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Opposition Leader Dr. Denzil Douglas



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Editorial

Women Advancing On The International Scene

This year Commonwealth Day and International Women's Day were observed and commemorated on the same day, namely Monday 8 March. It was noted that the incumbent Secretary General (SG), Baroness Patricia Scotland, QC of Dominica and The UK, is the first woman to hold that office.

Another notable first for women was the assumption of office on 1 March 2021 of Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria, as Director General (DG) of The World Trade Organisation (WTO). She is both the first woman and the first African to hold that post.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is an African princess, having been born to a royal family on 13 June, 1954. Her father, Dr. Chukwuka Okonjo, is the king (Obi) of the Obahai Royal family of Ogwashi-Ukwu in Delta State. Both he and her mother, Dr. Kamene Okonjo, were professors at The University of Ibadan.

After attending secondary schools in Ibadan, Ngozi studied at Harvard University, from which she graduated with an AB (Bachelor of Arts) honours degree in Economics in 1977. She then studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for her PhD, which is in Regional Economics and Development. She is married to Dr. Ikemba Iweala, a retired neurosurgeon and emergency physician, with whom she has our children.

Over the years she developed a phenomenal record of service and accomplishments as an economist, an entrepreneur, a public servant, and as an author.

She was the first female Finance Minister of Nigeria, under Presidents Olusegun Obasanjo and Goodluck Jonathan, and first female Foreign Affairs Minister in Nigeria.

During her time as a Minister of Finance she spearheaded negotiations with the Paris Club of creditors that led to the forgiveness of thirty billion US dollars worth (US\$30billion) of Nigerian's debt, and initiated processes that helped improve Nigeria's macroeconomic management, especially the reduction of volatility in the macroeconomic sphere. Her initiatives also tackled very serious corruption to such an extent that it restored domestic, regional and international faith in Nigeria, thereby attracting massive amounts of new investment and the large scale creation of new jobs, especially for Nigeria's youths.

She spent twenty-five (25) years working at the World Bank and, in 2012, became the first female and black candidate to contest for presidency of World Bank Group. She was unsuccessful in that bid, losing the race to Jim Yong Kim of South Korea, but has had a distinguished and productive tenure as



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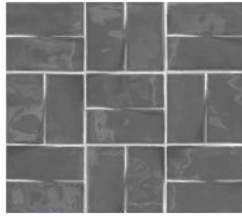
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In 2020 her bid to become DG of The WTO she was outstandingly successful in leveraging her 2012 experience to achieve positive global consensus, except for that of then US President Donald Trump, who preferred Yoo Myung Hee, South Korea's Trade Minister. The appointment is usually made by consensus, even though it is not required.

In December Dr Okonjo-Iweala was named the Forbes African of the Year 2020, and in January 2021 the new administration of US President Joseph Biden signalled its full support for her appointment as WTO DG.

Thus it was that on 15 February 2021 the WTO issued a new statement, announcing that "The 164 members and 24 observer governments of WTO elected Okonjo-Iweala by consensus at its special meeting in Geneva yesterday".

President Buhari of Nigeria, from whom she received the strongest support at all times, has described Dr Okonjo-Iweala as a brilliant, competent, world-class economist and international development expert, whose works over the years had distinguished her globally, also noting that she had set major records of economic reforms in Nigeria as minister of finance. He expressed confidence that she would excel in her new position, and validate the global mandate of repositioning and strengthening the multilateral institution for the greater good of all.

He said: "I heartily rejoice with Dr Okonjo-Iweala on this well-deserved victory. With her latest feat, the former Nigerian minister of finance and managing director of the World Bank has again brought honour to Nigeria, Africa and women everywhere."

Dr Okonjo-Iweala assumed her new role

at a time when world trade has been severely damaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to which there is also the matter of a very high mortality rate. Another very serious challenge facing her is the lingering trade war between The United States and China, which poses grave concerns to the multilateral institution.

Many have opined that this is the right time for 'a newcomer and reform-minded leader to take charge, and ensure total inclusion in leading world trade towards full recovery'.

She has pledged to break the deadlock between the world's largest economies, namely The US and China. Many feel that she must also move to 'ensure a successful and inclusive implementation of multilateral negotiations which have been pending for 25 years'. Above all else, however, she has to must not allow herself to be seen as a pawn of any of the superpowers, and she also has a strong charge to ensure that the interests of developing economies are given due consideration at all times.

DG Okonjo-Iweala has stated that her first priority would be to quickly address the economic and health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and to "implement the policy responses we need to get the global economy going again."

However, even as we rejoice in her achievements and what they mean for advancing the causes of women, we should temper our expectations where the WTO is concerned. The DG serves to implement the decisions of the ministerial council, which meets rather infrequently, about once every two years.

We should all give her some time before expecting too much of her.

Nevertheless, her accomplishment is a tribute, an example, and encouragement to women everywhere.

On behalf of all women across the globe we congratulate Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, and wish her every success throughout her term of office.

Dr. Wilkinson Addresses Public Concern About Oxford/AstraZeneca Vaccine Safeness

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th March 2020)- Medical Chief of Staff at the Joseph N. France General Hospital Dr. Cameron Wilkinson and member of the National COVID-19 Task Force has addressed public concerns about the safeness of the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine blood clotting side effects reported in some European countries, citing data from the World Health Organization (WHO) which indicates there has been no serious side effects or deaths.

“Some persons ask if the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is safe. Health authorities in several European countries suspended the use of AstraZeneca vaccines following reports of the formation of blood clots in some persons who were vaccinated. It is important to note that blood clots can occur naturally and are not uncommon.”

Dr. Wilkinson made the disclosure at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) COVID-19 Briefing held on Wednesday 17th March 2021.

“The WHO data shows that of the 268 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines that were administered worldwide, no serious side effects or deaths have been found to be caused by them. They have continued to report that AstraZeneca is an excellent vaccine and that no causal relationship has been established between the shots and the health problems that were identified and that vaccination should continue,” he pointed out.

According to Dr. Wilkinson: “Even in Denmark where the roll out was suspended for 14 days, the director of the National board there said while the investigations are taking place there is good evidence that the vaccine is both safe and effective. The European Medical Regulator [EMR] says that there is no indication that the

Editor's note: Sunday is the fifth one of Lent. At this stage of the journey we find ourselves sorely tempted by the agents of darkness. More than ever we need to reflect on ways to go about renewing our faith and our strength.

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As we continue struggling to draw ever closer to our Heavenly Father those opposed to him become more determined in their efforts to weaken us, hoping to eventually succeed in converting us to evil.

It is at such times as these that we need to ask for God's help. We need to pray to The Lord, each and every day, asking that He renew our faith and our strength, so that we may be successful taking up and carrying our crosses, and in doing so with courage and joy, to the end of the journey, whenever and wherever that may be, all according to God's will.

Let us also need pray for His help with rejecting the world, and all of its shallow values, mindful of the warning contained in the scriptures that gaining the whole world and losing our souls profits us nothing.

A major part of the discipline of Lent is doing penance for our past sins. Such acts of penance include fasting, prayer, and works of mercy, the latter of which include visiting with the sick, a fact that we should be mindful of at all times.

As we seek forgiveness for our shortcomings let us renew our efforts in performing our acts of penance, fasting and prayer. The words of the prophet Joel should strengthen our resolve: Chapter 2, verses 12 and 13: Now therefore saith the Lord: Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, and in weeping, and in mourning. And rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to your God: for he is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy, and ready to repent of the evil.

Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is linked to an increased risk of blood clots... they say the number of cases in vaccinated people was no higher than that of the general population. There were 37 cases of persons who developed blood clots from 17 million persons who received the jab in Europe.

He noted that 2% of persons who get COVID-19 disease develop blood clots and of the 17 million persons in Europe who got the

vaccination, the 37 persons who got the blood clots, this comes to 0.002 per cent.

“In other words, you're currently 10,000 times more likely to get a clot if you got COVID-19 disease than if you got the vaccine if there was found to be a link, and that is why they say the benefits of getting the vaccine far outweigh the risk.”

Dr. Wilkinson also touched on persons questioning whether they can delay taking the vaccine.

“We are actually in a race against time to stop the virus from developing more variants and claiming more lives in the process. There is therefore no time to wait. The more people who are vaccinated, the sooner we can eliminate the virus. The pandemic is like a fire that is about to engulf your home. You must use the vaccine that we have available now to put out the fire before it consumes you and your family. Turning a blind eye to reality does not eradicate the problem at hand. To date, more than 2.6 million persons are dead from this virus and more will be lost if we don't

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**EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHPB2021/

**In the Estate of ISAAC IRWIN PEMBERTON
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late of 16 Berry Creek Drive, Brampton,
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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION TO RESEAL GRANT OF PROBATE

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of Isaac Irwin Pemberton also known as Isaac Irvan Pemberton, late of 16 Berry Creek Drive, Brampton, Ontario L7A 2M9, Canada, granted by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at 7755 Hurontario Street, Brampton, Ontario L6W 4T6, Canada, on the 27th day of September 2019.

Dated this 9th day of March 2021

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JeNise Carty
GONSALVES PARRY
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number **60061 on the life of Gregory Gill has been lost**, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 17/03/2021

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager

40 Bar Patrons In Quarantine After Overseas Visitors Break Vacation Rule

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th March 2020)- A total of forty (40) patrons who recently hung out at a bar on Nevis have found themselves in quarantine after overseas visitors to the island broke the rule of vacationing in place found in the COVID-19 Act.

“We again use this incident to highlight the importance of adhering to all COVID-19 protocols when attending public events. It is also important to highlight the importance of establishments particularly bars and restaurants to record the names of patrons entering the premises to assist health authorities with any contact tracing investigation if that becomes necessary,” stated Superintendent Cromwell Henry at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) COVID-19 Briefing held on Wednesday, 17th March 2021.

In giving details, he informed that the “police on Nevis responded to reports of two security breaches at a resort there on

March 12th and 13th. Between March 7th and 11th, a group of eight (8) US nationals arrived in the Federation and travelled to Nevis, where they stayed at a resort there. Their condition of stay at the resort was vacation in place.”

Cromwell told that the COVID-19 act defines vacation in place “as quarantine at a hotel or other accommodation with access to approved package of services in the context of COVID-19.”

According to him, the first occurred just after 1pm on March 12th when two of the guests from the group left the hotel’s compound and ventured into an establishment in Charlestown.

“They were identified and detained and the police were called. A second breach occurred between 1AM and 2AM on March 13th when a group of six guests from the



Superintendent Cromwell Henry

same group left the hotel compound to visit a nearby bar where they socialized with patrons before returning to the hotel. This breach was also reported to the police who commenced an investigation,” he highlighted.

Cromwell went on to say that all eight guests were moved to a government quarantine facility at Pot Works to continue their quarantine and that the “Ministry of Health in Nevis conducted an aggressive contact tracing exercise which resulted in approximately 40 persons from the bar being quarantined for fourteen (14) days.”

As relayed, the eight US nationals were arrested and formally charged for breaching their quarantine condition and were this morning taken before the Charlestown Magistrate Court via a virtual hearing to answer the charges.

“They plead guilty and they were each convicted and fined four thousand dollars to be paid forthwith or serve six months in prison. They remained at their quarantine facility at Pot Works while arrangement for payment of the fines is made after which they would be allowed to leave the Federation. Their COVID-19 test so far have returned negative results,” the police official said.

Members of the public are being urged that “In addition to the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and physical distancing, you can further reduce your risk of contracting the coronavirus disease by taking the vaccine.”

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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and

DORIS HAMILTON

- Applicant

- Respondents

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$350,852.00**

Dated the 8 day of Feb 2021

Registrar of the Supreme Court



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number **62254 on the life of Angela Victoria Hanley** has been lost, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 19/03/2021

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager



Bus drivers protesting outside Government Headquarters (Spokesman Snap)

‘Ignored’ Bus Drivers Protest For Action Attention

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERE, St. Kitts (Friday 19th March 2020) - Feeling “ignored” over the past three years, bus drivers of the East Bus Line Association recently turned into protestors in an attempt to get attention with response action from government regarding complaints about the operations of the December 2018-opened terminal located on Wellington Road in Basseterre.

Over ten (10) association members, on Monday, 15th March 2021 sometime after 10am, parked their public transport vehicles in a line outside the terminal and walked to Government Headquarters located on Church Street- arriving shortly before 11am- where they stood outside chanting “Ease de squeeze!”

Placards messages included ‘NO SATISFACTION-TIME FOR ACTION’, ‘EAST BUS TERMINAL NAR WUK-FIX IT’ and ‘LAW IS NULL AND VOID IN ST.KITTS’.

‘What is happening here actually is a result of what should have been done three years ago. In fact, we have been asking the government since they moved us here to work with us in terms of they promised to us to give it to us but they refused,’ said association President Jefferson Pemberton when interviewed by this media house shortly before the protest.

He continued: ‘You find that guys parked inside here in the terminal for an extended period of time cannot get any passengers. Why? Because the [other] bus operators that are coming from the Bay Road are picking up passengers who are walking on their way to the terminal which makes it difficult for buses who are here cannot get any passengers, and they looking and calling in here a horse stable, pig pen, a prison, and we find that government spend so much money in building the structure...they should ensure that the operators in here should be comfortable in operating from it. They should put things in place to make that happen, and that is not being done, and that is happening now for over three years.”

Pemberton shared that the bus drivers have been financially affected.

“Everyone is affected. They cannot pay their mortgage, the banks are calling, banks are threatening to take their bus so it is serious, and that is why when you growing up you hear [the saying] desperate people do desperate things.”

“We don’t want the guys who operate from here who are law abiding citizens do something outside of the law so we are trying our best to protest peacefully to let the government know that we are willing to sit at the negotiating table; sit with them and let them hear us because many of them have refused. They are hearing but they [are] just not listening to us.”

Commenting on what steps were taken when the challenges were realized, Pemberton commented: “For the first week [when the terminal opened], it went ok but after two to three weeks after everything just started to go downhill and we’ve been complaining, reporting, we’ve been writing and no results.”

He explained that a meeting was held with the Minister of Transport Lindsay

Grant when he took over the Ministry (previously under the portfolio of Ian “Patches” Liburd) saying: “It was a fruitful meeting but fruitful up to a certain point. After that meeting, it went back to a state of normalcy and nothing has been done so we are wondering what is happening people are just not fulfilling their promises.. so the guys feel that they are just having us like fools.”

Secretary/Treasurer Vinshaw Mangra, in speaking to this media house, expressed: “When the terminal was built, it was explained to us that because of the volume of traffic in St.Kitts. They (the government) wanted the buses to stay of out of town area so we don’t understand why you want some buses to come in the terminal for three hours to get a trip while a next bus outside picking up passengers out on the main road of the terminal and make four trips and we only get one. We’re saying we want fair share for all because that is what the government promised...”€

“Somebody has to deal with the system. We cannot be in here two years now and cannot make any money when this is we daily bread. I have three kids, I have to support them, my bus needs servicing and all kinda stuff. If I am here for three hours and can’t get a trip, I can’t make any money. How am I gonna feed my kids so it’s very important that the government spent over \$4 something million dollars and it’s not working. Something needs to be done and we’ve been asking for it and

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

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Speaker Disallows Douglas' Question About Govt's \$800,000 Vaccine Order

By: Spokesman
Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th March 2020) - A written question by Opposition Leader Dr. Denzil Douglas intended for Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris in parliament on Thursday 18th March 2021 about \$800,000 COVID-19 vaccine order said to have been placed by government got the response of Speaker Michael Perkins who did not allow the question to be verbally asked, pointing to Standing Order 20 as being the reason why.

Having indicated it would be the first time for questions to be posed in that National Assembly session, he highlighted "a particular Standing Order which speaks to how questions should be posed, and it is standing Order 20 1(C) states "If a question contains a statement or fact, the member asking it shall make himself or herself responsible for the accuracy of the statement and no question shall be based upon a newspaper report or upon an unofficial publication."

He then expressed in relation to Dr. Douglas' second question: "Having said that, honourable member for Number Six, looking at the question that is listed on your paper, you speak of a specific amount of US dollars -800,000 so on that note could you advise this honorable house as to your source of that particular dollar amount given that it is clearly a statement of fact."

"No question shall be based upon a newspaper or on an unofficial publication. You speak of a certain amount of US in the region of so on that

note could you advise the honourable house as to your source of that particular dollar amount given that it is clearly a statement of fact," Speaker Perkins said to Dr. Douglas Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Six.

The Opposition Leader replied: "Mr. Speaker, I'll gladly do so because there is a video with the Prime Minister at a church service making that specific statement which I can make available to you if you wish to have it. Secondly, in this National Assembly during the budget debate I think it was, I specifically asked the Prime Minister that question, the same amount and he said yes he took money tax payers' money and paid \$800,000 for the COVAX vaccines. That's what he said. That's what he said. I specifically challenged him and he specifically repeated what he said in the church service \$800,000... I asked whether it was US or EC; I even went that far."

Addressing a remark from PM Harris, Dr. Douglas commented "You said EC. That's what you said. I can only judge from what you said and the question is posed based on what transpired in this National Assembly Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Perkins advised that "based on what you have just said based on what the member for Number Seven the honourable Prime Minister has said, there is a conflict. The two positions are not the same and in fact your question has in US dollars "In your statement just now while on your feet, you spoke of \$US and you also spoke of \$EC so clearly we have a difficulty. That being the case honourable member, and again going strictly in accordance with the Standing Order, I will not allow this particular question at this time."

The Speaker told that Dr. Douglas provide "documentary evidence" before he allows the question "because if I allow the question, it is going to lead to a debate and on question, there should not be any debate. A member simply poses a question and an answer is simply given and we move on. So my ruling is that I would not allow this question to be posed based on the guidance under section 20 (C) of the standing order 20 1 (C) to be specific."

"I have made my decision so we will not have any further discussion or debate with respect to this particular question. At the start of questions, I said I would make a statement on the conclusion of the questions being posed and answered. I am now going to make that brief statement. Following that statement, I am open to entertain comments, questions from honourable members but not relating to my decision at this time so having allowed that first question and disallowed the second question, I wish to state and I alluded to it when I began at first by saying this is the first time that we're seeing the conduct of questions well in this session and in the last session," he stated further.

Speaker Perkins recalled that the last time questions were posed in the National Assembly would have been sessions between probably 2010 and 2015.

In November 2020, a video circulated via social media-particularly WhatsApp and Facebook, captures PM Harris talking about the country awaiting for the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine saying such may become available in March 2021.

"We have already paid down nearly \$800,000 to ensure that St.Kitts and Nevis is not left behind," he states.

Some members of the public have been wondering openly about the arrival status of those said to have ordered vaccines.

'Ignored' Bus Drivers Protest For Action Attention

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it's just discussion, discussion. We've been to all authorities from the small [in rank] police officer to the Police Commissioner. We went to the Minister and the PS and every day we go they say 'Ok, we're gonna work with it', and buses continue to do as they like," he pointed out.

Fast forward in speaking with him during the wrap up of the protest shortly before 12 noon, he informed that the Deputy Prime Minister Shawn Richards reached him via phone and asked that the association's executive gather for a meeting that afternoon for 1pm.

Mangra said most of the Cabinet ministers were present including Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris.

In providing an update, he outlined that they met with cabinet ministers on Monday afternoon and had a "good discussion"

As understood, the bus drivers were told to expect enforced police presence with more vigilance. Additionally, coming out of the discussions, some minor repair works are expected to be carried out at the terminal on Monday 22nd March and a temporary location for bus drivers is expected to be identified before.

"It was discussions that encouraged us...it's just for [such] to come through and the actions start to flourish."

That day of the protest, the Traffic Department issued tickets and towed away the parked buses. However, those tickets were withdrawn and the bus drivers got their vehicles back that afternoon.

Front Page Photo: Bus drivers of the East Line Bus Association with placards seen making their way to Government Headquarter to protest on Monday 15th March 2021 (Spokesman Snap)

Dr. Wilkinson Addresses Public Concern About Vaccine

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take action. We, do however, have the tools to prevent the spread of this deadly virus and to limit the death toll by simply following the instructions based on science and the acceptance of a vaccine that we know is safe and effective."

"Despite all the hard work we have done here to contain the virus here, everything can be lost by a few irresponsible persons. We must all work together and make our country safe. We must not hesitate and get vaccinated as soon as we can. The vaccine is guaranteed to protect you. It can prevent you from getting sick, from getting severe disease, from being hospitalized and more importantly from dying," he cautioned.

A total of 7071 individuals in St.Kitts-Nevis have taken the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine following the official national roll out on Monday 22 February.

One additional case of COVID-19 was recorded on Wednesday 17th March. There are currently two active cases out of the 44 confirmed with 30 St.Kitts and 14 on Nevis.

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By: Batumba L.O. Tak,
Private citizen,
(Immediate past General
Secretary of the St. Kitts-Nevis
Trades & Labour Union)

the fears of workers by explaining what it will take to receive their benefits, because the labour laws tell them exactly what to do but they feel that the government of the day is making them look like fools.

Finally, I would like to salute the faithful officers of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades & Labour Union, along with the other executive committee members, who have steadfastly and against all odds, stick like glue through thick and thin, to the only organization that cares for the workers. To each of you I say well done and may we all continue the struggle.

I am quite sure that comrades like Joseph E. Fidel O'Flaherty, Fitzroy Bryant, Lee. L. Moore QC, Mr. Owen Caines are turning in their graves

because of what the workers are facing today, but to those workers I say, be brave and be of courage; the Lord Jesus will see us all through it all.

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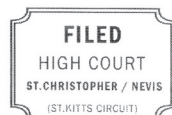
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Greek letters 'will never be used again' to name hurricanes

By Justine Calma ---

THE VERGE



Photo by Seth Sidney Berry / SOPA Images / LightRocket via Getty Images An El Salvadorian rescue team member navigates through a flooded street. Hurricane Iota hit the Nicaraguan coast on November 16th as a Category 4 storm. It was the second Category 4 to make landfall in Nicaragua within two weeks and again brought catastrophic rainfall into Honduras after Hurricane Eta.

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Malta, Austria, Portugal Are Home to the World's Best Investment Migration Programs

**For immediate release: London,
Tuesday 16 March 2021**

Malta's new program has seen the EU country remain at the top of the Global Citizenship Programs Index (GCPI), while the Austria Private Residence Program and the Portugal Golden Residence Permit Program share the top spot in the Global Residence Programs Index (GRPI) - this according to Investment Migration Programs 2021, released today by the leading international residence and citizenship advisory firm Henley & Partners.

The annual publication, now in its 6th edition, provides a systematic analysis and comprehensive benchmarking of the world's most notable investment migration programs and is the industry gold standard for this type of evaluation. IMP 2021 provides a uniquely valuable standard research and analysis data source for the most reputable investment migration programs currently available. This is only procurable by a firm with the reach and insight of Henley & Partners, the global leader in investment migration advisory service provision.

The 12 citizenship-by-investment (CBI) programs and 24 residence-by-investment (RBI) programs are appraised by a panel of distinguished independent experts - including leading academic researchers, economists, expert immigration and citizenship lawyers, and other country risk and industry specialists... who consider a broad range of factors pertaining to each program. The result is an annual global overview of the investment migration industry and a ranking of all the prominent RCBI country programs currently on offer. This is highly relevant to international investors and entrepreneurs looking to hedge volatility and create short-term value as well as long-term yield through enhanced global mobility.

Dr. Christian H. Kaelin, an international immigration and citizenship law expert and Chairman of Henley & Partners, says, "Investment Migration Programs 2021 is an invaluable tool for all those interested in keeping up to date with industry developments or considering alternative residence or citizenship as an option for accessing new opportunities. The publication is important for private clients and their advisors, industry professionals, or policy makers wishing to manage investment migration programs in order to achieve greater fiscal autonomy and economic growth. It also provides governments hosting investment migration programs with a detailed picture of the competitive landscape as well as where they fit within it."

Citizenship-by-investment programs: Malta remains the global

leader

For the sixth consecutive year, Malta is the world's top-ranking CBI country, with its Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services by Direct Investment process scoring 80 out of 100. The regulations allow for the granting of citizenship following a 36-month residency period or by exception a 12-month residency period. Malta is followed in the GCPI by Austria's CBI option in 2nd place, with a score of 74 and the Montenegro Citizenship-by-Investment Program in 3rd place, with a score of 72. The St. Lucia Citizenship-by-Investment Program is ranked 4th, with a score of 71.

The remaining Caribbean CBI programs take up the next four spots, with the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship-by-Investment Program in 5th place, with a score of 70, the Grenada Citizenship-by-Investment Program and the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship-by-Investment Program in joint-6th place, each with a score of 69, and the Dominica Citizenship-by-Investment Program in 7th place, with a score of 68.

The Turkey Citizenship-by-Investment Program is in 8th place with a score of 67, and the final three places in the ranking are occupied by Vanuatu with a score of 65, Jordan with a score of 63, and Cambodia with a score of 53.

Dominic Volek, Group Head of Private Clients at Henley & Partners, says the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the steady growth in the investment migration industry over the past 15 years. "While in the past, alternative residence or citizenship may have been seen as 'nice-to-have' assets of

convenience that enhanced travel freedom and provided vacation homes, the coronavirus has prompted a further shift. Now they are 'must-have' essential assets because of the undeniable advantages they provide, including giving families alternative relocation options in a time of crisis." Volek goes on to say, "While the number of investment migration programs is on the rise and there is no shortage of rankings, reliable professional comparative analyses of such programs are rare. The two indexes in Investment Migration Programs 2021 have been designed with the high-net-worth investor in mind and the publication provides clear, current, and trustworthy advice."

Residence-by-investment programs: Austria and Portugal share the top spot

Each scoring 75 out of 100, the Austria Private Residence Program and the Portugal Golden Residence Permit Program have emerged as the world's top RBI programs out of the 24 that were considered. The two European countries have competed over the first position in the GRPI since Investment Migration Programs was launched in 2015.

The 2nd place is shared jointly by the Italy Residence-by-Investment Program and the Swiss Residence Program, which each scored 73, and the Greece Golden Visa Program is not far behind in 3rd place with a score of 72.

Jersey Residence-by-Investment and the UK Investor Immigration Program are in joint-4th place, each with a score of 63, and the 5th place is shared by three programs that each score 62 ... the Australia Residence-by-Investment Program, the Malta Residence and Visa Program, and the Spain Residence-by-Investment Program.

Further down in the index, the US EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program shares the 7th position with the New Zealand Investor Resident Visa Program and the Hong Kong Visa Programs, each with scores of 60, while the 8th place is jointly held by Dubai (UAE), Monaco, and the Thailand Elite Residence Program, each with scores of 59. The Bulgaria's residence-by-investment program sits at the bottom of the index with a score of 43 out of a possible 100 points.

A growing interest in residence and citizenship planning

According to Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, the need for a reference and benchmarking tool such as the indexes published in Investment Migration Programs 2021 is more pressing than ever, as the investment migration industry continues to grow at a rapid pace.

"Demand for RCBI programs is at an all-time high," explains Dr. Steffen, "and new programs and options are being launched each year. In this high-growth climate, Henley & Partners is committed to providing authoritative, on-the-ground insights to those working in the field of investment migration, international investors, entrepreneurs, and global families as well as to the broader public. The indexes are complemented by expert analysis of pertinent topics such as the impact of Covid-19, both globally and on the investment migration industry specifically, global investment migration trends, sovereign equity and the pro-growth benefits of economic migration, as well as prevailing issues such as due diligence and compliance, risk management, and program transparency."



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Stormy Seas Ahead: Confidence In The Cruise Industry Has Plummeted Due To COVID-19

By Dr. Jennifer Holland - The University of Suffolk



Photo credit: Franck Robichon (EPA-EFE).

The cruise industry has weathered many storms, including fairly regular brushes with disease. Outbreaks of norovirus, H1N1 and measles have all happened in the not too distant past. Despite this, a cruise has traditionally been regarded as a safe holiday - the kind where you don't have to worry about a thing.

COVID-19 has changed this. Cruise ships were a hotbed of transmission during the early stages of the pandemic, particularly the Diamond Princess, which was quarantined for six weeks in Japan in spring 2020. It had over 700 confirmed cases, and for a period was the world's leading COVID-19 hotspot after China. Coverage of this and other ships' outbreaks has taken its toll.

Research that I conducted with colleagues in Australia shows that the pandemic has changed how people think of cruise holidays. We surveyed over 600 people in The UK and Australia, both cruisers and noncruisers, to ask them about their willingness to cruise and future travel intentions, to explore how COVID-19 has affected perceptions of travel and cruise risks.

Nearly 45% of interviewees had less belief than before the pandemic that cruise lines are transparent and honest about safety or health issues. Respondents were also fearful of going on a cruise, with 47% saying they don't trust cruise lines to look after them if something goes wrong. This is staggering for an industry that depends on repeat customers.

We further found that 67% of people are less willing to cruise as a result of the pandemic, while 69% said they feel less positive about cruising now. What's most surprising is that even repeat cruisers said they feel nervous about cruising as a result of the pandemic, with this emotion coming up repeatedly in the survey's open-ended questions. This is a gamechanger. Until now, loyal cruisers have always come back, with previous disease outbreaks having little impact.

What went wrong?

When the pandemic began, cruise ships immediately suffered high infection rates among passengers and crew. During the first wave, thousands were stranded



Confined living conditions on cruise ships mean that disease outbreaks aren't uncommon. Photo credit: Dean Lewins (EPA-EFE).

onboard ships as they were held in quarantine or refused entry to ports as borders closed. By the end of April 2020, over 50 cruise ships had confirmed cases of COVID-19 and at least 65 deaths had occurred among passengers and crew.

The story of one ship - the Ruby Princess - gained particular attention. Its passengers were allowed to disembark in Sydney in mid-March, with a number carrying the virus. The ship would go on to be linked to more than 900 COVID-19 cases and 28 deaths. The state of New South Wales later launched a public inquiry into the ship's outbreak and found that the state's ministry of health made a number of serious errors in allowing passengers to get off.

It didn't take long for cruises to be depicted as places of danger and infection, particularly in Australia. Lots of information about COVID-19 on cruise ships was published, especially about the Ruby Princess, grabbing the public's attention. Undoubtedly, this amplified people's perceptions of risk around cruise holidays. Our study found that the many stories on COVID-19 also reminded the public of previous illnesses and outbreaks onboard cruise ships.

Given the high intensity of media interest in Australia, we weren't surprised to find that perceived risks were higher there compared with the UK, with willingness to cruise lower. This suggests that there could be regional differences in how difficult it is for the industry to recover after the pandemic.

What happens next?

Most respondents in the study said they would wait until it was safe to cruise again - and there's probably a long way to go on changing the current perception of cruise ships as giant incubators of disease. It's doubtful pent-up demand from loyal cruisers will be enough to fill cruise ships to capacity - which is critical for long-term economic viability - and so financial uncertainty grows.

The pandemic has been catastrophic for the industry so far, with financial losses of US\$50 billion (£36 billion), 1.17 million job losses, 18 cruise ships sold or scrapped and at least three cruise lines stopping trading. Before the pandemic, a new cruise ship was built every 47 days, and off the back of the industry's robust growth over the past two decades another 19 ships are due to enter operation in 2021, despite demand very likely to have fallen.



Brand new ships, such as P&O Cruises' Iona, were built according to past demand and will enter service in a tough market. Photo credit: Focke Strangmann, Fotojournalist (Hamburg).

To recover, the industry will need to address people's perceptions of risk, which our research shows have heightened. Risk perception has a significant influence on holiday decision-making, and it will be even more critical post-COVID.

In the wake of the pandemic, would-be cruisers will need to think about health protocols, outbreak prevention plans, onboard sanitation procedures, social distancing measures and health screenings. Also, they'll need to consider the implications of potential outbreaks during the cruise. These could result in being quarantined in their cabin, needing to access health-care, or even the cruise being terminated.

All of this creates uncertainty, which adds to perceptions of risk. The industry will need to provide reassuring answers on all of these points to entice holidaymakers back onboard. Cruise companies will also need to convince customers that they are trustworthy and accountable, given the concerns about honesty and transparency raised by our research.

Overall, the sector has been devastated by the pandemic. Possibly no other area of tourism has been as widely affected. A return to the robust growth enjoyed previously is unlikely for many years, if ever. But for there to be any chance of this happening, the industry must understand how the pandemic has affected people's perceptions of cruises and address their concerns.

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Taiwan Bolsters South China Sea Deployments - Gets US Submarine Parts Approval

By Yimou Lee and Ben Blanchard

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan's newly-appointed defence minister said on Wednesday it has strengthened deployments in the disputed South China Sea and that the United States has approved the export of sensitive technology to equip Taiwan's new submarine fleet.



A member of the Taiwanese Coast Guard standing guard next to a Taiwanese flag on the island of Itu Aba, which the Taiwanese call Taiping, at the South China Sea, on 29 November 2016. Photo credit: J R Wu (Reuters).

China, which claims democratic Taiwan as its own territory,

has increased its military activity near the island in recent months, seeking to pressure Taipei to accept Beijing's sovereignty. Taiwan has vowed to defend itself.

Speaking in parliament, Defence Minister Chiu Kuocheng, who took up his post last month, said Taiwan has increased personnel and armaments on Itu Aba, the main island Taiwan occupies in the South China Sea.

Itu Aba, also known as Taiping island, is the largest naturally occurring island in the Spratleys and is garrisoned by Taiwan's Coast Guard.

"They are capable of starting a war," Chiu told the parliament when asked by a lawmaker on whether China could attack Taiwan. "My goal is for us to be ready at all times."

Chiu said Taiwan was bolstering its position there due to China's "expansionism" in the region, though it was not currently considering a return to a permanent army garrison.

China has built man-made islands in the South China Sea and air bases on some of them. Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei all have competing claims in the strategic waterway.

Separately, Chiu said that



the United States had approved export permits for all of the sensitive equipment needed by Taiwan's indigenous submarine fleet, which it started building last year.

He added that Taiwan's arms purchases from The United States - the island's main source of weapons - had not been impacted by the new Biden administration taking office in Washington and were continuing.

Taiwan is modernising its armed forces, especially as it faces almost daily challenges from China in the airspace and waters near the island, including frequent Chinese air force missions into Taiwan's air defence identification zone.

Chiu said these missions were part of China's war of attrition against Taiwan, whose forces are dwarfed

by Beijing's, and defence forces were already adjusting on how to deal with such incursions, though did he not give details.

"If we match them one for one, it costs a lot," he said.

Reporting by Yimou Lee and Ben Blanchard; Editing by Kim Coghill.

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in heritage tourism) is from The University of Otago (NZ). In 2019 The University of Brighton (UK) awarded her a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Sport and Service Management), for which she had explored tourists' perceptions of risk in ocean cruising, and won the Three Minute Thesis in 2018 for The University of Brighton. Her doctoral research revolutionised how risk in ocean cruising is conceptualized and calls for a wider, more multi-faceted and constructionist view of risk in cruise and tourism. Dr Holland's work provides empirical research and practical implications for industry in relation to the importance of trust and self-congruity in cruise decision-making. Her research interests include cruise tourism, risk, tourism marketing, consumer decision-making, arctic tourism, positionality and reflexivity and innovative qualitative data methods including image elicitation. She has 14 years of tourism industry experience, including roles with Royal Caribbean, Princess Cruises, Fairmont, and Sheraton. Dr Holland is a Research Fellow with the Royal Geographical Society, and currently serves as Secretary for the Geographies of Leisure & Tourism Research Group. Dr Holland joined The Conversation on 17 February 2020.

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Dated: 19/03/2021

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager



From The Supervisor of Elections

Vol II Issue 14: Political Party?

On multiple occasions, I have been asked about the procedure for registering a political party. The Act which governs our operations, the National Assembly Election Act, does not provide much guidance. The Act makes the assumption that the parties already exist, and the electoral office merely has to prepare the electoral field in which they will operate.

The best answer I can give is this: after an election is called and candidates are nominated, in his/her own personal capacity, the Secretary of the party is required to submit a listing of the candidates who have agreed to contest the election together as a party, duly signed by all of them, and authored by the secretary of the party. If that party has never contested an election before, then it is assigned the first available one of the 16 symbols listed in the regulations. That's how they become a "party".

Just as there is no registration of a political party with the electoral office, so there is no de-registration. Thus the 14 parties which have ever contested an election in St. Kitts

-Nevis are still on the books with their assigned symbol; and the symbol assigned to independent candidate(s) is his/hers for as long as he/she wants.

Unlike us, several jurisdictions actually require registration and regular renewal of the registration of political parties. Jamaica has the distinction of being the "gold" standard for electoral matters for the Caribbean. As part of that standard, they actually define, register, monitor and de-register political parties.

The Jamaica legislation defines a political party as an association, organization, affiliation or group of persons joined to form a political organization for the principal purposes of influencing public opinion; endorsing one or more of its members as candidates and supporting their election; and participating in the representation of the people by contesting elections, nominating or endorsing its members as candidates or carrying out other political activities on an ongoing basis. That is a good definition to keep in mind.

The Party must present two copies of its constitution which must state the name and address of the authorized representative and the prescribed fee. The application must indicate the name of the political party; the identifying symbol, slogan or logo used or proposed to be used, and the colour used or proposed to be used by the political party.

The Jamaica Electoral Commission may deregister a political party if it fails to comply with any provision or requirement of this Act, file any information reasonably required by the Commission to clarify or verify the information contained in a statement or return or any other information filed by the political party, fails to submit the annual financial reports; or fails to submit the financial records to the auditor pursuant to directions from the Commission. Where the Commission discovers any fact, which had it been known prior to the issuance of the certificate of registration, can withdraw the certification. A party may also initiate its own deregistration.

The Commission could

deregister the political party if that political party has not nominated a candidate for three consecutive elections since the time of its first registration; or where the political party has made any changes or alterations to its identifying slogan, colour or name,

otherwise than in accordance with their Act.

As Supervisor of Elections, I must ensure equal opportunity to all.



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having made sworn deposition **that policy number 73223 on the life of Miranda Wrensford has been lost**, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

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CFBC Jenkins Ltd. Leadership Course, Cohort 8 Handing Over Ceremony - March 11th, 2021.

On Thursday, March 11th the CFBC Jenkins Ltd. Leadership Course, Cohort 8, held a short but impressive ceremony to officially hand over some much-needed items for the renovation of the Bright Sparks Academy on Horsford Road. This included the construction of two dining tables and three large books for the library, the replacement of linoleum in one room, the washing and painting of some sections of the school and the fencing of the playground. A new sign was also mounted at the front of the Academy.

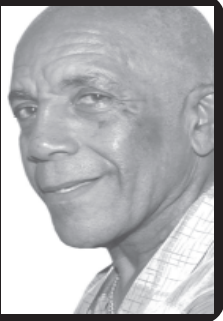
Among the attendees were members of Cohort 8, Mr. Peter Jenkins and some staff of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College, including Dr. Moyia Rowtham, Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, Ms. Wanda Hughes, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education. Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia Martin, Lecturer of the CFBC Jenkins Ltd Leadership Course, and Ms. Patricia Belle, Principal of Bright Sparks Academy.

Dr. Rowtham commended the CFBC Jenkins Ltd Leadership Course for the role it has been playing in the society as it transforms lives and communities for the better. She said, "The CFBC Jenkins Ltd Leadership Course is becoming one of those entities within our society that exudes the kind of constant for progressive thought and nation building." She went on to congratulate Cohort 8 for their commitment to the task despite the restraints brought on by the COVID pandemic. Ms. Bell, Principal, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Cohort 8 for their interest and perseverance.

The CFBC Jenkins Ltd Leadership Course, which is in its eighth year, is the brainchild of Mr. Peter Jenkins. It is a life-transforming course designed to equip persons with the requisite skills to position themselves to become leaders in their respective organizations. Over the past eight years there has been a heightened interest in this Course, evidenced by the steady increase in the number of persons wishing to register each year in order to enhance their skills set. The Course lasts six months and covers a wide range of areas, including Team building, Strategic Thinking, Language and Communication, History, Health and Etiquette. Each Cohort also undertakes a community project. Past projects have included a bus stop at Belle Vue, the Icon's Park and the upgrading of the playground at Saddlers Primary School.

Persons interested in registering for the CFBC Jenkins Ltd Leadership Course may do so with the Adult and Continuing Education Faculty at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College when registration commences for the new Cohort.

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By: Earle Clarke

“If you want to see the true nature, or the mettle of which a man is constructed, just invest political power in him and you will be totally surprised to discover the transformation that has been made in that person’s life. You would be left bewildered, perplexed (baffled), scratching your head, wondering and asking yourself if this is the same person whom you knew all along?”

Kennedy Earle Clarke.

Dear Reader, when political power has been imposed on someone whom you think that you knew all the days of your life, you will be frightfully surprised at the change this investment of power has caused? The true, true colour, nature, and mettle of the person is exposed and you are shockingly shocked to see the person who has emerged, the person with whom you associated and whom you think that you really and truly knew, inside out, all along! This new discovery, this newly taught lesson, jolts you back to some of granny’s sayings, “You can see a man’s face, but you cannot see his heart.” “You can only observe the outside of a person, but you cannot detect what is going on inside.” “All skin teeth no laugh!”

REAL BONS-FIDE LEADERS are born; they are fully aware of their role; they are fully aware that their time will come and therefore bide that time, learning, observing and serving their period of apprenticeship, with gusto (appreciation). They do not have to indulge in any underhand activity, in order to achieve their LEADERSHIP GOALS for all the signs point to their being the successor. When that time comes, they are fully prepared to act in accordance with what is expected of them. The case of Clive Lloyd and Vivian Richards of West Indies Cricket Fame in the 1970’s, is a good example which readily comes to mind. Without displaying any antics, onlookers were able to discern the TEAM WORK between these TWO players and concurred right away, that Vivian (Viv) Richards was the next likely captain.

Because of Sir Viv’s patience and because he was fully aware that he was a BORN LEADER when he and Sir Clive Arthur Lloyd played their LAST TEST MATCH together in Australia on 30th December, 1984, when he took over the TEAM in 1985 until 1991, he was able to motivate his players into becoming a formidable Cricket Force, never losing a TEST MATCH! Born Leaders abide by PRINCIPLES and, when Sir Vivian Richards was offered U.S.C. \$5 million to play in APARTHEID South

Africa, he BOLDLY refused the offer without the slightest hesitation! No HESITATION whatsoever. Right off the bat he refused the offer “NOT FOR SALE.” He was not going to entertain any “whites only crowd” with his skillful batting, while his Black Brothers and Sisters were held in bondage and their Leader imprisoned by the same whites!

REAL and TRUE LEADERS were born and not manufactured. They cannot be bought or sold. They are Lighthouses whose LIGHTS shine Brightly. In St. Kitts we have a situation where the ST. KITTS-NEVIS LABOUR PARTY, won the GENERAL ELECTIONS in 1995 and was poised to continue this winning streak until the over ambition of a certain member surfaced. This member won his political seat in his Constituency and requested to travel abroad to study for his Doctoral Degree; his Cabinet Colleagues flatly refused to grant his request, but the Leader, bent backward and accommodated his request, in an effort to assist the young man. Granny always said, “Sometimes we cut a whip to beat our own behinds!” And this was one such case.

This member was paid “FULL PAY” while on study leave; Civil Servants receive four fifth (4/5ths) of their salary whilst on the same study leave.

The Leader of the Party forsook his own Constituency and looked after the absent member’s. until he returned from overseas. Before he left for his studies nobody from his Constituency, ever forwarded his name to be Deputy Leader of the Party or to rival (a person competing for the same position) the Leader for the Leadership position. It was not until this member returned from studying and, having fortified (secured) himself with his Doctoral Degree, his tail now curled on his back (granny’s saying), that he began asking the Leader, “When are you going to turn over the Leadership of the party to me?” The same Leader who defied his Cabinet Colleagues and allowed him to travel abroad to study!

Sometimes when we think that we are performing a good deed, we are totally unaware that we are creating an enemy, but the GOOD BOOK says in 2 Timothy 3:1-4:24, “But understand this, that in the last days, there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying the power. Avoid such people.” And didn’t our grannies say, “UNGRATEFULNESS is worse than witchcraft?”

How could such an INGRATE expect to encounter good when it is written “The wicked shall prosper but for a short time?” Judas, the betrayer of the Christ, although he received his reward for the betrayal, could not live with himself, because he had a conscience which kept pricking him and so, the betrayer of the Leader of the LABOUR PARTY, although appearing to be successful and happy, it is only an outward showing; he is human; he possesses a conscience and it must prick him at times, for it is not the Leader of the Party alone that he has betrayed. It seems as if it is the nature of the man. Everybody who has helped him in the betrayal of the Leader has come to realize that he is professional at using people to accomplish his own personal ambition.

Can such a person be BLESSED? Can such a person be genuine? Can such a person be trusted? Is there any wonder that he has been involved in so many scandals since taking office, because he possesses nothing called PRINCIPLE or HIGH IDEALS? Can any country and its people of which he is the Leader be prosperous? There was once this king who wanted to be the richest person in the world. He wished that everything he touched, would turn into gold. His wish was granted; everything that he touched turned into gold, but he died from starvation, because, every time he touched his food, it turned into gold. We should be aware of what we wish for; we have to be fully aware of what we want in life.

We cannot just look at ourselves alone, for we are not an island unto ourselves; We all depend on each other for our advancement through life. When we look back at the history of our lives, we are forced to give thanks to all those who stretched forth a helping hand and we owe and should express a DEBT OF GRATITUDE to all those who assisted, so that GOODNESS and MERCY shall follow us all the days of our lives.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A To the Magistrate, District “B” To the Superintendent of Police. I, Denise Henderson now residing in Main Street in the village of Tabernacle, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 01st day of April, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in Tabernacle Village in St. Kitts. Dated this 08th day of March, 2021. Signed: Denise Henderson	LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A To the Magistrate, District “B” To the Superintendent of Police. I, Glentis Mason now residing in Back Street in the village of Parsons, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 01st day of April, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Back Street in Parsons Village in St. Kitts. Dated this 08th day of March, 2021. Signed: G. Mason	LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A To the Magistrate, District “B” To the Superintendent of Police. I, Gilmer Richardson now residing in Main Street in the village of Middle Island, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 01st day of April, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in Middle Island Village in St. Kitts. Dated this 01st day of March, 2021. Signed: Gilmer Richardson	LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A To the Magistrate, District “B” To the Superintendent of Police. I, Every Ting Bang On now residing in Main Street in the village of St. Paul’s, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 01st day of April, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in St. Paul’s Village in St. Kitts. Dated this 05th day of March, 2021. Signed: Dinzey Francis	LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A To the Magistrate, District “A” To the Superintendent of Police. I, Gregory Hobson now residing in Bird Rock 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 Taylors Village in Basseterre in St. Kitts. Dated this 08th day of March, 2021. Signed: G. Hobson
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Sugar Boyz To Face Puerto Rico and Bahamas In World Cup Qualifiers

The Sugar Boys will be competing in two World Cup qualifiers during the FIFA international break from March 21-March 30. The first match will be on March 24, in the Dominican Republic against Puerto Rico and the second on March 27 against the Bahamas in that country. General Secretary of the SKNFA Stanley Jacobs said due to COVID-19 restrictions, the home matches in St. Kitts and Nevis had to be moved to the Dominican Republic as that country has more relaxed COVID measures.

The same goes for the Bahamas, hence why the matches are being held in both countries. "This decision was made by the St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association to ensure that the senior men's team has the best possible opportunity to win these two games; taking into consideration everything that is going on, not just the COVID-19 restrictions but also having our best players available," Mr. Jacobs said.

He noted that there will be sufficient testing of the players and technical team that will be traveling to these matches. "It has been a long planning process taking into consideration the strict COVID-19 protocols of FIFA's return to football... to ensure that



there is continuous testing from the point of departures from the home country," he said.

Testing will be required prior to matches, after the matches and before returning home to St. Kitts and Nevis, the SKNFA General Secretary disclosed. "At the SKNFA we are in the process of putting together our COVID-19 risk assessment and also our COVID-19 risk mitigation strategy and this is the strategy that the national team will employ as it competes in these very important matches," Jacobs added.

The SKNFA has been working closely with CONCACAF and FIFA to ensure that the hosting of the matches adheres to the

FIFA International Match Protocols.

A 23 man squad for St. Kitts and Nevis has been released. These are: Jelani Archibald, Zaykeese Smith, Clifford Samuel, Lois Maynard, Andre Burley, Raheem Francis, Denis Fleming, Ordell Flemming, Ezrick Nichols, Raheem Hanley, Gerard Williams, Theo Wharton, Raheem Somersall, Yohannes Mitchum, Romaine Sawyers, Harrison Panayiotou, Tishan Hanley, Omari Sterlin, James, Vinceroy Nelson, Kimaree Rogers, Rowan Liburd, Keithroy Freeman, Tahir Hanley, - Head

Coach: Leonard Neiva; Asst. Coach: George Isaac; GK Coach: Gerhard Benthin; Trainer: Kenneth Douglas; Physio: Alister James; Kitmen: Leroy Sweeney & Roger Hendricks; Doctor: Carlton Williams; Manager: Jamir Claxton; HOD: Don Grant

The Washington Post Olympics creative director quits after suggesting that plus-size female comedian pose as 'Olympig'

By: Simon Denyer

- 19th March 2021

TOKYO - The creative director for the Tokyo Olympics opening and closing ceremonies resigned on Thursday after it emerged he had made derogatory comments about a female comedian.

Hiroshi Sasaki announced his decision to step down after a report that he had proposed comedian and fashion designer Naomi Watanabe appear at the opening ceremony dressed as a pig, descending from the sky wearing pink ears posing as an "Olympig."

His resignation is yet another setback for the image of the Tokyo Olympics, after the president of the organizing committee was forced to resign last month for remarks denigrating women.

"My idea would be a huge insult to Ms. Naomi Watanabe. This can't be taken back," Sasaki said in a statement. "I regret this from the bottom of my heart, and I deeply apologize to her and everyone who felt discomfort over this."

Sasaki said his suggestion, made in a group online chat with staff last year, was supposed to be a play on words. He said he had spoken to Tokyo Olympic chief Seiko Hashimoto late on Wednesday to inform her he would be stepping down.

Hashimoto, who took over from Yoshiro Mori last month after his resignation, said she had been "shocked" by Sasaki's comments, which she called "inappropriate and very regrettable."

Hashimoto said Sasaki had played a crucial role in preparations for the Games, and had expressed his regret and repeated his apology to her. Nevertheless, after giving the matter serious consideration, she had accepted his resignation.

"When I became the Tokyo 2020 president, I made gender equality one of our key initiatives for restoring everyone's trust," she said. "In light of his firm determination to resign and the fact that the organizing committee has made gender equality a priority, I accepted his resignation."

The weekly magazine Shukan Bunshun reported Sasaki's remarks on Wednesday. It said his suggestion was rejected by colleagues, who told him it was inappropriate.

"I tend to joke often, so I said it just as something that slipped out of my mouth," the magazine quoted him as saying. "Wearing a cute pink costume and sticking her tongue out as an 'Olympig' - I thought that would make her look charming, but I was immediately reprimanded... I feel remorse."

Watanabe has become a plus-size fashion icon and a real inspiration to many people in a country where overweight people face considerable discrimination. She had been subjected to bullying and insults on social media but shrugs the negativity off, saying, "I know who I am."

In a statement, she said she was "honestly quite surprised" by Sasaki's comment.

"I hope for a world that can be a fun and diverse place, where each person's individuality and their way of thinking is embraced and respected," she said. "It is true I am plus-sized and I am aware working that there will be expressions in relation to my appearance."

She added that she was "very happy with my body." "Therefore I want to continue

to express myself as 'Naomi Watanabe' not focusing on being plus-sized."

This month, she announced she will leave Japan and move to the United States to pursue her career there.

Julio Mio Inuma contributed to this report.

Japan's failure to recognize same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, court rules Female Olympian to head Tokyo Games after predecessor's ouster for sexist remarks Olympics organizers near a decision to ban overseas spectators for Tokyo Games



© Toru Hanai/Reuters/file Hiroshi Sasaki, the creative director for the Tokyo Olympics opening and closing ceremonies, has resigned after making a derogatory comment about a comedian.



© AP/AP/file Well-known entertainer Naomi Watanabe attends an event to promote the lottery application for tickets for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in Tokyo in May 2019.

EGGS, BASKETS AND COVID VACCINES.

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

Shortly after 2015 general elections, it didn't take a rocket scientist to recognize that Timothy and the rest of the government had no plan as how to run the country well. And that was in good times when tings was kipping and money was there.

Despite their obvious incompetence and their ability to get involved in scandal after scandal after scandal, by whatever means, they won the elections and got another term.

Now with COVID-19 still raging, and with the big countries still in neutral, small islands like us who catch pneumonia when those big countries sneeze, find ourselves stuck in neutral too.

Honest people will admit it. If Douglas was at the helm, tings would have been kipping. COVID-19 or no COVID-19. The evidence is there. When the entire world was in a recession back in 2008, Dr Douglas had the economy bubbling and not a soul lost their job.

All when people in America and Europe were losing their homes and the shirts on their backs, not a soul in the federation was suffering the same fate.

So if Unity didn't know how to keep the economy stimulated in good times, why would we expect them to know what to in an world-wide crisis when every single economy in the world that is driven by tourism and hospitality ground to a halt?

And that is why Timothy and the government are putting all their eggs in the vaccine basket. They are convinced that once 70% of our population is vaccinated or is said to be vaccinated and the herd immunity is achieved, they will open up the federation to all, quarantine will no longer be necessary, tourists will flock

to our shores and the economy will be number one in the OECS again like when Douglas was there.

People are wondering why the focus of the leaders of the federation is still on tourism, when COVID-19 showed the whole world that the tourism product is so fickle? Why is tourism the only item on the agenda when the experts are predicting that world tourism and travel won't return to pre-pandemic levels until around 2025? Why are they still trying to attract hotels to our shores? Why haven't they made any noticeable moves towards creating new jobs through diversification of the economy?

In the meantime the Chamber is asking politely for a rollout of a plan. Ordinary people are screaming not so politely for a rollout of a plan.

We all heard from Timothy that he oversaw the best rollout of the vaccine in the world. Even the countries that bailed us out with free vaccines from their stock while we wait on the one we paid down on, our rollout is better than theirs.

So if we have these brains in the government who can mastermind the best vaccine rollout in the world, just as we have the best stimulus package in the Caribbean, surely rolling out a plan that will put the country back to work should not be a difficult undertaking.

We have surplus after surplus after surplus. We have more traffic lights per street than anywhere else in the world. Prove me wrong and show me that creating employment for a few thousands and creating a thriving economy again is easier than going into a church to say that we paid down \$800,000.00 on a vaccine and then going into parliament and denying having ever made such a statement.



By Vigilante

* After Humpty Dumpty see dat enough people ain't rushing to tek de injection, he promise de Spanish dem dey papers and to put dem on de "programme" if dey tek de jab.

* De street say dat when some a dem say dat dey ain't tekking none, he send people to threaten to deport dem.

* Dey say dat he was by de clinic asking people what dey want him to give dem for dem to tek de injection. Dey say dat he tell dem dat when dey tek de injection and den tek a picture wid him, anyting dey want dey will get. He mek de lawyer fella bring all who on de "programme" from he area. And dey had was to come because dey tell dem dat dey gon tek dem off de "programme" if dey ain't tek it.

* People want to know what happen to de vaccine dem dat we pay we good money for. Dey say dat dem is de vaccine dat have to kip in freezer dat colder dan de North Pole and now dey done pay dung for de vaccine dem, Humpty Dumpty say dat dey carn afford to buy de freezer dem.

* People wondering if Hammy monkey tek he one yet. Dey say he did telling people dat he fraid injection but de street say is another reason.

* De Dominica man and de Bajan lady say dat dey carn believe is so ungrateful and wicked Humpty Dumpty is. Dey say is beg Humpty Dumpty beg dem for de ting dem and promise to give dem back what he beg dem when he get he own.

* De people dem say dat dey never know that is race Humpty Dumpty was going go run wid dem when dey sorry for him and give him some a dey injection dem. Dey say dey people dem warn dem not to sorry for Humpty Dumpty because he like a mongoose, a snake and a scorpion.

* De frilly mout deputy say dat he pension done sure, he ain't depending pon none a dem to win he seat and election done gone. So das what mek he send police to give dem ticket and send de tow truck to impound dey "hoe".

* All when Labour was saying dat de terminal dem ain't mek good and is only cement and concrete money dey studying, nobody did paying attention. Now everybody a bawl but election done gone.

* Humpty Dumpty nearly tek een when he see dat de ringleader is one a he people dem. Dey say he call him up and tell dat if he ever embarriss him again, he gon tek way he "hoe".

* People want to know how come when you is opposition or you is PAM but you ain't got de pedigree, 58 too old. But because is Prince Charles who done 58, and because is in he house all de meeting dem to shut dung de place use to kip, dey tek way de wuk from one a dey own to give it to him.

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SYMPTOMS

- The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.
- Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.
- Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

TRANSMISSION

- Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.
- Standing within one meter of an infected person.
- Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

WORKPLACE PREVENTION MEASURES

- Undertake risk assessments and implement controls.
- Explore alternative work methods.
- Share information and establish communication plans.