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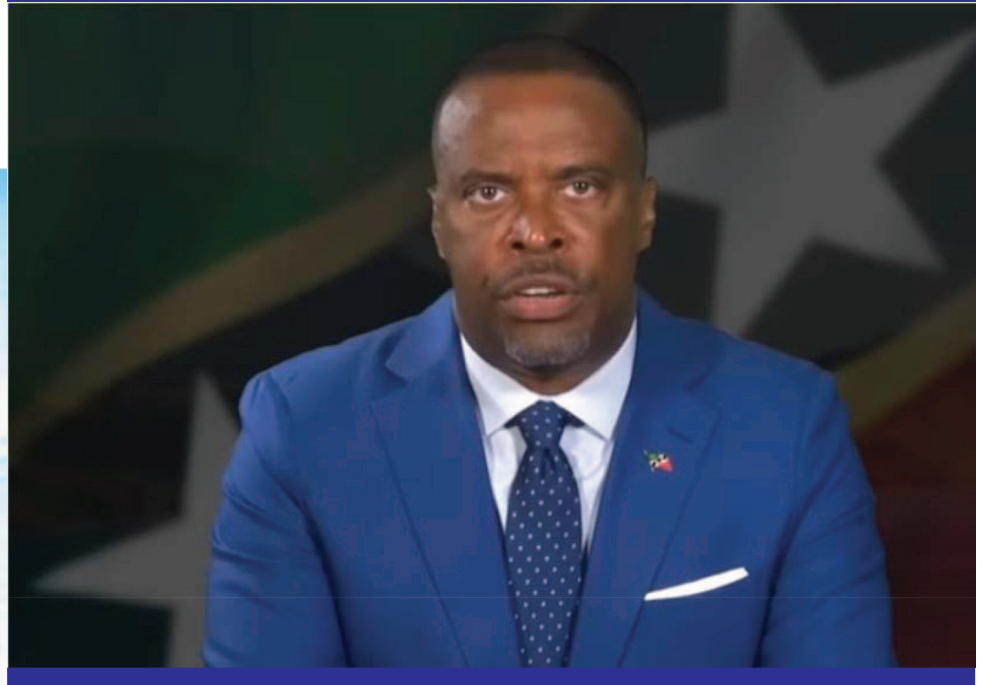
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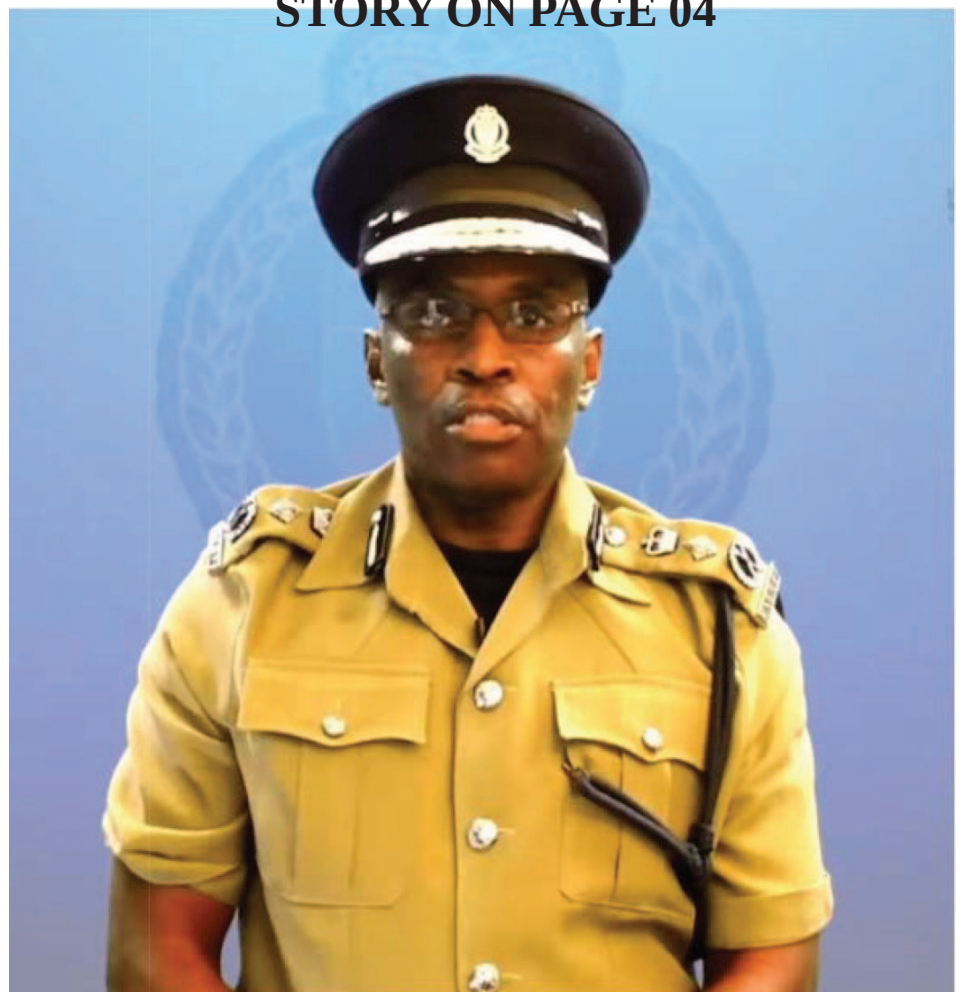
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Editorial

The Urgent Need for a United Front Against Crime and Violence

The continued loss of life through gun violence is devastating our communities. With each tragic incident, we hear the outcry of individuals expressing what they believe must be done to stop the bloodshed. Yet, words alone are not enough. It is time to translate our collective grief and outrage into strategic action that addresses the root causes of crime and violence in our society.

When crime and violence are labeled as societal issues, it is not merely a description but a call to action. These problems cannot be solved by law enforcement alone; they demand an all-of-society approach. Parents, teachers, the business community, law enforcement, government, political parties, friends, the media and neighbours-all have a role to play. This collective responsibility means that we must move beyond isolated efforts and work together to create safer communities.

A Key Stakeholders Engagement on Citizen Security is scheduled for Friday, 23rd August 2024, and Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance M. Drew is slated to give his opening statement at 10:00

AM, to be carried live on social media and various radio stations.

This is an opportunity for us as a people to come together, share our views and develop a unified strategy to combat crime and violence. What will be our response? Will we seize this moment to forge a path forward?

The time for action is now. We must show, through our participation and commitment, that we are ready to tackle this issue head-on.

Our communities cannot afford any more loss; we must stand united to protect the future of our society.

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Dated this 12th day of August, 2024.

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Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.



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Maynard Addresses Underground Works, Dangerous Challenges Faced By Workers

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 21st August 2024) -The Minister of Public Infrastructure, Energy and Utilities with responsibility for the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) Ltd., Konris Maynard, recently addressed the public on the dangerous challenges faced by SKELEC workers and also the suggestion of some people about putting underground infrastructure in light of outage issues caused by storms.

During an interview session on Freedom FM’s “SKN Today” with host Eboni Brandon on Tuesday 20th August 2024, he highlighted the dangers SKELEC workers encounter daily.

He mentioned a recent incident whereby a male SKELEC employee was burned while on the job, despite following all safety protocols and wearing the appropriate protective gear.

“He’s now on leave because his

hands are burnt,” Maynard said, emphasizing that “we [as a people] take it for granted, the challenges that you’re [the workers] going to have.”

Maynard also acknowledged the hard work of SKELEC staff, who have been working overtime to restore power across the island following the impact of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

“It’s an extremely dangerous job, and I think sometimes we take for granted that it does take a bit of time,” he noted, adding that the restoration process is intensive, especially if there are numerous disconnections around the country.

“If you have 40 instances of disconnections around the country...multiply that by 40, and you see what the time is,” he added.

Addressing public calls for placing the electrical infrastructure underground to protect it from storm damage, Maynard explained the high costs

involved.

He further explained that while underground infrastructure is possible, it requires careful planning and substantial financial resources.

“Some people will ask ‘Why don’t you put the infrastructure underground?’ Sure you know we can do that we can do anything SKELEC can do but the cost implications of that are humongous. It costs at least three times the amount of money to put power [underground] than it is to put [above ground] so that would be a costly exercise. I’ve looked at some figures for instance and it’s in the hundreds of millions of dollars to do it. You have to decide and pace yourself how you’re going to be able to do that but in the meantime we can take precautionary measures to make sure the impact is minimal on our households and our families.”

Reflecting on the recent storm, Maynard urged the public to always prepare for the worst, citing the unpredictability of storm intensity due to factors like rapid intensification.

“I saw a comment on Facebook the day after the storm of someone saying ‘Where is the electricity? The food that you just buy [have] spoiled.’ You know growing up, you were told because you don’t know what is going to happen you don’t purchase perishable food the day before a storm; you purchase nonperishable food because you just don’t know and that storm actually came closer than we expected. It hit us a little stronger than was expected ...so you just don’t know.

He continued: “In this time especially, there’s something called rapid intensification of these storms because of how warm the water is, and in an instant the storm can change so don’t take any storm lightly. You have to prepare as though you’re going to get a major hit and if you don’t get the major hit we are thankful we can recover faster but in this situation I think maybe this was a reminder for us that any storm that is coming we need to be prepared with our number of days of perishable food non-perishable food and I think NEMA puts out advice on this [advising] store enough water for a certain amount of time and also have your battery powered gear in the event that you do not have electricity and you know that’s just how it is.”

Maynard has expressed his deep appreciation for the dedicated staff at SKELEC who worked tirelessly to restore power across the country following recent storm-related outages.

“Well, firstly, I want to thank the hardworking staff at SKELEC for working overtime to get the power restored on the different feeders we have around the country. I believe that maybe before the storm or just in general, there might have been information that you can expect that power can be out from a minimum of two to three days at a minimum.”

Additionally, he provided an update on the situation, noting, “I haven’t gotten a full report as yet, as they’re probably still doing their analysis. The situation is that you had some downed lines in some communities, and in one community, I understand, there was a fire.” He explained that as a safety precaution, the main feeders were shut off while checks were conducted to ensure everything was in order before reactivating the lines.

He further elaborated on the complexities involved in the restoration process, saying, “Sometimes when they put back on the feeder, even though someone might not have reported it online, then they realize another one can cause a reverse reaction and can chip the feeder etc. But I think sometimes you take for granted the enormous amount of work that is necessary to do these things, to get things back online, especially if you do have damage.”

The minister highlighted the varying impact of the storms across the island, explaining that “There are some times, depending on how the storm comes, that there is not much damage, right, depending on the location and where the storm passes. For instance, this storm passed on our south, so the south or southern part of St. Kitts would have gotten more of the hit compared to maybe even Charlestown [in Nevis], which is on the western side.”

Front Page Image: A linesman of the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) Ltd. Seen out in the field during the ground scouting and assessing infrastructure on Wednesday 14th August 2024 following the passage of Tropical Storm Ernesto (SKELEC photo)

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COP Sutton: “You will be defeated! Put down your guns”

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday, 21st August 2024) - “We are determined to target and dismantle the criminal elements that seek to destroy our communities. The perpetrators of these violent acts will face the full force of the law. We are committed to taking back our communities and ensuring that our streets are safe for everyone.”

So said Commissioner of Police James Sutton, in a national statement made on Wednesday 21st August 2024, indicated that the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force is committed to

bringing those responsible to justice and preventing further violence.

“We vow to be more proactive than reactive in our crime-fighting efforts. By this, our focus is mainly prevention rather than detection. Bringing those responsible for these criminal acts to justice is critical to our mission to prevent retaliatory justice. The Police’s main goal is to bring those responsible to justice and to prevent further violence”, he stated.

COP Sutton further issued a warning to those involved in criminal activities, saying: “To those who are lawless and are bent on wreaking havoc on our communities, we are right behind you. We are coming for you wherever you are. You cannot and will not win the war on crime. You will be defeated! Put down your guns, stop the bloodshed, and stop the slaughtering of your fellow men. You can resolve your differences in other ways. It is not worth your lives or the lives of others. It must stop now!”

The Commissioner condemned the recent surge in gun violence, describing it as “an affront to the values we hold dear as a society—values of peace, safety, and respect for human life.”

He noted that such acts of violence “tear at the very fabric of

our communities and challenge our collective sense of security and well-being.”

He reassured the public that the police are fully mobilized in response to these incidents.

“Be assured that the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force is fully committed to addressing these crimes with the utmost seriousness. We are mobilizing all available resources and deploying specialized units to investigate these incidents. All available intelligence-gathering devices will be employed to get to the core of these vicious acts,” he said.

COP Sutton also emphasized the importance of community cooperation in the fight against crime.

“In these challenging times, we must come together to save our community from the onslaught and impact of these criminal acts. There are far more law-abiding citizens than there are criminals. They are outnumbered and should not be allowed to further terrorize our communities, disrupt our lives, and create chaos in our country. We solicit your support in this fight against crime. I implore you to be vigilant and to report any information that you may have regarding any crime,” he urged.

Additionally, he called on citizens to come forward with any information that could assist in resolving these cases, promising that their confidentiality would be respected.

“If you have any information, please come forward. You can report information directly to the police, or if you prefer, you may do so anonymously. We understand that coming forward can be daunting, but your confidentiality will be respected, and your information could be critical in helping us resolve these cases.”

He urged the nation to work together for the common good.

“Let us work together for the good of our country by building a safer environment for ourselves and our future generations. Your cooperation is vital in this fight of saving lives and helping to restore peace and security. Again, I urge you to stand with us and accept your responsibility as partners in the fight against



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Premier Brantley invited to attend stakeholder meeting convened by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew to address crime and violence in St. Kitts and Nevis

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 22, 2024)- The Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis and Leader of His Majesty’s Loyal Opposition in the National Assembly, at the invitation of Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, will be attending a critical stakeholder meeting on St. Kitts on Friday, August 23, to address crime and violence in the Federation.

“I am pleased that I have this morning seen an invitation from The Honourable Prime Minister to a symposium that he is convening on Friday, that is tomorrow, and that that

symposium is kicking off a period of 90 days when the focus of the government will be on this vexed issue of violence,” Premier Brantley revealed during his monthly press conference on Thursday, August 22.

According to the federal government’s information service SKNIS, the meeting will bring together a broad cross-section of society including community leaders, social clubs, and non-



The Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis and Leader of His Majesty’s Loyal Opposition in the National Assembly

governmental groups, and will serve as a preliminary engagement

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COP Sutton: “You will be defeated! Put down your guns”

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crime.”

The Commissioner mentioned a recent meeting with Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security Mr. Glenroy Blanchette, and Acting Commander of the Defence Force Major Kayode Sutton, who all pledged their full support to the Police Department.

Front Page Image: Commissioner of Police James Sutton while giving his public statement on crime and violence on Tuesday, 20th August 2024 (Spokesman Screenshot via SKNIS)



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NEVLEC lineworkers Mr. Kishawn Hobson, Mr. Paul Bradshaw, Mr. Clayon Clarke, and Mr. Rhyan Liburd who were dispatched to help restore electricity on the storm ravaged island of Carriacou

Nevis government deploys NEVLEC crew to assist with electricity restoration on Carriacou

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 22, 2024) - A four-member crew from the Nevis Electricity Company Limited (NEVLEC) is presently on the Grenadine Island of Carriacou assisting the Grenada Electricity Services Limited (grenlec) to restore power on the storm ravaged island.

The island of Carriacou was left severely battered and lost the majority of its infrastructure and electricity during the passage of the category five Hurricane Beryl in July 2024.

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) and NEVLEC decided to lend a helping hand and dispatched four highly-skilled lineworkers to Carriacou. Mr. Kishawn Hobson, Mr. Paul Bradshaw, Mr. Clayon Clarke, and Mr. Rhyan Liburd are working alongside workers from other neighboring Caribbean islands to help fully restore the electrical network, which has a customer base of about 4000.

“Our brothers and sisters in



NEVLEC lineworkers among crews working to help restore electricity on the storm ravaged island of Carriacou

Carriacou need all hands on deck. We commend the exemplary members of the NEVLEC family for graciously accepting the

Premier Brantley invited to attend stakeholder meeting convened by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew to address crime and violence in St. Kitts and Nevis

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“aimed at setting the stage for a national consultation and a 90-day campaign focused on citizen security.”

The invitation to participate in the meeting comes after Premier Brantley’s televised address to the nation on Wednesday, August 21, dealing with the issue of the escalating number of gun-related homicides on the islands.

In his address the Premier called for an all-of-society approach to tackling the problem, emphasizing that government should solicit the input of opposition parties in coming up with a solution.

“My address to you this evening comes not from a place of blame or political grandstanding. It comes from a place of deep pain and a burning desire to raise my voice in the rescue effort for my country. At this time and in this situation our country demands that each and every patriot rise up to defend it from this scourge that has now gripped us. All must be invited to the table with their ideas and solutions. None must be left out. Government and Opposition, church and Chamber, schools and civil society... ALL must be invited to the table to come up with a comprehensive plan to address violence in our society once and for all.

“Our Prime Minister and his Cabinet cannot and will not solve this problem alone. St. Kitts and Nevis now needs every able-bodied man and woman to man the ramparts and defeat this enemy that threatens to engulf us all... The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security must extend his hand across the political aisle and seek consensus and active assistance from the Opposition.”

The Honourable Brantley put forth several ideas for consideration by the Prime Minister, who has responsibility for National Security in St. Kitts and Nevis.

These include immediately inviting regional and international assistance; introducing a top-to-bottom review of the security forces to weed out bad elements; targeting known criminals and their associates and ensuring that they have no respite and no place to hide; suspending all leave and vacation for security forces; deploying greater physical and electronic surveillance tools so that the crime fighting response is led by more technology and intelligence gathering; reintroducing an improved and redesigned version of the Peace programme; and amending the anti gang legislation to allow Police to detain suspected gang members and their affiliates for up to seven days without charge while investigations are ongoing.

challenge. Together we will rebuild Carriacou!” the company has said.

The Nevisian crew is expected to spend at least two weeks in Carriacou assisting with the extensive restoration efforts.

NEVLEC’s commitment to advancing NEVLEC continues to include exposing its staff members to training opportunities that expand their knowledge and skills.

This has contributed significantly to the company having a proficient staff, whose competence was on full display during the passage of Tropical Storm Ernesto on August 13 when NEVLEC crews had repaired all affected feeders and restored power to 99.5 percent of the island on the same evening the storm had impacted Nevis.

Opposition Leader Calls For Political Parties Togetherness In Tackling Crime

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday, 22nd August 2024)

- Opposition Leader Premier Mark Brantley is calling for a unified approach across political divides in tackling the escalating crime in the federation.

In an address to the nation on Wednesday 21st August 2024, he commented on what now seems to be a never-ending cycle of youth-on-youth violence", describing the current situation as "unprecedented and unacceptable."

Brantley highlighted the need for togetherness, warning that political division could weaken efforts to combat crime.

"If we as leaders argue over crime, if we continue to be divided over crime, if we continue to see crime as a political opportunity, then we succeed only in weakening our resolve and in emboldening these criminals," he said.

According to him: "My address to you this evening comes not from a place of blame or political grandstanding. It comes from a place of deep pain and a burning desire to raise my voice in a rescue effort for my country."

Brantley revealed that before making his address he spoke at

length with Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Dr. Terrance Drew and that he also spoke with the Leader of the People's Action Movement, Mrs. Natasha Grey-Brooks.

The Opposition Leader, however, in pointing to widespread concern over the present situation, said "whilst crime spirals with almost daily news of brazen attacks, the government and the police seem incapable of responding, and our communities are gripped by fear."

He reiterated the need for a unified response, stating: "Crime is now a clear and present danger to the gains we have made as a young nation. The enemies are at the gate, and men and women of good will, from Cayon to Cotton

Ground, must put aside petty political and personal differences and stand together to repel this attack on our country. Our Prime Minister and his Cabinet cannot and will not solve this problem alone. St. Kitts and Nevis now needs every able-bodied man and woman to man the ramparts and defeat this enemy that threatens to engulf us all."

Brantley described crime as a societal problem, stating, "Who are the criminals? They are our sons and daughters. They are our brothers and sisters. They are our cousins and classmates. They are our boyfriends and girlfriends. In short, the criminals have come from our midst. We have created them, and we must now find ways to purge them from our midst."

According to him: "At this time, and in this situation, our country demands that each and every patriot rise up to defend it from the scourge that has now gripped us. All must be invited to the table with their ideas and solutions. None must be left out; government and opposition, church and chamber, schools and civil society. All must be invited to the table to come up with a comprehensive plan to address violence in our society once and for all."

Brantley, comparing it to past years, commented: "...our most murderous year was 2011 when we had some 34 persons killed. We are now at 26, and it's only August. At this pace, and unless arrested, our country is on track to have its bloodiest year in history," he noted.

Front Banner Photo: Opposition Leader Premier Mark Brantley while delivering his an address to the nation on Wednesday 21st August 2024 (Spokesman Screen-Youtube.com/NevisNewscast)

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Seniors enjoy St. Kitts Scenic Railway ride as part of Seniors Enrichment Programme

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, August 22, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — In its continued efforts to ensure that older persons in the communities age with dignity, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, through the Seniors Enrichment Programme, treated over 150 senior citizens to a ride on the St. Kitts Scenic Railway on Wednesday August 21.

“The Seniors Enrichment Programme of the Ministry aims at providing entertaining, educational and uplifting activities for our older persons,” explained Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and

Disabilities, Mrs Janelle Lewis-Tafari. “It is intended to help them to not only learn more, but also to have opportunities of socialising and basically continue to be a part of our community.”

The seniors, who came from all corners of the island, where transported to the Needsmust Train Station by buses provided by the Ministry of Education, were not in any way pushed to going on the trip, because as the Permanent Secretary Mrs Lewis-Tafari noted, they are ones who elected to go on the scenic railway train tour.

“Last year we were looking at planning the activities for 2024 and we would have reached out to some seniors,” said the Permanent Secretary. “We would have asked them some of the things that they are interested in doing, and quite a number of them said they hoped to go on the train, so we had no choice but to add it to our calendar of events.”

The St. Kitts Scenic Railway which was described as a good corporate citizen and a willing partner, when approached they were able to accommodate them with a reduced cost for the seniors. When the information was relayed to the seniors, they turned out in their numbers, and word has it that they would have been more had the trip been undertaken on a Sunday as some of them are into businesses and could not find anyone to take charge while they were out.

“So we had over 150 seniors who would have come for the tour, and from my



Seniors board the St. Kitts Scenic Railway at the Needsmust Station.



On board the carriages they were served with lunch immediately the tour started. PS in the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, Mrs Janelle Lewis-Tafari (standing rights) is assisted by Home Care Officers and Programme Managers.

observation, the majority, if not all of the seniors, would have enjoyed it,” said the Permanent Secretary. “From the carriage that I was in I know persons on the tour spent some time reminiscing about their childhood days and walking along the bridges and the various parts away from the main road that you do not normally see, so I think it was quite a good experience.”

The seniors had started arriving at the Needsmust Railway Station as early as noon, but they started boarding at 1:00 p.m., and the train under the command of Mr George ‘Brother’ Edinborough pulled out of the station at 1:26 p.m.

The train has five carriages, and most of the seniors occupied the upper decks, while a few with mobility problems remained in the lower air-conditioned decks. Lunch was served immediately and serving them was the Permanent Secretary Mrs Janelle Lewis-Tafari, who was assisted by Senior Home Care Officer Ms Andria Caines, and other Home Care Officers, and Programme Managers in the Department of Ageing.

St. Kitts Scenic Railway staff served them drinks throughout the three-hour trip taking them on the 18 mile train ride on the eastern side of the island. While each carriage had its specific staff serving the seniors, there were two masquerade players who had to move from carriage to carriage as they entertained the seniors, some of whom joined in the dance.

However, the most productive part of the trip was the knowledge the seniors got from Narrator, Ms Patricia Davis, who knows the entire route and could even tell where they were without looking out. She knew the names of all the places, and the historical and geographical significance of each area, and spiced her narration with humour that left all of them in laughter.

When the train was passing Tabernacle Village, she asked them to look to their right and said the white stone slabs on the graves were doors to “underground condominiums”. When they got to Dieppe Day Village she told them to look at the Police Station, which she said: “It is a hotel with good rooms and you stay there free of charge - all you need to do is to misbehave.”

The train ride ended at La Valle, opposite the St. Kitts Eco Park near Fig Tree Village, where they transferred to school buses from the Ministry of Education to take them back to their respective homes.

“We are at the end of our trip, and those who wish to use the bathrooms use them now on the train, or those outside when you come out as there are no bathrooms on the buses,” advised Narrator, Ms Patricia Davis.

When asked how she found her clients, Ms Davis

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Seniors enjoy St. Kitts Scenic Railway ride...

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said: "They were great. They were well behaved and

everything they did very respectfully, and they were cooperative. I enjoyed working with them this afternoon. I told

them that much - I enjoyed working with them."

According to Supervisor of Homecare Officers, Ms Andria

Caines, the next event involving the seniors will be part of the 41st St. Kitts and Nevis Anniversary of Independence

celebratory activities, the Seniors Independence Cultural Celebration which will be held on Tuesday September 3, starting from 9:00 a.m. at the National Heroes Park, Conaree Village.



Top pictures: Boarding the train at the Needsmust Station; picture below right, a Scenic Railway staffer serves them drinks; picture below left shows the train approaching the Mansion Bridge after leaving Christ Church Village.



Clockwise from top: Masquerade players entertain the seniors on one of the carriages; Train arrives at La Valle near Fig Tree Village; Seniors disembarking the train carriages; seniors transferring from the train to waiting buses at La Valle.

Canada orders freight back on track to end rail stoppage

Robin Levinson-King
BBC News

Labour Minister Steve McKinnon said railways operations should resume "within days" as he sent both sides to final binding arbitration.

Canadian National Railway (CN) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) locked out nearly 9,300 workers at the strike of midnight on Wednesday, after failing to clinch a deal with the Teamsters union.

Canada sends around 75% of all the goods it exports to the US, mostly over rail. A prolonged dispute could have disrupted shipments of a range of goods, from grains and beans to potash, coal and timber.

"Workers, farmers, commuters and businesses rely on Canada's railways everyday, and will continue to do so," Mr McKinnon said. "It is the government's duty and responsibility to ensure industrial peace in this critically vital sector."

Canada, the world's second-largest country by area, relies heavily on rail transport.

The government said that while it supports the collective bargaining process, it needed to exercise its powers under Canada's Labour Code in order to ensure important goods and trade were still being transported.

Under its orders, the Canada Industrial Relations Board will settle the disputes over the collective agreements. In the interim, the Board will also extend the current terms of the collective agreements, so that workers can resume work as soon as possible.

Labour agreements for both railways expired at the end of last year.

After months of talks, the increasingly bitter negotiations ground to a halt late on Wednesday evening, CBC reported, with both sides accusing the other of refusing to negotiate seriously.

CN and CPKC had both been calling for binding arbitration.

CN said on Thursday it was "satisfied" that the labour



Getty Images A CN train

Canada's federal government has moved swiftly to end an industrial dispute that just brought two of the country's largest railways to a halt, threatening supply chains across North America.

dispute had ended.

"The Company is disappointed that a negotiated deal could not be achieved at the bargaining table despite its best efforts," it added.

Keith Creel, chief executive of CPKC, said in a statement the government had acted "to protect Canada's national interest".

"We regret that the government had to intervene because we fundamentally believe in and respect collective bargaining; however, given the stakes for all involved, this situation required action," he added.

Speaking to the BBC on Thursday, before the arbitration was announced, the National President of Teamsters Canada, Francois Laporte, said the sticking point for his union was safety.

"Across Canada, we have trains who are carrying goods, they are carrying energy, they are carrying chemicals," he said. "And we want to make sure that those trains are operated by people who get the proper rest, who are safe, who are not fatigued."

Mr Laporte echoed an earlier statement from the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference that accused the railways of caring only about the "bottom line".



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Project:

**The Water Services Department Building Roof Replacement
Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works
Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of**

Monday, 12th August 2024

for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.

**Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the
office of:**

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Monday 23rd September 2024.**

**Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender
Opening.**

Eligibility

**It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the
Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be
presented before receipt of Tender Document.**

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS



Fake watermelons full of drugs fail to fool US agents

Vanessa Buschchluter
BBC News



CBP A close-up of the drugs wrapped in plastic to resemble a watermelon
The drugs were concealed in coloured wrapping to resemble watermelons
United States border agents have intercepted a truck carrying more than \$5m-worth of methamphetamine at the US-Mexico border hidden inside a shipment of watermelons.

The drugs were wrapped in plastic painted in two shades of green to resemble the fruit and placed among real watermelons.

More than two tonnes of methamphetamine - in a total of 1,220 packages - was seized by officers.

Stashing drugs among produce is a common way to smuggle the illicit substances across borders - banana shipments are the most popular but officers have recently found narcotics in Gouda cheese and avocados.

US Customs and Border Protection officials said their officers had stopped a truck hauling a trailer at the border with Mexico in Otay Mesa.

The paperwork suggested the driver was transporting a shipment for watermelons, but a inspection revealed the parcels containing methamphetamine.

Also known simply as meth, it is a powerful and highly addictive stimulant.



CBP Parcels containing methamphetamine

In total, border agents found 1,220 parcels containing meth
The driver was handed over to Homeland Security officials.
The seizure came a week after officials at the same border crossing discovered almost 300kg of meth in a shipment of celery.
Both hauls came to a total value of \$6m, according to CBS News, the BBC's US partner.
CBP Parcels of methamphetamine were hidden among bunches of celery
Mexican drug cartels are the leading producers and suppliers of methamphetamine to the United States.
In February, Mexican security forces seized more than 40 tonnes of the drug at



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PINEAPPLE PRODUCTION WORKSHOP 2024

AUGUST 28TH, 2024
DOA LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
5:30 P.M

Training workshop for farmers
Topics include: History, Distribution & World Production, Morphology, Anatomy & Taxonomy, Varieties & breeding, Production systems, Plant nutrition, Pest & diseases and more.



 (869) 467-1841  moa@gov.kn

Pineapple Production Workshop - Wednesday August 28th, 2024

(MOA, St. Kitts, August 20th, 2024):
The Department of Agriculture is inviting all Crop farmers to a Pineapple Production Workshop set for Wednesday 28th August, 2024.
This workshop forms part of the 25 by 25 initiative and is geared towards informing farmers of the necessary procedures in pineapple production. Topics of discussion include: History, Distribution and World Production, Morphology, Anatomy and Taxonomy, varieties and Breeding, Plant Nutrition, Production Systems and more.
All are urged to make a special effort to attend.
The meeting will be conveyed at the Department of Agriculture's Large Conference Room at 5:00 p.m.
Farmers are asked to contact the Crop Division at 467-1831 or 467-1841 for more details.



The meth in the celery shipment was discovered by a sniffer dog

the biggest lab to be discovered in recent years.
Mexican officials said the lab boasted more than 200 centrifuges, boilers and condensing chambers - key equipment used to make the chemical.

Government Of Saint and Nevis Launces Activities For 41st Anniversary Of Independence

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, August 16, 2024 (SKNIS): The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis proudly announces the official launch of the calendar of activities for the 41st Anniversary of Independence. Under the inspiring theme "Together, a People, Proud and Strong: Independence 41," the nation is set to celebrate its rich heritage, vibrant culture, and collective achievements with a series of dynamic and engaging events.

The Independence 41 celebrations will commence on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, and continue through Sunday, October 27, 2024, encompassing a wide range of activities that reflect the spirit and solidarity of the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis. From the much-anticipated National Colours Days, where citizens and residents are encouraged to wear green, yellow, red, white and black on designated days, to the National Heroes Day celebrations on Monday, September 16, 2024, every event has been thoughtfully planned to ensure a memorable and inclusive celebration.

Dr. Marcus L. Natta, Cabinet Secretary and Co-Chair of the Independence 41 Organising Committee, expressed his excitement about the upcoming festivities.

"This year's Independence celebrations are a testament to the resilience of our people. The diverse range of activities planned reflects our commitment to celebrating our nation's history, culture, and achievements while also looking forward to a prosperous future together," Dr. Natta said.

Ms. Viera Galloway, Director in the Prime Minister's Office and Co-Chair of the Organising Committee, emphasised the importance of community involvement.

"We are thrilled to present a calendar filled with events that cater to every segment of our society. From youth-focused initiatives to events that honour our heroes and traditions, we invite everyone to participate and show their national pride. Together, we will create lasting memories as we celebrate 41 years of Independence," said Ms. Galloway.

Highlighted events include:

National Colours Days on August 30, September 06, 13, 20, and 27, where citizens are encouraged to wear the colours of the national flag.

National Tree Planting Day on August 31, 2024.

Patriotic Day on Wednesday, September 18,

2024, encouraging all to wear their national colours and participate in the festivities.

Independence Day Parade Ceremonies on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Independence State Service and Gospel Concert on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Night of Dance on Sunday, October 27, 2024, as a grand finale to the celebrations.

The full calendar of events is available on the official government website and social media platforms. The public is encouraged to stay informed and participate actively in the celebrations.

Dr. Natta said as Saint Kitts and Nevis marks its 41st year of Independence, the spirit of harmony and pride will undoubtedly resonate across the Federation. He encouraged all to come together to honour our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Projects:

Proposed Office Spaces at Port Zante for Ministry of Economic Development

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 19th August, 2024 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$ 400.00 each.

Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Tuesday 01st October, 2024**

Bidders or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TOGETHER, A PEOPLE, PROUD AND STRONG: INDEPENDENCE 41

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 1: "Guns Down, Independence up: Securing Saints Kitts and Nevis Future"

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

• National Colours Day #1
(WEAR GREEN)

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

• National Tree Planting Day
• CPL T20 – Patriots vs Knight Riders

SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER

CPL T20 – Patriots vs Kings

MONDAY 02 SEPTEMBER

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

TUESDAY 03 SEPTEMBER

Seniors Independence Cultural Celebration

WEDNESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER

CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 2: "Healing Wounds: Exploring Reparations for Saint Kitts and Nevis"
• CPL T20 – Patriots vs Amazon Warriors

THURSDAY 05 SEPTEMBER

Cabinet Primary School Visits (East Zone)

FRIDAY 06 SEPTEMBER

• National Colours Day #2
(WEAR YELLOW)
• National Sneaker Day
• CPL T20 – Patriots vs Royals

SATURDAY 07 SEPTEMBER

• Creative Power Gala & Awards Show
• Caribbean Wellness Day Wellness Activity
• Nevis Marathon and Running Festival by Nevis Multisports
• It's A Nevis Knock Out by SKN Moves Nevis Chapter (Sept 7-8)

SUNDAY 08 SEPTEMBER

• CPL T20 – Patriots vs Falcons
• East Basseterre Festival 2024 (Sept 8th – 29th)

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

• 26th Prime Minister's Lecture Series
• 9th OECS Ministers Education and Social Development Meeting (Sept 10th-12th)

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 3: "Youthquake: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders"
• Cabinet Primary School Visits (West Zone)
• Patriotic Programmes and Ministerial Visits to Schools (Sept 11-18)

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

• Cabinet Primary School Visits (Basseterre Zone)
• Americas Netball Men's Championship (Sept 12-14)
• Visions of Independence: A Celebration Through Local Art by Local Artists Collective
• Unsung Heroes Awards

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

• National Colours Day #3
(WEAR WHITE)
• National Youth Rally

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

• TASTE SKN (Sept 14th – 21st)
• St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Conference 2024 (Sept 14th-18th)
• Men in Aprons
• King Amongst Kings Calypso Extravaganza by Trail Life, VI & Fete Warriors Promotions
• Independence Freedom Concert

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

• National Service of Gratitude & Gospel Concert
• Belle Pastel by Study It Ent

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

• **NATIONAL HEROES DAY**
• Heroes' Day Observances
• Wreath Laying & Recognition Ceremony (C. A. Paul Southwell Bust)
• Announcement of National Honours
• Community Flag Raising Ceremonies
• Rotary Club of St. Kitts Annual Fun Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Cabinet Visits to High Schools & CFBC

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

• **PATRIOTIC DAY (WEAR YOUR NATIONAL COLOURS)**
CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 4: "O Land of Beauty: Building Resilient Isle"
• Patriotic Day Fair
• Schools' Treat & Patriotic Programmes
• A Night with DJ Tero & EBJ Harmonics
• Independence Cocktail by Nevis Chapter of Chamber of Industry & Commerce

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

• **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
• Independence Ceremonial Parade
• Governor-General's Cocktail
• The St. George's Mothers Union Breakfast
• Independence Parade and Awards Ceremony
• Toast to the Nation
• Deputy Governor-General's Cocktail

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

• National Colours Day #4
(WEAR BLACK)
• Drill Competition

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

• Independence Street Fair
• Flowers, Food, and Flags by St. Kitts Flower Arrangers Association
• SKN Independence FLAVOURS by Carambola Beach Club

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

• Pathfinder Expo by St. Kitts Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinder Clubs
• Night under the Stars by Virgil Hodge & Symphony Band
• Drag Racing by Drag Racing Unit

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 5: "CCJ vs. Privy Council - The Battle for Justice"
• Creative Canvas: Celebrating Student Artistry by the Verchilds High School Industrial Art Department

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

• Independence Elocution Competition (Eliminations)
• Youth Impact Awards Ceremony

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

• National Colours Day #5
(WEAR RED)

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Brimstone Hill Run for the Fit & Fearless

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

• Splendour in September - Empire Wear Fashion Show
• Gospel Concert

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

CTU ICT Week 2024 (Sept 30 – Oct 5)

WEDNESDAY 02 OCTOBER

CONVERSATIONS: Reflections & The Way Forward
• Episode 6: "Digital Transformation: Connecting Our Digital Dots"

THURSDAY 03 OCTOBER

Independence Elocution Competition (FINAL)

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

Night of Dance



Seven students benefit from the Naomi Daniel-Browne NEV-DC Scholarship

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 19, 2024) - Seven students from primary schools across Nevis are the beneficiaries of the 2024 Nevisian Association of Washington, DC (NEV-DC) Naomi Daniel-Browne Scholarship.

The Department of Education recently hosted the scholarship awards ceremony at the Nevis Disaster Management Department conference room.

Receiving the scholarship awards were Danail Lowe of Joycelyn Liburd Primary School, Amiyah Archibald of Elizabeth Pemberton Primary School, Kare'nique Storrod of Ivor Walters Primary School, Celine Gumbs of Charlestown Primary School, Aniya Seenarine of St. Thomas' Primary School, Ugesh Shrestha of Violet O. Jeffers-Nicholls Primary School, and Naira Blake of St. James' Primary School.

President of NEV-DC Mr. Anthony Pemberton said he was humbled to present the awards in honour of one of the organisation's founding members, a career educator from



The late Mrs. Naomi Daniel-Browne, former stalwart teacher at the the Gingerland Primary School, now Joycelyn Liburd Primary School

Gingerland, Nevis, the late Mrs. Naomi Daniel-Browne.

"She was a dedicated educator who left an intangible mark on our community. This marks the fourth year that the NEV-DC has had the privilege of honouring Naomi's legacy through this award. As president of NEV-DC it has been my goal to keep Naomi's passion for teaching alive. She firmly believed that no child should ever be left behind and we share that conviction," he said, noting that Mrs. Daniel-Browne believed in acknowledging those students who worked tirelessly to improve.

NEV-DC currently honours one student per school, however Mr. Pemberton said the organization wishes to see the scholarship programme grow. He thanked the Department of Education for its continued support and congratulated the seven awardees.

In her remarks Ms. Jasmine Daniel, a relative of the award's eponym, thanked NEV-DC for creating the prestigious programme in her honour to acknowledge students who excel in education.

"As an educator Naomi took time to

give assistance to children who needed extra help so that they could reach their full potential...I wish to encourage all of the students to continue to persevere in your education and strive for excellence to maximize your potential in life," she said.

Principal Education Officer Ms. Londa Browne expressed gratitude on behalf of the Ministry and Department of Education on Nevis to NEV-DC and the Daniel Family for their continued participation and encouraged the students to continue to work hard.

"Awards and contributions like these are so very important as they help us to help the students to continue to strive for excellence."

Mrs. Naomi Daniel-Browne hailed from Meade's Pasture, Gingerland, Nevis. She had an exemplary teaching career at the Gingerland Primary School, now Joycelyn Liburd Primary School, from 1980 until 1999. She migrated to the United States in 2020 where she successfully pursued her passion as a consummate educator.



Six of the seven recipients of the 2024 Nevisian Association of Washington, DC (NEV-DC) Naomi Daniel-Browne Scholarship Award with President of NEV-DC Mr. Anthony Pemberton (l) and Ms. Jasmine Daniel (r) relative of the late Mrs. Naomi Daniel-Browne

Rotary Club of Liamuiga Urges Unified Action to Combat Escalating Crime

Basseterre, St. Kitts (August 21, 2024) – The Rotary Club of Liamuiga stands in solidarity with the citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis as we face a grave and escalating threat to our nation’s safety and future. With 26 murders recorded thus far in 2024, the majority involving firearms, our beloved nation is in crisis. The rising wave of violence and crime, particularly gun-related incidents, is a serious and immediate threat to the well-being, security, and prosperity of our people.

We at the Rotary Club of Liamuiga are deeply concerned by the surge in violence that threatens to unravel the very fabric of our society. This is not just a government issue; it is a societal one, demanding that each one of us – citizens, organisations, businesses, and communities – step forward to confront this menace with firm resolve.

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga calls on the government to redouble its efforts in combating crime. While we commend the recent announcement of a National Consultation on Crime and Violence, which takes a much-needed public health approach, we stress the urgency of implementing immediate, decisive actions to halt the current wave of violence. Strengthening law enforcement, enhancing

community policing, and addressing the underlying social and economic conditions that fuel crime must be prioritized. These measures must be backed by a firm commitment to justice, transparency, and the elimination of corruption at all levels of society.

Corruption, in any form, erodes public trust and undermines the fight against crime. It is essential that our institutions, particularly those charged with upholding the law, operate with the highest standards of integrity. The Rotary Club of Liamuiga demands that transparency and accountability be at the forefront of all governmental operations, especially in law enforcement and public administration.

As we call for action from our leaders, we also acknowledge our responsibility as a civil society organisation. The Rotary Club of Liamuiga is committed to fostering peace and togetherness within our community. In a symbolic gesture of our dedication to this cause, we will be planting a Peace Pole in September 2024, serving as a constant reminder of our collective responsibility to build a safer and more peaceful nation.

We appeal to all civil society groups, religious organisations, businesses, and citizens to join us in this fight against crime. Let us unite with a common purpose – to restore peace and security to our nation. Together, we can create a future where every person in St. Kitts and Nevis can live without fear, where our children can grow up in a society that values life, justice, and harmony.

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga remains committed to working alongside all stakeholders to create a safer, more peaceful St. Kitts and Nevis. We are ready to do our part. We will do our part. Let us all do our part.

CDB Launches Knowledge Exchange Lab to Advance Gender Equality in the Caribbean



August 22, 2024 - BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - Recognising the critical need for a collaborative platform to advance gender equality in the region, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has launched the Gender Equality Knowledge Exchange Lab (GEKEL) in partnership with the UN Women Multi-Country Office - Caribbean.

The Lab is designed to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing on gender equality among partners in the Bank’s client countries, including national gender machineries, governmental and non-governmental organisations, civil society, the private sector, academia, and youth organisations.

This initiative is a key component of CDB’s broader commitment to promoting capacity-building, technical assistance, and financing across the Caribbean to achieve gender equality and enhance sustainable development. The Lab is rooted in CDB’s 2019 Gender Equality Policy and Operational Strategy, serving as a crucial platform

for bringing together diverse stakeholders to address challenges and develop solutions to promote gender equality.

A central feature of the Lab is its quarterly online peer-to-peer knowledge exchange sessions, facilitated by CDB in collaboration with UN Women Caribbean, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women. These two-and-a-half-hour sessions provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss specific topics across various sectors and explore innovative solutions. Participants can also request customised training during these sessions.

The Gender Equality Knowledge Exchange Lab was piloted on 18 September 2023, following the flagship Gender Seminar at CDB’s 53rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in Saint Lucia. The pilot session attracted over 50 participants from 19 Caribbean countries and focused on implementing national gender focal point systems, showcasing regional and global best practices. The positive response from participants, who expressed strong interest in continued training through a coordinated network on gender equality themes, led to the formal establishment of the Lab.

On 24 July 2024, in conjunction with GEKEL’s official launch, CDB and the UN Women Multi-Country Office - Caribbean held a second training session on Gender Mainstreaming in Trade Policy. Facilitated by the International Trade Centre (ITC), the training brought together 99 trade officials, policymakers, and representatives of national gender machineries from across the region. The session focused on the policy environment for women in business and trade, as well as strategies and options for integrating gender considerations into trade and trade-related policies.

During the training, CDB’s Vice President of Operations (Ag.), Mrs Therese Turner-Jones, reaffirmed the Bank’s commitment to empowering women and promoting gender equality in the region, stating: “By bringing together key stakeholders, we can identify solutions to the challenges hindering gender equality in trade and develop policies that promote inclusive and equitable growth.”

UN Women Caribbean Representative, Ms Tonni Brodber, emphasised the importance of inclusive policies, stating: “This is not just about women, it is about understanding where the women and men are in trade and how best we can understand the trade policies and develop policies and practices that can serve women and men, highlight their successes and importantly not block their opportunities.”

“Public procurement accounts for 12% of the Caribbean’s GDP, but less than 5% of public tenders go to women-owned businesses. Helping women become more competitive in trade and in public procurement is a big part of what we do at ITC and is the reason why we partnered with UN Women to launch the Global Campaign on Gender-Responsive Public Procurement. I call on Caribbean countries to join our campaign to leverage sourcing as a driver of gender equality,” said Ms Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director of ITC, during her opening remarks at the webinar.

To date, the Gender Equality Knowledge Exchange Lab has trained 150 individuals, underscoring CDB’s ongoing efforts to promote gender-inclusive and sustainable development in the Caribbean.

Doctors cast doubt on ham-sandwich diabetes warning

Michelle Roberts

Digital health editor, BBC News



Getty Images Ham sandwich Getty Images

Newspaper headlines are warning eating “a ham sandwich a day” increases the risk of type 2 diabetes - but experts say it is not that simple.

A study of nearly two million people from 20 different countries found a link with both red and processed meats, such as steak, bacon and sausages.

But doctors say while the research has been done well, the findings are nuanced and should not cause fear or panic.

It is sensible to limit intake, in line with healthy-eating guidelines, they say, but the study should not wipe meat off the menu.

Missing data

The research, in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology journal, has an inevitable limitation - it cannot prove meat causes diabetes, because it is impossible to discount the other possible risk factors, such as other foods people in the study ate and the

lifestyle they led.

Dr Duane Mellor, of the British Dietetic Association, said: “The authors did try to control for other risk factors associated with increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes, including having a higher body weight, smoking, alcohol, low vegetable intake.”

But missing data meant they could not account for the effect of family history, insulin resistance or waist circumference, which are more strongly associated with diabetes.

“So it is possible that the increased risk associated with processed and red meat intake could be a result of these other confounding factors,” Dr Mellor said.

Studies such as this also rely on participants telling the truth and accurately recalling what they eat.

Does that mean the findings should be entirely dismissed?

No. It adds to a growing picture of what foods - and how much - might be good or bad for us.

Bowel cancer

In the study, two thick slices of ham a day (50g; 1.7oz) or a small (100g) steak appeared to be a risk.

The findings around chicken and other white meat were less clear.

The NHS already advises people eating more than 90g (cooked weight) of red or processed meat a day to cut down to 70g, because experts believe eating too much processed meat can cause bowel cancer.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer puts it in the same category of risk as tobacco smoking and asbestos.

Processed meat has been modified, for taste or to extend shelf-life.

The chemicals and methods used, such as smoking, curing, or adding salt or preservatives, could be a factor.

And while meat is a good source of protein, vitamins and minerals, it sometimes also contains a lot of saturated fat, which has been linked to high blood-cholesterol levels, a risk factor for coronary heart disease.

Blood-sugar levels

Lead researcher Prof Nita Forouhi, from the University of Cambridge, said: “Our research provides the most comprehensive evidence to date of an association between eating processed meat and unprocessed red meat and a higher future risk of type 2 diabetes.”

“It supports recommendations to limit the consumption of processed meat and unprocessed red meat to reduce type 2 diabetes cases in the population.” Type 2 diabetes is high blood-sugar levels due to the body making too little of a hormone called insulin - or the insulin it makes not working properly.

Risk factors include:

- * obesity or being overweight
- * high blood pressure
- * ethnicity
- * family history

Dr Mellor warned people considering cutting down on meat to ensure they still got enough vital nutrients, such as iron and vitamin B12.

“It is important when considering reducing or taking a type of food out of the diet, that any replacement foods provide the same nutrients to maintain a healthy diet overall,” he said

Good sources of vitamin B12 include:

- * milk
- * cheese
- * eggs
- * fortified yeast extracts, such as Marmite
- * fortified breakfast cereals
- * fortified soya products

First case of more dangerous mpox found outside Africa

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BBC News

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Sweden’s public health agency has recorded what it says is the first case of a more dangerous type of mpox outside the African continent.

The person became infected during a stay in an area of Africa where there is currently a major outbreak of mpox Clade 1, the agency said.

The news comes just hours after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the outbreak of mpox in parts of Africa was now a public health emergency of international concern.

At least 450 people died during an initial outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the disease has since spread to areas of Central and East Africa.

According to Olivia Wigzell, the acting head of the



REUTERS/Arlette Bashizi Christian Musema, a laboratory nurse, takes a sample from a child declared a suspected case of mpox at the treatment centre in Munigi, following mpox cases in Nyiragongo territory near Goma, North Kivu province, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 19 July 2024REUTERS/Arlette Bashizi

Hundreds of deaths from mpox have been recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Swedish public health agency, the infected person had sought care in the Stockholm area and the fact that

they were receiving treatment in Sweden did not mean there was a risk to the broader population.

“The affected person has also been infected during a stay in an area of Africa where there is a large outbreak of mpox Clade 1,” she told a news conference.

Mpox, which was previously known as monkeypox, is transmitted through close contact, such as sex, skin-to-skin contact and talking or breathing close to another person.

It causes flu-like symptoms, skin lesions and can be fatal, with four in 100 cases leading to death. It is most common in the tropical rainforests of West and Central Africa and there are thousands of infections every year.

There are currently a number of outbreaks of mpox that are taking place simultaneously and they are partly fuelled by the newer and more serious type of Clade 1b, identified in September last year.

There are two types of Clade 1 and the Swedish case has been identified as Clade 1b. Since mpox Clade 1b was first witnessed in Democratic Republic of Congo there have been confirmed cases in Burundi, Kenya and Rwanda, before the new case identified in Sweden.

While Clade 2 did cause a public health emergency in 2022, it was relatively mild and some 300 cases

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U.S. Embassy Bridgetown Hosts Eastern Caribbean Security Cooperation Workshop

Bridgetown, Barbados - The U.S. Military Liaison Office at U.S. Embassy Bridgetown hosted the annual Eastern Caribbean Security Cooperation Workshop from August 13-15, 2024. This workshop, a cornerstone of the ongoing security collaboration between the United States and Eastern Caribbean partner nations, served as a critical forum for discussing and planning key security initiatives in the region.

The workshop brought together U.S. Ambassador Roger Nyhus, senior defense and law enforcement officials from Eastern Caribbean partner nations, and representatives from the Florida and Virgin Islands National Guards to highlight the State Partnership Program. Also in attendance were officials from the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), the Naval International Programs Office (NIPO), The U.S. Coast Guard Office of International Acquisitions Programs, and The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Ambassador Nyhus underscored the importance of the ongoing collaboration stating,

"Since 2022, we've executed nearly 50 State Partnership Program events designed to address the Eastern Caribbean's top emergent priorities in national and regional security. These activities have covered everything from cybersecurity to search and rescue, to human and drug trafficking, and involved hundreds of participants from across the region."

In 2024 alone, the U.S. Foreign Military Finance program delivered over \$3.8 million USD to maintain the region's fleet of SAFE Boat interceptors and SeaArk utility vessels. Additionally, following Hurricane Beryl, a Technical Assistance Field Team travelled to Grenada to conduct crucial boat repairs for the Royal Grenadian Police Force.

Furthering the commitment

to regional security, the United States has allocated an additional \$300,000 USD to the International Military Education Training (IMET) program this year, bringing the total to \$1 million USD. IMET-funded courses continue to offer high-quality training that builds enduring military-to-military relationships.

Commander Mark Peterson of the Barbados Defence Force remarked, "By working together, we can enhance our collective security and resilience. A big thank you to the United States Government for its continued support. Together, we will



continue to build a brighter future for our region."

For further inquiries, please contact BridgetownPress@state.gov



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Projects:

Proposed Construction of the South Frigate Bay Beach Enhancement Project (SFBEBEP)

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...when “Juju” carried “Helen” on her shoulders.



Alfred dominated the women's 100m finals at the Paris Olympics and her closest challenger (the world champion, Sha'Carri Richardson, was not even close! - (0.15 seconds behind). Alfred earned the gold medal - and the title of the fastest woman in the world - with a time of 10.72 seconds.

Did you hear me? Saint Lucian Julien Alfred stunned the world on Saturday 03 August 2024, storming to the women's 100m title and initiated a “social revolution” in the small volcanic island in the southern Caribbean!

Here is a somewhat revealing storyline! A young Saint Lucian woman caught-up in the excitement of the moment shouted, “Juju is carrying the whole of Saint Lucia on her shoulders!”

And she got it right! Juju, as she is affectionately called, is carrying Helen (Saint Lucia is nicknamed the “Helen of the West Indies”) - championing Saint Lucia's Mission for Self-determination and, as a mere youth, assuming the responsibility of representing her people at the “assembly of the world.”

What about the rest of the storyline? Early signs on the ground strongly suggest that Julien Alfred is bringing Helen together - a country of 180,000 people distanced by language (English and kweyol); separated by town and country; divided along political tribal lines; alienated along two evident socio-economic classes (the bourgeoisie and the malewe); battered by successive hurricanes and storms; enfeebled since the fall of “green gold” and overwhelmed by a persistent double-digit youth unemployment.

In the interim, it appears that leading up to the Saturday 03 August 2024 event, “the Juju movement” seemed to have forced the “bad guys” into retreat - forcing the organized criminals, terrorists, bandits, up-setters and elements of the lumpen proletariat to retreat - to lay down their cutlasses and stop the shooting and the gang wars.

For the people came out to fete! And crime or no crime, the “French-Caribs” would not be stopped on the event days! The people laid down their tools - left homes, banana farms, peasant farms, hotels and restaurants, offices and factories - and passed

through the valleys, mountains, gullies, and plateaus - many by

modern transport and some by foot to the Sir Derek Walcott Square to cheer on their beloved Julien Alfred to victory (in Paris) on the giant TV Screen. Everyone shouted “Go juju go! Go juju go!” “Go juju go!” - the relentless chanting voices of children, the young, the old; the maimed, the halt and even the blind - Saint Lucia beat the World for Gold! **Viv Sent Lisi!** Long Live Saint Lucia!

But wait! This is not all the storylines! Did you know that Juju did not introduce Helen to the world? Many had gone before her to open the door and keep it open. In 1979 Sir Arthur Lewis received the Nobel Prize in Economics - becoming the first black person to win the Nobel Prize in Economics. In 1992, Sir Derek Walcott was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. In 2004, Daren Sammy became the first international cricketer from St Lucia and in 2010, he became Saint Lucian to be named West Indies Cricket Captain - and since then, he has played franchise cricket all over the world. Juju is the New Trail blazer!

And Juju has rekindled hope for the children of the malewe. They know that Julien is a runner from humble beginnings who used to run on the field, struggling with no shoes and barefoot, even in school uniforms.

BUT lest you miss the point! Julien Alfred has now pushed the “sliding door” very wide open - and is now opening the door for the many talented young people in Fair Helen!

Go juju go! Go Juju Go! Go Juju Go!

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St. Kitts to Host FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Course and U21 Athlete Training Camp

Basseterre, St. Kitts. August 19, 2024 - Over 30 regional representatives from Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Bermuda, Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, St. Eustatius, Saba and host country St. Kitts and Nevis, are to benefit from the FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Course, from August 26-31. The coaching seminar will be paired with an U21 Athlete Training Camp, ahead of the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) U21 Beach Championships.

This initiative, which is sponsored by Olympic Solidarity through its local affiliate the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC), will be conducted at the Marriott Beach, North Frigate Bay. It is designed to advance the skills of coaches and athletes throughout the Eastern Caribbean region and beyond. It also highlights the FIVB's Knowledge Transfer Program and its pivotal role in the sport's development.

The course and athlete training camp are being facilitated by Professor Rick Bevis of Canada, an FIVB Instructor and expert in the Pedagogy of Coaching and Educational Sport Psychology from Vancouver Island University. Professor Bevis brings a wealth of experience, having coached both court and beach volleyball at all levels,

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First case of more dangerous mpox found outside Africa

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have already been identified in Sweden.

WHO/Europe said it was actively engaging with Sweden's health authorities on "how best to manage the first confirmed case of mpox Clade 1b".

It urged other countries to act quickly and transparently like Sweden, as there were likely to be further "imported cases of Clade 1 in the European region over the coming days and weeks".

The Swedish public health agency said the more dangerous outbreak was likely to be linked to "a higher rise of a more severe course of disease and higher mortality".

Dr Jonas Albarnaz, who specialises in pox viruses at the Pirbright Institute, said the first

case outside of Africa was concerning as it meant the spread "might be larger than we knew yesterday"

Dr Brian Ferguson, Associate Professor of Immunology at the University of Cambridge agreed it was "clearly a concerning development" but unsurprising given the severity and spread of the outbreak in Africa.

The WHO hopes its latest declaration, that mpox is a public health emergency of international concern, will trigger greater support to the areas most affected.

Vaccines are available, for those at greatest risk or who have been in close contact with an infected person, but many experts worry there are not enough jabs or funding to get them to the people who need them most.



The mortality rate from the Clade 1b variant in Sweden will not be as high as that seen in parts of Africa, because of the high quality of healthcare in Europe.

However, Dr Ferguson said there would likely be further cases in Europe and other parts of the world "as there are currently no mechanisms in place to stop imported cases of mpox happening".

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said symptoms usually

appeared 6-13 days after infection, through fevers and headaches, rashes or sores and muscle ache.

Most people experienced mild to moderate symptoms followed by a full recovery, but immunocompromised individuals were at greater risk.

While news of the first case outside Africa may cause alarm, it was to be expected.

As other disease outbreaks have shown, swift international action can help stop the disease spreading further.

Seales & Hughes agree Sussex returns for 2025



Image source, Getty Images
Jayden Seales took match figures of 9-106 for West Indies against South Africa in Guyana on 15 August

Published BBC Sports

West Indies Test bowler Jayden Seales and Australian batter Daniel Hughes have re-signed with Sussex for the 2025 season.

Paceman Seales, 22, will be available for the first block of County Championship fixtures next year.

He played in Sussex’s first seven County Championship matches in 2024, taking 38 wickets at an average of 25.29.

Sussex are currently top of Division Two and will host Lancashire Lightning in the quarter-finals of the T20 Blast.

“I can’t wait to be with the team again and hopefully in Division One next year,” Seales told the club website., external

Seales took 13 wickets in the West Indies’ recent series against England and has amassed 62 wickets across his 15 Tests overall.

Meanwhile, Hughes, 35, will be available for all the club’s County Championship and T20 Blast matches next season.

Hughes was the top run-scorer in this season’s group stage of the Blast, with 560 runs at an average of 43.07.

He is available for Sussex’s five remaining County Championship Division Two matches this season, having scored 48 in total against Northamptonshire in his only appearance so far.

“I’ve loved my first season at Sussex,” he told the club website, external. “The boys, coaches, club and the entire Sussex community have welcomed me with open arms and it already feels like home.

“When Farby (head coach Paul Farbrace) asked me to sign on for another season I was quick to jump at the opportunity to come back next year.”



Image source, Getty Images
Daniel Hughes has made one appearance for Sussex in the County Championship this season

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from grassroots to high-performance. He will guide participants through a week of intensive learning, integrating both theoretical knowledge and practical application, ensuring that coaches leave with the knowledge to foster the growth of beach volleyball in their respective countries.



Professor Bevis has expressed his enthusiasm at conducting the course and training camp.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to provide leadership for the schedule of sessions. I am confident that we will generate a tremendous collaborative and effective learning environment for both coaches and athletes. The creativity and leadership provided by the St. Kitts Amateur Volleyball Association (SKAVA) and the support of the FIVB and Olympic Solidarity to bring this distinctive format forward must be commended,” he stated.

The ECVA U21 Beach Championships, now in its second year, is the result of collaboration between the FIVB Development Department, the ECVA, Olympic Solidarity as well as the National Olympic Committees in the Eastern Caribbean and Bermuda. The primary goal is to qualify an ECVA team for the FIVB U21 Beach Volleyball World Championship in 2025, set to take place in Georgia, Europe.

CWI Confirms Single Nomination for Vice President Role

ST. JOHN’S, ANTIGUA - Cricket West Indies (CWI) will hold an election for the Vice President on September 20, 2024. This follows the recent judicial decision from the High Court of Guyana regarding the Vice President’s election, which has led to Mr. Azim Bassarath vacating the position.

At the close of nominations, Mr. Bassarath is the sole candidate, having been nominated by the Jamaica Cricket Association and Leeward Islands Cricket Board. The nominations were circulated as customary, and every territorial board, which constitutes the shareholders, was adequately notified. CWI is being guided by its Articles of Association in conducting this election to ensure the process is handled with the highest standards of democratic principles and transparency.

The upcoming election will provide a timely resolution to the current vacancy of the Office of the Vice President and reinforce CWI’s commitment to fair governance.

The organization looks forward to the completion of this robust and transparent electoral process while continuing its efforts to advance the sport of cricket across the region.