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Upon arriving at Government Headquarters Senior Minister in the Federal Government Vance Amory (left) reads the placard being held by Leader of the St.Kitts-NevisLabour Party (SKNLP) Dr. Terrance Drew in protest on Wednesday 12th January 2022. The sign reads 'RESPECT THE RULE OF LAW! RESIGN NOW MR. GRANT! GUILTY OF LAWLESS CONDUCT! GUILTY OF STEALING! LEAVE OFFICE NOW!' (Spokesman Snap)



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Editorial

What Is Your View On Dr. Drew?

On Saturday 1 January 2022, Dr. Terrance Drew gave his first New Year's Day address to the nation in his capacity as National Leader of The St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP), and in which he outlined his proposals in putting the country back on the road to progress for all of people.

He has outlined working in pursuit of the people's mandate which embodies 'powering for purpose to fulfill the people's mandate'.

Many are of the view that such achievement of that goal will call for utilisation of his leadership vision, one which he explained is expansive and inclusive. Accordingly, he invites all to come on board.

He points to recognizing that this will call for leadership by example, and has openly pledged to provide such service to the party and country.

Dr. Drew further explained that he has every confidence that such is achievable, especially as the party can, and will, provide a government of high ideals, opting for the high choices, no matter how difficult they may be.

His recent actions and public conduct highlights that feature according to talks in the public. Dr. Drew this week took to a protest outside Government Headquarters in displaying that the rule of law must be respected in demonstration to the 'powers that be'.

Many people are also of the view that his leadership style will be people centric and community focused.

Dr. Drew also pointed out that there are no old or new Labour values, just 'Labour values', and that as the SKNLP governs for all and not just the few.

Many people, from different political divides, have commended the new SKNLP Drew for getting off to a fine start.

Readers, feel free to share your opinion.

SKNLP Leader Shares View On Chances Of Grant Resigning From Gov't Office

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 12th January 2022) - "Is Mr. Grant above the law? In other countries, it is obvious that persons who commit the same infringement as Mr. Grant, they are asked to resign. Why would it be different here?"

Such questions were posed by Leader of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party Dr. Terrance Drew during an interview with the media house on Wednesday 12th January 2022 while he protested outside Government Headquarters on Church Street in Basseterre, stemming from content of viral videos involving government minister Lindsay Grant's encounter with police officers which continues to be heavily debated by members of the public.

Dr. Drew, who carried a placard in publicly calling for Grant to resign, is of the view that he (Grant) "can't be treated as a privileged one under the law."

When asked for his view on the chances of Grant resigning, he had this to say: "Well, I'm looking at it and it seems thus far that there might be a slim chance because we know that Mr. Grant has a case with misappropriation of funds and nothing has been done, and it seems like it is a pattern with these scandals nothing done."

The SKNLP Leader went on to talk about other instances of scandals under the present government.

"We heard about the herpes scandal [and] nothing done. We heard about the stem cell scandal [and] nothing done. It's just scandal after scandal. We heard about the Virdee scandal and nothing was done. Scandal after scandal and everything is just being pushed under the rug and I'm simply saying there comes a point which we call the tipping point—we will not accept this. We will protest, we will write...we will do what we have to do but Mr. Grant has to answer and the Prime Minister must know we will not sit until something is done, and the just thing to do is to ask Minister Grant to resign."

Dr. Drew is calling on Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Timothy Harris to address the situation.

"I'm calling on Prime Minister Harris. He has to do it. He cannot be hiding anymore. The Prime Minister has to step out, and he has to do what is right and make sure he sends a strong message that he believes in the rule of law and no one who sits in his Cabinet would be allowed to violate the law in the way that it was violated."

Commenting on the purpose of his outing that day, he told.

"I decided to come alone to protest the altercation that took place between MP Grant and the police officers. It is an outrage. I don't think that our people can really sit down and allow this travesty that took place against officers of the law to really go unpunished or unanswered."

Dr. Drew pointed out that "there are multiple things that took place in that altercation that speaks badly of Mr. Grant."

According to him: "One- There was a violation of the COVID-19 protocol rule. Mr. Grant who is a sitting MP [Member of Parliament] and a member of the Federal government would have been part and parcel of the board that made those rules so why he thinks he can make the rules and break the rules and everyone else has to follow the rules. That to me is a breach in the rule law, and no country can exist without the rule of law and Mr. Grant a sitting MP would have taken an oath to uphold the law so why is it that he think he can break the law [and] to be so defiant to officers of the law who are empowered of course by the law itself and the constitution to enforce the law in a way that is without fear and without favour?"

Dr. Drew continued: "The second thing is that he used threatening language towards the police officers which is a crime. He said he will 'wraat dem up'. Everybody heard his voice clearly. 'Wraat up' in St.Kitts means that you will be attacked verbally, physically, and nobody should get away with threatening the officers like that who were just carrying out their duty. At no point did they violate Mr. Grant."

"...and then the third thing is the police officers in one of the tapes said she was at least touched by Mr. Grant and I think I heard her say she was hit...and how can someone get away with hitting a police officer. If that had been a normal citizen, that person would have been arrested and charged, and I'm sure they would have faced jail time or heavy fine yet a sitting MP is getting away with this? What type of country is this? Is this a banana republic or is this a democratic country? And that is why I am staging this protest today. We will not sit until we get the answer and the correct answer.

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Education Minister Distances Himself From Voice In Badword Video Bashing Police

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 12th January 2022)- Government Minister Jonel Powell has distanced himself from rumours that he was the individual bashing police officers during an incident that happened outside Las Lap bar located in Bird Rock.

“I have been made aware of a Video currently being circulated on social media. I would like to categorically state that the voice heard in the video is NOT mine, nor was I, at anytime, in an altercation with the police. I have had no altercation with any police officer and was not even in the presence of the officers

when the recorded incident occurred. I would like to thank all of those persons who have shown their confidence in me and have corrected those who thought otherwise,” he said in a statement issued on Tuesday 11th January 2022 via his official public figure Facebook page.

Powell holds the portfolio as Minister of Education, Youth, Sport & Culture.

In response to thinking that the voice in the video was Powell, many people took to social media to bash such conduct which included comments that he should leave office. On the assumption that the government Minister was behaving in such a way, there was increased concerns from critics that yet another government minister “along

with Lindsay Grant- was engaging in questionable conduct towards police officers.

Meanwhile, security camera footage “circulating on social media since 11th January- which captures outside the bar area on the night in question showed that a tall individual wearing a hoodie was seen taping the police officers.

That man’s identity appears to be publicly unknown at this time.

In the video, which spans some 0.35 seconds, the individual apparently using his cellphone for video recording can be heard saying: “This is how the government employees act in St.Kitts

like dey ain got no [bad word] sense.”

A male police officer then comments: “Once you swear any bad word, you will be arrested for indecent language.”



Photo: Government Minister Jonel Powell

SKNLP Leader Shares View...

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Leader of the St.Kitts-NevisLabour Party (SKNLP) Dr. Terrance Drew , while in protest mode, is joined by a female senior citizen wearing a shirt with the writings ‘SPEAK UP ,SUPPORT, STAND FIRM’ (Spokesman Snap)

Mr. Grant must resign. In countries such as Jamaica, we see that MPs are asked to resign over these issues. In Bermuda, we saw the same thing. Even in England, we saw the same thing where

the Prime Minister of England had to apologise for violating the COVID-19 protocol.”

“Is Mr. Grant above the law, and so I say to the police officers: You did nothing wrong. You carried out the law. You are charged to enforce the law and you did so in a way that is seemingly just so why is it you should be violated? I, therefore, believe Mr. Grant should answer to what took place; he must resign. We cannot accept this. This is just the beginning of what is to come. Justice must prevail here in St.Kitts and Nevis and the rule of law must prevail. There is not one rule for them and one rule for everyone else,” the SKNLP Leader remarked.

Dr. Drew added: “and I say to the officers: Hold your head up high. Do not feel embarrassed or ashamed. You did what you were supposed to do. Mr. Grant must pay for what he did.”

When asked what his reaction to seeing the video footage was, Dr. Drew expressed: “Well my initial reaction was one of shock. I could not believe what I was seeing. I had to look at it over and over again, and look at multiple versions to make sure I was seeing the correct thing so I would say shock and after that became great disappointment with what I saw and I’m simply saying that we have to uphold the rule of law and Mr. Grant has to resign.”

The SKNLP Leader first made a public call for Grant to resign in a statement on Tuesday 11th January.

That day also, the party sent out an official press release indicating its position while highlighting the resignation call by Dr. Drew which read in part: “the SKNLP finds the actions of a sitting Minister of Government and member of Cabinet to be simply appalling, particularly within the present context of a steep spike in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks.”



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Grant: Videos Do Not Show Full Extent Of Incident From That Night

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 12th January 2022)-Government Minister Lindsay Grant is currently caught up in some type of altercation controversy captured on cellphone video recording which involves an argument situation with police officers at Las Lap bar in Bird Rock.

Grant, who holds the portfolio as Minister of Tourism, Transport and Ports, on Tuesday 11th January 2022 issued a statement on the matter indicating that he regrets how the circumstances have been portrayed and that the videos do not display the full extent of the incident that night.

The statement reads in full: "I understand the position that I

hold! I have seen the videos, I have heard the commentary on the airwaves and I have read the messages regarding the incident between myself and police officers. While the videos do not display the full extent of the incident that night I do understand the position that I hold. I regret how the circumstances have been portrayed and I wish to assure the public and the police in particular that I fully support their efforts at the preservation of law and order. I encourage

the police to gather all evidence and to investigate the full context of the matter."

Many critics have followed up on the controversial topic by bashing Grant over the nature of his words in his statement which does not come off as an apology concerning his behaviour as a government minister.

When quizzed by this media house on his impression of Grant's statement, Leader of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party Dr. Terrance Drew, labelled it an embarrassment.

"Well, I would say that I saw a statement from Minister Grant, and I'm more disappointed. I mean when you look at it, it is just an embarrassment for him and whoever wrote that statement and it shows that Mr. Grant has no contrite; he does not really believe that he did anything wrong. Everybody knows, even those who support his party, they know that he violated the law and they know that his action is a serious action because he violated the officers of the law so the statement that he put out is really disappointing. I think that he should really retract that and so the right and honourable thing [and resign]," Drew stated.

Front Photo: Government Minister Lindsay Grant (Spokesman file photo)

Police Investigating Las Lap Bar Incident Involving Gov't Minister, Officers

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 13th January 2022)- "Ah here by Las Lap and because I am here and we speaking to Mr. Grant, he got all kinda tings goin on...the minister of government, I am not playing with him..."

That is what a female officer is heard in a widely circulated 0:45 seconds video on the hot topic of an altercation said to involve government minister Lindsay Grant and police officers at the Las Lap bar located in Bird Rock, St.Kitts.

This media house understands that she was on a phone call with her superior who is a superintendent.

That video appears to have surfaced on Monday 10th January 2022 following a shorter version which came out the night before flooding social media.

In that first video which spans some 0:10 seconds, a male police officer is heard speaking to Grant saying: "People can't be in an out without writing in the book" in advising about failure to comply with the COVID-19 protocols to which a voice which appears to be Grant says: "Boss if you to shut it down, shut it down!"

A female officer is also heard saying: "Mr. Grant move from in front of the police face

and the male officer further adds "Mr. Grant, excuse from in front of my face."

"Listen let me tell you something right, boy you ain't want me wraat up aryou right now enuh!"

That recent incident which took place at Las Lap bar is currently under police investigation.

A police statement issued on Wednesday 12th January 2022 did not specifically point to details on the matter but promised that a thorough investigation will be done and that the police is committed to justice.

"The High Command of The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) has begun an investigation into the incident that occurred on January 08, 2022, at the Last Lap Bar in Bird Rock. The Police are in the process of gathering evidence, which includes, but is not limited to, conducting interviews, taking statements, and requesting reports. The RSCNPF is committed to the delivery of justice and we are assuring the public that a thorough investigation is being undertaken to bring this matter to a just resolution," the full statement reads.

Front Page Photo: A screenshot outside the Las Lap bar in Bird Rock with a male police officer seen in the area during the night in question

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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.

Well-Known Entertainment Public Figure Addresses Depression, Offers Advice On Regaining Happiness In Life

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 13th January 2022)- Well-known public figure, Michelle Stokes, an entertainer and media personality who goes by the name Sweet Sister Sensia or Triple S, has offered advice on the topic of good mental health while publicly opening up about a personal past episode of depression she struggled with.

On Tuesday 11th January 2022, she shared her message on the topic in a video which has received widespread response from social media users applauding her outreach.

Stoke's public video message came about days after an apparent suicide incident on St.Kitts which has seen many

individuals talking about mental health well-being in general in light of such.

"When I tell people depression is real right, depression is real. I think I felt depressed one time in me life...and it wasn't a nice feeling and it could lead you to think and do things that you don't want to. When I got over that right. It was the happiest day of my life, and I told myself never me again."

Stokes advises persons who are feeling down to find someone they trust to talk to and to also surround themselves with happy people.

"If you know you going through a state of depression, talk to somebody because that's what I did. I called my cousin Tasha and I called me best friend and we talked and we went out and we laughed..."

She expressed that while out with

her loved ones "I was going through a state of depression and half of them didn't even know. Me best friend did know and me cousin did know and we talked and we get it out and we enjoyed life, and I told myself never again so if you know you going through a state of depression, talk to somebody, be around happy people. Don't got people around you who going remind you of why you depressed especially if you're going through a situation with family or relationship..."

Stokes continued: "Happy thoughts. Have people around you who are going to make you laugh, make you enjoy life, remember why you're living, why you're alive and why you should live. You understand what I'm showing you."

In further calling on individuals going through depression to seek help, she underscored the importance of such so as to avoid engaging in unwanted behaviour.

"Nobody wants to go through that state of depression. It's real and it could

lead people to do things that they don't want to do. I said that to say because I see certain things going around and it got me feel a type of way because I know a lot of people going through depression right now but they don't want to talk to nobody because of pride." Don't let pride kill around because at the end of the day, you lose your whole life when you could have just talked about it. Yeah, I understand sometime you don't trust people but ...that's alright but make sure you find people who you know you could trust at least, find people who are going to make you happy and find people who could make you laugh because depression ain't something that you want to play with, trust me, it could lead you to do things that you don't want to do."

Photo: Well-known media and entertainment personality Michelle 'Sweet Sister Sensia' Stokes (Credit: Facebook/ SweetSisterSensia)

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JeNise Carty

GONSALVES PARRY

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed on behalf of the Applicant by Ms. JeNise Carty of Gonsalves Parry, Chambers Suites C26 A&B, The Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone number: (869) 466-5455, Fax number: (869) 466-5456. The Applicants' address for service is the same.

Police Investigates Unnatural Death Of Young Man Found Inside Home

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 12th January 2022)-A young male resident of the St.Peter's community has been pronounced dead after being found hanging by the neck inside his home, and the circumstances are currently under police investigations.

Dead is 31-year-old Brent Pereira of Fountain Estate who was found dead in his home on Saturday 8th January 08, 2022.

A police statement on Monday 10th January reported that: "The Police responded to a report of an unnatural death at Pereira's home at Fountain Estate. Upon their arrival, Pereira was found hanging by the neck inside the house. The District Medical Officer arrived at the scene and pronounced him dead. The circumstances surrounding the incident are unclear and investigations into the matter are ongoing. Personnel from the Forensic Department visited and processed the scene. An autopsy will be carried out shortly to determine the exact cause of death."

Police are appealing to persons who might have information regarding this incident to contact the Stapleton Police Station by dialing 465-2418, the nearest Police Station or the Crime Hotline at 707.

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Obesity Harms Brain Health Throughout Life Yet Scientists Don't Know Why

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and high cholesterol," said Kristine Yaffe, professor and vice chair of psychiatry, neurology and epidemiology at The University of California's Weill Institute for Neurosciences in San Francisco. "It might be the constellation of cardiovascular risk factors that go along with obesity that we know can have a detrimental effect on the aging brain, whether that's contributing to the development of Alzheimer's disease or vascular dementia or some sort of mix of the two."

Another possibility is that the hormones secreted by fat cells, such as leptin, play a role, Yaffe said. Leptin helps regulate hunger. However, people with too many fat cells produce such high levels of leptin that the body becomes insensitive to it, producing a cycle in which the person keeps eating because they never feel full.

Yaffe's research published in Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences showed that in older women with a healthy body weight,

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leptin levels were associated with a lower risk for dementia or cognitive decline. However, in women with obesity, that protection disappeared.

It also could be that people who have obesity are less active and more prone to other illnesses that cause higher levels of inflammation, which "has a big role in precipitating or exacerbating Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia," Yaffe said.

While gaining weight, especially in midlife, increases dementia risk, the opposite does not appear to hold true: A large, federally funded, long-term study of a weight loss intervention found no associated cognitive benefit.

"Frankly, we don't know why that is," said Mark Espeland, an author on that long-term study published in the

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. It randomly assigned middle-aged and older adults with Type 2 diabetes who were categorized as overweight or obese into two groups, one of which engaged in an intensive weight loss program while the other did not. After 10 years, there was no difference in cognitive performance between the two groups.

It's possible no brain health benefit was seen because all of the study participants had Type 2 diabetes, "which can be disruptive to brain function," said Espeland, a professor of gerontology and geriatric medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. "Diabetes is a disease that accelerates aging."

Whether weight loss can prevent cognitive impairment or not, there are numerous reasons to strive to maintain a healthy weight, Espeland said.

"It's fairly clear that being obese in midlife is bad for the brain and much of the rest of the body, too," he said. "Preventing that from occurring is so very important."

Explore further: Obesity may worsen Alzheimer's disease effects, new research shows

Journal information: American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

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to receive increasing requests for financial assistance from cancer patients.”

Ms Hendrickson and Essence of Hope’s public relations officer, Dr Marcus L Natta received the donation on the organisation’s behalf. Dr Natta noted that CIBC FirstCaribbean held several fundraising events during September and October 2020 for the benefit of Essence of Hope. Their activities included a Wine and Tapas event, a Soca fitness session, a bake sale and the Bank’s annual ‘Walk for the Cure’.

CIBC FirstCaribbean representatives Ms Starlina Roserie, Country Manager and Ms. Claudelle Gumbs, Assistant Business Banking Officer highlighted the Bank’s philosophy of social responsibility and shared their kudos for the work that Essence of Hope is doing.

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BASSETERRE, St. Kitts: During a brief but poignant ceremony on January 6, 2022, CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank presented a cheque for EC\$30,394.00 to the Essence of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation.

“We are overwhelmed with gratitude to CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank for this tremendous donation to Essence of Hope’s work,” said an elated Pam Hendrickson, Chair of Essence of Hope. “The Bank has been a perennial supporter of our cause over the years and this donation comes at a time when our organisation continues



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Russia Won't Rule Out Military Deployment To Cuba And Venezuela

By Vladimir Isachenkov and Emily Schultheis



US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, left, and Russian deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov, at security talks in The United States Mission in Geneva, Switzerland on Monday 10 January 2022. Photo credit: Denis Balibouse (AP).

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia on Thursday sharply raised the stakes in its dispute with the West over Ukraine, with a top diplomat refusing to rule out a Russian military deployment to Cuba and Venezuela if tensions with the United States mount.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, who led the Russian delegation in Monday's talks with the U.S. in Geneva, said he could "neither confirm nor exclude" the possibility of Russia sending military assets to Cuba and Venezuela if the talks fail and U.S. pressure on Russia mounts.

The Russia-US negotiations in Geneva and a subsequent NATO-Russia meeting failed to narrow the gap on Moscow's security demands amid a buildup of Russian troops near Ukraine. While Moscow demanded a halt to NATO expansion, Washington and its allies firmly rejected that as a nonstarter.

Speaking in an interview with Russian RTVI TV, Ryabkov noted that "it all depends on the action by our US counterparts," pointing to Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Moscow could take military-technical measures if the U.S. provokes the Kremlin and turns up military pressure on it.

While voicing concern that NATO could potentially use Ukrainian territory for the deployment of missiles capable of reaching Moscow in just five minutes, Putin has noted that Russian warships armed with the latest Zircon hypersonic cruise missile

would give Russia a similar capability if deployed in neutral waters.

Zircon, which Putin said flies at nine times the speed of sound to a range of more than 1,000 kilometers (620 miles), is hard to intercept and could be fitted with conventional or nuclear warheads. It's set to be commissioned by the Russian navy later this year and installed aboard its frigates and submarines.

Ryabkov's statement followed his comments last month comparing the current tensions over Ukraine with the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis - when the Soviet Union deployed missiles to Cuba and the U.S. imposed a naval blockade of the island. That crisis ended after US President John F Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev agreed Moscow would withdraw its missiles in exchange for Washington's pledge not to invade Cuba and the removal of U.S. missiles from Turkey.

Soon after his first election in 2000, Putin ordered the closure of a Soviet-built military surveillance facility in Cuba as he sought to improve ties with Washington. Moscow has intensified contacts with Cuba in recent years as tensions with the U.S. and its allies mounted.

In December 2018, Russia briefly dispatched a pair of its nuclear-capable Tu-160 bombers to Venezuela in a show of support for Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro amid Western pressure.

Ryabkov said a refusal by The US and its allies to consider the key Russian demand for guarantees against the alliance's expansion to Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations makes it hard to discuss such issues as arms control and confidence-building steps that Washington says it's ready to negotiate.

"The US wants to conduct

a dialogue on some elements of the security situation ... to ease the tensions and then continue the process of geopolitical and military development of the new territories, coming closer to Moscow," he said. "We have nowhere to retreat."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov also described this week's talks as "unsuccessful" even though he noted "some positive elements and nuances." "The talks were initiated to receive specific answers to concrete principal issues that were raised, and disagreements remained on those principal issues, which is bad," he said in a conference call with reporters.

Peskov warned of complete rupture in US-Russian relations if proposed sanctions targeting Putin and other top civilian and military leaders are adopted. The measures, proposed by Senate Democrats, would also target leading Russian financial institutions if Moscow sends troops into Ukraine.

"It concerns sanctions, which taking into account the inevitable adequate response, effectively amount to an initiative to rupture relations," he warned, adding that Russia will respond in kind.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov likewise denounced the proposed sanctions as a reflection of U.S. "arrogance," adding that Moscow expects a written response to its demands from The US and NATO next week in order to mull further steps.

The talks come as an estimated 100,000 Russian troops with tanks and other heavy weapons are massed near Ukraine's eastern border. Russia has dismissed concerns that it was preparing for an invasion and in turn accused the West of threatening its security by positioning military personnel and equipment in Central and Eastern Europe.

Peskov rebuffed the West's calls for a Russian troop pullback from areas near Ukraine. "It's hardly possible for NATO to dictate to us where we should move our armed forces on Russian territory," he said.

Tensions revolving around Ukraine and Russia's demands on the West again appeared on the table at Thursday's meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Vienna.

Polish Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau, who assumed the position of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, noted in his opening speech that "the risk of war in the OSCE area is now greater than ever before in the last 30 years."

"For several weeks, we have been faced with the possibility of a major military escalation in Eastern Europe," he said.

In 2014 Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula after the ouster of its Moscow-friendly leader and threw its weight behind a separatist insurgency in the country's east, where over 14,000 people have been killed in more than seven years of fighting.

The tensions over Ukraine also figured high on the agenda of a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brest, France. Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod said it's important "for Putin to understand that the military threats, the game he's playing, the way he's trying to take us back to the darkest days of the Cold War, is totally unacceptable."

The EU's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, reiterated that "any further aggression against Ukraine will have massive consequences and severe costs for Russia," saying that the 27-country bloc is providing 31 million euros (\$35.5 million) in logistical assistance to the Ukrainian army and is preparing to send a mission to help the country counter cyber-attacks.

Emily Schultheis reported from Vienna. Lorne Cook in Brussels contributed to this report.

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economies in three critical and interconnected sectors: Tourism, Fisheries and Aquaculture and Waste Management. Growth and jobs in these key sectors have been heavily impacted by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

The Phase One Project of the UBEEC program is focussed on (i) Strengthening Governance, Policies and Capacity Building for Key Productive Sectors; and (ii) Scaling Up Access to Finance and Infrastructure Investments in the Blue Economy - across the target sectors at the national and regional levels. The OECS Commission will be the

implementing entity for a regional package consisting of a Regional MSME matching grants program (financing business development services and matching grants to increase productivity, job creation and upgrade capabilities within Blue Economy value chains) and strengthening regional policies, institutions and coordination.

A second phase comprising

one to two additional country-level investment projects is expected to be initiated in Financial Year 2023/2024 and could include Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica. The design of the second phase of projects will consider the capacity of institutions, technical competencies, and challenges, and will benefit from

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Giving Thanks For The Past Year In Taiwan And Best Wishes For The New Year

By William Stanton, Contributing Columnist



Taiwan at night as seen from outer space. Photo credit: US NASA.

Global problems persist

As we enter a new year, it is easy to be grim about the future. The continuing COVID-19 plague, ongoing PRC belligerence toward Taiwan and others, the Russian threat against Ukraine, deep political divisions in The US and other countries, the decline in freedom worldwide and rise of more authoritarian leaders, widening worldwide wealth inequality, demographic decline throughout the developed world, and seemingly unstoppable climate change are just some of the many challenges we face.

But there are reasons for Taiwan to give thanks

> Managing COVID-19: Although there are many reasons to be skeptical about the future, I have nonetheless also found many reasons to be thankful for living in Taiwan. Taiwan has proven itself to be one of the top countries in the world in controlling COVID-19 and helping others to meet this challenge as well. It has developed its own vaccine and provided more than 50 million medical masks to other countries as well as other medical equipment and assistance to those in need. 2021 Weather Disasters Cost US \$145 Billion.

CEOWORLD magazine ranked Taiwan as the 10th Safest Place in the World to travel to in 2021 given its handling of COVID-19. Taiwan also continues to rank as one of the top countries in the world for providing excellent health care to its own citizens, and for taxpayers medical care is free.

> Political and economic freedom: I am also grateful to live in Taiwan because it is one of the freest countries in the world. In the 2021 Freedom House rating of people's access to political rights and civil liberties in 210 countries and territories, it scored 94 out of 100 points and tied for seventh place alongside Estonia, Germany, Cyprus, and Iceland. In the 2021 Heritage House Index of Economic Freedom, it ranked sixth out of 178 countries.

Taiwan also continues to be a great economic success story. According to the IMF's 2021 estimate, it is 20th in the world in nominal GDP and 12th in GDP per capita in purchasing power parity terms.

> Personal safety: Taiwan also ranks consistently as one of the safest places in the world. Last year, Numbeo listed Taiwan as the second safest country, preceded only by Qatar. In Numbeo's Crime Index by City 2021, Taipei was ranked as the third safest of 431 cities in 163 countries. Only Abu Dhabi and Doha enjoy lower crime rates.

> Expats' top choice: It is no wonder, therefore, that Taiwan retained its title in 2021 as the "best place in the world for expats" for the third year in a row based on a January online survey by InterNations Expat Insider of 12,420 expats representing 174 nationalities in 186 countries. Taiwan took the top spot among 59 named destinations. In second place was Mexico, with Costa Rica, Malaysia, Portugal, New Zealand, Australia, Ecuador, Canada, and Vietnam rounding out the top

10. The list considered 37 factors grouped under the headings of Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, and Personal Finance. Taiwan ranked 1st in both the Quality of Life and Working Abroad indices.

Strong universities

Since retiring as a diplomat, I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as a professor at four of Taiwan's national universities, most recently National Chengchi University. I have been inspired by the quality of the faculties, the ambition and skills of the students, and the overall academic achievements I have observed. I am thankful that I have always found positions in which I can make my own contribution, however small, to Taiwan's future.

Good government adopting the right policies

Taiwanese should be, and mostly are, thankful for the prudent leadership of President Tsai Ing-wen and her administration. Most important perhaps, President Tsai has not chased the mirage of "one country, two systems," an illusory promise that proved to be a lie in Hong Kong but was already manifestly true as long ago as 2015 when former President Ma Ying-Jeou held his long-awaited meeting with PRC leader Xi Jinping in Singapore. Xi spoke only of "one country" and "one blood," phrases Ma dutifully repeated, but there was no mention of "two systems."

Still, we can always hope for more ... A New Year's wish list: security first

We can hope the PRC will halt its belligerent, provocative, and counter-productive intrusions into Taiwan's air identification zone and surrounding waters. Unfortunately, that seems unlikely, so Taiwan must continue its efforts to strengthen its defenses, including the acquisition of more sophisticated arms.

Taiwan's relations with The United States, Japan, Australia, and many European countries have never been stronger. The formation of the Quad and AUKUS are signs of a growing consensus that Taiwan is a critical security link in the Indo-Pacific region and must be assisted. Taiwan needs to continue training and coordination with its friends, building on the progress it has already made.

The country's participation in this summer's RIMPAC exercises, in whatever capacity, will be another step in the right direction, but I would hope it participates rather than only observes. After all, in the former starry-eyed days of the US Pacific Command, China was invited to participate in 2014 and again in 2016.

I also hope that Taiwan will seriously revisit the issue of military conscription. Although it remains politically unpopular across party lines, military experts I know have uniformly told me the current four-month tour for men is entirely inadequate. Like other countries facing the possibility of needing to defend against aggression, realistic lengthier training is essential to both military preparedness and as a demonstration of Taiwan's national will to defend itself.

Strengthening Taiwan's trade relationships

Now is the time, I hope, that Taiwan and its friends also do more to enhance their trading relationships. As I have long argued, the primary motives for the US' free trade agreements with 20 partner countries have usually been strategic and political rather than economic. This was certainly the case with Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Peru and Chile, among others. Now that Taiwanese voters have rejected the 15 January referendum that would have banned imports of US pork containing traces of a feed additive, it is high time for the office of the US trade representative to do its part and reengage with Taiwan on a free trade agreement. As of now, only Singapore and New Zealand have free trade agreements with Taiwan.

Similarly, in an effort to bolster Taiwan's economic independence, friendly countries like Japan, Australia, and Canada should support its entry into the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. Since The PRC is also an applicant, if it is admitted first it will certainly try to block Taiwan's entry. In a promising development, Canada and Taiwan on 10 January began talks on an investment agreement

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How The Vietnam War Pushed MLK To Embrace Global Justice And Not Only Civil Rights At Home

By Dr Anthony Siracusa, PhD, The University Of Colorado Boulder



President Lyndon B Johnson, right, as he spoke with Dr Martin Luther King Jr and other civil rights leaders in his White House office in Washington DC on 18 January 1964. Photo credit: The Associated Press.

On 2 July 1964 Martin Luther King Jr stood behind President Lyndon Baines Johnson as the Texan signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Although not the first civil rights bill passed by Congress, it was the most comprehensive.

King called the law's passage "a great moment ... something like the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln." Johnson recognized King's contributions to the law by gifting him a pen used to sign the historic legislation.

A year later, as Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into law, King again joined the president for the occasion.

But by the start of 1967, the two most famous men in America were no longer on speaking terms. In fact, they would not meet again before King fell to an assassin's bullet on 4 April 1968.

King was foremost a minister who pastored to a local church throughout his career, even while he was doing national civil rights work. And he became concerned that his political ally Johnson was making a grave moral mistake in Vietnam.

Johnson quickly escalated American troop presence in Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000 in 1965. And by 1968, more than a half a million troops were stationed in the Southeast Asian nation.

As I write in my 2021 book "Nonviolence Before King," the Baptist preacher had been on a "pilgrimage to nonviolence" for years. And by 1967, he was a radical apostle of Christian nonviolence.

King called on the United States to "be born again" and undergo a "radical revolution of values." King believed that Jim Crow segregation and the war in Vietnam were rooted in the same unjust ethic of racebased domination, and he called on the nation to change its ways.

Speaking against the Vietnam War

King preached nonviolent direct action for years, and his team organized massive protest movements in the cities of Albany, New York, and Selma and Birmingham in Alabama. But by 1967 King's religious vision for nonviolence went beyond nonviolent street protest to include abolishing what he called the "triple evils" crippling American society.

King defined the triple evils as racism, poverty and militarism, and he believed these forces were contrary to God's will for all people.

He came to believe, as he said in 1967, that racism, economic exploitation and

war were crippling America's ability to create a "beloved community" defined by love and nonviolence. And on 4 April 1967 he publicly rebuked the president's war policy in Vietnam at Riverside Presbyterian Church in New York City in a speech titled "Beyond Vietnam."

"I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam," he told those gathered in the majestic cathedral. "I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home, and death and corruption in Vietnam."

King was initially optimistic that Johnson's Great Society program, which aimed to make historic investments in job growth, job training and economic development, would tackle domestic poverty. But by 1967 the Great Society appeared to be a casualty of the mounting costs of the war in Vietnam. "I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such," King said in his speech.

King saw the grinding poverty facing Black people at home as inseparable from the war overseas. As he noted "If our nation can spend 35 billion dollars a year to fight an unjust, evil war in Vietnam, and 20 billion dollars to put a man on the moon, it can spend billions of dollars to put God's children on their own two feet right here on earth."

King could no longer ignore that military force ran contrary to the nonviolence he espoused. As urban revolts in Watts and Newark in the late 1960s rocked the nation, he pleaded with people to remain nonviolent.

"But they ask - and rightly so - what about Vietnam?" King said in the same 1967 speech. "They ask if our own nation wasn't using massive doses of violence to solve its problems, to bring about the changes it wanted. Their questions hit home, and I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today - my own government."

King's vision



Martin Luther King Jr. as he led the march against the Vietnam conflict in a parade on State Street in Chicago on 25 March 1967. Photo credit: The Associated Press.

By 1967 King's vision of justice was one of flourishing for all people, not only civil rights for African Americans. King was criticized for expanding his vision beyond civil rights for Black Americans. Some worried that aligning with the peace movement would weaken the civil rights movement. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People even issued a statement clearly opposing what it saw as a merging of the civil rights and peace movements.

But in his 1967 "Beyond Vietnam" speech, King called "for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation ... an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind." Such unconditional love is "the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality," and he noted that this unifying principle was present in Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism.

King was always first a religious leader. He never sought nor gained elected office, because he wanted to maintain a moral voice and be free to challenge policies he believed to be unjust.

But the cost for King's speaking out was high: By the time of his assassination, King's national approval rating was at an all-time low.

He was not a morally perfect man. Declassified files show how the FBI Director J Edgar Hoover tried to target King over his extramarital affairs. Hoover used a wiretap to tape King having sex with other women and sent those to his wife, Coretta Scott King, with a letter indicating King should kill himself because of his moral transgressions.

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Honoring King

For those seeking to honor King's legacy today, his religious nonviolence is demanding. It asks that people go beyond acts of service and charity - as important as those are - to both speak and act against violence and racism as well as to organize to end those pernicious forces.

It is a radical concept of love that demands we embrace those we know and those we don't, to acknowledge, as King said, "that all life is interrelated, that somehow we're caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny."

On Martin Luther King Jr Day, the challenge may be to decipher the meaning of this idea in action for our own lives. The future of what King called the beloved community depends on it - a world at peace because justice is present.

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and bravely did so on a ministerial level - a decision that will certainly anger Beijing.

Addressing Taiwan's demographic problem

Taiwan's fertility rate is the lowest in the world, according to the CIA World Factbook's 2021 estimate. Only the fertility rates of South Korea, Singapore, Macau and Hong Kong approach that of Taiwan. This demographic decline, characteristic of much of the developed world today, raises the growing specter of labor shortages, falling domestic consumer demand, and declining tax revenues to support a growing number of elderly. The proportion of people over 65 is expected to be nearly 20% of Taiwan's population by 2025.

While more social support for mothers is one obvious measure that would help, Taiwan might want to consider increasing immigration.

Meanwhile, reinforcing Taiwan's demographic problem is its severe "brain drain" as talented Taiwanese find preferred employment elsewhere. Oxford Economics' Global Talent 2021 ranked Taiwan as the country with the biggest talent deficit in the

world. The government is especially concerned that a large number of the most talented will move to The PRC in pursuit of higher salaries. In 2021, the Mainland Affairs Council banned PRC recruitment of skilled Taiwanese for jobs in China, especially in "critical technologies," but it may also be time to ensure more attractive salaries for skilled personnel in Taiwan.

And then there is Taiwan's energy conundrum

Taiwan was the world's 14th largest consumer of electricity per 2021 data, and electricity is of course critical to its high-tech infrastructure. Unfortunately, from a security perspective, in 2020 97.79% of

Taiwan's energy was imported and only 2.1% was indigenous, according to the Ministry of Economic Affairs' Bureau of Energy. Moreover, 91.74% of the nation's energy came from fossil fuels; only 0.36% from hydroelectric power; 0.38% from solar, wind, and geothermal power; and 6.57% was nuclear. Taiwan's reliance on fossil fuels means that it has been unable to significantly reduce CO2 emissions. According to the German Climate Change Performance Index for 2022, Taiwan ranked 58th out of 60 countries and the EU.

Meanwhile, as was evident again in the 15 January referendum question on whether Taiwan's Fourth Nuclear Power Plant should be unsealed, public opinion continues to oppose nuclear power. Taiwan still needs to find a way forward. Given Taiwan's miraculous achievement in overcoming enormous odds to become a prosperous democracy, I am betting it will succeed.

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Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) Program: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS FRAMEWORK

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lessons learned from phase one.

In keeping with best practices aligned with the World Bank's and OECS' guidelines, the OECS Commission is fulfilling the early

release of key safeguards information and instruments as a key component in the implementing of its consultation plan. The five instruments of the framework in this early release are as follows:

Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF) (Updated January 6, 2022)

Labour Management Procedures (LMP)

Resettlement and Process Framework (RPF)

Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ECSP)

Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), including Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) - (Updated January 6, 2022)

The Commission invites feedback and recommendations on these instruments by email to blueeconomy@oecs.int. Such feedback may be guided by the attached questionnaire.

The OECS Commission also intends to employ a menu of other consultation methods to inform stakeholders and receive feedback, including online webinar sessions.

The existing Grievance Redress tool may be accessed at <https://oecs.org/en/grievance-redress>.

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday January 12, 2022

WEST INDIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR ICC U19 MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2022

Countries hosting the ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022 are set to receive priceless global exposure with 20 of the 48 tournament matches being broadcast to almost 200 nations.

Additionally, ICC Head of Events Chris Tetley says the 16-team event - starting in Guyana on Friday - will have greater digital reach which will make it easier for fans worldwide to follow.

"We'll have coverage of this event on a larger scale than for any previous Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup. There's over 175 territories around the world that will be receiving the broadcast of matches on television," he revealed, speaking to Trinidad and Tobago media yesterday.

"We've got a digital workforce that's expanded significantly in recent times (as seen by) the amount of coverage online on the official event website (u19cwc.com). It will be the place to see all the digital content we capture from broadcast games, and importantly from the games that we're not able to cover live on television. It's a large digital footprint."

Highlighting ESPN as the tournament's exclusive broadcaster in the Caribbean, Tetley added the International Cricket Council (ICC) is "finalizing radio (and streaming) coverage

arrangements" which will bolster the options for cricket's international audience to engage with the event digitally.

Chairman of Trinidad and Tobago's Local Organising Committee for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup, Douglas Camacho, agreed, reasoning that the demographic which organisers are seeking to attract "live in the digital world".

"A lot of young people follow sport digitally...so we can reach them through video, streaming, etc. People will have the opportunity to follow their teams, their players, their stars."

On a related note, Chief Executive of Tourism Trinidad Limited, Kurtis Rudd, acknowledged the unique circumstances of hosting sporting events during the COVID-19 pandemic has opened officials' eyes to "the potential reach of faraway markets...millions of people that we possibly wouldn't have tried to reach if not for us operating

in a virtual environment".

"One of the learnings would be to find a hybrid approach, where we can still capture that vibe - because that's our differentiator as a country - and broadcast that throughout the world to millions of people that we could reach virtually," he said.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

We, **Feliz Beras Desilme & Maria Desilme Carty** now residing in **Carty Alley, Newtown** 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 our premises in **Uptop Bar** in **Carty Alley** in **Newtown** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
12th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **F. Desilme**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Izola Gilbert** now residing in **Upper Bamboo Street** in the village of **Molineux** 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 **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Gilbert's** in **Upper Bamboo Street** in **Molineux**.

Dated this
04th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **I. Gilbert**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Keithroy Phillip** now residing in **Stone Fort Estate** in the village of **Challengers** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **01st day of April 2022**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Dieppe Bay** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Serve Bar and Chill Spot** in **Stone Fort Estate, Challengers Village**.

Dated this
05th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **K. Phillip**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Alberto & Rappy Flores** now residing in **Frigate Bay** 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 **Kubo Sushi** in **RAM's Cash & Carry Food Mart**, **Bird Rock** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
11th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **A. Flores**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Bethania Yuliza Grant Gracia** now residing in **Happy Hill, Newtown** 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 our premises in **Pond Road** in **Newtown** in **Basseterre, St. Kitts**.

Dated this
13th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **Bethania Yuliza Grant Gracia**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Astrid Williams** now residing in the village of **West Farm** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **01st day of April 2022**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Dieppe Bay** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **West Farm**.

Dated this
10th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **A. Williams**

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Polita Paris Brown** now residing in **Main Street** in the village of **Challengers** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **01st day of April 2022**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Dieppe Bay** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **Paula's Shop** in **Main Street, in Challengers Village**.

Dated this
10th day of **January, 2022**.

Signed: **Polito Paris Brown**

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By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

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It's a shame that there are one set of rules for ordinary people and no rules for the other one percent of the population. They make the rules for all others to obey because they understand and everybody else, especially the police, better understand the position that they hold.

We are in a bad place. A very bad place. The one percent laughing at us. They wrong but they know they strong. And because they know that we love to be in their company even if it is just to get the opportunity to lick their asses, they laughing after us.

Look at Lindsay's I KNOW THE POSITION THAT I HOLD press release. Look at the KFC receipt. Derision. Scorn. Disrespect. Arrogance. They do it because they know that they will get away with it because they know that we want to be in their company.

Ordinarily, these people have no use for us. But they need us to get them and keep them in political power. We give them the power then they make us come and beg for the dregs, while they eat the cream. And because they know that we are satisfied with the dregs, we get the dregs. Soon we begin to believe that our dregs and their cream are the same.

Bradshaw had warned us about those people. Bradshaw had told us not to give those with economic power, political power. But ordinary people really don't hear. We believe that because we are in their company, we are in their world. And we can't understand why we don't get invited to their private events. Money to spend like at a bar, for example, we getting invitation. When they need a crowd, they remember us. People to defend them, they calling us. But ask Hardest, they have no real use for us.

I have to reflect on the Basseterre High School. The one percent was able to get

ordinary people who were all educated at the very school to condemn and abandon their alma mater. We messed up our own children's lives and livelihoods just to help them get one of our own out of political power. And as soon as the mission was accomplished, the one percent abandoned all with such indecent haste. Except for the lady. All the others are still dumbstruck at the treatment meted out to them just because they wanted to be in certain people company. And give political power to those who already had economic power.

We really don't hear. The one percent convinced us that Douglas, one of us, was making too many ordinary people boasting. They get house from Labour. They get land from Labour. They get work from all the thousands of jobs created by Labour. We needed to take political power away from Labour and give it to them. And we did.

Now we are acting surprised. We have given Lindsay a pension. We can fret and rant all we want. We created these monsters. We know what we were creating when we were getting rid of Labour but we did it anyway. Lindsay alone wasn't enough blue blood. We brought in his partner also.

Now our children's education is back burner to CPL and Carnival. Our children's education is like last lap. Last day of carnival when we remember work the next day but in this case, school the next day. So it's back to the shift system again.

Karma is really a bitch. Since the shift system was introduced to get rid of Labour, it's been almost seven years and we still can't get rid of it. Covid could be with us for a long time so it seems so long as there is Covid, there will be the shift system.

But the cabinet ministers' children either too big or too small so shift system and COVID not affecting them. The children of the one percent are not affected by any shift system or COVID. Only we who want to be in these people company have children who are being affected by the shift system and COVID. You just can't miss the irony.



By Vigilante

* Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty lil more fall out de chair wid a laughing when he see de video. He tell de fallen angel dat when he done raat dem up, he gon mek he and de other misappropriator beg for mercy.

* Humpty Dumpty dung by raat up every week walking up and dung wid raat up people dem. Dey say das why raat up drinking so much rum dese last days.

* Raat up did keeping way from de area. But through Humpty Dumpty visiting de area fast, fast, raat up feel like he got to keep dung dere hot.

* Through #2 misappropriator had was to clear he name, he mek sure dat he ain't gone up by de place since de scatterflam.

* Dey say dat is Ms Whisky who see de load a car dem dere after she say what she say and send de force to investigate. She say dat all dey could say is dat she carn get no man and she ain't want none a dem because all a dem want what she want.

* She say dat she does drink she load a rum because she carn get no man. But all a dem does drink dey load a rum because all a dem got load a clothes in dey closet.

* Dey say das why raat up bring de people dem for de big wuk. But dey say dat he married and he want to bring he people and raat up and Humpty Dumpty wex wid him.

* When somebody ask de frilly mout deputy if he ain't have nutton to say about de scatterflam, he say dat he just mekking sure he get he money when he send een he bill for all dem sidewalk what he brukking up and building back. Das de only last lap he know bout.

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FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

Mali and Tunisia's Africa Cup of Nations game finished in chaos after the referee first signalled for full-time on 85 minutes, then ended the match when the clock showed 89 minutes and 47 seconds



Tunisia coach Mondher Kebaier and his technical staff raced on to the field to confront referee Janny Sikazwe after his final whistle consigned them to a 1-0 defeat in Group F.

Twenty minutes later, after Mali manager Mohamed Magassouba's post-match press conference had started, tournament organisers ordered the game to be played to a conclusion.

However, in more farcical scenes, Tunisia's players did not return to the field and Mali were declared winners.

Kebaier called the referee's actions "inexplicable", adding: "He blew for full time and asked us to go to the dressing room, so the players were in their ice baths and then he asked us to come back out.

"In 30 years in this business, I have never seen anything like it."

Confusion reigns in Limbe

At the end of an action-packed second half, which saw two stoppages for video assistant referee checks as well as a drinks break and several substitutions, Sikazwe became the centre of attention.

The Zambian - who refereed two group-stage games at the 2018 World Cup in Russia - had signalled for full-time with five minutes remaining, before checking his timings and continuing the game.

Then he ended the match 13 seconds before the 90th minute mark - and without adding on any additional time for stoppages.

Kebaier and his staff angrily confronted Sikazwe and his assistants on the pitch, pointing to their watches and remonstrating about the lack of added time.



Tunisia coach Mondher Kebaier (centre) took his protests to an assistant after Sikazwe ignored his complaints

The officials were given an escort off the pitch by stadium security as the Malians celebrated in front of their fans, but the controversy did not end there.

More than 20 minutes later, the Malian side ventured back on to the field for the game to restart, with fourth official Helder Martins Rodrigues de Carvalho set to take charge instead of Sikazwe.

After a short time on the pitch he was told to bring the players off again by officials as the North Africans had failed to emerge, and Mali were awarded the victory.

"It is a difficult situation to deal with. The referee also blew with five minutes left in the first half and then he blew after 89 minutes, denying us practically seven or eight minutes of added time," added Kebaier, whose team had an extra man at the end after Mali's El Bilal Toure was sent off.

"His decision is inexplicable. I can't understand how he made his decision and we will see what happens now."

The Confederation of African Football (Caf), organisers of the tournament, will have questions to answer following a farcical ending and Tunisian protests.

"We were told to go back on the pitch because the game was not finished," said Magassouba, who was giving his post-match news conference when an official entered the room to announce the game would restart with three minutes left to play.

"Unfortunately the opposition team did not want to come back out and the final whistle was blown."



Ibrahima Kone netted the winner three minutes into the second half

On the field, Ibrahima Kone's 48th-minute penalty - awarded after a shot struck the back of the arm of Ellyes Skhiri - proved to be the winner.

But Mali keeper Ibrahim Mounkoro saved a 77th-minute spot-kick from Wahbi Khazri, diving to his right to push away a well-struck effort from the Carthage Eagles captain.

Sikazwe had taken time at the VAR monitor to award the foul after Khazri's cross flicked the hand of Moussa Djenepo, with more than two minutes elapsing between the incident and the ball being placed on the spot.

Mali substitute Toure was shown a straight red card late on for catching the ankle of Tunisia defender Dylan Bronn, another incident which required a check on the video screen.

The West Africans are considered outside contenders for the Nations Cup after an unbeaten World Cup qualifying campaign so far, but the nature of the officiating will provide more of a talking point than their display in Limbe.

The city in south-west Cameroon has seen an increased security presence because of recent conflict stoked by local militants pursuing a separatist agenda.

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