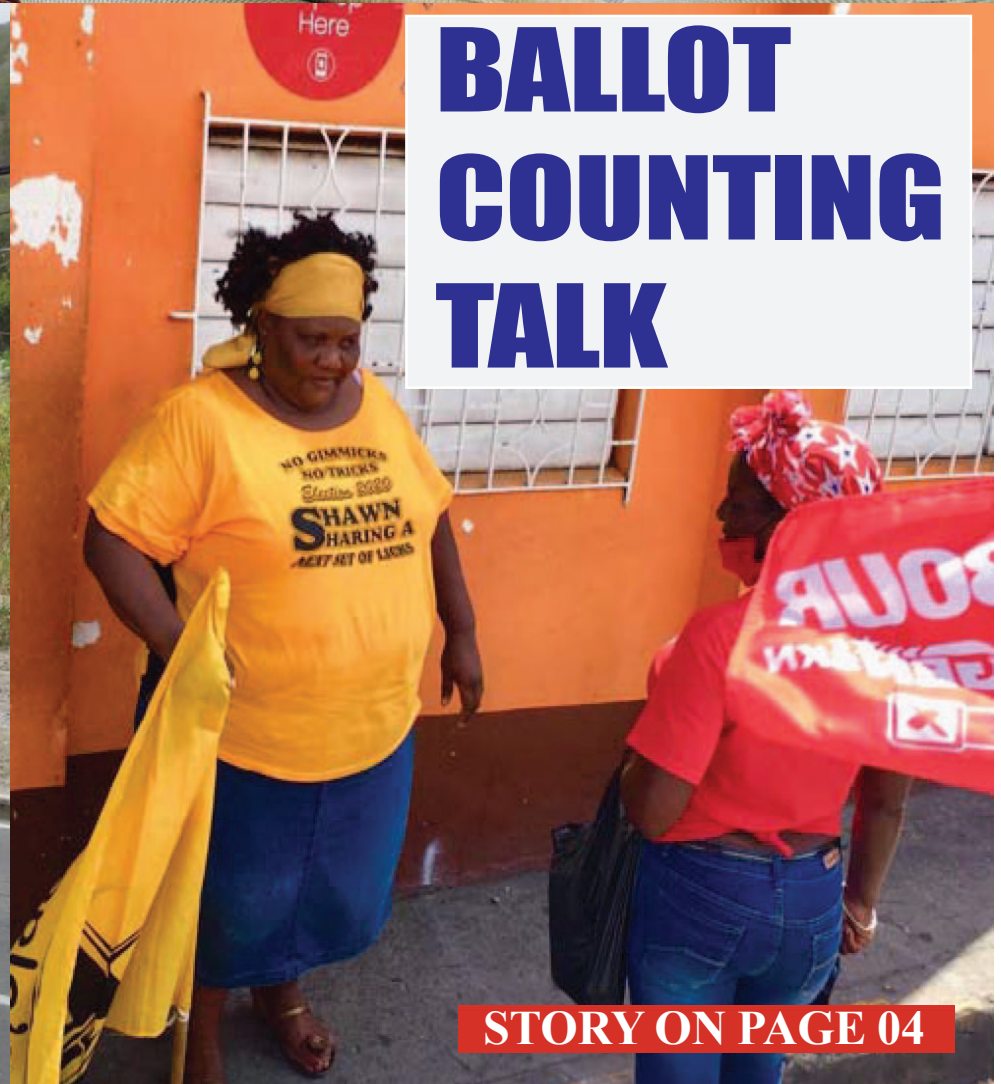


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Editorial

St. Kitts And Nevis Are Under Serious Threat From Within

On many occasions, we have tried to alert the people of St. Kitts that, as Kittitians, they and their island home are under serious threats.

Those threats are of several types, come at us from many directions, persistently endanger our way of life, our mores, our system of parliamentary government, and, most frighteningly, our very democracy.

Our late historian, Sir Probyn Inniss, warned us of those facts, particularly in his book 'Wither Bound ST. KITTS-NEVIS?'. Therein he related the many instances in which Kittitians were compelled to leave the land of their birth because there was no hope of bettering their circumstances while living here.

As Sir Probyn pointed out, that always came about as a result of policies to deliberately drive Kittitians out of their birth place. Those who then wielded power resisted every effort and instruction, even those coming from The UK itself, to 'provide conditions which would foster in the masses of St. Kitts a sense of belonging to their country'.

So that, what we witnessed in the mid to late sixties, and after February 1980, were nothing new.

Sir Probyn also pointed out that the consequences of the many instances in which Kittitians were deliberately forced to move abroad "have been disastrous; the experience has done much harm to the psyche of the Kittitian people."

He went on to show that, as Kittitians abandoned their island in their thousands, "the vacuum created was filled by immigrants from neighbouring islands, notably Nevis and Anguilla."

Starting with agricultural workers, those were recruited annually to harvest the sugar crop. "Special inducements were offered to them, including free housing, medical attention and a plot of land for growing vegetables. There is evidence to suggest that outsiders were preferred to Kittitians, when it came to filling the higher posts in the estate hierarchy."

It was always especially galling to the people of St. Kitts that, while they were denied the just rewards of the sweat of their brows, others were always favoured with much better for their inferior performances.

Kittitians were hated because they fought for their rights, while others were lauded and embraced.

Indeed, in the immediate aftermath of the 1936 Buckley's Uprising, and whenever the people of St. Kitts instituted industrial actions in efforts to better their working conditions and compensation, scab labour was recruited from islands nearby, as hastily as possible, in order to weaken and undermine the strength

of Kittitians and Kittitian unity.

As Sir Probyn also pointed out, those recruited over the years always held ambivalent attitudes towards Kittitians: "They do not mind St. Kitts as a place near to home where they gained employment and personal advancement, but at the same time they resented the fact that they had to come to St. Kitts. They cherished a passionate love for their native island - a love which they instilled in their children born in St. Kitts. Thus it is not uncommon to find children born in St. Kitts of Nevisian parentage, who have a stronger love for Nevis than for St Kitts."

Over the years, the Labour Movement has championed the causes of the people, and untiringly sought to bring about continually improving conditions in every facet of our people's lives. And we have not been selfish in so doing. We have always sought to work for the good of ALL the people, including those politically and philosophically opposed to us, and even those who did us dirt.

What has caused much bitter feelings in the people of St. Kitts is the extent to which, over time, a small number of carefully selected Kittitians have been used, again and again, to aid and abet those who have enduring interests in destroying the unity of Kittitians, even to the point of abusing and making a mockery of such words as 'unity', 'people's', and 'masses'.

It is now 2020, and here we are again. This time the pain is even more unbearable than before.

What is causing us even more excruciating pain than before is the fact that some individuals are fully determined to destroy the movement which made it possible for them to get to where they are today. A classic case of their, having ascended the ladder, are determined not to just kick it down, but to destroy it completely.

While many were disinclined to believe us in times past, it should be clear to them that our warnings have been well founded.

We cautioned that there were calculated designs to dilute the voting power of Kittitians in particular, but, in reality, to Nevisians as well. Kittitians have been fully exposed to and fighting against those evils for centuries, but the current experiences should teach Nevisians the lesson that even some of their own are fully prepared to institute measures and practices which are not in their best interests, just so long as they and the families and relatives are well taken care of.

The deliberate recruitment of people from Jamaica, The Dominican Republic, and other regional countries was not a well-intentioned matter. Note well how they used in public works undertakings at Camps, Boyd's and elsewhere, on the road works and other projects, such as re-building torn down public buildings, ALL to the exclusions of Kittitians and Nevisians.

In addition to those, hundreds of their country men and women were recruited, almost at the last minute, and flown into St Kitts and Nevis to help with keeping in place a regime which the people very much wanted to be rid of.

Note well how they misled and used Kittitians and Nevisians on February 2015, to aid and abet them with getting into power, then turned on those same people, simply because they had come to realise what a terrible mistake they had made back then, and did everything to keep them out of the country for the 5th June, 2020, general elections.

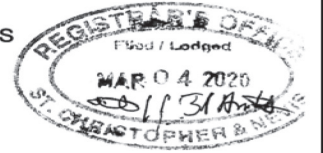
Oh, what a sordid group are the SCHEME UNITY group!

Dear people of St. Kitts and Nevis, some truly horrible designs are being implemented to make us strangers in our own homes. Now we are ALL in this together.

We ALL need to be prepared to do whatever becomes necessary in order to save our nations from the machinations of certain demonic creatures.

We MUST all stand together.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND NOTING THEREON FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Date of Request	Persons Presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title and Noting Thereon
18 th September, 2017	HENRIETTA WARNER by her Attorneys, Henderson Law Chambers	A First Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of a lot of land situate at Gibbons Hill, Dieppe Bay in the Parish of Saint John in Island of St Christopher

ON or towards the North East by Government lands and Bernadine Ward, 43.09 feet and 66.45 feet; ON or towards the South East by Helina Gumbs, 79.73 feet; ON or towards the South West by Archie Gumbs, 118.74 feet; and ON or towards the North West by a Road and Government lands, 72.01 feet and 21.35 feet and containing by admeasurement 8,886 square feet.

Dated the 9th day of JUNE, 2020.

[Signature]
Registrar

COP: Individuals Who Housed Illegal Migrants Might Be Charged

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th June 2020)- Individuals found guilty of housing the Haitian nationals who have reportedly entered the island illegally via Keys Village this week might be charged.

So informed Commissioner of Police Hilroy Brandy while appearing on a live media programme aired on ZIZ radio and television on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 in responding to a question whilst indicating that 13

Haitians are in presently custody while others are being looked for.

“From our investigation and interview, we are learning that they arrived in Keys on Sunday (21st June 2020) and was in different areas in Keys which our officers are still investigating. There is likelihood that there might be charges brought against persons who are harbouring these persons in their homes and not reporting these matters to authorities,” he stated.

This media house notes that cellphone recorded video footage and photos from the scene of the rounding up of those non-nationals by local authorities on Monday 22nd June show them being escorted by soldiers from a hilly side region of the Keys community wearing plastic handcuffs.

All of them are adult males according to police information.

Additionally, they are also seen wearing health face masks in light of public safety concerns regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“We are still looking for two more persons from our investigation. There were fifteen persons who entered into our shores at Keys on Sunday, and from the investigations. Those

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The Haitian nationals being transported by the local authorities.

persons came out of Dominica by boat and dropped off at Keys. This is not the first time; this is not the second time that this is happening and we're working to see that there does not be a recurrence of this matter,” COP Brandy added during his reply.

Earlier that day on Tuesday, a source at the Police Public Relations informed that three Haitians who were being sought by police were taken into custody over the past 24 hours resulting in a total of 13.

It was further stated that the Immigration Department and the police are working closely together to investigate the situation.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws informed at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Wednesday 24th June that at first the 10 individuals were tested for COVID-19 on Monday and that the additional three persons were expected to be tested on the morning of Thursday 25th June.

Front Banner image: Haitians who reportedly entered St.Kitts illegally being escorted by soldiers from a hilly side region of the Keys community wearing plastic handcuffs on Monday 22nd June 2020.

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Local Observers Address Long Counting Of Ballot Papers

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th June 2020) – The local observation team- who monitored the 2020 general elections in St.Kitts-Nevis has noted the long instances of ballot paper counting, spanning more than twenty- four hours (24) in one particular constituency, with suggestions given on the way forward for improvements in that area among others as polling day has been judged to be a fair one overall.

At a press conference held on Wednesday 24th June 2020, that NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Coalition which comprises of The Christian Councils and Evangelical Associations of St.Kitts and Nevis supported by the St.Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce, commented on its prepared executive summary final report during the session conducted at the chamber's office located at Fortlands in Basseterre.

Copies of said report were presented to the members of the local media.

Chairman of the St. Kitts Christian Council P. Allister Rawlins, in his presentation, pointed to the counting of the ballots as of the challenges that observers experienced.

"Following the closing of the polls, the counting of the ballots and declaration for the results took an inordinately long time particularly in two constituencies-St. Christopher One and Eight; Especially in eight where the results were not known for over twenty-four hours."

In the findings, as presented on the topic of 'The Count' in the report, the four (4) areas have been listed:

1. In some instances there was no form signed to acknowledge agreement of results of the count.
2. After the count in some constituencies there was no public signing of the results.
3. The ballot papers for each candidate were not

always placed into separate envelopes, sealed and signed by the returning officer and candidates' agents as stipulated in the electoral law. In some instances, ballot papers were dumped together into the respective boxes at the end of each count.

4. The counting process was generally inefficient in the sense that it took a very long time; in two instances more than twenty-four (24) hours to be completed and the results declared.

Included in the recommendations pertaining to the count are:

1. Electoral reform is urgently needed to make the counting less time consuming, more efficient and effective.

2. This could be greatly enhanced/achieved by ensuring that there be a preliminary count of the ballots at the polling stations where they are cast (this is currently done throughout the OECS and within CARICOM).

3. Explore greater utilization for the vote and the count.

As it relates to the conduct of the 2020 General Elections, a representative the Evangelical Association and Christian Council in Nevis, Mario Phillip, outlined that: "The polling day activities for the June 5th 2020 federal elections in St.Kitts and Nevis as observed and reported on by our Observer Mission to our reckoning by and large met the commitments and standards which have come to be expected and associated with democratic elections for the process to be described as free and fair and free from fear."

He continued: "The patience, discipline and

commitment displayed by the populace as they stood in queues for hours or moved around searching to ensure that they exercise their franchise demonstrated that the people of the Federation are deeply committed to casting their votes within the context of the democratic process. As a result of the forgoing, the entire voting process took place within an atmosphere of peace and non-violence."

Phillip said the team observed administrative and organizational deficiencies.

"It is our view, based on what we observed on polling day during the casting of ballots and at the count of the same after the close of polls on that day that such deficiencies did not affect the general outcome of the elections; still the said deficiencies may have discouraged some voters."

As part of the team's conclusion of its report, it is expressed that "despite a number of administrative and organizational setbacks and inconsistencies the polling day activities form the opening of the poll, voting throughout the, the counting of the ballots and declaration of the June 5th 2002 federal elections in St.Kitts-Nevis indicate that the said elections were administered by the Electoral Office and the other stakeholders in a manner where they were free and fair and free from fear. The Mission's assessment of the day's activities is that the voters were able to cast their ballots without intimidation or harassment and that the results of the Elections reflect that the people freely voted for the candidate of their choice on Election Day."

Front Page Photo: A supporter of the People's Action Movement (PAM) and one of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) seen in conversation in the Old Road community in St.Kitts on Nomination Day of candidates (27th May); days before 2020 General Elections held on Friday 5th June (Spokesman Snap)

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND ARTISTES!

The Nevis Tourism Authority & The Culturama Secretariat Invite You To Enter The Nevis Song Competition

Charlestown, Nevis, June 24th, 2020.....The Nevis Tourism Authority, in conjunction with the Culturama Secretariat, is launching an exciting new campaign with an open invitation to musicians of all genres to create and produce a song that best represents the spirit of Nevis. The "Nevis Song Competition" is open to artists and musicians, who may submit their musical compositions by following the guidelines outlined below. The winner will not only gain recognition locally, but will also earn attractive prizes and opportunities to collaborate with artistes throughout the Caribbean that will foster a lifetime of musical memories.

The Competition is open to citizens of Nevis who are 16 years and older, either by birth or descent, and non-nationals who have resided in Nevis for at least 12 months. All participants are required to submit their songs as a solo performer; entries from duets, trios, quartets, groups etc. will not be accepted. The song can be of any genre but should have Caribbean roots using elements such as fife, steel pan, African drums and any other, incorporated into the music. The lyrics, melody and musical arrangements of the song MUST be original. The song MUST have a minimum of two verses and two choruses, and MUST be no longer than 3 ½ minutes in length.

The deadline for entries is Friday, July 24th at 4:00 pm. A copy of the song MUST be submitted on CD to the Nevis Tourism Authority, located in the A.L. Evelyn Building, Main Street Charlestown, on or before the stipulated deadline

date for submission. Songs can also be emailed in MP3 format to info@nevisisland.com. The song MUST be accompanied by the following information:

- Title of the song
- Name of the performer
- Name of producer
- Genre of song

All songs entered into The Competition will be considered and judged by a panel of five (5) professional musicians comprising of local, regional and international music producers, song writers and performers.

The winner will receive a cash prize of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS Eastern Caribbean Currency (ECD\$5,000.00). The winning song will be professionally mixed and mastered by an internationally acclaimed music producer, Drews Crib from Barbados, and there will also be an opportunity for the winner to sing on a rhythm that is produced by an internationally recognized music producer.

The WINNER of The Competition will be announced on Friday, July 31ST, 2020 in the local print and electronic media, and on all social media platforms of the Nevis Tourism Authority and the Culturama Secretariat.

For further information and detailed guidelines please visit www.culturamanevis.com or www.nevisisland.com or contact the Nevis Tourism Authority at info@nevisisland.com. Follow us on Instagram (@nevisnaturally), Facebook (@nevisnaturally), YouTube (nevisnaturally) and Twitter (@Nevisnaturally).

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The Worst Is Yet To Come

By J C Andrews

People everywhere are showing a belief that we have seen the worst of the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19. It has been assessed by experienced professionals of health, economics, finance, business, politics, and other areas of expertise, all of whom advise that we are wrong to think so.

Indeed, the now world famous US medical authority, Dr Anthony Fauci, as well as many others, have been warning, for quite some time now, that a second wave is in the offing, and that its effects will be worse than what we are now experiencing.

According to a survey undertaken by Agence France Presse (AFP) the number of deaths, worldwide, caused by COVID-19, doubled in less than two months, and raced past a total of four hundred and eighty thousand (480,000).

Mr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of The World Health Organization, recently warned that the number of cases, globally, would reach 10 million within the next week. He said: "We have an urgent responsibility to do everything we can with the tools we have now to suppress transmission and save lives."

He issued that warning against the reality that the global figure of those affected is now more than nine million three hundred thousand (9,300,000), but, of that number, four million cases were recorded just last month.

The organisation's director of emergencies, Mr Michael Ryan, also warned that the pandemic had not yet reached its peak in the Americas, pointing out that it was "particularly intense in Central and South America" where many countries saw "between a 25 and 50 percent rise in cases over the last week ...".

Latin America has been, for weeks on end, one of the global 'hotspots', with the number of deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean having surpassed one hundred thousand (100,000) on Wednesday of this week.

Brazil experienced the highest number, with its new cases of forty-two thousand seven hundred (42,700) (as recorded on Wednesday) surpassing even that of The United States.

Dr Domingos Alves is a professor of medicine at The University of Sao Paulo, and a member of a scientific committee monitoring the crisis. As one of that country's leading experts he has warned: "The curve in Brazil is still rising sharply. We're still in the first wave ..." He added that, because they are moving to exit 'the lockdown' too soon "We're sending people to the slaughterhouse."

The impact of asymptomatic carriers (namely, those who carry the infection but do not show it) is a matter for even greater concern.

According to findings recently published in The Annals of Internal Medicine, an extraordinary percentage of people infected by the virus behind the COVID-19 pandemic, never show symptoms of the disease. Those findings were the result of a Scripps Research analysis of public datasets on asymptomatic infections.

Those findings also indicate that "asymptomatic infections may account for as much as 45 percent of all COVID-19 cases, playing a significant role in the early and ongoing spread of COVID-19. ... "The silent spread of the virus makes it all the more challenging to control, ... Our review really highlights the importance of testing. It's clear that with such a high asymptomatic rate, we need to cast a very wide net, otherwise the virus will continue to evade us."

That warning was given by Eric Topol, MD, founder and director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, and professor of Molecular Medicine at Scripps Research.

The report also highlights the need for expansive testing and contact tracing to mitigate the pandemic, and cautions everyone to ignore any suggestion that less testing is a good thing, especially when it come from someone who promised that the pandemic would have been 'all over' by last Easter.

On the economic and financial frontier The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that, what they described as this "crisis like no other", would reduce the global GDP by almost five percent (5%) this year, and, in the process, 'wipe out an astonishing \$12 trillion over two years'.

At the same time they have warned that many countries will face a recession 'more than double that which they suffered during the global financial crisis in 2008-2009'.

As the IMF forecast,

Chinawould be the only economy that grows this year, by just one percent, far less than their usually robust six or seven percent (6% or 7%). The United States is forecast to shrink by eight percent (8%), Germany by slightly less, but France, Italy, Spain and Britain will all suffer double-digit contractions.

Perhaps what is of greatest significance to us here in St Kitts and Nevis is the fact that, for one thing, COVID-19 will affect the world's food and financial security for years, many years, especially in areas where policy responses to the crisis lack adequate guidance and funding, to name only two such factors.

As is always the case, it is anticipated that persons in the mid-range, lower, and no-income brackets will be the ones to experience the worst sufferings.

How will we fare, here in St Kitts and Nevis?

It is generally felt that the authorities have been concealing much of the hard, cold facts as they relate to us. Let us all hope that is not so.

However, when one considers the unexplainable appearance of numerous overseas persons who showed up and voted on election day, at a time when the so-called borders were still closed, and travel into and out of the country was greatly restricted (supposedly), it certainly causes a great deal of worry. Added to all of that must be the highly irresponsible, people on people, jam-packed post-election motorcade.

When the effects of those regime-serving gimmicks begin to set in, will those in authority care to admit to their endangerment of our people? Most likely not!

For an absolute certainty, where the ongoing pandemic is concerned, the worst is yet to come!

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
THE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
[A.D. 2020]



CLAIM NO: SKBHCV2017/0132

BETWEEN: -

ST. KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

Applicant

And

AUSTIN BUCHANAN, ET AL

Respondents

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above captioned matter has been adjourned for **Application to fix a new date for Sale on Thursday 16th day of July 2020, at 9:00 am** in the afternoon before **Master Tamara Gill** at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore K.C.M.G. Q.C. Judicial and Legal Complex, Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Please be guided and act accordingly.

Dated the 19th day of June 2020.

T. Henry

For Registrar



To: - Austin & Debra Buchanan
View Point Housing Development
Sandy Point
St. Kitts

Returning Nationals To Pay \$US600 For COVID-19 Accommodation, Test

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th June 2020)-Nationals of St.Kitts and Nevis who wish to return home while the borders remain close amidst the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) measures are required to pay US\$500 for a 14-day quarantine accommodation at closed-down hotel resort the Ocean Terrace Inn (OTI) located at Fortlands plus US\$100 for a molecular test on day 14.

At the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Wednesday 24th June 2020, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws spoke about a process that must be followed by nationals who are requesting permission to be repatriated to the Federation.

That accommodation price does not include food and essentials like laundry as those would be the responsibility of the individuals quarantined.

March 30th 2020 saw the permanent closure of the OTI. According to management, such resulted from continuing losses at the hotel worsened by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic which has decimated the local and international hospitality and travel sectors.

“If you are overseas and you wish to return home, you must send an email or a letter of application to the Chief Executive Officer of SCASPA [St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority] requesting same, and you provide details of your charter because I must say that our ports remain closed and then once permission is granted, you will be provided this information,” Dr. Laws stated.

In sharing the terms and conditions of quarantine, she explained: “So once you would have returned to the Federation you would automatically go into quarantine at a government designated quarantine site and for now that site is located in the Fortlands area and there is a cost attached to this accommodation.”

The CMO added: “You will be in quarantine for 14 days and the cost for that

duration is \$500 for 14 days and this cost is to be borne by the incoming traveller. At the end of your quarantine period, that's day number 14, you will be sampled and your sample will be sent to our local Next Generation lab for processing.”

“Again, there is cost to that; the cost is US\$100. Now part of that fee goes to Next Gen Lab for processing the sample. However, the rest covers the cost for the personal protective gear that must be worn by the health professional to take the sample and then the sampling requires the use of a swab and a viral transport media and so that fee covers the entire cost of sampling.”

As it relates to meals and essentials, Dr. Laws had this to say: “Now the incoming air traveller is also responsible for providing your own meals and essentials including laundry. And please note your local relatives are welcome and are encouraged to assist you with your meals and your laundry.”

Pertaining to communication during quarantine, she told that the public health team would do the monitoring.

“Now the public health team will monitor you during this 14-day period to ensure that you are not experiencing any of the COVID like symptoms and you are provided a WhatsApp number to call or to send a message to upon noticing any of the COVID related symptoms. You will be discharged from quarantine on day number 14 if your COVID-19 molecular test is negative. If, however, your COVID-19 molecular test returns as positive, you will then be placed into isolation and you will receive the relevant medical care that you will require with such a diagnosis.”

Front Page Photo: A February 2019 social media posting of a room at the Ocean Terrace Inn (source: www.facebook.com/oceanterraceinn)

FEATURE

Caribbean among countries unfairly targeted by US Senators over Cuba

Article by Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the Organisation of American States.

Saturday, June 20, 2020 — Three US Senators, who have done little to advance the interests of the Caribbean and with whom requests for meetings by many Caribbean ambassadors are usually shunted to their staff, are now proposing US government punishment for Caribbean countries that request assistance from Cuba for medical personnel.

The three Senators are all members of the Republican Party. Two of them represent Florida — Marco Rubio and Rick Scott — and the other, Ted Cruz, is a Senator from Texas. Senators Rubio and Cruz have strong Cuban heritage and are known to be virulently opposed to the Cuban government. Senator Scott is a former governor of Florida and has been a senatorial representative of the State since 2019, having run a campaign wooing the significant Cuban-American population.

On June 17, the three Senators introduced in the US Senate, the “Cut Profits to the Cuban Regime Act”, which, if it is adopted, will penalise any government, worldwide, that contracts with the Cuban government for the provision of medical personnel. Since many Caribbean governments have such contracts with Cuba, they all stand to be targeted.

Among the measures that the Bill, sponsored by the three Senators, seeks to impose are “a requirement that



the Department of State publishes the list of countries that contract with the government of Cuba for their medical missions program”, and that the contracts be considered “as a factor in considering that country’s ranking for Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report”.

In other words, these three US Senators are seeking to disregard the sovereign right of other countries to enter arrangements with Cuba. In any event, a principle of international law and norms is being casually disdained, as if the rights of States do not matter.

The Senators also show a remarkable indifference to the critical public health emergency confronted by all Caribbean countries, particularly now in the seemingly endless era of the COVID-19 pandemic and its disastrous effects.

Had the three Senators considered a discussion with Caribbean representatives before they introduced their Bill, they would have learned that, for many countries of the Caribbean, the presence of Cuban medical personnel has made a huge and beneficial difference to their capacity to manage COVID-19 and its spread. It is no exaggeration to say that, without the Cuban medical personnel, the medical system of several Caribbean countries would have collapsed.

The Senators would also have been reminded that the United States, despite all its great resources, found it difficult — and are still finding it difficult — to respond to the demands that the pandemic has placed on its public health system. If the US cannot cope, how would any objective person believe that the Caribbean can do so without help?

Further, the Senators might have considered what assistance the US provided to the region in terms of the medical personnel that they urgently needed and continue to need.

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Sagicor sees increase in number of doctors covered to offer telemedicine claims

Castries, St Lucia: Sagicor now covers 60 doctors in the Eastern Caribbean and Belize for telemedicine claims since it began offering this extended coverage to clients in mid-April. This means that Sagicor customers have increased options if they need to see a doctor but prefer to do so virtually.

Telemedicine, which offers doctors an opportunity to meet with patients via secure online platforms, also means they can provide electronic prescriptions. Additionally, clients can feel secure that payment for service and completion of online claim forms can all be done electronically. Submission of claims is also done via email with



Donald Austin, CEO, Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc

payment of the claimed amount deposited to the client's bank account electronically. This means that the entire process – save for picking up prescriptions – is all done without face-to-face contact and without

the risk of covid-19 transmission.

At the time of the launch on April 22nd, which was the height of the first phase of the covid-19 pandemic in the region, Sagicor's Vice President, Group Insurance, Susan Boyea said, "In these unprecedented times, we see it as our duty to make healthcare more convenient, accessible and safe for our clients. Maintaining the health and well-being of the population,



Susan Boyea, Vice President, Group Insurance, Sagicor Life Inc

is a priority during this period of pandemic while protecting patients and practitioners from possible exposure."

Mr. Donald Austin, Chief Executive Officer for

Sagicor Life Eastern Caribbean reinforced the benefits of the remote medical practice. "Since the introduction of telemedicine coverage in the Caribbean, we have received calls from doctors to be included in our roster of providers that we cover. We have also shared information with our clients so that they can have a conversation with their practitioner who may not offer telemedicine, to consider adding telemedicine to their practice. We're happy to have contributed to the development of this initiative and we consider it a positive aspect of the new normal."

Sagicor customers in the Eastern Caribbean and Belize can visit sagicor.com/telemedicine to see the list of doctors covered and then contact the doctor to make an appointment and confirm that their issue can be managed via telemedicine.

Caribbean among countries unfairly targeted by US Senators over Cuba

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Senator Scott is reported to have said that "Any country that requests medical assistance from Cuba is aiding their human trafficking efforts", because, in his view, Cuban medical personnel sent abroad are "forced labour". Caribbean countries have had no experience that substantiates this opinion. Indeed, Cuban medical personnel have conducted themselves with professionalism, integrating well with local medical teams, and passing on their knowledge and experience.

Caribbean countries have no basis for believing that the medical personnel are "forced labour". But, if the government of any country believes this claim to be true, there are international bodies to which it can be taken, and evidence proffered in support of a decision to uphold the allegation. Caribbean representatives would have encouraged the Senators to pursue such a definitive course of action, which all governments would have respected. One attempt to internationalise this claim by a private European-funded group came to nothing.

Had they had the chance to do so, Caribbean representatives would have reminded the three Senators that COVID-19, in addition to being a public health emergency, is wrecking the economies of Caribbean countries, some more severely than others but all without exception. They are now confronted

with their greatest economic challenge. Government revenues have dropped drastically, expenditures have increased extraordinarily, and employment and poverty are expanding rapidly. In all this, there has been a poor response from richer countries that could have helped.

The Caribbean needed to get COVID-19 under control not only to save lives in their communities but also to salvage their economic prospects, now and in the future.

Cuba has provided Caribbean countries with medical assistance for over 30 years; the present contingent of Cuban personnel is not a new development. These arrangements have been formally negotiated and set out in contracts. Further, Caribbean governments have knowledge of the circumstances of Cuban medical personnel because, for three decades, Caribbean doctors have trained in Cuba on scholarships that richer neighbouring states have not offered.

Until and unless other governments step up to help, Caribbean governments will be constrained to get assistance from where they can, including Cuba.

The Senators would also have been

advised that most Caribbean countries have worked closely and well with the US government to curb human trafficking. An attempt to mar this cooperative work by introducing a political dimension to it – particularly a very narrow one – would be tragic.

The hemisphere – like the rest of the world – needs cooperation in improving the human condition; what it does not need is coercion for political purposes.

A Caribbean conversation with the Senators would be welcome.

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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.
- 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.
- Workers should stay at home if sick.
- Seek advice from the Department of Labour and health authorities.

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ILO Warns of COVID-19 migrant 'Crisis Within a Crisis'



GENEVA (ILO News) – Tens of millions of migrant workers, forced to return home because of the COVID-19 pandemic after losing their jobs, face unemployment and poverty in their home countries, the International Labour Organization has warned.

As containment measures ease, millions of migrant workers may be required to return home to low and middle income countries where labour markets, which were fragile before the COVID-19 outbreak, are now further weakened by the additional strain of high levels of unemployment and serious business disruptions due to the pandemic. In addition, their families will suffer financially from the loss of the remittances normally sent to them.

Meanwhile, other migrant workers have found themselves stranded in host countries without access to social protection and little money for food or accommodation. Even those with jobs may be taking reduced wages and living in cramped worksite residences where social distancing is impossible, putting them at greater risk of contracting the virus.

While many migrant workers, particularly women, are doing essential jobs for their host societies during the pandemic, particularly in the care or agriculture sectors, those in other sectors have lost their jobs or have continued to work informally.

“We know that many millions of migrant workers, who were under lockdown in their countries of work, have lost their jobs and are now expected to return home to countries that are already grappling with weak economies and rising unemployment.”

Manuela Tomei, Director, ILO’s Conditions of Work and Equality Department

“This is a potential crisis within a crisis,” said Manuela Tomei, Director of the ILO’s Conditions of Work and Equality Department. “We know that many millions of migrant workers, who were under

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lockdown in their countries of work, have lost their jobs and are now expected to return home to countries that are already grappling with weak economies and rising unemployment. Cooperation and planning are key to avert a worse crisis.”

It is estimated there are 164 million migrant workers worldwide, nearly half of them women, comprising 4.7 per cent of the global labour force. While not all of these workers will return home – after losing their jobs or for other reasons – informal ILO research in more than 20 countries indicates that many millions are expected to do so.

Most of their home countries have very limited scope to reintegrate such large numbers, and often do not have policies and systems in place to ensure effective labour migration governance and smooth reintegration plans, including for skills development and recognition. Governments in Asia and Africa, in particular,

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expect millions of migrant workers to return, whether through compulsion or voluntarily, as their job prospects evaporate.

A package of ILO briefing and policy documents focusing on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers who are migrants, refugees, or forcibly displaced persons, draws attention to the potentially serious social and economic impact if returns occur over a short period of time and if migrants are not included in social protection measures or given help to reintegrate into national labour markets.

The research also shows how returning migrant workers bring skills and talent that can help their home economies rebuild better after the pandemic. However, the key to unlocking this potential is the establishment of rights-based and orderly return and reintegration systems, access to social protection, and proper skills recognition. This can facilitate better skills and jobs matching, so increasing productivity for national industries.

“With the right policies, the return of these workers can be converted into a resource for recovery.”

Michelle Leighton, Chief, ILO’s Labour Migration Department

In addition, migrant workers may bring knowledge and capital to open new businesses that can help to improve employment opportunities.

Helping returning migrants reintegrate will also reduce tensions in their home countries, where some communities may fear that returning migrants may bring the virus or take jobs away. Rebuilding the livelihood strategies of returning migrants will allow them to pay any debts related to their original recruitment abroad, avoiding the risk of forced labour and human trafficking, or re-migration through irregular pathways.

“With the right policies, the return of these workers can be converted into a resource for recovery,” said Michelle Leighton, Chief of the ILO’s Labour Migration Department. “These migrants will bring with them talents and new skills, and in some cases capital, that can support efforts in their home countries to build back better. We must help these countries grasp the opportunity.”

The ILO publications include assessments of the impact of COVID-19 on migrant workers in Jordan, Lebanon and the ASEAN region, on seasonal workers’ schemes, and on refugee workers and other displaced persons. There is also guidance on policy responses to help maximize the benefits of the returning wave of migrants, including procedures for recognizing skills acquired, ensuring fair recruitment, extending social protection coverage, and help with finding new jobs or re-migrating safely.

Key resource

Social protection for migrant workers: A necessary response to the COVID-19 crisis

Source: ILO Newsroom

Introducing the OECS Commission Sustainable Development Movement (SDM) 2020 Ambassadors

The OECS Commission, in April 2020, made a call for outstanding, enthusiastic individuals and leaders from the Caribbean and around the world to serve in the capacity of Ambassadors to the Sustainable Development Movement (SDM) 2020 Summit. SDM Ambassadors are responsible for growing the network of Movers for the SDM 2020 Summit while planning and implementing local programmes geared towards spreading awareness about the SDGs and facilitating discussion forums that will unearth innovative solutions that are positioned to accelerate the glorious come-back of Small Island Development States (SIDS).

A total of 70 applications were received and after the implementation of a rigorous selection and due diligence process, the decision was made to engage 21 emerging leaders to serve as SDM Ambassadors. It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the SDM Movers on their selection and use this opportunity to introduce them to the OECS Network.

To the SDM Ambassadors, go forth and be great!

To those of us who are destined for greatness, over 20,000 persons around the world have registered their interest in SDM 2020. Will you #JoinTheMovement? Register at www.oecssdm.com

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From Grandfather To Grandson - The Lessons Of The Tulsa Race Massacre

By Dr. Gregory B Fairchild,
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Smoke rising from damaged properties after the Tulsa Race Massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 1921. Credit: Oklahoma Historical Society (Getty Images).

My family sat down to watch the first episode of HBO's "Watchmen" last October. Stephen Williams, the director, included quick cuts of gunshots, explosions, citizens fleeing roaming mobs, and even a plane dropping bombs. We've come to anticipate these elements in superhero films.

As the sepia-toned footage spooled across the screen, the words "Tulsa 1921" were superimposed over the mayhem. My throat tightened.

I knew that place and year well. The terror of the Tulsa race riot is something that has been with me for almost as long as I can remember. My grandfather, Robert Fairchild, told the story nearly a quarter century ago to several newspapers.

Here's how he recounted the story in The Washington Post in 1996:

"At 92 years old, Robert Fairchild is losing his hearing, but he can still make out the distant shouts of angry white men firing guns late into the night 75 years ago. His eyes are not what they used to be, but he has no trouble seeing the dense, gray smoke swallowing his neighbors' houses as he walked home from a graduation rehearsal, a frightened boy of 17.

His has since been a life of middle-class comfort, a good job working for the city, a warm family life. But he has never forgotten his mother's anguish in 1921 as she fled toward the railroad tracks to escape the mobs and fires tearing through the vibrant black neighborhood of Greenwood in north Tulsa."

"There was just nothing left," Fairchild said recently.

The Washington Post article said the Tulsa race riots of 1921 were among the "worst race riots in the nation's history."

It reported: "The death toll during the 12-hour rampage is still in dispute, but estimates have put it as high as 250. More than 1,000 businesses and homes were burned to the ground, scores of black families were herded into cattle pens at the fairgrounds, and one of the largest and most prosperous black communities in the United States was turned to ashes."

Riots began after a white mob attempted to lynch a teenager falsely accused of assaulting a white woman. Black residents came to his defense, some



During the Tulsa race riots in 1921, black businesses and homes in the Greenwood District in Tulsa, Oklahoma, were destroyed at the hands of white residents. Credit: Bettmann Archive (Getty Images).

armed. The groups traded shots, and mob violence followed.

My family eventually returned to a decimated street. Miraculously their home on Latimer Avenue was spared.

Disturbing history

Hearing about these experiences at the family table was troubling enough. Reading a newspaper account of your ancestors' fleeing for their lives is a surreal pain. There's recognition of your family's terror, and relief in knowing your family survived what "60 Minutes" recently called "one of the worst race massacres in American history."

In spite of my grandfather's witness, this same event didn't merit inclusion in any of my assigned history texts, either in high school or college. On the occasions I've mentioned this history to my colleagues, they've been astonished.

In 1996, at the 75th anniversary of the massacre, the city of Tulsa finally acknowledged what had happened. Community leaders from different backgrounds publicly recognized the devastation wrought by the riots. They gathered in a church that had been torched in the riot and since rebuilt. My grandfather told The New York Times then that he was "extremely pleased that Tulsa has taken this occasion seriously."

"A mistake has been made," he told the paper, "and this is a way to really look at it, then look toward the future and try to make sure it never happens again."



An African American couple walking across a street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 1921. Credit: Oklahoma Historical Society (Getty Images).

That it took so long for the city to acknowledge what took place shows how selective society can be when it comes to which historical events it chooses to remember - and which ones to overlook.

The history that society colludes to avoid publicly is necessarily remembered privately.

Economically vibrant

Even with massive destruction, the area of North Tulsa, known as Greenwood, became known for its economic vitality. On the blocks surrounding the corner of Archer Street and Greenwood Avenue in the 1930s,

a thriving business district flourished with retail shops, entertainment venues and high-end services. One of these businesses was the Oklahoma Eagle, a black-owned newspaper. As a teenager in the early 1940s, my grandfather had his first job delivering the paper.

Without knowing the history, it would be a surprise to the casual observer that years earlier everything in this neighborhood had been razed to the ground. The Black Wall Street Memorial, a black marble monolith, sits outside the Greenwood Cultural Center. The memorial is dedicated to the entrepreneurs and pioneers who made Greenwood Avenue what it was both before and after it was destroyed in the 1921 riot.

Although I grew up on military bases across the world, I would visit Greenwood many times over the years. As I grew into my teenage years in the 1970s, I recognized that the former vibrant community was beginning to decline. Some of this was due to the destructive effects of urban renewal and displacement. As with many other black communities across the country, parts of Greenwood were razed to make way for highways.

Some of the decline was due to the exit of financial institutions, including banks. This contributed to a decrease in opportunities to build wealth, including savings and investment products, loans for homes and businesses, and funding to help build health clinics and affordable housing.

And at least some was due to the diminished loyalty of residents to black-owned businesses and institutions. During the civil rights movement, downtown Tulsa businesses began to allow blacks into their doors as customers. As a result, blacks spent less money in their community.

Historical lessons

At the end of my father's military career in the 1970s, he became a community development banker in Virginia. His work involved bringing together institutions - investors, financial institutions, philanthropists, local governments - to develop innovative development solutions for areas like Greenwood. For me, there are lessons in the experiences of three generations - my grandfather's, father's and mine - that influence my scholarly work today.

On the one hand, I study how years after the end of legal segregation, Americans remain racially separate in our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces and at alarmingly high levels. My research has shown how segregation depresses economic and social outcomes. In short, segregation creates closed markets that stunt economic activity, especially for blacks.

On the other hand, I focus on solutions. One avenue of work involves examining the business models of Community Development Financial Institutions, or CDFIs, and Minority Depository Institutions, or MDIs. These are financial institutions that are committed to economic development - banks, credit unions, loan funds, equity funds - that operate in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. They offer what was sorely needed in North Tulsa, and many other neighborhoods across the nation - locally attuned financial institutions that understand the unique challenges families and businesses face in minority communities.

Righting historical wrongs

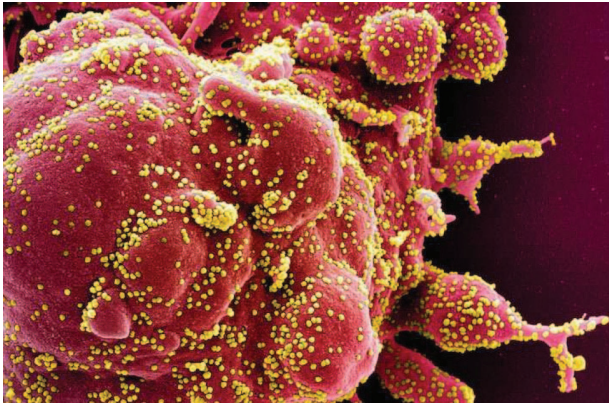
There are interventions we can take, locally and nationally, that recognize centuries of financial and social constraint. Initiatives like the recent decision by the Small Business Administration and US Treasury to allocate US\$10 billion to lenders that focus funds on disadvantaged areas are a start. These types of

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Why Men May Fare Worse Than Women Against SARS-CoV-2

Women generally mount a more effective immune response against the virus SARS-CoV-2, a new study suggests.



Particles of the virus SARS-CoV-2 (yellow) coat this infected cell collected from a patient. Image credit: Credit: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH.

Data from COVID-19 cases around the world suggest that the new coronavirus hits men harder than women. Differences in men and women's immune responses to the virus may help explain why.

When infected by the new coronavirus, women may mount a more potent adaptive immune response than do men, a new study suggests. By comparison, the male immune response appears to progress less effectively, fostering inflammation that's harmful to the body.

This study is the first to delve into sex differences

in how the immune system defends itself against the virus SARS-CoV-2. It could help explain why men can fall more severely ill, says Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator Akiko Iwasaki. She and her colleagues posted a preprint describing the study on medRxiv.org on June 9, 2020. Their analysis focused on the immune responses of 93 COVID-19 patients admitted to Yale New Haven Hospital.

"There is a big contrast between how women respond to the virus that causes COVID-19 and the way men respond," says Iwasaki, an immunobiologist at Yale University. "The sex-based differences revealed in this study suggest that treatments could be tailored to better suit male versus female patients."

The medRxiv paper, which has yet to go through the scientific vetting process known as peer review, has some limitations, including relying on a small number of patients, says Marcus Altfeld, an immunologist at the Heinrich Pette Institute in Germany, who was not involved with the work. However, he adds, "These are very important data and larger, follow-up studies are now needed."

A new gender gap

Since SARS-CoV-2 emerged in Wuhan, China, researchers have shown that the virus is hardly indiscriminate. It poses more of a threat to certain categories of people, including the elderly, those with certain medical conditions, and African Americans. And early reports from Wuhan, the epicenter of the pandemic, indicated that infections hit men harder, a trend later confirmed elsewhere in the world.

The degree of this disparity between men and women varies. Data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through early June shows that men account for 54 percent of COVID-19-related deaths. Meanwhile, an analysis of data from more than 1,000 infected Chinese patients found that 2.4 times more men died than women.

Experts have suggested a long list of potential contributors to this disparity, including male sex hormones, men placing less priority on their health, and levels of a molecule the virus needs to invade cells.

The immune system has emerged as a strong candidate. "It is well established in many viral infections that there are differences between men and women, both in the manifestation of the diseases and also in the development of immune responses," says Altfeld, whose lab studies HIV.

In response to encouragement from the Yale

Women's Health Research center, Iwasaki set out to see how men and women's immunological differences might play out in COVID-19. Using blood, saliva, and nasal swabs collected from hospital patients, she and her team concentrated primarily on a group of men and women who had moderate illness.

A two-part immune response

Iwasaki's team identified a difference originating in the immune system's two layers of defense. When a viral infection begins, the first layer responds rapidly. Infected cells sound the alarm, sending out cytokine proteins that summon immune cells to fight the infection. Although a necessity, this process, known as inflammation, can be dangerous if not controlled. In COVID-19, runaway inflammation known as a cytokine storm can cause death.

Within days, the immune system's second layer of defense kicks in. This finely-tuned response enlists so-called T and B cells that learn to recognize the enemy and eradicate it.

The team found that female patients had more of the virus-fighting T cells, while men had higher levels of inflammation-promoting cytokines. "This suggests men are stuck in the first layer of the immune response," Iwasaki says. Because men don't properly activate the second, more targeted defense system, inflammation appears to ramp up, she explains.

Her team also tracked the severity of the patients' illnesses. Men whose condition remained stable generated strong T cell responses, not unlike the women's. However, men lacking a strong T-cell response fared worse - they needed to move to the intensive care unit or use a ventilator to breathe. Some of the women struggled, too, but for a different reason: they failed to bring their cytokine signaling under control.

Overall, the results suggest that women fare better than men because of their T cells, Iwasaki says. While men's T cell levels declined with age, levels remained strong for women into their 90s. These discoveries hint that male patients may benefit from treatments to enhance their T cells, she says.

More information: Takehiro Takahashi et al. Sex differences in immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 that underlie disease outcomes, (2020). DOI: 10.1101/2020.06.06.20123414

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From Grandfather To Grandson - The Lessons Of The Tulsa Race Massacre

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programs are needed even when there aren't full-scale economic and social crises taking place, like the COVID-19 epidemic or protesters in the street. Years of institutional barriers and racial wealth gaps cannot be redressed unless there's a recognition that capital matters.

The 1921 Tulsa race riot began on May 31, only weeks before the annual celebration of Juneteenth, which is observed on June 19. As communities across the country begin recognizing Juneteenth and leading corporations move to celebrate it, it's important to remember the story behind Juneteenth - slaves weren't informed that they were emancipated.

After the celebrations, there's hard work ahead. From my

grandfather's memory of the riot's devastation to my own work addressing low-income communities' economic challenges, I have come to see that change requires harnessing economic, governmental and nonprofit solutions that recognize and speak openly about the significant residential, educational and workplace racial segregation that still exists in the United States today.

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OLYMPIC DAY 2020 (23rd June) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ALPHONSO E BRIDGEWATER, C.S.M. PRESIDENT OF THE ST. KITTS AND NEVIS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SKNOC).

INTRODUCTION:

In the name of the leadership, staff and partners of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC), I salute you all on this Olympic Day, probably among the most solemn, soul-searching and reflective on record.

Were all things normal, Olympic Day 2020 would have marked some 33 days before the original commencement of the Olympic Family's and the Sport World's marquis event—Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (July 24th-August 9th). The COVID-19 Pandemic has been exclusively responsible for the unanimous decision taken by all the major stakeholders to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games from the year 2020 to, some time, by the summer of 2021—even though the official name of the Games would still carry the prefix-2020. The uncertainty remains real, but the optimism is palpable and contagious.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As challenging a hand as the Pandemic has dealt the Olympic Movement and the wider global sport family, there exists a clear consensus that “this, too, will pass”, and, the historical narrative of the Games, and of the Olympic Movement, itself, would be redefined as, “before and after COVID-19”. There is a prevailing commitment to confront the challenges posed with a sense of realism and optimism, driven by an idealism very much akin to that which motivated the Founding Father (Pierre de Coubertin) of the Modern Olympic Games, some 125 years ago. Clearly, the recipe and attitude required, if we are to take advantage of the concomitant opportunities that the challenges bring with them.

Presently, it is as if ‘the world has been closed for renovation’. The opportunity to host the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, by the summer of 2021, may just be the psychological fillip required; the international social festival needed; the

recreation and re-creation zeal necessary; the economic stimulus and cultural renaissance anticipated—to usher in the ‘excellence, friendship and respect’—which are not limited to being core values of Olympic Sport, but of life itself.

Athlete Focus and Support

To date, no SKN athlete has qualified in any sport/discipline, be it individual or team. Nonetheless, the SKNOC continues to collaborate with the athletes and their National Federations and the respective coaches/trainers to ensure that there is credible representation at the Olympic and other Games/Competitions.

For the period October 2019 through to June 2020, some seven (7) athletes on the Elite Athlete Tokyo Assistance Programme, have been paid a total of EC \$14,985 per month. Five (5) out of these seven (7) athletes are provided an additional amount of EC \$2,700 each, as part of the Tokyo Olympic Athlete Scholarship Programme. This latter programme (Athlete Scholarship) runs from January 2018 through to August 2020, originally. This means, that athletes, for this programme alone, would have been provided some EC \$75,600 each. Now that the Tokyo Olympic Games have been postponed until 2021, the decision has already been made to extend the financial support to August 2021. The St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC) expresses its utmost gratitude to its major partners the International Olympic Committee/Olympic Solidarity (IOC/OS) and the Panamsports for their sustained financial support in this regard.

REASON FOR HOPE AND CELEBRATION: CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Amid the solemn atmosphere of the 2020 Pandemic era, the SKNOC has still managed to provide reason for hope and celebration this Olympic Day. For example:

Physical Infrastructural Development

The Launch of the SKNOC Renovation and Expansion Project 2020: This is essentially a physical infrastructure project which renovates and expands (by an additional 2321 sq. feet) the current Olympic House Headquarters of the organization; to create a total of 3308 sq. ft.

Costs

The project is estimated at EC\$1.5 million for the construction phase with an additional amount re the furnishings, requisite ICT equipment and landscaping which could put the overall total to EC\$2 million.

Facilities/Space

The building will accommodate (Ground Floor: Administration Offices)—a Museum, secretariat with rest rooms, stationary and filing cabinets' room, Secretary-General's Office, President's Office, storeroom, Board Room, research room, kitchenette and cleaner's room; and facilities friendly to the differently abled. Also, on the Ground Floor: in the Public/Member Federations' (MFs')/Presentation Centre space, there will be a foyer, Conference Room, Kitchenette, physically challenged compliant Rest Room, Male and Female Rest Room, and an IT Station.

Aesthetic and Environmental Value

Additionally, the SKNOC prides itself in stating that its intention in constructing this edifice is to add to the aesthetic and environmental value of the area on Taylor's Range (immediate outskirts of the Main City, Basseterre), rapidly developing into an Institutional and Commercial Zone with the influx of iconic structures like the Solid Waste Management Corporation Headquarters, The Brimstone Hill Fortress City Offices, The Air Flight E-Zone Headquarters, The Carib Breweries Off-Site Office and the landmark Masonic Lodge, the Republic of China (Taiwan) Embassy Building, the remodeled Victoria Road Pre-school, The Zion Moravian Church—together with a number of remaining, classical, residential properties.

Economic Impact

The SKNOC is happy for the opportunity through the construction of its Renovated and Expanded Headquarters to directly employ dozens of workers in the construction area and some additional 10-12 in the professional services area. You get the picture? SKNOC/CGA does make its contribution, in a variety of ways, to the economy of the Federation.

LAUNCH OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

The SKNOC further scheduled the Launch of the of its Strategic Plan (SP) 2021-2024 to fit into the prelude of the Olympic Day Celebrations. The completed draft of the SP 2021-2024 is expected to be presented to the November 2020 Annual General Assembly (an Elective Assembly) for the ratification/approval of the general membership.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

The SKNOC received the proud and encouraging news that its nominee—Mr. Shawn Seabrooks—was selected from among the list of other nominees from the 41 NOC Countries of the Americas/Pan-American Region to pursue post-graduate studies (Master's Level) in Physical Education, in Sochi, Russia. Mr. Seabrooks was one of the two Sports Journalists from St. Kitts and Nevis who attended and covered the PanAm Games, Lima 2019, on the invitation and critical support of the PanamSports.

OLYMPIC DAY RELEASE OF SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY

Whilst you may miss the customary Olympic Day Run on the programme of Activities for this year, we intend to offer you a special documentary which is entitled ‘Olympism in St. Kitts and Nevis (SKN)’ produced specifically for broadcast on Olympic Day 2020, via TV and social media. This documentary will feature Official Messages from local and International leaders of the Olympic Family as well as provide insights into the sojourn of the Member Federations thus far.

PRESENTATION OF MASKS TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

This week, we continue our corporate responsibility in our community with the presentation to the Ministry of Health of a package of 200 face masks for use by its staff. A gesture in recognition of the seminal and exemplary model of sacrificial service they have provided and continue to provide in the management of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Much appreciation and sincerest thanks, must be offered, in this respect, to one of the SKNOC's Associates (a supplier of promotional products and paraphernalia)—Mr. Boyle Lezhang of China.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON ANTI-DOPING

On a similar note, we have produced, specifically for the awareness of the general public, a few informational and educational presentations on Anti-Doping matters. These matters will be appropriately addressed by Mr. Leroy Greene, Assistant Secretary-General of the SKNOC and Member of the Executive of the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) plus Dr. Dwain Archibald, Member of the National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) of SKN.

RENDEZVOUS WITH THE HONOURABLE JONEL POWEL

I offer congratulations, on behalf of the entire Olympic and Commonwealth Games Family, to The Honourable Jonel Powell, who following his success at the recent June 5, 2020 General Elections, has been appointed Minister of Education, Youth, Sport and Culture.

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OLYMPIC DAY 2020

(23rd June)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

(cont'd from last page)

The SKNOC/CGA will also like to express its thanks and appreciation to the Honourable Shawn K Richards, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure who served as Minister with responsibility for Sport over the past 5 years.

On Saturday June 20th, the SKNOC leadership held a rendezvous with The Honourable Jonel Powell as part of the Olympic Day Celebration Activities and used the occasion to take the Honourable Minister on a tour of the construction site of the Renovation and Expansion Project 2020.

FIRST VIRTUAL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As an additional highlight of the Olympic Day Celebrations, a virtual Ordinary General Assembly of the SKNOC will be convened, on June 25th, 2020.

CONCLUSION:

As I close, I remind you that the mantra of Olympic Day Celebration Activities remains relevant, even in these challenging times. Namely, to "Move, Learn and Discover". Physical activity and sports still offer a true and tested way to protect ourselves from the scourge of chronic, communicable diseases. You recall the persistent charge not to "be a couch potato"? A charge that is still very pertinent!

Make a Commitment

Commit to turn the mundane task of doing the laundry, into and opportunity for physical activity. Take your cue, in this regard, from our former national soccer captain, Keith "Kayamba" Gumbs (see documentary) as to how creative one can get. Commit today

to join the Worldwide Digital Celebration (Olympic Channel) and recognize the innovative and creative ways to engage in physical activity. Challenge yourself to complete 1000 steps. Note how long it took you to execute. Then commit, going forward, to reduce the time taken, or to increase the number of steps.

The Ultimate Charge: From Reflection to Empathy to Action

As if the CORONAVIRUS was not enough, the death of the black man, George Floyd at the feet of that police officer in the USA, challenges the Olympic Movement on this Olympic Day to look inwards, reach outwards and to project forward, in order to make its own transformative impact on the glaring institutional and systemic inequalities these two mind-boggling events have brought to the very core of our global consciousness.

The SKNOC exhorts us all to join with the forward-thinking movement that recognizes that we, indeed, have no choice but to 'change

or be changed', by the tide of events. May we, as a result, be motivated to progress from reflection to empathy, from empathy to action in favour of meaningful change.

How I wish, come the summer of 2021, we can truly stand and shout to the mountain tops: "We got this".

Have an enjoyable, memorable and safe Olympic Day 2020.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

A.D. 2020

(PROBATE)

**In the Estate of SELWYN MORGAN, late of
Irish Town, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Gaston Harris of North Pelican Drive, Bird Rock, Basseterre, St. Kitts for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 14th day of January 2019 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 30th day of April 2014 wherein the applicant is the named sole executor.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 16th day of June 2020

**JeNise Carty
GONSALVES PARRY**

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed on behalf of the Applicant by Ms. JeNise Carty of Gonsalves Parry, Chambers Suites C26 A&B, The Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone number: (869) 466-5455, Fax number: (869) 466-5456. The Applicant's address for service is the same.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19

A.D. 2020

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Applicant

AND

EVELYN LIBURD TYSON

Respondent

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above captioned matter which was fixed for hearing for **Hearing of an Application** on **Tuesday 16th day of June 2020**, has been rescheduled to **Thursday 16th day of July 2020, at 9:00 am** in the forenoon, before **The Master**, at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore K.C.M.G. Q.C., Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Please be guided and act accordingly.

Dated 18th June, 2020.

To: **Ms. Cindy Herbert**
The Bank of Nevis Limited
Main Street
Charlestown
Nevis

To: **Evelyn Liburd Tyson**
Cayon Village
St. Kitts

England v West Indies: Jason Holder injury not a concern - Phil Simmons

From the section Cricket BBC



Jason Holder averages almost 33 with the bat and 26 with the ball in 40 Tests

West Indies coach Phil Simmons has no injury concerns over Jason Holder, despite the captain taking little part in their first warm-up game.

Holder did not bowl in the three-day match at Old Trafford which ended as a draw on Thursday.

"Jason has had a slight niggle on his ankle and that is what has held him back from bowling," said Simmons.

"He will be back to bowling in the four-day game and should be bowling his full quota."

West Indies will play one more intra-squad match, starting on 29 July, before the three-Test series against England gets under way at Southampton on 8 July.

Holder is ranked as the number one all-rounder in Test cricket by the International Cricket Council.

Captaining one of the teams in the practice game, he opted against promoting himself up the batting order in the second innings after making a golden duck in the first.

Sheyne Moseley made 83 not out for Holder's side, after Shamarh Brooks' unbeaten 66 and Shane Dowrich's 56 not out allowed Kraigg Brathwaite's team to declare at lunch.

Simmons said pace bowler Shannon Gabriel, who is officially listed as a reserve to the West Indies squad, is ready to play in the first Test after recovering from an ankle injury.

"You could see he's close to 100%," said Simmons. "Now we want to get him up to 100 just before the Test match."

Jofra Archer joins England training camp after negative coronavirus test

From the section Cricket BBC



Archer has taken 30 wickets in seven Tests for England

Bowler Jofra Archer will join England's training group in Southampton later on Thursday after testing negative for coronavirus.

The 25-year-old was delayed in joining the camp after a member of his household felt unwell over the weekend.

Archer, and the rest of his household, tested negative earlier

this week for the virus and after a second negative test he will now travel to Southampton.

England's 30-man group is preparing for the Test series against West Indies.

The three-match series, originally due to start on 4 June, begins on 8 July behind closed doors in bio-secure environments at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl and Emirates Old Trafford.

England's training group - based at the Ageas Bowl - will play a three-day practice game from 1 July, after which a squad will be chosen for the first Test.

Archer revealed last week that the elbow injury which kept him out of the final three Tests of England's series against Southampton last winter had fully healed.



WITHOUT COMMENT

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Debbie's Restaurant & Bar now residing in Main Street, in the village Newtown Ground, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Basseterre Fishing Complex in New Town Bay Road in Basseterre.

Dated this
22nd day of June, 2020.

Signed: D. Somersall

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Mirtha Irish now residing in Beach Street, Ponds Pasture in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Maribel Bar in Beach Street, Ponds Pasture, New Town in Basseterre.

Dated this
18th day of June, 2020.

Signed: Mirtha Irish

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Edris Garnette now residing in New Road in the village of St. Peters do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in College Street Ghaut, in Basseterre.

Dated this
18th day of June, 2020.

Signed: Edris Garnette

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Julio De Los Santos Marte now residing in Pond Road, New Town in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of October, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Pond Road, New Town in Basseterre.

Dated this
23rd day of June, 2020.

Signed: Julio Santos

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Verlenia Wrensford now residing in Main Street, in the village Middle Island, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in Half Way Tree.

Dated this
24th day of June, 2020.

Signed: V. Wrensford

FRENCH, SPANISH AND ENGLISH

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

For how many irregularities occurred in this recently concluded elections, I really wouldn't be surprised if the persons who were apprehended hiding out in a house in Keys actually voted on 5 June, 2020.

The vote that was once held so sacred when Douglas and Labour were in office is the same vote that is now being sold for a one off \$100 food voucher.

All the noise that they made to get voter ID, all the noise that they made to keep out the overseas voters to protect the sanctity of the vote have been replaced by the silence of an embarrassed section of the electorate who knows that money stole this election away from Labour.

How on God's green earth can Unity now be hailed as an immigrant friendly government? Those who understand what is happening, understand that Unity is anything but.

It was Jonel Powell who had tried to have the Nigerians struck from the Voters Lists and had two dragged before the court to challenge their registration.

It was Unity who had waited until the Hispanics were all gathered together celebrating their anniversary to round them up with the intention of deporting the undocumented ones.

These actions don't look like the behaviour of an immigrant-friendly government at all.

Au contraire. Unity recognized that these same immigrants whom they were terrorizing could be useful if they could find a way to get them

to vote for them. And so the plan was hatched.

Unity cunningly did an about turn, and the Nigerians and the Hispanics suddenly became very valuable to them.

All who used to talk about Braggadam and how Douglas was selling out our birthright to all and sundry, no longer had an issue with the ease with which our Spanish speaking immigrants acquired our passports.

Before I go any further, I will be the first to agree that Kittitians and Nevisians are all over the world in everybody's country. And so I am not for one moment advocating that since our Federation is viewed by many as the America of the Caribbean, who want to come shouldn't be allowed in. But our overseas nationals should not be locked out.

But again, those of us who understand what Unity was doing, understand why our overseas nationals had to be kept out.

Those of us who understand what Unity was doing, understand why, for example, Lesroy Williams proudly posed with some of his friends whom he met in Santo Domingo.

I wonder why he is not taking picture with his Haitian friends. Maybe his French is not as good as his Spanish. Or maybe the gentleman from NEMA who accompanied him on his frequent trips, his French needs brushing up.

But we move on. As we must. And see what tomorrow brings.

Let's hope no Covid 19 hitched a ride on the Sahara dust.



By Vigilante

Humpty Dumpty say dat mark a man must know dat anytime he open de border dem over dere, all de border dem over here gon lock dung like Fort Knox.

Humpty Dumpty say dat anytime dey talk bout virus free country, he name calling. And he not giving up hearing he name call for keeping out de Virus for nutten. Not even resurrecting de economy.

He say dat through de man couldna give no stimulus package, he had was to open up he border dem quick, quick. And as soon as he open dem, de Virus come back one time.

So Humpty Dumpty say dat he want he name to be calling every time anybody say Virus free. So he not opening any border in any hurry.

All de boast Humpty Dumpty a boast, It have people who ain't get no stimulus package on to now. Dey say dat social security have to put een \$80 million more dis month to mek sure dat certain people could sleep when night come.

People want to know what Humpty Dumpty mean when he say dat de money in de Treasury "dwindle to nutten?"

People want to know what Humpty Dumpty mean when he say dat all de project dem round de island "put on hold?"

Dey say dat as soon as de misappropriator offspring exam dem done, he get de RSS plane to bring him home quick, quick. But all de time when other people did want dey children come home, de government was saying it not possible.

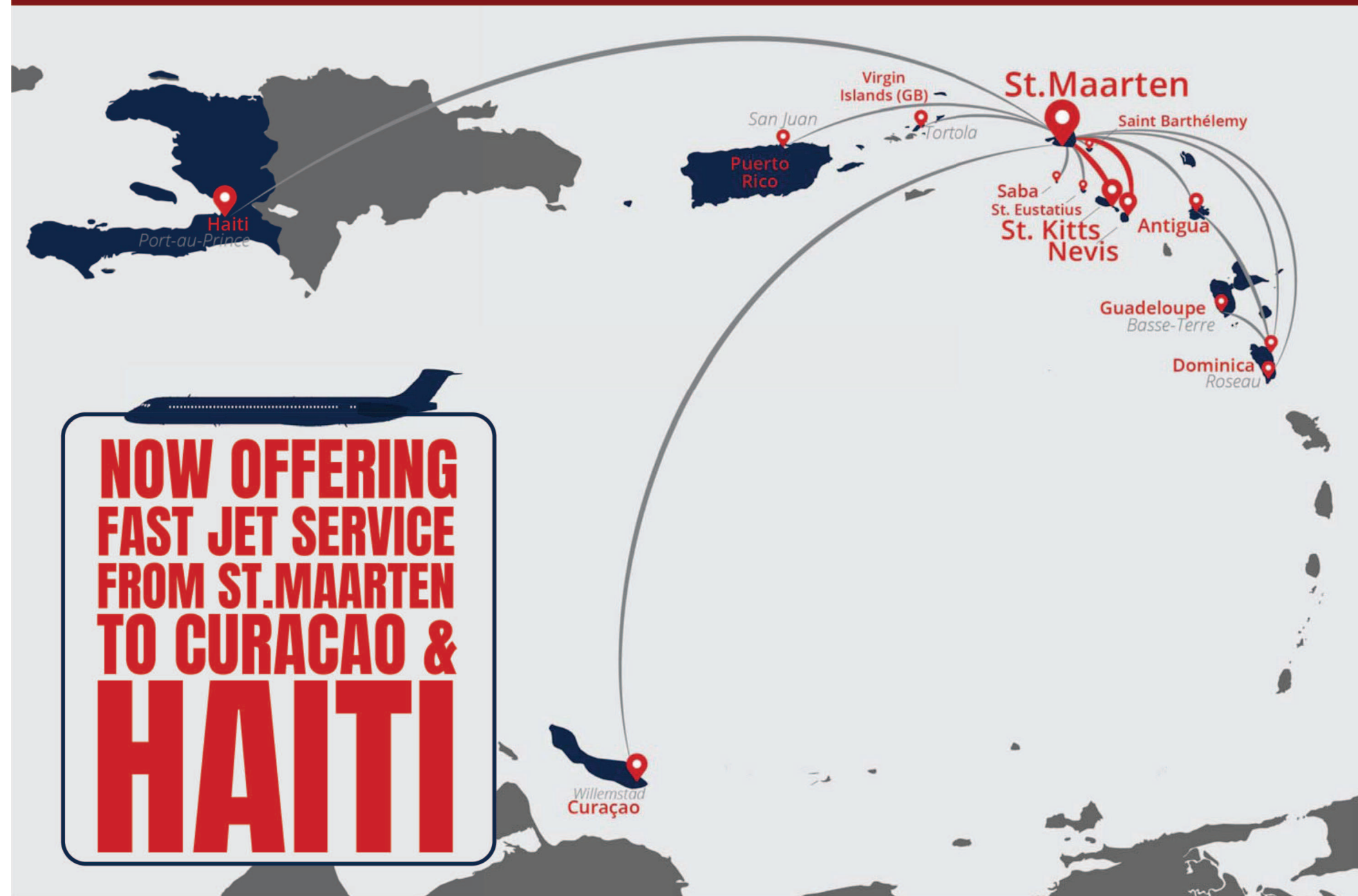
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