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# NEW TAX MEASURE COMING

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## MORAVIAN MEMBER, MP, MINISTER DELIVERS BIG TIME FOR CHURCH

Health, Wellness and Environment Minister Molwyn Joseph (left) has assisted the Cedar Hall Moravian Church in a big way, supplying all the building materials for the Church's new cemetery wall fence in Jennings. Apart from providing the blocks, cement, sand, stone and steel, the Minister promised – during Sunday's dedication service – to also repay the \$27,000 that the Church spent for construction and labor costs. Hon. Joseph – the elected Member of Parliament for St. Mary's North, which includes Jennings – is a lifelong member of the Church, having being christened there over 70 years ago.

## WEATHER FORECAST

**DAY**  
1/20

°F


**81°** Hi

 RealFeel® 85°  
RealFeel Shade™ 81°

Sunny to partly cloudy with a shower in spots

**NIGHT**  
1/20

°F


**72°** Lo

RealFeel® 72°

Partly cloudy with a shower in spots

Max UV Index: 6 High

Wind: E at 12 mph

Wind Gusts: 15 mph

Precipitation: 49%

Thunderstorms: 20%

Precipitation: 0.07 in

Rain: 0.07 in

Snow: 0.0 in

Ice: 0.00 in

Wind: E at 8 mph

Wind Gusts: 13 mph

Precipitation: 40%

Thunderstorms: 20%

Precipitation: 0.02 in

Rain: 0.02 in

Snow: 0.0 in

Ice: 0.00 in

Hours of Precipitation: 1

### SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST

**6:40 AM**

Sunset AST

**5:56 PM**

Duration

**11:16 hr**

### MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST

**2:47 AM**

Moonset AST

**2:22 PM**

Duration

**11:35 hr**

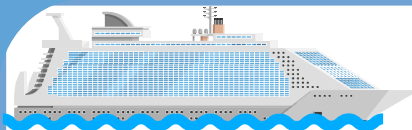
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

### Highlights

**5AM - 6AM - TRUTH AND PRAISE GOSPEL****7AM - 9AM - TIME OUT****10AM - 1PM - REBROADCAST: BROWNE AND BROWNE****1PM - 4PM - DRIVE POINT****4PM - 6PM - PULL UP SHOW****6:30PM - NIGHTLY NEWS****8PM - 11PM - REAL TALK**

## Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2019



### Date Cruise Ship Arrive-Depart

20 January, 2020 <b>Monday</b>	 <b>Azura</b>	07:00 17:00
20 January, 2020 <b>Monday</b>	 <b>Vision Of The Seas</b>	08:00 17:00
20 January, 2020 <b>Monday</b>	 <b>Disney Wonder</b>	09:00 17:00
21 January, 2020 <b>Tuesday</b>	 <b>Costa Magica</b>	07:00 17:00
21 January, 2020 <b>Tuesday</b>	 <b>Anthem of the Seas</b>	08:00 17:00
21 January, 2020 <b>Tuesday</b>	 <b>AIDAperla</b>	08:00 18:00
21 January, 2020 <b>Tuesday</b>	 <b>AIDAluna</b>	09:00 19:00
22 January, 2020 <b>Wednesday</b>	 <b>Mein Schiff 2</b>	07:00 19:00
23 January, 2020 <b>Thursday</b>	 <b>Seabourn Odyssey</b>	08:00 23:00

## The Living Word

When God Intervenes: Read: Numbers 23:13-23

Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm. Psalm 105:15

In a poem titled "This Child Is Beloved," Omawumi Efueye, known affectionately as Pastor O, writes about his parents' attempts to end the pregnancy that would result in his birth. After several unusual events that prevented them from aborting him, they decided to welcome their child instead. The knowledge of God's preservation of his life motivated Omawumi to give up a lucrative career in favor of full-time ministry. Today, he faithfully pastors a London church.

Like Pastor O, the Israelites experienced God's intervention at a vulnerable time in their history. While traveling through the wilderness, they came within sight of King Balak of Moab. Terrified of their conquests and their vast population, Balak engaged a seer named Balaam to place a curse on the unsuspecting travelers (Numbers 22:2-6).

But something amazing happened. Whenever Balaam opened his mouth to curse, a blessing issued instead. "I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it," he declared. "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel. The Lord their God is with them; . . . God brought them out of Egypt" (Numbers 23:20-22). God preserved the Israelites from a battle they didn't even know was raging!

Whether we see it or not, God still watches over His people today. May we worship in gratitude and awe the One who calls us blessed.

How often do you stop to consider the daily protection God extends over you? What does the knowledge that He saves you from unseen dangers mean to you?

Father in heaven, forgive us for the many times we take Your care and protection for granted. Give us eyes to see how much You bless us.



# Clare Hall Secondary School reopens today



*Clare Hall Secondary School*

Students and faculty of the Clare Hall Secondary School are returning to the classroom today following three days of forced closure of the institution due to flea infestation.

Principal of the school, Ashworth Azille, said all 773 students and 87 faculty numbers are expected at school Monday to resume classes after the closure from Wednesday to Friday last week. During that time, Azille reported that a team from the Central Board of Health carried out an extensive fumigation exercise at the school to rid the premises of the bothersome bugs.

"We did a walk-through of the school on Friday after the fumigation and we are fully satisfied that the problem of the fleas has been dealt with to allow normal school activities to resume," he told Pointe Xpress newspaper. According to the principal, the walk-through revealed that the fleas had disappeared. "The fumigation did its job!" a very pleased principal noted.

Additionally, Azille reported that the Government's animal control department has been trying to capture the two stray dogs that are believed to be the source of the flea infestation prob-

lem. Attempts to capture the animals last week proved futile, but the school official said these attempts are to continue this week.

He said the dogs are believed to come from the neighbouring community and that they seek food and shelter on the school compound in the evenings when it is largely deserted. He noted that at the first sign of the infestation, the immediate area was closed, but the high winds of the past week may have helped to spread the fleas to all areas of the school.

Meanwhile, Azille, who is also president of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT) is also reporting that the St. Mary's Secondary School is also expected to return to normal school activities today as well.

He said construction activities at the school have been ongoing under the Basic Education Project Part III, which, coupled with the rains of the past week, have made the school compound impassable. "The school has always had a drainage problem but the problem worsened because of the rains and the constant crisscrossing of heavy duty equipment," he explained.

He said the school was closed for a short period last week, but all is set for normal school resumption today, Monday.

# New tax measure coming

Government is revising its previous announcement of no new taxes during the 2020 budget cycle, as it seeks to raise additional funds to finance increased spending, particularly to improve community roadways.

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Hon. Gaston Browne, made the disclosure Saturday, stating that while he gave the commitment of no new taxes in recent statements, he has since been persuaded by officials in the Ministry of Finance that Government ought to introduce a new tax measure that will yield \$30 million annually.

The Prime Minister did not give any further details about the measure as he invited the nation to tune in to the

budget presentation on Thursday. "We have decided to increase expenditure and, in order to ensure that the deficit is not too large, we have to have this revenue measure," he clarified.

He said that, generally, the 2020 Budget is about consolidation and keeping expenditures under control. The Finance Minister added that over the years, his Government kept expenditures to no more than 20 percent of GDP, which is based on the regional average. "Under these circumstances, no one can accuse us of over-spending," he noted.

Browne revealed that the government faces a challenge in the area of revenue collection, which

he said has been reduced to 15 percent of GDP. The overall goal is to bring this up to 20 percent of GDP.

According to the Prime Minister, the revenue from the new tax measure will allow his government to realise its goal of increasing expenditures to help improve the roadways in many rural communities. He said quite often he has heard the complaints from people living in communities such as All Saints and Monchula about the poor state of their roads.

"I feel your pain! Therefore, we need the revenues from the proposed tax to help offset the expenditures on roads in these communities and others," Browne declared.

# Wealthy Antiguanans invited to invest in proposed Cedar Valley hotel

Government is seeking to achieve the dual purpose of capitalizing on the significant numbers of golf players and enthusiasts who regularly visit Antigua and Barbuda to indulge in their favorite sport and pastime, while creating another investment opportunity in which ordinary Antiguanans and Barbudans can participate.

That is the thinking behind plans to establish a new 50-room hotel on as many acres of land belonging to the Government – land which adjoins the Cedar Valley Golf Course, a facility of which Government is also the primary owner.

The concept, as outlined by the Prime Minister's chief of staff, Ambassador Lionel "Max" Hurst, during the most recent post-Cabinet press briefing, is to build a hotel right next to the golf course that will provide accommodation to those who come to Antigua to participate in the prestigious sport.

"... to enable these teams who come from overseas to reside at the golf course rather than at one of the hotels on the beaches," is how he put it.

"What we are trying to do is to get at least 50 nationals ... to express an interest in investing in this hotel," he went on to disclose, explaining that "the number 50 is logical, because if you go



*Cedar Valley Golf Club Antigua*

beyond 50 it has to be a public offering."

He said Government has "not quite figured out exactly how this is going to be done, but we want the nationals of Antigua and Barbuda who have millions of dollars sitting ... in the bank, this courtyard hotel would yield in excess of two percent on their investment. So it would be a better investment than buying

CDs [certificates of deposit]."

He said the prospective investors could be assured that the proposed Cedar Valley hotel would be managed with the same diligence and effectiveness enjoyed by other enterprises in which the Government is involved, such as the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) and the Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB)

## Industrial Court gets new location, VP

The Industrial Court Act is to be amended in order to make for the addition of a Vice President of the Court.

This addition, according to Cabinet, will allow for two hearings to take place simultaneously, and

therefore to speed-up the work of the Court.

Further, the Court will shortly be moved from its current location on Friendly Alley and will occupy space that has been built to accommodate the workers, the judges and the witnesses

who are relied upon to enable its dispute settlement decision-making mechanism to work efficiently.

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# ABHTA calls for increased patrols and enforcement of regulations for jet ski operators



Executives and Hoteliers of the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA) and Lieutenant Commander Elroy Skerritt, Acting Commanding Officer, ABDF Coast Guard, have teamed up to discuss Jet Ski operations in the island's waters.

"Several complaints about the speed at which Jet Ski's travel and the danger posed to sea bathers prompted the discussion and the call to increase the policing of operators and the enforcement of rules and regulations, with the goal of mitigating danger in the water for locals and guests alike," said Vernon A. Jeffers, Sr, Chairman of the ABHTA.

The Small Craft Regulations of 2017,

when speaking to the rules of small power crafts or personal watercraft (Jet Ski), addresses how such vessels should depart from and proceed to the coastline. It also addresses their proximity to sea bathers.

There have been many discussions on this issue and observances where the excessive speeds by which the Jet Ski operators violate these guidelines.

"This has been an issue unresolved for a while and I think it's a positive thing that we are having this dialogue with the hoteliers to fully understand the magnitude of the problem. The ABDF Coast Guard will redouble its efforts to drive compliance with the Small Craft Act. We will engage the Ministry of Tourism so that we can

form a task force to get to the root of the violations," Lieutenant Commander Elroy Skerritt stated.

He added, "At the ABDF Coast Guard we would like to push for the implementation of a ticketing system for small craft operators. As we work to enact driving regulations for vehicle operators, the same must be true for those who sail within the maritime environment.

Vernon A. Jeffers Sr. said the implementation of such a ticketing system is welcomed.

"At the ABHTA we understand the limitations of the ABDF Coast Guard with respect to resources and the high demand to police the waters in high traffic areas such as English Harbour, Jolly Harbour, Dickenson Bay and the South Coast. The plea of the ABHTA is that some additional attention be given to the regulation of jet skis. We all must work cohesively to address any concerns and work swiftly to alleviate any disasters."

The ABHTA will also seek continued dialogue with the Ministry of Tourism to review the policing of licensed vendors and the customer relations aspect of the water craft operations with a focus on written and verbal orientation, rules and safety instructions.

## Three held as Police probe Bendals homicide

Some three men are assisting the Police as they continue investigations into a shooting incident in Bendals that left one man dead. The men were reportedly in the now-dead man's company when he was attacked. They all escaped unharmed.

The body of 32-year-old Troy Neyland Baptiste a.k.a. "Monkey" of Bendals was discovered around 8:05pm on Thursday January 16, lying

along the road in Bendals.

The body was discovered in close proximity of an area commonly referred to as "One Luv Tribe."

'Monkey' was found with what appeared to be nine gunshot wounds.

A medical doctor arrived on the scene and pronounced him dead around 11:30pm.

The circumstances surrounding the incident are still sketchy; however,

police are continuing their probe into the matter.

The deceased is said to have been release from prison just weeks previously, and it is speculated that his death is related to a long-time feud.

Police are appealing to anyone with information surrounding this incident to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or 462-3914.

# Browne issues 'stern warning' to Minister



Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has issued what he termed 'a stern warning' to his Minister for Agriculture, Dean Jonas, to 'shape up or ship out' over the failure of the agricultural sector to meet

the goals set by the government.

PM Browne was speaking on his weekly radio programme, the *Browne and Browne Show* on Pointe FM Radio, on Saturday. The Prime Minister

conceded that the agricultural sector continues to lag behind other sectors of the nation's economy, a situation which displeases him immensely.

"Just yesterday (Friday), I had a discussion with the Minister (Dean Jonas) and I told him that he had to step up. He said that there have been improvements in the sector and while I am not doubting that there may have been improvements, however, the objectives that we have set to increase agricultural production significantly have not been met," Browne noted.

According to Browne, based on his government's mantra that 'failure is not an option', he told the agriculture minister that he had to 'shape up or ship out'.

The agricultural sector has been under a public spotlight recently, especially in light of an industrial action undertaken by workers at the Agricultural Extension Division. The minister had described the workers as 'unproductive'.

## Operation Derelict gets underway

In keeping with its 2020 mandate, Operation Derelict got underway last Thursday, beginning in Old Road.

After only two days of the exercise, close to fifty vehicles have been marked for removal.

No cars were spared.

After consulting with a number of vehicle owners, a RED X was sprayed on the side doors, bonnets and windshields on a number of dilapidated and abandoned cars, buses, trucks and jeeps.

Day one saw over two dozen vehicles earmarked for removal while close to twenty were singled out to be picked up during day two on Friday.

The exercise will continue this week on the southern section of the island and individuals whose vehicles have been sprayed with the RED X have until February 3rd to remove them.





# Tyre shredding begins in Antigua

Shredding of tyres has begun at the Cooks Landfill following Thursday's commissioning of a state-of-the-art tyre shredding machine.

With over five million used tyres at the landfill, the machine is expected to strip over 3,000 tires daily.

Thursday's ceremony was considered an historical day for Antigua and Barbuda.

The venture is a partnership between the National Solid Waste Management Authority and We-Cycle Tyre and Rubber Limited Shredder.



Heath and Environment Minister Molwyn Joseph (center) with officials of We-Cycle Tyre



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# Adequate labeling of local bread to be made mandatory

Regulations will soon be tabled in Antigua & Barbuda, making it mandatory for bread and pastry producers to have labeling on their items.

This is according to Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who said the legislation is expected to be before Parliamentarians soon.

"At some point we will be introducing regulations to make sure that individuals who sell bread especially the large suppliers like Brownie and so on, put the ingredients on the bread," Browne said.

Details like fat, sugar and salt content will have to be displayed, the Prime Minister said on Saturday, adding that the projected expiration date would, by itself, not suffice.

As lawmakers finalize the legislation, however, the Prime Minister has asked that the public employ "self regulation" and inquire wherever necessary to protect their health.

Health costs are soaring, particularly in the area of diabetes and hypertension, with government being forced to declare 2020 as "The Year of Wellness in Antigua and Barbuda".

"These illnesses are literally reducing the productivity of our people. I believe the issue of non-communicable diseases is probably the biggest development challenge facing the country at this time," the Prime Minister said, adding that health care is "...[becoming] excessive and strenuous on the government."



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# GG commends Trade Minister

Trade Minister, Hon. E.P Chet Greene has received high marks for his role in attracting Harris Holdings (Antigua) Ltd. to Antigua and Barbuda with the company slated to begin production within two months.

The praise came from Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, during the presentation of the annual Throne Speech to a joint sitting of the parliament on Thursday.

According to Sir Rodney, Minister Greene is to be commended for taking advantage of Antigua and Barbuda's inclusion among CARICOM's Lesser Developed Countries by urging Cabinet to agree to the phased implementation of Article 164 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas list of products to include paints.

"As a result, Harris Holdings (Antigua) Ltd. will be establishing a paint manufacturing plant at Coolidge, with all rights and privileges afforded the firm by the provision of the CARICOM Treaty," the Governor General disclosed.

Harris Paints will build an environmentally-friendly, state-of-the-art manufacturing plant that embraces the very latest innovations. The plant

will be a full-fledged manufacturing facility, receiving raw materials from around the world and transforming them into finished products that are canned and labelled on site.

Starting in March, Harris Paints will manufacture approximately 60,000 gallons of water-based, architecturally-decorative paint; that amount will rise to 200,000 gallons annually by 2025.

Minister Greene, who holds the portfolio for foreign affairs, also received the nod for his leadership of a team of professionals which has successfully negotiated several agreements that benefit Antigua and Barbuda.

"The excellent management of our nation's bilateral and multi-lateral relations, by our Minister of Foreign Affairs, is to be celebrated. The project to construct 100 new homes on Barbuda, funded by the European Union, is scheduled to commence in a few weeks," Sir Rodney reported.

That project aims at providing homes to Barbudan families who are unable to build their own, following the passage of since Hurricane Irma more than two years ago. Additionally, he said The People's Republic of China has also agreed to build 100 homes on Barbuda



*Minister of Trade, E.P Chet Greene*

as part of a larger project to build 300 homes in the nation on a grant basis.

Barbuda is also to benefit from assistance from the Dominican Republic which plans to construct a school there.

According to Sir Rodney, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has transformed the power of sovereignty into material advantages, as any wise sage would have done. "He deserves our applause," he added.

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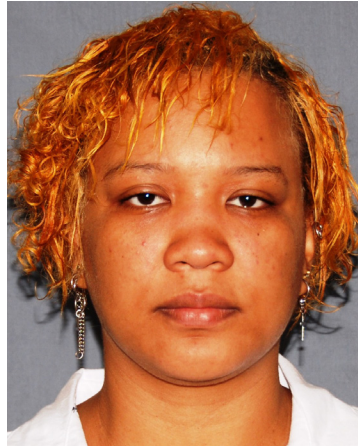
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# Clare Hall couple caught with gun, ammunition, drugs



*Partick Mowatt of Clare Hall*



*Sherian Austrie of Clare Hall*



*Carlton Osbourne of Villa*



*Jason Greene of Villa*

Police have now jointly charged 25yr-old Patrick Mowatt and 26yr-old Sherian Austrie both of Clare Hall with possession of eight and a half pounds of cannabis.

The couple have also been charged with possession of cannabis with intent to transfer; being concerned with the supplying of cannabis; and possession of firearm and ammunition.

Both accused appeared before Chief Magistrate Walsh at St. Johns Magistrate's Court on last Friday January 17, and were remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until February 27, 2020.

Meanwhile, 48yr-old Jason Greene and 23yr-old Carlton Osbourne, both of Villa, were jointly charged by police on Thursday January 16, with Possession of five 9mm rounds of ammunition.

Police discovered the ammunition during a search of Greene's home in the early morning hours of Tuesday January 14.

Osbourne, who was on the property during the search, was taken into custody.

They both appeared at St. Johns Magistrate's Court on Friday, and were remanded to prison until Tuesday January 21, 2020.



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## Commentary by Sir Ronald Sanders (repeated and unabridged)

# Why CARICOM had no national for OAS top job

**[EDITOR'S NOTE:** *This commentary by Sir Ronald Sanders was first published as our Editorial in the Pointe Xpress issue of this past Friday 17 January 2020. However, we inadvertently omitted a very large part which is now included subsequent to the seventh paragraph. We apologize and invite you to enjoy the composition in its entirety.]*

Readers of Barbados newspapers were exposed recently to the views of John Beale, one of the country's former Ambassadors to the Organisation of American States (OAS), on the forthcoming election for the post of Secretary-General. Because Mr. Beale served at the OAS and did sterling work, his views on the Secretary-Generalship of the OAS deserves attention.

Mr. Beale is my friend and former colleague as Ambassador to the United States of America (US) and the OAS. We fought several battles together to advance the interests of Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries in the US and at the OAS. At a bilateral level, we jointly took on the abuse by the US Virgin Islands (USVI) government of US Federal Government tax rebates to disadvantage CARICOM rum exporters. The USVI used the rebate to subsidize rum production by the British multinational, Diageo PLC, allowing it to undercut CARICOM rum producers.

Mr. Beale also joined me in 2015 in the first public airing of concerns about the effect on Caribbean economies of the withdrawal of correspondent banking relations (CBRs) by US global banks, and in resisting the wrongful branding of CARICOM countries as tax havens and money launderers. Without those early warnings, the situation today may have been worse.

Caribbean governments and Mr. Beale disagree on Mr. Luis Almagro being re-elected as Secretary-General of the OAS on March 22. Mr. Beale asserts that "many CARICOM leaders have been critical of the management style of Mr Almagro", and identifies



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this as a reason for them not supporting his re-election. For Mr. Beale, CARICOM countries "should leave Mr. Almagro to manage the OAS and not worry about his management style". Further, he infers that, since Mr. Almagro "continues to have the support of several major countries such as the US, Canada, Colombia, and Brazil", CARICOM countries should re-elect him. Apart from the fact that Canada has not indicated support for Mr. Almagro, CARICOM countries – whether they do so individually or collectively – decide on support for candidatures based on their own assessment, not the wishes of others who, equally, have no reason to consider CARICOM countries in their own decision-making.

Mr. Beale is incorrect in giving Mr. Almagro's "management style" as the reason for CARICOM countries' dissatisfaction with him. Mr Beale served as Ambassador only during the first year of Mr. Almagro's tenure. He should therefore be forgiven for his lack of familiarity with Mr. Almagro's performance in the three years that followed.

The CARICOM group's real concern is that Mr. Almagro has sought to use the OAS as an international platform for advocating his personal positions and the narrow purposes of some governments. Further, he has been divisive, failing to build consensus and promote dialogue and understanding among states. Development and security – the two pillars of the OAS about which CARICOM countries are most concerned - also received little or no attention from him.

As far back as 1 November 2018, in a widely published commentary entitled, "A Caribbean Secretary-General for the OAS", I argued that after 70 years of Caribbean membership of the Organisation, it was time for a Secretary-General from amongst the CARICOM group. I pointed out that, "If CARICOM countries are divided over a candidate, others will take advantage of that division to insert their own candidate, as has happened with other organisations. In the process, the Caribbean will continue to be relegated to second position".

Indeed, the CARICOM group has had to be content with the Assistant Secretary-General's position for 39 years. The present holder of the position is Nestor Mendez of Belize. Mr. Beale understands that, as he put it, "CARICOM leaders, quite rightly, would like to have one of their countrymen be elected to the SG position". He suggests that "the best way to succeed is to re-elect both the current ASG and the SG because in 2025, Nestor Mendez would be the obvious candidate for the post of SG".

Mr. Beale appears to be unaware that CARICOM never had a chance to consider Mr. Mendez as a candidate for the post of Secretary-General in the March 2020 election. Mr. Mendez was not proposed for the job by the Belizean government which only canvassed for him to retain the position as ASG. And, as Mr. Beale pointed out, a geographical group of countries in the OAS cannot field candidates for both positions. Therefore, to quote Mr.

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## Regional

# Mottley warns of attempts to divide the Caribbean



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley

BARBADOS, CMC – Prime Minister Mia Mottley has warned of attempts to divide the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping, as some regional leaders get ready to meet with the United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo on Tuesday.

Addressing a gala to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the late Barbados prime minister and regional integrationist, Errol W Barrow on Saturday night, Prime Minister Mottley said she is conscious that in the next week, questions will be asked as to whether the Barbados Foreign Minister “happened to be missing” from a meeting in Kingston, Jamaica that will take place on Tuesday.

“We don’t look to pick fights. I don’t look to pick fights, but I am conscious that if this country does not stand for something, then it will fall for anything. As chairman of CARICOM, it is impossible for me to agree that my Foreign Minister should attend a meeting with anyone to which members of CARICOM are not invited. If some are invited and not all, then it is an attempt to divide this region,” Mottley told the ceremony.

Last week, Jamaica’s Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister, Kamina

Johnson Smith, said Pompeo’s two-day working visit, which begins on January 21, is a commitment to strengthen relations with the Caribbean.

“We welcome the visit of Secretary Pompeo as a demonstration of the commitment of the United States of America to once more strengthen its engagement with Jamaica and the wider Caribbean. We truly look forward to this opportunity to engage and reinforce our longstanding ties,” she added.

Pompeo will hold talks with Prime Minister Andrew Holness and senior members of his cabinet on the second day of the visit and is expected to give a policy speech on the Caribbean region’s critical importance to the United States, and the country’s renewed commitment to closer ties, based on shared values, interests and economic prosperity, Johnson Smith said.

Both the Jamaica Gleaner and the Observernewspaper, quoting sources, said that Pompeo is also due to meet with several Caribbean leaders.

But a CARICOM source told the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) that the regional grouping had not been formally invited to participate in the discussions during Pompeo’s visit.

However, last year, Prime Minister

Holness, was among four Caribbean leaders – St Lucia, the Bahamas and Haiti – who flew to Miami to meet with President Donald Trump where they discussed the ongoing political situation in Venezuela where Washington is seeking to remove President Nicolas Maduro in favour of opposition leader Juan Guaido.

CARICOM leaders at their last summit in St Lucia last July reiterated their position of non-interference and non-intervention in the internal affairs of Venezuela.

Mottley told the gala that she was conscious that when Errol Barrow stood and remarked that “we shall be friends of all and satellites of none,” little did he know that that statement would be embraced by every single prime minister of Barbados that succeeded him.

“It is as valid today, perhaps even more so than it was at the time of its initial delivery. And I say so conscious that principles only mean something when it is inconvenient to stand by them.

“Conscious that this region must always check itself to ensure that we not become the pawns of others, the satellites of others, but that we keep ever most and uppermost in our minds what we must do for our people without simply becoming pawns on a chessboard for others to be able to benefit from,” she added.

The CARICOM chairman said that sense of commitment to principle and that sense of commitment to the thesis expressed by Barrow “that we have lived by, friends of all, satellites of none,” is really what inspires us to this position today.

“And therefore, it didn’t take a lot of thought as to what our decision should be because this country does not pretend to be what it is not and does not pretend to have that which it doesn’t. But it does aspire to be sincere and to be correct and to be moral and to be principled.”

She said “Barbados first, as expressed by both former prime  
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# Guyana remains in the dark about proportion of oil to gas in Stabroek Block

By: Kemol King, Kaieteur News

ExxonMobil's public disclosures on the hydrocarbon reserves, which it has discovered in the Stabroek Block say that the country's recoverable resource is estimated to be more than six billion oil-equivalent barrels.

Someone used to the industry would know that that language means that six billion barrels of oil equivalent (boe) means oil as well as natural gas. Yet, to Guyanese who are a little less informed, the language could be misleading.

And it has been. In their attempts to determine the value of Guyana's Stabroek Block reserves and subsequently, the portion of the wealth that will accrue to Guyana, persons have assumed that all six billion barrels are of oil.

This assumption is problematic on a few fronts. First, it would lead

persons, in their projections, to unknowingly inflate the value of the oil in the reserves, thereby giving Guyanese the wrong impression about how much wealth they'll benefit from.

Second, not all the recoverable natural gas is likely to be sold. Government has already disclosed plans to bring gas from the Liza Phase one project to shore, for electricity purposes. Some of the gas would be re-injected to maintain pressure sufficient for the extraction of the light, sweet oil.

Even then, the proportion of gas to oil is likely not minimal. ExxonMobil's 11th discovery called Haimara, made in early 2019, is a gas condensate reservoir, according to a 2019 technical report from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

That means it is almost entirely natural gas, opening up a new area for development.

It is unclear whether the



Government is aware of that and other details about more recent discoveries.

Minister of Public Infrastructure, David Patterson, had appeared on a Kaieteur Radio show, Guyana's Oil & You, almost two weeks ago, and told the listening public that he is aware of the gas content in Liza Phases One and Two. That accounts for just two of 15 discoveries. Both of those discoveries were made years ago.

If Government is only aware of

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Beale, "Since Nestor Mendez is the current ASG and his country, Belize, has proposed him to run again for the same post as ASG, it de facto makes it impossible for another CARICOM candidate to run for the SG spot".

Being unable to propose their own candidate for the post of Secretary-General, because this would have dislodged Mr. Mendez from the comfort of being unopposed, CARICOM governments sought to put their support behind a non-CARICOM candidate. To do so, they looked for an outstanding citizen of the Americas whose known record could best serve the collective interests of all member states. Most CARICOM governments opted for Maria Fernanda Espinosa, the former President of the UN General Assembly, whose performance was exemplified by consensus building, a focus on climate change, poverty alleviation, peace keeping and security. Others are considering a Peruvian candidate, Mr. Hugo de Zela.

Mr. Beale is right that Ms Espinosa was not proposed by Ecuador, the

country in which she was born, but Mr. Almagro was also not proposed by Uruguay, the country of his birth. So, nothing turns on that observation.

Supporting candidates on the basis only of their birthplace, over which they had no choice, is too narrow a consideration. Far more important is their record of building inter-governmental trust, seeking peaceful solutions to disputes and delivering

benefits for all the peoples they serve.

Nonetheless, Mr. Beale is right that if the CARICOM group wants to secure the post of Secretary-General at the next election for a national, the work of preparing likely candidates should start now – regardless of the CARICOM country of their birth. (*Responses and previous commentaries: [www.sirronaldsanders.com](http://www.sirronaldsanders.com)*)

## NATURALISATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that *Nina Maria Sousa Costa of Friars Hill Development, St. John's, Antigua* is applying to the Minister for Naturalisation and that any person who knows why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the *Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs*.

# Ex-lover accused in death of Trini

A Trinidadian communications firm worker fatally stabbed in Bermuda more than 13 years ago was lured to his death by an ex-girlfriend, a Supreme Court jury in that country has been told.

Katrina Burgess and Cleveland Rogers, who are half-siblings, are charged with the premeditated murder of 32-year-old Marcus Gibbings, whose body was found inside an apartment 10 Derwent Lane, Devonshire on October 26, 2006. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Rogers, 52, and Burgess, 48, appeared in Supreme Court last August but the trial was adjourned and the jury released.

Karen King, prosecuting, told jurors as the new trial got underway here that Gibbings was "ambushed" at his former apartment and stabbed to death.

She said that the body of the victim was found the next day by co-workers who were concerned after he failed to show up for work.

"We say that the defendant, Mr Rogers, is the person who ambushed Mr Gibbings and he is the one who stabbed him to death.

"The Crown's case is that Katrina Burgess lured Mr Gibbings, the deceased, to the apartment knowing that he would be ambushed there by the defendant, Mr Rogers."

King said Gibbings and Burgess had been involved in a relationship for several years and had lived together "in a few places", including an apartment at 10 Derwent Lane.

She added that on or about October 20, 2006, Gibbings moved out of the apartment to "accommodation he had secured elsewhere".

King said Burgess and Gibbings had arranged to meet a few days later on October 25 at the Derwent Lane apartment to "discuss a few things.

"Ms Burgess never went to the apartment — she didn't show up. Instead, she stayed late at work, she had some drinks with a friend and



Killed: Marcus Gibbings

then later she and that friend went out to dinner and had more drinks in Hamilton.

"The Crown says that Ms Burgess was establishing her alibi."

Gibbings, a father of two and stepfather of one, worked at Hamilton communications firm CCS as an engineer.

He had lived in Bermuda for more than eight years at the time of his death.

The Trial continues today. — CMC

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ministers Grantley Adams and Errol Barrow, has come to mean for us that Barbados must stand for something.

"And I give thanks, that that expression of leadership to that person who first gave us the right to vote, then that person who gave us the right to independence, has been followed for the most part by this country and its

leaders.

Similarly, the understanding that we shall not loiter on colonial premises or loiter on any premises where we are not wanted, continues to be as relevant today as it was then."

She told the audience that the expression delivered to the President of the United States of America, "who

offered to pay our dues to join the Organization of American States when Mr Barrow politely refused and said, "in our part of the world where I come from, if you cannot afford the dues, you do not join the club.

"That is the Barbados first to which I speak," she told the gala.

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the gas content in two discoveries, it means that Guyana's development partners like the IMF are privy to more information about the country's reserves than its own Government.

It also gives those organisations what they need to make analyses of Guyana's reserves, but not its own people.

Guyana's ability to determine its economic might and the wellbeing of its people in the decades to come depends heavily on fair and transparent public disclosures to the countrymen who are instrumental in the process.

Whether this will improve in the

future is unclear. Kaieteur News, in posing questions to ExxonMobil's local subsidiary, Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EPPGL), about the contents of its 15 material discoveries, was told on several occasions last year that it was still analysing the contents of its discoveries.

While this may lead to the assumption that it takes years to make such analyses, Suriname took days to receive a report on the disaggregation of the oil and gas content in a discovery made offshore the Dutch-speaking country by Total and Apache earlier

this month.

Kaieteur News has also made efforts to determine whether independent analyses could be executed, but the release of the oil company's well logs to private citizens is not probable.

Officials from ExxonMobil as well as the Government are clinging to confidentiality agreements, which dictate that the logs are "proprietary".

Guyana continues to remain in the dark about the proportion of oil to gas in its own reserves.



# Saint Lucia Jazz Festival lineup announced at Toronto event

The Saint Lucia Tourism Authority hosted a kickoff event in Toronto to announce the lineup for the 2020 Saint Lucia Jazz Festival.

The event produced in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center.

"We celebrated with media and industry partners, with a live performance from Juno Award winner, singer and songwriter Sean Jones and

a curated rum tasting from Chairman's Reserve," Prime Minister Allen Chastanet disclosed on his official Facebook page.

"Hotel partners Coconut Bay Resort, Jade Mountain and The Landings Resort were in attendance alongside Stonefield Villa Resort., who gave away a grand prize trip," the former Tourism Minister stated.

Chastanet noted that the Saint

Lucia Tourism Authority CEO, Mrs. Beverly Nicholson Doty, updated the media on new tourism developments including hotel openings and the 2020 Saint Lucia Summer Festival of events: Saint Lucia Jazz Festival: May 7-9; Saint Lucia Carnival: June & July -Road Days: July 20th – 21st; Roots & Soul Festival: August and Creole Heritage Month: October.

# Tax obligations for carnival mas' bands



In a statement issued late last week, Grenada's IRD reminded of a June 2019 communique, where the tax was initially tabled.

"Band leaders are encouraged to come into the Division to regularize their registration status before February 15, 2020," the IRD said.

Further, it has advised that bandleaders, who have formed a company or alternately operate in their own name (Sole Trader), must provide a company structure and a sole trader structure to the island's IRD, where the requirement would be to file and pay Personal Income Tax, along with other applicable taxes.

"Please also be reminded that in accordance with the provisions of the VAT Act, prices quoted by promoters on tickets for all public entertainment events should be VAT inclusive," the IRD said.

The Inland Revenue Division (IRD) in Grenada has advised the that the sale of Fancy Mas' carnival costumes

and Monday Night Mas' packages will attract a 15% VAT as of the 2020 tax period.

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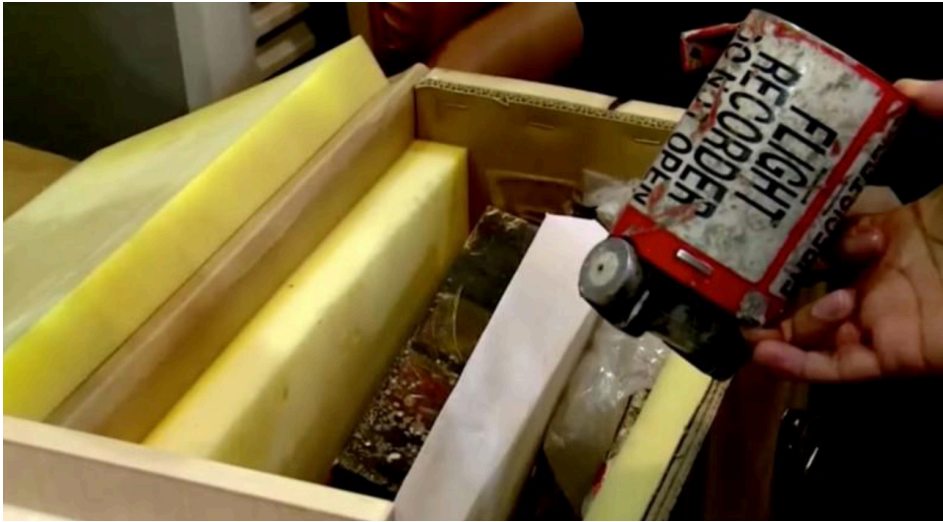
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## International

# Iran aims to examine downed plane's black boxes, no plan yet to send them abroad



*The crate containing purportedly the two black boxes recovered from the crashed Ukrainian airliner, Boeing 737-800, is seen in this still image taken from a video, in Tehran, Iran*

DUBAI (Reuters) - Iran said on Sunday it was trying to analyze the black boxes of a Ukrainian airliner that its military shot down this month, denying a report that a decision had been taken to send the voice and flight data recorders to Ukraine.

Canada, which had 57 citizens on the flight in which all 176 people aboard were killed, said on Sunday there were still no firm plans for downloading the recorders. Ottawa and other capitals have called for the black boxes to be sent abroad.

The Jan. 8 plane disaster has heightened international pressure on Iran as it grapples with a long-running

dispute with the United States over its nuclear program and its influence in the region that briefly erupted into open conflict this month.

The military has said it downed Ukraine International Airlines flight 752 in error in the aftermath of tit-for-tat strikes by the United States and Iran. But authorities delayed admitting this, prompting days of protests on Iran's streets.

"We are trying to read the black boxes here in Iran. Otherwise, our options are Ukraine and France, but no decision has been taken so far to send them to another country,"

Hassan Rezaifar, a director in charge of accident investigations at Iran's Civil Aviation Organization, told state news agency IRNA.

Rezaifar had been quoted by Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency on Saturday as saying the black boxes could not be decoded in Iran and would be sent to Ukraine after Kiev's repeated requests. IRNA also reported on Sunday that the official had made similar comments a day earlier.

It was not immediately clear what prompted Rezaifar to backtrack.

The Boeing 737-800 was en route from Tehran to the Ukrainian capital. Most of those on board were Iranians or dual nationals.

Canadian Foreign Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said he wrote to his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, on Sunday to urge the boxes be sent quickly to Ukraine or France.

Canada's Transportation Safety Board said two of its investigators left Tehran on Sunday after a six-day visit during which they examined the wreckage.

Iranian investigators were "cooperative and helpful" but said there were still no firm plans on how and when the black boxes would be downloaded, it said in a statement.

## Libyan commander's forces choke oil flows, overshadowing peace summit



BERLIN/BENGHAZI, Libya (Reuters) - Forces loyal to eastern commander Khalifa Haftar have shut off production at all Libya's major oil fields, an escalation that threatened to strangle the country's finances and overshadowed an international peace summit in Berlin on Sunday.

Haftar, whose self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA) is bearing down on the capital Tripoli with the backing

of Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Russian mercenaries and African troops, attended the one-day summit in Berlin despite having abandoned talks over a truce last week.

Turkey has rushed troops to Tripoli to help an internationally recognized government resist Haftar's assault. Up to 2,000 fighters from Syria's civil war have also joined the battle, a U.N. official said on Saturday.

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# In impeachment document, Democrats say Trump endangers security, Trump denies

WASHINGTON/PALM BEACH, Fla. (Reuters) - Democratic U.S. lawmakers leading the impeachment case against Republican President Donald Trump said on Saturday the president must be removed from office to protect national security and preserve the country's system of government.

In a 111-page document filed before Trump's Senate trial begins in earnest on Tuesday, the lawmakers laid out their arguments supporting charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress against the president.

"The Senate should convict and remove President Trump to avoid serious and long-term damage to our democratic values and the nation's security," the lawmakers said, for the first time formally calling for the Senate to convict the president and remove him from office.

"The case against the president of the United States is simple, the facts are indisputable, and the evidence is overwhelming," they said.

The document was an appeal directly to the senators to be impartial. "History will judge each senator's willingness to rise above partisan differences, view the facts honestly and defend the Constitution," the managers said in a statement noting "the President is not a king."



*U.S. President Donald Trump speaks as he welcomes the 2019 NCAA National Championship Football team the Louisiana State University Tigers to the White House in Washington, D.C*

Trump's legal team issued a resounding rejection of the impeachment charges, which were read out in the Senate earlier in the week during formalities setting the stage for the trial. They are expected to release a longer, separate response to the Democrats' pretrial brief on Monday.

Rejecting the charges, Trump's lawyers reiterated the president's insistence, echoed by many of his fellow Republicans in Congress, that the charges are nothing more than a partisan attempt to remove him from

office, a "dangerous attack on the right of the American people to freely choose their president."

"This is a brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election and interfere with the 2020 election — now just months away," they argued in a six-page document released on Saturday.

It was the first time Trump formally responded to the two articles of impeachment - abuse of power and obstruction of Congress - that the Democratic-led House approved late last year.

## Queen Elizabeth's statement on Harry and Meghan's future

LONDON (Reuters) - Buckingham Palace announced on Saturday that Prince Harry and his wife Meghan will no longer be working members of Britain's royal family and they will not use their "royal highness" titles as they embark on a more independent future.

Following is the text of Queen Elizabeth's statement:

"Following many months of conversations and more recent discussions, I am pleased that together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson and his family.

Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved members of my family.

I recognize the challenges they have experienced as a result of intense scrutiny over the last two years and support their wish for a more independent life.

I want to thank them for all their dedicated work across this country, the Commonwealth and beyond, and am particularly proud of how Meghan has so quickly become one of the family.

It is my whole family's hope that today's agreement allows them to start



*Britain's Queen Elizabeth departs from St Mary Magdalene's church on the Sandringham estate in eastern England, Britain.*

building a happy and peaceful new life."

# SpaceX capsule splashes down off Florida after rocket failure test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (Reuters) - Elon Musk's SpaceX simulated a successful emergency landing on Sunday in a dramatic test of a crucial abort system on an unmanned astronaut capsule, laying the foundation for its mission to fly NASA astronauts for the first time.

A Crew Dragon astronaut capsule launched at 10:30 a.m. and softly splashed down about 19 miles (32 km) off the coast of Cape Canaveral in Florida roughly eight minutes later, after ejecting itself from a rocket that cut off its engines 12 miles (19 km) above the ocean to mimic a launch failure.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration administrator Jim Bridenstine called the mission a success.

"This critical test puts us on the cusp of once again launching American astronauts on American rockets from American soil," Bridenstine wrote on Twitter. "Spacecraft recovery operations are underway."

In a key trial for carrying humans, SpaceX was also testing its rescue teams' response after splash down. They scrambled toward Crew Dragon with the U.S. Air Force's Detachment 3 emergency rescue teams in tow — a

vital part of the test to practice a rescue mission to retrieve astronauts from the capsule.

Moments before the launch, Musk wrote on Twitter that it was a risky mission that was "pushing the envelope in so many ways".

The Crew Dragon capsule, an acorn-shaped pod that can seat seven astronauts, fired on-board thrusters to detach itself from a Falcon 9 rocket less than two minutes after liftoff, simulating an emergency abort scenario to prove it can return astronauts to safety. Each stage of the test prompted loud cheers from SpaceX crew members watching the footage from back on land.

The test is crucial to qualify the capsule to fly humans to the International Space Station, something NASA expects to come as soon as mid-2020. It follows years of development and delays as the United States has sought to revive its human spaceflight program through private partnerships.

NASA awarded \$4.2 billion to Boeing and \$2.5 billion to SpaceX in 2014 to develop separate capsule systems capable of ferrying astronauts to the space station from U.S. soil for the first time since NASA's space shuttle program ended in 2011. The space agency has since relied on Russian

spacecraft for rides to the space station.

During the test the Falcon 9 rocket's boosters shut down in a mock failure that triggered Crew Dragon's so-called SuperDraco thrusters to jet itself away at supersonic speeds of up to 1,500 miles per hour (2,400 kph). The Falcon 9 booster free-fell back to the ocean, with its first stage crashing into the ocean creating a tall plume of smoke seen on the horizon.

The capsule deployed four parachutes to slow its descent to the water, and carried two human-shaped test dummies on seats fitted with motion sensors to collect data on the immense g-force — the effect of acceleration on the body — astronauts would be subjected to during abort.

The test was originally scheduled for mid-2019 but was delayed after a Crew Dragon capsule exploded in April on a test stand just before firing its launch abort thrusters, triggering a lengthy investigation.

SpaceX-led investigators in July zeroed in on a previously unknown explosive reaction between a titanium valve and a propellant used to ignite the thrusters. A SpaceX official said the company completed the investigation within the last week.

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Libya has had no stable central authority since dictator Muammar Gaddafi was overthrown by NATO-backed rebels in 2011. For more than five years it has had two rival governments in the east and the west, with streets controlled by armed groups.

Haftar, the east's most powerful figure, has won backing from a range of foreign allies for an assault to capture Tripoli in the west, while Turkish support for Tripoli's effort to repel him has turned the conflict into a proxy war. More than 150,000 people have been displaced by fighting for the capital.

Haftar quit a Turkish-Russian summit a week ago and escalated the conflict on Friday when eastern oil ports were shut down. Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) said

the shutdown was directly ordered by Haftar's forces and would cut oil production by 800,000 barrels a day.

On Sunday, as international leaders were gathering in the German capital, the NOC said the major southwestern fields of El Sharara and El Feel were closing after forces loyal to Haftar shut a pipeline.

Any lasting closure could hit Tripoli hard since the government relies on oil revenues to fund its budget.

"We call on all parties concerned to redouble their efforts for a sustained suspension of hostilities, de-escalation and a permanent ceasefire," said a draft of a communique to be discussed at the summit, reviewed in advance by Reuters.

Diplomats said a joint military commission would monitor the truce,

but details were unclear. The draft did not say whether the LNA needed to pull back, stating only: "We call for the redeployment of heavy weapons, artillery and aerial vehicles and their cantonment."

If the LNA did not pull back, then Haftar would book a huge territorial gain from his main power base in Benghazi, some 1,000 km away from Tripoli.

A call for a ceasefire from Russia and Turkey helped reduce fighting a week ago, Russian President Vladimir Putin said ahead of a meeting with Turkish counterpart Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the conference.

"We don't lose hope that dialogue will continue and the conflict will be solved," Putin said.



# McGregor makes devastating UFC return with stunning first-round TKO

Conor McGregor needed just 40 seconds to make a triumphant return to the octagon after a brutal TKO against Donald Cerrone at UFC 246.

McGregor – fighting for the first time in 15 months – was relentless in the octagon, dropping Cerrone inside the opening round in Las Vegas Saturday.

After striking Cerrone with his shoulder, McGregor then delivered a devastating kick to the head before a flurry of punches prompted the referee to stop the welterweight bout and main event.

McGregor made his long-awaited return after a 15-month absence since his submission loss to Khabib Nurmagomedov.

The Irish star's time away from mixed martial arts started with a six-month ban imposed after a post-fight brawl outside the cage marred his blockbuster showdown with Khabib at UFC 229, and there was no escape from controversy in the intervening period.

McGregor was arrested and charged with strong-armed robbery



*Irish mixed martial arts fighter Conor McGregor was victorious in his first UFC match in over 15 months, with a technical knockout win over American opponent Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone in Las Vegas*

and criminal mischief last March, after it was alleged he took a man's phone and smashed it on the ground in Miami – the charges were later dropped over inconsistencies in the victim's testimony. In November, he was fined €1,000 after pleading guilty to an assault of a man at a pub in Dublin.

There were question marks over

McGregor, but the UFC sensation strolled into the octagon with confidence against the 36-year-old Cerrone.

McGregor – typically a fast starter – raced out of the blocks and wasted little time as he required less than a minute to celebrate victory upon his return. (sportsmax.tv)

# Rain washes out West Indies-Ireland T20

Rain wreaked havoc as the second Twenty20 international between West Indies and Ireland was washed out in Basseterre on Saturday.

No result was declared after the game was called off approaching 22:00 local time – Ireland boasting a 1-0 lead in the three-game series.

Career-best figures from captain Kieron Pollard helped restrict Ireland to 147-9 from 19 overs, with a rain

delay leading to a reduction in overs.

Confidence was high in the Ireland camp after their memorable four-run triumph in the opening T20I in Grenada.

But Pollard claimed 4-25 from four overs – the 10th best performance for the Windies in T20I history, dismissing Gareth Delany (44), skipper Andy Balbirnie (36), Gary Wilson (5) and George Dockrell (2).

Sheldon Cottrell (2-10) and Romario Shepherd (1-38) also chopped in with wickets for the Windies.

West Indies managed to start their run chase and they reached 16-1 after Lendl Simmons (10) fell victim to Paul Stirling (1-11) before the rain set in for good. (sportsmax.tv)



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# Your Stars Foretold



Aries

## Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

The Sun moves into unpredictable Aquarius and the sector of your chart that relates to business and physical or emotional well-being. This would be your cue to decide which undertakings to focus on and which to scrap.



Libra

## Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Yes, okay, the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. Still, take advantage of your contacts and connections - and if they can provide a shortcut to your goals, more power to you.



Taurus

## Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Domestic, property, and family matters are emphasized as the Sun enters Aquarius. When dealing with these issues, remember to consider the needs of others in addition to your own - otherwise, they'll see to it that you're reminded.



Scorpio

## Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Your intimates and colleagues have a genuine desire to assist you with an artistic, romantic, or creative endeavor. The Sun enters Aquarius today, getting you busier and less romantic, so it would be in your best interests to let in a little of the love.



Gemini

## Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

The Sun enters Aquarius on this day. You owe someone in your life. Now is a time to settle that debt so that you don't have to worry about it any longer. If you wait much longer, they will take advantage of you.



Sagittarius

## Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Try to keep an open mind when listening to others' suggestions. Although their grasps of the situation may not be on par with yours, they could still have some perspective that you lack - and could profit from.



Cancer

## Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The Sun enters hectic Aquarius today trying earnestly or persistently to persuade you to pay more attention to your finances and alike. Remember to pay for future you first. You won't regret setting some money aside for when it's needed.



Capricorn

## Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The Sun in Aquarius today. There should be clarity and an array of interesting insights and about an issue that affects your overall well-being. Pay close attention, because some of this info has a long shelf life.



Leo

## Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

As the Sun enters Aquarius you are acknowledging that money isn't everything. Sure, it can buy perceived status, but a kind heart will always come out on top. It is your character that matters more than anything.



Aquarius

## Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

The Sun enters your own sign today, dear Aquarius, underscoring your financial affairs and the most effective use of your talents. In the coming month, acclimate yourself to the possibility that an unorthodox approach is sometimes the best one.



Virgo

## Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Be prepared, the Sun enters Aquarius. There are several entertaining options at large, some of which require certain people to be in certain locations. If you can just go with the flow for a bit longer, they'll take their places.



Pisces

## Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The Sun moves into erratic Aquarius. This suggests that your best strategy over the next couple of days is to have a good sense of when to push and when to leave it alone, emphasis on the latter.

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# Mavs fans must appreciate 'walking bucket' Doncic - Melo

Luka Doncic is a "walking bucket" and the Dallas Mavericks fans should really appreciate being able to watch him, according to Carmelo Anthony.

Last season's Rookie of the Year Doncic made a career-high eight three-pointers and had 35 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the Mavs defeated the Portland Trail Blazers 120-112 at American Airlines Center on Friday.

Anthony had 22 points for the Blazers, who slipped to an 18-25 record and sit 2.5 games back of the playoff positions in the Western Conference.

When the 10-time All-Star was informed Doncic had referred to him as a "walking bucket", he returned the compliment.

Anthony continued: "As far as Luka goes, he's gonna be in this league for a long time.

"He's a young player and he's

gonna get better and better. For years to come we're gonna to be watching a special player.

"I hope you guys out here in Dallas really appreciate what you have in front of you right now."

Anthony, who in November joined the Blazers after nine months without a team having been waived by the Chicago Bulls following his trade from the Houston Rockets, became the 18th player to reach 26,000 career points when he scored a free throw in the first quarter in Dallas.

"This is a situation where I've always continued to believe in myself and I think with that being the case I'm able to still go out there and perform the way I want to be able to perform and enjoy the game again," he said.

"I think people understand the situation I was in, but most important I think people understand the type



Luka Doncic

of person I am. When you have that organic natural energy, people pick up on those vibes."

Portland lost CJ McCollum to a left ankle sprain in the second quarter and he did not return to the game. It is unclear if he will be fit to face the Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday.

"Usually, the second day is the worst," McCollum said. "So we'll see how it feels [on Saturday]. Get some treatment, try to compress it and see how it feels." (sportsmax.tv)

## Fraser-Pryce, Gayle named Jamaica's athletes of the year

World Champions Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Tajay Gayle were named the 2019 RJRGleaner Sports Foundation Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year in an awards ceremony at the Jamaica Pegasus on Friday.

Fraser-Pryce saw the award presented to her for a fourth time, having previously claimed the honour in 2012, 2013 and 2015. The recognition capped off an exceptional season for the diminutive sprinter who previously became the only athlete to win the 100m World Championship title on four occasions with triumph in Doha.

Quartermiler Shericka Jackson, who claimed three gold medals at the World Championships, with bronze in the 400m and 4x400m along with gold in the 4x100m, was runner up behind

Fraser-Pryce.

The year was also an exceptional one for Gayle. The athlete created history at the Doha World Championships after upstaging Juan Miguel Echevarria to claim top spot. The winning jump was the longest in the world in 10 years. It was also the farthest distance recorded at the World Championships since Ivan Pedroso's 8.70m leap in Gothenburg, recorded some 24 years ago.

Fedrick Dacres, the World Championships discus silver medallist, was voted runner up to the Sportsman of the Year. The other male nominees were Christopher Binnie (squash), Yona Knight-Wisdom (diving) and Travis Smikle (athletics). Fraser-Pryce and Jackson were joined by Alia Atkinson (swimming) and Rushell Clayton, Natoya Goule, Shanika



Tajay Gayle (left) and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce pose with the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year awards at the gala ceremony at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Friday, January 17, 2020. (PHOTO: Llewellyn Wynter).

Ricketts, Danniell Thomas-Dodd, Elaine Thompson and Danielle Williams. (sportsmax.tv)



*Nyeem Young of West Indies pictured with the 'Player of the Match' award*

## Young leads young Windies to historic win over Aussies

Nyeem Young starred with the bat as West Indies sealed a maiden win over Australia at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup at the eighth attempt.

Jayden Seales did the damage with the ball to hustle Australia out for 179 and Young's measured innings in reply saw West Indies to victory with 24 balls to spare of their Group B opener.

Young was the matchwinner for the Windies with a priceless 61 from 69 balls just as Australia were bearing down on his side's tail.

"It's good to get a win," Young said. "It doesn't matter the opponent,

but it is good to get it against Australia. I am happy to get it across the line, and I think it shows how we fight with the ball and the bat."

Australia batted first and were bowled out for just 179. Jake Fraser-McGurk fought a lone battle, with a defiant 84 from 97 balls at the top of the order.

Wickets tumbled around him though as Seales (four for 49) and Matthew Forde (three for 24) ran riot. Patrick Rowe struck 40 to give the young Aussies a sniff, but 179 was well below par.

Windies slipped to 92 for five in the chase, thanks chiefly to a fine spell of leg-spin bowling by Tanveer Sangha whose promise has already seen him feature in the Big Bash League.

His four for 30 ran the Windies desperately close, and they breathed a sigh of relief when his allocation came to an end.

Beyond the mystery of Sangha, West Indies found comfort through Young's mature knock and got home with three overs and as many wickets to spare. (sportsmax.tv)



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