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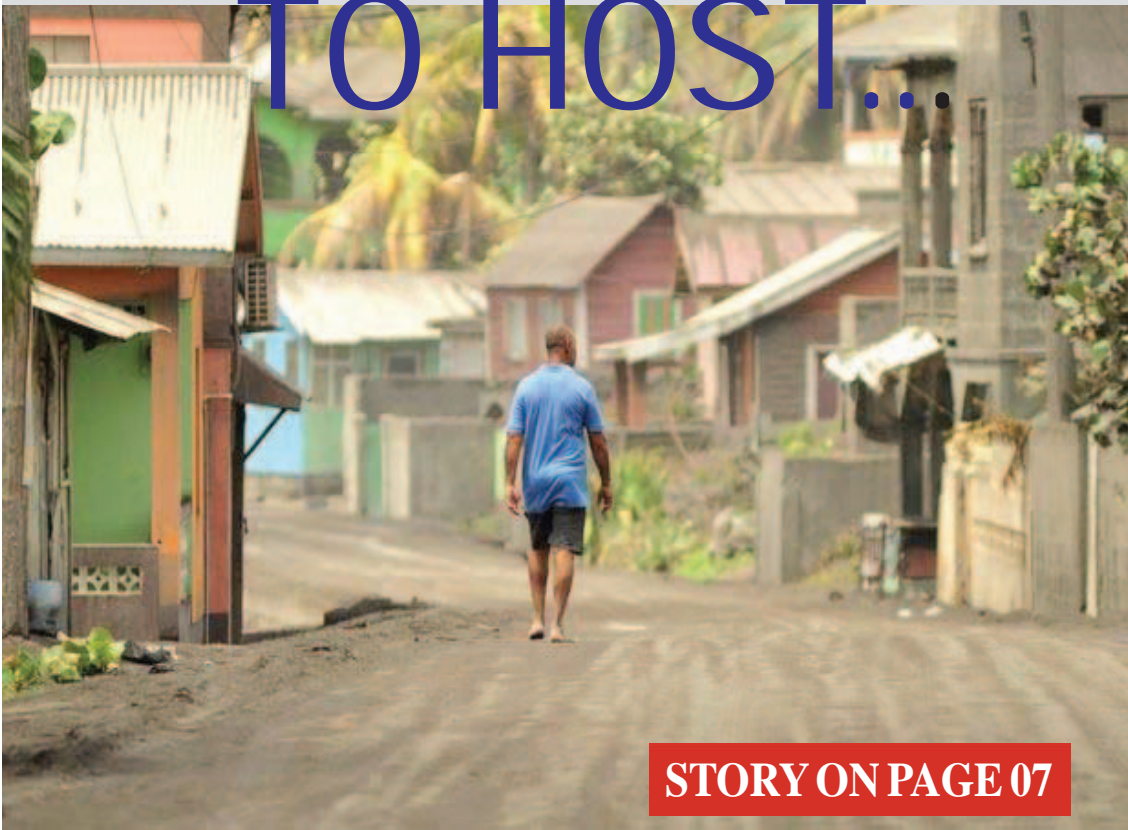
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Editorial

We Need To Take Back St Kitts and Nevis

Tomorrow, Saturday 17 April, makes exactly one year since we began carrying the paper exclusively online. We were constrained to do so because the ongoing pandemic caused the closure of flights between St Martin (where our paper is printed) and ourselves.

We know that most of our subscribers and other readers much prefer to have the actual printed copy of the paper in their hands, and we hope to return to that mode just as soon as COVID-19 has abated to the levels that will allow for the resumption of flights.

In the meantime, we thank you, our readers and advertisers, most sincerely for your understanding and continued patronage, and we look forward to returning to normal at the earliest opportunity.

Our people (the people of St. Kitts and Nevis) have been expressing concerns about the government's apparent intentions to use a failed foreign business entity to provide solar energy via our power generation utility.

That entity, having been a financial failure for in excess of five successive years, one is led to wonder at any institution, be it of the public or private sector, willingly entering into a business arrangement with such an obvious loser.

Indeed, it is our understanding that over the course of the last nine years they racked-up losses amounting to more than three hundred thousand US dollars (US\$300,000,000.00).

By any standards those are huge losses. Are they going to be using our natural resources to lift themselves out of that pit?

On the surface it does not appear to make good business sense. That leads one to wonder at what is really going on. What are we not being told or shown?

Could it be that members of the regime are set to 'reap' certain benefits by way of funds deposited to their overseas accounts? Remember the Marriot affair!

Remember also the petrol station in the Cayon region. Will we ever know who are the real beneficiaries of that undertaking? How much of its earning remain in this country?

In any case, this whole solar generating matter has all the appearances of being yet another corrupt, racketeering 'enterprise', another massive rip-off. The few will benefit, thousands will pay for it, very dearly, and the country will suffer very, very badly.

What is most hurtful about all of this is the fact that, were there any real concerns for us, the regime could, without much effort, manoeuvred the foreign entity into providing us with technology, supplies and services, in such a manner that our country could have benefitted enormously.

But, when certain individuals are greedy, as are members of the regime, they could not care one iota about what happens to the people that they are using.

In any case, the whole matter fails the odour test, and the smell is high, very high. Indeed, it all stinks to high heaven.

Once again our people find themselves asking the question:



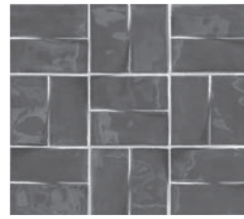
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PRINT MISHAP APOLOGY

Dear readers, the production team of this newspaper wishes to apologize to all readers for a printing mishap as it relates to the incorrect placement of a photo and duplicated content on page 7 as well as misprints on page 3 of our publication dated Friday 9th April 2021.

The team deeply values your readership and appreciates all feedback.

'Is there any depth to which SCHEME UNITY will not sink in trying to satisfy their unholy lust for money and power?'

It is only quite recently that a United States agency raised a number of red flags concerning lawlessness, corruption, and disrespect for democracy here in St Kitts and Nevis.

Clearly SCHEME UNITY could not care less about what any country, authority or person thinks about them and their carryings-on. They have

their personal goals and agenda, and they do not intend to swerve from them, not one iota.

People of St Kitts and Nevis, our beloved country is currently in the grip of some very evil powers. For a fact, we are in a very bad way.

For the good of ourselves, of our offspring, and that of generations as yet unborn, we do have to find ways to take back what is rightfully ours, namely ST. KITTS and NEVIS.

Minister Of Tourism Talks 100% Immunity Through Vaccine For Sector Balance

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 16th April 2021) - In addressing attendees at a Tourism Stakeholder's Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 held at the Marriott Hotel, Minister of Tourism stated that a 100% immunity in the tourism sector must be achieved as he promoted and appealed for cooperation in taking the COVID-19 vaccine and likewise spoke about a policy for such going forward.

"We must achieve a 100% immunity in the tourism sector ...and this is the only way to balance what we all crave for and I crave for and I am pleading with you to get and that's to get vaccinated."

Grant informed that in June 2021, cruises will begin in St.Kitts and Nevis all things being equal with what is planned to be a first phased approach.

"Now what does that mean? We have been in discussions with the Ministry of Health and their team and we're going to have a phased approach to cruising. That means come June when the cruises begin as the CEO said ...we don't expect five ships in harbor and we also don't expect it to be business as usual."

According to Grant: "Obviously, it means that likewise we are going to have to be vaccinated and so the policy going forward for us will be that any purveyors of the industry will have to be vaccinated which means that if you're a tour operator you're going to have to be sanctioned by the St.Kitts Tourism Authority and all the members of the team who work in the industry who will come into contact with those individuals who are on the cruise ships will have to be vaccinated."

As understood, any cruise line that comes to St.Kitts and Nevis, all the crew will have to be vaccinated and all the passengers likewise will have to be vaccinated. All cruise ship passengers over the age of 18 must be vaccinated while children under 18 must present a negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours prior to home port disembarkation as well as negative RT-PCR test taken prior to home port departure for all onboard guest and crew.

The Tourism Minister said vaccination is not being made mandatory.

"We are not making vaccination mandatory; let me put it quite clearly so we don't have any miscommunication in the message. We are not saying that the vaccination is mandatory. We are saying to you that as a policy, we are asking the employers to make sure that their employees are vaccinated and that every single employee who will come into contact with the passengers and the crew are likewise vaccinated."

It was highlighted that all travel approved tours or attractions, employees and agents interacting with the vessel and engaging in tours must be vaccinated which include ship agents, St. Kitts Tourism Authority (SKTA) staff, SCASPA (St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority) staff, immigration, Customs, taxi and tour operators and shore excursion teams.

According to Grant, staff who do not take the vaccination will be required to take an RT-PCR test at their own cost every two weeks.

Additionally, he said tour operators on the island will be required to agree to random testing or testing requirements decided by the CMO [Chief Medical Officer] at the owners and employers

'Caring Dad' Final Moments Of Homicide Victim Remembered

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 16th April 2021)- "Even up to his final moments, his thoughts and concerns were not of himself but that of his children and their well-being."

Such was part of the recollection of 38-year-old Keon Fyfield of Newton as read from his formal remembrance (eulogy) at his funeral held on at the Wesley Methodist Church Seaton Street in Basseterre, on Thursday 8th April 2021.

A Dear Daddy message published in the funeral booklet included the following words: "You were a big part of our lives. Maybe God was ready for you to go but not us."

"Most if not all of us here this afternoon would have known Keon in a variety of roles -son, brother, nephew, cousin, father, mentor and great friend but it is the role of father that brought the most joy and happiness to his life. Becoming a father to [names of his five children called]...was his greatest accomplishment. He had a special relationship with all his children not showing any favouritism for either one but continually expressing his love to them in a manner which best suits their needs and personality," it was also said about the deceased.

Additionally, "Keon was not much for words but his actions and that smile that can light up a room spoke a thousand words and left you feeling the abundance of love that he had for his family and close friends and for that he will truly be missed."

The deceased's determination in life was also praised.

"Throughout his journey from adolescence to childhood, Keon was never one to be fearful of experiencing all that life had to offer even though at times the struggles of life would have thrown him some stumbling blocks, his determination to succeed was an inspiration to all who genuinely knew, loved and appreciated him."

A police press release issued some six days after Fyfield's burial (14th April) indicated that two brothers from the Stapleton community have been charged with his murder.

They are 22-year-old Dijon Trotman and 21-year-old Divon Trotman.

As reported, Dijon was charged on April 12, and Divon was



Deceased Keon Fyfield

charged on April 13; both of whom are in police custody.

"The incident occurred on March 07, 2021. Keon Fyfield had been warded at the JNF General Hospital from that date until his death on March 25," police say.

Via a first police press release dated April 03, 2021, it was informed that an autopsy was performed on the body of Keon Fyfield on March 29th by Resident Pathologist, Dr. Adrian Nunez who "concluded that death was a result of pulmonary embolism due to prolonged bed rest as a consequence of severe head trauma with cerebral concussion."

It was also stated that the "Police are investigating the matter.

expense or the employee's expense.

He said taxi and tour operators and attraction owners must bear the cost of testing, quarantine and isolation of their staff.

Grant went on to say that the Ministry of Health and SKTA will negotiate for discounted sector rates for testing at JNF for quarantine and isolation with approved quarantine site managers and owners.

The Minister of Tourism pointed to the neighbouring island of Anguilla indicating that through changed protocols, the island has seen an almost state of normalcy as a significant amount of the population is vaccinated.

"...everything really hinges on the vaccination," he told the local stakeholders.

"This is our first step to reviving what we consider to be a very critical industry, a critical element of our economy and so we are expecting that the vaccinated tours and attractions are our pathway and our attract to hopefully full recovery," Grant stated.

"I'm hoping that we would have much cooperation by persons in the industry so that we can get and arrive at our necessary goals so that we could come back to some state of normalcy," he said also.

Front Page Photo: This source photo which was posted on www.facebook.com/facesofstkitstourism has the caption, which reads in part, "Tourism Minister The Hon. Lindsay Grant convinces craft vendors who work in the tourism industry to #ChooseLife, by taking the COVID-19 Vaccine. The St. Kitts Tourism Authority in conjunction with the Ministry of Health arranged for a Vaccination Clinic on Port Zante for tourism workers in that area..."

Workers which included workers from the retail shops, restaurants and bars, Amina Craft Market, Port Zante Security and Island Constables Unit



Mr. Antonio "Abonaty" Liburd, Executive Director at the Culturama Secretariat

Calendar of events for Culturama 47 revealed

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (April 15, 2021) - - The Culturama Festival Secretariat has released a proposed calendar of events for the scaled down, COVID-compliant Culturama festival 2021.

In an interview with the Department of Information, Mr. Antonio "Abonaty" Liburd, Executive Director at the Culturama Secretariat, unveiled the events already approved for the festival.

"The main events for Culturama 47 begin Tuesday, July 27 with the official opening ceremony at the Cultural Complex at 8 p.m. On Wednesday, July 28 at 8pm at the Nevis Performing Arts Centre (NEPAC) we'll have a dance production being staged by the Rhythm of the Arts Dance Ensemble.

"On Friday, July 30, at the Cultural Complex at 8 p.m. we have the Soca Monarch competition.

"On Saturday, July 31, at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Complex we'll have the Senior Kaiso Finals, Sunday August 01, we have the Miss Culture Swimwear and the Mr. Kool competition," he said.

On Monday, August 02 the Secretariat will host a virtual "Jam where you are Emancipation J'ouvert" with a twist. Local Mas camps have been invited to submit a male and female in parade costumes who will perform with the electronic bands for a chance to win King and Queen of Culturama.

Mr. Liburd also revealed that an enhanced version of the annual Food Fair will be held at adjoining venues on August 03.

"On Tuesday, August 03 from 10 a.m. we'll be having Emancipation Celebration. It will be an all-day affair. We'll be using the Cultural Complex and the Cultural Village.

"We'll have vendors set up to sell local food we'll have cultural performances from all of the different folklore groups, we'll have folk music- string band, big drum- and we'll have the electronic bands and deejays," he said.

Other events include a steelpan competition at the Cultural Complex at 7 p.m. on July 29; Nevis Heritage Day on July 31 at the Heritage Village in Fothergills from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on August 02, the Nevis Theatre & Film Association will put on a dramatic presentation at NEPAC at 8 p.m.

According to the Director, there will also be a number of pre-Culturama activities leading up to the main events.

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- 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.

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- 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.

The senior kaiso tents will launch on June 26 at the David Freeman Centre of Excellence (DFCOE) in Gingerland at 8 p.m., with a second tent at the same location on July 03.

Additionally there will be a Soca tent hosted at the DFCOE at 8.p.m on July 10, and Senior Kaiso Eliminations on July 18 at 6pm.

The Soca semi-finals will be held July 24 at the Cultural Complex at 8 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Culturama 47 has been curtailed to eight days, from July 27 until August 03, 2021.

For more news out of Nevis visit www.nia.gov.kn your window into Nevis.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Mercedes Pie now residing in Cardin Avenue in the village of Trafalgar in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Cardin Avenue, Trafalgar Village in Basseterre.

Dated this
08th day of April, 2021.

Signed: Mercedes Pie

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Shervin Bergan (B's Bar) now residing in West Farm Project in the village of West Farm in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in West Farm Project, in West Farm.

Dated this
06th day of April, 2021.

Signed: S. Bergan

Philippino Nurse Remembered As Being "So nice"

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 16th April 2021)- "She was so nice. She used to move around in carrying out her healthcare duties. Anyone called her, she was always willing to go and help. Of course because of her accent, you couldn't really understand everything she said but as a nurse, she was always willing to help and everyone who came into contact with her knows that."

So said a female visitor to the Joseph N. France General Hospital, who chose not to have her name published

in speaking with this media house, in sharing her impression of a Philippino nurse, named Josephine Arceo, who recently passed away.

The individual said the nurse's death "is sad" and that she does not believe the gossip about the cause of death.

The Ministry of Health, via a press release dated 13th April 2021, addressed social media rumours claiming that Arceo died from a side effect of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Nurse Arceo's untimely passing is poignantly regrettable and contrary to the falsehood being circulated, is entirely unrelated to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine," part of a press release read.



See Ministry of Health's full press release below:

April 13, 2021

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that the Ministry of Health expresses profound condolences to the children, particularly Nurse Rose-Ann Delacruz and other family members of Nurse Josephine Arceo of the Philipines, on her sudden passing.

The demise of Nurse Arceo has intensely affected the entire staff of the Ministry of Health, her nursing colleagues and the other members of the local Philippino community. Words alone cannot adequately convey the impact of the huge loss of Nurse Arceo on the health care system, particularly, in the area of maternal and child health.

Nurse Arceo worked at the maternity unit of the J N F General Hospital as a specialty nurse for four years. She will long be remembered by the nursing fraternity as a staunch advocate for childbearing women and mothers and an effusively warm and highly skilled midwife as she guided and cared for women and families through pregnancy, labour and after birth.

The Ministry of Health is indebted to Nurse Arceo for the significant role she played as a midwife and the sterling and invaluable service she provided to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis.

Nurse Arceo's untimely passing is poignantly regrettable and contrary to the falsehood being circulated, is entirely

unrelated to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. The misinformation being circulated on social media relative to her demise, is therefore extremely unfortunate and sadly is completely devoid of the requisite empathy for someone who has given so much in service of our country.

Consequently, the Ministry of Health urges the public to respect the Arceo's family and provide the necessary privacy and prayers during this extremely sad and difficult period of grief and bereavement.

With heartfelt sympathy.

Photo: The late Josephine Arceo (Ministry of Health provided)

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Joya Thompson of Parray's Housing Development, St. Peter's, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. K100306441** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **9th April, 2021.**

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Althea C. Hazzard
Corporate Secretary



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Dated this 30th day of March, 2021

Filed by: **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: C17 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone Number 466-2018.

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Shawn Richards Says 2025 Leadership Plan Is Irreversible

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 16th April 2021) - Re-elected Political Leader of the People's Action Movement (PAM) and St.Kitts-Nevis' Deputy Prime Minister Shawn Richards has indicated that the course for his party's future leadership of the Federation "has been mapped out for 2025 and it is irreversible."

He was at the time speaking at PAM's 55th Convention held on the afternoon of Sunday 18th April 2021 in Sandy Point under the theme 'Preparing Now For The Future' at a recreational ground facility.

Richards's speech saw him officially placing his bid to become the next prime minister and the first one from Sandy Point following the next general elections, constitutionally due in the year 2025.

That morning, he was re-elected unopposed at the party's caucus whereby a new executive committee was installed.

Notably, PAM currently has the most seats of the Team Unity coalition government holding four while the People's Labour Party (PLP) led by Dr. Timothy Harris, now in his second term as prime minister, has two and the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) of Nevis has three.

"After 56 years, PAM has to look at itself in the mirror and determine its future. Michael Jackson once said 'I am starting with the man in the mirror'. The change, therefore, must start at the top before it shifts to the boundaries below. I cannot argue against the suggestion that the change should begin now, and that while making that change, I am reminded that the former US President Abraham Lincoln once said: 'that you must be sure to put your feet in the right place then stand firm,'" Richards stated.

He continued: "As your political leader, I am prepared to make changes because to lead, I must also know how to follow. The former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said politics is not a game but a serious business... So if you examine my actions carefully, you would recognise that I follow the establishment by Lincoln ... I have planted my feet in the right place and I stood firm nor did I play games with anyone. You know my slogan in number five has always been 'No Gimmicks, No Tricks'. Therefore on the matter of future leadership of St.Kitts and Nevis, there is no need for alarm or concern. That course has been mapped out for 2025 and it is irreversible. Nevermind the recent outburst about three terms and leadership because commitments are made to be honoured and there should be no fear of departure for political expediency."

The PAM leader remarked that after the last general elections in 2020, he understood that there were strong voices expressing sentiments for a new direction to be taken with respect to the leadership of this country, and also unfounded rumours that were allowed to flourish and were even encouraged but I was able to remain planted in my core principles of honesty, reliability and trust. For me trust was the anchor that kept me tied to all of the commitments that I have made and when I make a commitment I stand by it- No Gimmicks, No Tricks.

Giving an outlook on PAM's future, Richards had this to say: "Therefore when I tell you today that the future is looking bright for PAM believe me. When I tell you that the future for St.Kitts and Nevis is also looking bright believe me and so now when I tell you that after the next general elections, there will emerge the first Prime Minister from Sandy Point also believe me... and so in that regard, I also want to say to my Cabinet colleagues that come the next election, I expect your full support for Shawn to be the next prime minister."

Furthermore, in speaking about Prime Minister Dr.Timothy Harris, he pointed out that "just as he became the third prime minister of this country, it is my intention to be the fourth prime minister of this country. Just as he became the first prime minister from Tabernacle, I intend to be the first prime minister from Sandy Point."

According to Richards: "My guiding principle as a future leader of this country is to maintain hope and to strengthen the father of each citizen. For us as a party we have to remember that for us preparing now for the future comes with many responsibilities. It means we are ready to lead but in leading we must remember that we lead not for ourselves but for the people."++



Photo: Shawn Richards

The other members of the PAM executive committee following its 2021 caucus are: Deputy Leaders Lindsay Grant and Eugene Hamilton (Parliamentary Representatives for Constituencies Four and Eight respectively), Chairman Jonel Powell (Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Two), Deputy Chairperson Danielle Warner, General Secretary Natasha Grey, Assistant General Secretary Azard Gumbs Treasurer Charles Morton and Public Relations Officer Delwayne Delaney.

Notably, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PAM did not host a convention in 2020.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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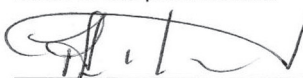
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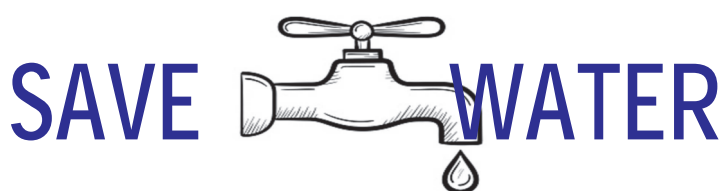
I, JARRED COTTON, Bailiff, on the 11th day of March 2021 did proceed to the land and premises of EILEEN MACLACHLAN-MOORE formerly of Bird Rock, in the Island of Saint Christopher, and there being at 3:30pm o' clock on the day and date above written, did seize ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 12 situate at Ocean Gardens Housing Development, Camps Estate in the Parish of Saint George, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or toward the North-East by a Development Road, 75.00 feet; On or toward the South-East by Lot No. 11, 100.27 feet; On or toward the South-West by Camps Estate, 76.59 feet; and On or toward the North-West by Lot No. 13, 99.34 feet, and containing by admeasurement 7,564 square feet all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 24th day of June, 2005 and registered in the Register of Titles of Saint Christopher Circuit Register Book E3 Folio 223, the said property to be held for sale in due course of law for non-payment of the sum of Five Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand and Seventy One Dollars and Ninety Cents (EC\$584,071.90) (being \$281,448.66 as to the principal sum and \$302,623.24 as to interest Four Thousand and Seventy One Dollars and Ninety Cents (EC\$584,071.90) (being \$281,448.66 as to the principal sum and \$302,623.24 as to interest thereon at the rate of 8.50 per cent per annum as at the 12th day of October 2020) plus interest accruing from the 13th day of October, 2020 until payment at the rate of 8.50% (eight point five percent) per annum which sum and interest are due to NATIONAL BANK TRUST COMPANY (ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA) LIMITED by virtue of Mortgage registered on the 24th day of June 2005. Of which seizure I do, by this Act, give notice to you the said EILEEN MACLACHLAN-MOORE, and to all concerned.

DONE by me at Lot No. 12 at Ocean Gardens Housing Development, Camps Estate, in the Island of Saint Christopher on the day and date above written, before and in the presence of the witness who subscribed this Act of Seizure with me.

B A I L I F F

Done in the presence of:


High Court Bailiff



SKN Considers Options For SVG People Displaced By Volcano

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 16th April 2021) - More than 150 hotel rooms in St.Kitts and Nevis are expected to be reserved so as to accommodate displaced citizens and residents of St.Vincent and the Grenadines, as one of two options, in light of the active La Soufriere volcano should requests be made for hosting facilities in the Federation.

National Disaster Coordinator at the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Abdias Samuel says there are two options that have been considered in terms of potential acceptance of displaced persons from St.Vincent.

“One is that our hospitable citizens and residents who may want to accept them into their home as a form of sponsorship or Vincentians who are living in St.Kitts and Nevis and they want to have their family returned from the impact zone or the affected areas,” he said while speaking at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) COVID-19 Briefing held on Wednesday 14th April, 2021.

For the next option, Samuel - who is also Chairman of the COVID-19 National Task Force- listed hotels that have come on board to assist by way of making rooms available.

He thanked management of the four establishments namely St.Kitts Marriott Hotel who has stated that 30 rooms would be made available, the Koi Resort for 70 rooms to be made available and also Sugar Bay Club who has informed of approximately 30 rooms they will have available.

“On Nevis, my understanding from our colleagues on Nevis is that Mount Nevis is being considered. They have indicated that they may have 30 rooms... to provide these services for the potential acceptance of displaced persons”, he added.

According to Samuel, “There is no specific date” as it relates to the arrival of individuals from the affected island.

“This will be a well-coordinated activity when the NEMO [National Emergency Management Organisation] would advise CDEMA [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency] who will then advise the country. Also, we will have the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in St.Vincent who will be a part of this collaborative effort and they will notify St.Kitts and Nevis when they will have potential candidates who will meet our criteria for being accepted into St.Kitts and Nevis under this

particular designation. So at the present moment, we cannot say when this is going to happen. It’s gonna be dependent on the request from the affected state to the countries who are providing these options.”

On Monday 12th April, through a supplies drive arrangement by the government and people of St.Kitts and Nevis including companies and individuals, items were successfully shipped to St.Vincent and the Grenadines that day despite a short

notice to the public.

Workers’ representation organisation, The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union, owner of this media house, donated cases of bottled water purchased from local company Rainforest Water thanks to the contribution of executive members as well as contributors who quickly responded to the humanitarian relief effort.

“Today, (Monday, April 12th), we have been overwhelmed by the number of donations received, which were requested via our parent agency CDEMA in Barbados, in response to a call for assistance made by Prime Minister, Ralph Gonsalves, on behalf of his countrymen,” Samuel said in a press release then.

Another food supplies drive is currently being undertaken by The National Emergency Management Agency and the Nevis Disaster Management Department in collecting non perishable food items to assist in the relief efforts, and the cut off time for doing so is set for Monday 19th at 12 pm.

Items can be dropped off at the NEMA Headquarters located at Lime Kiln, between 8am - 4pm.

Individuals who have questions can contact the agency by calling 466-5100.

The La Soufriere Volcano, which is located in northern section of St.Vincent, exploded at about 8:40 on the morning of Friday 9th April, 2021. Notably, on Tuesday 13th April, 42 years since its last eruption, another explosion was recorded.

Front Page Photo: A man seeing walking about a volcanic ash affected residential area on St.Vincent caused by the activity of La Soufriere which erupted on Friday 9th April 2021 (photo credit: www.wsj.com)

FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
GOVERNMENT NOTICE
TREASURY BILLS

By Authority of the Treasury Bills Act, Cap 21.18

1. Tenders are hereby invited for the issue of the St. Christopher and Nevis Government Treasury Bills.
2. In keeping with the Government’s objective of providing investors with increased flexibility, new Treasury Bills are being offered in three alternative maturities.
3. Investors may tender for any combination of the following securities:
 - 91-day T-bills carrying a coupon of 3.75% per annum, maturing on **3 August 2021**.
 - 182-day T-bills carrying a coupon of 3.85% per annum, maturing on **2 November 2021**.
 - 365-day T-bills carrying a coupon of 4.0% per annum, maturing on **14 May 2022**.

All of the above Treasury Bills will be payable at par on the applicable maturity dates.

4. ***The new Treasury Bills will be issued after payment by cheque or cash on 4 May 2021.***
5. Each tender must specify which security or securities are being bid for and the discount rate that the investor(s) will pay for every **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** of the amount tendered. Explanation of this method will be available at the Accountant General’s Office or Ministry of Finance.
6. Application forms will be available at the Accountant General’s Office, Basseterre, and when completed, should be forwarded to the Accountant General’s Office in sealed envelopes addressed:

CONFIDENTIAL
Treasury Bills Tender
(Issue No. 201)
Accountant General
Central Street
Basseterre

7. All applications must reach the Accountant General’s Office, St Kitts, no later than **3:00 p.m. on 14 April 2021**.
8. Successful tenders will be notified by **letter not later than 23 April 2021**.
9. The Government of the Federation reserves the right to accept or reject any Tender in whole or in part.
10. The Treasury Bills Act, Cap 21.18 is available at Government Headquarters.

Treasury Chambers
St. Kitts

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Accountant General



“WE STAND WITH YOU AND WE’RE HERE TO HELP” HIGH COMMAND TELLS RSCNPF OFFICERS FROM ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 13, 2021 (RSCNPF): An emergency meeting was held at the Police Training School on Monday, April 12, 2021 at which the High Command of The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) met with Police Officers serving in the Federation who are natives of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways the High Command could assist the Officers



who had family members and/or property in the red and orange zones in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and others who would be adversely affected otherwise. Commissioner of Police Hilroy Brandy outlined the options to the men and committed to helping them as much as possible.

“We want you to know that we are very concerned about you and your families and we will do everything that we can to help,” Commissioner Brandy assured the Officers.

“Your welfare is our welfare,” Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Andre Mitchell, said adding that many of them had given dedicated service to the country, some as much as thirty years.

ACP Adolph Adams asked them to hold on to faith. “We are brothers and sisters and in times of need we need to have each others backs,” he said.

ACP McCarta Browne told the Officers that he had respect for anyone who left their country and families behind in order to serve in law enforcement in another, noting that such a move deserved a “different kind of honour”. “Be strong and know that you have a High Command who cares and will go out of their way to help you,” he assured them.

Force Personnel Officer, Clifford Govia, informed the group that counselling services would be provided to those who needed it.

Representatives from the Police Welfare Association were also present. Its President, Sergeant Jerry Watts, assured them that the executive would be considering how the Association could help.

Inspector Reynold Myers, a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, has served the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis with pride for close to thirty years. As a young boy, he had experienced the La Soufriere Volcano’s last eruption. Knowing the mental toll the current situation might be taking on his fellow Officers he offered words of motivation.

“I encourage you to keep morale high. This is not the time to drop your guard and be shaken,” Inspector Myers urged. “I must commend the High Command for this initiative. It’s good to see you are all here, but you still have to stay focused.”

Basseterre, St. Kitts; 8th April, 2021 - Immediate Release.

A New President Appointed

The Bankers and Financial Services Association of St. Kitts and Nevis (BFSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Steve Farier as the new President of the association effective 18th March, 2021.

Mr. Farier brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and experience in the financial industry in St. Kitts and Nevis and the Caribbean region. Mr. Farier succeeds Mr. Chad Allen, Manager (St. Kitts Operations) of The Bank of Nevis, (formally Royal Bank of Canada). Mr. Farier holds a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Financial Analysis and Fund Management from the University of Exeter (UK) and is a Certified Residential Underwriter (CRU) as well as a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).



Mr. Steve Farier Photo Credit: JBlack Productions

Mr. Farier is currently the General Manager at TDC Financial Services Company Ltd and has contributed to the development of the financial sector of St. Kitts and Nevis for over fifteen (15) years.

Mr. Farier stated, “It is with tremendous gratitude that I accept this new challenge. The BFSA aims to preserve a sound banking system by increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of banking services within St. Kitts and Nevis. We all know the crucial role that financial

institutions play in our everyday personal and business lives. Hence, by promoting the general welfare and usefulness of banking, the BFSA acts as the primary outside resource for its members in accomplishing their goals and objectives.”

The BFSA is comprised of

THE COMPANIES ACT CAP 21.03 OF THE REVISED LAWS
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
THE BANKERS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (BFSA)

RESOLUTION OF SHAREHOLDERS PURSUANT TO
SECTION 90 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, CAP 21.03
PASSED ON March 18, 2021

At an annual general meeting duly convened and held via Zoom on March 18, 2021, the following Resolution was duly passed and was duly confirmed.

RESOLUTION


Be it resolved that the company’s elections were held on March 18, 2021 and the executive is as follows:

TDC Financial Services Co. Ltd. Steve Farier	President
Republic Bank (EC) Limited Pamela Herbert-Daniel	Vice-President
The Bank of Nevis Ltd Everette Martin	Treasurer
CIBC First Caribbean International Bank Starlina Roserie	Secretary

By Order of the Board


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Officer

Dated this 18th day of March 2021


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Witness

representatives from each of the following financial institutions: TDC Financial Services Company Ltd, St. Kitts Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Ltd, The Bank of Nevis Ltd, Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis Ltd, Republic Bank (EC) Ltd and CIBC First Caribbean International Bank.

We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. Steve Farier on his appointment to the post of President of the Bankers and Financial Services Association of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Having expanded rice and sugar production, Guyana aims to diversify further, says Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha, in a Brazilian TV interview

The South American country - considered to be the food basket of the Caribbean - is expecting to reap the largest rice crop in its history and to increase sugar production, even as it works to develop non-traditional crops.

Brasilia, 14 April 2021 (IICA). Guyana is seeking to boost agricultural production to strengthen food security, improve the profitability of small farmers and open up new export markets to earn foreign exchange.

The South American country is expecting to reap the largest rice harvest in its history and to expand sugar production, even as it works to develop non-traditional production of crops such as soybean and corn, allowing it to be self-sufficient in protein production as well as in the production of feed for the poultry industry.

Speaking from Georgetown, Guyana's Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha, spoke about the outlook for the agriculture sector in his country, during an interview with the Agro America program, which airs on the Brazilian TV station, Agro Mais.

"Our main crops are rice and sugar, which we export on a large-scale to Europe, North America, Central America and the Caribbean. Last year we saw a revaluing and recapitalization of sugar production and we are close to reopening four sugar



Guyana's Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha

establishments that had been closed, thus providing employment and increasing production. Our aim is to surpass the 88,000 tons produced in 2020 to achieve 100,000 tons this year", said Mustapha.

"We have managed to increase rice production and foresee that it has great potential for this year. We are expecting to reap the largest harvest in our history and are seeking out new markets globally. We have two new buyers 'Hungary and Latvia' and are negotiating with Brazil to increase our offer this year, from 10,000 to 34,000 tons", he added.

The Minister revealed the plan to build a deep-water port and to develop a railway connection to Brazil to improve trade conditions. "The benefits will be enormous for both countries", he said, "especially for us".. We want our products to be transported via a railway route, starting in the Brazilian state of Roraima, rather than through the Pacific Ocean route.

Mustapha also indicated that Guyana is striving to develop livestock, which it feels is key to food security and foreign exchange earnings and explained that, "We are building modern abattoirs throughout the country, to develop our beef and pork industry. Our aim is to process pork locally, rather than importing it. Brazil exports meat to the Middle East and we also want to enter those markets. We are already self-sufficient in poultry production, but

we want to export. We are investing a great deal, researching and building laboratories. We have pastures, abundant land and we can confirm that the livestock industry in Guyana is taking off. In a few years, we will be a powerhouse in this part of the world", he predicted.

During the interview, the Guyanese minister assessed the role of international cooperation and emphasized the importance of the work of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), stating that, "In our view, it plays a very important role and we are convinced that we can benefit much more thanks to its assistance, not only Guyana, but the entire Caribbean. Guyana is an agricultural leader in the region. We have been called the food basket of the Caribbean, given our vast land area and agricultural potential".

The impact of the pandemic and the pressure it has put on the agriculture sector was also addressed during the interview. Around the world, Covid-19 has brought to the fore the importance of family farmers in guaranteeing food security and nutritional quality. In that regard, Mustapha stated that the Guyanese government has made it a priority to protect and support small-scale producers. "Many persons depend on agriculture for their livelihood. We are working to improve market access for small-scale farmers. There is a large company in Guyana that produces juice, and we are assisting family farmers so that they can sell their products to the company at preferential prices. The private sector is working with us to support producers and cooperatives in our country", he remarked.

The minister also referred to the importance of digital inclusion and the incorporation of technology, noting that his ministry would be purchasing electronic equipment for small-scale producers. "Farmers in remote areas will be able to send information to the city, so that we can help them through extension services from Georgetown. We will need to equip and train farmers in order to witness a technological revolution in agriculture. We will help farmers acquire drones so that they can monitor their plantations and apply plant protection products", he explained.

Guyana is a very proactive country in terms of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

Mustapha stated that the country had developed a low-carbon development strategy under which it sells oxygen from its forests to different parts of the world. However, the minister acknowledged that the country is also very vulnerable to the impact of climate change.

"Guyana is below sea level and faces high-intensity rainfall, which makes the country prone to flooding. We are implementing mechanisms to alleviate these problems. This is a very serious issue", he stressed.

Lastly, the minister highlighted the number of rivers in Guyana, noting that the country's name is an indigenous word that means "land of many waters".

"We have an abundance of fresh water. Water is not scarce anywhere in our country. Per capita, when you consider our surface area, we have the greatest amount of fresh water in the entire world. However, we have been looking at various parts of the country to ensure that people have access to sufficient water for consumption and irrigation. Water is available, but we must implement the necessary mechanisms to ensure that it reaches communities, and that is exactly what we are doing", he concluded.

Agro America is a program broadcast by Brazilian TV channel Agro Mais of Grupo Bandeirantes de Comunicacion. It is produced in partnership with IICA.

The program presents the current situation of the agriculture and rural sector in IICA member countries, with the aim of fostering the sharing of experiences and a discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of agricultural and rural development.

International Technical Cooperation Specialist

Community Notice

The Republic of Mexico is inviting suitably qualified nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis to serve as an International Technical Cooperation Specialist as part of the Coordinating Group of Mexico's Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanism.

The successful candidate must be fluent in Spanish.

The application form is accessible at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegJMIPx4HOL7itSQzSNe9EtI9zMD9YehivDJYn4tR1FxpWPrw/closedform>

A letter of intent should also be attached and addressed to Mr. Arie Hoekman, UNFPA Mexico Representative. The letter of intent should indicate how the individual's experience fits the position.

A CV and P11 form should also be uploaded. The P11 form can be accessed via <https://www.unfpa.org/pcm/node/10861>

Applications must be submitted before 4 pm on Friday, April 16, 2021.

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Grenada Government to provide \$1 Million in support to St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Media Release Courtesy the Government of Grenada

Thursday, April 15, 2021 - The Government of Grenada will provide \$1 million in support for the Government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to help deal with the impact of the explosive eruptions at the La Soufriere volcano.

Prime Minister, Dr. the Right Honourable Keith Mitchell confirmed that his Cabinet colleagues unanimously supported the proposal to help the neighbouring country, despite the fiscal challenges we now face.

Grenada initially pledged to accept hundreds of Vincentian evacuees, if they opted for relocation and immediately began making arrangements to do so, in collaboration with St. George's University.

However, at an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Authority, this week, Vincentian Prime Minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves advised his colleagues of a general reluctance among Vincentians to relocate to other countries and in some cases, to even evacuate the high-risk areas.

It is against this backdrop that countries have now started looking at alternative means of providing support for the Government and people of St. Vincent.

Dr. Mitchell said, "This is a time of serious crisis and our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. We have not lost sight of the fact that we are in the middle of a global pandemic that has affected all economies but when a crisis of this nature occurs and your brothers and sisters are in trouble, we simply have to extend a helping hand.

It is the right thing to do. In situations like this, I recall September 2004 when Hurricane Ivan devastated our country and these very neighbours, were among the first to help us. Being our brother's keeper is just part of our tradition as Caribbean people."

The La Soufriere volcano has experienced several explosive eruptions since last Friday, and with ongoing uncertainty over how long the situation could continue, Vincentians must be prepared for the long haul.

Dr. Mitchell said this is even more reason to help because the situation is still unfolding and its true extent may not be known for some time. Also, the fact that community spread of COVID-19 has been confirmed in St. Vincent, further compounds the situation.

The Prime Minister said Government's cash donation will be in addition to all other emergency humanitarian relief that is being coordinated by the National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA).

The first shipment of supplies left Grenada on Sunday afternoon, arriving in the neighbouring country just hours later.

The shipment contained primarily water as this has become an urgent need given the contamination of St. Vincent's water supply, but it also included non-perishable food, hygiene products, baby products and adult care items.

The relief effort continues, and a few other shipments have left Grenada for St. Vincent, with excellent support coming from individuals, businesses and organisations.

NaDMA, as the coordinating agency, continues to solicit



World Bank Provides US\$20 Million for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' Response to La Soufriere Eruption

Media Release Courtesy The World Bank

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - WASHINGTON - The World Bank disbursed US\$20 million to support the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' response to the crisis posed by the La Soufriere volcano eruption.

The explosive eruption began on April 8 and has required the evacuation of 20,000 people from the high-risk zones around the volcano, both to other parts of Saint Vincent and surrounding countries. Explosions are continuing, and the falling ash is causing air quality concerns and interruptions in electricity and water supply.

"Our hearts are with the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines during this crisis," said Tahseen Sayed, World Bank Country Director for the Caribbean. "We are committed to supporting the response efforts at this critical time when the country faces this new disaster while already managing the social and economic effects of the pandemic."

The funds are disbursed from a contingent credit line from the World Bank, known as the Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option (Cat-DDO), approved in June 2020. The Cat-DDO instrument is designed to provide immediate liquidity to support a country's efforts to recover from disasters triggered by natural hazards or a public health emergency. In recent years, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has been making efforts to strengthen its preparedness and capacity to respond to disasters.

donations of items on the needs list provided by the National Emergency Management Organisation in St. Vincent.

These items include drinking water, water tanks, collapsible water bladders, buckets, portable toilets, sleeping mats, field tents, respirator masks with filters, hygiene kits, disinfectants and sanitisers.

Meanwhile, preparations continue to be made to host evacuees in the event that

World Bank Group COVID-19 Response:

The World Bank Group, one of the largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries, is taking broad, fast action to help developing countries strengthen their pandemic response. We are increasing disease surveillance, improving public health interventions, and helping the private sector continue to operate and sustain jobs. Over the next 15 months, we will be deploying up to US\$160 billion in financial support to help countries protect the poor and vulnerable, support businesses, and bolster economic recovery, including \$50 billion of new IDA resources in grants or highly concessional terms.

Image courtesy @VincieRichie/ twitter



persons decide to take advantage of the opportunity. Evacuees are however reminded that all arrangements are to be made at the Government level and the existing COVID-19 protocols will be strictly enforced.

Image courtesy the National Emergency Management Organisation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines/facebook

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Passed Away Aged Ninety Nine

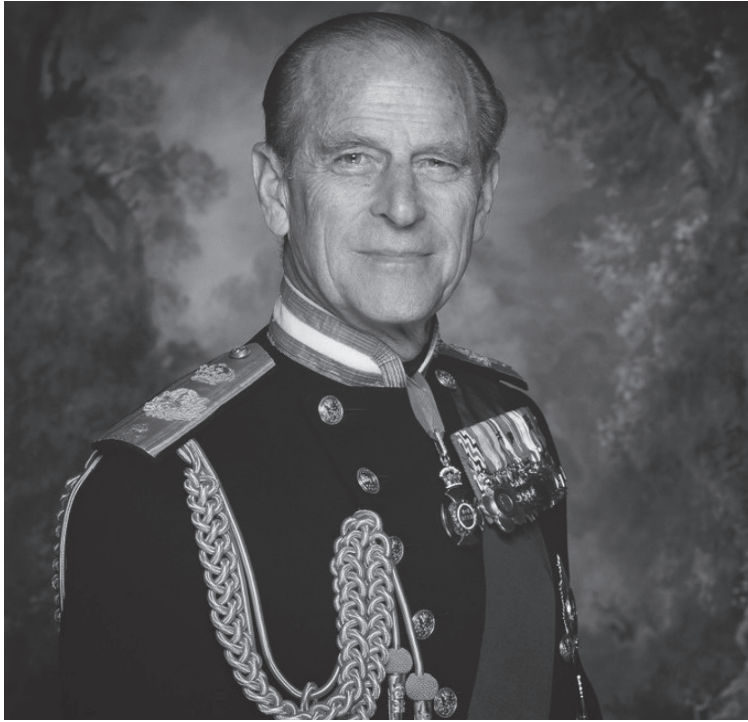
Last week Friday, 9 April, just after we went to press, the news broke that His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh had passed away at the of ninety-nine years.

Prince Philip was born a member of the Greek royal family in 1921, but, when he was just eighteen months old, he and his entire family fled that country when the armed forces overthrew the government.

It has been said that during that time he slept in a crib fashioned from an old orange crate. In Britain he grew up being taken in and cared for by a variety of foster parents. Eventually, he attended Gordonstoun, a boarding school in Scotland. Upon graduation, he took and passed the entrance examination to become a naval officer cadet at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth.

His performance at Dartmouth was outstanding, and he was commissioned into the Royal Navy as an officer. Prince Philip served throughout World War II with great distinction. He was recognised for acts of bravery several times and, on one occasion saved the lives of a number of his fellow sailors while in battle. He was awarded several service medals.

Princess Elizabeth was 8 years old when she first met Philip Mountbatten. It was during the wedding ceremony



of Philip's cousin, Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark, to Elizabeth's uncle, Prince George, Duke of Kent. She was 13 when, along with her sister Princess Margaret, she accompanied her parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, on an official visit to the Royal Naval College, where she again met Prince Philip. He was 18 and then a cadet at the college. They fell in love with each other and eventually married.

When Philip proposed to Elizabeth she was 20 years of age. Her father gave his approval, but asked that they wait until she was 21 before making the formal announcement. They were married at Westminster Abbey on 20 November 1947. The words 'to obey' were omitted from the wedding vows, because a future queen could not be expected to 'obey' her husband. It is said that on one occasion Prince Philip jokingly lamented "I am the only man in the country not allowed to give his name to his children, ..."

Prior to their marriage Philip renounced his titles as a prince of Greece and Denmark, acquired British citizenship, and was made a Prince of The Realm.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were married for seventy-three years, had 4 children, 10 grand-children, and 8 great grand-children.

When they became married Prince Philip was required to give up his professional career in The Royal Navy. Thereafter his role

in life became that of always walking one step behind his wife, The Queen. Ever a resourceful persons, even then Prince Philip was able to carve out his own role.

Mr Giles Brandreth, a writer, broadcaster, and a former conservative MP, managed one of Prince Philip's charities for many years. He said "Essentially, the queen has always worn the crown, while Prince Philip was always allowed to wear the trousers. That's the way it worked." As to his propensity for making gaffes (he was once described as a gaffe-prone fountain of political incorrectness), Brandreth also said: "He just said what he felt. ... He was very funny. Prince Philip was the man who said if ever you see a man opening the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. He was a shrewd observer of people."

Throughout their marriage Prince Philip was fully supportive of his wife, The Queen. On the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary she said of him: "He has quite simply been my strength and stay all these years. I and his whole family, and this and many other countries owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know."

Indeed, and as only one example, millions of young persons, throughout The Commonwealth and across the wider world, have benefitted in their personal development by participating in the globally renowned Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Not to mention the hundreds of other charities and institutions which he founded and supported, the Royal Engineering Academy being one of the most outstanding.

At his passing, tributes immediately poured in from all across the globe. Prime Minister Boris Johnson of The UK said of Prince Philip that he "earned the affection of generations here in Britain, across the Commonwealth and around the world. ... Like the expert carriage driver that he was, he helped to steer the royal family and the monarchy so that it remains an institution indisputably vital to the balance and happiness of our national life."

Prince Philip was healthy and active well into his old age, but he recently suffered a number of health setbacks. In 2011 he was treated for a blocked coronary artery. In December 2019 he spent several nights in the hospital. At the age of 97 he was forced to give up driving at after he struck a car with his Land Rover. In February he was hospitalised and underwent surgery for a heart condition.

He retired from official royal duties in 2017, and public appearances became rare. He spent the coronavirus lockdown at Windsor Castle with the queen.

Up until the time of his passing Prince Philip was Colonel of The Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, the first person to have held that appointment.

His funeral service will be held at 3pm tomorrow, Saturday 17 April 2021, at Windsor Castle.

The Labour Spokesman extends to Her Majesty The Queen, and all members of The Royal Family, sincere condolences on the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

AP Associated Press - Asia Pacific - South China Sea - Tuesday 13 April 2021

Taiwan Launches Shipbuilding Program Amid China Threats

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan launched an amphibious transport ship Tuesday that's the first from its new naval shipbuilding program begun as China escalates its threats to use military force to annex the island it claims is its territory.

President Tsai Ing-wen presided over the launching ceremony at a shipyard in the southern port city of Kaohsiung for the first in the series of ships intended as a defense against any Chinese invasion.

The ship is "designed and built in accordance with the needs



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen as she delivered a speech during a launch ceremony for its first indigenous amphibious transport dock in Kaohsiung, southern Taiwan, on Tuesday 13 April 2021. Photo credit: Chiang Ying-ying (AP).

of national defense combat training," Tsai said.

She also called the launch of the new line of 10,000-ton

amphibious transport ships an "important milestone for the national shipbuilding in our country."

Taiwan has been boosting its domestic military industries, including building ships and submarines, and is upgrading facilities on the Pratas Islands in the South China Sea that are also claimed by China.

Along with the main island of Taiwan, the government controls territory close to China, including the Kinmen, Matsu and Pescadores island groups that need constant replenishment.

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AP Associated Press - News - Western Hemisphere
- Volcanic Eruption - Wednesday 14 April 2021

Humanitarian Crisis Feared In St Vincent Amid Eruptions

- By Danica Coto and Edith M Lederer

La Soufriere volcano has been firing enormous amounts of ash and hot gas in a series of big explosive eruptions since volcanic activity began on the eastern Caribbean island of St Vincent late last week.



People cleaning volcanic ash from the red roof of a home in Wallilabou, on the western side of the Caribbean island of St Vincent, on Monday 12 April 2021. Photo credit: Orvil Samuel (AP).

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Ongoing volcanic eruptions have displaced about 20% of people in the eastern Caribbean island of St Vincent as a UN official on Wednesday warned of a growing humanitarian crisis.

Between 16,000 to 20,000 people were evacuated under government orders before La Soufriere volcano first erupted on Friday, covering the lush green island with ash that continues to blanket communities in St Vincent as well as Barbados and other nearby islands.

About 6,000 of those evacuees are considered most vulnerable, said Didier Trebucq, United Nations resident coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

"So we are facing a situation with a great deal of uncertainty, and also a humanitarian crisis that is growing and may continue for weeks and months," he said.

Trebucq said that based on certain information and preliminary estimations, 20,000

people are "estimated at risk of food insecurity, given the loss of the assets in terms of livelihood like fisheries, or agriculture."

Some 4,000 people are temporarily living in 87 government shelters, while others have relocated to hotels or the homes of friends and family, officials said. Trebucq noted that many shelters are lacking basic services including drinking water.

He said priority number one is water, which is being transported from nearby Caribbean nations and other contributors since water systems shut down in many parts of the island.

He said priority number two is meeting the needs of the 4,000 people in shelters, including cots and basic supplies, sanitation, hygiene and emergency latrines.

"We are dealing with a crisis within the COVID crisis," Trebucq told reporters at UN headquarters in New York in a video briefing. "Many health facilities have been affected by the ashes."

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves said Wednesday during a press conference broadcast by local station NBC radio that people need to strictly adhere to COVID-19 measures to avoid outbreaks.

"We cannot have that at any time, and most of all, at this time," he said.

He also said a big issue is trying to determine the needs of those staying in hundreds of private homes across the island, adding that registration of those evacuees is ongoing.



Section of St Vincent's eastern coastline hit and burnt by pyroclastic flows. Image credit: UWI Seismic Research (@uwiseismic) (via twitter).

Officials also urged those remaining in communities closest to the volcano to evacuate as soon as possible, noting that the explosions are ongoing and causing new pyroclastic flows.

"I don't want them to die like that," said Richard Robertson with the University of the West Indies' Seismic Research Center. "It's not a nice way to go."

Friday's explosion produced only ash, but pyroclastic flows have multiplied as the volcano shifts shape with each new eruption, some of which have been stronger than the one recorded last week.

Robertson said volcanic activity is expected to continue for days or even weeks. The volcano had a minor eruption in December after a previous eruption in 1979. An older eruption in 1902 killed some 1,600 people.

Water continues to be of great concern, although Garth Saunders, minister of the island's water and sewer authority, said Wednesday that the situation is improving and that more water supply systems are coming back on. He added that crews are prioritizing bakeries so people can have basic sustenance.

"We are doing our best," he said.

Trebucq said The UN will soon be launching an emergency appeal to support the humanitarian response and the early recovery for the next six months.

He said the goal is to ensure people's lives go back to normal as soon as possible, but that he worried about the impact on the island's tourism and agricultural sectors. The UN is mobilizing experts through the UN Environment Program in collaboration with the European Union to help remove and dispose of the ashes, he said.

"This is a crisis that is going to certainly last more than six months in St Vincent and other islands," he said.

Lederer reported from the United Nations.

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Taiwan Launches Shipbuilding Program Amid China Threats



The Yushan transport ship as seen during a launch ceremony for Taiwan's first indigenous amphibious transport dock in Kaohsiung, southern Taiwan, on Tuesday 13 April 2021. Photo credit: Chiang Ying-ying (AP).

In a pattern of advertising its threats to claim Taiwan by force if necessary, China sent 25 warplanes into Taiwan's southern aerial space on Monday, the Defense Ministry said. It also recently staged naval exercises with its Liaoning aircraft carrier near Taiwan recently.

Meanwhile The US Navy announced that the carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt and its strike group had re-entered the South China Sea on its second such deployment this year.

China claims the South China Sea almost in its entirety and strongly objects to foreign naval activity in the resource rich and heavily transited waters, especially the US practice of sailing naval vessels close to Chinese-held features in what it terms "freedom of navigation operations."

Staff note: The Yushan is but the first of a new class of multimission amphibious ships that can carry troops and equipment, and will bolster supply lines to Taiwan's vulnerable offshore and South China Sea islands. The vessels can also conduct surface warfare missions with anti-ship missiles.

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Are Vegan Diets Good For Your Heart?

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Some people turn to a vegan diet in the hopes it will benefit their heart health.



A vegetable and fruit arrangement. Photo credit: Lassedesigner (Shutterstock).

Around half a million British people are now vegan, according to the Vegan Society. In the US, there's been a 300% increase in the number of American vegans in the past 15 years.

There are many reasons why people may adopt a vegan diet, such as animal welfare, sustainability, or to lose weight. Another reason that's often touted is that vegan diets are good for your heart, and can not only prevent heart disease, but even reverse it.

But as our latest review found, this isn't necessarily true. In fact, we found that there is currently little evidence to suggest a vegan diet protects the heart, or can reverse heart disease.

The good and the bad

This isn't to say that vegan diets don't have benefits. Large amounts of whole grains, alongside fruit and veg, means that vegans consume more fibre than omnivores (people who eat meat products, alongside fruit and vegetables). And research shows people who eat a high fibre diet⁷ are less likely to develop heart disease.



People eating a vegan diet will need to ensure they're getting enough vitamins and minerals. Photo credit: Nina Firsova (Shutterstock).

Eating lots of fruit and veg also means consuming plenty of phytonutrients, which are natural chemicals found in plants. Some research suggests these have inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which may help prevent damage to cells in the body. Since vegans eat more fruit and veg on average, they should benefit more.

And a vegan diet is linked to a host of other health advantages that should benefit heart health, including a lower weight, lower blood pressure and lower levels of bad cholesterol.

But unless it's carefully constructed, a vegan diet can easily lack vital nutrients. For example, vegan diets may contain lower amounts of certain omega-3 fatty acids, which are easily found in seafood. This may mean vegans aren't getting the heart benefits of omega-3 fatty acids, such as lower blood pressure and reduced risk of heart attacks.

Some minerals and vitamins are also harder to come by for vegans without supplementation. Levels of selenium, iodine and vitamin B12 are lower in vegans compared to non-vegans, which can be detrimental to their heart health. Low levels of these minerals and vitamins can also lead to thyroid problems, muscle disorders and anaemia.

Heart health

Our team wanted to know whether vegan diets really do lower the risk of developing heart attacks or strokes. To do this, we needed to look through all the current evidence that has investigated this. This would allow us to develop a conclusion based on all the current data out there.

But although veganism is growing in popularity, vegans still make up a small fraction of any population. As such, few studies out there have looked at the effects of a vegan diet of any length on heart health. We could only find three - although in total they were large studies, with data on more than 73,000 people combined, and more than 7,000 vegans.

None of the studies found vegans were protected against heart disease, heart attacks or stroke compared to omnivores. Unfortunately, there was even a suggestion that vegans may be more likely to have an

ischaemic stroke, which are caused by a blood clot in the brain. But it's uncertain whether the vegan diet itself really did increase risk of this type of stroke, or if this was just coincidence.

Our study also looked at whether a vegan diet could benefit people who already had heart disease. One study showed that veganism could be beneficial and may potentially stop or reverse heart disease. The researchers found that people who started a vegan diet and stuck with it for more than three years were six times less likely to have another serious heart problem or stroke than those who started but didn't continue with a vegan diet. That's only one out of 177 vegans, compared to 13 out of 21 non-vegans, who became ill again. But as this was a relatively small sample we'd ideally want a much bigger study to double check this.

The other two studies didn't show any benefit or reversal of heart disease in people who started a vegan diet. However, the participants of these studies only followed a vegan diet for two or six months - making it difficult to truly see a long-term impact. But one of the benefits of following the vegan diet for six months was that participants ended up with lower cholesterol and lost more weight than those on an omnivore diet.

Overall, our review has found that there isn't evidence to back up the claims that veganism is good for your heart. But that is partly because there are few studies - and only 361 people in the studies we looked at became vegans after developing heart disease. Participants in two of the studies were only vegan for less than six months, which may not be long enough to see a large effect on heart disease.

But veganism may have other health benefits. Vegans have been found to have a healthier weight and lower blood glucose levels than those who consume meat and dairy. They are also less likely to develop cancer, high blood pressure and diabetes. But its effect on heart disease, the leading cause of death worldwide, really needs to be better understood.

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Newtown Get Well Needed Three Points In Premier League

S-Krave Newtown United got a well needed win on Friday night in the SKNFA Premier League, when they edged Trafalgar Southstars 2-1 at the Warner Park.

Scoring for Newtown
Anwa Springer 13th min
Dakari Phipps 84th min

Scoring for South stars
Curvis Collins 61st min

After the match Newtown player Anwa Springer said they needed to have won this match means necessary after getting bad results in recent times. He said the coach advised them at half time to remain composed, even though they led 1-0.

“After the goal we kind of strayed from what we wanted to do but at least we went int with the lead so it was a good first half... we needed three points by any means necessary so we had to stick with it, played with urgency and played with some heart and determination and come out with these three points,” Springer said.

Defending Champs Come From Behind To Snatch Victory

It took a last-minute goal from Kolonjie Clarke to give defending Premier League Champions S. L. Horsfords St. Paul’s a 2-1 victory over the red-hot KFC United Old Road Jets. The Jets were in great form coming into this match, having won their last three matches impressively while conceding very few goals. But despite Old Road taking the lead from the penalty spot in the 57th minute from the boot of top striker Tiquanny Williams, St. Paul’s proved their mark of a champion team. Akimba Lawrence equalized in the 76th minute and Clarke sealed the win in the 90th minute. Manager of the St. Paul’s team Derionne Edmeade said the victory for his team was well deserved.

“First of all, we have to give kudos to Old Road. I think Old Road came out tonight and they played an excellent game. Our backs were against the wall -!but the guys were determined to win tonight after we losing our last game against St. Peter’s... the guys really fought for the victory,” Edmeade disclosed.

In the second match on Saturday night Hobson Enterprises Garden Hotspurs continued their great run of form when they dispatched a struggling SOL IAS Conaree F.C. 3-0.

Scoring for Spurs
Steve Archibald 8th min
Rakeal Allen 54th min
Geovannie Lake (pk) 90th min

Coach Austin Deco Huggins praised their players for the win but said they have to remain mentally strong to keep the high level of performance. “We still got to be mentally ready; meaning that we cannot really get too complacent knowing that we are

Skerritt and Shallow elected unopposed as President and Vice President of CWI

Sunday, 11 April 2021 - ST JOHN’S, Antigua - Ricky Skerritt and Dr Kishore Shallow have been re-elected unopposed to the posts of President and Vice President respectively, of Cricket West Indies (CWI). They will serve a second two-year term. The re-election process was conducted as one of the key items on the agenda of the 22nd Annual General meeting of CWI, on Sunday April 11, 2021.

Skerritt said: “I am humbled and deeply honored to be re-elected to serve as CWI President for a second term. I take the responsibility to lead the Board of this prestigious organization, most seriously. We have much unfinished work to do, and we renew our pledge to work untiringly to help achieve sustainable improvement, both on and off the field, for West Indies cricket.”

Dr Shallow said: “I am again grateful for the continued support of the member representatives for Ricky and myself. This re-election is a



President Ricky Skerritt



Vice President Dr Kishore Shallow

victory for West Indies cricket as we continue on the path of growing the game across the region, and achieving good outcomes on all fronts and at all levels.”

In addition to the election for President and Vice President, the following persons were duly elected as Member Directors of CWI:

Conde Riley - Barbados Cricket Association
Calvin Hope - Barbados Cricket Association
Bissoondyal Singh - Guyana Cricket Board
Hilbert Foster - Guyana Cricket Board
Wilford Heaven - Jamaica Cricket Association
Dr Donovan Bennett - Jamaica Cricket Association
Enoch Lewis - Leeward Islands Cricket Board
Leon Rodney - Leeward Islands Cricket Board
Azim Bassarath - Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board
Arjoon Ramlal - Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board
Julian Charles - Windward Islands Cricket Board
Dwain Gill - Windward Islands Cricket Board

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting took place virtually via video conference. All of the Territorial Board Member Associations were fully

Dieppe Bay Get First Win, Cayon Drub Saddlers

There were some exciting games in tow on Sunday. The first of a double header saw the two newly promoted teams: Hotsprings Bath United and TGE Dieppe Eagles. Both teams were in desperate need for points. In the end it was Dieppe Bay who came out on top winning 2-1, with both goals coming from Shawn Dasent. The first one was an error from the goalkeeper, the second one a stunning strike in the low far corner of the goal.

Dieppe Bay however almost gave up two points after Jamal Matthew was sent off in the 74th minute with a straight red

card for an attempt to strike and violent conduct. That left Dieppe Bay hanging for their lives for the rest of the match as Bath United piled on the pressure earning a consolation goal in the 81st minute from Venree Richards. But Dieppe Bay did enough to win. Their coach is hoping this victory will motivate them to go on and win some more.

In the night’s other match, Flow 4G Cayon Rockets defeated Fast Cash Saddlers 3-0. After dominating the match in the first half, Cayon had nothing to show for it, but within a minute after making some substitutions, Cayon came to life and notched three goals.

Scoring for Cayon

N’Shakur Robin 66th min who had just come on the field for Jayan Duncan 74th min
Malik Hendrickson (pk) 88th min

Cayon Team manager Tyrone O’Loughlin said the players who came on midway in the second half were instructed to get their shots and target and they did just that. “The two that went on we told them, go, get the shots on target and as (N’Shakur) went on he did just that,” O’loughlin said. The 2021 SKNFA Premier League continues at the Warner Park.



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JABS, JOBS AND COVID-19

By: **FAIR SHARE FOR ALL**

For how Timothy and Lindsay are talking about the vaccine and the need to be vaccinated, I am surprised that neither of them used the occasion of their conventions to have their supporters vaccinated. In fact, they should have told their supporters that if they want to attend the convention, they must be vaccinated. And, as they are doing to employees in their ministries, they should have told their supporters that health care professionals would be present to vaccinate the unvaccinated.

I wonder why it wasn't done.

And did any one else notice that so many of the supporters didn't have on any masks? And they didn't seem to social distancing either. I wonder if the Covid Task Force wasn't going around checking. If not, I wonder why not?

Perhaps it's because they all knew that after all the hype on Sunday, the threatening memos were coming on Monday morning bright and early - Job or no job.

This certain set of people who have been bullying us and abusing us into taking the vaccine have all sent out memos at the same time saying essentially the same thing. No job. No job.

And an employee cannot run to complain to the government because the government is sending out the same memo too. They don't care whether it's right or wrong, legal or illegal. Once they get their 70% that's all they are concerned about.

According to them, 70% will allow us to really open up the borders and end the quarantine. While we will still have to wear masks, social distance and sanitize our hands because the vaccine neither prevents us from catching nor spreading the COVID-19, the tourists will once again flood our shores because 70% of the herd has been "immunized".

I really want us to start to make real money again because too many of us are unemployed and underemployed. Financial obligations that we once honoured with relative ease are more than us now. Many of us spend too much time

worrying about marshall bailiff instead of sleeping restfully at night because our rainy day money was no match for COVID-19.

But sometimes I wonder about my BHS and the ironies of life. When I think about my alma mater and how it was crucified, I wish that these same people who are now saying that the percentage of persons who are getting blood clots or getting sick from the vaccine is so minuscule compared to the good that it is doing were arguing, as vehemently and as passionately for the Basseterre High School.

I wish these same people had accepted the pronouncements of CARPHA regarding the BHS the way in which they are now accepting the pronouncements of CARPHA regarding the vaccine.

If only these same people had respected the findings of NIOSH which is a department of CDC the same way in which they have accepted as gospel the findings of the same CDC regarding the vaccine.

Wendy Phipps, Shawn Richards, Lindsay Grant, in fact all of Team Unity. CARPHA and CDC are the same entities whose scientists, according to all of you, didn't seem to know know their arses from their elbows when they were pronouncing on the Basseterre High School.

So if people are reluctant to accept what these distinguished bodies are saying, the blame to my mind has to be laid squarely at your feet. You all preferred to "err on the side of caution" and abandon the school, instead of sanitising it as you did at Cayon, and sending the students and teachers back to BHS.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but to date I have not heard of one student or teacher who got sick since the Cayon High School was reoccupied after the school had been sanitized by Curtis James.

Now I'm hearing that the CEO of Pfizer is more than intimating that a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccines including the Astra-Zeneca will be needed within 12 months then a vaccine annually. Just like the regular flu shot.

I really have to buy some shares in the COVID-19 vaccines.



By **Vigilante**

* De poor legal beagle a bawl to everybody. He say dat de #4 misappropriator did done promise him de ting in 2025. But now he telling him dat is not he decision. He doing him like how Humpty Dumpty doing de frilly mout deputy.

* He say dat even de tek way mic lady more powerful dan him. He say dat is when dey done kip dey meeting dem, he does hear bout dem. He say dat he not in de misappropriator loop at all.

* He say dat he was expecting a big position on de big executive for all de wuk dat he done do for dem. But dey ain't rate him at all. He say dey say he up and dung too much wid Humpty Dumpty so dey carn trust him.

* Is everyting dey want hush dung since de government change. Through de health care worker did so fraid to lose she wuk, dey give her de ting even though she know is dead she was gon dead.

* Dey say dat de #2 misappropriator say dat de time not right to mek he move. He say dat Humpty Dumpty could have all de O dem in de world he gon carn help de frilly mout deputy.

* Humpty Dumpty say dat he carn believe dat after all dat he do for de national zero, de man gone and say all dem tings bout him. He say dat he carn believe dat people could be so ungrateful to people who help dem.

* Dey say dat he call de zero dat very night and tell him dat is he dat have de O and is through him what mek he getting \$20,000.00 a month for nutten. He tell him dat he lucky is only walk out he walk out and he tell him dat if he don't behave heself, he gon see how barley grow.

* People say dat dey remember when a Humpty Dumpty went go visit some people on dey deathbed, he went dere go ask de grieving family bout some money dat de people dem who dead did promise him.

Through dat, one a de widow dem ain't talk to him since dat. And he tell Ole Mother Hubbard dat he don't know what de family wex about. A promise is a promise whether dey in dey office or on dey deathbed.

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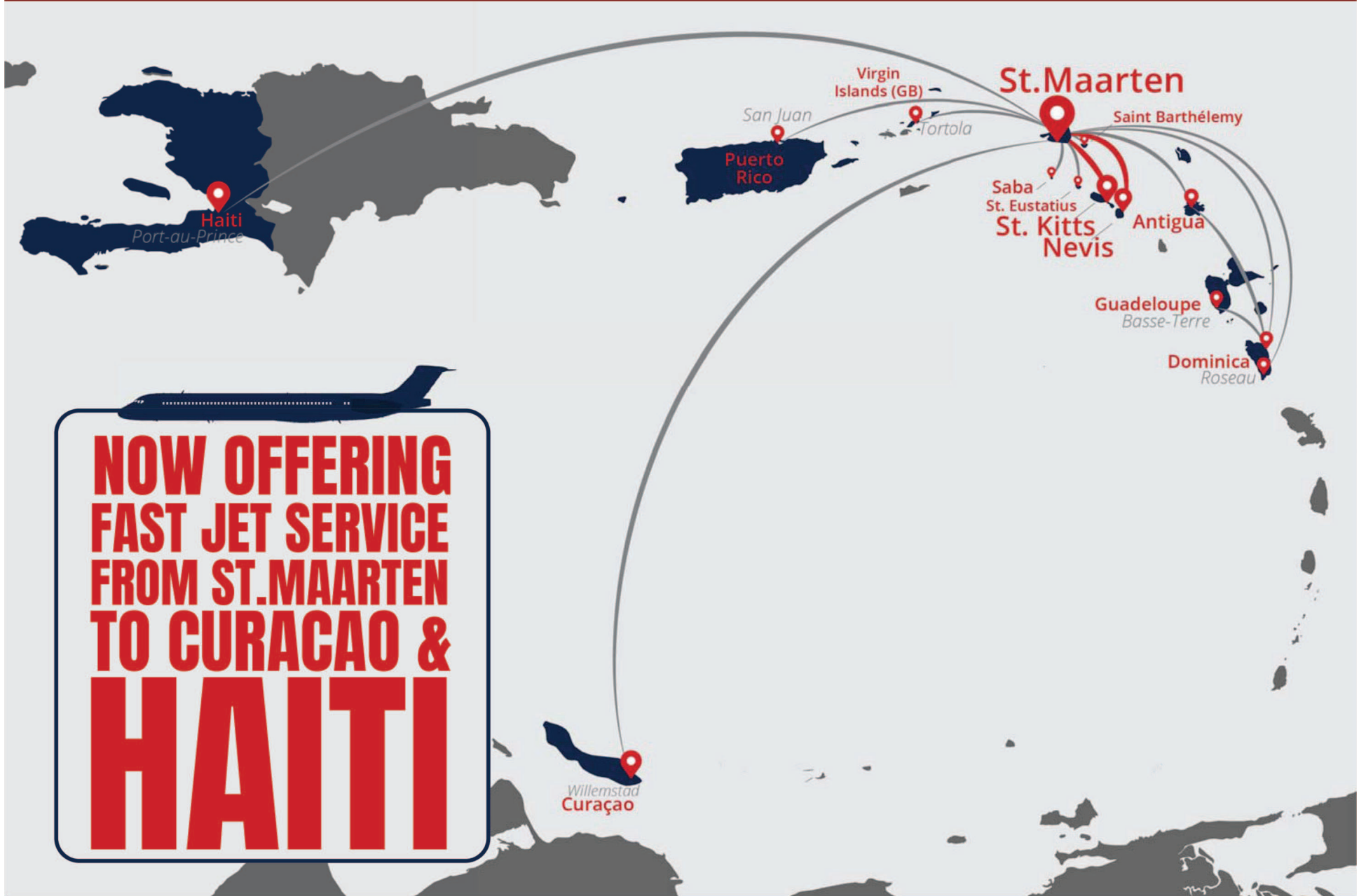
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