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## Editorial

# How Can Corruption Drive Out Corruption?

Within recent times there has been much ado about eliminating corruption and reducing crime. But, given the recent history of those matters in our country, it begs the question as to just how genuine and realistic are the claims.

In times past, often people have been warned about the inevitable results of encouraging crime and corruption. A warning that once those doors have been opened, for any number of reasons it becomes nigh impossible to close them.

Caution was also given that whenever individuals place arms and ammunition in the hands of criminal elements, and those having such tendencies, especially for political reasons, there always come that time when those who have been so armed will turn the guns and ammunition on their patronisers.

When politicians indulge in corrupt and illegal practices in order to get themselves elected or to hold on to office, they send a terrible message to their enablers. People are not foolish, and they may soon find it necessary to reason that if the politicians could do what they did and get away with it, then why can't they do similarly for themselves and their dependents?

As have been pointed out before, such thinking may not be considered correct, but those so used are human beings, and it becomes a case of example set is example followed!

The COVID-19 pandemic and its life threatening effects have been the pre-occupation of our people's minds for the past year, which has led to our overlooking the fact that the level of criminal activity in the country has not abated, contrary to claims made by those in government.

That reality is underscored by the recent and ongoing writings and utterances about developing strategies, programmes, and such like, to deal with the problems of crime and corruption.

All responsible persons have to question the bona fides and genuineness of those making such noises.

How genuine can they be, and if truly so, would it be reasonable to expect them to succeed in so doing?

This being the season of Lent it is so much easier for us to be spiritually motivated and turn to the scriptures for a likely answer to such questions.

The teaching that would be most relevant is that contained in the narration of how The Son of Man dealt with those who falsely accused Him of being the devil.

When Jesus chased the demons out of the man whose being they had occupied, He cast the evil spirits into a nearby herd of swine, which caused them to run wild and over a cliff, thus falling to their death.

The owner of the swine became so incensed at his loss that he accused Jesus of being Satan.

In response Jesus asked that famous and unforgettable question: "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

Paraphrase that question in relation to our current circumstances, and we ask: "How can corruption drive out corruption?"

# Medical Chief of Staff Responds To JNF Healthcare Concerns

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Tuesday 24th March 2021)**- Medical Chief of Staff Dr. Cameron Wilkinson has responded to concerns and criticism in relation to healthcare at the Joseph N. France General Hospital including x-ray services, radiology and prescription medicine supply.

The Labour Spokesman reached out to the chief medical administrator at the government-run facility in an effort to get a response to questions being raised publicly concerning the availability of quality medical care.

On Tuesday 23rd March 2021, this media house published an article on www.thelabourspokesman.com outlining the absence of x-ray and ultrasound testing capabilities at the hospital along with a shortage of prescribed drugs at the hospital dispensary and the departure of the resident nephrologist.

Dr. Wilkinson expressed delight to discuss the latest developments in each matter and set the record straight in some instances.

He informed that it is true that the x-ray machines at the hospital have been down because of the malfunction of two parts. He went on to say that the parts for the machines have been ordered adding that one part is already in the federation is to be installed while the second part is expected to arrive in the federation in less than a week.

As gathered from Dr. Wilkinson, the hospital had previously invested in a number of portable x-ray machines, three digital and one non-digital. Those machines are on island and will serve as backup in addition to the performance of x-rays on patients who cannot be moved.

He said the hospital is finalising training for staff in the use of the portable machines. They should be put into use as early as Thursday this week on completion of the necessary training on the new machines.

Dr. Wilkinson offered



Dr. Cameron Wilkinson

clarification that there has been no issue with ultrasound at the hospital.

"We currently have three functioning portable and one stationary ultrasound machines," he said.

The Medical Chief of Staff also disclosed that to ensure that there was no gap in patient care, the hospital sought the services of two radiologists who work at the institution, one in a private capacity and the other public/private.

He said patients at the hospital who need x-rays have been transported to these doctors' offices to have the x-rays performed. Additionally, non-urgent cases requiring x-rays are given appointments at the private radiologists' offices.

This, he said, allowed for continuance of care.

Dr. Wilkinson went on to say that he is unaware of any shortages of medications in the hospital dispensary.

He stated that the hospital is stocked with required pharmaceuticals but went on to state that there is a wide array of drugs that are used to treat the same ailments and the choice of drug prescribed is often left up to physician preference and also depend on the sensitivity of various germs to the drugs. According to him, one germ might be sensitive to four drugs but a specialist might prefer to use one that is not on the hospital formulary. They will therefore purchase the drug from a private pharmacy.

He said that it is not new that all of the possible drug choices are not on the hospital's formulary and that is one of the primary reasons patients would need to fill their prescriptions at the commercial pharmacies. He gave the assurance that the hospital dispensary is adequately stocked.

When asked about the absence of the resident nephrologist, Dr. Salazar, from the federation and the hospital since November 2020, Wilkinson stated that the sentiments expressed were not completely accurate. He said that Dr. Salazar had not left the service, but rather he is on vacation.

The Medical Chief of Staff went on to say that Dr. Salazar left the federation on January 9, 2021, and not in November 2020, for approximately one month's vacation. The doctor was expected to return on February 16.

As informed, there should have been a stand-in nephrologist flown in however, as a result of COVID-19 related challenges, flights out of Cuba were not available. Therefore, another nephrologist could not have come to replace Dr. Salazar in the interim. To overcome this challenge, the hospital has facilitated regular consultative virtual sessions between Dr. Salazar and the in-house doctors who work with the specialist.

Dr. Wilkinson said that all this was done to ensure that there is no gap in patient treatment.

Although the challenges with commercial flights out of Cuba continue to persist, Dr. Wilkinson expects Dr. Salazar to be back at the hospital within the next 30 days.

The Medical Chief of Staff in his interview with this media house has given the assurance that while there are challenges in the medical system, quality of care is being maintained.

# SKNT&LU To Attend Presidential Meeting In Venezuela

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th March 2021)- Workers' representation organization The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union is expected to participate as an observer at the International Promoting Team Meeting of the Bicentennial Congress of the People of The World slated to take place on Friday 24th March 2021.

The virtual zoom event, regarding the platform of the anti-imperialist working class, will be held in Venezuela with President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Nicolas Maduro Moros.

The agenda is expected to include a brief global and national context of workers, Independence feat and the bicentennial congress of peoples and Why the organization of the worker's sector is necessary.

On Monday 22nd March, a preparatory meeting was held online as well featuring over 200 participants.

Representing the SKNT&LU - as an observer-was General Secretary Precious Mills.

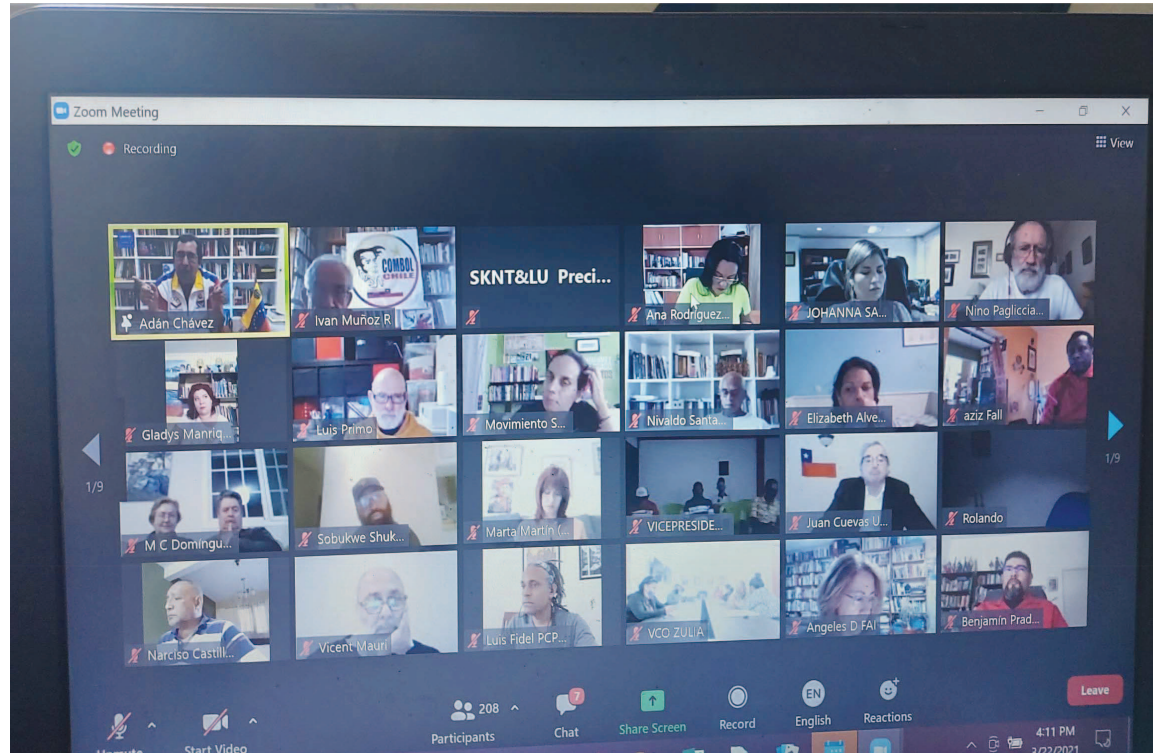
Written details shared to participants about such a meeting told that: "200 years after the Battle of Carabobo, a historic feat led by the Liberator Simon Bolivar, to guarantee the Independence from the empire of the Spanish kingdom, the National promotion crew of the Workers Teams, in addition to the call made by the President Nicholas Maduro to start a new stage of the Bicentennial

Congress of the Peoples, assumes the realization of a virtual Preparatory Meeting of Workers that will be oriented to manage a process that

consolidates the unity and articulation of the National and international labor movement to contribute to the deepening of the Bolivarian Revolution as the main historical, political and social force of these times."

Included in the objectives of the meeting was to consolidate the spaces of articulation and coordination of the struggle of workers of the world.

**Photo: A glimpse of the online preparatory meeting held on Monday 22nd March 2021 leading up to the International Promoting Team Meeting of the Bicentennial Congress of the People of The World (Spokesman Snap)**



# Police: No Foul Play Concerning Dead Body Found On Beach

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th March 2021)- Police are reporting that "no foul play is suspected" concerning the death of 40-year-old man whose body was recently discovered at Bath Village in Nevis.

Dead is Veon Sutton of Stoney Hill.

Reportedly, an autopsy was performed on Thursday, 25th March 2021 by Resident Pathologist, Dr. Adrian Nunez who has concluded that his death was as a result of



Photo: Deceased-Veon Sutton

mechanical asphyxia due to bronchoaspiration of gastric contents."

Sometime after 4 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd March 2021, police responded to a report which led them to discover the motionless body of a man along a bay.

This media house understands that the area where Sutton was found was on a beach which borders VON Radio.

On the day of the dead body discovery, the District Medical Officer visited the scene and pronounced him dead.

Personnel from the Forensic Services Unit visited and processed the scene.

## East Line Buses Temporarily Relocated

In order to facilitate work currently being carried out at the East Line Bus Terminal on Wellington Road, the drivers of omnibuses who operate from the Terminal have been granted permission to revert to the area previously used for pick-ups/drop-offs.

As a result of this, East Line Bus Drivers will temporarily be allowed to park along Branch Street and Johnson Street from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., after which only the upper portion of the road will be designated for buses operating after that time. The kind cooperation of the public is being solicited and persons are asked to seek alternative parking during these hours.



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# St.Kitts To Get International Reality TV Feature

By: Precious Mills

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th March 2021)**- The island of St.Kitts is expected to be featured on an internationally-known reality TV show called 'Below Deck' which airs on Bravo TV with film production by MSR Media (based in York, England), currently on a business trip to the Federation.

At the Prime Minister's press conference held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021, Chief Executive Officer of the St.Kitts Tourism Authority Raquel Brown highlighted that 'Below Deck' is a reality TV show that is based on the yachting industry and it is showed on Bravo which is "one of those high rated TV channels that a lot of persons that do come to St.Kitts and Nevis for a stay over or they do come for yachting or come on vessels for example such as Crystal Cruises, Sea Bourne or Celebrity, for example, part of the Royal Caribbean group."

According to her, St.Kitts was specifically chosen this season and that the show will be promoting the destination a lot and showing different locations in St.Kitts and Nevis with "a lot of historical and cultural sites... what is unique and authentic to the destination."

"So it's not specifically a reality TV show but their showcasing the destination," she added.

Brown stated that producers have indicated that they have few images from Salt Plage and other locations so far.

As understood, there is no timeline for the show's airing since such detail is on "low key" for now.

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Timothy Harris shared that MSR productions has promised to deliver six movies this year.

"We are hopeful that the success of these seven movies... 'Below Deck' and the six others all goes well for the future development of the film and creative industry here in St.Kitts. This will bring much visibility and interest in St.Kitts and Nevis as the best place to visit to do business and to live."

Dr. Harris continued: "We have in my view the beginning of a viable film and creative arts industry and we shall work together with other stakeholders to harness it for the benefit of our young people who will secure job incomes, play roles as actors and actresses and movie stars. We appreciate the confidence in our

economy by those who are in the hotel sector."

He made mention of MSR's media visit to St.Kitts on Sunday 21st March saying "and that's when they had basically come to begin the filming of their films. They're going to spend some of the week on St.Kitts and some of the time in Nevis as they look for the best sites again to do their film production and filming activity."

PM Harris spoke about the opportunities that exist for St.Kitts-Nevis.

"There is a lot of opportunity now emerging for persons on St.Kitts to learn about that industry without having to go abroad and so we hope that those opportunities are being exploited. It provides an opportunity, too, the Minister [Akilah Byron-Nisbett] reminded me, for the Ministry of Talent Development to become involved with persons directly involved in the industry to share that experience for those who have that as their career goals."

MSR Media is currently in the Federation, after arriving earlier this year- having sealed a two-picture production deal with the Nevis Island Administration for a comedy feature called 'One Year Off'.

At a press briefing for the filming crew's visit to the island held at Christophe Harbour Marina located at the South East Peninsula, Minister of Tourism Lindsay Grant while addressing the MSR team including Director Phillippe Martinez said: "We are confident that what you will find in St.Kitts has the makings of an ideal filming destination from our lush natural attributes to our manmade infrastructure, and so we are very pleased to welcome you to explore and to enjoy."

**Front Page Photo:** Minister of Tourism Lindsay Grant (immediate left); Minister of Health and Talent Development Akilah Byron-Nisbett; Nevis Premier Mark Brantley (right end) and Director Phillippe Martinez of MSR Media (center) have a chit-chat Christophe Harbour on Sunday 21st March 2021 following media briefing (Spokesman Snap)



MSR Media crew and government officials take a group photo at Christophe Harbour on Sunday 21st March 2021 following media briefing (Spokesman Snap)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
NEVIS CIRCUIT  
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In the matter of Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an Application to settle Articles of Sale of the Respondent's property comprised in a Certificate of Title dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 registered in Register Book 47 Folio 217

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED Applicant  
and  
SHAUN TYSON Respondent

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

The Applicant, **THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED** a limited liability company (No. 106 of 2001) duly incorporated under the laws of Nevis and having its registered office and principal place of business at Bank of Nevis Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis applies to the Court for an Order under Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act to settle Articles of Sale of **ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land situate at Spring Hill Estate in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows:- **On or towards the North West by remaining lands of Roosevelt David 121.57 feet; On or towards the North East by lands of Joseph Parry 143.64 feet and 94.79 feet; On or towards the South East by a Public Road 28.95 feet, 20.48 feet, 39.58 feet, 37.38 feet and 17.00 feet and On or towards the South West by an Access Road 141.40 and containing by admeasurement 21,780 square feet** all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009 and registered in Register Book 47 Folio 217 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of the Respondent **SHAUN TYSON** of Craddock Road, Nevis as Registered Proprietor to estimate an upset price, to fix the day of sale and to adjust the announcements of sale, and the mode of publication thereof.

A draft of the Order sought and draft Articles of Sale in Form 17 of the Title by Registration Act are attached.

The grounds for the application are:-

- On the 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 the Applicant gave the Respondent **SHAUN TYSON NOTICE TO PAYOFF**, under Section 71 of the Title by Registration Act, by posting the said **NOTICE TO PAYOFF** in a conspicuous place on the encumbered land and also publication thereof in two issues of a local newspaper in accordance with the Order dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 granted by the High Court in the proceedings herein, the sum of **ECS70,364.32 interest hereon at the rate of 5% per annum until the same is fully liquidated and costs in the sum of \$1,500.00, notation back dated to the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 in accordance with Section 63 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19** upon the Certificate of Title of the said land dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009 and registered in Register Book 47 Folio 217 until payment in full due to the said Applicant by virtue of a Mortgage duly noted upon the Certificate of Title of the said land dated 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2017 and registered in Register Book 47 Folio 217 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit.
- On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 the Bailiff of the Nevis Circuit of this Honourable Court John Arthurton seized the said lands of the Respondent comprised in the Certificate of Title dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009 and registered in Register Book 47 Folio 217 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit for non payment of the mortgage debt referred to in the said Notice to Pay Off.

An Affidavit of Seigel Claxton dated the day of February, 2021 and filed herein on the day of February, 2021, in support of this application accompanies this application.

An Affidavit of Glanville Bowrin dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 and filed herein on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, in support of this application accompanies this application.

Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

*Cindy Herbert*  
Cindy Herbert  
Attorney-at-law

**NOTICE**

This Application will be heard by the His Lordship Justice Ermin Moise on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at the High Court, Judicial and Legal Complex, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

If you do not attend this hearing an Order may be made in your absence.

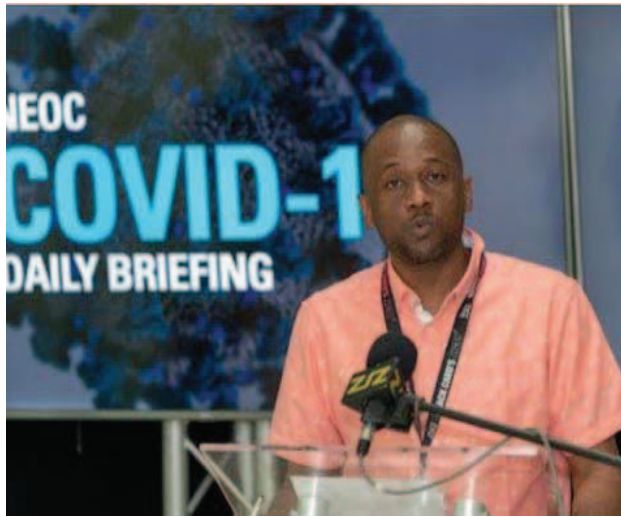
NB. This Notice of Application must be served as quickly as possible on the Respondent to the Application.

The Court Office is at Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis. Telephone number 469-5521. The office is open between 9:00 a.m and 3:30 p.m Mondays to Fridays.

# COVID Task Force Chairman Says Vaccine Programme Not Political But All Influencers Needed

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th March 2021)- Chairman of the COVID-19 National Task Force



Abdias Samuel has pointed out that while the vaccination programme seeking herd immunity here in St.Kitts-Nevis is not political all influencers are needed in encouraging for an all of society approach.

“Mr. [Lesroy]Williams [task force chairman of Communications] said it is not a political thing but we have to reach the influencers in the community and I appealing to all political parties in the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis to encourage their supporters to encourage their people to support the science and reach them on the importance of vaccination.”

Samuel said so at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) COVID-19 Briefing held on Wednesday 24th March 2021.

According to him: “The National COVID-19 Task Force has made an appeal and sent an invitation to all the political parties and we are hopeful that next week we can have a fruitful discussion on the way forward because we have been consulted with a number of international consultants to develop a roadmap to recovery and this road map to recovery must be inclusive of every single society and every single member of St.Kitts and Nevis. All of society approach.”

As understood, religious, civic and fraternal organizations are included in the contacted groups of the St.Kitts-Nevis community.

Samuel said he was amazed having attended a tourism stakeholders meeting that day noting that the majority of individuals taking the vaccine is in the tourism sector.

“The outcry is the ordinary man and woman do not want to take the vaccine because they are waiting,” he expressed whilst encouraging “It’s not only the tourism sector. It’s all of society.”

He went on to talk about the responsibility of each individual.

“If we are going to slowly take St.Kitts and Nevis into a slow socio-economic suicide by us not following the guidance of science having the treatment to overcome the pandemic and not vaccinate then that’s

gonna have to be a responsibility that you will have to take and not put the blame on government or any ministries, departments or anyone else but your own selves.”

He continued: “So therefore you have seen that 90 per cent of the doctors would have gone and accepted the vaccine. You would have seen that persons within the business sector. The CMO [Chief Medical Officer] has stated the challenge with access to vaccines so we have for 10,000 [individuals]. We need to reach 33,000.”

Samuel continued: “We get the next batches of vaccines if access becomes a challenge then what?”

Where will you be counted and that is something you the general public have to make that personal decision and decide because the reality is as stated by the Minister of Tourism in today’s meeting at some point in time, the ship industry is going to decide that unless your country is vaccinated and they can provide the protection for our passengers our customers then we will not come to your port.

This will not be the responsibility of a Government. This will have to be the personal responsibility of every individual who refused to accept the vaccination process, and that’s the true reality.”

The task force Chairman praised the public cooperation during the lockdowns.

“We have been talking for long enough and all that we’re asking the general public is to

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continue to follow us just like you did in the beginning. The beginning when we went into the lockdown, the country followed. We went together as a nation. Coming out of the lockdown, we came together and we have been doing well. We’ve reached the level now where we have the treatment to get us out of the pandemic and now we’re saying ‘no, we don’t want to get out. Let us stay on this choke hold where eventually we’re going to have a strong socio-economic impact.”

Samuel touched on some “frightening” data stemming from the past lockdowns in appealing to the public saying: “Let me just share with you some of the data that was frightening to us here at the COVID-19 National Task Force. The increase in domestic violence that was reported by the police during the times of lockdowns was significant. The impact on the mental health of our elders during the lockdowns was extremely significant.”

Photo: Abdias Samuel

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Common Seal of ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED was hereunto affixed the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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THE CONVERSATION (Academic rigour, journalistic flair) - Edition: Canada - Health - 16 March 2021

## The Scene From Cuba - How It's Getting So Much Right On COVID-19

By Dr Jennifer Ruth Hosek, Queen's University Ontario

*Cuba's access to internationally produced vaccines was nearly impossible due to the US blockade. Its decision to make its own vaccines stands to pay off handsomely.*



*A doctor showing an empty vial of the experimental Soberana 02 vaccine for COVID-19 being developed at the Molecular Immunity Center during a media tour of the facility's vaccine production in Havana on 25 February 2021. Photo credit: Ramon Espinosa (AP).*

As the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately harms underprivileged people globally, Cuba's "people over profit" approach has been saving many lives - both on the island and abroad. From the onset, Cuba's approach has been holistic and integrated.

Its response is among the most respected in the world. Widespread confidence in the Cuban government's science-based policies, public service media messaging and volunteerism are key reasons as to why Cuba has been able to control the viral reproduction rate until mass vaccination begins.

The cash-strapped Caribbean island risked opening to holiday visitors at the end of 2020 and is currently managing higher COVID-19 caseloads than ever before. Its health experts are combining international clinical trials of its vaccine candidates with mass production.

Cuba is the only Latin American country with the capacity to manufacture a vaccine domestically other



*A technician at work with the Soberana 02 COVID-19 vaccine at the packaging processing plant of the Finlay Vaccine Institute in Havana, Cuba in January 2021. Photo credit: Yamil Lage.*

than Brazil, which is not doing so. Cuba aims to protect its populace, then give away or sell its vaccines abroad.

Before the virus' arrival in Cuba, the country prepared for mitigation based on best practices from Asia and its own expertise with contagious diseases.

Beyond Cuba's borders its medical diplomacy took over. Cuba's Henry Reeve Medical Brigade has been fighting the pandemic in at least 37 countries and has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. When COVID-19 stranded the cruise ship MS Braemar, only Cuba allowed it to dock.

In contrast, many countries' pandemic responses have been haphazard, with well-funded lobby groups representing restaurants and pharmaceutical companies, to name just two sectors, wielding excessive influence.

Oscillating virus reproduction rates have required disruptive and costly mitigation measures and resulted in illness and death. The media, academics who include Helen Yaffe, Emily Morris and John Kirk and non-governmental organizations like Havana and Oakland-based Medice have long documented Cuba's emulation-worthy health system.

### Hard work, hard science

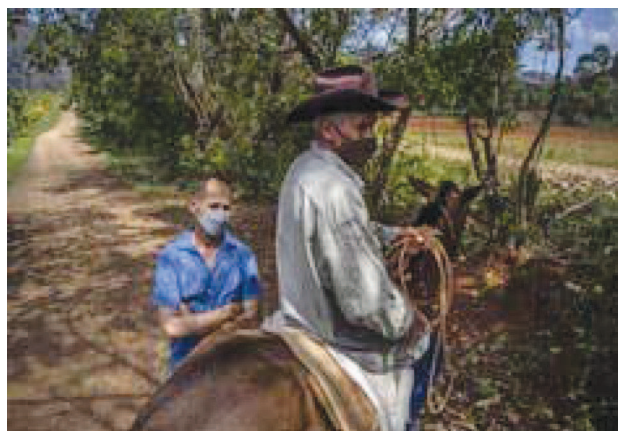
Care in Cuba is universal, research and training is robust, and disease and disaster mitigation is well-organized. The public healthcare system is coordinated across research institutes and centres of disease control, through to dispersed local neighbourhood clinics. Cuba also has a near 100 per cent literacy rate, with much attention paid to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

Cuba's achievements are the result of hard work and hard science in a not-for-profit system. The populace's confidence has been earned through science-based campaigns against the likes of HIV, Ebola, dengue fever and the Zika virus.

Nations that have responded well to the pandemic have communicated clearly and factually with their people. Cuba has a tradition of multi-pronged public-service messaging.

The country's epidemiology director has become a trusted household expert through his daily news reports. Every day at 9am, a seated and masked Dr Francisco Duran speaks directly to the public, noting and lamenting every fatality, detailing disease spread and treatments, answering viewer questions and sternly advising continued adherence to preventative measures.

The well-known psychologist Manuel Calvino discusses topics such as self-discipline and positive thinking. Cheerier spots feature famous actors urging fortitude and depict groups of people following health protocols.



*Luis Orlando Deulofeu, who owns a hotel in Vinales, Cuba, as he posed for a picture behind a passing horse rider on 1 March 2021. US sanctions and the pandemic have hurt Cuban tourism. Photo credit: Ramon Espinosa (AP).*

In cartoons, angry "red meanie" viruses are drowned by hand-washing and blocked by face masks,

animation heroes celebrate International Workers' Day from their balconies, youngsters stay home to protect their grandparents, and families play inside together.

The socially distanced 42nd International Festival of New Latin American Cinema featured animated doctor's orders in its promotional video. Ubiquitously stated, sung and danced slogans include "Cuba for life, with a new (masked) smile."

Beloved cartoon characters participate in International Workers' Day from home rather than in Cuba's annual parade at Revolution Plaza, courtesy of Animados ICAIC.

### Mask-wearing is popular

I surveyed residents of Havana online and later in person while in Cuba in December and January. Most reported wearing masks to "protect others and myself."

While masking has been broadly politicized elsewhere, Cuba mandated masks in March 2020, immediately sharing instructions on how to make them at home.

While in many countries volunteers struggled to find ways to help, in Cuba, existing organizations such as neighbourhood watches and universities quickly moved into action.

Medical students have gone door-to-door checking for symptoms. Computer science students have developed helpful apps and supported medical staff in their dorms-turned-quarantine centres.

Necessary work got done while public buy-in solidified the mitigation efforts.

The initial growth curve was inverted early on.



*A tourist, wearing a protective face mask, walking along the beach in Havana, Cuba on 2 March 2021. Photo credit: Ramon Espinosa (AP).*

Banking on individual responsibility among its well-educated citizens, Cuba shifted to a "new normal" at the year-end holiday season.

Tourists headed to isolated beach resorts and expats to their relatives' homes.

The hotels follow health protocols meticulously - speedy PCR testing, masking, sanitation and social distancing.

But family visits led to outbreaks, as they have globally. Some visitors, many of them arriving from areas with high rates of infection and science denial such as Miami, breached the requisite protocols: one PCR test with a negative result upon arrival, a five-day home quarantine and another negative PCR test before mingling.

### Pandemic has been costly

All indicators show Cuba has put its limited resources to efficient use for the public good. But especially coupled with former US President Donald Trump's tightening of the American blockade against Cuba, the pandemic and the resulting plunge in tourism are costly.

Scarcity of affordable food and consumer goods, along with an increased cost of living accelerated by a long-overdue monetary unification, have increased

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## Press Release

For Immediate Release - Thursday 11th March, 2021



**CELEBRATORY MOMENT:** Nicolas Menon, Principal Representative for Sagicor in St Kitts and Nevis and a Director at the TDC Group of Companies, is all smiles as he cuts into the cake to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the business operations by Sagicor in the Federation.

## Sagicor and TDC Celebrate 160 years of Sagicor Service to the Federation

**TDC - Group of Companies has been General Agent for Sagicor in St Kitts and Nevis since 2009**

**Basseterre, St Kitts:** Sagicor celebrated its coveted milestone of 160 years of business operation in St. Kitts and Nevis, and the 12th anniversary of its Strategic Alliance as an Agency with Federation business leader, St. Kitts-Nevis Trading and Development Company Ltd (TDC) on Tuesday 9th March.

It was a day of high spirits and true camaraderie at the well decorated office of the Agency, and in the afternoon, the entire team stopped for a moment of celebration, punctuated with cake cutting, toasts to the occasion and short speeches by Principal Representative Nicolas Menon, Marlene Chin, Assistant Vice-President, Marketing and Donald Austin, Chief Executive Officer, Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc (SLECI).

The team of 19 Sales Representatives, 13 Administrative team members and two Sales Associates is currently led in St Kitts and Nevis by Denrick Connor, Agency Manager and Cleone Moore, Administrative Manager. The Strategic Alliance with TDC is strong with Nicolas Menon as Principal Representative. The team is supported by Sagicor's relevant departments in the Eastern Caribbean and Barbados. This support structure has ensured that the Agency has become the Insurance Company with the leading market share as it relates to Life Insurance business within the Federation.

Donald Austin, Chief Executive Officer for SLECI, called into the celebration via Zoom and said, "I am delighted that I am able to join you via Zoom for this special celebration this afternoon. It



**EPIC TIMES:** The Sagicor team shares a winning moment at Sagicor's Eastern Caribbean Annual Awards ceremony in 2019 in Antigua and Barbuda, where they were adjudged the leading business unit for 2018 across the EC markets.

is a testimony to how technologically driven we have become within this company. We continue to be thankful and grateful for those of your countrymen who have placed their confidence and their finances in our hands from 1861 and to those who continue to do so to this day."

Austin continued, "Currently we are experiencing one of our most successful periods with Nicolas Menon as Principal Representative. Under his astute stewardship, this Agency has been recognized as the leading Business Unit across the entire Eastern Caribbean Region on two occasions - in 2016 and again in 2018. I have no doubt you can do it again. I am especially grateful to you for your commitment to Sagicor's continued success during the past years and as we move forward into the future. This hasn't been an easy time. While your country has benefitted from strict pandemic containment measures having been "locked down" only for an initial period from March to May in 2020, it has certainly not been business as usual."

Mr. Menon, who was also present for the celebration, contributed high praise for the team, saying, "It's has been an absolute pleasure to work with this team for the past 12 years in a spirit of excellence, camaraderie and competition. While TDC's partnership with Sagicor started back in 1988 to 1992 initially, this past 12 years has been noteworthy as we have seen significant Agency growth from 2009 to 2021. We have become well known as a



**GOOD WORK:** Cleone Moore, Administrative Manager and Denrick Connor, Agency Manager for Sagicor's St Kitts and Nevis Agency pause to congratulate each other to mark the 160th year of Sagicor business in the Federation.

great Corporate Citizen in St Kitts and Nevis giving back to the local community by contributing to education, youth development, and sports via significant sponsorships and donations. Most recently, we provided monetary contributions to our Health Care and Frontline Heroes to ensure that they are protected as we battle this deadly pandemic. I look forward to working with this team as we continue to raise the bar of insurance sales, not only in St Kitts and Nevis, but also across the Caribbean."

Sagicor's business in St Kitts and Nevis is administered by TDC which owns the Agency. However, the Agency is part of the Sagicor family via Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc (SLECI) which is headquartered in St Lucia. On January 1st, 1861, Sagicor opened for business in St Kitts and Nevis, the fourth country expanded into following the launch of the Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society in 1840 in Barbados.

# New Research Reveals Top Investment Migration Program Options for HNWIs Seeking Health Security

*For immediate release: London, Tuesday 23 March 2021*

In response to the unprecedented global demand among affluent investors for residence- and citizenship-by-investment programs as a means of overcoming the limitations and risks of being restricted to a single jurisdiction in the wake of Covid-19, Deep Knowledge Analytics and Henley & Partners have partnered to produce the Investment Migration Programs Health Risk Assessment - a unique digital publication featuring systematic analysis, interactive tools, and exclusive insights into how efficiently the countries that offer these programs have performed during the global pandemic and the likelihood of them being oases for longevity in future.

This collaborative effort between Deep Knowledge Analytics, a subsidiary of Deep Knowledge Group that produces advanced analytics to deliver insightful market intelligence and pragmatic forecasting, and Henley & Partners, the global leader in residence and citizenship planning, draws on three sets of data: Deep Knowledge Analytics'™ Covid-19 Regional Safety Assessment and Henley & Partners'™ Global Residence Program Index (GRPI) and Global Citizenship Program Index (GCPI), which are published in Investment Migration Programs 2021.

## Investment Migration countries - Tomorrow's health havens

Considering over 4,000 data points and 140 different parameters, the Investment Migration Programs Health Risk Assessment analyzes and ranks the economic, social, and health stability achieved by 31 countries that host residence- and/or citizenship-by-investment programs as well as the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats or risks that they face in the battle against the global health and economic crisis triggered by Covid-19.

Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, says the report is an invaluable resource for those considering investment migration as a means of creating optimal value and mitigating risk in terms of where they and their families can live, work, study, and invest. "Understandably, the chaos and disruption that has been experienced worldwide over the past year has seen access to health security become a chief concern, and our high-net-worth clientele is no exception in this regard."

Dmitry Kaminskiy, Co-founder and Managing Partner of Deep Knowledge Group, agrees and points out that as the "health as the new wealth" paradigm gains prominence among the global investment community, along with the notion that health, rather than wealth, is the most valuable asset class, we will see the ascendance of regions that promote both individual and institutional migration and relocation on the basis of prioritizing well-being, rather than capital. "Within the next decade, we will witness the tax and wealth preservation havens of today transform into the longevity and HealthTech havens of tomorrow, with citizens, investors, and companies alike choosing to relocate to longevity-progressive regions."

## Canada, New Zealand, Australia - "Islands of immunity"

The results reveal Canada to be the top performing investment migration country in terms of health management and risk readiness, with New Zealand in 2nd position, and Australia narrowly behind in 3rd place. Four European countries are in the top 10, with Switzerland in 4th place, Austria in 5th place, Italy in 9th place, and the UK occupying the 10th spot.

Here are also some interesting surprises in the upper echelons, with the UAE in 6th place, just behind Austria, and ahead of Singapore, which is in 7th place and Hong Kong, which is in 8th position. Turkey and Ireland are hot on the heels of the UK in joint-11th position. Despite being the world's™ most powerful country and one that spends the highest percentage of its GDP on healthcare, the US is ranked just 16th out of the 31 investment migration countries.

## More countries to ramp up health security to attract investors

Dr. Parag Khanna, Founder and Managing Partner of FutureMap, says many countries can learn from the Covid experience and improve their health security while also undertaking other reforms to attract the next wave of investor migrants. "The investment migration program options in the future may well grow rather than recede. Many countries have cleverly amended their visa policies on the fly during the pandemic, allowing tourists to become classified as nomads, nomads to convert into entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurs into residents."

Kevin Burchler, Head of Key Accounts at the Swiss Insurance Partners Medical Family Office, says it is evident that you can no longer rely on access to only one healthcare system - no matter how well developed it might be. "Securing residence through investment migration programs in countries that rank highly when it comes to their government's™ risk management and healthcare readiness is certainly a viable mechanism to improve your access to quality healthcare and therefore enhance your possible longevity."

## Attractive safe harbor options in most regions

North America saw contrasting results between frontrunner, Canada, and its larger neighbor, the US, which disappointed to say the least. Greg Lindsey, Director of Applied Research at NewCities says, "It's no coincidence the first nation to pre-emptively close its border with the US a year ago tops this assessment. True to form, Canada's quiet competency, deference to authority, and historical "garrison mentality" - as seen in five provinces walling themselves off from the rest of the country to great success "... culminated in the best overall score."

In the Caribbean, St. Lucia, Dominica, and St. Kitts and Nevis outshone their small-island neighbors, and according to Lindsey, "While the Caribbean nations on this list trail far behind the healthcare capabilities of much larger competitors, they hold their own from a governance standpoint. From a purely residence- and citizenship-by-investment perspective, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia offer the most post-pandemic value, both having leveraged their island status to mount effective quarantine measures while offering some of the world's most affordable CBI programs."

## Asia Pacific offers some of the healthiest choices

Asia Pacific is a region rich in options for HNWI investors pursuing more secure alternative locations, with New Zealand, Australia, and Singapore top in the region and among the best of all 31 destinations.

Former US Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank and managing director of advisory firm RiverPeak Group, LLC., Curtis S. Chin says, "It is little wonder that entrepreneurs and investors looking to diversify their domiciles have also looked to this most dynamic region of the world. In the short term, borders are largely likely to remain closed, and governments are moving forward with vaccination programs at a slow pace. But the long-term economic opportunity and quality of life of numerous Asia Pacific nations remain key draws."

## Europe retains its strength when it comes to health security

Europe continues to be one of the most sought-after regions when it comes to residence- and citizenship-by-investment programs, and Switzerland and Austria have emerged as the top two investment migration countries in Europe, in 3rd and 4th position overall, respectively. Also in the top 10 are Italy in 9th position, and the UK in 10th place.

Former Global Head of Partnerships for Estonia's e-Residency program, Varun Sharma, who runs a consultancy advising next-gen technology companies says, "As an investor, HNWI or otherwise, diversification of risk and maximization of returns are key, and the onset of the pandemic has indeed highlighted a new dimension determining investor interests: health and wellness. Most European nations boast a strong universal healthcare system and a general inclination towards conserving nature, reducing emissions, eating well, and exercising to maintain wellness. Complemented by the fact that the world's rich are both getting younger and living longer, this resonates with their focus on balanced living, health, spirituality, and mindfulness."

## More attractive Middle East options now available

The range of investment migration options in the Middle East is growing steadily. In 6th place overall, the UAE performed extremely well due having the highest emergency preparedness score of all 31 countries. Turkey is in 11th place and was bolstered by its impressive government efficiency score - the second highest of all the citizenship-by-investment countries.

Regional tensions have been easing in the first few months of 2021, with governments moving towards cautious cooperation. Dr. Robert Mogielnicki, a Resident Scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, says, "Rather than engaging in direct and costly disputes, governments with available resources are jockeying for regional influence in the Covid era. In the UAE, governments at the federal and emirate levels have rolled out several long-term visa schemes and a legal pathway to citizenship in an effort to retain and attract the talented expatriates needed for robust economic growth."

## Pathways to greater health security and longevity

Looking to the future, Kaminsky says, "We can expect to see a 'new normal' of small, technocratic nations that selectively promote both personal and institutional citizenship to individuals, companies, and investors committed to advancing longevity-related technologies in exchange for access to some of the world's most sophisticated and progressive healthcare, life insurance, MedTech, HealthTech, Longevity FinTech, AgeTech, and WealthTech ecosystems."

Dr. Steffen concludes, "Participating in a residence- and citizenship-by-investment programs can be seen as an investment in physical and financial longevity - one that can provide a safe passage to health security in an alternative location should the need arise. By investing in a suite of programs, investors and their families are also automatically endowed with an extended range of options for themselves and their families, including healthcare."

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# Trade Unions in Transition:

*Interview with Maria Helena Andre (TU)*



Maria Helena ANDRE,  
Director of the ILO's  
Bureau for Workers'  
Activities (ACTRAV)

ACTRAV INFO: COVID-19 is continuing to spread around the world: these are challenging times for workers and workers' organizations, aren't they?

Yes, indeed. The world is facing the biggest challenge of our generation. We do not have a road map to deal with the pandemic. It should come as no surprise that the world of work is profoundly affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. We have observed deep changes in the ways in which work is organized in the different sectors, the total closure of many activities, the rise in unemployment, as well as many support measures from governments to maintain certain levels of economic activity and support the livelihoods of workers and their families. We have seen a failure to respect workers' rights, and accordingly an impact on the capacity of workers' organizations to continue serving their members.

Needless to say, the impact for workers has been, and continues to be enormous. I invite you to consult the ILO Monitor, which provides estimates of job losses in different regions, sectors, etc. We know now that all workers worldwide are impacted by the COVID-

19 crisis. However, depending on where you are, in which sector you work or your type of employment relationship, you may face different impacts of the crisis. The crisis has also exposed and aggravated existing inequalities and vulnerabilities. Think of the working conditions of frontline workers or workers in the informal economy, with their lack of labour and social protection.

The pandemic is affecting not only workers, but also workers' organizations. Trade unions worldwide have done, and are continuing to do important work throughout the pandemic in supporting their members and the population at large. At the beginning of the year, ACTRAV launched A Global Trend Analysis on the Role of Trade Unions in Times of COVID-19: A Summary of Key Findings, which documents the multiple roles played by trade unions around the world during the pandemic. The study shows that trade unions have been actively involved in policy-making through social dialogue to influence policy decisions, such as employment retention schemes, wage subsidies and the extension of social protection to the most vulnerable workers. Trade unions have also been at the forefront of negotiations with employers to mitigate the adverse impacts of the crisis, ranging from occupational safety and health (OSH) measures to teleworking. Furthermore, during the pandemic, trade unions have developed innovative strategies to continue representing and serving workers, for

instance through the use of social media, campaigning and strike action by frontline workers, as well as online counselling and legal services.

However, the crisis is also seriously affecting the core functions of trade unions, which raises important questions: How is COVID-19 affecting the capacity of trade unions to influence policy-making and engage in inclusive and effective social dialogue? What capacities do trade unions have to be the voice of ALL workers? And to what extent have people relied on trade unions during the crisis to improve labour and social protection?

**ACTRAV INFO:** This brings us to the next question, which relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, but goes beyond it. How are trade unions affected by, and how are they responding to, a world of work that is changing at an ever-increasing pace?

I am sure that I am not wrong to say that the world is undergoing a series of transitions! The transition from youth to old age. The transition from the informal to the formal economy. The transition from an analogue to a digital world. Environmental transition. The transition from a normal work situation to lockdowns and teleworking.

Now, the big question is: how are these transitions evolving to become a new, uncertain and unpredictable normal? Another question is: how are these transitions affecting the world of work, and the future of trade unions?

In effect, asking these questions allows trade union leaders to reflect on what these transitions mean for their organizations. It is important to understand the implications of the transitions for the members, all members, in their diversity. Trade unions need to know the significance of these transitions for their organizational operation. They may also wish to examine themselves, and ask what needs to change for the transition to be appropriate, meaningful, fit for purpose and in line with trade union mandates, values, principles and action to improve the life of workers around the world.

ACTRAV is addressing these questions in its work on Trade Unions in Transition. Have a look at our website, where there are various materials. The report Trade Unions in the Balance provides a "state-of-the-union" of workers' organizations worldwide, looking at the evolution in union membership, the main challenges faced by trade unions and possible ways forward. A recent edition of the International Journal of Labour Research on The Future of Work: Trade Unions in Transformation examines the fundamental changes in the world of work and the key transformations that these changes may entail for trade unions.

ACTRAV INFO: Could you further elaborate on what exactly ACTRAV's work on Trade Unions in Transition entails?

Sure. The ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work, which was adopted by the International Labour Conference in 2019, identifies four main drivers that impact the world of work. These are globalization and demographic, environmental and technological change. Needless to say, these drivers are affecting the labour markets of today and tomorrow, and consequently the future of trade unions around the world: the potential to organize and serve workers, and to speak with one voice and participate in inclusive and effective social dialogue.

It is in this light that ACTRAV has developed a work programme on Trade Unions in Transition around the following four main pillars:

a) First, trade union representation and services, that is the capacity of trade unions to address concerns about declining trade union membership and the

encouragement of innovative and promising practices to organize, represent and serve members;

b) Second, trade union consolidation, that is, addressing the great diversity and even divisions between trade union organizations so that they can act and speak with a single voice on matters that are fundamental for workers;

c) the internal governance of trade unions, including democratic deficits, women's participation in management, representation of young workers and communication strategies; and, finally

d) inclusive and effective social dialogue on the issues of today and tomorrow.

The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda for instance, is an important platform for trade unions to engage in social dialogue on broader socio-economic and sustainable development issues that affect workers globally.

In the various online seminars that we have organized in recent months in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe, discussing these topics with national, regional and global trade union leaders, we have seen a lot of interest in discussing, and a willingness to act on these big questions.

ACTRAV INFO: Now, based on your years of experience working with trade unions all over the world, what should we expect for, and from, trade unions?

In our ongoing work, and building on the analysis of Prof. Visser, we are exploring four scenarios for trade unions. These are:

\* first, the marginalization of trade unions, characterized by decreasing rates of unionization and ageing unions;

\* secondly, dualization, or the tendency for trade unions to defend themselves where they are traditionally strong, that is workers in a stable employment relationship, in big companies, the public sector, etc.;

\* third, replacement, where trade unions are in competition with other actors, such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), employers (for instance through direct employee participation in the company) and other intermediary agencies, such as lawyers when dealing with labour disputes; and

\* finally, revitalization, understood as innovating tactics and coalitions to reinforce trade unions as strong, relevant, democratic and representative actors in organizing and serving the 'new unstable workforce' in the Global North and South.

Clearly, the preferred option is revitalization and, while recognizing multiple challenges, trade unions have been taking action and there are many cases in which trade unions have been organizing and serving emerging or traditionally under-represented groups of workers.

In Jordan, for instance, trade unions are involved in facilitating access by Syrian refugees to the formal labour market. In Uzbekistan, trade unions are organizing seasonal workers, for instance by allowing temporary dual union membership. Danish trade unions have signed a collective agreement with a digital labour platform on matters such as the transition from freelance to employment status, insurance coverage and dispute resolution. The Australian trade union movement is organizing and serving young workers, for instance through one-stop-shop Young Workers' Centres (YWC's). Moreover, trade unions are increasingly involved in new policy debates on a just transition, LGBTI rights, data protection, the right to disconnect, fair taxation, violence and harassment at work and the gender pay gap, to name but a few. Unions are exploring innovative tactics and alliances,

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## Study Shows Stronger Brain Activity After Writing On Paper Than On Tablet Or Smartphone

Unique, complex information in analog methods likely gives brain more details to trigger memory.

Summary: A study of university students and recent graduates has revealed that writing on physical paper can lead to more brain activity when remembering the information an hour later. Researchers say that the unique, complex, spatial and tactile information associated with writing by hand on physical paper is likely what leads to improved memory.

A study of Japanese university students and recent graduates has revealed that writing on physical paper can lead to more brain activity when remembering the information an hour later. Researchers say that the unique, complex, spatial and tactile information associated with writing by hand on physical paper is likely what leads to improved memory.

“Actually, paper is more advanced and useful compared to electronic documents because paper contains more one-of-a-kind information for stronger memory recall,” said Professor Kuniyoshi L Sakai, a neuroscientist at The University of Tokyo and corresponding author of the research recently published in *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*. The research was completed with collaborators from the NTT Data Institute of Management Consulting.

Contrary to the popular belief that digital tools increase efficiency, volunteers who used paper completed the note-taking task about 25% faster than those who used digital tablets or smartphones.

Although volunteers wrote by hand both with pen and paper or stylus and digital tablet, researchers say paper notebooks contain more complex spatial information than digital paper. Physical paper allows for tangible permanence, irregular strokes, and uneven shape, like folded corners. In contrast, digital paper is uniform, has no fixed position when scrolling, and disappears when you close the app.

“Our take-home message is to use paper notebooks for information we need to learn or memorize,” said Sakai.

In the study, a total of 48 volunteers read a fictional conversation between characters discussing their plans for two months in the near future, including 14 different class times, assignment due dates and personal appointments. Researchers performed pre-

test analyses to ensure that the volunteers, all 18-29 years old and recruited from university campuses or NTT offices, were equally sorted into three groups based on memory skills, personal preference for digital or analog methods, gender, age and other aspects.

Volunteers then recorded the fictional schedule using a paper datebook and pen, a calendar app on a digital tablet and a stylus, or a calendar app on a large smartphone and a touch-screen keyboard. There was no time limit and volunteers were asked to record the fictional events in the same way as they would for their real-life schedules, without spending extra time to memorize the schedule.

After one hour, including a break and an interference task to distract them from thinking about the calendar, volunteers answered a range of simple (When is the assignment due?) and complex (Which is the earlier due date for the assignments?) multiple choice questions to test their memory of the schedule.

While they completed the test, volunteers were inside a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, which measures blood flow around the brain. This is a technique called functional MRI (fMRI), and increased blood flow observed in a specific region of the brain is a sign of increased neuronal activity in that area.

Participants who used a paper datebook filled in the calendar within about 11 minutes. Tablet users took 14

minutes and smartphone users took about 16 minutes. Volunteers who used analog methods in their personal life were just as slow at using the devices as volunteers who regularly use digital tools, so researchers are confident that the difference in speed was related to memorization or associated encoding in the brain, not just differences in the habitual use of the tools.

Volunteers who used analog methods scored better than other volunteers only on simple test questions. However, researchers say that the brain activation data revealed significant differences.

Volunteers who used paper had more brain activity in areas associated with language, imaginary visualization, and in the hippocampus - an area known to be important for memory and navigation. Researchers say that the activation of the hippocampus indicates that analog methods contain richer spatial details that can be recalled and navigated in the mind’s eye.

“Digital tools have uniform scrolling up and down and standardized arrangement of text and picture size, like on a webpage. But if you remember a physical textbook printed on paper, you can close your eyes and visualize the photo one-third of the way down on the left-side page, as well as the notes you added in the bottom margin,” Sakai explained.

Researchers say that personalizing digital documents by highlighting, underlining, circling, drawing arrows, handwriting color-coded notes in the margins, adding virtual sticky notes, or other types of unique mark-ups can mimic analog-style spatial enrichment that may enhance memory.

Although they have no data from younger volunteers, researchers suspect that the difference in brain activation between analog and digital methods is likely to be stronger in younger people.

“High school students’ brains are still developing and are so much more sensitive than adult brains,” said Sakai.

Although the current research focused on learning and memorization, the researchers encourage using paper for creative pursuits as well.

“It is reasonable that one’s creativity will likely become more fruitful if prior knowledge is stored with stronger learning and more precisely retrieved from memory. For art, composing music, or other creative works, I would emphasize the use of paper instead of digital methods,” said Sakai.

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## Trade Unions in Transition:

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using social media and mobilizing around international campaigns. Various trade unions around the world have organized digital strikes or picket lines by drivers in the gig economy, or are targeting young workers through virtual organizing and social media, including the use of podcasts or TikTok.

Thus, while the challenges are growing for labour movements to remain an integral voice for social justice, we are seeing encouraging signs that many trade unions around the world are adapting to the changing world of work. Whether this will occur as effectively and quickly as is required remains to be seen. What is clear, however, is that if there is to be an inclusive recovery that leaves no one behind, unions need to confront the major challenges in our labour markets and play a central role in building forward better and advancing labour and social agendas, particularly now in times of COVID-19.

ACTRAV INFO: This brings us to our final question. What’s next?

The current context is compelling workers’ organizations to take stock of the risks and opportunities brought about by the multiple changes in the world of work, which include the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and to consider possible scenarios for progressive change.

To this end, ACTRAV is undertaking research on how COVID-19 is affecting the core functions of trade unions, that is, their capacity to organize, represent and service all workers.

Together with the International Training Centre, a virtual training programme is being developed to support trade union leadership at the sub-regional, regional and inter-regional levels, around the

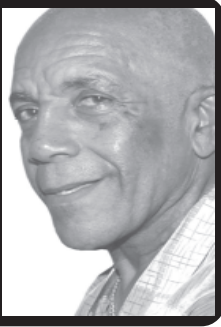
following pillars:

- \* assessing particular key transitions and sustainability challenges faced by trade unions;
- \* analysing in-depth the four possible scenarios outlined above;
- \* based on the experiences of trade union leaders, discussing best practices for trade union revitalization;
- \* learning from trade union responses in times of COVID-19, with a particular focus on successful practices through which trade unions have shown resilience and are at the forefront of shaping policy responses to COVID-19 through effective and inclusive collective bargaining and social dialogue; and, finally
- \* using foresight or scenario thinking to help trade unions deal with uncertainty, anticipate change, explore possible futures and enable transformative action.

In conclusion, this is not the first crisis and it won’t be the last. Trade unions have shown resilience over the years, and I believe that trade unions have the capacity to continue adapting to changes in the world of work and in society overall. They have to continue playing a central role in building forward better and advancing inclusive human development and active citizenship, as well as in strengthening democracy and promoting social justice.

Source: ILO ACTRAV

# DR. KENNEDY ALPHONSE SIMMONDS, DR. DENZIL LLEWELLYN DOUGLAS, DR. TIMOTHY SYLVESTER HARRIS, PRIME MINISTERS: PART (21)



BY: EARLE CLARKE

*"Hatred is a cancer, which does more harm to the person in whom it is stored, than upon the person on whom it is poured. Anyone who is invested, infected, affected, inflicted with this dreaded cancer, cannot survive for long, because it eats away at their insides causing them to suffer excruciating pains, especially if the person whom they hate, is around and can be observed daily."*

-Kennedy Earle Clarke:

**Dear Reader**, let me quote Matthew Gospel 5:44 which says, "Love your enemies, bless them who curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you." What the Scripture is admonishing us to do, is to rise above the yard fowl mentality and always SOAR LIKE EAGLES. Never ever attempt to go down to other people's level, for you become one of them, but continue to rise; for, when you SOAR HIGH, they have to gaze up at you in admiration. The atmosphere in our Federation today, is saturated (filled) with HATRED for one man - Dr. Douglas who rescued our country in 1995. when it was labelled "DEVIL'S ISLAND" under the Administration of our First Living National Hero, Sir Kennedy Alphonse Simmonds.

It was Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, who erased that smear, that streak, that smudge that splotch, that stain which was damaging the GOOD NAME and REPUTATION of our beloved country internationally, transforming it from Devil's Island to the 7th MOST SOUGHT AFTER DESTINATION IN THE WORLD! What a tremendous transformation in so short a time? How can we conveniently forget our history so soon and find it so easy to glorify an ingrate to the point that we Elected him to lead our beautiful land? How can we denigrate (belittle) a man who has done so much for the country, and uplift a man who just wants to fulfill his own personal ambition and to do whatever it takes, and to join with whomever it takes to fulfill that personal ambition?

Here was a man who wronged a Minister of the cloth whilst Minister of in the LABOUR Administration, turning around, after betraying that same Administration to venture forth on his own to fulfill that personal ambition, sought out that Minister of the cloth to beg forgiveness for the sins he committed against him and, to express his remorse, awarded that man of the cloth with a title from the Queen of England, which the Minister of the cloth accepted. Such a traitor to the Labour Party was able to convince pastors of the various churches to close down the Basseterre High School, citing all kind of diseases affecting teachers and students, but six years after abandoning the School, no new one has been erected and do you know why?

The area on which the temporary Basseterre High School is erected, is believed to be owned by a familiaay member who is collecting rent for the time the School rests on their land. Is there some kind of magic wand that this treacherous Leader is waving which has the populace hypnotized and mesmerized so that they are unaware of what is really and truly taking place right under their noses? Firstly, by getting professionals to join with him in his dastardly (wicked, cruel, ungodly) act of treating infections and afflictions suffered at the School, convincing parents that something is definitely, adversely wrong with the school, luring the Teachers

Union to join forces in closing the School because of the adverse effects suffered by staff and pupils?

All these claims against the recommendations of reputable organizations like NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) and CARIRI (Caribbean Industrial Research Institute) both of which advised that nothing is wrong with the School that a little soap and water cannot rectify. Despite these assurances from these highly reputable Institutions, the Medical Doctor continued to issue certificates, claiming that something is totally wrong with the School. When the Government changed and the School was relocated, using some of the buildings of the contaminated Basseterre High School on the site, all those who were deeply involved in the scandal were d u l y rewarded.

Those who did not become Ambassadors, were transferred as a means of promotion and the Teachers Union folded up completely, after its mission (the closure of the School and the change of Government) had been accomplished. It was very disheartening to witness the superlative degree of involvement of the Christian

Council and the Evangelical Association in all this charade (farce, sham, fake, false display) of Christianity. 2 Corinthians 5:17 which says, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Behold old things are passed away and everything hath become new," was rejected, was ignored, was cast aside.

There was nothing new about these new wine in old bottles, who had completely rejected 2 Corinthians, 5:17! The Ladies in white, a Christian offshoot in the battle to close the School and the change of Government, participated with hatred in their hearts for Dr. Denzil Douglas and anything LABOUR, as they wended their way to Government Headquarters every day, heavily armed with their Bibles which they read upside down, seeking to invoke the God of LOVE, PEACE, JUSTICE, FAIR PLAY to rain down His vengeful wrath upon the country, to force Dr. Douglas to give up power to Dr Timothy Sylvester Harris.

The Elections of 2015 witnessed the treacherous nature of their leaders, who rejoiced at all the killings taking place in the Federation, and all these killings compelled to take place because (1) that was what the Christian ladies in white were reading their Bibles upside down and praying and hoping and wishing for. (2) All that hatred generated by Harris and his cohorts (supporters or companions), towards Dr. Douglas, saturated (thoroughly soaked) the atmosphere with hatred against each gang, instead of generating LOVE which combines one to the other. How could you deem yourself a Leader, how could anyone pick up your Leadership skills as a Leader?

Is their no cause for alarm in your soul for the lost lives of your young generation? How can you an aspiring Leader of a country refuse to lend a helping hand in the solution of these wanton killings of your young people? This was not a Douglas or a LABOUR thing, this was "AN ALL OF US THING" for, as a resident of the Federation, a stray bullet could unintentionally hit you. In case of A NATIONAL CRISIS, "ALL HANDS SHOULD BE ON DECK!"

**UNTIL NEXT WEEK!!!**

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In the Estate of ABIGAIL TAYLOR, late of Basseterre in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased.

and

In the Matter of the Administration of Small Estates Act, Cap.5.02 of the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DAVID HERBERT PRYCE of #113 Buckley's Extension in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis for Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 without revoking a Will executed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 wherein the applicant is named as the sole Executor and Trustee.

Any person having an objection to the application for Grant of Probate of the said Will shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

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

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# Torch Relay For Tokyo Olympics Kicks Off Its 121-Day Journey

- By Stephen Wade

The torch relay for the postponed Tokyo Olympics began its 121-day journey across Japan on Thursday and is headed toward the opening ceremony in Tokyo on July 23.



*Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay Grand Start torchbearer 'Nadeshiko Japan', Japan's women's national football team, as they led the relay in Naraha, Fukushima Prefecture, in northeastern Japan on Thursday 25 March 2021. Photo credit: Kim Kyung-Hoon (Pool photo via AP).*

TOKYO (AP) - The torch relay for the postponed Tokyo Olympics began its 121-day journey across Japan on Thursday, and is headed toward the opening ceremony in Tokyo on 23 July.

The relay began in northeastern Fukushima prefecture, the area that was devastated by the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors. About 18,000 died in the tragedy.

The first runner with the torch was Azusa Iwashimizu, a key

player in the Japan team that won the Women's World Cup in 2011.

Decked out in a white track suit, she carried the torch out of the J-Village indoor football training center and was surrounded by 14 other members of the team, with coach Norio Sasaki at the rear. They were also decked out in white track suits.

The ceremony was closed to the public because of the fear of spreading COVID-19, but was streamed live.

"The torch of Tokyo 2020 will become a bright light for hope for Japanese citizens and citizens in the world and a light at the end of the tunnel," said Seiko Hashimoto, the president of the local organizing committee, and a former Olympian herself.

Homare Sawa, the biggest star on the 2011 team, missed the ceremony. She is being treated for a condition affecting her inner ear and had to withdraw from the event.

Local organizers and the International Olympic Committee hope the relay will turn public opinion in Japan in favor of the Olympics. Sentiments expressed in polls in Japan so far are overwhelmingly negative, with about 80% suggesting another

delay or cancellation.

The relay and the Olympics both stir fear that the events could spread the virus.

There is also opposition to the soaring cost of staging the Olympics, now put officially at \$15.4 billion. Several audits suggest it's twice that much, and a University of Oxford study says these are the most expensive Olympics on record.

Fans were told to social-distance along the roadside as the torch passes, and to refrain from loud cheering. Organizers have said they will stop or reroute the relay if crowding becomes a problem during the four-month parade.

The relay is a big test for the upcoming Olympics with fear among the public that the event could spread the virus to rural and more isolated parts of the country. Vaccinations have not been rolled out yet in Japan to the general public. About 9,000 deaths in the country have been attributed to COVID-19.

About 10,000 runners are expected to take part, with the relay touching Japan's 47 prefectures.

After the postponement a year ago, there was early talk of eliminating the relay to save money. However, that idea was quickly dropped with the relay heavily sponsored by Coca-Cola and Toyota.

The relay is a prelude to the difficulties the Olympics and Paralympics will present with 15,400 athletes entering Japan, along with thousands of other officials, judges, VIPs, media, and broadcasters.

Athletes will be kept in a "bubble" like atmosphere in Tokyo and will be limited to the Athletes Village on Tokyo Bay, the competition venues and training areas. Most others will be outside the bubble and will be kept at a distance from the athletes.

Organizers announced a few days ago that fans from abroad will be banned from attending the Olympics and Paralympics. Most volunteers from abroad have also been ruled out.

Organizers are to announce the venue capacities in April.

Ticket revenue for the Olympics was to be \$800 million but will be severely reduced by the lack of fans. Japanese government entities will have to make up the shortfall.

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## Green Leafy Vegetables Essential For Muscle Strength



*Just one cup of leafy green vegetables every day could boost muscle function. Photo credit: Louis Hansel (@shotsoflouis on Unsplash).*

Eating just one cup of leafy green vegetables every day could boost muscle function, according to new Edith Cowan University (ECU) research.

The study, published today (24 March 2021) in the Journal of Nutrition, found that people who consumed a nitrate-rich diet, predominantly from vegetables, had significantly better muscle function of their lower limb.

Poor muscle function is linked to greater risk of falls and fractures and is considered a key indicator of general health and

wellbeing.

Researchers examined data from 3,759 Australians taking part in Melbourne's Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute AusDiab study over a 12-year period. They found those with the highest regular nitrate consumption had 11 percent stronger lower limb strength than those with the lowest nitrate intake. Up to 4 percent (4%) faster walking speeds were also recorded.

Lead researcher Dr Marc Sim from ECU's Institute for Nutrition Research said the findings reveal important evidence for the role diet plays in overall health.

"Our study has shown that diets high in nitrate-rich vegetables may bolster your muscle strength independently of any physical activity", he said.

"Nevertheless, to optimize muscle function we propose that a balanced diet rich in green leafy vegetables in combination with regular exercise, including weight training, is ideal."

Muscle function is vital for

maintaining good overall health, especially bone strength later in life.

"With around one in three Australians aged over 65 suffering a fall each year, it's important to find ways of preventing these events and their potentially serious consequences," said Dr Sim.

### Go for green

While leafy greens may be some of our least favorite vegetables, they could be the most important, according to Dr Sim.

The research found nitrate-rich vegetables, such as lettuce, spinach, kale and even beetroot, provided the greatest health benefits.

"Less than one in ten Australians eat the recommended five to six serves of vegetables per day," Dr Sim said.

"We should be eating a variety of vegetables every day, with at least one of those serves being leafy greens to gain a range of positive health benefits for the musculoskeletal and cardiovascular system."

"It's also better to eat nitrate-rich vegetables as part of a healthy diet rather than taking supplements. Green leafy vegetables provide a whole range of essential vitamins and minerals critical for health."

### Building knowledge

The study, a collaboration with Deakin University's Institute of Physical Activity and Nutrition and the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, builds on Dr Sim's previous research into nitrate and muscle function in older women.

It also adds to growing evidence linking vegetables with cardiovascular health, including a recent ECU study into

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# CWI and ECB announce expanded England Men's Tour of the West Indies in 2022

Wednesday, 24 March 2021 - ST JOHN'S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) today announced the scheduled match dates for England's next tour of the Caribbean in 2022. It represents an expanded schedule to the original International Cricket Council's (ICC) Future Tours Programme (FTP).

The January 2022 Tour will now feature five T20 Internationals (T20Is) - increased from three matches - to be followed by England returning to the Caribbean for three Test matches in March - increased from the original two Test matches.

The Test series will be the first in which the two teams compete for the newly commissioned "Richards-Botham Trophy," named in honour of West Indies' batting icon Sir Vivian Richards and England's great all-rounder Lord Botham. The new trophy pays tribute to the two legends whose rivalry and friendship embodies the close relationship and mutual respect between the two sides.

The T20I Series will be the biggest Series to date between the two teams in the shortest form of the game and will be part of the preparations building up to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia in October 2022.

Ricky Skerritt, CWI President said: "This expansion of next year's England tour to the Caribbean is welcomed news for West Indies Cricket and for the region's tourism economy. It has come about because of the special relationship that has been developed between our respective boards and we are looking forward to working with ECB Chair Ian Watmore, and CEO Tom Harrison, to expand our partnership even further into new areas of cooperation and support. We have already begun discussions on how the ECB can help us in our development programs and I am pleased that ECB has been showing so much appetite and goodwill to assist."

Johnny Grave CWI CEO said: "We are delighted that the ECB have agreed to increase the number of matches in their tour to Caribbean next year. An England Tour to the West Indies is a special event, so by adding a third Test match and two T20Is to the original schedule it will enable more fans to watch the teams do battle and afford more of our countries the opportunity to host matches."

Ian Watmore, Chair, England and Wales Cricket Board said: "We hugely appreciated the support of Cricket West Indies, and all its men's and women's players, in helping us host a full season of international cricket in the summer of 2020. Following the conclusion of those tours to England we have been in discussions with CWI to understand how we can best support them moving forward and one way was to extend our existing England men's tours to the Caribbean in 2022."

Tom Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, England and Wales Cricket Board said:

"A tour to the Caribbean is one of the most iconic for both England players and fans alike. So, we are delighted to confirm that our England men's

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cruciferous vegetables and blood vessel health.

Dr Sim said the next step of his research will be exploring strategies to increase leafy green vegetable consumption in the general population.

"We are currently recruiting for the MODEL Study, which examines how knowledge of disease can be used to prompt people in making long-term

improvements to their diet and exercise," said Dr Sim.

More information: Marc Sim et al, Dietary Nitrate Intake Is Positively Associated with Muscle Function in Men and Women Independent of Physical Activity Levels, The Journal of Nutrition (2020). DOI: 10.1093/jn/nxaa415

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England vs West Indies in 2020 (Getty Images)

team will play two additional IT20s and one more Test Match as part of their planned tours in January and March respectively.

"The three Test Match series will form part of the next ICC World Test Championship, whilst the additional IT20s will provide our England men's team with valuable preparation ahead of the ICC World T20, which takes place in Australia later that year."

The venues for the matches are expected to be announced by the end of April.

West Indies and England restarted the international cricket schedule following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic when West Indies toured England in July 2020. The teams played a three-match ICC World Test Championship Series in a bio-secure bubble at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton and Emirates Old Trafford in Manchester.

#### MATCH SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, January 28:</b>	<b>1st T20 International</b>
<b>Sunday, January 30:</b>	<b>2nd T20 International</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 2:</b>	<b>3rd T20 International</b>
<b>Friday, February 4:</b>	<b>4th T20 International</b>
<b>Saturday, February 5:</b>	<b>5th T20 International</b>

<b>Tuesday, March 1 to Friday, March 4:</b>	<b>Warm-up Match</b>
<b>Tuesday, Mar 8 to Saturday, March 12:</b>	<b>1st Test Match</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 16 to Saturday, March 20:</b>	<b>2nd Test Match</b>
<b>Thursday, March 24 to Monday, March 28:</b>	<b>3rd Test Match</b>

#### LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Jamesy Greenaway now residing in the **George Street, New Town** in the town of **Basseterre**, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd day of July, 2021** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **North Independence Square Street** in **Basseterre** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this  
**16th day of March, 2021.**

Signed: **Jamesy Greenaway**

#### LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, **Fabiola Lewis Bassue** now residing in the village of **Upper College Street** in the town of **Basseterre**, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **01st day of April, 2021** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Upper College Street, Basseterre** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this  
**24th day of March, 2021.**

Signed: **J.L. Bassue**

#### LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, **Romaine Belgrove** now residing in **#95 A Agnes Skerritt Street** in the village of **St. Peters**, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **01st day of April, 2021** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **#95 A Agnes Skerritt Street** in **News Road, St. Peters** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this  
**22nd day of March, 2021.**

Signed: **Romaine Belgrove**

# VEXED, VAXXED AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

If, according to Timothy, we are way ahead of everybody else in the Caribbean in our rollout of the vaccine, how then can Lindsay expect us to believe that the cruise ships are going to Antigua, Barbados, the Bahamas, Bermuda and every where else and not coming to SKN because we, in the federation, are not at 70% herd immunity?

Cruise ships should be lining up to get a piece of SKN action if they are choosing Caribbean islands to visit based on the percentage of people vaccinated. They should be using us as the model for others to follow of how to rollout the vaccine. We should have been at the top of the list of all the itineraries of all the cruise ships of the world.

So who is lying? Timothy? Lindsay? Or both of them?

It has to be that the cruise lines, in looking to get their ships back in the water, heard and examined all the noise that was being made in our federation. After careful and thorough scrutiny, they came to the only conclusion of any sensible person. "Is pure lie dem a tell".

The cruise lines obviously recognized that the CMO saying one thing. Prime Minister saying another thing. Minister of Tourism saying another something. Then when they learnt from the award-winning journalist that not even the X-ray machine was working, the decision was concretised.

The cruise lines reasoned that if the X-ray machine, the most basic of equipment in any hospital in the world was not working, and not even aspirin available in the pharmacy, then it's not ventilators and any other sophisticated pieces of medical equipment needed in a COVID-19 emergency that will be in the hospital. They also realized that all the rollout boasts were empty and they decided that they would not rush into the unknown just yet.

So now a certain set of people have determined that by will or by force SKN neagga will get vaccinated. We are being told that there will be no Carnival, real or virtual. The economy will remain in neutral. The cruise ships will not come. The jets will not come. And our employers are being encouraged to fire us if we don't take the job.

These certain set of people are vexed that we prefer to have unprotected sex with strangers and eat chicken fried in old oil than to get vaccinated. Since they have taken their case to social media, it has to be that there is something in the law books or in the Constitution that gives certain people rights over a certain set of people's vaginas and penises and over their consumption of greasy chicken.

Instead of being vexed with us, they should ask Timothy to explain how it is possible to have the best vaccine rollout in the world and people are not rushing to be vaxxed. Those two things don't go together. They should ask Timothy for an explanation ASAP because something is very wrong with this picture.

Now they want to chastise the good people of the federation for questioning the science and the scientists. When NIOSH which is an arm of CDC said that the BHS was safe, Unity preferred to 'err on the side of caution'. They prefer and still plan to build a school on an aquifer and they prefer to risk contaminating the country's main drinking water supply than to take on the CDC. Such is their distrust of the science and the scientists. If people not taking on the science and the scientists, nobody can fault them. It's Unity who showed them the way.

But I am not worried. I am comforted in the knowledge that "traffic lights coming. All our problems will soon be solved."



By Vigilante

\* Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty still wex wid de country bus driver. Dey say dat is nутten he ask for dat he ain't get. So Humpty Dumpty done plan to deal wid him when he bring een he next set a spare part.

\* Dey say is over a million dollars more done spend to try fix de bus station and nobody carn see where de money gone.

\* Prince Charles say dat all who talking ain't know dat is he whole entire family dat use to be up all night planning how to shut dung de ting. And is through dey shut dung de ting what mek all who talking now did get dey big wuk.

\* Dey say is big money barking to go tek de ting. Dey say is almost like de 2020 election. And dey say dat Humpty Dumpty got a big black book dat he writing dung what he promise to give to people when dey done tek de ting.

\* One lady on de Facebook get so much wud dat she lap she tail and ain't park back. A next one come back wid de same story but in a roundabout way. And de next one had was to go look for she other half because is he she was talking bout wid de sex.

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# Sugar Boyz Kick Off Impressive Start to World Cup Qualifiers

By:Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 26th March 2021): The Sugar Boyz are off to an impressive start in their first game against the Puerto Rico at the Panamerican Stadium in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Our local boys played to a successful finish, beating the Puerto Ricans 1 goal to nil at the end of play.

St. Kitts-Nevis took to the field with goalkeeper Julani Archibald (#18), Gerard Williams (#3), Lois Maynard (#6), Andre Burley (#5), Ordell Flemming (#2), Yohannes Mitchum (#8), Captain Raheem Somersall (#14), Vinceroy Nelson (#7), Kimaree Rogers (#11), Omari Sterling-James (#10), and Rowan Liburd (#21) as openers. Substitutions made in the 60th and 65th minutes saw Theo Wharton (#4), Tishan Hanley (#17), and Keithroy Freeman (#16) bolster the Sugar Boyz attack.

Vinceroy Nelson's lone goal towards the end of the first half proved to be enough to secure a win in San Cristobal.

The Sugar Boyz now have four wins in 11 World Cup qualifying matches.

Wednesday's encounter was St. Kitts and Nevis' fourth win against Puerto Rico in their last five matches in all forms of the game.

Other games played in the CONCACAF grouping see Guatemala defeat Cuba 1- nil; the Dominican Republic also defeat Dominica 1- nil; Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat draw with two goals each; and Suriname dominate the Cayman Islands with a final score of 3 - nil.

The Sugar Boyz will face the Bahamas in their next qualifier game which is scheduled for Saturday 27th March 2021.



Footballers of the Sugar Boyz squad in warm-up session mode in the Dominican Republic

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