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Editorial

Crime As A Political Football - A Step Backward in Our Fight Against Violence

In last week's editorial, the importance of coming together as a society to tackle the pressing issue of crime and violence was touched on. Hope was expressed that this collective effort would be the focus of the then-upcoming consultation on crime and violence, which was to include key stakeholders such as political organizations, church, the chamber of commerce, and others.

It has been emphasized in past editorial pieces also that when crime becomes a political football, it leads to division among our people, resulting in a blame game that distracts from finding real solutions.

Unfortunately, this very scenario seems to have unfolded following the recently held consultation on crime. A hot topic this week is the apparent political football being played, with the government now responding to the People's Labour Party (PLP)- headed by immediate past Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris on claims that the party was not invited to the consultation held on Friday 23rd August 2024. Some individuals who read or heard the claims made by the PLP were quick to question and criticize the government's seriousness in

Police: No Hit-For-Hire Evidence In SKN

By:
Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th August 2024)-Assistant Commissioner of Police Franklyn Mitchell has stated that there is no evidence of hit-for-hire crimes in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Speaking at a police press conference held on Thursday 29th August 2024, he addressed the issue when questioned by a reporter.

"I cannot speak definitively to the issue of hire for hit in terms of the violent crimes because we don't have any evidence of that. We have investigated quite a number of homicides for the year. A number of persons have been arrested. And over the years, I have not seen any evidence of persons being hired to hit," Mitchell said.

He emphasized that the motives behind violent crimes typically emerge during investigations. "The evidence during the investigations come out as the motive, as to the



Assistant Commissioner of Police Franklyn Mitchell speaking at a police press conference held on Thursday 29th August 2024

actions, and so forth," he explained.

Mitchell further noted that if evidence of hit-for-hire activities were to surface, the police would enhance their collaboration with regional counterparts and international agencies. "but if that were to be the case then we would have to collaborate with our regional counterparts which in fact we do on the level of the association of the assistant commissioner. We collaborate on different levels, Caribbean or CARICOM impacts. We collaborate with the RSS and other agencies... So if that were to be the case, then we will have to increase our collaboration in trying to get to the bottom, to get the evidence to support the charge."

However, he concluded by reiterating the absence of such evidence at present: "But as it stands now, I cannot support the notion. There's no evidence to support that notion. That is a hit for hire across the region."

Front Page Image: Used for illustration purpose only image depicts 'No evidence' through investigative lens (Source:taxcan.in)

addressing the issue collectively.

The Drew-led administration has since responded, stating that the information put out by the PLP is not accurate, and that all political parties in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis were indeed invited to the consultation with all, except the PLP, showing up. This situation is quite unfortunate as it detracts from the purpose of the consultation-uniting together as a people to address the scourge of crime.

As a society, we must be mindful of how we approach this critical issue.

Allowing crime to become a tool for political maneuvering only serves to deepen divisions and hinders our ability to come together for the common good. The focus should remain on fostering unity, collaboration and actionable strategies that can lead to lasting solutions for the safety and well-being of all citizens.

Let us not lose sight of the ultimate goal: A safer, more peaceful society where crime is addressed with the seriousness and collective effort it demands. We urge all involved to rise above the fray and work together towards this shared objective.



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George Edmund David Turns 103

By: Spokesman
Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th August 2024)-Mr. George Edmund David of Stapleton Village in St. Peter’s Parish marked his 103rd birthday on Thursday 29th August 2024 with a special visit from Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew and the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Eight, who presented him with a balloon and a gift basket.

In a Facebook post, Dr. Drew praised Mr. David’s remarkable milestone, stating: “I take this opportunity to wish Mr. George Edmund David a happy 103rd birthday. This is a tremendous feat by an exemplary human being. I wish him God’s blessings and more birthdays to come.”

The St. Peter’s Anglican Church also celebrated Mr. David’s milestone and presented him with a gift basket too.

“Happy 103rd Birthday, Brother Edmund! Today, we are honored to celebrate a true



Mr. George Edmund David of St. Peter’s shares a laugh 103rd birthday on Thursday 29th August 2024 with Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew and the parliamentary representative for St. Christopher Eight (Facebook.com/Hon.Dr.TerranceDrew)

pillar of our community & our church,” read a message on the church’s Facebook page.

Front Page Image: Mr. George Edmund David of St. Peter’s marked his 103rd birthday on Thursday 29th August 2024 (Facebook.com/St.PetersAnglicanChurchSKB)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT KITTS
CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2021/0052
BETWEEN:

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
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CATHERINE AGATHA WILSON
RUBELETTE C. D. WILSON

Claimant

and

1st Defendant
2nd Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this matter has been scheduled for hearing of **Application to Forcefully Enter Mortgage Property** on **Thursday 28th day of November 2024** at 09:00 AM before **Her Ladyship Justice Tamara Gill** at the High Court of Justice, the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre , St. Kitts.

DATED: this 22nd day of August 2024

C.Perry

CASE MANAGER OF THE HIGH COURT

TO:

DAMIAN KELSICK
On behalf of
Claimant
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND (SKB)
Fred Kelsick Building
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Basseterre
Saint Kitts and Nevis

AND TO:

Catherine Agatha Wilson
1st
Defendant
Rubelette C. D. Wilson
2nd
Defendant

Case Number :NEVHPB2024/0053

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No. NEVHPB2024/

In the Estate of SHARON MARIA DE POOTER (nee CRAG-CHADERTON) late of Shawford, in the parish of St. George, in the Island of Dominica, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EMILE RONALD PHILLIPPE DE POOTER, SAFIYYAH MEGAN MARIA DE POOTER, CIELLE ANGELINE DE POOTER all of Shawford in the parish of St. George in the Island of Dominica for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are respectively the surviving husband and the sole two surviving daughters of the late SHARON MARIA DE POOTER (nee CRAG-CHADERTON), the deceased having died intestate on the 9th day of September 2003.

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

Dated the 29th day of July, 2024.

M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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PM Drew on Crime Symposium: PLP Was No-Show

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 28th August 2024)-Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew highlighted the absence of the People's Labour Party (PLP) at the recent Crime Symposium during an edition of The Roundtable with reporters on Tuesday 27th August 2024.

Dr. Drew noted that while all political parties were invited, the PLP did not have a representative at the event held on Friday 23rd August.

"It has to be all of society approach. To that end, that is why I invited NGOs and different community groups and persons from across our Federation, and all political parties were invited that these parties include People's Action Movement, PAM, and PAM had their representatives and their leader and deputy leader, CCM had its leader, and who is also the leader of the opposition. NRP also sent a representative.

He added: "The only party that did not have a representative there was PLP. And of course they too were invited. In the spirit of making sure all hands are deck, we encourage PLP to participate in this national effort so that all of us can be at the table, contribute to dealing with the issue of crime and violence, which have been plaguing our nation for many, many decades."

Dr. Drew outlined the government's innovative approach to crime prevention, which includes setting up the first-ever department dedicated to citizen security. "We are setting up the department to deal with citizen security, the first of its kind in our country, so that the issue can be dealt with from a broad perspective, from a public health perspective," he stated.

He spoke about the upcoming '90 days campaign for citizen security', set to launch soon, as part of a broader strategy involving diverse stakeholders."

"..Our new campaign, the 90 days campaign for citizen security, a whole society responsibility will be launched very, very soon," he noted.

Dr. Drew explained the public health perspective on violence, likening it to a disease that spreads among vulnerable individuals. "

I invite our citizens to look at violence as a disease. Just like almost any other infectious disease, violence behaves just like that. And the body of scientific knowledge, the human endeavor that deals with violence or deal with diseases rather, is public health," he said.

He also referenced past studies on violence, including a 2002 World Bank report, noting that the recommendations had not been fully implemented in the Caribbean, leading to the current situation.

"In 2002 the World Bank did a study on violence and a number of recommendations were given. That is 2002, this is 22 years later," he said.

Photo: Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew seen while interacting with reporters during The Roundtable on Tuesday 27th August 2024. (SKNIS Photo)

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PLP Still Claims No Invite To Government's Crime Symposium

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 28th August 2024)-The People's Labour Party (PLP) has reaffirmed its stance that it did not receive an invitation to the recent Crime Symposium held last Friday by the Drew-led administration.

In a statement issued on Tuesday 27th August 2024, the PLP clarified that the party stands "unequivocally" behind its claim of non-receipt of the invitation as first communicated in a 25th August statement.

As understood, the PLP's statement was prompted by comments from Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Terrance Drew and Labour advisor Mr. Austin Edinborough, both of whom asserted that an emailed invitation was sent to the PLP on August 19, 2024. However, upon investigation, the PLP discovered that the email may have been sent to an old, non-functional email address, without any follow-up from the administration.

The PLP expressed concern that the correspondence, which the party considers critical to national security, was not handled with the necessary diligence.

"The correspondence, as important as it should have been to national security, may have been sent to an old, non-functional email address without any follow-up, whatsoever, by the Drew Administration" in particular, the office/department that organised this event," the statement read.

The party further detailed the established communication channels that the Drew administration typically uses to communicate with the PLP and its leader, Dr. Hon. Timothy Harris. These include direct mail delivered by line ministry employees or police couriers to Dr. Harris's home or office, hard copy mail related to parliamentary matters sent via the Clerk of the National Assembly, and emails sent to the PLP's official email address, plpsecretariatskn08@gmail.com. The party noted that this email address was shared with the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit within the Office of the Prime Minister as recently as June 19, 2024, to ensure proper communication.

The PLP also clarified that another official email address, plpcommunications@outlook.com, is used exclusively for PLP press conferences.

"There is a proper way of doing things. The PLP insists on the right and proper way of doing things," the statement emphasized.

The party called on the Drew-led administration to improve its communication efforts with all national stakeholders, stressing that failure to do so would signal a lack of seriousness about meaningful consultation.

The PLP requested that the office responsible for organizing the Crime Symposium forward the email sent on August 19, 2024, to the correct address, plpsecretariatskn08@gmail.com, for the party's records.



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Astaphan Calls For Gang Of Peacemakers

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th August 2024)- "The majority of the people of this country, we must now come together and become a gang; a gang of forceful, decisive and resolute peacemakers who will end all the criminal gangs. It is time for us to take control; not to allow them to intimidate us. If any intimidation is to happen, let them be intimidated. We have to liberate our country. The country is under siege, and I'm not being hyperbolic here."

So said well-known social and political commentator Dwyer Astaphan, a past National Security Minister, in his latest commentary of Wednesday 28th August 2024, who has suggested bringing in 30-50 highly trained and disciplined professionals as well as hiring an overseas K-9 unit in helping to tackle crime in St. Kitts and Nevis.

He lashed out at the criminals saying: "They are disrespecting and terrorizing this country, giving it a bad name, and this can



Well-known social and political commentator Dwyer Astaphan, a past National Security Minister

cause people not to visit, not to invest in our country, then what? If this is not stopped now, the stability and future of this country will be in serious trouble."

Astaphan pleaded to both the government and the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, advising to take a stand.

"I call on the Government and you the people of this country to take a stand now. You have to choose which side you are on and to act accordingly. Any decision you take will be tough but the consequences of choosing the side of the criminals are far worse than the consequences of choosing to be on the side of saving the nation from these people."

He stressed the importance of decisive action, warning against allowing criminals to gain the upper hand.

"You either sacrifice for a bit as we get this mess cleaned up or you sacrifice for the rest of your life and for the lives of your children and grandchildren. You choose. You see what's happening in Haiti and Jamaica and now Trinidad? The gangs are running those countries; certainly Haiti, and you hear news coming out of other island in the region. You all want that to happen here?"

Astaphan also expressed support for stronger law enforcement measures, including the possibility of bringing in highly trained professionals from overseas to assist local security forces.

"... let the police and the defence force do their work, and cooperate with them. Of course we will not accept 'bad eggs' doing bad things but we have to work with the peace agencies. And I would have no problem at all if the government brings in a group of 30-50 highly trained and disciplined professionals to help clean up this mess. Keep the criminals on the back foot. Keep the pressure on them. Squeeze the resources out of them."

He also suggested: "Hire a K 9 Unit from overseas until you build out your own. We should have had one 20 years ago but some people in decision-making positions were not interested in listening to that. And I'll tell you about K-9s: There is no bad man who feels he is a bad man when a K-9 is on him. We've



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- Assist the Branch offices with complex life & health insurance matters/queries.
- Conduct in-house training for department/company staff as necessary.
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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

The ideal candidate should have a proven track record of operating at a managerial level within a Life & Health insurance environment for at least seven (7) years.

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St Kitts**

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Astaphan Calls For Gang Of Peacemakers

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had enough of this crap; everyone must understand it is over but it can't be over unless you the people make it happen. Don't call on the government, don't call on the police and you stand off like a spectator."

Astaphan called for a comprehensive approach to addressing the crime wave, alluding that simply increasing funding for security measures is insufficient.

"Our security forces need to be cleaned up, and I am not convinced that simply throwing more and more money at the problem without a strong and sustainable action plan, and without cleaning up will solve anything. Social and economic intervention strategies are needed, and there are other medium and long term steps that can and should be taken."

Additionally, Astaphan, however, pointed to the reality that some individuals may be beyond reform.

"...but right now, it is clear that some of these young men are not going to change, and the 40 years in jail for gun possession will not deter them as long as witnesses and other people can be intimidated and bribed or otherwise compromised."

He went on to paint a picture of the lives led by those involved in criminal activities, describing them as trapped in a "deathstyle" rather than a lifestyle.

"These criminals are not living happy lives. They cannot sleep with two eyes closed, and they have to keep looking over their shoulders, day and night. A lot of them are stuck in the lifestyle, or maybe we should more accurately refer to it as a deathstyle. They should be given a chance to get out of that deathstyle but they have to make a choice now, and if they don't make that choice now to get out, then they have to take what they get. They can choose their fate. The country cannot continue this. It has to stop; the country's stability, security, good name and sustainability

are at stake. This is terrorism, and it can't be allowed to continue," Astaphan said.

He issued a call to action, urging citizens to decide where they stand in the fight against crime.

"...a lot of hardened criminals are juveniles. So, if the law needs to be changed to strengthen the hands of the law and to protect the people from

these criminals, then do it. This is decision time and action time. You have to choose which side of this struggle you are on, and you have to accept the consequences accordingly."

Front Page Image: Used solely for illustration purposes only shows a German Shepherd K-9 (police dog) and with an officer sourced from sportmix.com (a USA website) which has highlighted that such breeds of dogs have been serving in law enforcement roles for decades.

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

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Significant Financial Investments Made To Ensure Cayon High School Reopens At The Start Of The New School Year On September 02

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, August 29, 2024 (SKNIS) - The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has made a significant investment of more than one million dollars towards the renovation of the Cayon High School, ensuring that when the new academic year starts on Monday, September 02, students and teachers can return to a safe and welcoming environment that is conducive to the teaching and learning process.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, the Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, led Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, on a follow-up walkthrough of the school facility on Wednesday (August 28) where final preparatory works are taking place. These include the installation of several doors and windows and painting along certain blocks.



Giving an overview of the scope of the work, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Hanley said, "We would have had quite a lot of construction taking place here. In fact, we would have invested over one million dollars in this school thus far and this is just the beginning of the work that we intend to do at the Cayon High School and other schools, as renovation has been part of our priority."

The Education Minister noted that despite a minor setback a few weeks ago due to Tropical Storm Ernesto, they remain on target to complete the necessary work to facilitate the reopening of the school on September 02. The school was closed earlier in the year to address a number of health and infrastructural concerns that arose after years of neglect.

"Everything should be in place for the opening of school," Dr. Hanley assured. "I personally want to thank those at the Maintenance Unit at the Ministry of Education for their hard work - and all of the various contractors who are working together in ensuring that this project is done."

Prime Minister Dr. Drew commended the Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley and his team at the Ministry of Education for their diligent work in restoring the Cayon High School to a safe and comfortable setting for both students and teachers.

The honourable prime minister stated that the significant amount of money invested in this project was done "to make sure that the health environment at the school is as optimal as possible."

Dr. Drew noted that the investment made in the Cayon High School over the past year and a half was the most significant in the last decade, emphasising the

government's commitment to ensuring the school receives the necessary resources, just like any other institution.



Prime Minister Drew, who serves as the Member of Parliament (MP) for St. Christopher Eight which encompasses the Cayon community, gave the assurance that additional upgrades will be carried out on the secondary school.

"We will continue to invest in this school. We are getting ready for Monday but more work will continue even beyond Monday to make sure we continue to improve Cayon High School, along with other schools in the Federation. As the MP I am very interested in making sure that the Cayon High School is ready and that the work will continue," he said.

In addition to the final phase of infrastructural work being carried out, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Hanley revealed that the school's environment was recently retested and those tests came back negative, indicating that the school is safe to welcome back students and teachers alike.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sixty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Carib Brewery (St. Kitts & Nevis) Ltd. will be held at the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions, Wilkin Street, Forlands, Basseterre St. Kitts, on 18th September 2024 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes: -

- i. To receive the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st 2023, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- ii. To declare a Dividend.
- iii. To appoint Auditors and authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.

NOTE: A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, and on a poll, to vote on their behalf. Such proxy need not also be a member.

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Charmaine Reece
Company Secretary
28th August 2024

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Cricket West Indies Announces Women’s T20 Squad for ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2024

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) is pleased to announce the squad for the West Indies Senior Women’s Team that will participate in the highly anticipated ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2024. The Tournament is set to take place from 3 October to 20 October in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with the West Indies aiming to showcase their best talent on the global stage.

The West Indies have been placed in Group B along with Bangladesh, England, Scotland and South Africa.

The squad, led by Captain Hayley Matthews, features a mix of experienced players and promising talent, reflecting the depth and versatility of West Indies women’s cricket.

West Indies Women’s T20 Squad:

1. Hayley Matthews - Captain

2. Shemaine Campbelle - Vice-Captain

3. Aaliyah Alleyne

4. Shamilia Connell

5. Nerissa Crafton

6. Deandra Dottin

7. Afy Fletcher
8. Chinelle Henry

9. Zaida James

10. Qiana Joseph

11. Mandy Mangru

12. Ashmini Munisar

13. Chedean Nation

14. Karishma Ramharack

15. Stafanie Taylor

The Team Management Unit is as follows:

- Head Coach: Shane Deitz
- Team Manager: Sheena Gooding
- Assistant Coach: Ryan Austin
- Assistant Coach: Damien Wright
- Team Analyst: Gary Belle

- Physiotherapist:

Strength & Conditioning Coach:

Performance Coach:

Team Doctor:

Team Media & Content Officer:
- Angelica Holder

Antonia Burton

Dr. Nadine Sammy

Dr. Ruchelle Brown Calvert

Nicholas Maitland

CWI Director of Cricket, Miles Bascombe, expressed confidence in the selected squad, stating, “We have a well-balanced team with a combination of experience and youth, and we believe this group has what it takes to compete strongly at the T20 World Cup. Our preparation has been thorough, and the management team has worked tirelessly to ensure the players are ready for the challenges ahead.”

Head Coach Shane Deitz added, “The players have shown great commitment and determination throughout our preparations. We are focused on executing our game plan and making the West Indies proud on the world stage.”

The West Indies Women’s Team will begin their T20 World Cup campaign on 4 October 2024 against South Africa, with the goal of bringing the prestigious title back to the Caribbean.

West Indies Women’s Full ICC T20 World Cup Schedule:

Warm-up matches:

- 29 September 2024: West Indies v India, ICC Academy Ground No 2, Dubai
- 1 October 2024: West Indies v Australia, The Sevens Stadium, Dubai

Group B Matches:

- 4 October 2024: West Indies v South Africa, Dubai International Cricket Stadium
- 6 October 2024: West Indies v Scotland, Dubai International Cricket Stadium
- 10 October 2024: West Indies v Bangladesh, Sharjah Cricket Stadium
- 15 October 2024: West Indies v England, Dubai International Cricket Stadium
- 17 October 2024: Semi-Final 1
- 18 October 2024: Semi-Final 2
- 20 October 2024: Final
- All matches will be broadcast live on ESPN Caribbean.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

A.D. 2024

(PROBATE)

In the Estate of AGNES CROSSLEY late of West Farm, Saint Kitts, deceased

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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Dennis Crossley of West Farm, Saint Kitts and Donald Arthur Caines of Mattingley Flower Farm, Saint Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 13th day of December, 2023 without revoking a will bearing the date of 14th day of January, 2022 wherein the applicants are named as executors.

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

Dated this 20th day of August, 2024.

Renal Edwards

Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony

Solicitors for the Estate AGNES CROSSLEY

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(CIVIL)

CLAIM NO. SKBHMT2004/0016

BETWEEN:-

DANIELLA THERESE HALL

AND

THOMAS LEE HALL

Applicant/Claimant

Respondent/Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the High Court, Fortlands, Basseterre, St. Kitts, on the 25th day of September 2024 at 3pm o'clock in the forenoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT Unit No. 1 of Cluster E being a portion of all that lot of land with the building thereon situate at Frigate Bay in the Island of St. Christopher described in Certificate of Title registered in Book U2 Folio 37 of the Register of Titles of the Island of St. Christopher and contained in the declaration and description of Leeward Cove Condominium Hotel Limited Registered as No. 4 in the Condominium Corporation index on the 25th day of June 1985 as amended on the 20th day of December 1996 together with an undivided interest in the Common Area appurtenant thereto, registered in Land Titles Condominium Register Book 4 Folio 36 for the Island of Saint Christopher.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be US\$330,000.00

Dated the 1st day of August 2024

Registrar of the Supreme High Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

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HIGH COURT



Saint Lucia hosts Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court's 2024 Annual Judicial Conference on Constitutional and Administrative Law

ECSC Media Release

Thursday 8th August 2024 - Judicial officers of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court converged in Saint Lucia for the Annual Judicial Conference 2024. The judges, masters and judicial research officers attended the three-day workshop hosted by the Judicial Education Institute of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court under the theme "Constitutional Law and Administrative Law".

The conference, which was held at the Coco Palm Resorts from 5th to 7th August, commenced with a formal opening ceremony with welcome remarks by the incoming Chair of the Judicial Education Institute. His Lordship Hon. Eddy Ventose. Justice Ventose welcomed the participants and presenters firstly to Saint Lucia and to the signature event on the JEI's training calendar. Justice Ventose formally recognized the presence of His Lordship, Hon. Mario Michel who was attending AJC 2024 in his new capacity as Acting Chief Justice of the ECSC. He also thanked the former Chief Justice, Dame Janice Pereira, DBE., LL.D, for her unwavering support of the AJC during her twelve-year tenure at the helm of the ECSC. Justice Ventose further expressed gratitude to the immediate past Chair of the JEI, Her Ladyship Hon. Gertel Thom, for her excellent stewardship of the Court's education institute for the past six and a half years.

The opening remarks were delivered by the Attorney General of Saint Lucia the Hon. Leslie Mondesir, on behalf of Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Hon. Phillip J. Pierre. Mr. Mondesir applauded the conference for its timely delivery of training on the critical areas of constitutional law and administrative law which are consistent with the Prime Minister's call to action during his 45th national independence address, "for all sectors of society to protect our democratic freedoms, freedom of the press, free speech, the conventions of parliament, free and fair elections, social justice and enforcement of law and order in our country".

The Attorney General emphasized that policy responses are necessary to "combat rising societal challenges" while providing impartial justice to the citizenry in our democratic society and reaffirmed the government's steadfast support to the judiciary and unwavering commitment to upholding of the rule of law.

He ended by wishing the participants a successful conference and inviting all to the celebratory atmosphere to commemorate Saint Lucia's Olympic performance.

His Lordship Hon. Mario Michel, Chief Justice (Ag.) was tasked with setting the stage of the judicial conference. He zoned in on the proceedings of the conference and provided attendees with a synopsis of the topics to be covered and what they can expect to be engaged in during the coming days. In so doing he reminded his audience of the significant role and power of the judiciary as part of the three branches of government.

His Lordship took the opportunity to introduce the esteemed team of facilitators which included Judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson, the Hon. Mr. Justice Denys Barrow, the Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Jamaica, the Hon. Mr. Justice Vasheist V Kokaram, Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Trinidad and

Tobago, His Lordship Hon. Justice Eddy Ventose, Justice of Appeal, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, His Lordship Hon. Justice Gerhard Wallbank, High Court Judge Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and Professor Tracy Robinson of the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

The Acting Chief Justice concluded his remarks by welcoming all to the island home of the fastest woman in the world, Ms. Julien Alfred who just days before capped the island's first gold Olympic medal running the 100-meter sprint, to which the attendees broke into applause.

Under the tutelage of the subject expert judges and senior law professor the three-day workshop provided in-depth analysis on the principles, standards and complexities of constitutional law and administrative law, two very important areas in the approach to public law cases. Heavy reliance was made on the authoritative cases of Court of Appeal Judges Justice Peter Jamadar and then Justice of Appeal, Justice Andrian Saunders in support of the conference theme. The distinguished facilitators brought practical experience and recall of historical events coupled with the use of hypothetical scenarios and power point presentations to the working sessions.

The topics engaged in, covered the question of locus standing on public law proceedings and its merit and relevance to public importance. Alternative remedies and collateral relief in Caribbean constitutional law as well as remedies for constitutional infringements, the implied principles and the basic structure doctrine. Under the broad subject of administrative law the judicial officers delved into the supervisory principles under which the Supreme Court exercises supervisory jurisdiction over executive acts. These topics addressed exclusions of judicial review, the criminal trial process, the principle of Wednesbury unreasonableness and proportionality and judgment writing, the reasons for and consequences of justice delayed.

The Annual Judicial Conference 2024 was marked with high quality presentations, stimulating, animated discussions, debates and the exchange of experiences and best practices. During one of his presentations, Justice Vasheist V Kokoram reminded the attendees that "we are a young generation of judges, the baton now passed to be the guardians of the constitution from incursions by the legislature or executive action.

Generally, we are duty bound to interrogate, reflect, muse and paint a new canvass, touch up old edges".

Conference participants hailed this, yet another rich and successful conference hosted by the JEI and another opportunity to meet and greet their counterparts while engaging in stimulating discourse.

To learn more about the Judicial Education Institute of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court please visit our website at: www.eccourts.org or call us at Tel: 758-457-3600.

This media release is courtesy of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

ECSC

NIA improves on its fiscal performance for the first half of 2024, says Minister of Finance

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 27, 2024)- The Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM)-led Nevis Island Administration (NIA) continues to demonstrate fiscal proficiency, increasing its total revenue by more than ten percent for the first half of this year compared to the same period in 2023.

Nevis' Minister of Finance and Tourism, Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley provided a snapshot of the NIA's fiscal performance for the period January to June 2024 in comparison to the corresponding period in 2023.

"We have improved our fiscal performance over 2023 and remain on target to achieve or exceed budgeted amounts..."

"The total revenue for the period January to June 2024 was 119.89 million dollars, an increase of 10.6 percent or 11.49 million when compared to 108.39 million for the same period last year. Recurrent revenue of 81.89 million for the period January to June 2024 increased by 9.5 percent or 7.17 million when compared to the 74.72 million collected for that same period in 2023. Tax revenue has grown this year by 8.76 percent and non-tax revenues grew by 12.43 percent."

Premier Brantley was at the time speaking at his monthly press conference on August 22.

He went on to reveal that revenue collected in certain areas exceeded expectation and significantly outpaced the performance of the comparative period in 2023. These include Tourism Development Levy- up, 6.4 percent; Financial Services- up by some 15.35 percent; Stamp Duty- up by 128.78 percent; Import duties- up by 21.14 percent; and Customs Service Charge- up by 21.5 percent.

Total Value Added Tax (VAT) receipts of 24.3 million fell short of expectations by some 8.4 percent, or 2.4 million dollars. Social Services Levy also fell short of expectations by 24.99 percent or 1.7 million dollars and has so far underperformed in comparison to 2023 by 4.78 percent or 0.26



Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley, Minister of Finance in the Nevis Island Administration

million dollars. Corporate income tax fell short of expectations by 36.61 percent, or 2.24 million dollars and underperformed in comparison to 2023 by 50.43 percent or 3.95 million.

The Finance Minister also divulged the NIA's expenditure data, noting a 10.49 percent or 8.11 million increase in recurrent expenditure for January to June compared to 2023, while current expenditure for the period came in under budget by 0.37 percent or 0.32 million dollars.

"Two main areas of outlay for our expenditure continue to be personal emoluments at 51.93 percent, and goods and services at 21.54 percent. Personal emoluments continue to be a difficulty that we're grappling with, however, personal emoluments for the

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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



Jaheem Nisbett Sentenced For Firearm & Ammo Possession

Jaheem Nisbett of Upper Thibou Avenue, McKnight, St. Kitts, has been convicted and sentenced to serve four (4) years and six (6) months in His Majesty's Prison for the offences of possession of firearm and possession of ammunition. The offences

were committed on September 23rd, 2023, at Lower Prickley Pear Alley, Basseterre, St. Kitts, where one (1) Glock 23 with ten (10) .40 calibre rounds were found in Mr Nisbett's possession.

Mr Nisbett pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced



NISBETT, JAHEEM

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on August 26th, 2024, by His Honour Mr. Reynold Benjamin at the District "A" Magistrate Court in Basseterre.

NIA improves on its fiscal performance

.. says Minister

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same period in 2023 amounted to 57.19 percent of our expenditure and this year it is 51.93 percent, so it is falling.

"Last year goods and services were 20.89 percent, this year that has risen marginally to 21.54 percent."

Capital expenditure for January to June 2024, he informed, has outpaced that for the comparative period by 0.91 percent.

The Premier highlighted the primary and overall balances, which are, as at June 2024, both in a surplus position, against the backdrop of an increase in the fiscal deficit. This, he said, indicates that Recurrent Revenue growth is still not sufficient to support the current rate of expansion in recurrent expenditure.

Premier Brantley further informed that total public sector debt for the island of Nevis, as of June 2024, amounted to 539.77 million dollars, which is a marginal net decrease of 0.85 percent in comparison to last year. However, in terms of the NIA's external debt, that is, what is owed to creditors outside, that declined over the period by 11.95 percent.



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.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



Why South Africans are flocking to a Chinese hospital ship

Mohammed Allie
BBC News, Cape Town



AFP A member of the Chinese military medical team assessing patients on board the Peace Ark in Cape Town, South Africa - 26 August 2024AFP

Members of the public have been queuing since Monday to be seen by army medics aboard the floating hospital

Miserable winter weather, snow on Table Mountain and gale force winds have not dampened Cape Town residents' enthusiasm for free medical care being offered on a Chinese ship, currently docked in the South African city's harbour.

A financial crisis in one of Africa's biggest and most developed economies has left public services underfunded, and many people say they cannot afford private healthcare because of soaring prices.

It comes months after the government signed into law a controversial new health scheme, which aims to provide universal healthcare for all, but is facing threats of legal challenges.

Since China's so-called Peace Ark arrived last week, more than 2,000 South Africans have been treated on board - ranging from maternity check-ups and cataract surgeries to cupping therapy.

China enjoys a strong political partnership with South Africa, and this is Beijing's latest show of soft power.

Lucy Mnyani told local media she was happy to see images of her unborn child for the first time: "I had been going to the day hospitals in Gugulethu and Langa [townships] and they never sent me for a CT scan."

Another person who queued up, Joseph Williams, told national broadcaster SABC: "When you go the local clinic you sit for hours and hours before they help you, depending on your condition.

"Here the service was very quick so I'm grateful that I came. I actually got the results for what I came for."

Officials say the ship has a capacity of 700 patients each day and the service forms part of a joint exercise between the South African and Chinese armies. The ship has 100 people on board with 300 beds, 20 intensive care beds, operating theatres, clinical departments and even a rescue helicopter.

The Peace Ark's first two days saw pre-selected people being offered treatment before it was extended to the general public on Monday.

"We arranged with the night shelters to provide a service for people who live on the streets of Cape Town because they don't have access to any healthcare," Saadiq Kariem, head of Western Cape's Health Department, told the BBC.

He added that elderly people living in care homes had also been brought in for medical care, and Western Cape health staff were offered wellness visits.

"From registering to completing my care took me an hour," said Dr Kariem, who himself went for a medical check-up and joined the queue as an ordinary citizen.

"It's something that would take much longer at our public healthcare facilities because you have many more people requiring services."

A total of 57 surgeries have been carried out so far, a tiny dent in the province's waiting list of 80,000 patients.

And this is in Western Cape province, which arguably has one of the best health systems in the country.

"These have been mostly orthopaedic, cataract and a few tubal ligation surgeries for women who no longer wish to fall pregnant," Dr Kariem said.

The popularity of the Peace Ark is telling, said Dr Shuaib Manjra, chairperson of the Health Justice Initiative: "It shows the public health system in the province and in the country is not serving the people as it should.

"Often you find people spending an entire day at a clinic waiting to be seen. There are major backlogs at hospitals, budgets and posts are being cut, and often this results in people missing out on up to two days of work after waiting to be seen for a simple procedure," he told the BBC.



AFP The Chinese hospital ship, Peace Ark, in Cape TownAFP

Analysts say the popularity of the Peace Ark is understandable as South Africa's public health system is severely overstretched

The African National Congress (ANC) says its National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme will be a huge improvement as all services at both public and private facilities will be free at the point of care - paid out of a central fund.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has insisted it will still be implemented despite the party losing its parliamentary majority in May, and going into coalition with parties like the Democratic Alliance (DA) that oppose some aspects of the scheme.

It will cause a massive shake-up of the health sector, but critics fear it could prompt an exodus of health professionals to find employment abroad.

The scheme is being vociferously opposed by private health companies as it bars people from taking out private health insurance for treatment.

At the moment about 14% of the population have private medical care, with the remaining 86% relying on overburdened state clinics and hospitals.

Last week, Business Unity South Africa and the South African Medical Association refused to sign what is known as the "health compact" - an annual agreement with the president that sets out how various sectors are to address health challenges in the coming year.

The two organisations - which between them represent private businesses and 12,000 doctors - are angry about the NHI in its current form, feeling it has been forced upon them.

Dr Manjra said the NHI was a "noble idea" but he understood the reservations.

"Our history of corruption and incompetence will potentially destroy the entire health sector. There's an estimate that in some cases up to a third of the health budget is lost through corruption."

Dealing with these issues within the public health sector should be the priority, he said.

Siphiwe Dlamini, spokesman for the South African army, told the BBC the response to the Peace Ark had been overwhelming with good feedback about "the attention and care received".

The floating hospital leaves Cape Town on Thursday for Angola before moving on to several other countries. It has already visited the Seychelles, Tanzania, Madagascar and Mozambique - on this its 10th excursion since being commissioned

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Minister Duggins hails National Bank's collaboration in promoting small businesses

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, August 28, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — Federal Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Cooperatives, the Hon Samal Duggins, has hailed St. Kitts-Nevis Anguilla National Bank's (SKNANB) launch of a transformative new initiative, 'Banking on Small Business', which is designed to empower local entrepreneurs and fuel economic growth.

National Bank's initiative to introduce tailored financial solutions for small businesses is a commendable step demonstrative of their commitment to enable such an ecosystem," said the Hon Duggins. "It exhibits a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by small business owners and a willingness to invest in their success."



Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Cooperatives, the Hon Samal Duggins, making a presentation during the launch of National Bank's new initiative,

Minister Duggins made the remarks on Wednesday, August 28, at the St. Kitts Marriott during the launch of the new initiative at a function that was also attended by Prime Minister and Federal Minister of Finance, the Hon Dr Terrance Drew,

who also praised the National Bank.

Others present included Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Dr Geoffrey Hanley; Attorney General the Hon Garth Wilkins; Cabinet Secretary Dr Marcus Natta; PS in the Ministry of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives, Ms Delrine Taylor; and Chairman of Caribbean National Insurance, His Excellency Cedric Liburd.

"As the Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Cooperatives, I am constantly reminded of the pivotal role that small businesses play in shaping our nation's economic landscape," said the Hon Duggins. "Small business owners have the potential to create employment opportunities, foster innovation, and drive inclusive growth in our communities. This potential increases exponentially when they operate in an ecosystem that is supportive and emphasises/prioritises investment in our Small Business sector."

According to Minister Duggins, the launch was not just about financial products but was about partnership and collaboration, noting that it was about creating a support system that small businesses need to flourish. He further stated that the launch was about building bridges between the country's financial institutions and its enterprising citizens to ensure that the pathway to success is paved with support, guidance, and opportunity.

Supporting the Minister included the Permanent Secretary, Ms Delrine Taylor; Assistant Secretary Ms Leah Crag-Chaderton; Director of Small Business Development Centre, Mr Philip Browne; Senior Business Advisors, Mrs Kyla Gibson-Dore, and Mr Delwayne Delaney; and Business Officer Ms Brianna Maynard.

While not directly under the Federal Ministry, from Nevis were Manager of the Small Enterprise Development Unit (SEDU) Mrs Angela Delpeche, and Business Development Officer, Mrs Shelissa Williams.

The Minister was particularly encouraged by the National Bank's forward-thinking approach to recognising the importance of small businesses and entrepreneurs as key drivers of economic growth, and said that he looked forward

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A cross-section of persons at the St. Kitts-Nevis Anguilla National Bank's (SKNANB) launch of a transformative new initiative, 'Banking on Small Business', at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort.

Minister Duggins hails National Bank's collaboration in promoting small businesses

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to exploring how his Ministry could collaborate with the Bank to create a more robust and sustainable environment for small businesses to grow.

"To the small business owners and entrepreneurs tuned in, I want to say this: We see you. We hear you," said Hon Duggins. "We understand the challenges you face, and we are committed to ensuring that you have the tools, resources, and support needed to succeed. This suite of financial products is designed with you in mind - to meet your needs, to empower you, and to help you achieve your goals."

Launched by the St. Kitts-Nevis Anguilla National Bank (SKNANB) was a transformative new initiative, 'Banking on Small Business', which is designed to empower local entrepreneurs and fuel economic growth. Among those present from the Bank included Chairman of the Bank's Board of Directors Mrs Carol Boddie, Managing Director, Mr Terrence Crossman, and CEO Mr Anthony Galloway.

The initiative, which will be spearheaded by the Bank's Small Business Hub, focuses on providing support to small businesses through two anchor products, Business Start-Up Loans, which is tailored to financing solutions designed to help entrepreneurs launch their business with confidence, and Business Flex Loans which allows access to expert guidance from the Small Business Hub, ensuring that entrepreneurs have the resources they need to succeed.

"Let us take this opportunity to build stronger partnerships, deepen our collaboration, and continue working towards a future where every small business in St. Kitts and Nevis has the opportunity to succeed," stated Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Cooperatives, the Hon Samal Duggins. "Together, let's make sure that our small businesses are not just surviving but thriving."



L-R: Small Business, Entrepreneurship Ministry support team: Ms Leah Crag-Chaderton, Ms Delrine Taylor, Ms Brianna Maynard, Small Business Entrepreneur Mr Suhayl Primus, Mr Philip Browne, Mr Delwayne Delaney, and Mrs Kyla Gibson-Dore.



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)

- 1) Sewage Treatment Plant and Infrastructure
- 2) Telecommunications and Electrical Infrastructure

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 22nd June, 2024 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$ 500.00 each.

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Ryanair boss calls for two-drink limit at airports

Catherine Moore
BBC News NI



PA Media Michael O'LearyPA Media
Michael O'Leary said a drinks limit could help reduce disorder on flights

Aeroplane passengers should be restricted to two drinks at airports, Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary has said.

Mr O'Leary said introducing alcohol limits at airports would help tackle a rise in disorder on flights.

Violent outbursts are occurring weekly due to alcohol, he said, especially when it is mixed with other substances.

"We don't want to begrudge people having a drink," he told the Daily Telegraph.

"But we don't allow people to drink-drive, yet we keep putting them up in aircraft at 33,000ft."

'Aggressive behaviour'

Crew members and other passengers have become targets, according to Mr O'Leary.

Delays add to the problem, with longer drinking times at airports.

"In the old days, people who drank too much would eventually fall over or fall asleep. But now those passengers are also on tablets and powder," he added.

"It's the mix. You get much more aggressive behaviour that becomes very difficult to manage."

Mr O'Leary said it was difficult for airlines to identify inebriated people at the gate, especially when they boarded in a group.

"As long as they can stand up and shuffle they will get through. Then when the plane takes off, we see the misbehaviour," he said.

Ryanair staff search bags for alcohol before passengers board flights to Ibiza, one of the worst-affected "party destinations".

Other challenging destinations include some of the Greek islands.

'Unacceptable'

An AirportsUK spokesperson said that disruptive behaviour, whether due to alcohol or other causes, "is unacceptable and could lead to substantial penalties".

These penalties include fines, boarding being refused, or up to two years in jail.

The spokesperson added that airports have "a wide range of measures in place to monitor and tackle disruptive behaviour and ensure everyone's safety".

"Airports are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable travel experience for all passengers and we're pleased that the vast majority of travellers continue to enjoy their journeys responsibly," they said.

'We have had no complaints'



Getty Images Chairman of Wetherspoons pub chain, Tim Martin is seen during an interview in London on June 14, 2016Getty Images

In response to Mr O'Leary's comments, Wetherspoon chairman Tim Martin said they have reviewed their sales in the last four weeks at their busiest airport pub.

"We have had no complaints about our pubs from the airport authorities or airlines, that I'm aware of, in recent years," Mr Martin said.

"If our pub teams do see a possibly disruptive passenger, they alert airport police and security," he continued.

While there is "no perfect solution", he added, "working with airports and airlines and the licensing authorities" strikes a "reasonable balance for outbound flights."

Why South Africans are flocking to a Chinese hospital ship



AFP Members of the South African military perform surgery onboard the Chinese hospital ship in Cape Town - Monday 26 August 2024AFP
South African army medics have also been performing surgery on the well-equipped Peace Ark

influence on the African continent.

Over the past two decades its trade with Africa has grown steadily, while Beijing has also been increasingly involved in the construction sector - including building large sports stadiums in several parts of the continent.

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in 2008.

The initiative is seen as a further step in China's efforts to increase its



Djokovic into third round after Djere retires injured

BBC Sports

Novak Djokovic is through to the third round of the US Open after a gruelling match came to a premature end when Laslo Djere was forced to retire with injury.

Defending champion Djokovic was leading 6-4 6-4 2-0 when an abdominal issue meant fellow Serb Djere was unable to continue.

Although the match went little more than two sets, the pair were on court for more than two hours in extreme heat and humidity in New York.

"It was a big fight, more than two hours for two sets," Djokovic said.

"I served awful and without the serve, you have to grind, you have to run."

The two scrapped for an hour in a ferociously contested first set before Djokovic found an extra gear to take it with a break to love.

Djokovic appeared to be struggling in the humid conditions early on and received treatment before the second set.

Djere sensed his chance, earned an early break and looked set to level the match at a set apiece, leading 4-2 and with two break points.

However Djokovic held serve and, with his compatriot suddenly showing signs of discomfort, broke back in the next game.

A medical timeout did little

to help Djere as Djokovic broke again to snatch the second set.

Despite being visibly in pain, Djere attempted to play on but when he failed to win a point in the first two games of the third set, he approached the net and retired.

That handed Djokovic his 90th win at Flushing Meadows, making him the only man to have won 90 matches at all four



Novak Djokovic plays a backhand during match against Laslo Djere at 2024 US Open

Image source, Getty Images

Novak Djokovic is bidding for a record 25th Grand Slam singles title

Grand Slams.

"It doesn't get bigger than this in terms of a tennis stage," the 37-year-old added.

"The atmosphere is incredible and it's a great privilege to be able to play here again at my age."

Djokovic will face 28th seed Alexei Popyrin of Australia in round three.

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Dated this
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Police Push for Parental Support In Keeping Minors Off Streets

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th August 2024)- Two top-ranking officers of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) are asking parents and the broader community to actively contribute to safeguarding minors as part of ongoing efforts to uphold public order and ensure the well-being of the youth.

At a police press conference held on Thursday 29th August, 2024 at ZIZ Studios at Camp Springfield, Police Commissioner James Sutton and Deputy Police Commissioner Cromwell Henry addressed concerns raised by a reporter regarding public criticisms that the police would not have a continuity plan concerning the recently announced enforcement details in relation to Criminal Law Amendment Act which orders that any child under 16 found wandering or loitering on the streets after 10 p.m. without a valid reason will face police intervention.

Responding to the query, Sutton stated, “I would disagree. To deal with children, it must be a multiple agency approach. The police are limited just to enforcing the law. We have to reach out to the Ministry of Social Services and the Education Department.”

He further emphasized the need for a compassionate approach when dealing with children under this law. “Even though the law is there, the law is rigid, but we have to have that empathy in dealing with children. We have to cry for the best. The best way of addressing this concern.”

He also noted that the law has been in existence for some time but had not been actively enforced. “As you may be aware, this has been on the books for quite some time. It was just sleeping. We just want to, in an effort to address crime holistically, we thought it was necessary to just bring it into the domain of our discussion. We intend to go further with it with regards to having the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Services involved as well.”

Henry echoed the importance of a collaborative approach, stressing that addressing crime, particularly involving minors, requires the involvement of the entire society. “As we always say, the issue of crime and addressing crime has to be an all-of-society approach. We have to use the all-of-society approach.”

He highlighted the crucial role that parents and guardians play in preventing children from being on the streets late at night.

“And it cannot be just the police picking up children off the streets. What happens to the parents? What happens to their responsibility to ensure that their children are not on the street?

Because if their children are not on the street, then the police would not have to take them off the street.”

He underscored the need for all stakeholders to fulfill their responsibilities, warning that if the burden falls solely on the police, it could lead to burnout and hinder the continuity of enforcement efforts.

“So parents must do their part. The schools must. The parents must do their part. Social services, probation officers, everyone has to do their part because if it’s left on the police to do everything, we are going to get burnt out.”

Henry added: “It is just not possible for the police to do everything, every time. So if the other persons, the other stakeholders involved are not pulling their weight, then the police are going to get burnt out. And it will be impossible for us to have the continuity, the type of continuity that is needed. So we need to have all the other stakeholders doing their part, and then continuity will be easier. But if everybody else drop off, then the police are going to get burnt out. And we are going to appear to drop off not so.”

Via a recent statement issued through the government’s St. Kitts Nevis Information Service (SKNIS)- on Monday 26th August-the Royal Saint Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF)



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number **75282 on the life of Anabel Newman has been lost** and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 28/8/2024

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager

reaffirmed its commitment to enforcing the Criminal Law Amendment Act of Saint Christopher and Nevis, which mandates police intervention for any boy or girl under the age of sixteen found loitering or wandering on the streets after 10 p.m. without a legitimate reason.

The law, aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of minors, will be strictly upheld as part of the ongoing efforts to maintain public order and protect the youth.

Officers have the authority to stop these minors and, if necessary, escort them to the nearest police station, where they will remain until released into the custody of their parents or legal guardians.

As explained, the law defines “street” broadly to include any public thoroughfare, such as roads, lanes, alleys, or any public grounds. Parents and guardians are urged to ensure their children are not found in violation of this law, as failure to supervise minors could result in fines up to five hundred dollars (\$500), with penalties enforced following a prior caution.

The RSCNPF is encouraging all citizens to adhere to these regulations to protect the nation’s youth and uphold societal standards.

Front Page Image: Police Commissioner James Sutton (right-speaking) and Deputy Police Commissioner Cromwell Henry seen at a press conference put on by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) held on Thursday 29th August, 2024 at ZIZ Studios at Camp Springfield.

Sugar Boyz Coach Releases Squad Ffor CONCACAF Nations League

Senior Men’s team head coach Francisco Molina has named his squad for the upcoming Concacaf Nations League matches. The squad comprises:

GK

Julani Archibald
Kai Trotman
Joshua Warde

Def

Malique Roberts
Omarion Liburd
Andre Burley
Marvin McSheen
Raheem Hanley

Mid

Tyquan Terrell
Jahlyan Burt
Kyle Kelly
Yohannes Mitchum
Nequan Browne
Mervin Lewis
Theo Wharton

Fwd

Tiquanny Williams
Javern Matthew
Kimaree Rogers
Shevene Boston
De’quan Hamilton
Dionis Stephens
G’vaune Amory

The Sugar Boyz will compete in two League C



Julani Archibald - Goalkeeper

Concacaf Nations League matches in the Cayman Islands. On September 7 they face the home team the Cayman Islands and on September 10 against the British Virgin Islands. Both matches will be played at the Truman Bodden Stadium