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Editorial

Keep All Sugar Mas Activities Sweet!

On topic of the overall peaceful jamming for the recent J'ouvert for Sugar Mas 52, many revelers and spectators alike have expressed a deep sense of satisfaction that the sweetness of the street activity session not spoilt by any crime and violence. It is such a wonderful feeling when we show love and togetherness as a people.

After all, the festivity of our National Carnival product is geared towards boosting our pride as a people and a nation in endorsing the merriment and overall good feeling that the Sugar Mas season brings.

No doubt that such a clean jam session is warmly welcomed in setting the tone hoped for the well-anticipated flow of carnival. This was a clear demonstration of our togetherness, love and unity for the sake of country above exhibited through blissful moments.

And so in appealing to all revellers, other participants and others alike, we say keep the Sugar Mas sweet for all of us to enjoy!

'Be All In With Your Crew For Sugar Mas 52!'

On behalf of the management and staff of the Labour Spokesman Newspaper, we wish you all a Prosperous 2024!

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Revellers Rate J'ouvert Experience, Talk Road March Choice

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 27th December 2023)- Sugar Mas 52 street activities officially kicked off during the wee morning hours of Tuesday 26th December 2023 with colourful celebrations of paint and powder as well as rags and flags in the streets of Basseterre as revellers jumped, waved and danced during hours of partying.

The well-anticipated national carnival outdoorsy festivity got underway sometime after 5:00 AM on the public holiday festivity in high carnival spirits for the 'break of day' celebrations which ended at 12noon sharp.

This reporter took to the streets of Basseterre for J'ouvert and quizzing revellers about their experience and also asked a bonus question- ahead of that day's announcement- on topic of their pick for Road March.

Here is what they had to say:



Navisca - My J'ouvert experience, it was real good; I'm not gonna lie. First time with the new parade troupe Excess and it was amazing. 'Ken and Barbie'! [is my Road March pick]."

Mr. Richards - J'ouvert is very good this year. I gotta say we have a lot more bands. I gotta say we've been introducing this rope thing in the past 1-2 years now, and I mean, I'm not totally against it and I'm not totally for it but what I like about it is that once you get to a certain point, the rope thing disappears and the



different bands get to join other bands. At the end of the day, we all have friends, we all have families, we all get to be in different bands, we all want to see our different friends, we all want to see our different families and have a little fun, take a whine and it's like, that's okay. There should be no hostility, there should be no like 'Oh, you should be in this band' because at the end of the day, once you reach into town it's all fun, it's all family, it's all friends; let's all have fun and have a good J'ouvert, keep it clean and let's make Sugar Mas 52 the best ever and so far it's been great to be honest

I'm playing Excess J'ouvert. It's their first time coming, I must say that I was very skeptical about playing with him for the first time; I did not want to be a guinea pig to be with Excess to be honest... When they released their lineup and I saw Pumpa on the lineup, I was like I gotta think twice and then, once I saw the full menu like goat water, saltfish and KFC I said 'Ww' Excess is going on bad for their first year and I gotta say I'm not disappointed, I'm happy with them. If it was any other band, I would still be happy with them but Excess I told them I'm not disappointed, I'm happy.

For Road march, to be honest with you 'Ken and Barbie' [by Nu Vybes Band]. What I like about it right, it might not meet the same the Carnival Committee's criteria but to be honest with you, I find the Carnival Committee criteria is a bit archaic; it needs to evolve... this is 2023; things don't stay the same, we evolve and it needs to evolve but to be honest with you 'Ken and Barbie' is the best song so far for carnival hands down! Second best if you ask me is 'Wrong Man' by Grandmasters Band.



Kahrie- It's been amazing, I'm not going to lie to you. It's been so fun, especially not living here so every time I come home, I come out just to have the best time. Especially, you know, there have been no fights. So definitely a great, great, great experience. Everybody can just come out and have fun, enjoy themselves, mingle and be one people. Looking forward to next year for sure, for sure, for sure!

I'm a part of Red Devils troupe. I've always been a part of Red Devils. But I'm going to other troupes just to see how it is. And all of them are bringing different types of vibes. So if you're not here, you should definitely make it here next year. Trust me, it's a vibe!

Oh yeah, definitely I have a favourite for road march. I've always been a fan of Uncle Gregory and the boys [Gregory 'Mr. Mention' Hobson] so,

Small Axe Band Gets Winning Spotlights For J'ouvert

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts-(Wednesday 27th December 2023) - Via a live media unveiling session, members of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) publicised same-day results following the J'ouvert troupe category and Road March competitions - held on Tuesday 26th December, 2023.

That day Carnival Chairperson Shannon Hawley, Carnival Director Clement 'Monarch' O'garro and Chair of the Street Activities Leonard Lestrade made an appearance at ZIZ radio with host St.Claire 'Chico' Guishard in sharing such details which also aw a live social media video streaming.

Chairperson Hawley was handed the results envelope by the auditor which included Small Axe Band getting winning spotlights for Road March and a troupe category.

As announced, with the hit song 'Showcase', Small Axe Band captured the coveted Road March title gaining a total of 816 points and a prize of \$20,000. Following was the Grand Masters Band in second position with hit 'Happy' at a total of 751 points and a prize of \$15,000, while Nu Vybes got the 3rd position with



'Ken and Barbie' with 740 points and a prize of \$10,000.

As understood the judging for road march was done between

6:00AM and 10:00AM that morning.

In the category of Large J'ouvert Troupes, Red Devils retained their championship spot, with 229 points and a \$20,000 cash prize.

Following was Chattabox Jouvert in 1st runner-up position with 223 points and prize of \$15,000 while Xtreme Jouvert captured 2nd runner-up place with 191 points and a prize of \$10,000.

Pertaining to the Small J'ouvert Troupes category, Small Axe Band Jouvert Warriors scored a winning 301 points and pocketed a prize of \$6,000 followed by Fantasy Jouvert at 1st runner-up with 270 Points and \$4,000 prize and GM Addix at 2nd runner-up place with a score of 259 points.

Notably, 'Showcased' performed by Ras Kelly of Small Axe Band was adjudged the winning tune for the recently held SKELEC Power Soca Monarch competition.

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definitely pushing for 'Ken and Barbie' but I'm not going to lie, 'Happy' [by Grand Masters] is a very good song and 'Pressure' [by Kollision Band] is up there as well but 'Ken and Barbie' from Nu Vybes for me.



Ashmaine (Left) and her friend Thiona (of Red Devils)-St.Kitts J'ouvert is awesome! It's the

best! I am having a wonderful time and I would implore anyone to come and enjoy Sugar Mas here in St.Kitts and Nevis. It's such a good feeling right now enjoying all the good vibes and inner spirits in this moment. For Road March, I am backing Nu Vybes International Band with 'Ken and Barbie'. - **Ashmaine**

FRONT PAGE IMAGE -Nicky (left) and her sister Tosshema (Xtreme J'ouvert troupe) - I've been a wonderful type. Thanks to Dr. Drew and the money [workers' Christmas bonus] that he give me. I could enjoy myself. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes! To the Labour Party and Dr.Drew!

Let's make the carnival bigger, make the carnival better! Bigger, better.

For road march, it look like Ras Kelly from Small Axe Band 'Showcase' Tosshema- J'ouvert! It's sweet like sugar!



Andy Caines (President - Dominican Republic Association) "Very good, very good. Everything is nice No problem, everything is good."

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Southern University and A&M College Delegation Embarks on Official Visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis for Landmark MOU Signing Ceremony



Southern University Leadership offering plaque of appreciation to the Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis at the Breakfast Meeting held at Park Hyatt (L-R: Dr. Rani Whitfield - Vice Chairman, SU Board of Supervisor; Mr. Dennis J. Shields - President-Chancellor; Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew; Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors; and Dr. Orlando F. McMeans - Chancellor-Dean, SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center)

Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, December 27, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMOSKN) - In a momentous collaboration set to enhance the prospects of Saint Kitts and Nevis citizens, Southern University and A&M College (SU) is poised to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Agriculture. The official signing ceremony is scheduled for December 27, 2023, at Government House, marking a significant milestone in the partnership between SU and the Federation.

Leading up to the ceremony, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew and H.E. Hadiya Claxton, Special Envoy for Investment, Development & International Business Relations, along with other distinguished government officials, engaged in a productive breakfast meeting with the SU delegation at Park Hyatt. The delegation, headed by Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman of the SU Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Dennis J. Shields, President-Chancellor, comprises key representatives from SU's leadership including Dr. Rani Whitfield, Vice Chairman, the SU Board of Supervisors; Dr. Allen Vital, Chief of Staff; Dr. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell, Coordinator of Board Relations and SU Board of Supervisors; Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, Chancellor-Dean, SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center; Dr. Renita Marshall, Vice-Chancellor for Academics, Student Services, and Associate Dean; Dr. Jose Ulises Toledo - Vice Chancellor for Research; Dr. Janana Snowden, Director of Medicinal Plant Institute; and Dr. Katara Williams, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and External Relation, highlighting the commitment of both parties to fostering meaningful collaboration.

The MOU between SU and the Ministry of Agriculture incorporates diverse facets, offering benefits to farmers and the general populace. Southern University Agriculture Research & Extension Centre (SUAREC) is set to provide valuable consultancy services to the Ministry of Agriculture, contributing to the enrichment of knowledge and skillsets among farmers in the Federation. This collaboration

aims to elevate agricultural practices and empower the farming community with the latest insights and expertise in areas such as crop development, medicinal plant research (specifically concerning medicinal cannabis), and livestock farming.

In addition to consultancy services, SUAREC is committed to fostering food safety in the Federation. The center will offer certification courses in vendor food safety, specifically targeting the acquisition of food handlers permits. Remarkably, a significant portion of these certification courses will be provided free of charge to the citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Through these efforts, the Southern University Agriculture Research & Extension Centre contributes to the overall well-being and prosperity of the Federation's agricultural sector.

As part of their itinerary, the SU delegation will be given a tour of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC), as a follow-up to the Ministry of Education MOU signing in September 2023,

engaging with Ministry of Education stakeholders, CFBC leadership, and secondary school principals. This visit aims to strengthen ties with the education sector and explore avenues for academic cooperation.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, officially signed the MOU with SU President, Mr. Dennis Shields, in September 2023 at Southern University in New Orleans. The ceremony witnessed the presence of key officials, including Minister of Agriculture Hon. Samal Duggins, Permanent Secretary Mr. Miguel Flemming, and CEO of the Marijuana Commission in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Garfield Alexander.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) boasts significant provisions such as the application of in-state tuition rates for both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees. Additionally, the acceptance of Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) credits not only streamlines the academic process but also significantly reduces both study time and overall costs for students. In a commitment to accessibility, Southern University (SU) goes further by recognizing Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) subjects for entry, facilitating a smoother transition into higher education.

This collaboration is historic in its offering, providing the citizens and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis with the most economical degree option within the United States. This venture marks a milestone in fostering educational opportunities and affordability, setting a precedent for future collaborations in the realm of international

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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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

Midnight Circus Street Festival brings together creatives and business vendors

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, December 27, 2023 (MMS-SKN) — Citizens, residents and returning nationals turned out in their numbers on Saturday evening, December 23, for the Department of the Creative Economy's Midnight Escape Street Festival, this year dubbed 'Midnight Circus', that was held as part of the celebrations of Sugar Mas 52.

Minister with responsibility for the Creative Economy, which falls under the wider Ministry of Sports and the Creative Economy, the Hon Samal Duggins, accompanied by his wife Mrs Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins, joined and mingled with the hundreds of revellers who had thronged the section of Bay Road between



This section of Bay Road between College Street Ghaut and Fort Street in downtown Basseterre had been closed to vehicular traffic to accommodate the hosting of the Midnight Circus Street Fair which had a large turnout from citizens, residents and returning nationals.



Minister Duggins tries a Nature's Best product. With him are owners of the top vendor's winners, Mr Randy Morton, and Mrs Camesha Morton,



Minister Duggins congratulates one of the budding artists, who was being tutored by Ms Sasha 'The Artist' Herbert, CEO of Sasha the Artist Art Studio, who had set up a booth at the Midnight Circus Street Fair.

College Street Ghaut and Fort Street in downtown Basseterre that had been closed to vehicular traffic to accommodate the hosting of the event.

"Ideally it is always a Midnight

Escape," explained Minister Duggins. "It is just that every year you come with some whatever theme, and this year's theme would be the Circus. Overall, I think what we tried to achieve is creating one of our ecosystems where culture, small business, and vending, and the entertainment and the whole festive feeling of Christmas comes together in a very organic nature."

The event which had an enlarged Kids Fun Zone that was located in Port Zante behind the St. Christopher National Trust and National Museum building, had vendors from across the Federation, and an expanded list of performers in the live entertainment section that included, DJ Tero, Upset Squad, Astro VL, Jay Dos, and New Wave, among others.

Leading those who stopped by was Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, GCMG, JP. Others included the Governor General's Deputy, His Excellency Walford Gumbs, and Cabinet Secretary Dr Marcus Natta.

The Hon Samal Duggins, who is also the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Marine Resources and Cooperatives; Small Business and Entrepreneurship, observed that the synergy created his ministries gave the



The Street Fair, clockwise from top: Entertainment on stage; Minister Duggins and PS Ms Valencia Syder at the Department of Creative Economy booth; Hon Duggins and Mrs Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins at the children's corner; mixing with other revellers.

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higher education.

Additionally, the delegation is scheduled to embark on a comprehensive tour of Bayfordâ€™s Farms in Saint Kitts and the Nevis Agricultural Farm operations. These visits are strategically designed to provide the delegation with firsthand insights into the dynamic agricultural practices and innovative initiatives underway on the islands. The tours not only serve as a platform for the delegation to witness the intricacies of local farming but also present a valuable opportunity for fostering collaboration aimed at advancing the skillsets of the agricultural workforce.

The delegation's immersive experience extends beyond academic and agricultural engagements, encompassing a historical tour of Basseterre, a visit to Caribelle Batik, and an exploration of cultural and historical sites.

The Southern University delegates are set to actively engage in a Medical Cannabis Forum organized by Dr. Garfield Alexander. Dr. Janana Snowden, the Director of the Medicinal Plant Institute, will play a pivotal role by delivering featured remarks that comprehensively outline the myriad benefits stemming from the collaborative efforts between Southern University and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Dr. Snowden's insights will shed light on the significance of these collaborations, particularly in the context of medicinal plant research and innovation. Her featured remarks will not only highlight the potential advancements in the field but also underscore the shared commitment to cultivating a thriving partnership between Southern University and the Federation.

An additional noteworthy facet of this collaboration is the provision of Leadership programs and certification courses, specifically designed for government employees and teachers. These programs will be made available at reduced costs, exemplifying Southern University's dedication to fostering accessibility in higher education. This commitment extends beyond traditional academic offerings, ensuring that specialized programs and certifications crucial for professional development are economically accessible to those contributing to the public sector.

Southern University and A&M College, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), stands as a comprehensive institution offering a range of degree programs. As part of the only historically black Land Grant university system in the United States, SU remains dedicated to advancing education and fostering global partnerships.

Midnight Circus Street Festival brings together...

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patrons a welcome opportunity to do Christmas shopping, enjoy the cultural attribute of the event, while small businesses got empowered.

He stressed the fact that all that was happening at the same time the country was showcasing what it has for Sugar Mas and the Carnival product that is traditionally known for bringing people together in a festive mood.

Towards the end of the event which went on after the midnight hour, Sweet Sister Sensia who emceed the event, announced winners in the Best Vendor category, which was won by the Charlestown, Nevis-based Nature's Best owned by Mr Randy and Mrs Camesha Morton, with a total of 103 points, earning them a cash prize of \$3,000.00.

Competition was tight as the second prized vendor, Pure Niceness by Winnielle had 100 points, while the third placed vendor, Wax Memories, had 98 points. The second and third placed vendors are from St. Kitts.

"The whole idea indeed for me and my ministries, Small Business, Creative Economy, and Agriculture, if you recognise there is a fusion with all the above where our small businesses are featured, many of those are agro-processors," he noted. "You have for instance different agricultural-based products, also other small businesses, and you fuse that with the entertainment, and culture and the arts, which is the Creative Economy, and you create a wonderful event."

Staff of the Department of Creative Economy who had a booth from where they sold food to members of the public, were led by Permanent Secretary Ms Valencia Syder, Assistant Secretary, Ms Leah Crag-Chaderton; and Director of Creative Economy, Ms Robertine Webbe.

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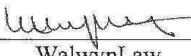
In the matter of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19
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In the matter of a Certificate of Title registered in the
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NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF A LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application is being made to the Registrar of Titles, St. Christopher Circuit in Chambers for an Order granting the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of the lost Certificate of Title dated the 15th day of December, 2009 and registered in the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit at **Book 13 Folio 613** in favour of NORTHERN ISLAND INVESTMENTS INC. a International Business Corporation having its registered office at Solomon Arcade Charlestown in the island of Nevis of ALL THAT Lot, piece or parcel of land situate at Sunrise Hills, Frigate Bay Development in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher bounded and measuring as follows: - On or towards the North by Lot No. 36, 115.05 feet; On or towards the East by Royal St. Kitts Golf Course, 42.30 feet and 13.85 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. 36, 128.78 feet and containing by admeasurement 6,430 Square feet All as the same are delineated and set forth on a plan thereof by Athill Rawlins and copied by Calvin Esdaille both Lisenced Land Surveyors of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis.

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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

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Biden grants pardons for certain marijuana offences

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US President Joe Biden speaks about the American prisoners in Venezuela before departing from Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 20, 2023, as he returns to the White House.

IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Kayla Epstein
BBC News

US President Joe Biden has announced pardons for certain federal marijuana convictions and clemency for 11 people

imprisoned for non-violent drug crimes.

The executive order covers those convicted under the federal law of simple possession, attempted simple possession or use of marijuana.

It also applies to certain offences on federal lands.

Mr Biden said in a statement: "Too many lives have been upended because of our failed approach to marijuana."

"It's time that we right these wrongs."

Mr Biden's more lenient approach marks a turnaround for the politician who as a senator wrote a 1994 crime bill that is widely blamed for mass incarceration, disproportionately of black people, for drug offences.

The White House said thousands of people would be eligible for the pardons. They must submit applications to the justice department.

The Democratic president's action expands on an executive order from last year, when his administration pardoned thousands of people who were convicted under federal law of possessing small amounts of marijuana.

Twenty-four states and

Washington DC have decriminalised or legalised marijuana use in some or all circumstances. But it remains illegal at the federal level.

Earlier this year, the Health and Human Services Administration recommended that the Drug Enforcement Administration loosen federal restrictions on marijuana.

Mr Biden's order does not cover individuals who have been convicted of state-level crimes, but he urged governors to take similar action.

Sarah Gersten, executive director and general counsel for the Last Prisoner Project, called the executive order "largely symbolic".

"As the president has acknowledged, the vast majority of people convicted of cannabis are at the state level," Ms Gersten said.

She added that while "the number of people who have federal offences are very low, a pardon at the federal level doesn't effectuate the kind of record clearance we want to see".

The order also did not cover other marijuana-related offences that carry prison time.

It would not pardon, for example, Stephanie Shepard, the director of advocacy for the Last Prisoners Project.

She was imprisoned for conspiracy to distribute marijuana several years ago. The sentence continues to affect her life, and she noted that individuals with criminal records may struggle to find housing or jobs because a conviction will appear on a background check.

"I really wish he [Mr Biden] would just sit down and talk to someone who has an incarcerated parent, that has grown up without their parent because they're incarcerated, but at the same time can now walk down the street and see multiple dispensaries selling the same plant that their parents did," she said.

The executive order, in Ms Shepard's view, was "just not enough".

Taiwan's Rep. to Poland Sharon Wu concluded a memorandum of understanding with Tadeusz Truskolaski and Jacek Jaskowia, chairperson and board member of the Union of Polish Metropolises, respectively, Dec. 20 in Warsaw. The nongovernmental organization was established in 1990 and represents the 12 cities of Warsaw, Bialystok, Bydgoszcz, Gdansk, Katowice, Krakow, Lublin, Lodz, Poznan, Rzeszow, Szczecin and Wroclaw.

Under the pact, a Taiwan fund will be set up to help local Polish administrations and nongovernmental organizations assist Ukrainian refugees in the central European country, through life displacement adaptation projects and promotion of education for children and youths, the MOFA said.

During the ceremony, Wu

praised Poland for its generous acceptance of the large number of Ukrainian refugees since Russia's invasion of the eastern European country. Taiwan faces similar threats from an authoritarian regime and the country has been working with Poland to offer humanitarian assistance to those in need, she said.

Wu said the fund underscores Taiwan's unwavering commitment to democracy, adding that, in the spirit of unity, the country looks forward to working with more local governments and partner entities in Poland to defend freedom and protect human rights.

In response, Truskolaski welcomed the donation and said Ukraine is fighting on behalf of the free world, adding that Poland has accepted more than 3 million Ukrainian refugees so far. (SFC-E)

Taiwan to set up fund for Ukrainian refugees in Poland

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Taiwan's Rep. to Poland Sharon Wu (center), Tadeusz Truskolaski (left) and Jacek Jaskowia from the Union of Polish Metropolises display the MOU Dec. 20 in Warsaw. (MOFA)

The government of Taiwan has pledged to set up a US\$1 million fund to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Dec. 21.



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Hapag-Lloyd says Red Sea route still ‘too dangerous’

Published BBC

Israel-Gaza war



A Hapag-Lloyd ship near Germany in 2023
IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Faarea Masud
Business reporter, BBC News

One of the world’s biggest shipping firms, Hapag-Lloyd, will not resume its use of the Suez Canal despite an international military operation to keep the area safe.

Yemen’s Houthi rebels backing Hamas in the Israel-Gaza war said they are targeting vessels which they believe are heading for Israel.

Several firms have stopped using the route following attacks. On Tuesday, Danish shipping firm Maersk said it will resume Red Sea operations.

But Germany’s Hapag-Lloyd said it considers passage through one of the world’s most popular trade routes still “too dangerous”, and that it would continue to reroute its ships via the Cape of Good Hope. The firm is the world’s fifth largest shipping firm by capacity.

A spokesperson added that it will review its decision on Friday.

Some ships using the Red Sea, with Yemen to its south, have come under attack from drones and rockets by Houthi rebels. In response, more than a dozen countries have joined a US coalition called Prosperity Guardian to try and protect commercial shipping in the area.

Hapag-Lloyd’s announcement comes a day after the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) said that one of its container ships was attacked while transiting the southern Red Sea en route to Pakistan from Saudi Arabia.

In a statement, the Switzerland based company said it had informed the coalition naval task force and “as instructed, engaged in evasive manoeuvres”.

All crew were safe with no reported injuries, MSC added.

With the Suez Canal to the north of the Red Sea, it makes the route one of the world’s most important routes for consumer goods, oil and liquefied natural gas shipments.

The alternative route, around the Cape of Good Hope, adds about 3,500 nautical miles to the journey - leading to fears of disruption to the supply of goods transported through the Suez Canal, and an increase in prices to cover the higher transport costs.

Furniture giant Ikea has said supplies of its products could be delayed following rebel attacks on ships using the route, while giant BP said that it would temporarily pause all shipments of crude through the Red Sea.

Maersk meanwhile said in a statement issued on Sunday that although security measures had been put in place, “the overall risk in the area is not eliminated at this stage”.

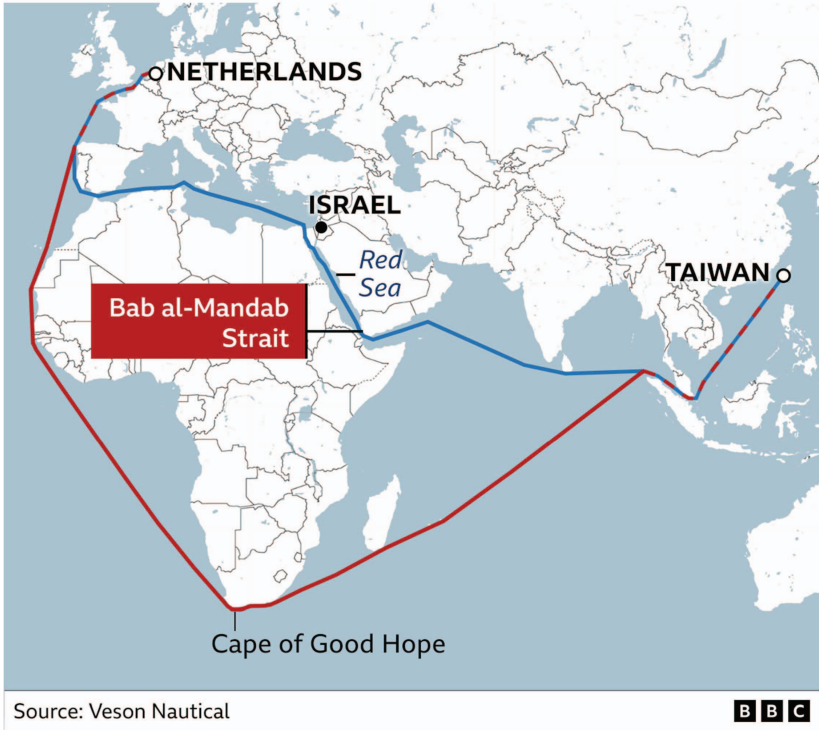
“Maersk will not hesitate to re-evaluate the situation and once again initiate diversion plans if we deem it necessary for the safety of our seafarers,” it said.

Hapag-Lloyd has told the BBC that 25 ships are facing diversion.

Alternative shipping route avoiding Red Sea

Using Red Sea/Suez Canal	Around Cape of Good Hope
10,000 nautical miles (18,520km)	13,500 nautical miles (25,002km)
25.5 days*	34 days*

*Based on ultra large container vessel's average speed of 16.48 knots



The length of delays the ships face in reaching their destination vary in length from 18 days for those heading to or from the eastern

Maersk preparing to resume shipping through Red Sea

Published BBC

Danish shipping giant Maersk has said it is preparing to resume shipping operations through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The move follows the deployment of an international military operation to prevent attacks on commercial ships by Yemen’s Houthi rebels.

Several firms have paused shipments via the Red Sea following the attacks.

German shipping firm Hapag-Lloyd has said it will decide on Wednesday whether to resume using the route.

The Red Sea is one of the world’s most important routes for oil and liquefied natural gas shipments, as well as for consumer goods.

It is bookended by the Bab al-Mandab Strait - also known as the Gate of Tears - in the south near the coast of Yemen and the Suez Canal in the north.

Houthis have declared their backing for Hamas in its war with the Israelis, and the rebels based in Yemen have said they are targeting vessels which they believe are heading for Israel. Some ships have come under attack from drones and rockets.

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What do Red Sea assaults mean for global trade?

The news that shipping companies were avoiding the Red Sea route led the US to launch an international naval operation - named Operation Prosperity Guardian - to protect ships.

In a statement issued on Sunday, Maersk said that with this initiative under way, “we

Mediterranean, to 10-14 days for those travelling to or from Northern Europe, and 7 days for US east coast journeys.

Although some companies like France’s CMA CGM and Maersk are slowly preparing to re-use the route, the difficulties in the area will affect various economies as it is a key route allowing trade between Europe and Africa.

Mohamed Ata, an Egyptian analyst for the Universal Stock company, said Egypt would be hugely impacted by the tension.

“Amid a global recession, Egypt is grappling with shortages of foreign exchange reserves caused by the impact on the Suez Canal, which serves as one of Egypt’s main sources of foreign currency. As the most crucial waterway globally, any disruptions in the canal will significantly impact Egypt’s foreign currency earnings”, he said.

are preparing to allow for vessels to resume transit through the Red Sea both eastbound and westbound”.

“We are currently working on plans for the first vessels to make the transit and for this to happen as soon as operationally possible.”

However, the world’s second largest shipping company added that although security measures had been put in place, “the overall risk in the area is not eliminated at this stage”.

“Maersk will not hesitate to re-evaluate the situation and once again initiate diversion plans if we deem it necessary for the safety of our seafarers,” it said.

Other shipping giants including Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), CMA CGM and Hapag-Lloyd have also been avoiding the Red Sea route because of the increased threat of attacks.

On Tuesday, Hapag-Lloyd said it would re-assess the situation in the Red Sea on Wednesday before deciding how to proceed.

Last week, the company had said it would redirect 25 ships by the end of the year.

Post Office cash withdrawals reach record high before Christmas

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Sam Gruet
Business reporter, BBC News

Post Offices saw a record high for personal cash withdrawals on a single day on Friday 22 December, the group said.

It said that £62m was withdrawn as many did last minute shopping and readied cash gifts for Christmas day.

It beat last year's high of £51.5m, taken out over the counter on Friday 23 December.

The group has previously said cash helps people with day-to-day budgeting during the cost of living crisis.

Meanwhile, on Christmas day, £800,000 in cash was withdrawn by personal account holders, and over a million pounds was deposited by them.

Deposits from business customers over the counter were just over £1m, according to the Post Office.

Ross Borkett, the Post Office's head of banking said: "For some people, being able to withdraw cash for free helped them to finish last-minute shopping for the big day, for others it may have been a last-minute gift.

"Business cash deposits being made on Christmas Day indicate

just how vital it is that pub and restaurant owners have somewhere open and convenient to deposit their much-needed Christmas cash takings ahead of a quieter January", Mr Borkett added.

The UK's biggest cash machine network, Link, said the last Friday before Christmas had been the busiest day of the year for withdrawals, and the largest single-day total since before the pandemic.

Around £460m was taken out on Friday December 22 - the last working day before Christmas for many people - ahead of a four-day break.

The average value of a withdrawal on that day was just under £105, according to Link.

Graham Mott, Link's strategy director, said: "With many travelling over the Christmas weekend, people visited ATMs to stock up and to undoubtedly use it to give as presents."

The Post Office typically handles around £3.3bn in cash every month. In November, it said it saw the highest amount of personal cash withdrawals all year.

The group has previously revealed that with the rising cost of living, more people are using cash to manage budgets - often day-by-day.

It also previously stressed that leisure and hospitality

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businesses relied on its branches to deposit cash, especially in communities where bank branches have been shut down. There are more than 11,500 branches around the UK.

Cash comeback?

In September, retailers reported an increase in cash use, with purchases made with notes and coins last year growing for the first time in 10 years.

The British Retail Consortium said 19% of purchases were made with notes and coins last year, up from 15% the previous year. It said the increase had been fuelled by shoppers keeping a close eye on their budgets while prices rise.

Around the same time, banking trade body UK Finance also reported that cash use had risen for the first time in a decade, pointing to the financial impact of rising prices.

But it said it expected cash use to decline over the coming years, once the current financial squeeze had eased.

The UK's financial watchdog has proposed new rules to help maintain access to cash, saying free withdrawals and deposits will need to be available within one mile for people living in urban areas and within three miles for rural areas.

Venezuela to hold military drills after UK sends warship to Guyana

Published BBC News

By Alys Davies
BBC News

Venezuela has ordered the armed forces to hold military exercises in response to the UK's decision to send a warship to support neighbouring Guyana.

Military leaders said 5,600 soldiers would take part in "defensive" exercises on Venezuela's eastern Caribbean and Atlantic coasts.

Earlier this month,



IMAGE SOURCE,AFP
The Venezuelan army march during a military parade to celebrate independence day in Caracas in July 2023

Venezuelan voters backed the creation of a new state in oil-rich Essequibo.

Guyana has administered the area for decades.

In a television address on Thursday, President Nicolás Maduro said the exercises were being launched "in response to the provocation and threat of the United Kingdom against peace and the sovereignty of our country".

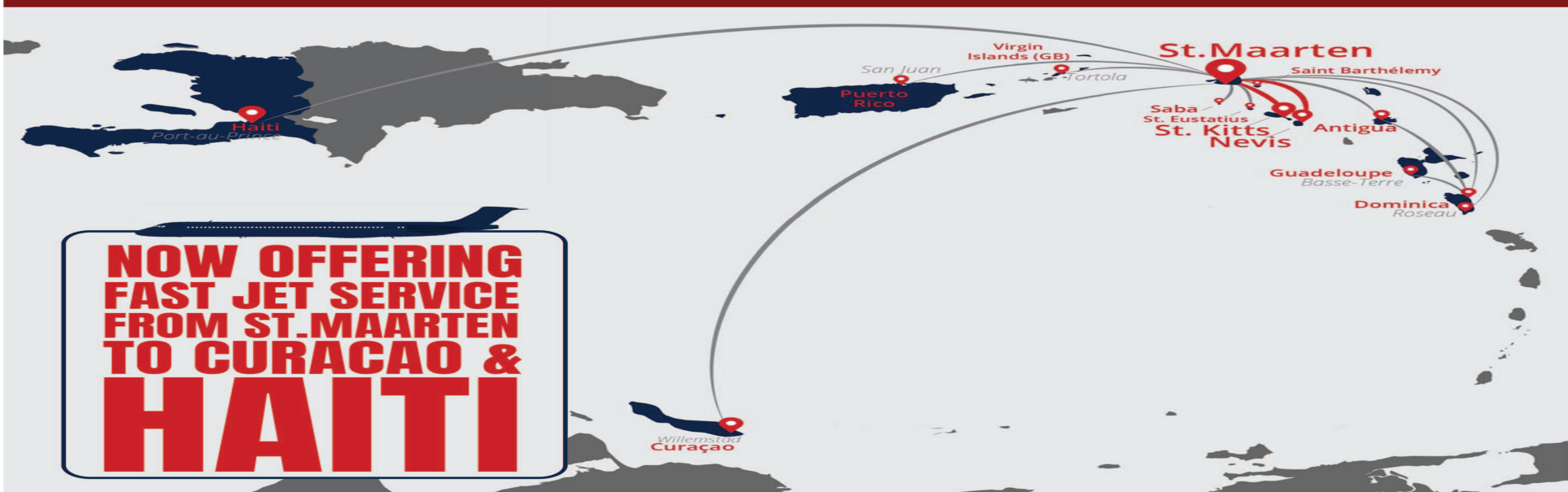
He added that the move was "practically a military threat from London" and broke the "spirit" of a recent agreement reached between Venezuela and Guyana not to use force to settle their dispute.

UK to send warship to Guyana amid Venezuela

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Contested region of Essequibo
between Guyana and Venezuela



Map of contested region of Essequibo

BBC

tensions

Guyanese Vice-President Bharrat Jagdeo said the ship's presence was "routine" and part of building a "defensive capability".

"We don't plan on invading Venezuela. President Maduro knows this and he need not have any worry about that," he told a press conference.

On Sunday, the UK confirmed HMS Trent would take part in joint exercises with Guyana after Christmas.

It had been deployed to the Caribbean to search for drug smugglers, but was re-tasked after Venezuela's government threatened to annex the Essequibo region of Guyana.

Venezuela has long claimed ownership of Essequibo, a 61,000 sq-mile region which comprises about two-thirds of Guyana.

It disputes the border which was established under an international agreement in 1899.

Guyana, and British Guiana before it, have administered Essequibo for more than a century.



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Career Banker Wins EC\$10,000.00 In the Grand Finale of TDC’s \$50K Mega Raffle

Basseterre, St. Kitts, December 20, 2023 - Mrs. Jacqueline Hewlett, a career banker, on St. Kitts is the fifth and final winner in the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited (TDC) \$50K Mega Raffle for November 2023.

The Executive’s name was digitally drawn from 52,326 entries having made her purchase at the TDC Home and Building Depot, on Frigate Bay Road, in Basseterre. She was presented with her EC\$10,000 cheque in the fifth and final draw at an exciting symbolic handing-over ceremony in the TDC Mall, on Fort Street in Basseterre.

On hand to witness the presentation and grand finale of the five-month long campaign were TDC staff who joined in the celebration to congratulate Ms. Hewlett waving TDC 50 paraphernalia, while also basking in the showers of golden confetti as she received the symbolic winners cheque from Mr. Kashka Thompson, the TDC Client Relations and Marketing Manager.

Following the handover, Mrs. Hewlett said her win was timely, especially at this festive season when individuals have additional expenses. She added that it would help her with the payment bills.

“This prize is very timely, especially at the time of the year, the



Holiday, and Festive Season. This is a most welcomed gift, which help with paying my expenses.”

Describing the TDC 50K Mega Raffle as a success, Mr.

Kashka Thompson, the Client Relations and Marketing Manager, said “TDC was pleased to give back to the community. The TDC Mega Rewards Incentive Programme is a clear indication that shopping at TDC has its ‘privileges.’”

Five lucky winners emerged during the period July through November 2023. They are Mr. Melvin and Mrs. Melvin James (Winner 1), Ms. Hope L. Merchant (Winner 2), Mr. Keeth Arthurton (Winner 3), Mr. Urban and Mrs. Amelia Freeman (Winner 4) and Mrs. Jacqueline Hewlett (Winner 5), who were all rewarded for their loyalty as members of the TDC Mega Rewards Incentive Programme.

Even though the promotion has ended, shoppers are still encouraged to patronize the TDC Automotive Divisions, City Drug Store (Nevis) Limited, TDC Home and Building Depots and shopptdcgroup.com, for additional value added incentives, as the TDC 50th Anniversary celebrations continue under the theme, “Your Neighbour, Your Partner, Your Future”.

Tuesday 26th December, 2023

All Media

From: St. Kitts & Nevis National Carnival Committee

Subject: Successful J’ouvert Celebration Showcases Creativity and Conservation

The St. Kitts & Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) is delighted to celebrate the resounding success of this morning’s J’ouvert celebrations, which marked a vibrant and spirited start to the Sugar Mas 52 festivities.

This year, as we continue to be mindful of water shortages, we commend several J’ouvert troupes for their innovative approach in preserving the exciting wet down tradition. In the face of challenges posed by water conservation efforts, these troupes ingeniously utilised sea water in their scaled-back wet down activities.

The SKNNCC recognizes the importance of conservation and sustainability, and we are impressed to see our Carnival troupes finding creative solutions to ensure that the essence of J’ouvert

remains intact while respecting our environment and water resources. This thoughtful approach demonstrates the commitment of our Carnival community to striking a balance between tradition and responsible stewardship.

We extend our appreciation to all the J’ouvert troupes, participants, and supporters who contributed to the success of today’s celebration. Your dedication to preserving our cultural heritage is truly commendable, and it is through your creativity and resilience that we continue to evolve our Carnival traditions.

As Sugar Mas 52 unfolds, we look forward to further festivities that embody the spirit of unity, culture, and innovation that make St. Kitts & Nevis Carnival a cherished and celebrated event. We encourage everyone to join in the upcoming events and festivities throughout the Carnival season.

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**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**

To the Superintendent of Police.
I, Mixelala SKN Ltd. now residing in OOJJ’s Commercial Complex in the village of Camps do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 29th day of December 2023, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail/Wholesale Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in OOJJ’s Commercial Complex in Camps, St. Kitts

Dated this
11th day of December, 2023.

Signed : Dario Figarolo

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**

To the Superintendent of Police.
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.

Dated this
15th day of October, 2023.

Signed : V. V. Walters

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

**To the Magistrate,
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To the Superintendent of Police.
I, Taste IT SKN Ltd. now residing in Zenway Boulevard in Frigate Bay in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 29th day of December 2023, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of our premises in Zenway Boulevard in St. Christopher Club Shopping Complex in Frigate Bay.

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NEVIS ARMED ROBBERY UNDER POLICE INVESTIGATION

The Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred in Nevis on December 22nd, 2023, between 6PM and 7PM. Initial investigations indicate that a single masked and armed male assailant entered a business establishment, stole a sum of money from the register, then fired two (2) rounds of ammunition while making his getaway. No one was injured in the process.

The Crime Scene Unit of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force processed the scene and collected some items of evidential value. The public will be kept appropriately informed of the investigation as it develops. Should anyone have any information about this or any other criminal activity, you are encouraged to contact the nearest Police station or call the Crime Stoppers' Hotline, 707.



POLICE CHARGE KEITH GODWIN WITH MURDER

The Police have charged thirty-six (36)-year-old Keith Godwin of Prickley Pear Alley, St. Kitts, on a warrant in the first instance for Murder. The criminal act was committed on February 1st, 2023, on Cayon Street, St. Kitts, against Sylvester Crossley. Mr Godwin was charged at the Basseterre Police Station on December 21st, 2023.

Mr Godwin was previously charged on June 10th, 2023, for Murder committed on June 6th, 2023, against Alden 'OJ' Maynard of Shadwell Estate, St. Kitts.

SUSPECTED SHOOTING DEATH ON NEVIS UNDER POLICE INVESTIGATION

The Police are investigating the suspected shooting death of Marieus Webbe of Pond Hill, Nevis. The incident occurred on December 21st, 2023, in Brown Hill, Nevis. Police responded to a report of a visibly wounded and unresponsive male being found in an animal pen. Upon arrival at the scene, said male was identified as Mr Webbe. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Crime Scene Unit of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) processed the scene and collected some items of evidential value. The general public will be kept appropriately abreast of the investigation as it progresses. The RSCNPF extends sincere condolences to all who have been impacted by this incident.

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South Africa defeat India by an innings and 32 runs in first Test match at Centurion

From the sectionCricket BBC Sports



Virat Kohli was the last wicket to fall as India were bowled out for their fifth-lowest total against South Africa

First Test, Centurion Park, Centurion: (day three of five)
India 245 (Rahul 101; Rabada 5-59) & 131 (Kohli 76; Burger 4-33)
South Africa 408 (Elgar 185, Jansen 84*; Bumrah 4-65)
South Africa win by an innings and 32 runs

Virat Kohli's defiant 76 failed to save India from being thrashed by an innings and 32 runs by South Africa in the first Test at Centurion.

India lost seven second-innings wickets in the evening session as they were bowled out for just 131 in 34.1 overs.

India register their first women's Test win over Australia with eight-wicket victory in Mumbai

From the sectionCricket BBC Sports



Smriti Mandhana hit the winning runs for India with a four off Australia's Jess Jonassen

One-off Test, Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai: (day four of four)

Australia 219 (McGrath 50; Vastrakar 4-53) & 261

(McGrath 73; Rana 4-63)
India 406 (Rodrigues 73, Sharma 78; Gardner 4-100) & 75-2 (Mandhana 38*)

India win by eight wickets

India secured their first Test win over Australia with an eight-wicket victory in a one-off match in Mumbai.

Australia began the final day with five second innings wickets in hand and a lead of 46 but India ruthlessly dismissed the tourists for 261.

India then chased down a modest target of 75 shortly after lunch thanks to Smriti Mandhana's unbeaten 38.

"It's the reward for all the

Kohli and Shubman Gill (26) were the only India batters into double figures as Nandre Burger (4-33) and Marco Jansen (3-36) did the damage.

The second and final Test starts on 3 January at Newlands in Cape Town.

Marsh & Smith rescue Australia against Pakistan

India captain Rohit Sharma said his side's performance after a defeat inside three days was "not good enough" and they "failed" to "come together collectively".

"Guys have come here before, we understand what to expect from the conditions. Every individual has his own plan," Rohit said.

"Our batters were challenged at different times. We didn't adapt well. We didn't bat well both times which is why we stand here."

Earlier in the day, South Africa had posted a commanding 408 in response to India's first-innings total of 245.

Dean Elgar, who announced he would retire from international cricket after the series against India, played freely to make a classy 185 while Jansen hit an unbeaten 84.

India were 62-3 at tea with Kagiso Rabada, who took 5-59 in the first innings, capturing the key wicket of India skipper Rohit.

However, the tourists lost seven wickets for just 59 runs in the evening session as South Africa's seamers ran through their middle order.

Kohli made a determined 76 from 82 balls but he was last man out - caught brilliant by Rabada off Jansen - as extras third top-scored for India with eight runs.

Player of the match Elgar said: "You need fast bowlers and a spinner, potentially, to take 20 wickets. You need guys firing.

"Kagiso Rabada was amazing, and a guy like Nandre just came to the fore. It was a really great team performance."



hard work we have done for so many years," said India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur.

"It's reward for the hard work and patience. We just wanted to play positive cricket."

Cricket's artist who shone at the Women's Big Bash League

India's win is their first in 11 women's Tests against Australia, who are ranked number one in the world in the format, since the sides first played in 1977.

A first-innings lead of 187 had given India the upper hand in the contest after they posted a commanding 406 in response to Australia's 219.

Richa Ghosh (52), Jemimah Rodrigues (73), Deepti Sharma (78) and Mandhana (74) all made patient half-centuries for India, while spinner Ash Gardner took 4-100.

Australia's batters struggled at the Wankhede Stadium with vice-captain Tahlia McGrath the only player to make a half-century in either innings for the tourists.

India all-rounder Sneha Rana was named player of the match after her off-spin brought her match figures of 7-119 from 44.4 overs.

"A Test match in India is happening after a long time, so this win is right at the top," Rana said.

"For Indian fans also this win is huge. The players who are growing will see this win and want to play more Test cricket."

It was a disappointing start to Alyssa Healy's reign as captain having been named as Meg Lanning's permanent successor across all formats earlier this month.

"Except for the first day, we showed a lot of fight," Healy said.

"Full credit to the Indian team, they just put too many runs on us. If we would have batted the first full day, we could have been in the game."

India's victory was their second in Tests this month having thrashed England by 347 runs in Mumbai.

Australia and India play each other in three ODIs and three T20s starting on 28 December.