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FASHION POLICE

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 15th May 2020)- Wearing protective face masks while in public is currently a required safety trend, globally, as one of the top measures in the fight to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) but in St. Kitts-Nevis, likewise in some other countries, the use of camouflage material by members of the general public is illegal which also applies to such masks.

Superintendent Cromwell Henry while speaking at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Tuesday 12th May 2020 pledged the police's support to the St. Kitts-Nevis Defense Force to enforce this restriction.

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Editorial

Let Us ALL Grasp The Loving And Caring Hand Of Labour

On Wednesday night, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis were treated to yet another of Prime Minister Harris' egregious abuses of his office.

During the course of what he quite obviously wanted to be seen, heard and accepted as a statesman-like address, he once again fell flat, and at the same time managed to insult the people of this country.

For some time now we have been awaiting the official declaration as to the dissolution of parliament, knowing that if he did not ask for it to be done, the assembly would have been automatically dissolved at a certain point in time, in accordance with the constitutional provisions.

What loomed before the nation, the region, and the international community was the possibility that parliament could have been so dissolved in a 'most historic, first ever' manner for this country, thereby signaling and confirming the long perceived unwillingness of the incumbent regime to face the judgement of the electorate.

It is clear that, in order to avert that ignominy, Dr. Harris and his lot indulged in some attempted last minute gimmickry, while at the same time trying to make it appear as though they are full of confidence, and that they somehow pulled a fast one on Labour.

Were it not such a serious matter, one could have a very hearty laugh on that one.

Little did he realise that Labour had been keeping a close eye on him, and when he went to call on The Governor General on Tuesday, just about everyone knew what it would have been about. Even five-year olds would have known that.

Recalling the manner in which Dr. Harris has, from the very outset, 'positioned' The Attorney General above the other members of his cabinet, the fact that he had that particular officer in tow during the visit on Tuesday, served to reinforce what had been long anticipated.

Dr. Harris has clearly made another grievous mistake in underestimating the intelligence of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, and he will, in due course, pay the price for what amounts to yet another 'national insult'.

To add insult to injury, immediately following the address, and running true to form, there was the spectacle of several of the sycophants once again abusing 'social media', spreading falsehoods to the effect that he had caught Labour unprepared, he had pulled 'another' fast one on the opposition, and touting 'how clever' he is.

We would like to say that was the last time that Harris and his lot had insulted our people, for that is just what he did by waiting until Wednesday night to notify the country that he had, since the day before, asked The Governor General to dissolve parliament.

However, knowing them as we do, one can rest assured that they will insult us, again and again, before the general elections are contested, and even after.

Some of what this does is to reinforce the need for us to send them packing, and we need to do so resoundingly, whenever that time comes, and we know that it cannot too far in the future.

We also need to take full cognisance of the fact that they will

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A.D. 2020

Claim No.

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 JAMES BUCHANAN for the replacement of a lost Certificate of Title to land contained in Book F2 Folio 46 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 Bourkes Estate known as Lot No. 1 and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot No 2, 56.15 feet, On the East by lands of Bourkes Estate, 50 feet, On the South by lands of Saddler, 55 feet and On the West by the Island Main Road, 50 feet and containing by admeasurement two thousand seven hundred and seventy nine square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan thereof by Thomas A. Molyneaux dated the 4th day of January 1980.

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 14th day of May 2020.

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

employ gimmickry, trickery, and outrageous lawlessness, as they always do, from start to finish. We need to keep a close watch on them at every step of the way, at each twist and each turn, and we need to be fully prepared to 'corner' them whenever they cross the lines, and we know that they will attempt to do so every moment of every day.

These general elections are going to be the most important and significant in the political and economic history of our nation. We simply CANNOT afford to allow SCHEME UNITY to get away with anymore of their shenanigans.

We shall be fighting to restore to office the government which the people know to be best suited and equipped to serve our needs and lead us into the future.

For over five long years, we have suffered major setbacks in every sector of our country's affairs: health, education, commerce, manufacturing, economics, finance, and all others. Attempts to paper over the glaring faults have only served to point-up and emphasise their incompetence, ineptitudes, and ugly corrupt natures.

Just about every institution in our country has been corrupted, undermined and bent to serve only the interests of members of the regime, the families, relatives and friends. Those who were once misled into believing that others were all about 'family, relatives and friends now know that they were induced to look in the wrong directions, and that it is the naked emperor who is the one concerned with family, relatives and friends.

Indeed, it would be safe to say that is ALL which matters to him. He once told certain individuals that he did not care about any loyalty to Labour, that he wants loyalty to himself, and that it has to be one hundred percent loyalty.

Those who are now trying to deal with him

know full well just what that means.

Our country is very badly in need of being relieved of the sordid and highly dangerous practices of having some persons promoting acts of lawlessness and violence when it suits them, especially when they are trying to make others 'look bad', and then turning around and trying to attract praises and thanks for 'solving' the very problems which they created in the first place.

We need to be relieved of the insane practice of using tax payer's monies and social security funds to pay criminals not to kill off each other.

And those are only a few of the dangerous malpractices which have been employed by the regime in their attempts to lull our people into believing that they are responsible and trustworthy persons.

Dear people, we have experienced the destruction of some of the most important principles and tenets of our system of government. Collective responsibility has evaporated. Financial accountability is not even spoken of. Just ask The IMF. Not even the courts have not been spared.

The coming general elections are of such importance, dear people, that we simply cannot afford to fail. We MUST defeat SCHEME UNITY, and, again, we MUST do so resoundingly.

Let us continue welcoming our people back into the fold. There are large numbers of PAMites who would like us to help them get rid of Harris and his lot. Let us reach out to them, too, and welcome them to stand four-square with us against this most wicked, corrupt and evil monstrosity with which we have been saddled for the past five years.

Yes, dear people of St. Kitts and Nevis, let us all work together to rid the country of UNITIM and SCHEME UNITY.

We ALL owe it to ourselves, our children, and the generations as yet unborn.

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Coronavirus SKN: Military Masks Not Allowed

By: Precious Mills

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Reading an announcement from the Defense Force, he said: "It has been observed that members of the general public are increasingly wearing the camouflage face mask. Members of the general public

Business Owners Encouraged To Look Out For Masked Intruders

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 15th May 2020) - Business owners are being advised by police to put measures in place to protect against becoming victims of individuals using masks to carry out criminal activities.

"While we're on the topic of masks, we cannot overemphasize this too much. There is need for business to take steps to protect your property against persons who may be using mask to conceal their identity for illegal purposes."

So said superintendent Cromwell Henry during his presentation at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Tuesday 12th May 2020.

"You are advised to implement measures to deter such actions. Measures could include restricting the wearing of hoodies, caps, sun shades and ski masks while they're on your premises, having persons remove the mask temporarily so that your surveillance systems can capture their image or requiring IDs when doing transaction etc.," he urged.

According to him: "These measures are particularly important at business places where high value items or cash are traded. We remind you that you are responsible for your security and we ask you to take this responsibility serious. The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis police force stands readily to support you in any way that you require; just reach out to us and we will provide support as you seek to secure your premises and property."

Meanwhile, a suspect is being sort by police in relation to a larceny (cont'd on next page)



Superintendent Cromwell

are reminded that it is an offence in law; contrary to section 215 of the St. Christopher and Nevis Defence Force Act-to be in possession or wear any item of military gears."

Superintendent Henry continued: "As such, the St.Kitts-Nevis Defence Force advises against the wearing of these masks by members of the general public. The camouflage masks are military kits and must be treated as such. Anyone found in possession of or wearing the camouflage -or any material nearly resembling- mask, it will be confiscated and the perpetrators prosecuted."

He then went on to add the support to the notice given indicating that the police force "will be vigilant in enforcing this particular restriction."

"Members of the public should not be wearing any military clothing be it mask, pants, shirt, hat or any other similar gear that is worn by the military," the senior police officer also stated.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO: For illustration and educational purposes only (sourced from www.ebay.com) show a variety of 'Handmade Face Mask Washable Reversible With ELASTIC'. Relative to St.Kitts and Nevis material for masks 1 and 4 are banned for use by members of the general public according to section 215 of the St. Christopher and

Nevis Defence Force Act.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Charlene Wilson now residing in Conaree in the village of Conaree do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 01st day of July, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Conaree Village in St. Kitts.

Dated this
01st day of May, 2020.

Signed: C. Wilson

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2020

Claim No. NEVHCV2015/0004

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

- Applicant

and

DELORES MARTIN

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at High Court, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis, on the 28th day of May 2020 at 3.00 o'clock in the forenoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land described as Sub-Lot No. 9 situate at Long Point Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North-East by a 20' Road Reserve, 200.31 feet; On the South-East by a 20' Road Reserve, 10.44 feet and 132.60 feet; On the South-West by lands of Pansy Martin (Sub-lot 8), 205.00 feet; and On the North-West by lands of Pansy Martin (Sub-lot 10) 163.96 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.7132 acre (or 31,065 square feet), all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 11th day of December, 2001 and registered in Book 39 Folio 395 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of **DELORES MARTIN** of New Pond Site, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$111,834.00**

Dated the 18th day of March 2020

Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court



Occupational Safety And Health

By: Joseph Jones



Workers (People), in keeping with my promise in writing on this topic, **here I am once again.**

If you want to consider and call this **novel coronavirus (COVID-19)** a common cold, in regard respiratory tract infection, you better get serious and be educated.

Hello! To understand and appreciate its significance of virus, my Collins paperback English dictionary describes such as ‘**a microorganism that is smaller than a bacterium and causes disease in human beings, animals or plants**’. People, you hear that? Ok!

Now hear what I am saying: Hardly anyone escapes, and frequently an entire household and countries will be struck with this **unpleasant condition.**

The malady is an old fashioned term used to describe any disease or illness among other names; all of which mean the same thing. The seemingly

most popular synonym (having the same meaning) is the common cold. Not this COVID-19 one though; it is deadly, and we often refer to such as severe or intense influenza or simply the flu. Some of us usually say that I have a bad cold or cough, chest infection, bad throat or gripe.

Basically these terms refer to simple invasion of upper respiratory passageways. This may mean any part of the airways of the nose and nasal system, the mouth and throat system and the trachea (the tube that carries inhaled air from the throat to the lungs) and upper parts of the large **bronchi** (the smaller tubes into which they divide).

NOTE WELL As the

infection becomes established, it will gradually or rapidly spread to the adjacent (next or near) parts then the respiratory infection is on its way, if **common sense** measures are not

taken, a spread of infection, resulting with complications, will quickly occur. Faithful.

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CARPHA Urges The Public To Protect Themselves Against Mosquito Borne Diseases

Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Media Release

Monday, May 11, 2020 — Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago — “Countries around the world have battled the spread of COVID-19 by closing borders, placing national restrictions on population movement and integrating further social distancing measures into everyday life. This was done to ensure that our health care systems are not overwhelmed in the identification and management of COVID-19 cases.

In the midst of this pandemic we must be mindful that other public health threats still exist. Mosquito borne diseases, such as, Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika, have placed an additional burden on our Region’s health care systems, and negatively impact social and economic development. As individuals and communities, we each have a role to play in preventing an upsurge of mosquito borne diseases,” stated CARPHA Executive Director, Dr Joy St. John, in observance of Caribbean Mosquito Awareness Week 2020.

“During 2019, the Caribbean Region experienced another outbreak of Dengue, with many CARPHA Member States reporting an increase in the number of severe and hospitalised cases. Dengue outbreaks tend to occur in cycles every few years due to a complex interplay between population, ecological and climatic factors”, said Dr. Laura-Lee Boodram, Head of Vector Borne Diseases at CARPHA.

She further added,

“While we haven’t seen a resurgence of Chikungunya or Zika within Member States in the last few years, countries in South and Central America did report outbreaks of Chikungunya in 2019 and early 2020, therefore, the Caribbean must remain vigilant.”

Caribbean Mosquito Awareness Week (CMAW) was declared in November 2014 at the 17th Special Meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government on Public Health Threats. It is an important reminder to the general public to take action to reduce their risk of diseases spread by mosquitoes.

For CMAW 2020, CARPHA’s slogan states, “In times of COVID - Let’s Unite to Fight

Business Owners Encouraged To Look...

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(robbery) incident that occurred at a business establishment at Port Zante

On Monday 11th May 2020, an employee at the establishment reported that at approximately 11:30 a.m., a male entered the establishment wearing a cap, sunshades and a face mask.

Reportedly, he requested a number of jewellery pieces to try on then left the establishment with the items. The items are valued at EC\$11,000.00.

Investigations into the matter are ongoing. Persons with information about this incident are asked to contact the Basseterre Police Station by dialing 465-2241, their nearest Police Station or the crime hotline at 707.

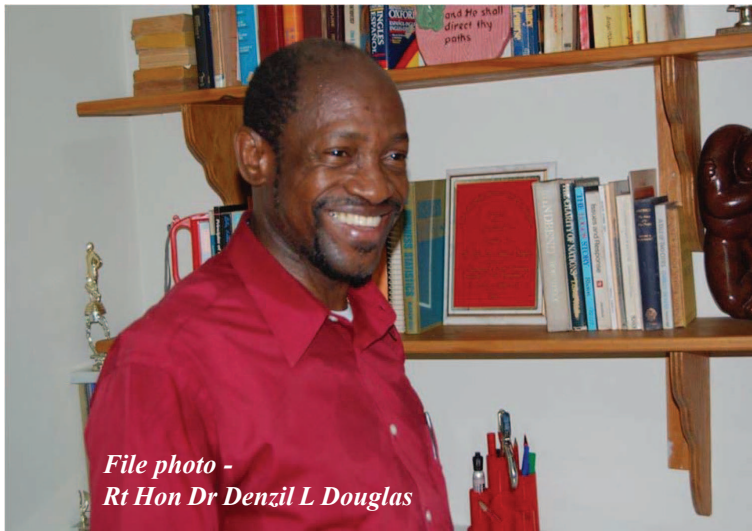
At the COVID-19 Daily Briefing later that day, Superintendent Henry pointed out that while the Small Charges Act prohibited the wearing of masks under normal circumstances, the present emergency regulations have relaxed those provisions temporarily.

As a result, wearing a mask is now a part of several measures that have been implemented to prevent the spread of the coronavirus relevant to section 15 of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 7) Regulations.

On the point of wearing masks outdoors, in accordance with the regulations, “a person shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth- when in a public place- once a period of emergency is declared in relation to COVID-19.”

“We appeal to everyone to be responsible in the wearing of your masks and use them for personal health purposes only. We ask that persons avoid wearing additional pieces such as caps and sun shades that may further disguise you and make others around you uncomfortable,” Superintendent Henry added.

Denzil Douglas Calls For Date For General Elections; Offers His SKNLP As A Legitimate, Competent, Compassionate Alternative



File photo -
Rt Hon Dr Denzil L Douglas

Basseterre, St. Kitts, May 13, 2020 - Former prime minister The Right Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas on Wednesday night offered his St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party to the people of the twin-island federation as a legitimate, competent and compassionate government following the announcement earlier by Prime Minister Dr. the Hon Timothy Harris that the National Assembly had been dissolved on Tuesday.

"I find it absolutely disgraceful, despicable and downright disrespectful that Dr. Harris would make his broadcast at 7 pm on Wednesday evening, more than 24 hours after he claimed that the dissolution became effective. This kind of sneaky and reckless behavior raises the question in the psyche of the nation, "what else is Harris hiding?" said Douglas in an address to the Nation.

He said the announcement has been long overdue, as the five-year deadline since the last general elections has passed since February 15, 2020.

"Despite the many attempts by this regime to find loopholes to go around the Constitution, the loops cannot and will not hold. Today, the Constitution of St. Christopher and Nevis has spoken loudly, with authority and with finality. The Constitution will speak again by August 11, 2020, when the final curtain comes down on

this deceptive and miscreant regime," Douglas said.

He continued: "I am very thankful that the Constitution is the Supreme Authority of our land and provides the necessary checks and balances that have frustrated Dr. Harris from further abuse of the National Assembly and perpetuate their time in office under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic. For a government that has spoken so boastfully about its prospects for winning, the fact that it has allowed itself to lose the element of surprise and to let the clock run out on its term in office, speaks volumes. The writing is on the wall, and Harris and his government are mortally afraid of going back to the people because they know, just like how we know that they will lose."

"Today, the Constitution has spoken! The Rule of law has prevailed here in St. Kitts and Nevis. Come that bright Election Day morning the will of the people shall prevail in this our blessed land," said the former prime minister.

Dr. Douglas, who will lead the NextGen SKN Team in the polls, said that the last five years

have not been easy for the people.

"Rampant corruption, nepotism and victimization have left many languishing on the margins of the national prosperity agenda. The Timothy Harris-led administration has had one focus and one focus only, which is to abuse the power afforded to them by the state to enrich themselves and their families; strip away at our systems of transparency and accountability and to secure for themselves an unfair political advantage by suppressing opposition voices. Scandal after international scandal has diminished the esteemed Office of the Prime Minister and tainted the image of our country regionally and internationally," said Douglas.

He also said that the Harris administration has had all the time in the world and all money that was needed to implement progressive policies and projects that would stimulate growth in the St. Kitts and Nevis economy, enhance the wellbeing of the people and improve the quality of life of every man, woman and child.

"Instead, they have squandered all opportunities at every turn. All across our Federation, there is a palpable sense that we are a nation in decline, and we are moving in the wrong direction. Now, when the our nation is facing one of the worst public health crises the world has seen in over a century, this neglectful, this incompetent and this uncaring government continues to fail our people. The public health

response has been erratic and haphazard with no commitment to mass testing that would effectively contain the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus," he said.

He stated that the pandemic has been used as a cover to justify what is really the political decision to impose a six month State-of-Emergency in order to limit the freedom of movement of the people and grant the security forces broad powers of discretion and arrest far beyond what is necessary to successfully cope with its public health impacts.

"To restrict those freedoms at the most important time for such in a democracy is a despotic act. Yes, by passing that resolution, Harris, just like despots in other parts of the world, has decided that we will have an election during a State of Emergency."

The mismanagement of the public health crisis, he said has been compounded by the government's failure to implement a comprehensive and holistic plan to deal with the economic fallout of the crisis and the forecast for Caribbean economies is bleak.

"The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has predicted that the effects of COVID-19 will cause the biggest recession that the region has suffered since 1914 and 1930. Specifically, the International Monetary Fund has projected that the ripple effects of the Global Health Crisis will cause GDP growth in St. Kitts and Nevis to contract by 8.1%.

"Given that the pandemic began to shut down global travel as early as December 2019 and the belated closure in St. Kitts and Nevis on March 25, 2020, after the first two positive COVID-19 cases, the Travel and Tourism industry has been especially hard hit. The economic crisis it has spurred and has disrupted the lives of our people indiscriminately and has had a devastating impact on every business, large and small, and every worker regardless of which sector he is in. As a result, thousands have lost their jobs, lost income or are receiving no income at all. Countless others have been thrown into the breadline as a result of an inadequate government stimulus plan that



Photo - (left to right) - Hon Konris Maynard (St Christopher 3 - West Basseterre); Ambassador Kenny Douglas (St Christopher 5); Hon Marcella Liburd (St Christopher 2 - Central Basseterre); Dr Terrance Drew - (St Christopher 8); Rt Hon Dr Denzil L Douglas (St Christopher 6); Ambassador Steve Wrensford (St Christopher 4); Mr Leon Natta-Nelson (St Christopher 7) and Dr Geoffrey Hanley (St Christopher 1)

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Denzil Douglas Calls For Date...

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has yet to put one dollar into the hands of the people who need it the most. Our elderly and pensioners, the working poor and those who struggle to make a daily living in the informal economy have been left to drown with no social net to save them, Dr Douglas said.

He pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the many fault lines that could severely and permanently compromise or cripple the sustainable development of our country if swift action is not taken immediately.

"Loss of jobs and slower economic activity could push more people deeper into poverty. Our healthcare system, which was already under unimaginable strain, may not be able to support the general health and wellness of the population if a second wave of COVID-19 cases were to arise. While all schools have closed and lessons have moved online, inequities and inequalities in education will be exacerbated due to unequal digital access and access to laptops and computers by teachers and students, a result

facilitated by the government's unwise suspension of the One-to-One Laptop programme," he said.

According to the former prime minister, just as it has exposed the fault lines in the sustainable development, COVID-19 has also exposed the considerable weaknesses and ineptitude of the Harris-led coalition administration by the exclusion some people.

"This is a very, very serious crisis and there is need for serious, focused and courageous leadership if our country is to adeptly navigate its worst effects and successfully bridge to better days. It is for this reason and more that the

upcoming general election is critical now, more than ever," said Dr Douglas who expressed the view that Decision 2020 represents one of the most important decisions on leadership that the nation has ever faced since 1993.

COVID-19 he said is imperative as it brings into serious perspective the vital need for a date for the election to be announced as soon as possible following the dissolution of Parliament.

"Setting a date for the election as early as possible is absolutely vital in order for the relevant authorities to effectively plan for an election day scenario that makes it possible for all registered citizens to exercise their franchise and for the voting process to be conducted in keeping with the social distancing and sanitization protocols required by this crisis. Best practices around the world testify that that in order to ensure that elections are conducted in a manner that is free, fair and inclusive of all voters – whether they are quarantined or not; whether they are sick or not – a national Plan of Action must be put in place as far as possible in advance. To delay the setting of a date for the election is to put lives at risk and to erect barriers to the exercise of the democratic rights of the citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis," said Dr Douglas.

He said the pathway to eradicating the COVID-19 and reducing and mitigating the negative fallout of its economic impacts will be very, very challenging and it therefore mandatory that the economic aftermath of the COVID-19 be managed by a Government that has full powers in order to execute a long-term strategy for economic recovery.

"St. Kitts and Nevis cannot afford to deal with the impending economic recession without a legitimate, competent and compassionate Government in place, one that can commit one hundred per cent to putting our economy back on track and getting our people back to work in the shortest timeframe possible. St. Kitts and Nevis cannot afford to have the attention of the Government to be split, or worse, wholly focused on securing its political interest in the upcoming general elections," Dr Douglas said.

"Our people must come first over politics! Therefore the sooner the general elections are dispensed with, the better for our people. In places where the right leader has put in place the right policies, the people suffer less. The time has come to put an end to the suffering of our people," said Dr Douglas.

He added that the NextGen SKN Labour Party has been preparing itself over the last five years for such a time as this. "We have the track record in astute crisis management and we have already devised a plan to find a strategic pathway to take our country safely and successfully through this crisis. We have already established a National Economic Recovery Advisory Council that will advise our Party as to the various approaches that can be taken to ensure that our economy is restored to global competitiveness and that our people and businesses not only survive, but also thrive in the new post-COVID-19 environment.

"We in the NextGen SKN Labour Party are confident that what is best for St. Kitts and Nevis lies on the other side of this crisis and we are determined to find and hold-on to the COVID-silver lining. Similarly, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis can rest assured that hope, opportunity and relief are on the way with the NextGen SKN Labour Party. We will use the help and good will of the international community to revolutionize our public health and primary health care systems. We will attract new partnerships and investment in order to diversify our economy to take advantage of the opportunities created by this global crisis.

We will achieve a better normal for our workers that is flexible, fair and future ready. We will build multidimensional resilience in our people by empowering them to create intergenerational wealth. We will provide competent, creative, innovative, inclusive and accountable leadership that will restore St. Kitts and Nevis to its pride-of-place as a regional leader and success story. We shall make St. Kitts number one again," said Dr Douglas.

He reminded the electorate that as the general election approaches, the fate of the country literally lays at their index finger-tip.

"Do not give up your power and use your power wisely. Our people are excited about the future and are anxious to exercise their voting rights. They are dead set on choosing the right leadership and the right team, with the best hands on experience to manage this public health crisis and lead them with proven success through the tough economic times that lie ahead. Vote the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party whose symbol is the hand if you want to make St. Kitts and Nevis first again.

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PM Harris Dissolves Parliament With No Election Date; Opposition Responds

By:

Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 15th May 2020) – This week, an address to the nation by the Prime Minister on the dissolution of parliament asking voters for another term in office coupled with the Opposition right after signaling readiness for voting day has created a countdown to the next general elections in St.Kitts- Nevis, although the exact date has yet to be announced.

“We are a country governed by laws and our Constitution is our supreme law. Our Constitution is very clear. Every Parliament shall continue for five years from the date of the first sitting of the National Assembly after an election and shall then end, unless sooner dissolved. It is now almost some five years since that first

sitting and I have yesterday advised His Excellency the Governor General, Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton, to dissolve the National Assembly as from Tuesday, 12th May 2020 and he has graciously consented,” Dr. Harris stated in his 7PM air time address one day before the 14th May date.

He added: “The next election will bring certainty to our Federation, preserve our democracy and allow us continue to deliver a brighter future, creating employment and prosperity, building bigger homes and keeping us safe. Let us stay together and see this through. In this election, you will have a clear choice. You can go forward to a safer and brighter future with Team Unity, or backwards to the past, which you rejected in 2015. I know that our Federation will be safer and stronger with Team Unity.”

“I invite each and every one of you to consider these Elections seriously, soberly, and with maturity,” PM Harris also remarked.

Later that night, Leader of the Opposition St.Kitts- Nevis Labour Party and former Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas described PM Harris’ announcement as long overdue while he pointed to another constitutional timeframe in August 2020 in the lead up to the next general elections.

“This announcement has been long overdue. The five-year deadline since the last general elections has passed since February 15, 2020. Despite the many attempts by this regime to find loopholes to go around the Constitution, the loops cannot and will not hold. Today, the constitution of St. Christopher and Nevis has spoken

and has spoken loudly with authority and with finality. The Constitution will speak again by August 11th this year as the final curtain comes down on this deceptive and miscreant regime.”

According to him: “For a government that has spoken so boastfully about its prospects for winning, the fact that it has allowed itself to lose the element of surprise and to let the clock run out on its term in office, it speaks volumes. The writing is in fact on the wall and Harris and his government are mortally afraid of going back to the people because they know, just as we know, that they will lose.”

He continued: “The last five years have not been easy for our people. Rampant corruption, nepotism and victimization have left many languishing on the margins of the national prosperity agenda. The Harris-led administration has had one focus and one focus only, which is to abuse the power afforded to them by the state to enrich themselves and their families. Strip away all systems of transparency and accountability and to secure for themselves an unfair political advantage by suppressing opposition voices.”

The Opposition Leader spoke confidently about the SKNLP forming the next government to bring hope, opportunity and relief to the Federation.

“We in the NextGen Labour Party, we are confident; confident that what is best for St. Kitts and Nevis, lies on the other side of this crisis and we are determined to find and hold on to the COVID silver lining. Similarly, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis can rest assured that hope, opportunity and relief are on the way with the NextGen Labour Party.”

Notably, on the morning of Thursday 14th May, a mini SKNLP motorcade flowed through the streets of Basseterre- including along Church Street where Government Headquarters is housed- as drivers in vehicles decorated with party flags honked about.

Photo: Individuals, following social distancing and wearing face masks for COVID-19 safety measures, are seen in a line outside the Electoral Office on Central Street in Basseterre on Thursday 14th May 2020 to attend to their business in the lead up to the next general elections in St.Kitts-Nevis (Spokesman Snap)

Nurse Andre-Powell named Nurse of the Year 2020, pleasantly surprised by accolade from colleagues

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (May 14, 2020 — Nurse Sylvianna Andre-Powell, a senior nurse at the Alexandra Hospital, says she was pleasantly surprised when she received word that she has been chosen to be the Nurse of the Year for 2020, by the Nevis Nurses Association following their announcement by nurse Simone Harris, the association’s President on May 12, 2020, during the observance of International Nurses Day.

Her reaction came hours later on May 13, 2020, when she spoke to the Department of Information.

“A few years ago I was honoured by the Johnson and Johnson Company in a campaign for Nursing Future. I received certificates of dedication from the Ministry of Health but today 2020 Nurses Day, I was flabbergasted when the news broke I was identified as the Nurse for the Year.

“I am not looking for earthly reward but to be honoured by co-workers speaks volumes. My co-workers see more of what I do than my employer,” she said.

Nurse Andre-Powell, an Assistant Nurse Manager at the Alexandra Hospital, thanked the association for the honour.

“I know I have sacrificed personal time, family time, sleep and more just for this profession but when you love what you do you don’t consider it a job. My profession is not just putting on a uniform and expecting a monthly salary. When I think of my profession I

think of a person or persons who desperately need my care.

“So to the executive and the Nevis Nurses Association on a whole, I just want to say a heartfelt acknowledgement for your recognition and your publicity,” she said.

According to nurse Andre-Powell, her desire for Nursing began when she saw villagers in her homeland Dominica caring for a sick man. They relieved his discomfort and the satisfaction that was felt, that was the decisive moment she felt the need to become a nurse and she has not regretted her decision to do so.

“From then I asked to be taught how to use a blood pressure apparatus, administer insulin injection, and do wound dressing. My school holidays turned into voluntary work at the village health centre.

“This year marks 26 years in the Nursing profession for me. I am proud to say I have not and will not regret choosing such profession to do what nobody else would do in a way that nobody else can do. In spite of all I go through, that makes me a nurse. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a



Sylvianna Andre-Powell at work at the Alexandra Hospital on May 13, 2020, named Nurse of the Year 2020 by the Nevis Nurses Association for her selflessness and dedication to duty (photo provided)

listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn life around,” she said.

Nurse Simone Harris noted that nurse Andre-Powell’s selflessness warranted her receiving the honour.

“We didn’t have a criteria. It’s just that we recognised what

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COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH



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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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Cooking vegetarian menus gives chefs new opportunities to express their creativity. (Photo courtesy of Hi-Lai Foods)

Taiwan's food service industry is responding to the growing popularity of vegetarianism by offering choices for all tastes.

For many would-be vegetarians, fear of being unable to find places to eat or suitable ingredients is often a bigger concern than the dietary change itself. But office worker Liu Pei-shan (????), who switched to meat-free living three years ago, has found plenty to enjoy in the experience. "This lifestyle is easy and convenient in Taiwan, especially if you live in Taipei City," she said. "I don't have to sacrifice anything given the abundance of high-quality options."

Liu is not alone in making the switch, as interest in vegetarianism is surging globally due to environmental, moral, religious and health-related reasons. The trend has moved to the forefront of public consciousness over the past decade, with U.K.-based weekly The Economist declaring 2019 as the "Year of the Vegan."

According to a report released last year by Taipei-based think tank Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, about 3.3 million people in Taiwan—14 percent of the population—maintain a vegan or vegetarian diet. The country is consequently home to an array of plant-based gastronomy spanning the culinary spectrum from Chinese regional cuisines to international delicacies, making it one of the world's best destinations for vegetarians.

Religious Roots

The prevalence of vegetarianism in Taiwan stems from Buddhism, which emphasizes compassion and equality while encouraging followers to refrain from eating meat out of respect for all living creatures. Other contributing factors include easy access to meat substitutes such as tofu and tempeh, as well as the tireless efforts of local nonprofits.

One such example is Taiwan Vegetarian Nutrition Society (TVNS), which works to promote healthy eating and plant-based meals through nutrition education. "People have misconceptions about



New Taipei City-based Taiwan Vegetarian Nutrition Society hosts vegetarian cooking classes to teach budding chefs how to make healthy meals. (Photo courtesy of Taiwan Vegetarian Nutrition Society)

vegetarian food being boring and lacking in protein," TVNS Secretary-General Chiu Hsueh-ting (???) said. "Our organization is trying to both educate consumers and promote the lifestyle by providing evidence-led dietary advice."

Located in New Taipei City, TVNS counts academics, doctors and nutritionists among its members. The organization hosts frequent lectures, seminars and workshops in addition to conducting research and creating promotional materials.

A five-year study conducted by Chiu—who also serves as an assistant professor for the Department of Nutritional Science at Fu Jen Catholic University in New Taipei—in collaboration with Buddhist charity Hualien County-headquartered Tzu Chi Foundation in eastern Taiwan found vegetarian diets can reduce medical expenditure by 15 percent. "Such diets may have health benefits like lowering risk of cancer, diabetes and heart disease," she said. "They're also less environmentally damaging, helping mitigate climate change."

TVNS's promotional activities seek to educate the public on healthy lifestyle choices amid growing societal concern over animal welfare and the impact of the meat trade. Recent outbreaks of infectious diseases like COVID-19 and African swine fever have prompted more people to stop eating meat or reduce their meat intake, Chiu said.

Modern Cuisine

Thanks to the efforts of groups like TVNS, the burgeoning ranks of flexitarian, vegan and vegetarian customers comprise an attractive market opportunity for restaurateurs. Taking advantage of this is a challenge that chefs up and down the country are keen to take on as they transform common staples into meat-free variants.

Vegetarians in Taiwan can now find food suitable for any occasion at dining locations



Signature dishes at Serenity include steamed stinky tofu and vegetarian gong bao chicken—a stir-fried dish made with peanuts, soya cubes and vegetables flavored with chili and Sichuan pepper. (Photo by Chen Mei-ling)

ranging from hole-in-the-wall eateries to lavish buffets and Michelin restaurants. Together, these establishments offer dishes in many different styles and at price points to suit all budgets.

One of the country's best-known vegetarian restaurants is Taipei-based Serenity, which was awarded Bib Gourmand status in the Michelin Guide's 2018 and 2019 editions for its high-quality offerings at reasonable prices. "It's an honor to be recognized for two consecutive years," owner Wu Hui-ping (???) said. "This reflects our consistent quality."

When it was established in 2005, Serenity was Taiwan's first vegetarian restaurant dedicated to serving Sichuan-style cuisine. Its success led to opening of a second outlet in late 2018. Must-try menu items include bean sprouts in truffle pate, deep fried king oyster mushrooms, steamed stinky tofu and vegetarian gong bao chicken—a stir-fried dish made with peanuts, soya cubes and vegetables flavored with chili and Sichuan pepper.

Serenity offers dozens of options as appetizers, cold dishes, soups and entrees made with mushrooms, vegetables and varieties of bean curd. Dishes are seasonal as well, with new items featuring updated ingredients appearing throughout the year.



Diners at Fruitful Food in Taipei can choose from a wide array of delicacies including spring rolls, fresh salads and desserts spanning Chinese, Japanese and Western culinary traditions. (Photos by Chen Mei-ling)

According to Wu, most of the restaurant's customers do not consider themselves vegetarians, and many come from overseas. "Attracting meat eaters and altering their perceptions about this kind of food is particularly satisfying," she said. "Our ability to provide diners with a new experience explains why we've become one of the must-visit establishments for anyone wanting to try Taiwan cuisine."

Broad Appeal

The recent introduction of next-generation meat substitutes by leading U.S.-based producers Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods has also encouraged major international fast-food brands including Burger King,



Fruitful Food's chefs prepare dishes in an open kitchen. (Photo by Chen Mei-ling)

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Danish Researchers Find New Breast Cancer Gene In Young People - By University of Copenhagen



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Over the past 20 years, our knowledge of hereditary diseases has taken a quantum leap, and several hereditary gene variants have been found that may predispose to the development of cancer.

We have known for a long time that mutations in human BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes may lead to the development of cancer, especially in the ovaries and breast. But researchers around the world also know that there are still a great number of variants in our hereditary systems that may lead to life-threatening diseases such as breast cancer.

A research team from the University of Copenhagen, BRIC and Rigshospitalet has embarked on a new chapter in the research and is now adding important knowledge to our understanding of hereditary genes and the biological mechanisms that underlie the development of breast cancer. They have located

the RBBP8 gene and described its functions as a crucial factor in the development of breast cancer in a group of very young women.

“We have studied the biological significance of RBBP8 gene variants in a group of young women with breast cancer. It is a patient group where we assume that genetic factors play a role. We have now shown that RBBP8 normally protects the cells against damage to the genome and that a reduced RBBP8 function may, conversely, lead to cancer,” says Research Director Claus Storgaard Sørensen, BRIC, the University of Copenhagen.

The RBBP8 gene which does the coding for the CtIP protein, has not previously been associated with the development of hereditary breast cancer. In the new study, just published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation, it is the conclusion that these are rare variants and mutations.

Specific Patient is the Starting Point

The study is based on a specific patient, but the group has subsequently studied the RBBP8 gene in both Danish patients and in larger international cohorts.

The researchers screened 129 young Danish patients who had been diagnosed with breast cancer at a young age, under 35, and subsequently, we performed extensive gene sequencing of a larger group of 1,092 patients with breast cancer or other cancers that did not have mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes.

The mutations in RBBP8 may explain why some very young women develop breast cancer. The basic scientific studies of the protein show that RBBP8 plays a crucial role in protecting and regulating the human body's DNA because it repairs damage to the chromosomes.

“Our collaboration has created rapid progress because we have the opportunity to combine clinical data and basic scientific methods. This helps to improve our understanding of the complex mechanisms and rare gene variants that present an increased risk of developing breast cancer and other cancers,” says Clinical Professor Finn Cilius Nielsen, who on a daily basis is the Head of Genomic Medicine at Rigshospitalet and National Genome Center East in Glostrup.

Further Studies are Needed

The researchers hope that this study will form the basis for discoveries of more genes that may predispose to the development of cancer and, in the long term, offer studies that may help the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. Further studies, including family studies and international studies, are needed to more accurately map the risk of mutations.

The research is supported by the Lundbeck Foundation, the Danish Cancer Society and the Novo Nordisk Foundation. The project has lasted for five years - with participation by the Center for Genomic Medicine and the Department of Oncology at Rigshospitalet, the University of Copenhagen, BRIC, and with the help of the Danish Cancer Biobank and international collaboration partners.

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McDonald's and MOS Burger to roll out plant-based options. Not to be outdone, Taipei-based Feasttogether Corp., owner of six restaurant brands, opened Fruitful Food in 2013 to tap into the growing vegetarian market.

“We established Fruitful Food to offer consumers a vegetarian option that stands apart from traditional buffets filled with processed meat substitutes and too much fat, salt and sugar,” said Chiang Yen-jung (???), vice president of public relations at Feasttogether. The company's goal is to popularize farm-to-table eating by buying directly from local farmers, a choice that promotes low-carbon diets, she added.

Such is the demand for vegetarian options, Fruitful Food has opened a further three outlets in northern and southern Taiwan over the last two years, with each seating around 300 people.

“Vegetarianism was once seen as something people only chose for religious reasons. But today, many consumers are making the switch to live a healthier and more eco-friendly lifestyle,” Chiang said. “There's really been a surge in interest, especially among younger generations.”

As the numbers willing to try plant-based diets continue to rise, Taiwan's restaurants must adapt and innovate to stay ahead of the curve. “The fact this country is already geared toward vegetarians, with many tried and trusted local specialties, makes our work much easier,” TVNS's Chiu said. “We're hopeful vegetarian diets will be widely adopted across all age groups in the near future.”

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she did. Nurse Andre is our Night Coordinator, our Night Sister for the past couple of years. About five, [or] six years now. She is our Night Coordinator and has been doing a very, very excellent job.

“Nurse Andre has been working when nurses called in, when nurses get sick she fills in. She even worked up to 13 nights straight which no other nurse would want to do, and that is sacrificing her family time. She has two small children and a husband and she has set that aside temporarily to come to work.

“She is so dedicated to what she is doing. She is dedicated to the nursing service and that

is why we chose to give nurse Andre that recognition because she has been doing an excellent job.

“On the night duty she has been doing an excellent job, at all they do in nursing but she is also helping out in the Maternal and Child Health Division doing their statistics and helping them to set up their sick charts and so on and we think it



Simone Harris, President of the Nevis Nurses Association (photo provided)

was best to recognise nurse Andre after doing all of these things and sacrificing time and family. So it is only best for us to honour her now,” she said.

Nurse Harris noted that they had initially planned to honour nurse Andre-Powell in a bigger way but COVID-19 changed their plans. However, She expressed hope that they would get to do so in a bigger, better

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Community Based Workers Can Help Disabled People Access Services During COVID-19

By Theresa Lorenzo, Anthea Hansen, Harsha Dayal and Sumaya Gabriels

South Africa's disaster management plan targets the most vulnerable. But it needs to respond in a more deliberate way when it comes to people with disabilities.



Health workers going door-to-door to screen for COVID-19 in Pretoria, South Africa. Photo credit: Alet Pretorius (Gallo Images via Getty Images).

People with disabilities face stigma because of their impairments. They are often marginalised, more so if they have psychosocial disabilities. This makes it difficult for them to access basic services such as healthcare.

But community based workers have specialised skills and experience working at a household and community level. They are able to identify, screen and support vulnerable individuals and families. These workers are part of an essential service in health systems across Africa. They include community health workers, home based carers, community rehabilitation workers and community development workers.

We conducted a study in three rural communities in Botswana, South Africa and Malawi. We found that community rehabilitation workers, community development workers and community health workers bridged the gaps between people with disabilities, their families and services at district level. They worked in communities and were able to help authorities identify families with a person with a disability.

Community based workers are able to build trusting relationships with people with disabilities and their families. This support helps reduce their anxiety and allows them to participate in community campaigns and events. In doing so, their dignity and sense of belonging in their families and communities is restored.

South Africa's disaster management plan for COVID-19 targets the most vulnerable. But it needs to respond in a more deliberate way when it comes to people with disabilities. To do this, it needs to harness the critical mass of community based workers as key links to help reduce community transmission of the virus.

Community based workers

A national study on young people with and without disabilities in South Africa showed that community rehabilitation workers are able to reduce inequalities in access to health and social services. They can do this through health literacy and activism, and mobilising community resources through co-ordinated action with the different government departments.

This is why this cadre of worker is well placed during the

COVID-19 crisis. They can help ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind in screening, testing and referral to health services. This is particularly important given that many are more vulnerable to ill-health and dying.

Community rehabilitation workers are able to ensure that people with intellectual disability get easy-to-read information about the virus. This includes mitigation strategies and hygiene rules.

Community rehabilitation workers can also raise these matters with community radio station and journalists. This would ensure that it reached vision impaired and blind people.

They are also able to provide emotional and spiritual support to people with disabilities and their families. This is particularly important for mothers or caregivers of children with disabilities.

Many people with disabilities are self employed or in informal employment. This means that they have to be included in government and non-government initiatives around income protection. Community based workers are able to access the necessary information that will help people with disabilities to submit forms to the relevant authorities.

In addition, community based workers have links with networks and organisations. This can help them to access relevant information about government's stimulus packages and interventions for small and medium enterprises. They provide a conduit for information about these resources.

They are also able to do early identification (screening, tracing), deal with food security (they know which families are most in need and at risk). They can also ensure continuity of referrals not only for rehabilitation and medical needs, but for creating links to economic resources through government's assistance to small and medium enterprises.

Critical catalysts

Community based workers act as critical catalysts in improving the access to health, social and economic development as well as education resources. In turn, this facilitates integration into existing services.

Their skills, abilities and

competencies are integral to the human resources for health workforce. These need to be harnessed in flattening the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the same time, the mental health and wellbeing of these community based workers and caregivers also needs to be prioritised. They also need personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, sanitisers and aprons.

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ILO News COVID-19: Social protection coverage: Plug social protection gaps in developing countries to prevent future crises, ILO says

GENEVA (ILO News) – The COVID-19 crisis has exposed devastating gaps in social protection coverage in developing countries, and recovery will only be sustained and future crises prevented if they can transform their ad hoc crisis response measures into comprehensive social protection systems, according to new analysis from the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Two briefing papers released by the ILO warn that the current gaps in social protection could compromise recovery plans, expose millions to poverty, and affect global readiness to cope with similar crises in future.

The papers take a detailed look at the role of social protection measures in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak in developing countries, including the provision of sickness benefits during the crisis.

The brief on Social protection responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in



developing countries, describes social protection as, “an indispensable mechanism for delivering support to individuals during the crisis”. It examines the response measures some countries have introduced, including removing financial barriers to quality health care, enhancing income security, reaching out to workers in the informal economy, protecting incomes and jobs, and improving the delivery of social protection, employment and other interventions.

“While the virus does not discriminate between rich and poor, its effects are highly uneven”, the brief says, adding that the ability to access affordable, quality, healthcare has become “a matter of life and death”.

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The brief also warns policymakers to avoid a singular focus on COVID-19 because this could reduce the availability of health systems to respond to “other conditions that kill people every day”. It cites the example of how, during the Ebola epidemic, a focus on this virus exacerbated mortality from malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

According to data in the brief, 55 per cent of the world’s population – as many as four billion people – are not covered by social insurance or social assistance. Globally, only 20 per cent of unemployed people are covered by unemployment benefits, and in some regions the coverage is much lower.

The other Social Protection Spotlight brief covers Sickness benefits during sick leave and quarantine: Country responses and policy considerations in the context of COVID-19.

It warns that the COVID-19 health crisis has exposed two main adverse effects of gaps in sickness benefit coverage. Firstly, such protection gaps can force people to go to work when they are sick or should self-quarantine, so increasing the risk of infecting others. Secondly, the related loss of income increases the risk of poverty for workers and their families, which could have a lasting impact.

The brief calls for urgent, short-term measures to close sickness benefit coverage and adequacy gaps, pointing out that this would bring a three-fold benefit: support for public health, poverty prevention, and promotion of the human rights to health and social security.

The proposed measures include extending sickness benefit coverage to all, with particular attention given to reaching women and men in non-standard and informal employment, the self-employed, migrants and vulnerable groups. Other recommendations include increasing benefit levels to ensure they provide income security, speeding up benefit delivery, and expanding the scope of benefits to include prevention, diagnosis and treatment measures, as well as time spent in quarantine or on the care of sick dependants.

“The COVID-19 crisis is a wake-up call. It has shown that a lack of social protection affects not just the poor, it exposes the vulnerability of those who have been getting by relatively well, because medical charges and loss of income can easily destroy decades of family work and saving,” said Shahra Razavi, the Director of the ILO’s Social Protection Department.

“The examples from around the world clearly demonstrate once again that countries with robust and comprehensive social protection systems are in a much stronger position to respond to, and recover from, a crisis. Policymakers need to build on the momentum generated by growing public awareness of the importance of social protection and the urgency of investing in it as a society, to ensure preparedness for future crises.”

Source: ILO Newsroom

Nurse Andre-Powell named Nurse of the Year 2020...

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and formal setting.

Meantime, Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams, Junior Minister of Health and Gender Affairs in the Nevis Island Administration, in an invited comment on May 14, 2020, congratulated nurse Andre-Powell for being named Nurse of the Year 2020.

“I would like to join with this organisation in congratulating nurse Andre-Powell on this very important designation that the association has bestowed on her... She has had 26 years in the nursing profession. I dare say that 26 years in any profession is no mean feat. It means that she has an overwhelming passion, an overwhelming dedication for this service.

“She has also said that she chose the Nursing profession because she wanted to help people and she saw no other way that sort of help could be given and so she set about at a very early age to immerse herself in this very noble profession. I would like to congratulate her,” she said.



Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams, Junior Minister of Health and Gender Affairs in the Nevis Island Administration (file photo)

The minister also commended her for carrying on her profession when she moved to Nevis from St. Kitts and her dedicated service to the island and its people.

“She moved to Nevis some years ago and continued in the same vein and I must thank her for her dedication. She is one of the supervisors on the night shift and I am told that for the past five years she has been the Night Coordinator.

“I would like to say again a heartfelt thank you to Nurse Andre-Powell for the dedicated service to the nursing profession and to service in Nevis. Thank you very much Andre-Powell and continue to enjoy this accolade for the year 2020 and beyond,” she said.

Farmers Still Asking For Team Work With Gov't In Bettering Agriculture Sector

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 15th May 2020)-A representative group of livestock and crop farmers on St.Kitts who, in a public outcry, protested outside Government Headquarters in March 2020 calling for the betterment of the agriculture sector still have more to say on the topic of the Ministry of Agriculture getting the input of farmers to move sector forward.

At a press conference held on Wednesday 13th May 2020, President of the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative Solomon Morton was joined by two colleagues- Elroy Stapleton and Gareth Lewis; the three of whom were recently selected to part of a committee to deal with the issue of financial compensation regarding the loss of animals (cattle, sheep and goat) in the tick disease involving a shortage of Bayticol situation.

According to sentiments expressed by Morton, in support of his colleagues, that media event was a "non-political press conference because it's our livelihood and it is [sector] that is going to save our nation and our generation."

As part of the government's COVID-19 stimulus plan, \$10 million has been allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture under the banner of boosting production in the agriculture sector and ensuring greater food security for the Federation. Free Bayticol and waiver of payments for the consumption of water by farmers for six months (April to September 2020) is included also.

When asked by the media house about what response they expect from those in authority, Solomon commented: "One of the things we expect is that they would honour what was said by the Minister that farmers should be included to see how the money is spent. In that way, there would be traceability and accountability and except that happens it means we are wasting time."

He told that a proposal he



President of the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative Solomon Morton (center) with colleagues Elroy Stapleton (left) and Gareth Lewis (Spokesman Snap)

has shared with officials is that: "Out of that \$10 million, some money needs to be set aside in a foundation so that farmers can go and borrow that money at a cheaper interest rate and not be depending on the government for handouts and that is key if we're gonna move the agriculture sector forward."

Morton replied further saying: "We are hoping that going forward whoever or whatever, you have to come to the farmers, get our input to move the agriculture sector forward. You don't stay in an office and dictate because we're not slave and drop outs. We are intelligent people just like they are and all that we are saying is give us the respect and listen to our cry. Let us make our input and together we can move it forward."

As understood, in April 2019, a meeting was held in St. Peter's Community Centre in which livestock farmers held an audience with Agriculture Minister Eugene Hamilton to address issues which saw a follow-up meeting in August that year on some promises made.

"That meeting, they gave the farmers who were present a few days to sign up to say what animal they have lost and the amount. Not all farmers were privy to that meeting so not all farmers attended. We waited and then after a while nothing was happening. Just over a month ago when we couldn't take it anymore as our animals continued to die, the livestock farmers decided that we have to do something about it and so we took the time to demonstrate and went down to Church Street... Upon doing so they then spoke to then acting Permanent Secretary who took some time out to engage us and show that she is willing to listen to our plight and we should come and talk with her."

As explained following such, the Minister of Agriculture called two meetings-one to deal with livestock and another to deal with crops.

From the Church Street demonstration and also followed by a livestock meeting at the Department of Agriculture in La Guerite, Morton shared that he made it clear to the audience and the Minister who were present "that one of the way going forward is that whatever funds are going to be distributed, the farmers should have a say in dealing with this."

Solomon informed that at the meeting at LaGuerite, the three of them were appointed to be part of the committee to "deal with the whole idea of compensation"

To date the representative farmers are awaiting a copy of list of farmers affected in order to vet it.

"We were told that it's not complete and so we can't get it. Up until this moment, we have not received that list. You might say well that's no big issue but if we're going to be charged with the responsibility of making sure that the money that was given by Cabinet which is equivalent to half a million \$EC to be used as compensation then we must be in a position to verify the amount

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the Bite!", placing emphasis on taking preventative measures and remaining healthy during this time. As the rainy season starts, it is expected that greater rainfall will lead to a proliferation of mosquito breeding sites, build vector populations and increase the risk of transmission of diseases, such as Dengue. To counter this increase in mosquitoes and potential disease transmission, greater effort should be placed on mosquito awareness in communities and vector control activities should be intensified.

Mr Rajesh Ragoo, Senior Technical Officer, Vector Borne Diseases, CARPHA recommends,

"The best way to "fight the bite" around homes and communities, is to ensure our surroundings are clean and free of materials or containers that can accumulate water. The base of plants pots, vases, buckets and used vehicles tires are typical breeding sites. Water storage drums and tanks must be properly covered and inspected periodically to ensure that there is no breeding. It is also important to minimize individual exposure to mosquito bites."

Vulnerable groups such as infants, young children, older adults and women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant must exercise extra caution. Personal protective measures including the wearing of long sleeved clothing and the use of insect repellents are strongly recommended.

In late 2019, CARPHA entered into a grant agreement with the European Union, which supports regional prevention and control efforts against mosquito borne diseases. Focus will be placed on strengthening Member States disease surveillance systems and vector control operations, expanding community engagement, public health education and increasing partnerships and collaborations to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with mosquito borne diseases.

CARPHA has developed Mission Mosquito, an innovative information toolkit, which includes animated videos, posters and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs). The toolkit is specially packaged to meet the needs of a diverse audience, which include public health professionals and clinicians, pregnant women, and children. The toolkit is available here <http://missionmosquito.carpha.org/>



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that each farmer would be getting and at the same time to make sure that that money is spent where it is supposed to be spent or go where it is supposed to go."

Front Banner photo: President of the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative Solomon Morton (center), Gareth Lewis (left) along with other farmers during the protest outside government Headquarters in March 2020 (Spokesman Snap)

RED. READY AND FAMALAYYYY!!!

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

Not a soul would have thought that Timothy Harris and Team Unity would have been racing against the clock to try to avoid the parliament dissolving on them.

Oh dear! Oh my!

I am hearing all sorts of stories as to why Timothy couldn't ring the bell as early as last year. But that is not my concern.

We who want to see Labour return to office to rescue our federation from a set of big thieves have to remain focused. We cannot allow ourselves to become distracted by the enemy and lose our way.

Whatever are the reasons for the "minute to midnight" dissolution, one thing is certain. If Timothy and Team Unity thought that they would have won the elections at any time in the past, they would have held the elections before now.

But we are where we are.

Elections MUST be held between now and mid-August so we have to prepare for the NOW. We can't reason that the parliament nearly dissolved on them so they will take it down to the wire. We can't reason that trouble in their camp so they will have to take it down to August.

We have to make sure that we are really, really ready anytime that Timothy announces the date. That has to be our only focus.

For more than five years, we have been working for all to see that Labour deserves to be in government. For more than five years, Timothy and the rest of Team Unity have been doing everything for all to see that they do not deserve to be in government.

A former Team Unity supporter has called Team Unity the most corrupt government in our history. Every week Team Unity was guaranteed to be embroiled in some scandal or the

other.

They can't help. It's in their DNA.

In the 2015 campaign, they accused Dr Douglas and Labour of every possible wrongdoing under the sun. Douglas was to be arrested the day after he lost power.

I don't know which law enforcement body that was not waiting to lock up Douglas for all the wrong that he had done while in office. The FBI. The CIA. The DEA. Scotland Yard.

More than five years later, not even a traffic violation.

We all know that for how Timothy hates Dr. Douglas, if he had anything at all on Douglas, he would have lost Douglas in jail. Or he would have been only too glad to hand him over to all who they said was waiting to lock him up.

Instead, Lindsay Grant and Jonel Powell have been found guilty of misappropriating over a million dollars from a client. Were it not the disruption caused by the Corona Virus, the tribunal would have already decided whether to disbar them for life or suspend them for a while.

Who wants to elect someone who has misappropriated a client's money, to represent them in parliament? Imagine how they would be treated by their counterparts in the wider world. Imagine how they would defend themselves when the topic was brought up around the table. They would get precious little accomplished wherever they went.

So with elections at most three months away, we have to make the case for the caring HAND of Labour everywhere we go. We have to continue to welcome everybody back. The more people we have, the less people they will have.

Simple arithmetic.



By Vigilante

- De news leak out dat is all kinda offer Humpty Dumpty a mek to try get de rest a de Cabinet to agree dat dey want him to lead dem in de Elections. Dey say dat de pollster trying he best to get dem to cooperate. But like how is only Humpty Dumpty did get invitation to de pollster wedding, de rest a dem playing hard ball.

- Dey say dat is since Tuesday when he dissolve de House he trying to go up to de studio to mek de announcement. Is twice dey say he reach up into de studio on Tuesday and twice he run out.

- Is everybody a buse bout de "day after" announcement and de come back later for de date big speech what ain't say nutten. Dey say dat is either he did fraid or he did planning to see if he could change de date what mek he was to wait till de next day to mek he big "nutten" speech.

- When Humpty Dumpty see de video wid de car dem driving wid dey load a flag, he call de man who like to drink he brandy and tell him if he ain't want be a ambassador to Afghanistan he better bruk up everyting by de time he call back.

- De ambassador in de closet run bawling to he mudda after he get bruk een on de radio. Dey say all before he go on de radio, he a boast to he mudda how when he done wid de king, dey gon see how barley grow.

- De ambassador in de closet ain't sleep at all after he get jam up. Dey say dat he doctor had was to give him some special tranquilizer because nutten he mudda give him was mekking him sleep.

- Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty had one laughing when he hear de tape. He tell de fallen angel dat he ain't sorry for him at all. He say is all a dem did want to throw him out because he beg a man for some shoes, a watch and some food and because dey ain't see none a de 2015 campaign money.

- School chirren say dat is only because dey did want to bring een one a Humpty Dumpty famalay what mek dey bring een de plane wid de student dem. And is government money bring de famalay. Everybody else people had was to find money to bring dem home.

- It ain't have anything dat de Bad Wud minister try to build dat he get it right first try. Dey had was to tek dung some de steel dung de bus terminal because people did wondering if dey building a three storey terminal or dey bringing een double decker bus.

- Dey say dat de steel what dey tek dung disappear like de campaign money and de food what de plane bring een. Dey say dat de minister planning to build on de land what he buy next to he house and he plan to build over de house next to de land and he tell somebody dat de steel will come een handy.

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