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Editorial

The Long Hard Road Back To Progress

On many occasions, we of this newspaper have tried to warn you, our people, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, that succumbing to the temptations of the SCHEME UNITY lot would end us all in deep trouble - political, social and economic.

We always do so with a genuine concern for you, our people, and our country as a whole. Please be assured that we are NOT the 'I told you so kind of people'. It gives us no joy whenever we have been proven correct in the face of your sufferings. However, we do feel it necessary to remind you, from time to time, of these very important lessons.

Over and over we warned that those who were bent on removing the Labour and NRP administration were not genuine persons, that they were deceitful, and that their objectives and designs were self-serving, selfish goals.

They and their sycophants manufactured all kinds of 'crises' as a part of their efforts to undermine your confidence in our beloved comrade leader, Dr. The Right Honourable Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, and his administration.

In time it became clear that some members of SCHEME UNITY had been involved in stimulating the wave of criminal and anti-social activities which had bedevilled our fair land for many years. We warned that such was a most dangerous practice, and one that would eventually come back to haunt the perpetrators and enablers.

Indeed, what goes around comes around.

Recent 'developments' are but the beginning of the 'coming around phase'. We remind you, our people, that

Case Number :SKBHPB2021/0026

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2021

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2021/0026

In the Estate of **LEONA WINIFRED MATHIS**
also known as **M LEONA MATHIS (Deceased)**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JEAN NOEL** of #1 Buchanan Road, Conaree, in the Parish of St. Peters, in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the daughter of **LEONA WINIFRED MATHIS** also known as **M LEONA MATHIS**, deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 20th day of April, 2020 at US USNS Mercy, Los Angeles, in the United States of America.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2021

S. May
S. A. M Legal Services

Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of **Leona Winifred Mathis** also known as **M Leona Mathis, deceased**



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the 'coming around phase' is usually worse than the 'going around phase'.

In our case it is going to be much, much worse, given the extent to which the institutions of the state been corrupted and hollowed out.

When some years ago they set out on their journey of inflicting evil, it is clear that they did not concern themselves with the law of karma. We can also be absolutely certain that they never imagined that they would have to simultaneously deal with something called COVID-19. But we the people have to deal with all of it, no matter what.

We, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, now find ourselves faced with the monumental task of digging our

country out from the political, social and economic morass into which we have been thrust by the SCHEME UNITY lot.

And that is additional to our having to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is a task that has to be undertaken and accomplished even as we try to set our beloved country back on the road to progress. That makes the whole undertaking much tougher than would normally be the case.

The road ahead, dear people, is therefore going to be a long and hard one to travel.

We all need to continue our preparations for travelling that long, hard road.

Only WE can take back our country!

Let us all 'gird our loins', put our backs to the wheel, and give all that it requires to accomplish that task.



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Source: Gun Violence Victim Had Dreams Of Helping Young People

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 30th July 2021) - Akeem 'Chalawa' Parris, 29, one of the two young men who recently lost their lives through gun violence, had dreams of building a resource centre to help at-risk youths.

So says a credible source who recalls the passionate tone of voice he had when conversing about such a future goal project.

"He was hoping to get a piece of land to build that type

of resource centre," it was expressed.

Police are investigating a double fatal shooting incident that occurred in the Newtown area on Tuesday 27th July 2021 sometime after 8:00 PM which they responded to.

According to a press release from the Police Public Relations Department, upon arrival, the motionless body of 36-year old Kyle Cleveland Williams was found lying on George Street in the vicinity of Carty Alley.

Police say preliminary investigations so far have revealed that Williams and Parris, both residents of Carty Alley, were sitting at the junction of George Street and Carty Alley when armed masked assailants approached and fired several gunshots in their direction.

Both men were struck several times about the body.

Williams died at the scene and Parris was transported to the JNF General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The scene was processed by personnel from the Forensic Services Unit and several items



Deceased- Kyle Cleveland Williams

of evidential value were taken into custody.

Persons with information regarding this matter are urged to contact the Violent Crime Unit by dialling 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468, their nearest Police Station or the Crime Hotline at 707 where information can be given anonymously.

Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Front Page Photo: Deceased- Akeem Parris

CDB Awards 25 Visual Artists with Grants to participate in the Visual Arts Biennial Accelerator

July 28, 2021, BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - Work from 25 visual artists from across the Caribbean is currently on display in a virtual Visual Arts Biennial, the culmination of a recent accelerator programme funded by the Cultural and Creative Industries Innovation Fund (CIIF) of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

CDB awarded over US\$ 16,000 in grant funding to support the artists' participation in the I.C.E. (Incubator for Collaborative Expression) Caribbean, a virtual accelerator supported by CIIF in collaboration with Animae Caribe between April 7 to May 6, 2021. The accelerator was supported under CIIF's Improved Competitiveness of MSMEs (ICM) Grant Stream.

CIIF received 43 applications from across 15 of CDB's 19 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs) from which 25 participants were selected through a rigorous evaluation process. The selected participants represented 12 member countries, namely Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Suriname, The Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago.

The virtual accelerator programme with the theme "Statelessness" brought into focus the transversal capacity of the visual arts as it intersects with

environmental sustainability, highlighting the impacts of climate change, migration and the Covid-19 pandemic on the islands. The programme saw participants forming a virtual community to learn and create together across thematic, cultural, disciplinary and class boundaries through workshops, the current online interactive exhibition, and artist talks which culminated with a pitch competition on Friday July 16, 2021.

At the pitch competition participants made their cases for the opportunity to receive a share of US\$ 25,000 in additional funding. The winners of the pitch competition, receiving US\$ 5,000 each, were Barbadian Alana Brooks, The Bahamas' Sonia Farmer, Jamaican Tukula Ntama and Vernelle A.A. Noel and the team of Johann Medford and Arnaldo James, from Trinidad and Tobago.

According to Ms. Lisa Harding, Coordinator, MSME Development at CDB, "the dynamism of the visual arts in our BMCs is well recognised and provides an excellent medium to highlight the impacts of climate migration and environmental sustainability through the collaborative expressions of artists."

Curator of the I.C.E. project, Mr. Antonius Roberts, elaborated on the theme of the project, noting:

"Statelessness is fast becoming a feature of Caribbean existence as

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Case Number :SKBHPB2021/0041

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT (PROBATE)
A. D. 2021

Submitted Date: 14/07/2021 11:28
Filed Date: 14/07/2021 11:28

In the Estate of ADDISON ANTHONY MARRYSHAW late of Fig Tree in the town of Sandy Point in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HESKETH W. BENJAMIN, Attorney-at-Law for GHAVIN DARRELL MARRYSHAW of Fig Tree in the town of Sandy Point in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of October, 2020.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021

Filed by:
Hesketh W. Benjamin
Attorney-at-Law
Chambers
West Independence Square Street
Basseterre
St. Kitts

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition that policy number 61,596 on the life of Charmaine Nicholls has been lost, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 30/07/2021

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager

Public Urged To Not Breach Restrictions During Long Holiday Weekend

...Couple Arrested For Quarantine Breach After COVID-19 Testing

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 30th July 2021)- Superintendent Cromwell Henry, a member of the COVID-19 National Task Force is calling on members of the public to comply with the restrictions even though a long holiday weekend is approaching.

“As we approach the long holiday weekend, we are reminded again that social activities are restricted, and only with the permission of the Commissioner of Police should such activity take place and we ask persons to exercise extreme care and caution not to put yourself at any risk of being infected with COVID-19.”

Superintendent Henry made the appeal while speaking at the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Daily Briefing held on Wednesday 28th July, 2021.

“Avoid crowds, avoid crowded events and always wear your mask and follow all the other protocols,” he added.

Superintendent Henry, during his presentation, talked about the new one-week curfew period that took effect on Monday 26th July that is expected to continue until Monday 9th August 2021 with the timeframe of 11:00PM night.

“We continue to see an easing of restrictions in this new iteration of the Emergency Powers COVID-19 regulations SR&O 31 of 2001. While most of the provisions of this new regulation remain the same as previous versions. This latest version which commenced on July 26th has allowed for more time before the night curfew begins. The night curfew now begins at 11:00 PM nightly and ends at 5:00 AM the following day, and this will continue until August 9th.”

Additionally, he said restrictions on social activities remain in place and that they continue to require permission from the Commissioner of Police.

“Mass gatherings are still prohibited, and only limited social activities are being approved at this time. We are reminded that we are not yet out of the woods as we are still seeing new cases daily which indicates that the virus is still in the community. As such, we encourage all to get vaccinated to reduce your risk, and to follow all the non-pharmaceutical measures to further protect yourself.”

Superintendent Henry highlighted that Regulation 14 of the new regulations provides some restrictions on travelers entering the Federation.

“Sub regulation 5 states: All arriving travelers who are fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus shall remain in a government quarantine facility for a period of three days and be tested for the COVID-19 virus on day four. Sub regulation 5 (C) continues: ‘The person shall only be released from quarantine upon receiving a negative PCR test’.

He revealed that a couple were recently arrested and fined for breaching their quarantine.

“On Wednesday 21st July, [Farakhan Assagay] and Natasha Robinson arrived in the Federation from the USA and were in quarantine at the Montpelier Hotel in Nevis.”

Superintendent Henry continued: “On the morning of Saturday 24th July, the couple left their quarantine without authorisation and journeyed to St.Kitts via a ferry. They were eventually located at a residence in Frigate Bay that night and were taken to the government quarantine facility at the OTI to complete their quarantine and to be tested. Their test results returned negative, and they were released from quarantine on Tuesday 27th July.”

According to him, they were taken back to Nevis, where they were arrested and charged for breaching their quarantine, and they were taken before the Charlestown Magistrate Court where they were convicted and fined US\$500 to be paid in one day.

As reported, the fines were paid and they were allowed to leave the Federation.

“The police have taken a zero tolerance approach to breaches of

quarantine as this puts the entire community at risk. This includes persons who are required to remain in self-quarantine at their homes on the instructions of any medical officer,” Superintendent Henry encouraged.

Furthermore, he asked for full cooperation of all residents to adhere to all the COVID-19 protocols.

“Whatever instructions or directions are imposed by any medical officer as these are all intended to keep us all safe.”

Front Page Photo: Superintendent Cromwell Henry (source: Facebook/ TheRoyalSt.ChristopherandNevis Police Force)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2018/0265

BETWEEN:

[1] ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Applicant

and

[1] ALEXANDER ASHLEY BROWNE
(also known as Alex Browne)
[2] LISA MARIE RONBACK

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
(UNIT B5 SANDS CONDOMINIUM)

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, Independence Square East, Basseterre, St Kitts

on Thursday the 18 day of Nov 2021, at
2:15pm o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his or her accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale. The Purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the 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 free from prior encumbrances. Contact the Applicant's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand, 869-465-2440 or Law@kwfonline.com, for more details.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Unit No. B5 of Block B of the Sands Condominium, Bay Road and George Street, Basseterre, in the island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows: ALL THAT lot piece of land hereditaments and premises situate at Unit No. B5 of the Sands Condominium, Bay Road and George Street, Basseterre, St Kitts described in a Certificate of Title registered in Book X2 Folio 247 of the Register of titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of the Sands Condominium registered as No. 15 in the Condominium corporation Index on the 7th day of January, 2002, together with an undivided interest in the Common Area appurtenant thereto.

UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above land and buildings thereon shall be EC\$637,520

Dated the 20 day of July 2021

REGISTRAR
OF THE HIGH COURT



LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate,
District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Paulette Richards** now residing in **Main Street** in the village of **Lambert's**, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **21st** day of **July, 2021**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Dieppe Bay** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **God's Blessing Snackette N Bar** in **Lambert's Village**, in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this
23rd day of **June, 2021**.

Signed: **Paulette Richards**

Premier Brantley Further Calls On Young People To Stop Criminal Activity

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 30th July 2021)- "I'm persuaded that the vast majority of our young people are in fact responding positively, and I would hope that those few who continue to have criminal minds and continue to be bent on criminality that those individuals would cease and desist from this activity."

These were the sentiments expressed by Premier Mark Brantley during his opening statement at his monthly press conference held on Thursday 29th July 2021, in wake of recent gun violence with a most recent shooting incident taking place hours before daybreak, leaving a young man wounded.

"This morning I woke [to] very sad news that we have had a shooting incident on the island of Nevis, and that a young man even now as we speak is getting medical attention, and it is our hope that he will survive the wounds that he would have suffered inflicted by gun firearm," he told.

According to Brantley: "At the end of the day, I have said time and time again from this rostrum and elsewhere that crime does not pay, and whatever short term gains that people think that they're getting ultimately ends in long term pains."

He made reference to criminal activity leading to either imprisonment or death.

"It really does not pay and I think that over the last two and a half to three years we have ushered in... an environment in the country which is far better for us all and so I'm hopeful and prayerful that this young man survives," Brantley remarked.

He continued: "I would think that given an opportunity for greater hope, given an opportunity for our people, particularly our young to live more full some lives, given an opportunity for the island and country to be at peace, given an opportunity for us as a government and in the private sector to create the environment in our country for growth and development that our young people would respond positively."

"The public would know that we have made considerable effort and some progress in the fight against crime, particularly violent crime but events of the last two or three weeks have caused some consternation as we wonder what again are our young people engaging themselves in."

Brantley extended concerns and condolences to family and friends of the latest wounded individual with hope "that those who would have involved themselves at almost 3:00 AM today in this type of criminal behaviour that they will be swiftly brought to justice."

He mentioned a deadly shooting that took place two Fridays ago, and noted that through the assistance of public and many civic minded individuals the police have had an arrest and feel that they have solved that particular crime.

"Of course while we commend the police for solving crime, I would much prefer to commend our society for there being no crime in the first place but nevertheless let me commend the police for their continued efforts and out superintendents Sutton and his team who continue to work hard to keep Nevis safe," Brantley stated.

Information from the Police Public Relations Department indicates that police on Nevis are investigating a shooting that occurred on Thursday 29th July at Pump Road at about 3:00AM that morning.

Shot and injured is a male resident of Stove Grove.

1840 HMP: Teenager, Others To Get More Charges While In Jail

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 30th July 2021)-A teenager is among two other inmates of Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) who have been captured following an escape incident that took place on Saturday 24th July 2021, for which charges are to be laid against them in this police matter.

Information reaching this media house indicates that the prison break is believed to have happened sometime before 8:00 AM.

The three escapees were 24-year-old Lashon Hendrickson of Ponds Pasture, 19-year-old Jonothan Rawlins of Newtown and 26-year-old Estevan Lawrence of St. Peter's; all of whom are on remand at Her Majesty's Prison where they are awaiting trial.

An HMP press release dated 25th July said the men "were quickly caught by Prison and Police Officers and are back in custody at Her Majesty's Prison (HMP)."

It was further stated that through a joint operation, Hendrickson was captured by Police Officers in the vicinity of Hart Street shortly after escaping. Rawlins and Lawrence were both captured by Prison Officers on the grounds of the former Basseterre High School.

It was also highlighted in the HMP media statement that: "While several measures have been implemented to improve security at the Prison, which was constructed in 1840, its management team will conduct an assessment to determine what additional steps can be taken to prevent further occurrences."



The Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) facility viewed from Cayon Street, Basseterre (Spokesman Snap)

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, **Ann-Marie Clarke** now residing in the village of **Saddlers**, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **31st day of December, 2020** to the **District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Saddlers Village**.

Dated this
5th day of November, 2020.

Signed: **Ann-Marie Clarke**

Front Page Photo: Premier Mark Brantley (Source: twitter/markbrantley3)



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number **60418** on the life of **Carl D Francis** has been **lost**, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 30/07/2021

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager



The Office of the Leader of the Opposition
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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Unit A6 Sands Complex
Basseterre
St. Kitts, W.I.

July 27, 2021

Hon. Philip J. Pierre
Prime Minister Designate
Castries
St. Lucia
W.I.

Dear Prime Minister,

In my capacity as Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition of the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis, it is with a deep sense of pride that I extend heartiest congratulations to you. We of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party are very proud of your Party's historic victory and your leadership of Team St. Lucia Labour Party. Your victory is a true testimony that hard work and perseverance harvest great success.

Putting people first is a foundational principle of Labour. Hence the Party's mantra of "Putting You First" connected with the needs and concerns of the people through your know-your-voter campaign, and the people of St. Lucia responded positively by giving you a resounding mandate to serve and govern for the next 5 years. This mandate from the people is their show of confidence in the St. Lucia Labour Party to lead them through these turbulent times.

I am confident that your Administration will work in the spirit of national cohesion and the advancement of the principles of good governance as you endeavour to move St. Lucia forward. The St. Lucia Labour Party with its landslide victory is poised to give voice to those who entrusted you with their future. You have the full support of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, and we look forward to the strengthening of our Party's relationship in moving forward.

As you assume your Prime Ministerial responsibility, I have no doubt that your years in the political arena and in government, blended with youth and experience in your Administration, would augur well for a very productive tenure.

With every good wish, Comrade, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Fraternally,

Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas
Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2019/0016

Between:

BON BANK LTD
(formerly RBTT BANK (SKN) Limited)

Applicant

and

[1] **EDRIS AUDAIN**
[2] **DAMIAN AUDAIN**

Respondents

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BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

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on Thursday the 28 day of October 2021, at
2pm o'clock in the afternoon.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A part of **Molyneaux Housing Development** bounded and measuring as follows:- that is to say, On the North East by Molyneaux Main Road, 35.90 feet; On the South East by a Public Road, 64.28 feet; On the South West by Lot No. 13, 38.28 feet and On the North West by Lot No. 18, 67.29 feet, containing by admeasurement **2,608 square feet**; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated January 30, 2004 and registered in Book D3 Folio 32 of the Register of Titles of the Island of St Kitts.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above land and buildings thereon shall be **EC\$125,990.40**

Dated the 19 day of July 2021

[Signature]
REGISTRAR
OF THE HIGH COURT



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Investment Migration: "We need more, not less immigration of people who contribute positively to society" •

For immediate release: Thursday, 29 July 2021

Henley & Partners Chairman Dr. Christian H. Kaelin says the significant worldwide expansion of investment migration, by which affluent individuals invest in other countries to acquire residence or citizenship, is simply unstoppable. Speaking at The World Ahead Gala Dinner hosted by The Economist in Athens last week, Dr. Kaelin stated that all over the world, countries have realized the importance of granting residence and citizenship to attract much-needed foreign direct investment, debt-free capital, talented entrepreneurs, and experienced investors.

Dr. Kaelin, who is widely considered the pioneer of and one of the world's foremost experts in investment migration, shared the stage with Ireland's Minister for Finance and President of the Eurogroup, Paschal Donohoe, and Greece's Minister of Finance, Christos Staikouras, at the annual event to discuss the year ahead with government and business leaders.

Further accelerated by the need to alleviate the financial distress across the world following the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Kaelin pointed out that more and more countries are offering investment migration programs or introducing new options in order to attract highly sought-after talent and capital to support their economies and strengthen their 'sovereign equity'. Dr. Kaelin coined the term 'sovereign equity' in 2019 in Davos to describe how investment migration has the ability to endow nations with sustainable investments in a relatively short time frame without them having to increase debt and thereby burden future generations - while gaining highly qualified and experienced entrepreneurs and investors as new residents or even citizens.



Dear Constituents,

The opportunity to serve you and represent you in Parliament during the period 2010-2020 is one of the greatest honours of my life. I believe that families are the cornerstone of our society and STRONGER FAMILIES, SAFER COMMUNITIES became my daily motivation.

My heart smiled when I experienced the happiness brought to families when they were able to acquire homes, lands, jobs, business opportunities and scholarships for their children. The hope and inspiration witnessed uplifted my spirits.

Listening to you taught me that one size does not fit all as I gained insight into the challenges that you were facing. The joy felt by the community when the family parks were opened and at the annual Family Fun Day for more than 10 years and the trust that you placed in me with your children at Young Leaders camps for over 11 years will forever remain in my heart. At times it was challenging even daunting but I never gave up. With your support I always found a way to make it happen.

Thank you for putting your faith in me. I remember the early mornings, late nights and long days when you were by my side. I remember the hearty laughs and the sorrowful tears. Thank you and I love you!

A new chapter is about to be written. It is time to ORGANIZE and CENTRALIZE. We have listened to your concerns and aspirations for Constituency No. 2. It is these conversations... some hopeful, some difficult, but all of them respectful, that will shape the future of Constituency No. 2. You have the opportunity to make a choice and use your voice to elect a new Branch executive committee.

Branch elections are set for Saturday 8th August 2021. Follow our Facebook page, log on to centralbasseterre.com, stay tuned for public announcements about the election process and keep an eye out for our constituency visits.

We look forward to speaking with you. Be the change that we all want to see for a strong, healthy, compassionate and inclusive community. Now let's get to work!

Organize, Centralize Come as ONE!

Yours faithfully,

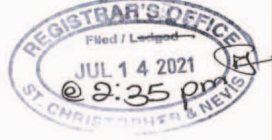
Marcella Liburd
Marcella A. Liburd

Dr. Kaelin stressed that, particularly in Europe, there is also a pressing need to introduce far more positive migration policies to manage the global refugee crisis constructively while also attracting international investors and talent. He acknowledged that although politically challenging, it also presents a tremendous opportunity for the EU. "We need more, not less immigration of people who contribute positively to society," he told the audience.

Karen's Eatery Key's Main Road . St. Kitts Is Looking For A Chef

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2005/0149

BETWEEN:

FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL
BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Applicant

and

SHELLEY ROSS-CHADERTON

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The two contiguous properties described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Christopher Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial & Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts,

on Thursday the 30th day of September 2021,

at 2 pm o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his or her accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale. The Purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the 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 free from prior encumbrances. Contact the Applicant's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand, 869-465-2440 or Law@kwfonline.com, for more details.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES:

Firstly, the remaining portion of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at **West Farm**, in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by an Access Road, 201.53 feet; On or towards the North-East by the Island Main Road, 88.63 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Charmaine Ross, 199.08 feet; and On or towards the South-West by lands of Shelley Ross (now known as Shelley Ross-Chaderton), 130.40 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated November 24, 1994 registered in Book T2 Folio 529 of the Register of Titles of the St Christopher Circuit; AND secondly, ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at West Farm in the Parish of Trinity in the island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say, On or towards the North-East by the Island Main Road, 76.63 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of Yuri Turu, 122.99 feet; On or towards the South-West by other lands belonging to Shelley Ross-Chaderton, 102.44 feet; and On or towards the North-West by an Access Road, 124.50 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated December 16, 1999 registered in Book Y2 Folio 551 of the Register of Titles of the St Christopher Circuit, both containing by admeasurement **21,780 square feet**.

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UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above two plots of lands and any buildings thereon shall be **EC\$1,500,000.00**.

Dated the 20 day of July 2021

BY THE COURT

John L. Moore
REGISTRAR



Historical conservationists voice concern over destruction of Slave Market wall in Charlestown

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (July 28, 2021) — The issue of destruction of historical sites on Nevis has surfaced again with the recent destruction at the historical Slave Market site in Charlestown, prompting historical conservationists to voice concern over the incident.

In a press statement by the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NHCS) on July 23, 2021, the society registered its alarm with the act.

“On behalf of Nevis citizens and residents, we are alarmed by the recent destruction at the historical Slave Market site in Charlestown. Nevis is unique as a ‘living museum’ dotted with hundreds if not thousands of sites, structures and antiquities. The sites represent an important - even if painful - legacy of our enslaved ancestors; they are testament to their hard work and must be protected and preserved for future generations,” the statement said.

The NHCS also reminded that the destruction of historic buildings, sites or monuments - even when privately owned - is a punishable offence and it is urging members of the public to report any damage, destruction or theft of stones to the society, even anonymously.

Meantime, Mrs. Evelyn Henville, Chairman of the Nevis World Heritage Committee, also expressed dissatisfaction with the destruction.

“We are truly saddened at the end result of the slave wall coming down. It is a place that is highly sacred and it is also extremely important to what we are doing in World Heritage, and so it was very disappointing to see that happen. The Director of Physical Planning stated that there were no permissions granted.

“An application for a permit should have been made given the fact that this site



Mrs. Evelyn Henville, Chairman of the Nevis World Heritage Committee (file photo)

as well as numerous sites in Charlestown are protected in the Nevis Zoning Plan Ordinance under Charlestown Historic Area and Conservation Area,” she said.

Mrs. Henville also spoke of the wall’s significance to the island’s quest for UNESCO World Heritage designation.

“It is an extremely important aspect of the enslavement period of our forefathers. It is an extremely important aspect of the World Heritage theme. Our theme with regard to World Heritage is -Nevis an early Colonial Caribbean Agro Industrial landscape- and as such the enslavement period of our forefathers plays a big role in this theme.

“As we have stated, we have to get past the chains and the pains and we have to show the universal value of the enslavement period and its contribution to the development of the developed world, and as such this slave wall and where the barber shop is located and that green space in-between the FLOW office and Octagon [Bar] are all crucial aspects of what we are researching and recommending for World Heritage and must be respected and conserved,” she said.

Mrs. Henville further added that “the owner sought assistance over the years with conservation of the wall which has been showing damage for years, but to no avail from the relevant authorities. The owner has promised to secure the stones and we all must partner with him to erect this very critical part of our history. It is imperative that all Nevisians become involved in protecting this heritage,” she said.



A section of the Slave Market wall in Charlestown

St. Kitts & Nevis Travel Advisory Update For Travelers from Brazil, India, South Africa & UK

BASSETERRE (29th July, 2021): St. Kitts & Nevis has further extended the travel advisory for travelers arriving from the U.K., Brazil, India and South Africa as of July 19, 2021 until August 31, 2021.

Persons from the aforementioned destinations are advised not to travel to St. Kitts & Nevis at this time. Entry into the Federation will be denied. Citizens and Residents of St. Kitts & Nevis who are arriving from any of these countries must process their travel request through the online platform www.knatravelform.kn.

Those who have been fully vaccinated for two weeks or more prior to their arrival will be required to quarantine for four (4) days upon arrival and await a negative RT-PCR Test taken on day four (4), before they can be released from quarantine. Those Citizens and Residents who have not been fully vaccinated for two weeks prior to their arrival will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

The decision to extend the advisory is based on the advice of the Ministry of Health and enacted by the Government of St. Kitts & Nevis through the National Covid-19 Task Force in the interest of protecting its borders and the health of its citizens.

The Government is extending the advisory in response to Covid-19 variants that have originated in the UK, Brazil, South Africa and India. Of particular concern at this time is the Delta variant. The Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis will continue to monitor the developing situation and will provide updates accordingly.

Travelers should regularly check the St. Kitts Tourism Authority (www.stkittstourism.kn) and Nevis Tourism Authority (www.nevisisland.com) websites for updates and information.

Case Number :SKBHCV2021/0089



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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND NOTING THEREON FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 23rd DAY OF July, 2021.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title and Noting Thereon
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ON or towards the North by an Alley, 43.74 feet; ON or towards the East by College Street, 45.74 feet, ON or towards the South by an Alley, 45.38 feet and On or towards the West partly by the heirs of James Nisbett, 21.91 feet and 7.63 feet partly by the heirs of Alie Ann Thompson, 31.13 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,170.43 square feet or howsoever otherwise the said lot of land may be abutted bounded known or described in the Schedule attached hereto.

Dated the 16th day of July, 2021

Don S. L. Dyer
Registrar



Why cannabis is still a banned Olympics substance

By Robin Levinson-King
BBC News



Sha'Carri Richardson won the 100m at the US trials in Oregon in June

Sha'Carri Richardson was banned for cannabis use, despite winning the US trials for her event

US sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson will be missing the Tokyo Olympics because she tested positive for marijuana during the US Track & Field trials. With cannabis legal in many states across America, why is it still outlawed in sports?

With her flowing tangerine orange hair, killer smile and lightning speed, Sha'Carri Richardson was unmissable in the lead-up to the Olympic Games.

Considered the sixth-fastest woman in history, with a best-ever time for the 100m of 10.72, the Texas sprinter was expected to be a major contender for the Gold medal in Tokyo.

But when her teammates take to the track for the women's 100m heats on Friday, she won't be there.

In early July, it was announced that Ms Richardson would not be representing the US at the games because she had tested positive for cannabis use during the qualifying race.

As punishment, the US Anti-Doping Agency banned her from competing for one month and expunged her qualifying victory. Although the 30-day suspension technically ended during the Tokyo games, US Athletics chose not to include her on the team.

Her disqualification has reignited a long debate over marijuana prohibition in Olympic sports.

Given that it is legal in many US states, and that its performance-enhancing properties are disputed, many wonder why cannabis should still be banned.

A 'performance enhancing' substance?

Marijuana (cannabis) has been banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) since the organisation first created its list of prohibited substances in 2004. Items on the list meet two out of three criteria:

- Criteria 1: They harm the health of the athlete
- Criteria 2: They are performance enhancing
- Criteria 3: They are against the spirit of sport

It is the second point that people seem to take the most issue with when it comes to weed, and it has become the subject of many late-night punchlines.

"The only way it's a performance-enhancing drug is if there's a big [expletive] Hershey bar at the end of the run," joked the late comedian Robin Williams.

In 2011, Wada defended the ban on cannabis in a paper published in the journal Sports Medicine. Citing a study on marijuana's ability to reduce anxiety, Wada found cannabis could help athletes "better perform under pressure and to alleviate stress experienced before and during competition".

But those findings aren't enough to warrant concluding marijuana is a performance-enhancing drug, argues Alain Steve Comtois, director of the department of sports science at the University of Quebec at Montreal.

"You have to take the big picture," he tells the BBC. "Yes anxiety levels go down, but in terms of actual physiological data, it shows that performance is reduced."

Mr Comtois was one of the authors of a 2021 Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness review of research on marijuana use before exercise and its capacity to enhance athletic performance.

The paper found that most research points to marijuana hindering physiological responses necessary for high performance, by raising blood pressure and decreasing strength and balance.

The paper did not look at the effects of marijuana on anxiety, but Mr Comtois says its other negative effects would counteract any benefits, giving the idea that marijuana can enhance athletic performance "no merit".

Drugs and the spirit of sport

But there is more to Wada's rule than just a ban on performance-enhancing drugs.

Founded in 1999 after several high-profile doping scandals at the Olympics, Wada aimed to lead the charge to end doping in sports around the globe. When coming up with its list of banned substances in 2004, marijuana was illegal in almost every country in the world.

"They didn't want to get in social respectability trouble," says John Hoberman, a cultural historian who researches the history of anti-doping at the University of Texas-Austin.

Its status as an illicit drug was cited by Wada in the 2011 paper as one of the reasons why marijuana offended the "spirit of sport" (criteria 3) and was "not consistent with the athlete as a role model for young people around the world".

The rule has led to reprimands for not only Ms Richardson, but also dozens of other athletes.

In 2009, Michael Phelps was banned from competition for three months, and lost his Kellogg's sponsorship, after photos of him smoking marijuana were leaked online.



Phelps has won 28 Olympic medals

US sprinter John Capel was banned for two years after testing positive for a second time in 2006.

Before Wada created the prohibited drug list, the International Olympic Committee tried to take away Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati's gold medal because he tested positive.

It was returned after a court ruled there was no official rule against it - the IOC banned it two months later.

Why are so many countries now saying cannabis is OK?

But over the past decade, marijuana's legal status - and society's attitude towards it - has begun to shift.

Uruguay was the first to make it legal to buy and sell marijuana for recreational use in 2013, with Canada

following suit in 2018.

Many more countries have decriminalised it to a some degree, including South Africa, Australia, Spain and the Netherlands.

In the US, it is illegal federally, but it is legal in about a third of states - including the state of Oregon



Tourists browse a marijuana shop in Los Angeles

There has also been an increasing acceptance of cannabis use for medical purposes, with many countries, including the UK, allowing medical marijuana.

In fact, in 2019, Wada removed cannabidiol (CBD), a component of cannabis, from the banned list, even though the chemical remains illegal in some countries, like Japan, where the Olympics are hosted this year.

Could CBD become 'like protein shakes'?

"CBD oil helps me cope with my anxiety"

These changes have fuelled the current criticism of Ms Richardson's ban.

The runner told NBC News that she had used marijuana to cope with the death of her mother a week before the qualifier.

"I greatly apologise if I let you guys down - and I did. This will be the last time the US comes home without a gold in the 100m," she said.

Amid an outpour of sympathy for Ms Richardson, Wada faced a dilemma. As Mr Hoberman puts it: "You can't run an organisation that is rules bound, and simply dissolve a rule at a convenient moment".

Because the cannabis ban is still on the books, an exception could not be easily made for Ms Richardson.

"And so this young woman was victimised by the existence of this rule," says Mr Hoberman.

What next?

It's unclear if or when Wada will reconsider the ban on cannabis but pressure is mounting for it to do so.

Ms Richardson's suspension prompted US President Joe Biden to question the current law, although he fell short of saying it should be overturned, prompting rumours the White House could step in.

"Rules are the rules. Everybody knows what the rules are going in," Biden told reporters Saturday in Michigan. "Whether they should remain that way, whether that should remain the rule, is a different issue."

Even the United States Anti-doping Agency, the American authority that enforces Wada's rules, said "it's time to revisit the issue."

Until then, Ms Richardson, and other athletes like her, will have to stay away from cannabis, or stay on the sidelines.



Team SKN Represents at Tokyo Summer Olympics With Impressive Start So Far

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th July 2021)-Jason Rogers and Amya Clarke have been selected to represent the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis for the Summer Olympics being hosted in Tokyo, Japan for which a preliminary round for the women's 100m has won the team high praise thus far.

Rogers is a three-time Olympian while Clarke is just making her debut on the Olympics stage, and are both slated to compete in the men's 100m and in the women's 100m, respectively.

For Clarke's preliminary held at 8:00 PM (Eastern Caribbean time) on Thursday 29th July, she clocked a spot in the top three which pushes her on to the next round having ran 11.67 in leading

up to the finals.

The St. Kitts-Nevis Athletics in a congratulation post via Facebook described Clarke's run time as "impressive".

On Friday 23rd July 2021, many eyes were glued to television and other electronic devices for the hosting of the Parade of Nations which was staged within the opening ceremony for the Tokyo 2020 (not 2021-Read on further) which showcased participating athletes and officials from around the globe.

Each team as usual featured their flag bearer at the forefront. Carrying the Federation's flag was Rogers.

Moving on, The St. Kitts-Nevis Olympic

Committee (SKNOC), in a recent media statement, addressed the impact of the ongoing pandemic on the game, talking about: "Given the tiny size of the team, the ongoing public health situation and the new safety and security protocols under which the Tokyo Games would be conducted."

In related news, via www.sportingnews.com in looking into why the Olympics Games this year is being called Tokyo 2020, it was discovered from an article headlined - Why the 2021 Olympics are still called 'Tokyo 2020' posted on 25th July 2021 the reason for such.

That website is reporting that a Tokyo organizing committee source told Yahoo Sports that production of "Tokyo 2020" merchandise had begun before the Games were postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, these products would be rendered useless if the organizers changed the name."

It was pointed out that last year in March, torches, medals, other branding items, and merchandise were already being made using the name 'Tokyo 2020' and a name change would have meant additional costs.

According to www.sportingnews.com: As sports marketer Michael Lynch detailed, that intellectual property is "the primary asset" for the IOC, so any sort of change would have been unnecessary and costly.

"The primary asset the IOC [International Olympic Committee] and Tokyo Organizing Committee sells is its intellectual property and the corresponding brand equity associated with the marks, logos, designations, symbols, etc.," Lynch told Yahoo Sports. "All that Olympic IP is branded 2020, including IOC and [organizing committee] creative, sponsor creative, advertising creative, promotional creative, licensed merchandise, tickets, on-site signage, events, you name it, all about to hit the market. It would be an enormous and unnecessary expense for all of this Olympic IP to be changed."

Front Page Photo: (Left to Right) Coach Justin Kavanaugh, Amya Clarke and Jason Rogers, with their Japanese liaison officer ahead of the Parade of Nations
(Source: facebook.com/SKNOLympic)

CDB Awards 25 Visual Artists

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natural disasters, climate change and even the most recent Covid-19 pandemic may have contributed to forced migration or dislocation of Caribbean nationals from their homes. The overall intent of I.C.E Caribbean is for participants to become champions of climate leadership and community building."

CIIF's ICM Grant is geared towards collaborative projects that have partners from at least three of CDB's BMCs. As such, CIIF partnered with lead executing agency, Animae Caribe (Trinidad and Tobago) and co-applicants, ICE Caribbean (Bahamas) and Future in Nature Synergies (Barbados) to execute the Visual Arts Biennial Accelerator. Project proposals submitted under CIIF must also be sustainable and innovative, while promoting sub-sectoral linkages within the creative industries.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following:

- **Construction Management and Supervision Services of Civil Engineering/Infrastructure Works for the Construction of National Security Training Facility (NSTF) at Lime Kiln Basseterre, St. Kitts.**

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Wednesday 4th August, 2021 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$1 000.00 each.

Completed Tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope addressed to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts on or before 1:00pm
Tuesday 31st August 2021.**

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



Dept. of Agriculture inviting public to Freedom Market on July 30

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (July 29, 2021) — The Department of Agriculture is calling for the support of the public for its latest initiative dubbed Freedom Market, a buy local and eat local event scheduled for 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Mr. Steve Reid, Chief Extension Officer in the Department of Agriculture; Ms. Susan Paul, Office Assistant at the Abattoir Division; and Ms. Shermel England, Agro Processing Assistant at the Agro Processing Centre invited the public to participate in the event which will this year replace the department's annual Fruit Festival, which is usually held during the Culturama festival.

"We will be having a Freedom Market. I am inviting one and all to come on out and support us at the Department of Agriculture and the local farmers whether it is in the



Ms. Shermel England, Agro Processing Assistant at the Agro Processing Centre



Mr. Steve Reid, Chief Extension Officer at the Department of Agriculture



Ms. Susan Paul, Office Assistant at the Abattoir Division in the Department of Agriculture



Ms. Monique Washington, local entrepreneur and creator of the QueMoni branded bath and body products

livestock industry, fishing or crop. We'll see you there.

Ms. Paul noted that they would be showcasing products from the abattoir and a give-away.

"On the grill, we will be having some famous beef sausages and pork sausages. Also, there will be a give-away of one smoked ham. We are encouraging everyone to come and support this event. It's an eat local event where you will have all the local stuff available. If you don't get it here, we also will be having them at the abattoir," she said.

Ms. England noted that the centre would have on sale items including jams, jellies, various types of flours, local drinks and ice lollies.

Local entrepreneur and creator of the QueMoni brand of bath and body products Ms. Monique Washington said her line of products will also be on

sale at the Freedom Market.

"We will have all of our products which are the natural products made with a lot of local ingredients and also we will be launching the first ever male bar which forms a part of the QueMoni Sex and Shimmer line, and also we will have the Perfect Kitty. So I'm inviting all to come out and enjoy the sale by locals," she said.

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- 1. Culvert Construction at Stonefort Ghaut, Stonefort St. Kitts**
- 2. Culvert Construction at Cranstoun Ghaut, Newton Ground**
- 3. Phillips Village Slope Protection**

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 26th July 2021 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$1 000.00 each.

Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
 Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts on or before 1:00pm
 Friday 20th August 2021.**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



Why the Ruling Against Swim Caps for Afro Hair at the Olympics Is a Step Backward for Sports

BY LIAM HESS

July 6, 2021



Photo: Getty Images

On Wednesday of last week, Michael Chapman and Toks Ahmed, the founders of Soul Cap—a British specialist brand producing swimming caps for Afro hair—received a response to their application to FINA, the water-sports world governing body, for their caps to be worn at the upcoming 2021 Olympics in Tokyo. Citing the fact that they do not follow “the natural form of the head” and that no athletes need “caps of such size,” their application was abruptly denied. This news came just over a week after the announcement that British swimmer and cofounder of the Black Swimming Association, Alice Dearing, had qualified to become the first Black female swimmer to compete on Team Great Britain this year, and it served as a global wake-up call on just how much progress there is still to be made for greater inclusivity in the world of aquatic sports.

“Initially we just thought it was an oversight, and the application wasn’t properly considered,” Ahmed tells *Vogue*. “We immediately reached out to enquire about the appeals process so we could have a conversation with them and engage in a dialogue to get it approved. The big blow was that, even though they had received and reviewed samples, we were told we weren’t eligible for the appeals process as our application was ‘not considered for approval’.”

“We had done a lot of research on the approval process and had thoroughly looked at all the criteria and requirements,” Ahmed continues. “Our cap is the same shape as standard swim caps. It’s just simply larger to accommodate long, voluminous, or textured hair.” (In a statement released on Friday, FINA added that it was “currently reviewing the situation” following widespread backlash.)



Michael Chapman and Toks Ahmed, the founders of Soul Cap. Photo: Luke Hutson-Flynn

The origins of Soul Cap lie in Chapman and Ahmed’s decision to begin taking swimming lessons together as adults in 2017; they had grown up feeling

discouraged from participating due to the lack of Black representation within the sport. After encountering a Black woman with Afro hair at their local pool who was struggling with the size of her swim cap, the pair began talking to their moms, sisters, and friends, all of whom had accounts of struggling with the constraints of wearing swimming caps designed for white hair. “The decision is an extension of these cultural barriers,” says Chapman. “It’s another barrier which predominantly impacts Black people and predominantly women with longer or thicker hair.” After launching Soul Cap that same year—describing the brand as “hair care for the volume blessed” — the pair has since shipped more than 30,000 caps and partnered with a number of charitable foundations working to broaden access to aquatic sports. Soul Cap is now worn by competitive Black swimmers the world over.

It’s the personal element that made the decision feel so discouraging for those working in the U.S. too. Aydon Gabourel, founder of the Rockaway Beach-based nonprofit initiative Laru Beya—which works to increase access to swimming and surfing for local youth and communities traditionally underrepresented in aquatic sports—notes his initial response as one of grim acceptance. “Honestly, I’d like to say that I was shocked or surprised [by the FINA decision], but doing this for as long as I’ve been doing this, I can’t say that I am,” says Gabourel. “It’s not a surprise, but it’s so tone-deaf and a huge disappointment.”

The statement took

continues. “We showed up to the first session, and we were told that you couldn’t enter the pool without a swim cap, so we said, Okay, that’s fine. But then we couldn’t find a swim cap that fit her, so we had to cancel. My daughter has natural hair, and when the water hits it, it expands like five times over, so the cap wouldn’t stay on. Luckily, we were able to find something similar to Soul Cap online, but then she showed interest in joining a local swim team, and part of the uniform was having consistent headgear, so she stopped.”

The decision resonated in a similar way with Thurman and Torrence Thomas, the twin brothers behind Tankproof. A nonprofit providing swim instruction to underserved communities across Baton Rouge, Austin, and San Francisco, Tankproof also works in close partnership with Soul Cap. “In the decade that we’ve been doing this, one of the biggest barriers we’ve seen for Black girls is that they don’t want to get their hair wet, whether that’s due to the chlorine drying out their hair or the time it takes to get their hair back to its natural state,” says Thurman Thomas. “It’s a direct solution to the problem that so many generations of women for years have experienced. It’s something that’s essential for these young women to encourage them to want to learn the sport and to enter the space of aquatics.”



Team Great Britain swimmer and 2021 Olympics competitor Alice Dearing in a promotional image for Soul Cap. Photo: Luke Hutson-Flynn

“It doesn’t give you an unfair advantage,” Torrence Thomas continues. “It doesn’t make you faster, it doesn’t make you more streamlined. So the reasons they presented for making the decision don’t make any sense. It’s just not logical.”

As the Thomas brothers note, it’s an issue that can be traced back through many decades ‘even centuries’ of racial discrimination. In Jeff Wiltse’s 2007 social history covering the birth and evolution of municipal pools in America, *Contested Waters*, his research into segregated swimming pools spotlights the various ways in which access to water was used as a means of controlling and disenfranchising Black communities, a legacy that has ultimately become deadly. In a study released last year by sociologists Alena and James Gadberry for the *International Journal of Aquatic Research and Education*, the pair noted that this “systematic exclusion from public pools” has resulted in Black youth being 2.6 times more likely to die from drowning. As Thurman Thomas succinctly puts it: “Swimming is a life skill— it’s the only sport that can save your life.”

“This is how systemic racism works,” says Taj Omari, swim coach and founder of Empowered

Swimming, an organization providing swim scholarships to marginalized communities in Atlanta. “It’s subtle and microaggressive. It is virtually unnoticeable by white people because the system either benefits or doesn’t affect them, but as a swimmer whose natural hair simply does not fit in standard swim caps, it is a slap in the face.”

The language used in FINA’s statement is a particular cause for concern. As Gabourel points out, the description of “the natural form of the head” carries chilling echoes of the eugenics movement and scientific racism used to justify slavery and racial segregation that carries through from the 19th century all the way to the civil-rights era and still exists among neo-Nazi factions today. “When you say elite athletes, what does that mean? They should just say elite white athletes, as that’s what they really mean,” says Gabourel. The ban on Soul Cap feeds into the self-perpetuating cycle of minority exclusion in swimming. When FINA states that “athletes competing at the international events never used, neither require to use, caps of such size and configuration,” they not only confirm the historic lack of Black athletes invited to compete at the highest levels of the sport but also exclude a new generation of potential swimmers from participating.

The ruling also speaks to the fact that while the world of aquatic sports may be making tentative steps toward greater diversity in terms of athletes, there are systemic changes that need to be made at all levels. “It starts from the top down, with the governing bodies who make these decisions,” says Torrence Thomas, of Tankproof. “It has to start

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Taiwan News - Politics - 27 July 2021

Taiwan Rejects China's Claim Over It

By Kelvin Chen, Staff Writer



Foreign ministry spokesperson says only Taiwanese can determine nation's future. MOFA Spokesperson Joanne Ou (CNA photo).

TAIPEI (Taiwan News) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Joanne Ou on Tuesday (27 July) said Beijing's claim that Taiwan belongs to China not only "contradicts the facts and international perceptions but also violates the collective will of Taiwanese."

During Monday's (26 July) meeting with US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman in Tianjin, China, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said there are three "bottom lines" that Washington must not cross in order to prevent bilateral relations from collapsing: Xinjiang, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Ou stressed that Taiwan is a sovereign and independent democratic country and that only Taiwanese have the right to determine the future of the nation. Additionally, only its democratically elected government can represent Taiwanese on the international stage, she added.

The spokesperson said that no matter how much China attempts to distort views on Taiwan, "it cannot change history and established facts." Doing so will only make Taiwanese more willing to defend the nation's sovereignty and immerse themselves more deeply in democracy, Ou said. "Taiwan will continue to work with partner countries that share democratic values to maintain and enhance peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region," she added.

The spokesperson also thanked The US for expressing concern over China's aggressive behavior towards Taiwan and reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. She also noted that Taiwan and the United States have been in close contact regarding Sherman's meeting with Chinese officials.

Why the Ruling Against Swim Caps for Afro Hair...

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with the individuals internally because if it doesn't start there, sadly, there's not much we can do about it. FINA is the one that's going to have to say, 'We're going to support these initiatives. It's not a difficult solution. Just let them wear these caps.'" The representatives of these various nonprofits agree that if there had been a Black person in that FINA boardroom, the outcome might have been very different. "This is not a mistake or a slipup," Gabourel continues. "And when is it going to change? Will it ever change? But the fight goes on, and I'll do what I can and in the hope that the next generation can do a better job than mine."

Despite the various setbacks that have come as a result of FINA's decision, both the Soul Cap founders and the figures behind these aquatic empowerment initiatives are doing their best to remain hopeful. "We feel so positive and super appreciative of the support we've had from all over the world," says Chapman. "We're so thankful for the solidarity shown from big brands and athletes to swimmers and the public. We're confident that opening this conversation has given people a different point of view, and we're hopeful for a good result." With under three weeks until the Tokyo Olympics kick off this year, there's still time for FINA to make the right decision. The world, it's safe to say, will be closely watching.



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China's New Ambassador Arrives In US With Words Of Optimism - By Michael Martina

WASHINGTON, 28 July (Reuters) - China's new ambassador to Washington, Qin Gang, on Wednesday wished The United States victory against COVID-19 and said great potential awaited bilateral relations, striking an optimistic tone as he arrived at his new post amid deeply strained ties.

Qin's arrival comes days after high-level talks in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin between US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and senior Chinese diplomats ended with both sides signaling that the other must make concessions for ties to improve.

Qin, 55, a vice foreign minister whose recent past portfolios have included European affairs and protocol, is replacing China's longest serving ambassador to The United States, Cui Tiankai, 68, who last month announced his departure after eight years in Washington, DC.

"I firmly believe that the door of China-US relations, which is already open, cannot and should not be closed," Qin told reporters at his residence in the US capital after arriving from the airport.

"The China-US relationship has come to a new critical juncture, facing not only many difficulties and challenges, but also great opportunities and potential," Qin said.

He said relations kept moving forward "despite twists and turns," and added that the US economy was improving under President Joe Biden's leadership.



The People's Republic of China flag and The US flag flown on a lamp post along Pennsylvania Avenue near the US Capitol in Washington, DC during then-Chinese President Hu Jintao's state visit on 18 January 2011. Photo credit: Hyungwon Kang (Reuters).

"I wish the country an early victory against the pandemic," he added.

Qin, who did two stints as a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman between 2006 and 2014, has earned a reputation for often pointed public defenses of his country's positions.

Relations between Beijing and Washington deteriorated sharply under former President Donald Trump, and Biden has maintained pressure on China, stepping up sanctions on Chinese officials and vowing that the country won't replace The United States as the world's global leader on his watch.

China's Foreign Ministry has recently signaled there could be preconditions for The United States on which any kind of cooperation would be contingent, a stance some analysts say leaves dim prospects for improved ties.

The post of the US ambassador to China has been vacant since October, when Republican Terry Branstad stepped down to help with Trump's re-election campaign.

With many US ambassador posts to allied countries still unfilled, Biden has yet to nominate a replacement for China, though former ambassador to NATO Nicholas Burns is considered a favorite candidate in foreign policy circles.

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Swimming Gives Your Brain A Boost - But Scientists Don't Know Yet Why It's Better Than Other Aerobic Activities

By Dr Seena Mathew, PhD, MPH, - The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor



Swimming offers a host of beneficial effects on the brain. Photo credit: Stanislaw Pytel (Stone via Getty Images).

It's no secret that aerobic exercise can help stave off some of the ravages of aging. But a growing body of research suggests that swimming might provide a unique boost to brain health.

Regular swimming has been shown to improve memory, cognitive function, immune response and mood. Swimming may also help repair damage from stress and forge new neural connections in the brain.

But scientists are still trying to unravel how and why swimming, in particular, produces these brain-enhancing effects.

As a neurobiologist trained in brain physiology, a fitness enthusiast and a mom, I spend hours at the local pool during the summer. It's not unusual to see children gleefully splashing and swimming while their parents sunbathe at a distance - and I've been one of those parents observing from the poolside plenty of times. But if more adults recognized the cognitive and mental health benefits of swimming, they might be more inclined to jump in the pool alongside their kids.

New and improved brain cells and connections

Until the 1960s, scientists believed that the number of neurons and synaptic connections in the human brain were finite and that, once damaged, these brain cells could not be replaced. But that idea was debunked as researchers began to see ample evidence for the birth of neurons, or neurogenesis, in adult brains of humans



It's tempting for adults to watch kids splash from the poolside, but research shows it's worth jumping in alongside them. Photo credit: Povoziuk (iStock via Getty Images Plus).

and other animals.

Now, there is clear evidence that aerobic exercise can contribute to neurogenesis and play a key role in helping to reverse or repair damage to neurons and their connections in both mammals and fish.

Research shows that one of the key ways these changes occur in response to exercise is through increased levels of a protein called brain-derived neurotrophic factor. The neural plasticity, or ability of the brain to change, that this protein stimulates has been shown to boost cognitive function, including learning and memory.

Studies in people have found a strong relationship between concentrations of brain-derived neurotrophic factor circulating in the brain and an increase in the size of the hippocampus, the brain region responsible for learning and memory. Increased levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor have also been shown to sharpen cognitive performance and to help reduce anxiety and depression. In contrast, researchers have observed mood disorders in patients with lower concentrations of brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

Aerobic exercise also promotes the release of specific chemical messengers called neurotransmitters. One of these is serotonin, which - when present at increased levels - is known to reduce depression and anxiety and improve mood.

In studies in fish, scientists have observed changes in genes responsible for increasing brain-derived neurotrophic factor levels as well as enhanced development of the dendritic spines - protrusions on the dendrites, or elongated portions of nerve cells - after eight weeks of exercise compared with controls. This complements studies in mammals where brain-derived neurotrophic factor is known to increase neuronal spine density. These changes have been shown to contribute to improved memory, mood and enhanced cognition in mammals. The greater spine density helps neurons build new connections and send more signals to other nerve cells. With the repetition of signals, connections can become stronger.

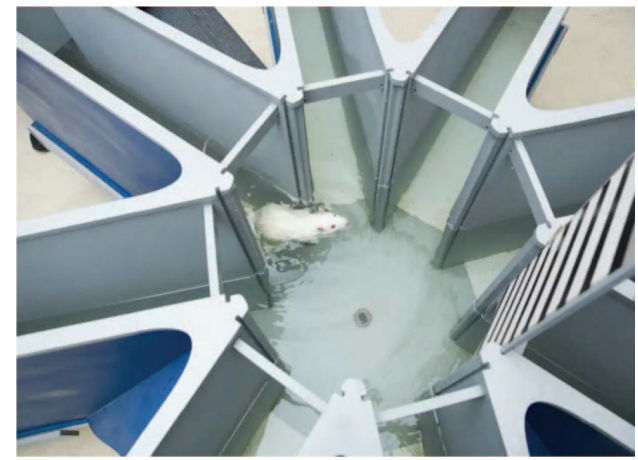
But what's special about swimming?

Researchers don't yet know what swimming's secret sauce might be. But they're getting closer to understanding it.

Swimming has long been recognized for its cardiovascular benefits. Because swimming involves all of the major muscle groups, the heart has to work hard, which increases blood flow throughout the body. This leads to the creation of new blood vessels, a process called angiogenesis. The greater blood flow can also lead to a large release of endorphins - hormones that act as a natural pain reducer throughout the body. This surge brings about the sense of euphoria that often follows exercise.

Most of the research to understand how swimming affects the brain has been done in rats. Rats are a good lab model because of their genetic and anatomic

similarity to humans.



Rats serve as a useful laboratory model for understanding the effects of swimming on memory formation and brain health. Photo credit: irin717 (iStock via Getty Images Plus).

In one study in rats, swimming was shown to stimulate brain pathways that suppress inflammation in the hippocampus and inhibit apoptosis, or cell death. The study also showed that swimming can help support neuron survival and reduce the cognitive impacts of aging. Although researchers do not yet have a way to visualize apoptosis and neuronal survival in people, they do observe similar cognitive outcomes.

One of the more enticing questions is how, specifically, swimming enhances short- and long-term memory. To pinpoint how long the beneficial effects may last, researchers trained rats to swim for 60 minutes daily for five days per week. The team then tested the rats' memory by having them swim through a radial arm water maze containing six arms, including one with a hidden platform.

Rats got six attempts to swim freely and find the hidden platform. After just seven days of swim training, researchers saw improvements in both short- and long-term memories, based on a reduction in the errors rats made each day. The researchers suggested that this boost in cognitive function could provide a basis for using swimming as a way to repair learning and memory damage caused by neuropsychiatric diseases in humans.

Although the leap from studies in rats to humans is substantial, research in people is producing similar results that suggest a clear cognitive benefit from swimming across all ages. For instance, in one study looking at the impact of swimming on mental acuity in the elderly, researchers concluded that swimmers had improved mental speed and attention compared with nonswimmers. However, this study is limited in its research design, since participants were not randomized and thus those who were swimmers prior to the study may have had an unfair edge.

Another study compared cognition between land-based athletes and swimmers in the young adult age range. While water immersion itself did not make a difference, the researchers found that 20 minutes of moderate-intensity breaststroke swimming improved cognitive function in both groups.

Kids get a boost from swimming too

The brain-enhancing benefits from swimming appear to also boost learning in children.

Another research group recently looked at the link between physical activity and how children learn new vocabulary words. Researchers taught children age 6-12 the names of unfamiliar objects. Then they tested their accuracy at recognizing those words after doing three activities: coloring (resting activity), swimming (aerobic activity) and a CrossFit-like exercise (anaerobic activity) for three minutes.

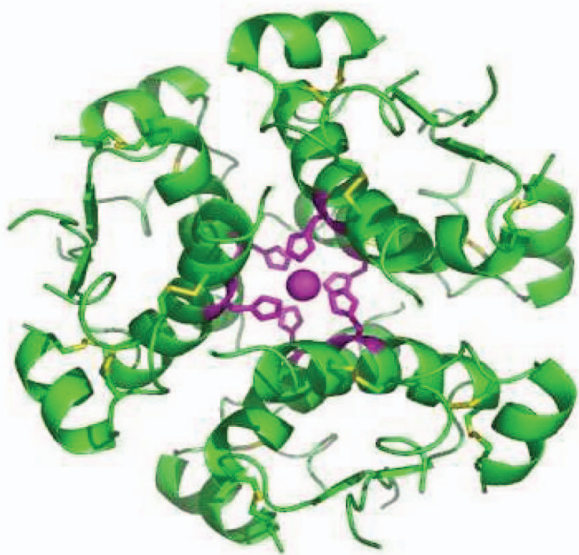
They found that children's accuracy was much

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The State Of Diabetes Research 100 Years After Discovery Of Insulin

By The University of Exeter



High-resolution model of six insulin molecules assembled in a hexamer. Image credit: Isaac Yonemoto (Wikipedia).

Researchers at The University of Exeter teamed up with colleagues at The Indiana University School of Medicine to commemorate the centennial of the discovery of insulin and the critical moments that have led to today's understanding and clinical approaches.

The new review titled "100 years of insulin: celebrating the past, present and future of diabetes therapy" has just been published in Nature Medicine. It was co-authored by Alice Carr and Richard Oram, PhD, from the University of Exeter's College of Medicine and Health, and IU School of Medicine

physician-scientists Emily Sims, MD, Carmella Evans-Molina, MD, PhD, and Linda DiMeglio, MD, MPH.

A hundred years ago Type 1 diabetes was a fatal disease. Then, in 1921, a contemporary medical miracle occurred: the discovery of insulin and its role in blood glucose regulation.

The landmark discovery would go on to save the lives of millions of people, but not without the help of scientists around the world.

"Something as epic as a 100th anniversary gives us a reminder to step back and reflect on how far we've come and how far we have left to go," said Emily Sims, MD. "The achievements in our understanding and ability to treat diabetes with insulin over the past century have been nothing short of

remarkable".

Sims said that scientific achievement, however remarkable, is only part of the puzzle. Ultimately, the goal of research is to optimize real outcomes for people with diabetes.

Importantly, the article features commentary from people with Type 1 diabetes and their family members, who have themselves experienced the evolution of treatment over the course of their lives.

"My treatment was a near starvation diet," recalled one participant identified as KR, who was diagnosed just eight years after the discovery of insulin. "Insulin was available at this time, but looking back I am convinced that the average physician in those days did not feel sufficiently confident to use this comparatively new treatment."

While the treatment became more commonplace over time, advancements in concentrated insulins and technology paved ways for improved quality of life.

"I was diagnosed when newer insulins, meter and pump technology really started taking off," said a

participant identified as KH, diagnosed in 2002. "I started pumping insulin just a year after I was diagnosed."

Co-author and Exeter PhD candidate Alice Carr is not only a diabetes researcher, but also has Type 1 diabetes herself. She said that her work on the Nature Medicine review reminded her of the shared tribulations and triumphs of a worldwide community.

"I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2012 at age 17, and no matter your year of diabetes diagnosis, I found similarities between these respective stories and my own," said Carr. "I find diabetes can be a lonely disease at times, but these stories reminded me that I share the same diabetes pains and triumphs with a resilient bunch of people that span the globe - it's not lonely at all."

And progress continues. While diabetes is considered a manageable disease, the detrimental impacts of chronically mismanaged blood sugar and lifelong demand for treatment have tremendous costs, both fiscally and in quality of life for people who are living with diabetes.

Ongoing studies in Exeter, Indiana and around the world are actively identifying early signs of risk for the disease, discovering new targets for therapeutic intervention, defining rare and atypical forms of diabetes, and reversing impaired metabolic processes that contribute to the diabetes development.

The groundbreaking discovery of insulin set in motion a course of life-saving events for millions of people around the world. But the authors note that challenges in accessibility and equitable care continue - perhaps even more with modern advancements.

"Only once equal access for patients around the globe is established will the remarkable achievements surrounding insulin over the past century truly realize their greatest impact," the authors conclude.

Explore further: A third of type 1 diabetes is misdiagnosed in the over 30s

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higher for words learned following swimming compared with coloring and CrossFit, which resulted in the same level of recall. This shows a clear cognitive benefit from swimming versus anaerobic exercise, though the study does not compare swimming with other aerobic exercises. These findings imply that swimming for even short periods of time is highly beneficial to young, developing brains.

The details of the time or laps required, the style of swim and what cognitive adaptations and pathways are activated by swimming are still being worked out. But neuroscientists are getting much closer to putting all the clues together.

For centuries, people have been in search of a fountain of youth. Swimming just might be the closest we can get.

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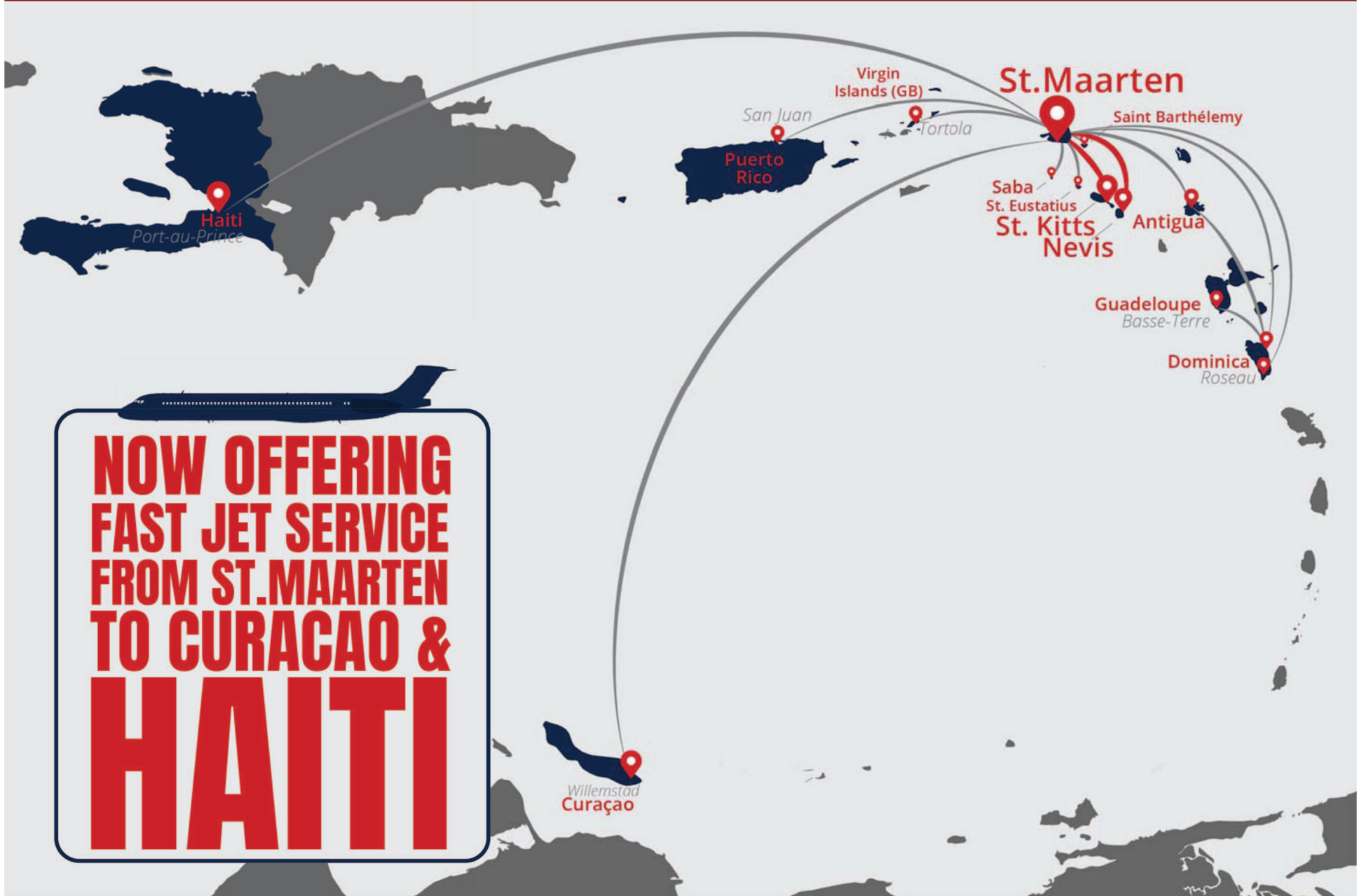
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Female Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas Launch Forum to Improve Policies and Promote Rights for Rural Women

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Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - Rome, Italy - Within the framework of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit inaugurated this Monday in Rome, the I Forum of Ministers and Vice Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas was formally established as an entity whose mission is to improve public policies and spotlight the role of women in rural development, favoring the full recognition of their rights.

The inauguration, which was attended by the female ministers, secretaries and deputy ministers of 12 countries of the Americas, was a key step to institutionalizing a space to propose specific policies to promote the sustainable development of agrifood systems through recognizing the crucial contribution of the continent's rural women to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.

The meeting at which the Forum was established was convened by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and held at the Brazilian Embassy in Rome concurrent with the Food Systems Pre-Summit that runs through 28 July in the Italian capital.

Participants included Samantha Marshall, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Antigua and Barbuda; Tereza Cristina, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply of Brazil; Mari-a Emilia Undurraga, Minister of Agriculture of Chile; Tanlly Vera, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador; Jewel H. Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture of the United States; and Natasha Kim, Assistant Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food of Canada.

Also in attendance were Martha Lucia Rodriguez Lozano, Deputy Minister of Rural Development of Colombia; Lily Pacas, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of El Salvador; Judith Ordonez, Deputy Secretary of Livestock of Honduras; Bettina Aguilera Paniagua, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Paraguay; Maria Isabel Remy Simatovic, Deputy Minister of Policies and Supervision of Agrarian Development of Peru; and Miriam Guzmán, Deputy Minister of Rural Development of the Dominican Republic.

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The Forum's presentation, whose first meeting was entitled "Women at the Forefront of Agri-food System Transformation", was led by Manuel Otero, Director General of IICA, and Rebeca Grynspan, Ibero-American Secretary-General.

The participating ministers and deputy ministers showed interest in the Forum becoming a space for dialogue and exchange to share experiences in managing access to credit, the availability of new technologies, land tenure and ownership and other issues from which the rural women of the Americas—who make a decisive contribution to regional and global food security—have been historically excluded.

"We should be discussing public policies and exchanging information to help the rural women on our continent. We are currently undergoing deep transformations in our society and the role of women as change agents is more and more evident. Women's empowerment is key to guaranteeing global food security," stated Brazilian minister Tereza Cristina.

Ecuadorian minister Tanlly Vera explained that poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and a lack of social protection are just some of the challenges facing rural women. "The time has come to recognize and spotlight the role we play in the field. We can contribute a lot to eradicating hunger and poverty and to reducing inequality."

For her part, Minister Marshall emphasized the disadvantages women face compared to men and urged for work in the post-pandemic era to focus on changing this reality: "We need to educate our women in order to strengthen their abilities."

For Maria Emilia Undurraga, the variety of areas in which women work in the rural sector reflects their heterogeneity and worth. "We are connected to the well-being of the entire population, especially the inhabitants of cities. That is why it is fundamental to close the gaps between the rural and urban sectors," she stated.

In Canada, the percentage of women who work in agriculture has risen over the last few decades, stated Natasha Kim, who explained that removing the barriers women face in terms of accessing markets and value chains continues to be a pending matter.

Deputy Secretary Bronaugh agreed that women play a central role in agriculture and felt that they should be assured positions of leadership. "We need to pave the way for young women who look up to us to have a seat at the decision table."

The Dominican deputy minister underscored that while women work in rural areas, when profits are distributed, they do not receive their fair share and advocated for a more equal distribution. Minister Rodriguez from Colombia emphasized the need to propose a differentiated approach for rural women to have more access to credit.

"We must work to ensure women are paid a fair price. The transparency of the production chains is essential," stated Deputy Minister Pacas from El Salvador. Meanwhile, Deputy Secretary Ordonez from Honduras defended the administrative ability of women: "When a woman receives a loan, she makes better use of the money."

More than half of all food is produced by women in the Americas, explained Rebeca Grynspan, who made it clear that women are not vulnerable. "An intrinsic vulnerability doesn't exist; what exists is a violation of rights. What we need is to be seen in our capacity to transform the rural world and society."

Grynspan urged that we stop thinking about the rural world with a 20th-century mentality and for women to have access to land and credit. "In the post-pandemic era, we need a different rurality to go with a new, more inclusive and improved normal," she concluded.

Manuel Otero chose to highlight the importance of establishing the Forum of Ministers and Vice Ministers of the Americas in concurrence with the global event that will be discussing the future of agrifood systems in the world.

The Director General of IICA summarized the statistics on the invisibility and violation of rights suffered by rural women on the continent and ratified the Institute's commitment to empowering women and their full participation in production processes with equal rights.

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HIGHPOINT

Let the children enjoy their graduation!

Graduations are special moments for teachers, parents and most importantly, the students. It is a moment that students anticipate with great excitement every year. How unfortunate that the children have become apart of the pandemic ploy by this government.

As the cases spiked in St. Kitts and Nevis, the schools were first instructed to cancel any graduation activity, whether class photoshoot, graduation ceremony, etc. This decision was revisited after the cases decreased with some rather inconsiderate terms and conditions. The children are not allowed to take a group photo, the graduation ceremony has been limited to an hour, there will be no speeches from the top two students as is the yearly tradition, they cannot go on their graduation trips or host graduation parties and any pictures taken must be off-site. Can you imagine the impact on the students?

The changes brought on by this 'plandemic' is already devastating on their school term as is and to impose these restrictions and not allow them the opportunity to have one last charade with their friends and classmates is insensitive.

Now, we understand that children are most vulnerable in this pandemic, but are we going to rob them of every major moment in their childhood? They have already missed out on making memories for their "last year" in school, as they missed out on the normal school activities which had to be discontinued for COVID-19 purposes and stuck behind a tablet in virtual school. Graduations are for the celebration of success from hard work, reflection on how far you've come and a look into the future you have ahead.

Why is it that restrictions only apply to certain people or to certain events? How

is it that provisions can be made for other events to be kept normally, but graduations must suffer at the hands of the pandemic? If the graduation is already limited to parents, graduates and certain members of staff and the Ministry of Education, why is it necessary for the ceremony to be cut short?

Would you want your child to look back on their graduation and faintly remember it because it lasted only ONE HOUR? The valedictorian who worked consistently to achieve the title, cannot stand amongst his/her peers, and deliver their remarks and embark in their moment?

How can we allow persons in authority to host their private parties, yet rob the children of their last night to celebrate with their peers; be it at prom or a graduation party? If adherence to protocols is all that is necessary for an event to be held, why are we not granting the children this same opportunity? What goes for one, should go for all and we should not be selective!

The graduation ceremony and graduating class activities are usually the last time some children see their peers, because some either migrate overseas or go to different schools. Should they not be allowed to enjoy that final moment, after the last year they have had?

The children have already suffered enough, parents have spoken out against children at home with broken spirits, missing their friends, tired of the tablets and being stuck at home everyday. We must not become comfortable in our fight against the pandemic, but we should at-least allow them to have fun and make memories, amidst all that's going on around them.

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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.

GUNS. CPL AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

While no one can argue that the rat-a-tat-tat seemed to have paused for a while, it is obvious that high day murders, double murders shootings and disappearances are indicators that money alone, even \$31,000,000.00, cannot ensure the end to all gang related gun violence.

It looks as if the government thought that magically, all beefs would be over. All hatred would cease. All murders would be forgotten. All would be forgiven and everybody would come together and live happily ever after once money was flowing like milk and honey. But, with little or no effort to take any guns off the road since the peace began, obviously, there would always be the real possibility of some rat-a-tat-tat.

This government is so conniving, insensitive and evil. All they do after another young Black man is gunned down is to visit the grieving family, offer to assist with the funeral expenses only so that they can insist to the family that everything must be done to keep the peace intact. When government is paying out \$31,000,000.00+ for peace, nothing, not even a double murder, must be allowed to derail the peace.

Let's not forget that the government wants to host the best ever COVID-19 CPL. Nothing and nobody will stop it. Government has already spent over EC\$40,000,000.00 on CPL. The high day murder in Nevis, the double murders in St. Kitts and the shooting in Nevis have all been officially declared as not gang related.

Guns are in the federation because of our proximity to America. Young men are shooting one another because they no longer use their fists or bottles and stones to settle disputes. Well tell me something. The federation moved close to America after February 2015? Is in 2015 that young men stop settling disputes with their fists or bottles and stones?

Prior to February 2015, all murders were the fault of Prime Minister Denzil Douglas. However, six years and more than \$31,000,000.00 later, with young men still being gunned down by other young men for reasons known only to them, the leaders, Timothy Harris and Mark Brantley are no longer to be blamed. The murders are now because of the close proximity of the federation to the USA, the easy access to gun manufacturers, the open borders and the shift in the weapon of choice to settle disputes.

It's not just with the treatment of grieving family members that the government is conniving, insensitive and evil. Just look at the saga with the food truck vendors. Government always knew that for the food truck owners to operate in their new location next to a certain set of people, they would insist that they be vaccinated. They would insist that they apply for a spot. No "wash you foot and come" people would be allowed into those usually "off limits to Black locals" area unless they comply to the rules and regulations of the big business people.

They really do not want any food truck anywhere near the Square. As far as these certain people are concerned, the value of their properties will decrease if strict control is not placed on who is allowed around the Square. Food trucks are not supposed to operate on such prime real estate. They didn't want them in the streets in front of their multi-million dollar properties and for sure they don't want them on the land.

But that's what happens when we give political power to those who already have economic power. They treat us like solid waste. They push us to see how much they can get away with then they pull back. Then they come with a solution and have a big song and dance. And we forget that they were the ones who created the problem for us in the first place and we sing and dance with them.

Then they are happy when we blame it on incompetence. But it's something else. Take for instance the second phase of the installation of the traffic lights and the halt to all works at Bird Rock until the issues between government and a business owner are resolved.

I recall that Shawn, who is deputy and minister of Public Works explained all that was happening at Bird Rock. He never let on that there was any dispute between him and a business owner in the area. Instead, he boasted how much improved the flow of traffic would be and how happy all road users would be.

But if we look at all the major and minor changes that had to be made in downtown Basseterre to accommodate the traffic lights, any one with common sense would know that many more major and minor changes would have to be made to accommodate the second phase of traffic lights. Especially at Bird Rock.

So, it's not incompetence. And everybody involved will be laughing all the way to the bank. Except maybe Hushpuppi's friends in SKN.



By Vigilante

* After de frilly mout deputy and de holly and de ivy done get a million a money for de car park, dey getting a next set a million a money to dig it up and put een a electric fence and gate.

* Dey say dat de frilly mout deputy wukking wid Humpty Dumpty. Frilly done tell #2 and #4 dat dey carn cut no style on him now. He ain't have to wait on no scrumbles from dem. He have he own money now and all dey ole money carn touch how much new money he mekking since he and Humpty Dumpty have dey own concrete business.

* Dey say de man was Humpty Dumpty best man so he coulda do what he want wid de card. Dey say dat de first time he use de card was when Humpty Dumpty did give him to buy some clothes when de puppi did visiting.

* Humpty Dumpty did done planning to lock up de man and tun him way. But when de man send him a video dat did looking like Fifty shade a grey, Humpty Dumpty tell de police to drop de case and give him a good transfer.

* Who in de know say dat Humpty Dumpty done claim back from de treasury all de money what he best man spend on he card. And das why de lady say she carn tek no more and give up de wuk.

* Dey say G is de A-dree. Dey say das how he coulda build he house wid cash money and ain't owe for it.

Humpty Dumpty done tell dem dat he one not tekking no fall. Is all a dem get money from de puppi to do most and many ting. He say dat he done get way from de whale, from de watch and he let dem know dat he getting way from de puppi too.

* Dey tell one a de businessman dem dat dey gon close dung he business if he ain't let dem put de new sidewalk in he parking lot. So he put a injunction on dem and das what mek all de wuk done.

* Den dey tell a next businessman dat dey gon close dung he business if he ain't let dem put a road on he sidewalk and mek he back door he front door. So he put a injunction on dem too. But dey trying to hush it dung.

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Tokyo Olympics: Simone Biles reacts to support for withdrawal from team and all-around finals

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Biles, who won four golds at Rio 2016, has yet to confirm whether she will take part in the apparatus finals in Tokyo

Four-time Olympic gold medallist Simone Biles has reacted to the widespread support she has

received after withdrawing from Thursday's all-around final.

The American gymnast pulled out of the competition saying she needed to prioritise her mental health, a move that has brought praise from high-profile figures in sport, entertainment and politics.

The 24-year-old said the support had shown her she was "more than my accomplishments and gymnastics".

Biles, who is a sexual assault survivor, spoke to the media after the US took silver in the team final following her withdrawal from that event, of the need to "protect our minds and our bodies," adding: "We are people, at the end of the day."

How athletes past and present reacted to Simone Biles putting her mental health first.

British gymnast Max Whitlock showed his support, saying: "You've pushed boundaries time and time again. Rest up and take time."

Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba tweeted his support for Biles, saying her decision to withdraw was a "moment of undeniable strength".

American pop star Justin Bieber, who himself cut short his 2017 world tour citing anxiety and exhaustion, said he was proud of the athlete for her decision.

"Nobody will ever understand the pressures you face!" he posted on Instagram.

"People thought I was crazy for not finishing the Purpose tour but it was the best thing I could have done for my mental health!! So proud of you Simone Biles," he continued.

Susan Rice, a senior advisor to President Joe Biden, also tweeted her praise, saying: "Thank you to the #GOAT Simone Biles for reminding us that mental health comes first."

Sylvester Turner, the mayor of her home town of Houston, also praised the Texan.

"You are so much more than your accomplishments and gymnastics," he said. "You are an amazing person. If you never dance, flip, or swing on the uneven bars again you will forever be an American and international champion. Just be happy!"

Biles has yet to confirm whether she will compete in the individual apparatus finals, which start on Sunday, saying she will take "each day as it comes".

Men's Olympic football: Brazil through to quarter-finals in Tokyo but Germany go out

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Defending champions Brazil eased through to the quarter-finals of the men's Olympic football, but 2016 silver medallists Germany are eliminated.

Everton striker Richarlison scored two late goals as Brazil beat Saudi Arabia 3-1 to finish top of Group D, with Ivory Coast second after holding Germany to a 1-1 draw.

In Group B, South Korea beat Honduras 6-0 to qualify as group winners.

New Zealand drew 0-0 with Romania to finish second on goal difference.

Brazil looked set to be held to a frustrating draw when a header from Saudi Arabia defender Abdulrahman Al-Amri cancelled out Matheus Cunha's early opener at the Saitama Stadium.

However Richarlison, who hit a hat-trick in Brazil's opening group game against Germany, edged them ahead again with 14 minutes remaining before sealing the win in stoppage-time.

Germany needed to beat Ivory Coast to make it through, but fell behind midway through the second half when Benjamin Henrichs put the ball into his own net while attempting a tackle in

the six-yard box.

Eduard Loewen levelled with a free-kick six minutes later to set up a frantic finish, but despite piling on the pressure Germany could not find a winner.

Hosts Japan became the only side to win all three of their group games after thumping France 4-0 in Yokohama.

Goals from Hiroki Sakai, Takefusa Kubo, Koki Miyoshi and Daizen Maeda sealed the victory and set up a last-eight clash against New Zealand.

Mexico secured second place and will play South Korea next after a 3-0 win against South Africa, who lost all three of their group matches.

Egypt will play Brazil in the quarter-finals after a 2-0 win over Australia secured second place in Group C ahead of Argentina, who could only draw 1-1 with group winners Spain.

Argentina midfielder Tomas Belmonte scored a late equaliser to cancel out Mikel Merino's opener, but it was not enough to prevent Argentina

from slipping to third and bowing out.

Spain, who end with five points from their three group games, face Ivory Coast in the quarter-final.

All four teams in Group B went into the final round of games level on three points each, but it was South Korea who progressed as group winners as a hat-trick from Hwang Ui-jo helped secure a 6-0 win over Honduras, with New Zealand joining them in the quarter-finals.



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