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Editorial

Every Day Should Be Christmas Day

Christmas day should be every day.

There is just this undeniable mood for grand merriment. The human spirit globally just feels so connected with wholesome goodness that it is easy to want to have that Christmas feeling throughout the year. 'Season's Greetings', 'Best Wishes To You and Your Family' and even 'Save A Plate For Me' are some of the very top expressions of joy and togetherness that automatically warm the heart.

It is like a time of the year carved out for human beings to remember the virtues of love, kindness and peace among ourselves.

Just for a moment, let us think about this earthly space filled with an abundance of goodwill and peace.

Of course, we know that we live in this imperfect world and so wishful thoughts can work in hope, but with action, perhaps day by day, we can be part of the positive change we want to see. But if we could just cherish and practice the good and humanitarian ways of Christmas throughout the year then our world and people would be so much better for it. Then truly that Christmas feeling will surely linger on.

In reality though with the festivity that Christmas brings, there are some families and individuals who are experiencing a tough and or emotional time while missing their departed loved ones who are no longer with them as of most recently or years ago. Our hearts go out to all those who are affected by the Christmas blues in whatever way.

During this time of year, our Federation of St.Kitts-

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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In the Estate of CLIVE JORDAN late of Upper Bourryeau, St. Kitts, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EMILETA JORDAN of Upper Bourryeau in the island of Saint Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of July 2018.

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

Dated this ~~14~~th day of December 2023

Filed by Hendrickson's Legal Chambers Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is New Road, St. Peter's, St. Kitts.

Nevis is also in the festive mode for the National Carnival (Sugar Mas). We wish to encourage all the revelers, others participants and spectators alike a fun-filled and peaceful celebration coming together 'All in With Your Crew for Sugar Mas 52.'

From the management and staff of The Labour Spokesman

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BHS Gets Teen Queen Crown

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 20th December 2023) - From a field of eight competitors, 15-year-old Kaitlynn Wilson of the Basseterre High School (BHS) walked away with the teen queen title of the Republic Bank Miss Teen St. Kitts and Nevis pageant held on at Carnival Village in Basseterre.

With an overall score of 684 points, she won out of

the five judged segments namely Best Talent, Best Teenage Wear and Best Interview.

The first runner up position went to Destiny Huggins of the Charles E. Mills Secondary School (658 points) followed by second Runner Up Cyanna Johnson of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (636 points) and third Runner up Victoria Eloi of the Saddlers Secondary School (617 points).

Best Ambassadorial Speech went to Avonnie Wyatt of the Miss Immaculate Conception Catholic School while Tyonce Liburd of the Verchilds High School got the Best Ambassadorial Costume.

The other contestants were Destiny Huggins of the Charles E. Mills Secondary School and Shante Hendrickson of the Nevis Sixth Form College.

Front Page Image: 15-year-old Kaitlynn Wilson of the Basseterre High School (BHS) â€œ Winner of the 2023 Republic Bank Miss Teen St.Kitts and Nevis pageant. (Credit: Facebook/St. Kitts& Nevis Carnival)

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Man Found Dead In His Pigsty

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 21st December 2023)-Police on Nevis are currently investigating the death of a man "found in his pigsty with gunshot injuries."

Dead is Marius Webbe of Pond Hill.

Police say the man was found around midday on Thursday 21st December 2023.

Meanwhile, police on St.Kitts are investigating a shooting incident that occurred three day before on December 18th which left one (1) male deceased.

Dead is 22-year-old Glenville Short Boss Syder of Buckleys.

Police say the incident happened along the island main road in Old Road between 7:30 PM and 8:30PM.

Reportedly, responding to the scene, the police observed Syder laying motionless on the side of the road with what appeared to be gunshot wounds to the body.

He was examined and pronounced deceased at the scene.

As further reported, the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force

(RSCNPF) processed the scene and took into custody some items of evidential value.

Front Page Image: Used for illustration purposes only shows police tape at a scene not related to the article. (Credit:www.analyticsinsight.net)

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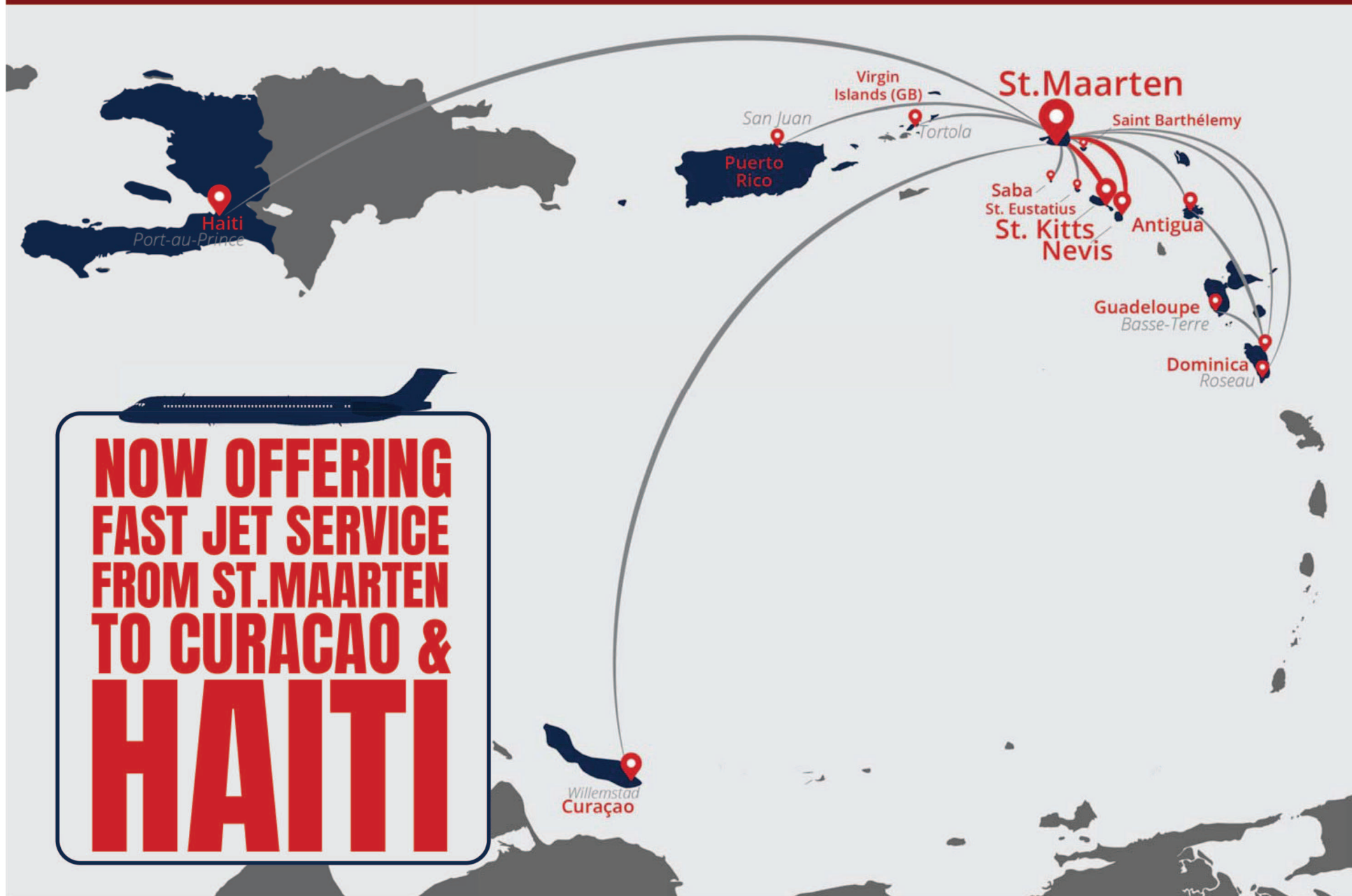
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Police: Adult Male Had Missing School Girl At His Residence

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 18th December 2023)- An adult male from the Basseterre area has been charged by police after a 15-year-old teen school girl Valiana Edwards, who was missing for more than five days, was found at his residence.

Police say Jaheem James of Upper Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts has been charged for the offence of Cohabiting with a Female Under Sixteen (16) years of Age. Reportedly, the offence was committed on December 13th, 2023, at Upper Market Street. James was charged on December 15th at the Basseterre Police Station.

Recently, information from the Police Public Relations Office had revealed that officers found Edwards unharmed on the morning of Wednesday 13th December at a residence in the Market Street area. It was indicated then that a male was in police custody in connection to the investigation.

The teen girl was last seen on 5th December at her home in La Guerite, Basseterre.

The general public and the media are being thanked by police for their concern, persistence and assistance in this matter.



Jaheem James of Upper Market Street (Police Photo)

Two Other Young Men Charged With Double Murder

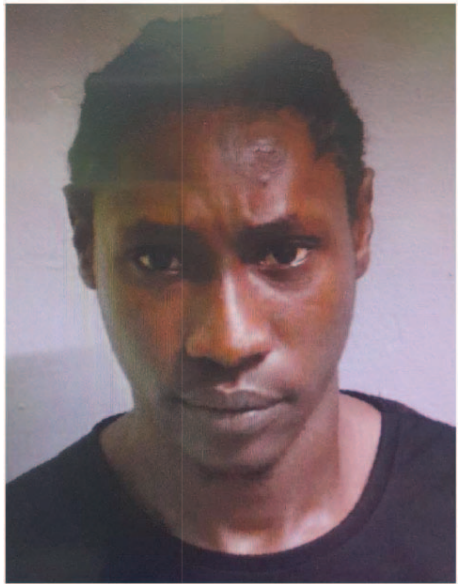
By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 18th December 2023)-

Two more young men in their twenties have been charged by police in relation to the November 2023 double homicide in the St. Peter's community, bringing it to three males in police custody to date.

24-year-old Iniajii 'Hollie' Henry, of Shadwell and **26- year-old Jahvin 'Pony' Lake** of Shadwell, each on two (2) warrants for the offence of Murder, have been arrested and charged in connection with the deaths of 23-year-old Lequani T. James and 24-year-old Kevin Collins both of Upper Monkey Hill, St. Peter's were gunned down on Wednesday 22nd November.

Henry and Lake were charged at the



24-year-old Iniajii 'Hollie' Henry (Police Photo)



26- year-old Jahvin 'Pony' Lake (Police Photo)

Basseterre Police Station on Thursday 14th December which came one day after two (2) Murder charges that were laid against Shomari 'Jelly Man' Hanley also of Shadwell on Wednesday 13th December at the Basseterre Police Station.

On the day in question, law enforcement officers responding to the scene in Upper Monkey Hill observed two (2) males laying on the ground with

multiple gunshot wounds about their bodies, and that they were shortly identified. Both succumbed to their injuries at the scene.

21-year-old Kejaun Connanier of Carty Alley, Newtown was left injured in the aftermath of that shooting incident, sustaining gunshot injuries to both legs.

It is understood that the incident took place sometime before 12noon that day.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: CALL ANY POLICE STATION OR THE CRIME STOPPERS HOTLINE - 707

Frigate Bay Outpost: 465 6899

Basseterre Police Station: 465 2241

Old Road Police Station: 465 6250

Cayon Police Station: 465 7258

Tabernacle Police Station: 465 7227

Sandy Point Police Station: 465 6261

Stapleton Police Station (St.Peter's): 465 2418

St. Johnston's Police Station: 465 2241

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT A.D. 2023 TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

CLAIM NO.: SKBHCV2023/

In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

In the Matter of an Application by CARIBBEAN GALAXY REAL ESTATE CORPORATION for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a piece or parcel of land situate at Helden's Estate, in the Parish of Saint Paul in the Island of Saint Christopher to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book S3 Folio 177

And

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CARIBBEAN GALAXY REAL ESTATE CORPORATION of #21 Port Zante, Basseterre, in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of St. Christopher, have applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure namely a Certificate of Title dated 15th day of May 2019 and registered in Register Book SW3 Folio 177 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Helden's Estate, in the Parish of Saint Paul in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say, on or towards the North-East by an Estate Public Access Road, 94.95 feet, 114.14 feet, 104.82 feet, 86.27 feet, 94.02 feet, 66.64 feet and 317.41 feet; on or towards the East by lands of Caribbean Galaxy Real Estate Corporation, 351.32 feet and 621.43 feet; On or towards the South-South-West by lands of Helden's Estate 234.61 feet; On or towards the South-West by Brotherson's Ghaur, 185.44 feet, 105.93 feet, 116.10 feet, and 284.32 feet; On or towards the West by Brotherson's Ghaut, 457.56 feet and 184.43 feet; On or towards the North-North-West by Brotherson's Ghaut, 12.27 feet; and comprising by admeasurement 11.2 acres.

Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact FREEMAN'S LEGAL SERVICES of Chambers, 2ND Floor, RAMS Building, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants. Tel: 1-762-8158, Email: info@flslawchambers.com.

Dated the 21st day of December 2023

Crios R. Freeman
FREEMAN'S LEGAL SERVICES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants



landmark event is undoubtedly a testament to the irrefutable appeal that St. Kitts holds for cruise travelers seeking an extraordinary, off-the-beaten-path experience.

Celebrity Ascent Makes Inaugural Cruise Call to St. Kitts, Reinforcing Island's Tourism Appeal

Basseterre, St. Kitts (21 December 2023) - In a significant boost to St. Kitts' dynamic tourism industry, the stunning new addition to the Celebrity Cruises fleet, Celebrity Ascent, made its inaugural cruise call to the destination today. This event marks the beginning of a promising partnership that aligns seamlessly with the destination's flourishing tourism offerings, solidifying St. Kitts as a favored Caribbean destination for travelers.

Celebrity Ascent, the epitome of elegance and luxury at sea, stands at an imposing length of 1,086 feet, accommodating up to 3,366 guests in the utmost comfort. This state-of-the-art vessel features an array of world-class amenities, ranging from exquisite dining options to luxurious accommodations, enhancing the overall cruise experience for its passengers. With its cutting-edge design, environmental sustainability measures, and exceptional onboard services, Celebrity Ascent truly embodies the very essence of modern cruising.

CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, Mr. Ellison "Tommy" Thompson expressed his delight at Celebrity Ascent's inaugural visit. "Today, we warmly welcome the Celebrity Ascent to St. Kitts, as its arrival adds to our thriving tourism landscape," said CEO Thompson. "We are confident that our collaboration with Celebrity Cruises will not only enhance our tourism offerings but also contribute significantly to the growth of our economy."

The timing of Celebrity Ascent's inaugural call could not be more opportune, particularly during December, when St. Kitts experiences a surge in cruise ship visits. This month has proven to be exceptionally fruitful for the destination, with daily calls from various cruise lines, reinforcing St. Kitts' position as a premier destination in the Caribbean. With only a single day missing a cruise call, the island's unprecedented popularity among vacationers remains competitive in the region.

The inaugural visit of Celebrity Ascent to St. Kitts captures the attention of the global travel industry, showcasing the exceptional allure of the destination. This



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

Title by Registration Act. Cap. 10.19

A. D. 2023

SUIT NO. SKBHCV2017/0245

IN THE MATTER of Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

IN THE MATTER of the sale of the property comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 28th day of August, 2006 and registered in **Book F3 Folio 478** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit on **COLETTE B. LEWIS** now known as **COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES**

BETWEEN:

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED

-Applicant

and

COLETTE B. LEWIS now known as COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Cnr. Wilkin Street and Horsfords Road, Fortlands, St. Kitts, on the 23rd day of January, 2024 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

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

ALL THAT lot of land known as Lot No. 15 of Soho Housing Development and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North-West by Lot No. 17, 66.95 feet, On or towards the North- East by Lot No.16, 97.62 feet, On or towards the South-East by a Public Road, 57.87 feet, and On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 75.82 feet and 15.31 feet and containing by admeasurement **6,087.00 square feet**, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 28th day of August, 2006 and registered in **Book F3 Folio 478** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES formerly known as COLETTE B. LEWIS** formerly of The Ghaut, Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne; in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$240,000.00**.

Dated the 31st day of October, 2023.

Registrar of the Supreme Court



St. Kitts and Nevis Aquatics Federation 2023 Annual General Meeting and Elections

Wednesday 13th December 2023

MEDIA RELEASE



President - Eldon Thomas



Vice President Secretary - Elias Lee



Treasurer - Timothy Morton



Rymalese Clarke - Treasurer



Ivor Blake - Trustee



Dahlia Joseph Rowe - Trustee

The St. Kitts Nevis Aquatics Federation held its Annual General Meeting and elections on Thursday, 30th November 2023 at the Department of Education conference room, Marion Heights - Nevis. This was to expire old constitution and thus have an election for an

executive to serve its new term on the new constitution. Seven clubs were present at the meeting.

The executive was able to accomplish quite a lot for the one-year term. Notably,

- amendments to the constitution

- removing, repairing, and launching swimming platforms

- name change from St. Kitts-Nevis Swimming Federation to St. Kitts-Nevis Aquatics Federation

- Acquiring swim software for local meets

- Participating in OECS Championships and capturing two (2) Bronze Medals

- Developed a four (4) year strategic plan

- Appointment of national head coach and assistant coach

- Three (3) new World Aquatics certified level 2 coaches

- Improved 167% from 3% ranking in good Governance one year ago

- Made application for membership to National Olympic Committee

Ms. Tony Nisbett served as supervisor of elections.

The composition of the newly elected executive for the period 2023-2025 is as follows:

President- Eldon Thomas

Vice President - Elias Lee

Secretary - Timothy Morton

Treasurer - Rymalese Clarke

Trustee - Ivor Blake

Trustee - Dahlia Joseph Rowe

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Case Number :SKBHPB2023/0138

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

Submitted Date:13/11/2023 09:35

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Filed Date:13/11/2023 09:35

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Fees Paid:102.00

In the Estate of **JOSEPH EMANUEL FERDINAND**, late of 394-308 Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, VI 00802, USVI and also of Unit 212, Douglas Estate, St. Peters, St. Kitts, deceased

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Application is hereby made to the Registrar by JUDY PEREZ FERDINAND of 394-308 Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, VI 00802, USVI, retired, and CONCHITA ADISNETTE JERISA FERDINAND of 7201 Ashley Falls CT, Douglasville GA, 30134, United States of America, Lowes Pro Service Specialist, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the surviving spouse and daughter of the deceased, respectively, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of October, 2015.

Dated this 13th day of November 2023.

Chauntelle Hobson

GONSALVES PARRY

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Filed on behalf of the Applicants by Ms. Chauntelle Hobson of Gonsalves Parry, Chambers Suites C26 A&B, The Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone number: (869) 465-2591, fax number: (869) 466-5456.

The Registry is at the Sir Tapley Seaton Annex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, telephone number: (869) 465-2591, fax number: (869) 465-2482. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SKBHPB2023/

In the Estate of **GEORGE LEROY JEFFERS**

also known as **GEORGE JEFFERS** late of

the Island of St. Christopher but who resided at

7031 Pembroke Rd Apt.1, Pembroke Pines,

Florida 33023, United States of America,

deceased

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 14 days of the second publication of this Notice application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the wife and daughter respectively of the deceased, both of the Island of St. Christopher but both residing at present at 7031 Pembroke Rd Apt.1, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33023, United States of America having died intestate on the 13th day of December 2017.

Dated this 12th day of December 2023.

Bryan & Liburd

Attorneys-at-Law

for **HELENA TRYPHENA DOUGLAS JEFFERS**

and **JOVELLE JEFFERS**

ILO: Despite a lower unemployment rate in 2023, recovery of labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean is still insufficient (MEDIA)

News | 19 December 2023

LIMA (ILO News).- The labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean, almost four years after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, show a full recovery in their employment rates. However, these are still characterized by the persistence of gender gaps, youth unemployment, informality, and loss of purchasing power of wages, the ILO Regional Office said today when it presented the 2023 edition of its Labour Overview report.

During the presentation of the 2023 Labour Overview, ILO Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Claudia Coenjaerts, noted that “the decline in the purchasing power of wages, both minimum and average, is a challenge that has a negative impact on the life quality of Latin American and Caribbean families. Despite the recovery in employment, the mass of total labour incomes is still below pre-pandemic levels”.

In the international context, -characterized by moderate global growth and high inflation- Latin America and Caribbean economies have experienced a widespread recovery, although they still face a complex macroeconomic scenario.

The world economy is projected to grow by 2.9 per cent in 2023 and, in our region, growth is expected to be 2.3 per cent, according to the IMF, and 2.2 per cent, according to ECLAC, for the same period. “While these rates indicate a recovery, they are below the levels reached in 2022”, Coenjaerts said.

This year, the dynamics of the labour market in Latin America and the Caribbean were characterized by an increase of less than 1 percent in the regional employment rate. Participation, on the other hand, decreased slightly compared to the previous year (62.3 percent in 2023 compared to 62.5 percent in 2022) and, finally, an average unemployment rate of 6.5 percent.

“While urban employment returned to 2019 rates, there is still some lag in rural employment”, said Roxana Maurizio, report coordinator and expert on labour markets in the region. This, therefore, has widened the employment gap in favour of the existing urban environment prior to the pandemic.

The rate of economic participation, as mentioned above, is lower than pre-pandemic values in both areas, around -2 per cent.

Finally, due to the more intense recovery in employment than in labour supply compared to 2019, the unemployment rate dropped in both urban and rural areas by 2.5 percentage points and 1.7 percentage points, respectively.

Gender, youth employment, informality, and wages

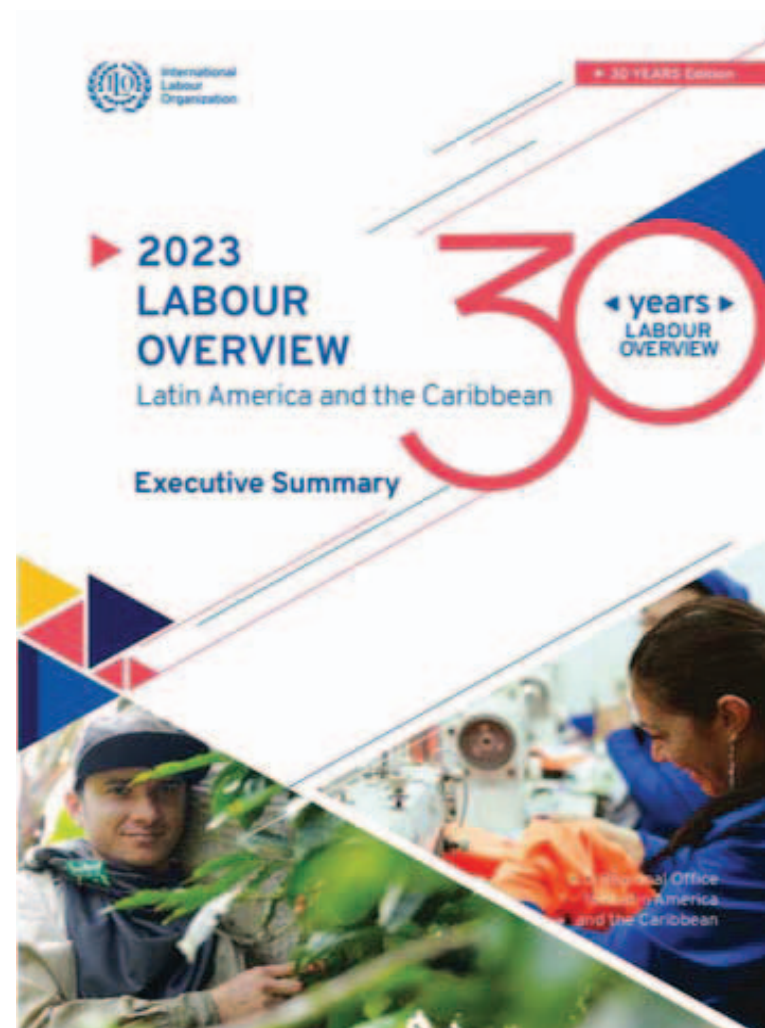
At the regional level, the recovery in female employment continued to be more intense than that experienced by male employment. However, gender gaps are persistent and remain very high in Latin America and the Caribbean.

According to Claudia Coenjaerts, “the female labour participation rate is 23 per cent lower than that of men, while the employment rate is 22.5 per cent lower. These disparities are even deeper between different levels of education”. This situation spotlights the need to promote transformative care policies, which would allow for greater equality between men and women, since the latter bear the greatest burden of care.

The report warns on the situation of youth employment. The

unemployment rate for young people is 14.4 percent, more than double the overall rate of 6.5 percent. Notwithstanding, some countries in the region show significantly higher rates than those, reaching values close to 30 per cent.

In addition, historical difficulties experienced by young people in the labour markets of the region persist. They face increased work intermittence explained by, in part, intense hires and dismissals from the workforce. The greater occupational instability, in turn, is associated with its



higher prevalence in informal, precarious, low-skilled activities.

These challenges, the report warns, can be intensified by technological transformations. In the current context of a growing

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SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC

Andresha Matthew of **Keys Extension, Keys Village, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055405338** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 13th December 2023

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC

Michelle Greenaway, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05521962** issued by **The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc on her life, has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 11th November 2023

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary

ILO: Despite a lower unemployment rate in 2023, recovery of labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean is still insufficient (MEDIA)

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need for digital skills, vocational training emerges as an essential element to bridge the digital and skills gap between young people. In addition, it plays a crucial role in ensuring more employability and access to quality jobs for this group.

Job recovery has continued to be driven by growth in informal employment in most countries. Informal occupations have contributed to job creation by 40 and 95 per cent in the third quarter of 2020, and the second quarter of 2023.

The average labour market informality rate in the region stood at 48 per cent in mid-2023, however, in some countries it exceeded 70 per cent.

In that regard, the regional overview remains very complex. Even more so, considering that certain branches of activity - such as domestic service - with a high incidence of informality and female participation still falls behind in employment recovery.

“The region needs comprehensive measures that support the creation of formal jobs, strengthen labour institutions, and provide social protection and income to those who need it most in a constantly changing world of work”, Coenjaerts concluded.

Three Decades of Analysis to Build Decent Work

As a Special Theme for the 30 years of uninterrupted publication of the Labour Overview report, an exhaustive analysis was carried out that seeks to provide a comprehensive vision of labour evolution and contextualized within the framework of the broader transformations that Latin America and the Caribbean have experienced over the last three decades.

In particular, changes in the structure of employment are discussed, highlighting the decline of agriculture, stagnation of industry, sustained growth of services, and a great productive heterogeneity within and between economic sectors, as well as between regions and territories.

Progress of women -although insufficient- in the world of work, with labour force participation rate for women aged 15 and older rising from 41.3 per cent in the early 90s to 53.9 per cent on average in 2022, although it remains lower than that of men (76.3 per cent).

It also highlights the continuing challenge to youth inclusion and its projection toward decent work trajectories, in a context where youth unemployment rates more than double the totals, and employment and participation rates are significantly lower.

It also deepens the analysis of technological advances and accelerated digitalization, in particular the challenges of the present and the future of work, such as the adaptation of legislation and institutionality; the increasing expansion of digital work platforms, with needs and dilemmas for its measurement and regulation, remote work and teleworking, and the reconsiderations that arose in this topic with the COVID-19 pandemic and that will continue in the future.

“Labour Overview is not only a guide to decision-making, but also a photograph and a historical record of what is happening in our region”, said Coenjaerts.

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Source: ILO Newsroom



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End of an era for electronics giant Toshiba

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Toshiba was one of Japan's most successful brands

By Suranjana Tewari
BBC News

There was a time when more than one of your TVs, computers, speaker systems or other essential electronic goods would have been made by Toshiba.

Once a poster boy for Japan's dominance in electronics - known as Japan Inc - the company has delisted, ending a 74-year history with Tokyo's stock exchange.

So why did one of Japan's most famous industrial names have such a

spectacular fall from grace?

It all started in 2015 when accounting malpractices across multiple divisions came to light, with many of them involving top management.

For seven years, Toshiba had overstated its profit by \$1.59bn (£1.25bn).

In 2020, Toshiba found further accounting irregularities.

There were also allegations related to corporate governance and the way in which shareholder decisions were made.

An investigation in 2021 found that

Toshiba had colluded with Japan's trade ministry - which saw Toshiba as a strategic asset - to suppress the interests of foreign investors.

At the time, experts said this made foreign investors uncertain about investing in Japanese stocks, making it not just a Toshiba problem, but an issue for Japan's entire stock market.

In late 2016, Toshiba said it would take charge of several billion dollars related to the construction of a nuclear power plant that US unit Westinghouse Electric had bought a year earlier.

Three months later, Westinghouse filed for bankruptcy leaving Toshiba facing a collapse of its nuclear business and more than \$6bn in liabilities.

It sold off a slew of businesses including mobile phones, medical systems and white goods.

Then it was forced to put its chip unit Toshiba Memory up for sale - a deal that was delayed for several months over a dispute with one of its partners.

Toshiba set to end 74-year stock market history

At a time when companies were investing heavily in the future of technology and innovation, Toshiba was having to sell off a prized asset to raise cash.

Toshiba managed to secure a \$5.4bn cash injection at the end of 2017 from overseas investors, helping it to avoid a forced delisting.

But that meant activist shareholders had more say in the direction of the company.

That led to protracted battles that paralysed the maker of batteries, chips and nuclear and defence equipment.

After a great deal of back and forth over whether the company should split up into smaller companies, Toshiba set up a committee to explore whether it could be taken private.

In June 2022, Toshiba received eight buyout proposals.

Earlier this year, the company confirmed it would be taken over by a group of Japanese investors led by state-backed Japan Investment Corp (JIC) for \$14bn.

It's not clear how the new owners plan to turn around Toshiba but its outgoing chairman has said high-margin digital services will be a focus.

JIP does have a track record in carving out businesses from big manufacturers including Sony's laptop division and Olympus's camera unit.

After acquiring Sony's Vaio laptop business in 2014, it helped the company achieve record sales this last year.

But Toshiba is a much bigger company and the stakes are high: Toshiba employs around 106,000 people and some of its operations are seen as critical

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Ministry of Health Collaborates with Williams Architectural to Introduce Air Conditioning to JNF



(L-R) Assistant Matron, Mrs. Sandra Lestrade-Caines; Director of Operations at J.N.F General Hospital, Ms. Lindsey Maynard; Director of Institutional-based Health Services, Dr. Jenson Morton; Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew; Mr. Victor Williams, Owner of Williams Architectural; Principal Nursing Officer, Dr. Rondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw; Medical Chief of Staff, Dr. Daveen Wilkin; Matron of the Hospital and Director of Institution-based Nursing Services, Mrs. Kerry Williams-Tuckett; Nurse Manager for the Medical Ward Ms. Alrona McKoy.

Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, December 21, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMOSKN) - Prime Minister and Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, during his annual Christmas visit to the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital, did a walkthrough of the medical and surgical wards on December 20, 2023 with JNF senior management and Mr. Victor Williams, Owner of Williams Architectural, who partnered with the Prime Minister's Office to install air conditioning units for the first time in the medical and surgical wards.

In attendance were key figures including Director of Institutional-based Health Services, Dr. Jenson Morton; Director of Operations at J.N.F General Hospital, Ms. Lindsey Maynard; Principal Nursing Officer, Dr. Rondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw; the Medical Chief of Staff, Dr. Daveen Wilkin; the Matron of the Hospital and Director of Institution-based Nursing Services, Mrs. Kerry Williams-Tuckett; Assistant Matron, Mrs. Sandra Lestrade-Caines; Nurse Manager for the Medical Ward Ms. Alrona McKoy.

Dr. Jenson Morton expressed delight in the completion of the project stating "We are very pleased to see this come to fruition. Now we know that all of the



Prime Minister and Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew walking through the Medical and Surgical Wards with Director of Institutional-based Health Services, Dr. Jenson Morton (left) and Mr. Victor Williams of Williams Architectural (right), and senior management of the JNF General Hospital.

patients, especially the sickest patients in the hospital in the medical ward in particular and the surgical ward can now have temperature-controlled comfort whilst they are hospitalized. So that is one of the most wonderful gifts that we can give to them".

Providing insight into the initiative's origin, Mr. Victor Williams shared a personal connection, stating, "Just to give you a quick background, one of my extended family members was here in medical and it was kind of very hot and he asked me if I can do something about it. Well, there are two things I could have done, I could fret about it, or I could do something about it. So, we decided to do something about it. The air conditioning of the medical and surgical wards came about when a family member in the medical ward mentioned the discomfort due to heat. We decided to take action, and through a, we successfully negotiated and secured funding."

Highlighting the transparency of the public-private sector partnership, Mr. Williams shared his decision to take action and successfully negotiate and secure funding for the project, "Our company Williams Architecture got in touch with one of our service providers, Carib Refrigeration. We negotiated a price and got it down to just over \$100,000 and then I went to one of our philanthropic clients who of course prefers not to be named and was able to get 50% of the money". He added,

"I then went to the Prime Minister and said 'I have 50% would you put 50' and he said yes. Just for clarity and transparency, our 50% covered all of the material, all of the labour, and approximately 25% of the air condition unit."

Emphasizing the project's success, Mr. Williams encouraged other private sector entities to engage in similar partnerships for the collective benefit of the nation. He stated, I feel compelled to suggest that maybe some of my other private sector colleagues could consider private-public sector partnerships, it doesn't have to be the hospital, it could be a health center, it could be a school, but whatever your wish is. My choice was health and my choice was the hospital because, many of you won't know, but I have literally had maybe 10 or 11 surgeries and I know what it is like to wake up in a hospital and need that level of comfort."

Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, expressed excitement for the project, fondly recalling his time at JNF General Hospital as "home." He acknowledged that the partnership resulted in enhanced comfort for patients and emphasized the significance of a positive environment for recovery.

"I am elated to be back to my old home, the medical ward, where I spent a significant amount of time as a student, as a recent medical graduate, as a house officer and then later on as a specialist. So, in all of the health institutions I have spent the most time on this ward, and so, I feel like I am home" he stated.

"Working on this ward for a long period of time, heat had always been an issue. I remember sometimes we would tell the patients to bring a fan and the technician would hook up your fan, but the fan would be blowing hot air. You will see patients who have respiratory problems, cardiac issues, neurological issues, and a varying cluster of diseases and they would be complaining about the heat, and we know that when it gets too hot or there is increased humidity those conditions can worsen one's medical condition", said Dr. Drew.

Dr. Drew outlined plans for extending the project to other hospital wards and highlighted ongoing renovations across various areas at JNF Hospital. He affirmed the commitment to upgrading and modernizing facilities, including the introduction of a new 128-slide CT Scan machine and the construction of housing for a modern MRI.

"This is just one project. We are already changing the aesthetic because we want when people enter the hospital, that they enter in a good environment; that also helps to create the mindset for recovery. We are also transforming some areas in the back, the corridors, the roofing, the morgue area as well, and

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West Indies Test Squad named for Tour of Australia

20 December 2023

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - The Cricket West Indies (CWI) Senior Men’s Selection Panel today announced the 15-member squad to travel to Australia to play a two-Test series as part of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from 17 to 29 January 2024.

The West Indies will again be led by Captain Kraigg Brathwaite, with fast bowler Alzarri Joseph named as the new Vice Captain. The squad will arrive in Australia on 30 December and will hold a preparation camp from 2 - 9 January in Adelaide, followed by a Four (4) Day First Class warm-up match against a Cricket Australia XI at the Karen Rolton Oval (KRO) in Adelaide from 10 - 13 January.

The selectors have named several uncapped players in the squad. These are: batter Zachary McCaskie, wicket-keeper Tevin Imlach; allrounders Justin Greaves, Kavem Hodge and Kevin Sinclair, as well as fast bowlers Akeem Jordan and Shamar Joseph.

Speaking about the make-up of the squad, CWI Lead Selector, The Most Honourable Dr. Desmond Haynes said: “The squad has been affected by the unavailability of some key players. However, we have had a very strong red-ball program being run over the past year, which has unearthed significant talent throughout the region. The selected players have passed each test given to them and must now be given the opportunity to showcase their skills in the test arena. Australia away is always a challenge, but we are confident in our team.”

The two teams will again compete for the Frank Worrell Trophy - named in

honor of the legendary West Indies allrounder and captain. The first Test will be a red ball fixture at the Adelaide Oval from 17 to 21 January, and the second, a pink ball Day/Night contest at the Gabba in Brisbane from 25 to 29 January.

This is West Indies second Test Series out of a total of six to play in the new 2023-2025 ICC WTC cycle. The Test Series against Australia will be the first of three away series that West Indies will play in the WTC. West Indies drew one Test match and lost one against India in August. The current ICC WTC standings can be found here: <https://www.worldtestchampionship.com/standings>

Following the Test Series, West Indies will face Australia in three One-Day International and three T20 Internationals, and these squads will be announced at a later date.

FULL SQUAD

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| 1. Kraigg Brathwaite (Captain) | 8. Joshua DaSilva |
| 2. Alzarri Joseph (Vice-Captain) | 9. Akeem Jordan |
| 3. Tagenarine Chanderpaul | 10. Gudakesh Motie |
| 4. Kirk McKenzie | 11. Kemar Roach |
| 5. Alick Athanaze | 12. Kevin Sinclair |
| 6. Kavem Hodge | 13. Tevin Imlach |
| 7. Justin Greaves | 14. Shamar Joseph |
| | 15. Zachary McCaskie |

NOTES: Jayden Seales is unavailable for selection due to a shoulder injury. Jason Holder and Kyle Mayers are unavailable as they have expressed a preference to explore T20 Franchise opportunities in January.

Match Schedule (start times in brackets)

17-21 January: 1st Test at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
(Start Time: 15-20 January 7:30pm Eastern Caribbean/6:30pm Jamaica)

25-29 January: 2nd Test at the Gabba, Brisbane
(Start Time: 12 midnight Eastern Caribbean (24-28 January 11pm Jamaica)

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the grounds area as well, and we are going to be dealing with the roof in the early part of next year and reopening the private ward. So, we are doing a significant amount of work here” he stated.

He added, “also the construction for the housing of our MRI, our brand new most modern MRI, which will be implemented next year as well. So, we are not going to abandon JNF we will keep working to upgrade it and upgrade it. Even

though we are going to build the new hospital this building will be preserved because it is going to be part of the assets of our medical apparatus so that our patients can have multiple options and we can modernize our system more and more.”

In closing, Prime Minister Drew underlined the importance of partnerships in achieving the nation’s healthcare goals.

“This is not just a government issue this is a national issue and if we partner we can seek to create the best institution when it comes to health that we can create, and create a model for others to emulate, and so I can’t say thank you enough and for to look forward to doing more for our people here in Saint Kitts and Nevis as we partner to bring about the best conditions,” concluded Prime Minister Drew.

He reiterated the commitment to creating a resilient and adaptive healthcare system, aligned with the Federation’s Sustainable Island State mandate and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

“As we build towards our Sustainable Island State, healthcare is of course one of the cornerstones, and we have to make sure that we fulfill the sustainable development goals when it comes to healthcare and we are on our path to doing that. Climate change has made things worse in terms of temperature, humidity, diseases, and so forth, and so, we have to respond by becoming more resilient and adaptive to the new reality,” said the Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew

Covid variant JN.1 in Kerala: Indian state says 'don't panic' as Covid cases rise

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Kerala has the highest Covid testing rate in India

India's Kerala state has asked people to stay cautious but urged them not to panic after an increase in Covid cases.

The southern state has witnessed the increase after the detection of JN.1, a sub-variant of Covid-19.

It has been previously found in several countries, including the US and China.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says all approved Covid-19 vaccines will continue to provide protection against JN.1.

The southern Indian state currently has 1,324 Covid-19 active cases and reported four deaths from the disease on Saturday. Officials have attributed this to the high testing rate in the state.

But it's not clear how many of these cases are related to JN.1. Only a small number of samples are routinely genome sequenced to keep track of different variants of the virus.

State health minister Veena George said there was no need to worry and the situation was under control.

The JN.1 sub-variant was found in Kerala earlier this month

in a positive RT-PCR test sample, officials said.

It was detected as part of the ongoing routine surveillance by INSACOG, a network of laboratories that has been monitoring Covid-19 in India, they said.

The patient, a 79-year-old woman, had mild symptoms of influenza-like illness and has since recovered.

Ms George on Sunday added that the variant already existed in other parts of the country.

"Months ago, this variant was detected in a few Indians who were screened at the

Singapore airport," she told reporters.

Kerala's neighbouring states Karnataka and Tamil Nadu also say they are keeping a close watch on the rising cases in the state.

Meanwhile, India's federal health ministry has been running mock drills in hospitals in several states to check their preparedness to handle a sudden rise in Covid numbers. But officials have not attributed the drills to the JN.1 sub-variant.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), however, has noted the rise in Covid cases in Kerala.

"There has been an increasing trend of Covid-19 cases from the state of Kerala since the last few weeks. This has been attributed to an increase in the number of samples from influenza-like illness (ILI) cases being referred for testing," Rajiv Bahl, Director General of the

ICMR, said.

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Dated this
11th day of December, 2023.

Signed : Dario Figarolo

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

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I, Vanessa Valencia Walters now residing in Buckley's Estate in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April, 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in V's Bar & Grill in Buckley's Estate in Basseterre.

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15th day of October, 2023.

Signed : V. V. Walters

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Dated this
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Signed : O. Collins

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To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

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Wasted wind power adds £40 to household energy bills, says think tank



Wind farm in Scotland
IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Tom Espiner
Business reporter, BBC News

Wasted wind power will add £40 to the average UK household's electricity bill in 2023, according to a think tank.

That figure could increase to £150 in 2026, Carbon Tracker has estimated.

When it is very windy, the grid cannot handle the extra power generated. Wind farms are paid to switch off and gas-powered stations are paid to fire up. The cost is passed on to consumers.

The government said major reforms will halve the time it takes to build energy networks to cope with extra wind power.

Energy regulator Ofgem announced new rules in November, which it said would speed up grid connections.

Bottleneck

Most of the UK's offshore wind farms are in England - Dogger Bank off the coast of Yorkshire is the largest in the world. Meanwhile, around half of onshore wind farms are in Scotland but most electricity is used in south-east

England.

Carbon Tracker said the main problem in getting electricity to where it is needed is a bottleneck in transmission between Scotland and England.

The practice of switching off wind farms and ramping up power stations is known as "wind curtailment" and the costs are passed on to consumers, it said.

Carbon Tracker researches the impact of climate change on financial markets. It said since the start of 2023, wind curtailment payments cost Â£590m, adding Â£40 to the average consumer bill.

It warned those costs were set to increase to add Â£180 per year to bills by 2030, due to wind farms being built faster than the power cabling needed to transmit the electricity.

"The problem is, there are not enough cables. The logical solution would be to build more grid infrastructure," said Lorenzo Sani, analyst at Carbon Tracker.

"It's not even that expensive," he added, compared with mounting wind curtailment costs.

Industry group RenewableUK said that grid constraints "reflect a chronic lack of investment in the grid".

"We need to move from an antiquated grid which wastes power to one that's fit for purpose in the 21st Century as fast as possible," said Barnaby Wharton, RenewableUK's director of future electricity systems.

However, historically it has taken between 10 and 15 years for new transmission cables to be approved.

Industry group the Energy Networks Association, which represents network

operators, said that "urgent action is needed to address planning challenges".

The government is offering people living next to new pylons and electricity substations up to £1,000 off energy bills for 10 years, and councils money for projects in local areas.

Last year Ofgem approved four projects to help ease transmission issues, including an undersea cable between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire and Drax in Yorkshire.

But Carbon Tracker warned wind generation capacity in Scotland was set to be four times greater by 2030, but cabling would only double in that time, under current plans.

'Zombie projects'

In November, the government set out a plan to reduce the time it takes to build new infrastructure from 14 to seven years, "speeding up grid connections, supporting thousands of jobs and reducing electricity bills for households across Great Britain", a spokesperson said.

Energy regulator Ofgem said there was a "long queue" of energy projects "which could generate almost 400GW of electricity - well in excess of what is needed to power the entire British energy system".

The watchdog said new rules "will allow stalled or speculative 'zombie' projects to be forced out of the queue, meaning viable projects can be connected quicker".

Mr Sani from Carbon Tracker said it was unclear how much difference these projects would make before 2030.



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