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Editorial

Mental Health Does Not Mean 'Crazy'

The topic of mental health continues but there appears to be mixed reactions, emotions and opinions towards a journey towards fostering a more inclusive and understanding society.

In this regard, it is quite crucial to dismantle the judgmentally harmful stigma associated with mental illness.

A major prevailing misconception is the 'crazy' label on those who are experiencing mental health challenges. This is quite unfortunate and needs to change because quite frankly, the reality is that anyone is vulnerable when it comes to such challenges which applies to the most seemingly strongest and bravest people we know personally or know about.

Global statistics point to the reality that mental health conditions affect millions of people regardless of age, gender, race, social status or any such factors.

It is easy to judge someone like a vagrant on the street as being "crazy" or as we say in local terms that he or she "head no good" which is just how those among us experiencing mental health challenges are seen or referred to as. In general, the sad reality is that this kind of labelling in using insulting terms not only perpetuates the harmful stigma but also creates barriers in seeking help and understanding.

Simply telling someone 'Don't worry, be happy' or

'Don't take on that', 'Somebody else got it worse than you' or even telling to him or her to smile after observing some level of sadness is not helpful unless you genuinely seek to understand by listening to their silent cries, and/or having the understanding that mental health is like a scale which can tilt or go about in ways that can affect anyone's mental health thus causing challenges.

So let the conversations continue for us as a society by encouraging a more

understanding, compassionate, humanitarian and informed approach when it comes to mental health.

Experiencing mental health challenges does not mean that someone is "crazy" or "going crazy". Therefore, the sooner we stand united as a community and global society in breaking down the negative stereotype then the sooner we can get to fostering a culture of support and acknowledgement that mental health is a significant aspect of our well-being as a people.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that LABRISCA NATASHA SMITH of Upper Market Street, Basseterre in the Island of St Christopher has applied for the issue of a Self-Conveyance to her of **485 square feet** of land situate at Fort Thomas Road (McKnight Lands) in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by Brian Williams, 18.72 feet, 0.86 feet and 5.40 feet; On or towards the East by lands Ms. Dorset, 19.30 feet; On or towards the South by Jasmine Mills 27.35 feet and On or towards the West by an Alley, 18.96 feet and containing by admeasurement **485 square feet** all as the same is shown on the plan by James R. Buchanan, Licensed Land Surveyor.

Dated the 7th day of February, 2024.

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PM Drew, Wife Host Local Wedding Cocktail

By: Spokesman Newsroom Special Feature

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 23rd February 2024)- In a delightful extension of the celebration of love and joy, Prime Minister of St.Kitts and Nevis Dr. Terrance Drew and his wife Diani recently hosted a local wedding cocktail event on Saturday 17th February 2024 at Carambola Beach Club, located at the South East Peninsula, following the exchanging of vows during an intimate ceremony held in Barbados one week earlier.

Attendees warmly welcomed the newly-wed couple with cheers and applause upon entry to the venue and took the opportunity to extend best wishes as the Drews walked about greeting and interacting with their guests.

In giving remarks, PM Drew expressed: "On behalf of my wife Diani and I" - which was met with thunderous cheers from the guests- "I want to welcome all of you for being here this evening. As you know we had a simple, small ceremony in Barbados a week ago today but we wanted to return home and have a celebration with all of you and so we feel blessed that you all are here."

Following such sentiments of marital bliss, the cocktail guests joined in toasting to the union of Prime Minister Drew and his wife Diani Prince-Drew in an ambiance of live music, delectable cuisine and an outpouring of support and happiness.

Among those in attendance were Governor General Dame Marcella Liburd, Members of Cabinet including Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Attorney General Garth Wilkin, Cabinet Secretary Dr. Marcus Natta, Marsha Henderson, Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Isalean Phillip, and resident ambassadors including Michael Lin of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and David Rivero of the Embassy of Cuba as well as close family members and friends of the newly-wed couple.

One week before the local matrimonial event saw the tying of the knot in Barbados on Saturday 10th February 2024 during the ceremony officiated by Rev. Fr. David Yarde of the Anglican Church.

Front Page Image: Resident Taiwan Ambassador Michael Lin presents a wedding gift to Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew and his wife Diani during the wedding cocktail event held on Saturday 17th February 2023 at Carambola Beach Club



Better Together

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew and his wife Diani seen with members of Cabinet and other colleagues are all smiles in the 'Better Together' photo booth during the wedding cocktail event held on Saturday 17th February 2023 at Carambola Beach Club

Police Call On Parents To Enroll Children In Character Building Club

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 23rd February 2024)-Parents and guardians are being encouraged to enroll their children in the National Intervention Team Police Youth Club (NITPYC) which focuses on essential skills such as conflict resolution, drug and crime prevention as well as character building.

The Police Public Relations Department revealed on Monday 19th February 2024, that the National Intervention Team Police Youth Club (NITPYC) is thrilled to announce the commencement of its transformational program the week before, targeting children ages 5 to 16.

"We encourage all parents to enroll their children in this empowering program. We believe that investing in the youth today is an investment in a brighter, more prosperous future for all. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to empower your children and make a positive impact in the lives of our future leaders," part of the statement read.

As reported: Our carefully designed curriculum focuses on a variety of essential skills that contribute to well-rounded leadership development. The program includes engaging sessions on the following key topics such as #CommunityEngagement, #teamwork, #leadershipskills, #discipline, #responsibility, #conflictresolution,

#respect for authority, #DrugandCrimePrevention education, self-defense techniques, civic responsibility, emergency preparedness, physical fitness, character building, education support, and career guidance.

The inclusion of a Drum Corps every Saturday at 4:30 pm at our Police Training School was also announced. "This musical component adds a dynamic and rhythmic dimension to our program and helps to strengthen teamwork skills and discipline.

The National Intervention Team Police Youth Club operates on the following schedule (Transportation is also provided):

Mondays: Mc Knight Community Center, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesdays: St. Peter's Community Center, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursdays: Newtown Community Center, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Fridays: Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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Photo: A promotional poster for the National Intervention Team Police Youth Club (NITPYC) (credit: Facebook/St.Christopher and Nevis Police Force)

Police say the other clubs will be launched soon in other districts.

For further information and enrollment details, parents and guardians are asked to contact Sgt. Charmaine Audain at 1-869-665-5785.

In related news on the topic of community policing, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew while speaking at his recently held press conference with cabinet ministers, indicated that community policing will be made a fundamental part of policing here in the Federation.

"We have the full complement of the high command for the first time in about eight years, at least seven years. We now have a commissioner, a deputy commissioner, the three ACPs [Assistant Commissioner of Police], but we have added a fourth ACP. And we are now going to make community policing a fundamental part of policing here in St. Kitts and Nevis."

He added: "You have seen the officers out, you have seen other people reporting on it. All the time we speak about policing the community and community policing, we have taken it a step further, adding an extra ACP and making community policing a fundamental part of policing here in St. Kitts and Nevis."

Front Page Image: A police officer goes about the community in Basseterre during a walkthrough policing outreach in February 2024
(credit: Facebook/St.Christopher and Nevis Police Force)

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**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2022**

IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the Matter of the Certificate of Title registered in Register Book Y2 folio 124 in the name of **ROSALYN HENRIETTA GRANT**

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of a lost Certificate of Title for 4717 square feet of land situate at St. Paul's Village Extension and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - **ON** the North – East by Lot No.24, 82.14 feet, **ON** the South – East by Lot No. 25, 60.00 feet, **ON** the South – West by Lot No. 27, 82.30 feet, **ON** the North – West by a public road, 55.00 feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by A. Rawlins License Land Surveyor dated 14th January, 1998.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said Duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Judicial Complex, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Henderson Law Chambers, Attorney-at-Law, Unit 7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated the 20th day of December, 2022.

Brittney S. Jeffers (Miss)
HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS

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Employment Minister Addresses Social Security Changes

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 23rd February 2024) - “We would have increased the minimum wage but with the deductions, if this amendment to the substantive legislation isn’t allowed, it means that persons would be earning below the minimum wage, and that’s just to put it in simple terms.”

Minister of Labour and Employment Marsha Henderson while lending her support in parliament on Thursday 23rd February 2024, ahead of the passing of the Housing and Social Development Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2024, after its second reading.

Notably, such applies to the changes to the Social Security levy effective Friday 1st March 2024.

According to Henderson: “This is a very important issue in respect to what the government is doing in regard to the Sustainable Development Goals [SDG]. Two of them in particular SDG 1 which speaks to no poverty. We feel by exempting this category of workers from the payments of the social housing and social development levy that these people would be able to attain and earn a decent and livable wage and of course therefore prevent them from falling into poverty.”

She informed that the amendment to the substantive legislation seeks to do really is to implement one of the recommendations made by the National Minimum Wage Advisory Committee noting that the particular recommendation was posited by the person who sat on the committee from the Social Security department.

“What it says, Madam Speaker, is the act we propose be amended in section 3, subsection 2, paragraph A... ‘In the case of an employee whose wages are up to \$23,400, or \$450 per week, that there be 0% deduction for the employee by the employee and 3% by the employer in respect of the wages, and the employer pays to the employee proposing that there be zero deduction and exemption for this vulnerable group of persons who make minimum wage, in this case \$430 but we’ve taken it up to \$450 based on the mathematics done by the persons who can do mathematics’ and I’m guided by them so that to ensure that persons earning the minimum wage when deductions are made they do not go below the minimum wage and that is of course helping us to achieve what we refer to as a sustainable island state,” the Minister of Employment stated.

Henderson also highlighted: “This [move by the government] as well, we think, applies to SDG 10, which is reducing inequalities. If this exemption isn’t made to this vulnerable group of people, persons, Madam Speaker, it means that there would be what the IMF [International Monetary Fund] refers to as a disparity between the income earners.”

The Labour Minister went on to say: “And so we feel, and maybe I shouldn’t say it this way, we want to ensure that there’s no gap between those here and those up here. We want to make sure that the gap, if there is any at all. And someone is saying there is; that the gap doesn’t continue to grow and that we try to attain income inequality because the increase in the minimum wage, would be of no effect as the Honorable member from number eight [Prime Minister and Minister of Finance-Dr. Terrance Drew] said. We would have increased the minimum wage but with the deductions, if this amendment to the substantive legislation isn’t allowed, it means that persons would be earning below the minimum wage, and that’s just to put it in simple terms.”

Henderson quoted ILO [International Labour Organization] Director General His Excellency Gilbert F. Hounbo.

“For those reasons, Madam Speaker, I want to support the amendment and refer to a quote by the ILO Director General which has become my favorite quote from His Excellency when we were doing the work: Income inequality and poverty will rise if the purchasing power of the lowest paid workers are not maintained’.”

“Now, if this amendment to the substantive legislation, whereby this vulnerable group of persons are exempted from the payment of housing and social development levy, if this doesn’t apply, it means that income earning, will be reduced and we will not be working to achieve the sustainable development goal, where we say we want to have no poverty and reduce inequalities by 2030,” the Labour Minister remarked.

She continued: “And so we’re on a clear path of achieving this agenda. And what he goes on to say, Madam Speaker, this could fuel social unrest across the world and undermine the goal of achieving prosperity and peace for all. Not for some, not prosperity for some, and peace for some. But it will undermine our goal of achieving prosperity and peace for all.”

Front Page Image: Minister of Labour and Employment Marsha Henderson while giving remarks in parliament on Thursday 22nd February 2024 in support of the Housing and Social Development Levy (Amendment) Bill (SKNIS image)

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In Memoriam: Paula Marie Robinson

News | 20 February 2024



The Director and Staff of the ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean are deeply saddened by the death of Paula Marie Robinson, former ILO Senior Specialist for Workers' Activities, who passed away on 19 February 2024.

A national of Jamaica, Ms Robinson was born on 24 October 1955. In June 2003, she joined the ILO Caribbean Office as the first female Specialist for Workers' Activities and worked tirelessly to support trade unions leading up to her retirement in October 2017.

During her tenure, Ms Robinson spearheaded several noteworthy initiatives.

She was the driving force behind the establishment of national level cooperatives of domestic workers across the region as well as the Caribbean Domestic Workers' Network.

She was also instrumental to the advancement of a European Union-funded bipartite project that sought to facilitate the participation of CARIFORUM civil society in regional development and integration through the involvement of the Caribbean Employers' Confederation and the Caribbean Congress of Labour.

With a keen eye for detail and a flair for writing, Ms Robinson consistently made stellar contributions to the ILO Caribbean Newslink as part of the Editorial Committee. She was perfectionist in nature and passionate about speaking out on issues that were important to her. She was determined to deliver results despite challenges that came her way. In her personal time, she enjoyed the culinary arts as well as hosting friends and family.

Ms. Robinson started her international trade union career in 1984 when she worked for the WCOTP (founding member of Education International). In this international teachers' union, she served as the Co-ordinator of Development Assistance Programmes and was responsible for workers' education activities in Africa and Latin America. She left the international labour movement for a time to work with refugees and asylum seekers. In 1997, she returned to the labour movement as Education Secretary for the International Federation of Building and Wood Workers (IFBWW). During her tenure with the IFBWW, Ms Robinson worked with trade unions in Africa and Latin America to develop workers' education programmes. She was also Focal Point for Gender and Child Labour issues, which brought her into contact with trade unions in Asia.

She leaves behind her husband Geir, her mother Pat and siblings. The Office extends condolences to Ms Robinson's family and loved ones.

Source: Newsroom, ILO Port of Spain

The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) joins in paying tribute to the late Ms. Paula Robinson, and hereby extends condolences to her colleagues, family members and friends.

Of note, a minute of silence was observed at the SKNT&LU's executive meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024, at the Union's headquarters Masses House on Church Street in Basseterre.

President Sydney Bridgewater has saluted the late Ms. Paula Robinson for having served the SKNT&LU well whilst also commending her years of dedicated service and sterling contribution regionally and internationally.

Case Number :SKBHPB2024/0022



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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In the Estate of ANTOINETTE HENRY, late of
Romney Ground, Sandy Point, in the island of St.
Christopher, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Heather Osborne of Lime Kiln Extension, Basseterre and Curtney Brandy of Romney Ground, Sandy Point in the island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the sister and one of the brothers of the deceased respectfully, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of January 2023.

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

Dated the ^{30th} day of November 2023

Liburd Charles

LIBURD CHARLES

Attorneys-at-law

Filed by LIBURD CHARLES, Attorneys-at-law for the Applicants whose address for service is #1 OQJJ's
Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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In the Estate of NADIA MERISA FRANCIS
also known as NADIA MERISA NATTA
and NADIA NATTA late of Fort Thomas
Road in the Town of Basseterre in the Island
of St. Christopher, deceased

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 14 days of the second publication of this Notice application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the husband and sister respectively of the deceased of Fort Thomas Road in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, having died intestate on the 31st day of December 2016.

Dated this 19th day of February 2024.

Bryant & Liburd

Bryant & Liburd
Attorneys-at-Law
for LEXSON ORAN FRANCIS and
NADINE MIRANDA NATTA

Sagicor Financial Company Ltd. supports Caribbean Broadcasting Union’s Caribbean Media Awards

Bridgetown, Barbados: Sagicor Financial Company Ltd. (SFCL) is proud to support the work of Caribbean media through the annual Caribbean Media Awards, hosted by the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU). The financial services entity will again sponsor awards for work in the areas of financial literacy journalism and health education journalism in the television and print categories. The health education journalism awards recognise current affairs content that focuses on and promotes an understanding of the national or regional health sectors, while the financial literacy journalism categories recognise news or current affairs content that focuses on and promotes an understanding of the financial components and skills pertaining to the effective management of money and debt. Last year’s awards for financial literacy journalism were won by Great Belize Productions Ltd. and the RJRGLEANER Communications Group of Jamaica, while the awards for health education journalism went to WESN Content Capital, out of Trinidad and Tobago and the Daily Observer in Jamaica.

In announcing support for the fourth consecutive year, Sagicor’s Vice President, Communications and Brand Experience, Ingrid Card, reiterated the need to appreciate the important work done by the region’s media practitioners.

“We are pleased to be able to support the CBU in their commitment to informing and educating their audiences in health education and financial literacy. As our audiences continue to take a greater interest in their health and management of finances, we wanted to give whatever support is necessary for the media to be able to continue its work in these key areas.”

C B U President, Dr Claire Grant noted the depth and



Sagicor’s Vice President, Communications and Brand Experience, Ingrid Card



CBU President, Dr. Claire Grant.

duration of the relationship with Sagicor around the CBU Awards as evidence of the significant benefit to both the private sector and the media sector in these kinds of collaboration. Dr. Grant said, “CBU is pleased to partner once again with Sagicor in

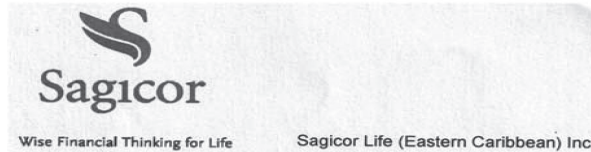
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Alester Jones of **Scenic Street, Lower Monkey Hill, St. Peter’s, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554004576** issued by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **13th February, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



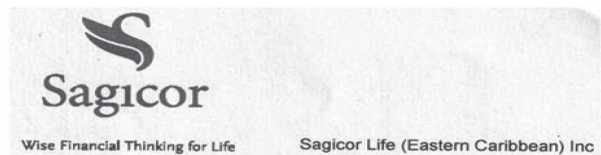
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Wesley Woodes of **Warner Street, Cayon, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. F00089070** issued by **The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **13th February, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rotary Club of St. Kitts Celebrates Rotary International’s Anniversary on February 23rd, 2024

St. Kitts, February 22, 2024 - The Rotary Club of St. Kitts (RCSK) joins hands with Rotary, Rotaract & Interact clubs worldwide in celebrating the founding anniversary of Rotary International on February 23rd. This significant occasion marks the establishment of Rotary International in 1905, and since then, Rotary has been at the forefront of global humanitarian efforts, embodying the spirit of service above self.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. With a presence in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary International fosters understanding and peace through its various humanitarian projects and initiatives.

Locally, the RCSK has been an active participant in community development projects, contributing to the betterment of society in various ways. From educational programs to healthcare initiatives, environmental conservation to youth empowerment, the RCSK remains dedicated to serving the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, hand in hand with the Rotaract Club of St. Kitts and the Basseterre High School Interact Club both of which were sponsored by the RCSK.

highlighting these themes so critical to the region’s development.”

For more than three decades, the CBU has annually presented its Caribbean Media Awards to celebrate the best of content created by print, digital, television and radio media houses in the Dutch, English, French and Spanish Caribbean. The NGC 35th CBU’s Caribbean Media Awards Gala will be hosted on August 13 in Plancencia, Belize, during the 55th Annual General Assembly taking place from August 12 to 14, 2024.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the Rotary family will showcase its unity and dedication by donning Rotary gear on February 23rd. Members will proudly display their Rotary affiliation as a symbol of their commitment to Rotary’s ideals and principles. This demonstration of solidarity underscores the club’s unwavering dedication to service and camaraderie.

Mr. Charles Morton, President of the RCSK expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming anniversary celebration, stating, “Rotary International’s anniversary is a momentous occasion for us to reflect on our achievements and reaffirm our commitment to serving humanity. By wearing our Rotary gear, we proudly display our allegiance to Rotary’s mission of making a positive difference in the world.”

The Rotary Club of St. Kitts invites members of the community to join them in commemorating Rotary International’s anniversary on February 23rd and to learn more about the club’s ongoing initiatives to create lasting change.

ECCB Monetary Council and IMF Discuss Climate Finance and Regional Collaboration



Representatives of the Monetary Council of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank meeting with Representatives of the International Monetary Fund

Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, February 20, 2024 (Press Secretary, PMO) - The 107th session of the Monetary Council of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) took place on February 16, 2024, at the ECCB Campus in Saint Kitts and Nevis. The session was presided over by the Chairman of the Monetary Council, Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, the Minister for Finance representing Saint Vincent and The Grenadines.

Before the official meeting, the ECCB Monetary Council engaged in discussions with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Deputy Director, Mr. Bo Li, and other IMF representatives. The dialogue centered on the progress and challenges within the Caribbean region, along with the policies offered by the IMF to support the region's developmental goals.

The Chairman of the ECCB Monetary Council Honourable Camillo Gonsalves underscored the imperative to accelerate climate adaptation efforts and explore avenues to secure the financial resources needed.

Chairman Gonsalves stated, "I am pleased with the constructive and candid exchange of views during the Monetary Council's engagement with the IMF Deputy Managing Director, Mr. Bo Li. It is heartening to see the level of care and attention being accorded by the Fund to the affairs of the Currency Union in recent times. The Fund has been exhibiting an awareness of and sensitivity to some of the challenges that the smallest and most vulnerable in the Caribbean and the world face on our development journey. The developmental headwinds that the countries in the region face are well-known - chief among them being vulnerability. In understanding where we are developmentally and structurally, we first need to address the issue of our vulnerability."

Chairman Gonsalves further added that more can be done to address the challenges faced by Caribbean nations.

"We need to place the issue of climate finance and adaptation front and center. I thank Deputy Managing Director Li for his gracious offer to collaborate with the region on two points: (i) renewable energy - through support for the ECCB's Renewable Energy Infrastructure Investment Facility; and (ii) to use the Fund's convening power to help shine a light on adaptation finance. The adaptation challenges of the region are acute and cannot be financed through the paltry sums currently available. The Monetary Council is grateful for this engagement and looks forward to continuing our collaboration on climate finance", Chairman Gonsalves stated.

The Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis and Chairman of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in his statement embraced the opportunity to forge a deeper partnership with the IMF in

advancing the collective developmental aspirations of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the OECS.

"It is imperative that we emphasize the importance of regional collaboration. As I reflect on our collective population of about 650,000 across the OECS, I'm struck by the reality of our small size. With such limited numbers, accessing essential funding for critical initiatives in resilience and adaptation has proven challenging for small states like St. Kitts and Nevis", Prime Minister Drew stated.

He added, "However, I firmly believe that by working together as a region, we can unlock greater opportunities. Pooling our resources and leveraging our combined population base can make investments more attractive to private sector entities. St. Kitts and Nevis wholeheartedly supports this approach, recognizing its potential to catalyze transformative opportunities for sustainable development".

Dr. Drew further highlighted the vulnerabilities faced by Caribbean nations and expressed gratitude to the IMF for their commitment to providing feasible solutions to assist with addressing these challenges.

"In addition to financial challenges, our status as a high-income country poses its own set of vulnerabilities. Our small population and limited capacity,



compounded by the looming threat of climate change, further exacerbate these vulnerabilities. Comprehensive resilience strategies are urgently needed to address these multifaceted challenges. I extend my sincere appreciation to Director Bo Li for demonstrating such keen interest in our region and for committing to assisting us in tackling our challenges. Being at the forefront of discussions and practical proposals will enable us to craft practical solutions that yield tangible results", he stated.

Managing Deputy Director of IMF Mr. Bo Li lauded the progress made by the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis in a statement issued following the meeting.

"I would like to thank Prime Minister Terrance Drew and the members of the ECCB Monetary Council for their warm welcome and constructive discussions on the potential benefits of St. Kitts and Nevis' large renewable energy resources and ongoing policy initiatives to build a sustainable and resilient island nation", he added, "I want to underscore St. Kitts and Nevis' strong progress made on climate adaptation and resilience building and reiterate that the IMF is committed to supporting ECCU member countries, including through policy advice, capacity development, and the Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST)."

Director Bo Li further spoke to the existential threat posed by climate change in the Caribbean and the potential for renewable energy prospects.

He stated, "The region also has large potential in renewable energy development. The immense challenges and opportunities involved in climate adaptation and mitigation require a holistic set of climate policies while ensuring that strong public finance and debt sustainability policy frameworks are in place. Adaptation investments and the green energy transition require affordable and sustainable financing. The region can benefit from greater collaboration among multilateral development banks, international financial institutions, bilateral donors, and private investors to help them explore new options for crowding in private climate finance".

The 107th session of the ECCB Monetary Council marked a pivotal point in the region's pursuit of sustainable development and resilience against the challenges posed by climate change. The dialogue with the IMF underscores a shared commitment to fostering collaboration, innovation, and financial solutions that can propel the Eastern Caribbean towards a more prosperous and secure future.



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having made sworn deposition that policy number **57316 on the life of Michael Hazel 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: 23/2/2024

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager

PRESS RELEASE
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Caribbean Economies on the Rebound

February 21, 2024 - BRIDGETOWN, Barbados: The majority of Caribbean economies are on the rebound says Director of Economics at the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Mr. Ian Durant.



Speaking at the Bank’s Annual News Conference on February 20, 2024, the Bank’s chief economist stated that “CDB forecasts an average growth rate of 8.6% for its 19 Borrowing Member Countries in 2024, largely attributable to increased oil production in Guyana and the continued expansion of the tourism industry. Excluding Guyana, this growth projection falls to 2.3%, a moderation from the estimated growth of 2.5% in 2023, which aligns with the broader trends of slowing, below-average global growth and the ongoing normalisation of economic conditions in the Caribbean.”

Delivering a presentation focused on “Current and Future Requisites For Prosperity”, Mr. Durant highlighted the mostly favourable performance of the Bank’s 19 Borrowing Members in 2023. However, he also indicated that Haiti remained the exception to the current trend owing to continued instability and high inflation.

The Economics Director also projected that the positive trajectory for 18 of the Bank’s 19 clients is anticipated to continue into 2024. “Despite having to navigate this challenging external environment, Caribbean economies continued to rebound from the COVID-19 shock, with an average growth rate of 6.7% in 2023.” Tourism remained a key driver of the regional economic performance, with service-exporting economies growing at an average of 2.4%. “These economies benefitted from robust demand from major source markets and by the end of 2023, 11 countries had overtaken pre-pandemic output levels.”

Although optimistic, the projections are susceptible to various

risks including sluggish global growth, persistent high inflation, challenges linked to climate change, and natural disasters, which can all undermine economic performance. While citing this positive trajectory, and the regional financial institution’s commitment to providing more resources to enable greater resilience, he also identified some requisites for achieving resilient prosperity in the region.

The requirements included adequate, climate-resilient social and economic infrastructure, improving the institutional frameworks within which businesses operate, especially through digitalization and the adoption of artificial intelligence. The Economist also recommended expanding the human resource base and reducing skills gaps, enabling greater sustainable energy to boost energy security and reduce energy costs. In addition, he stressed the improvement of logistics quality to facilitate intra-regional trade, which can develop regional value chains, reduce import dependence, and enhance food security.

Mr. Durant further advised governments that “at this juncture, the focus of fiscal policy is to strike the appropriate balance between securing fiscal sustainability and facilitating growth and development. Making the necessary investments in pursuit of resilient prosperity will require greater access to adequate and affordable financing, so as to not compromise debt sustainability efforts.”

He added, “Raising potential output and building economic resilience over the medium to long term will require reducing high export concentration by raising competitiveness through increased productivity and lower production costs.”

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

A D. 2024

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IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap.10.19 and in the Matter of an Application by EDWARD BAILEY for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 5271.21 square feet known as Lot No. 5 of Saddlers Housing Development, the Parish of St. John, in the Island of St. Christopher replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book Z1 Folio 123

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of the lost Certificate of Title dated the 19th day of July, 1974 and registered in Book Z1 Folio 123 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of EDWARD BAILEY of Saddlers, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of Saint Christopher Registered Proprietors of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 5 situate at Saddlers Housing Development, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of Christopher.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is asked to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar’s Office, East Independence Square, Basseterre or Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins, National Bank Legal Unit, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2024.

Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins
National Bank Legal Unit
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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

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IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap.10.19 and in the Matter of an Application by CLOVIS DOUGLAS for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 4056.30 square feet known as Lot No. 79 of Verchilids Housing Development Extension the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of St. Christopher replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book V3 Folio 470

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Dated this 14th day of February, 2024.

Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins
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This initiative represents the government’s continued commitment to fulfill its promise of establishing markets for farmers, fishers and other food producers.

Head of the Media and Communication Department in the Ministry of Agriculture, Chaira Flanders spoke about the importance of supporting local vendors and artisans at events like the Night Market. She said, “By supporting the food producers, attendees not only enjoy healthier, tastier options but also contribute to the sustainability and growth of the local agricultural sector. Local food vendors and small businesses will have the opportunity to showcase their products and gain exposure. This, in turn, can lead to increased business opportunities and contribute to the overall economic development of the country.”

She added that registration forms are now available at the Basseterre Public Market, Department of Agriculture, La Guerite, Department of Marine Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture, Building #16 Port Zante, St. Kitts.

The Agri Night Market is a family-friendly event with entertainment options for all ages, ensuring a delightful experience for everyone in attendance. The highly anticipated Easter-themed event will take place at the Basseterre Public Market, Island Bay Road St. Kitts and is scheduled to run from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Agri Easter Night Market To Kick Start Series Of Night Market Events In 2024

(MOA Basseterre, St. Kitts, February 20 2024);

In an effort to provide a direct avenue for local farmers and vendors to connect with consumers, offering fresh, locally grown, healthy and organic produce, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine Resources in collaboration with the Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship is inviting all interested persons to register early for a chance to secure their stall at the highly anticipated Agri-Easter Night Market in March 2024.

Slated for Thursday March 28th 2024, the Easter Night Market will feature local cuisine and cultural presentations ranging from drum presentations to local poetry and live musical entertainment. This night market kicks off a sequence of themed events scheduled throughout 2024.

PM Drew calls for family support as Calaysia and Kevon Caines are laid to rest

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, February 19, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, GCMG, JP, and Prime Minister of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis the Hon Terrance Drew, were on Friday February 16 among the scores of mourners who attended the emotionally charged funeral service for siblings Calaysia and Kevon Caines that was held at the Antioch Baptist Church in Lime Kiln.

The two leaders individually consoled the family of the two children from St. Peter's who had died in tragic circumstances a week earlier on Friday February 9, with Prime Minister Drew who is also the Area Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Eight, under which St. Peter's falls, beseeching members of the community and people of goodwill to continue to give as much support to the



Senior Pastor Lincoln Connor of the Antioch Baptist Church leads the graveside service at Springfield Cemetery. Next to him holding a bouquet of flowers is the children's aunt, Ms Malicia Francis, and in a prayerful mood is the children's grandmother, Ms Andria Caines.



Supporting the family at their time of need included, Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, Prime Minister the Hon Dr Terrance Drew, and Minister of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities et al, the Hon Isalean Phillip.



Paying final tributes to one of their own are teachers and pupils of the Precious Gems Pre-school during the funeral service at the Antioch Baptist Church.

family as possible.

"This is a tragedy for all of us, and is painful for all of us, and as a community," said Prime Minister Drew, who was engaged at the 107th Meeting of the ECCB Monetary Council at the ECCB Headquarters and had to briefly excuse himself to attend the funeral service. "As a nation let us use opportunities even in these difficult times to come even closer together and to support each other even more."

Senior Pastor Lincoln Connor of the Antioch Baptist Church, who would have officiated at many funerals including of people close to him, was so touched by the atmosphere in church where loud wails punctuated the air at regular intervals that he appeared as apprehensive as the captain of the world's largest passenger aircraft, the wide-body four-engine airliner Airbus A380, flying in turbulence.

"Indeed death is but a sleep," said Senior Pastor Connor as he reminded of the joy the children brought to those around them. "The word of God reminds us that even Calaysia and Kevon would not be forgotten, but Christ will bring them with Him at His time. I pray that God will give us the grace to continue - we will find a place in our hearts to forgive, you will find a heart big enough to live with compassion."

Tributes for the fallen angels, four-year old Calaysia (female) and four-month old Kevon (male) were delivered by parents of children who attended Kebabies Child Development Centre where Calaysia had gone through as a baby, and pupils and teachers of the Precious Gems Pre-school of Parray's Housing Development in St. Peter's where was a pupil.

A teacher at the Precious Gems Pre-school told the congregation that Calaysia was a bubbly child always full of joy, and she recalled one time when the little girl requested that she (the teacher) hug her, and when she did, the young girl remarked: "Teacher, you smell like guava."

Also present at the funeral service included the Federal Minister of Social Development and Gender Affairs, Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, Senator the Hon Isalean Phillip; former Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, and Ambassador His Excellency Sam Condor, among others.

The children's grandmother, Ms Andria Caines, who is the Supervisor of Homecare Officers within the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, and an active member of the St. Kitts (Basseterre) Lions Club, who was prayerful during the entire service and at the burial at the Springfield Cemetery, thanked all who stood by her family during the trying time.

"I take this opportunity to thank the Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, and our Prime Minister the Hon Dr Terrance Drew who left their busy schedules to join us at the funeral service," said Ms Caines. "I would also like to thank the St. Kitts (Basseterre) Lions Club, the Cayon

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SKELEC Distributes Love Baskets To Former Employees

Basseterre, St. Kitts (22nd February, 2024) - Employees of the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd. (SKELEC) embarked on a journey throughout the island on Wednesday 14th February to distribute love baskets in honour of Valentine’s Day to former employees of the company. Representatives from various divisions within the company came together to distribute the love baskets to six former employees. The recipients of these love baskets were:

- **Ronald ‘Country Boy’ Isaac - Former Shift Charge Supervisor**
- **Sydney Matthew - Former Chief Consumer Clerk**
- **Donley Greaux - Former Technical Assistant** “ Protection
- **Samuel Stokes - Former Mechanic**
- **Phillip Julius - Former Operator**
- **William ‘Tell’ Browne - Former Meter Reader**

Mr. Clement Williams, general manager of SKELEC, expressed he is deeply honoured to partake in our annual Love Basket distribution, particularly as we extend our appreciation to retired employees who dedicated their careers to our company. “This initiative underscores our steadfast commitment to caring for those who have contributed significantly, embodying the values of gratitude and generosity



that define our company culture. Together, we not only illuminate homes but also hearts, spreading warmth and appreciation throughout our SKELEC family and beyond,” Williams said.

The Love Basket Distribution is among SKELEC’s numerous community initiatives conducted throughout the year. This initiative is specifically designed to honour the service of the company’s retired employees. Annually, six recipients are randomly selected to receive these baskets. Through this initiative, the company aims to spread joy and love to its former employees, reflecting its ongoing dedication to fostering a sense of community and appreciation.

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PM Drew calls for family support ...

Church of God, the Methodist Church, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, who and some of those who stood with me.”

Ms Caines who was assisted by family members among them her daughter, and aunt of the deceased children Ms Malicia Francis especially at the burial ground, further thanked the Pastor and members of the Antioch Baptist Church.

She added, as she expressed thanks: “The whole entire nation of St. Kitts and Nevis, those who would have prayed hard from their heart, who took time out and prayed, I just want to say thank you and God bless you all. But at the same time please continue to pray because God is able and He is well able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that you pray and ask for.”



Clockwise from top: Parents and students of the Kebabies Child Development Centre; mourners watch as the coffin bearing the two bodies is put in a hearse; Ms Andria Caines (bending) and her daughter Ms Malicia Francis place flowers; Ms Andria Caines praying.

HSBC: Bank’s pre-tax profits soar fuelled by high interest rates

Published BBC News



HSBC building at Canada Square at the heart of Canary Wharf financial district.
IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES
The bank makes most of its profits in Asia, especially China and Hong Kong

By Mariko Oi
Business reporter

Europe’s biggest bank, HSBC, has posted an almost 80% jump in its pre-tax

profit which rose to \$30.3bn (Â£24bn) in 2023, fuelled by high interest rates.

It comes after central banks around the world raised interest rates in last 18 months to help curb rising prices.

Last week, rival lender NatWest revealed its highest yearly profit since the financial crisis in 2007.

But a slowdown in China’s economy has meant that HSBC’s profit was not as high as expected.

Its bottom line was also affected by a hefty \$3bn charge from its stake in China’s Bank of Communications.

The bank makes most of its profits in Asia, especially in China and Hong Kong.

HSBC’s pre-tax profit for 2022 was \$17.1bn and analysts were expecting it to jump to \$34.1bn last year.

But its chief executive, Noel Quinn, said in a statement: “Our record profit performance in 2023 enabled us to reward our shareholders with our highest full-year dividend since 2008.”

“They’ve had quite a sizable increase in what we call net interest margin which is the difference between the amount they charged borrowers and the amount they pay to depositors,” banking analyst Frances Coppola told the BBC.

“That’s really been the principal driver of the increase both in revenues and profits,” she added.

“But we have to note that the high interest rate environment is coming to an end.”

The London-based lender rewarded investors with a new \$2bn share buyback.

In addition to three share buybacks totalling \$7bn, Mr Quinn said the bank returned \$19bn to shareholders last year.

Investors have also been closely watching HSBC’s exposure to China’s property sector, which has been engulfed in crisis since 2020.

China, the world’s second biggest economy is experiencing falling prices, known as deflation, which tends to discourage consumers from spending as they expect items to be cheaper in the future.

Last month, a court in Hong Kong ordered the liquidation of debt-laden property giant Evergrande.

“China’s economy just can’t kick into gear,” Moody’s economist Harry Murphy Cruise had earlier told the BBC. “Investors are crying out for larger economic supports to be rolled out.”

Rival Asia-focused bank Standard Chartered is due to report its financial results later this week.

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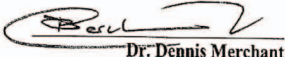
In the Estate of NELCIA FRANCIS
Late of Market Street, St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VERNELL ALESTER ROHAN FRANCIS and NYOKA AMANDA ANISHKA HARRIS both of Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 14th day of October, 2021.

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

Dated this 13th day of February, 2024


Dr. Dennis Merchant
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In the matter of the Application of MINDETTE HENDRICKSON for the issue of a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of MAISIE HENDRICKSON late formerly of Bourke’s Project, Sandy Point, St. Kitts, deceased but resided in Saint Maarten And
In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MINDETTE HENDRICKSON formerly of Bourke’s Project, Sandy Point, St. Kitts of but currently residing at 124 West, 117 Street, New York, NY 10026, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of June, 2023.

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

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Filed by C. Marissa Hobson-Newman of HOBSON-NEWMAN & AMRITT, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: Unit A5-1, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts

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Cotton candy: Pink sugary sweet sets off alarm bells in India

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Cotton candy is sold at many Indian beaches and parks

By Cherylann Mollan
BBC News, Mumbai

Can cotton candy give you cancer?

Some Indian states think so and have banned the sale of the pink, wispy, sugary-sweet treat.

Last week, the southern state of Tamil Nadu implemented the ban after lab tests confirmed the presence of a cancer-causing substance, Rhodamine-B, in samples sent for testing.

Earlier this month, the union territory of Puducherry banned the sweet treat while other states have begun testing samples of it.

Cotton candy, also called buddi-ka-baal (old woman’s hair) in India because of its appearance, is popular with children the world over.

It’s a fixture in amusement parks, fairs and other places of entertainment frequented by children, who like it because of its sticky, melt-in-the-mouth texture.

But some Indian officials say

that the candy is more sinister than it seems.

P Satheesh Kumar, food safety officer in Chennai city in Tamil Nadu, told The Indian Express newspaper that the contaminants in cotton candy “could lead to cancer and affect all organs of the body”.

His team raided candy sellers at a beach in the city last week. Mr Kumar said the sweet sold in the city was made by independent sellers and not registered factories.

A few days later, the government announced a ban on its sale after lab tests detected the presence of Rhodamine-B, a chemical compound, in the samples. The chemical imparts a fluorescent pink hue and is used to dye textiles, cosmetics and inks.

Studies have shown that the chemical can increase the risk of cancer and Europe and California have made its use as a food dye illegal.

While banning cotton candy in Tamil Nadu, Health Minister Ma Subramanian said in a statement that using Rhodamine-B in the “packaging, import, sale of food or serving food containing it at weddings and other public events would be punishable under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006”.

Taking a cue from Tamil Nadu, the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh has also reportedly started testing samples of the candy to check for the presence of the carcinogen.

And earlier this week, the New India Express newspaper reported that food safety officials in Delhi too were pushing for a ban on cotton candy.

Don’t dry your iPhone in a bag of rice, says Apple

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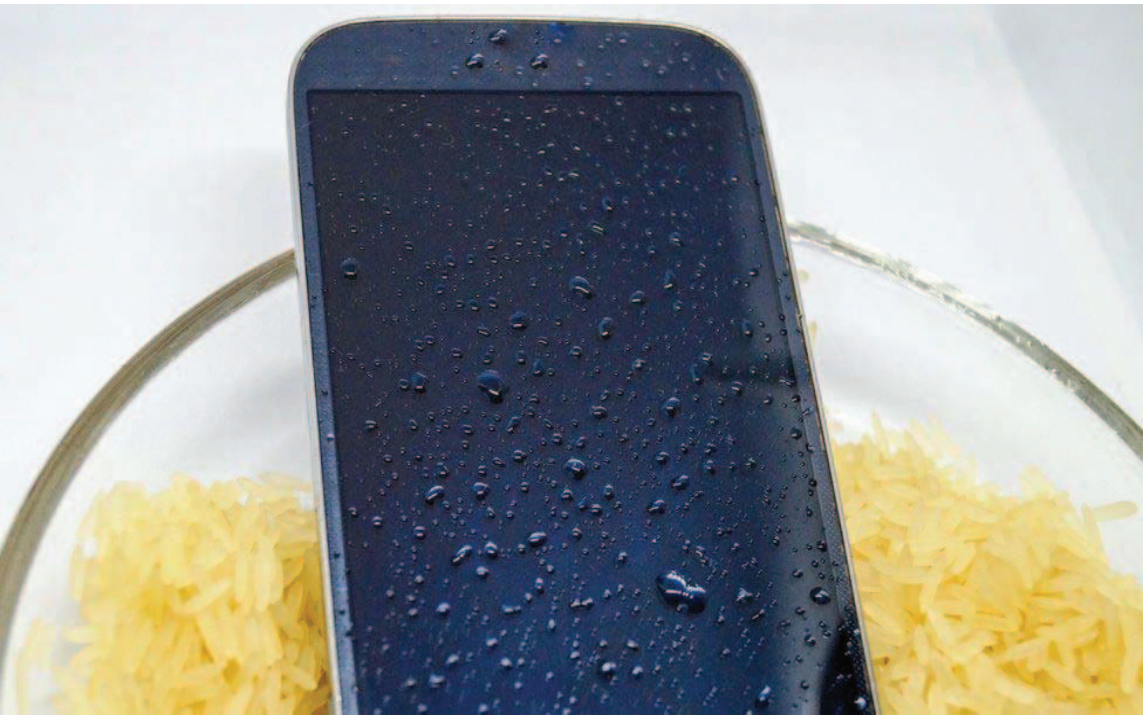


IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES
Don’t try this at home, Apple says

If your iPhone gets wet don’t dry it in a bag of rice, Apple has advised.

Despite the technique’s popularity, experts have long warned against it, with tests suggesting it doesn’t work.

And now the tech giant itself has published guidance telling users it could result in small particles of the grain damaging their devices.

The firm said people should instead gently tap out any liquid, with the phone connector facing down, then leave it to dry out.

Despite the increasing sophistication of smartphones, popular approaches for fixing them if they have been dropped in water remain rather unsophisticated.

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A map of the Caribbean region showing flight routes from St. Maarten to various islands. The routes are indicated by red lines connecting the islands. The islands shown include St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Guadeloupe, Dominica, and Curacao. A red box on the map contains the text: "NOW OFFERING FAST JET SERVICE FROM ST. MAARTEN TO CURACAO & HAITI".

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Apple has taken the opportunity to steer users away from several of them.

As well as avoiding bags of rice, it also advises against drying a wet phone using an “external heat source or compressed air”, meaning radiators and hairdryers should be avoided.

Nor, it suggests, should users try inserting “a foreign object, such as a cotton swab or a paper towel” into their phone.

Instead, it guides people to leave their phone in a “dry area with some airflow” before reconnecting it to a charger.

As the website MacWorld - which first spotted the new support document - notes, the changing design of smartphones may mean all such advice will be unnecessary in the future.

That is because devices are increasingly able to withstand getting wet.

All Apple devices from the iPhone 12 onwards are able to withstand immersion up to a depth of six metres, for up to half an hour.

But with cost-of-living pressures driving growth in the global second-hand mobile market, it is likely that many people will need advice on what to do - and what not to - with a soggy smartphone for some time yet.

Dubai Tennis Championships: Coco Gauff beats Karolina Pliskova, Iga Swiatek & Zheng Qinwen also win

Published BBC Sports



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES
Gauff, who turns 20 next month, won her maiden Grand Slam title in New York last year

US Open champion Coco Gauff says a row with the umpire “fuelled” her as she beat in-form Karolina Pliskova to reach the Dubai quarter-finals.

Gauff was unhappy her serve was called out after Pliskova hit a missed return and had a long discussion with Pierre Bacchi when told to replay the point.

The 19-year-old American moved on from the second-set exchange and continued her fightback to win 2-6 6-4 6-3.

“It kind of went upward for me from there,” said Gauff.

“I was telling me to stay calm in the next point and not let that be a turning point. Maybe I dragged it out longer than I needed to, but I did what I thought was best in the moment.

“I think it fuelled me.”

Elsewhere in Wednesday’s third-round matches, world number one Iga Swiatek continued her fine form in the Middle East as she beat Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina.

Poland’s Swiatek won the Doha title last week and continued her quest for back-to-back titles with a 6-1 6-4 win over 15th seed Svitolina.

Swiatek, who has won 24 of her past 25 completed singles matches, will face Australian Open runner-up Zheng Qinwen in the quarters.

Gauff’s reward for beating former world number one Pliskova, who had won her 11 previous completed matches, is a quarter-final against Russian Anna Kalinskaya.

Kalinskaya, ranked 40th in the world, put together a surprise run to the Melbourne Park quarter-finals last month and continued her good form by beating Latvia’s Jelena Ostapenko 6-4 7-5.

In the other half of the draw, former Wimbledon

champion Elena Rybakina is the highest seed left after holding off Poland’s Magdalena Frech in a 7-6 (7-5) 3-6 6-4 win.

Kazakh fourth seed Rybakina will play Jasmine Paolini after the Italian won 6-4 6-2 against Greek eighth seed Maria Sakkari.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova, who beat Russia’s Liudmila Samsonova, will face Sorana Cirstea in the remaining quarter-final.

Romanian Cirstea, 33, reached the last eight in Dubai for the first time since 2011 after knocking out Croatia’s Donna Vekic.



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To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Shawn Connor** now residing in **Pond’s Pasture** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **One Way** in **George Street/ Douglas Street** in **Newtown** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
15th day of **February, 2024**.

Signed : **Shawn Connor**

**LIQUOR LICENCES
ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A**

**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Nanvin Shamdasani** now residing in **Bird Rock** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April, 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Tings Mini Mart** in **Unit #6, Building #22** in **Port Zante** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
14th day of **February, 2024**.

Signed : **N. Shamdasani**

**LIQUOR LICENCES
ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A**

**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Jun Yang Cen** now residing in the village of **Cayon** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April, 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Hey! Young Supermarket** in **College Street** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
14th day of **February, 2024**.

Signed : **Jun Yang Cen**

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**To the Magistrate,
District “B”**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Dong Hong Cao** now residing in **Bourkes Road** in the town of **Sandy Point** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **April 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of my premises in **King Snack** in **Bourkes Road** in **Sandy Point**.

Dated this
14th day of **February, 2024**.

Signed : **Dong Hong Cao**

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REMAINING TICKETS GO ON SALE WITH 100 DAYS-TO-GO UNTIL ‘OUT OF THIS WORLD’ ICC MEN’S T20 WORLD CUP 2024

- Following the public ticket ballot, the first phase of general admission tickets goes on sale today, 22 February, at 10h00am Antigua Standard Time
- Tickets available to matches at venues in the West Indies, with limited tickets available at USA venues
- Public ballot sees unprecedented demand for tickets, with India v Pakistan fixture in New York more than 200-times oversubscribed
- Tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis at tickets.t20worldcup.com
- Official ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 campaign film, ‘Out of this World’, launched

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - The countdown is on to the largest ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024, which will be played in the West Indies and USA from 1-29 June, with today, 22 February marking 100 days to the start of the historic event. General ticket sales for the World Cup, which will feature the global superstars of the game, go on sale from 10h00 Antigua Standard time today at tickets.t20worldcup.com.

During the ballot period, over 3 million ticket applications from over 161 countries were received for the pinnacle global event for T20 cricket. Ticket allocations are currently unavailable to nine T20 World Cup matches scheduled in the USA, with the India v Pakistan fixture on 9 June in New York oversubscribed more than 200 times.

Both semi-finals in Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana along with the final in Barbados were oversubscribed in the ballot, as were two Super Eight matches in Barbados and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Tickets to all other fixtures in the West Indies are available, with fans encouraged to purchase their tickets now to be a part of the biggest T20 World Cup ever.

Travelling fans can also secure ticket-inclusive travel packages through ICC Travel & Tours and appointed Official Travel Agents excitement is accelerating at pace and all signs indicate that this

in various countries. To guarantee your place at the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 please visit www.icctravelandtours.com.

The 100 days-to-go milestone also marked the launch of the official campaign film ‘Out of this World’, which features T20 superstars Quinton de Kock, Kieron Pollard, Marcus Stoinis, Shaheen Afridi, Shubman Gill and Ali Khan. The full campaign, which blasts off globally today, will utilize a variety of platforms to engage audiences on a global scale and will give the world a visual taste of what they can look forward to in the West Indies and USA come June.

A series of fan engagement events will also blast off at all nine host locations across the West Indies and USA, including a larger-than-life cricket ball taking over Times Square in New York City, Bayside Marketplace in Miami, Klyde Warren Park, Dallas and all Caribbean host locations.

ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said: “With just 100 days to go until the start of the

ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 there is huge anticipation from fans to witness what will be the largest ICC event ever played, with 20 international teams playing across nine host cities. A large proportion of the more than 3 million applications for tickets across the event were from our host countries, so we are confident that this event will not only entertain fans around the world but leave a lasting legacy that will help us continue to grow the sport across the Americas.

“Celebrating the launch of our official campaign film that captures the energy of T20 cricket and features some of the game’s biggest stars is another important milestone, as excitement builds across the global cricket community for what will be a historic event.”

Cricket West Indies Chief Executive Johnny Grave said: “With just 100 days to go until the start of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup, the global excitement is accelerating at pace and all signs indicate that this World Cup is poised to make history on multiple fronts. With a significant number of games already oversubscribed, it is evident that the global appeal of T20 cricket is growing exponentially. Fans wanting to experience a T20 World Cup with Caribbean flair should seize the opportunity to get their tickets as soon as possible and join the celebration on the grandest stage of cricket - the West Indies and USA.”

T20 World Cup USA, Inc. Chief Executive Brett Jones said: “Today is an extraordinary day for global cricket and that’s especially true in the U.S. While those of us involved in the sport know cricket’s popularity in our market, there is no data point like ticket sales to showcase the level of enthusiasm that’s out there and we’re thrilled with the support we’re seeing. The 2024 T20 World Cup is going to fundamentally change the game of cricket in the U.S. and it’s our job to capitalise on this moment.”

The stage is set for the biggest Carnival of cricket which will captivate audiences around the globe. Get your tickets today at tickets.t20worldcup.com and start planning your ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 experience.

Dani Alves trial: Ex-Brazil player guilty of nightclub rape

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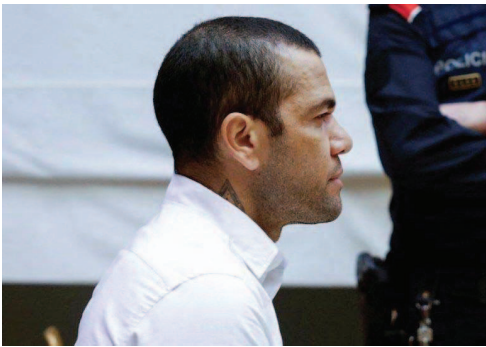


IMAGE SOURCE,REUTERS
Dani Alves was first arrested in January 2023 and has been in pre-trial detention ever since

By Vanessa Buschschluter
BBC News

A court in Spain has found former Barcelona and Brazil footballer Dani Alves guilty of raping a woman in a Barcelona nightclub.

He has been sentenced to four and a half years in prison.

The 40-year-old, who is one of the most

decorated footballers in history, had denied sexually assaulting the woman in the early hours of 31 December 2022.

His lawyer had asked for his acquittal and said she would appeal against the verdict.

A lawyer for the victim welcomed the verdict, saying that it “recognises what we have always known: the truth [as told] by the victim and the suffering there has been”.

As well as handing Alves a

four-and-a-half year sentence, the court said he should face a further five years’ probation.

The prosecution had asked for a nine-year prison sentence. In Spain, a claim of rape is investigated under the general accusation of sexual assault, and convictions can lead to prison sentences of four to 15 years.

According to Spanish media, the court took into account Alves’s decision to pay the victim €150,000 (£128,500) in damages regardless of the outcome of the trial when it decided on the length of his prison term.

The court did not, however, accept the argument put forward by his lawyers that he should be given a more lenient sentence because he was drunk.

His wife Joana Sanz, 31, said he had appeared very drunk when he got back to their Barcelona home the night of the rape and had bumped into furniture before collapsing on the bed.

But the court argued that his alcohol consumption had not

affected his behaviour.

Prosecutors said Alves and his friend had bought champagne for three young women before Alves lured one of them to a VIP area of the nightclub with a toilet which she had no knowledge of.

They argued that it was at this point he turned violent, forcing the woman to have sex despite her repeated requests to leave.

Alves had maintained she could have left “if she wanted to”. However, the court found that she did not consent.

Spanish law was changed recently to enshrine the importance of consent under the so-called “Only Yes is Yes” principle.

In a statement, the court said there was evidence other than the victim’s testimony that proved that she had been raped.

It said Alves had “abruptly grabbed the complainant” and thrown her to the ground. He had then raped her while preventing her from moving as “the complainant said no and wanted to leave”, it added.

The woman said the rape

had caused her “anguish and terror”, and one of her friends who was with her on the night described how the 23-year-old had cried “uncontrollably” after leaving the bathroom.

Alves has been held in pre-trial detention since January 2023 and has changed his testimony on a number of occasions.

He first denied knowing his accuser only to claim later that he had met her in the toilet but that nothing had happened between them.

He then changed his version of events again, saying that they had had consensual sex. “We were both enjoying ourselves,” he alleged.

Alves played more than 400 times for Barcelona, winning six league titles and three Champions Leagues across two spells with the club. He was also part of Brazil’s 2022 World Cup squad.

He has won trophies playing for Sevilla, Juventus and PSG and is among Brazil’s most capped internationals, with 126 appearances.

Gervais Hakizimana: Family of Kelvin Kiptum's coach will receive support from Kenya

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IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

Gervais Hakizimana (right) celebrated with Kelvin Kiptum after the latter set a new marathon world record in Chicago last October

By Yves Bucyana

BBC News, Kigali

Kenya's government will donate 5m Kenyan shillings (£26,964) to support the family of athletics coach Gervais Hakizimana following his death.

The Rwandan, 36, died alongside Kenyan marathon world record holder Kelvin Kiptum, whom he coached, in a road accident on 11 February.

The announcement from Kenya's sports cabinet secretary Ababu Namwamba came as Hakizimana's funeral was held in Kigali on Wednesday.

"In losing Hakizimana alongside Kiptum, Kenya, Rwanda, East Africa, and Africa have lost big time," said Namwamba.

Kiptum had set a new marathon record in Chicago last year, clocking a time of two hours and 35 seconds to better compatriot Eliud Kipchoge's previous mark

over 26.2 miles (42km) by 34 seconds.

The 24-year-old celebrated alongside Hakizimana, who had begun coaching him in 2018.

"It was really a collaboration made in heaven," Namwamba added.

"Observing the two young men, you could see this was not just a coach and an athlete. They were brothers. Brothers in life and as they are brothers in death.

"We have two young men who have exited the stage when the dance was just starting, and we celebrate their lives and will remember them eternally."

Hakizimana was buried in the presence of many Rwandan and Kenyan athletes and family members, but, to the surprise of many, the Rwandan government was not represented at the ceremony.

Hakizimana 'wanted to make world proud'

A photo of Gervais



Hakizimana rests above his casket as his widow Joan Chelimo (right) grieves at his funeral ceremony

Hakizimana's widow Joan Chelimo (right) said "life has crashed" since his death

Hakizimana's widow Joan Chelimo said "anybody can understand the pain" she was going through after losing her husband.

"He was very loving and caring, he was the best person one could ever have," she added.

"I have not come to terms that Gervais is no more. It so difficult for me and my daughter, who is very young, to understand what is going on.

"We had so many plans for our life and for our daughter."

Hakizimana had hoped Kiptum would become the first man to break the two-hour barrier in a competitive marathon, and the pair were aiming to attempt that feat at the Rotterdam Marathon in April.

Chelimo said Hakizimana was dedicated to helping Kiptum achieve that goal.

"He said, 'I want you to give me time, I want you to sacrifice because I want to go to Eldoret. I want to go and put more effort [in] on Kelvin'," she said.

"He told me, 'I want to make Kenya proud, I want to make Rwanda proud, and also I want to make the world proud'.

"Life now has crashed and I don't know where to start from. It is not easy."

Kiptum will be buried in his home village of Chepsamo in western Kenya on Friday.

Tiger Woods' son Charlie, 15, fails in bid to qualify for PGA Tour event

Published BBC News

Charlie Woods, the 15-year-old son of golf legend Tiger, saw his hopes of playing in the PGA Tour's Cognizant Classic end with a 16-over-par 86 at a pre-qualifying event.

Woods junior was competing at Lost Lake Golf Club hoping to reach his first PGA Tour event.

The teenager made 11 pars on his round.

However, his scorecard also included four bogeys,

two double bogeys and a costly 12 on the par-four seventh hole.

The top 25 players and ties advance to Monday's final qualifier, with four then earning places in the main field.

Rory McIlroy will be among the stars playing for a prize fund of £7.1m at the PGA National in Florida next week.

The teenage Woods has competed at the past four stagings of the PNC Championship exhibition event alongside his father, who was forced to withdraw during the Genesis Invitational last week because of illness.

Charlie Woods finished tied 17th in the boys' 14-



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

Charlie Woods was among the early starters and was 21 strokes off the pace set by Billy Basham

15 division of last year's Notah Begay III Junior Golf National Championship, with 15-time major champion Tiger acting as his caddie.