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# MURDER CHARGES

*for four officers*

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## Welcome back AA



American Airlines flight AA 2405 landed at the V.C. Bird International Airport last night with 140 passengers on board and an Antiguan in command. This marked the recommencement of commercial flights to the island.

# Teen bailed on dangerous driving charge

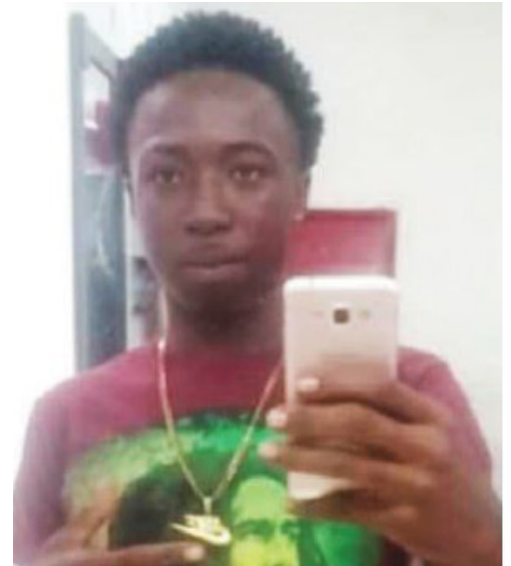
A nineteen-year old male has been granted bail in the Magistrate's Court after he was charged with causing death by dangerous driving.

Police reports say 19-year-old Nicholas Augustine of Jennings was granted bail in the sum of \$20,000.00 for Causing Death by Dangerous Driving. He is accused of causing the death of 17-year-old Theophilus Dyett of Jennings following a traffic accident that happened on January 10, 2020, on Valley Road.

He appeared before Magistrate Dexter Wason on Wednesday, and he was ordered to pay a deposit of \$5,000 and provide two sureties both of whom

must be nationals of Antigua and Barbuda. The bail conditions include the surrender of his travel documents and he must report to Johnson's Point and Bolans Police Stations between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Augustine is alleged to have been the driver of a silver Honda Fit car - R 3616 – when he reportedly lost control of the vehicle and it collided with a metal utility pole in the vicinity of Hall's Estate. Dyett was one of two passengers inside the vehicle at the time, and he was transported to Mount St. John's Medical Center in critical condition.



*Theophilus Dyett*

He remained at the hospital until March 18, when he succumbed to his injuries and he was pronounced dead by a medical doctor. Committal date is set for September 17, 2020.

## DAY 6/5

Max UV Index: 10 Very High  
 Wind: E at 20 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 26 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 57%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 1.8 mm  
 Rain: 1.8 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 2  
 Hours of Rain: 2

# 31°<sub>Hi</sub>



Variable clouds with a passing shower or two

## NIGHT 6/5

Wind: E at 13 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 24 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 41%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 0.6 mm  
 Rain: 0.6 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 1  
 Hours of Rain: 1

# 26°<sub>Lo</sub>



Partly cloudy with a shower in places

## SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST  
 5:32 AM

Sunset AST  
 6:39 PM



Duration  
 13:07 hr

## MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST  
 6:43 PM

Moonset AST  
 6:11 AM



Duration  
 11:28 hr



# Murder charges for four officers

There's a major breakthrough in the case of Bruce Greenaway whose battered body was discovered at Indian Creek in April.

Reports are four law enforcement officers, one policeman and three soldiers are likely to be charged with murdering Greenaway as early as today.

A source told our news department the Director of Public Prosecution made the recommendation that the four men be charged individually and collectively

for murder. DPP Anthony Armstrong said his recommendations were based on the evidence presented to him which indicated that murder charge ought to be filed against the four who were the last to be seen with the victim when he was alive.

While we are unable to ascertain the names of the soldiers, the policeman is said to be Jason Modeste, Grenadian born.

Allegations are Greenaway also known as 'Jun-

gle' was held by members of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force for allegedly violating the curfew order in April. But attempts by his relatives to find him proved unsuccessful. Subsequently, an electronic flyer detailed family members had been searching for him since April 9. Their search took them to several police stations, the Defense Force, NODS and the hospital, but all proved unsuccessful.

The family noted in the post the discovery of a male body was causing panic. Their fears were realized when the body was identified as Bruce Greenaway.

A post mortem examination found that he died from asphyxiation, meaning he had been strangled. His death sparked angry reaction from sections of the public who are demanding justice for 'Jungle'.

At the weekend, Commissioner of Police Atlee Rodney appealed for patience and said the investigation was in the advanced stages. Several weeks ago, Chief of Defense Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Telbert Benjamin reported the ABDF had concluded its investigation, but did not comment on its findings.

According to the source, the recommendation for



Bruce "Jungle" Greenaway

murder charges to be laid against the one police and three soldiers was based on the findings of the autopsy and the other injuries Greenaway allegedly sustained. Additionally, the location where the body was discovered was also given consideration.

It is likely all four men will appear in court on Friday.

Meanwhile, the news that charges have been filed in the case coincided with funeral rites for Bruce Greenaway, who was laid to rest Thursday afternoon.

The funeral service was held in accordance with social distancing guidelines on at a local funeral home where tributes for 'Jungle' were read. It is clear that he was loved by his siblings and other relatives.

They admitted he had his faults, but said he was full of charm, had a pleasant demeanor and many friends.



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We are determined to continually improve ourselves so that we can better support our stakeholders. If you have a growth mindset and thrive under pressure, you may be a great fit for our executive team!

We are seeking individuals to fill the positions listed.

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2020.

**NB: Only qualified applicants will be acknowledged.**

Send your applications and curriculum vitae to:

**Vacancy: ABAA Senior Managers**

c/o Profiles Consulting Inc.

Aflak Building, Friars Hill Road

P. O. Box 2118, St. John

Antigua and Barbuda

Email: [jobs@profiles-consulting.com](mailto:jobs@profiles-consulting.com)

**NB: Selected applicants will be required to complete psychometric assessments.**

## INFORMATION TECH. MANAGER

### JOB SUMMARY

To provide leadership and supervision to plan, install and maintain information technology infrastructure.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree or professional certification or equivalent education and experience
- Project management
- Professional certification in Network Technologies
- Proficient in network technologies, security, firewalls, LAN, WAN, Wireless, and Internet services.
- Extensive Technical Writing and Presentations skills

## VACANCIES Senior Managers

### HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

#### JOB SUMMARY

Responsible for the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of the Human Resources Department and will work closely with the Divisional Director to provide the necessary technical support in HR strategic management and policies and procedures.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Relevant Bachelor's degree, professional certification, or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Extensive human resource generalist experience to include strength in change management, leadership development, talent selection, employee relations, and management coaching
- Extensive knowledge of Antigua and Barbuda Labour Code
- Demonstrable experience with human resources metrics

### SECURITY MANAGER

#### JOB SUMMARY

Administer the security operation to ensure compliance of all stipulated regulations and standards, update policies and procedures relating to security standards, and provide training for security details and departments

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Five (5) years relevant work experience
- Relevant Bachelor's degree, professional certification, or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Logistics Management
- Knowledge of International Travel and Safety Standards, an asset
- Knowledge of human behavior and performance
- Team building

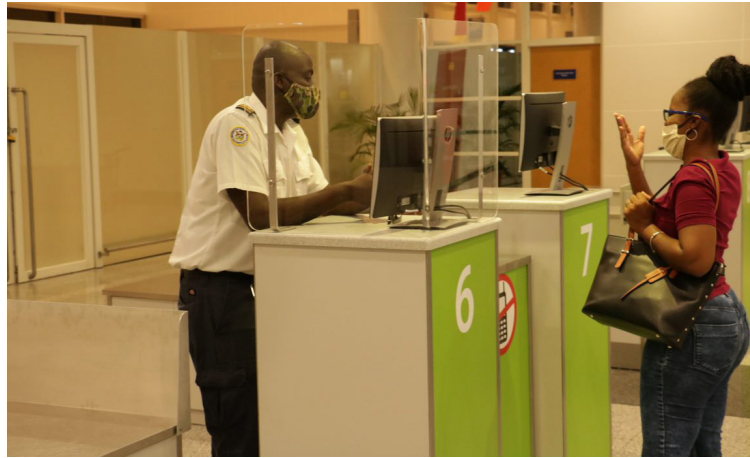
# Tourism Ministry signals 'Back to Business'

On Thursday, the Ministry of Tourism and Investment declared the reopening of Antigua and Barbuda as a travel destination as the country welcomed its first commercial flight.

The declaration was historic, as the country welcomed its first set of guests to the island since the reopening of the borders on June 1st, 2020.

Though the country is open for travel by tourists, the ministry has indicated that there will be a series of travel health and safety protocols which were signed off by the Ministry of Health. These protocols are said to impact every element of the visitor experience, from arrivals at ports of entry, through ground transfers, resort accommodations, restaurants, tours, and attractions.

Minister of Tourism Charles Max' Fernandez said, "The health and safety of our residents and our visitors will always be our top priority." The minister went on to state, "Despite the severe economic strain on our economy resulting from the closure of our tourism industry, we waited until we were in a position to reassure both our citizens and our prospective guests that every precaution is being taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable vacation experience. The travel safety protocols have been devel-



oped under the guidance of the Ministry of Health, with the full support and cooperation of our stakeholders."

The tourism minister indicated that the readiness of the industry was aided through several initiatives that his ministry undertook. Hiring a medical consultant with a specialty in public health and infectious diseases and setting up a Tourism Recovery Committee comprised of key stakeholders within the industry were chief among the initiatives.

Chief Executive Officer for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin James also addressed the destination reopening ceremony Thursday. The CEO said, "While we look forward to our borders opening, this is still a highly unprecedented time and we realized that we are now entering a new and ever-changing landscape. Priorities in the travel industry have shifted, and our visitors' priorities are different – we have worked

diligently across all sectors on the islands as well as in collaboration with our Caribbean neighbors to prepare for the 'new normal' and to ensure a healthy and safe environment for all."

The tourism ministry used the opportunity to also state some of the safety protocols put in place for arrivals at ports of entry and accommodations. The reopening dates for resorts were also distributed as part of the ministry's destination reopening announcement.

According to the tourism ministry, the following safety measures will be in place at ports of entry:

- All arriving passengers must have a mask in their possession for use on disembarkation, which must be worn in public areas throughout their stay in Antigua and Barbuda.
- All arriving passengers must complete a health declaration form. Screenings and thermal checks will occur on arrival and passengers

may be asked to undergo coronavirus testing on arrival.

- With regard to airport transfers, large commercial passenger transport vehicles are permitted to carry only 50% of the vehicle seating capacity, for example 7 passengers in a 15-seater vehicle. Vehicles must be kept clean and sanitized after each trip, and all will be equipped with hand sanitizer. All vehicles will be subject to random inspections by public health officers and certified vehicles will clearly display a decal indicating safety approval.

- Passengers arriving by sailing craft (private yachts/Ferry Services) are subject to the guidelines issued by Port Health.

- All Marine Pleasure Craft and Ferry Services will enter ONLY at the Nevis Street Pier.

- All hospitality accommodations to include hotels, resorts, villas and home rentals must satisfy the stipulations of the Ministry of Health and be certified prior to reopening to welcome visitors.

- Restaurant dining protocols include enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, incorporate physical distancing measures, and will offer a la carte dining and delivery or takeout services, instead of buffet.



## Rebuilding the economy, critical

Prime Minister Gaston Browne says opening the country's borders and restoring the economy are vital elements if the nation is to succeed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a national address Thursday, PM Browne said the alternative to re-igniting the economy is economic collapse, high unemployment, overwhelming poverty, and no financial means to sustain one-self.

"We cannot pretend that our nation's economy and our family prospects have not been severely hurt from the disruption of tourism and the lock down of our country caused by the threat of COVID.

"My Government is deeply conscious of the effects that private sector lay-offs have brought to families. We know that, in many cases, it is only the earnings of a government employee in the family that has kept food on the table,"

he remarked.

Browne made it clear that this is why, despite the precipitous reduction in revenues, his government has employed every tool that it could use, to continue to pay public servants.

The prime minister, a man known for taking bold initiatives, said there's need to put money in the pockets of the people, to get employment going, to bring bustle back to business and make the economy flourish again. To this end he has announced several measures to achieve this goal.

"Our Government has commenced recapitalising the Antigua and Barbuda Development Bank and expanding the Entrepreneurial Development Fund to support our small and medium size businesses with concessional loan funding.

"Our Government will also extend up to \$50M in guarantees to the commercial banks, to support lending to busi-

nesses so as to maintain jobs in the private sector, during this challenging period," Browne disclosed.

The prime minister, who also holds the finance minister portfolio, also announced several social safety nets measures to cushion the impact of the economic fallout on the most vulnerable in the society.

"Additionally, cash support will be provided to the vulnerable through the Board of Guardian, Petro Caribe, cash and food grant programmes operated by the Ministry of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development and the Blue Economy," he emphasised

He dismissed any notion that the government may resort to imposing taxes at this time. "We cannot contemplate firing public servants and burdening our people, by imposing high rates of tax in conditions where life is already hard," he declared.

Browne rallied the nation by urging nationals and residents that while they cannot dismiss the destructive power of COVID-19, they ought not to slink away from it, allowing the ravaging of their livelihoods and wellbeing to go unchecked.

"We will certainly press on with the advancement of the country's economy," he declared.

### TENDER NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
Contract for Project Manager  
Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board Headquarters  
Reconstruction Project

The Tenders Board of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB), invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the contract as Project Manager to the Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board Headquarters, Reconstruction Project.

The scope of work and primary responsibilities for the referenced project may be obtained by making a request to the Tenders Board Office, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Governance, Government Office Complex, Parliament Drive, St. John's, Antigua at [tenders.board@ab.gov.ag](mailto:tenders.board@ab.gov.ag) or (268) 562-5825/26.

Two (2) original copies of the Expression of Interest must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday 24 June 2020 in sealed envelopes marked: "Expression of Interest - Contract as Project Manager - Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board Headquarters, Reconstruction Project", and addressed to: Chairman, Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Governance, Government Office Complex, Parliament Drive, St. John's, Antigua.

#### Vacancy

Our client is seeking suitable applicants for the role:

##### Manager - General Insurance

The General Insurance Manager will be responsible for the management and supervision of the general department's operations. Responsibilities include managing adjusters, investigators, and appraisers as well as ensuring claims are processed in a timely manner and resolving issues that arise during processing. In addition, the manager will ensure the growth of the department in line with the company's mission and vision.

##### Skills:

- Leadership and management skills
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Decision making skills
- Organizational skills
- Analytical skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite

##### Qualifications:

##### Education

- BSc. in Management, or related field.
- ACII certification (or in pursuit of similar qualification, e.g. CII certification) or equivalent
- Five (5) years' experience in Underwriting and Claims Management
- Proficiency in Policy and Contract wording
- Risk Management

##### Experience and Additional Competencies

- Five (5) years' experience in Financial Services
- Knowledge in reinsurance negotiations and reinsurance contracts
- Experience in the interpretation of financial statements

All interested persons should send a copy of their application to include a CV and Cover Letter to [nibbsandassociates268@gmail.com](mailto:nibbsandassociates268@gmail.com).

Deadline: June 15th, 2020



## AUA moving some classes online

The American University of Antigua (AUA) will conduct several of its courses using the virtual classroom.

According to the post-Cabinet notes prepared and distributed by Ambassador Lionel Max Hurst this has become necessary because many students are unable to travel back to St John's at this time.

"The impact on the Antigua and Barbuda economy will be palpable, since AUA contributes approximately 5% of Gross Domestic Product annu-

ally," the Cabinet Notes stated.

Reports reaching PointeXpress indicate that since the announcement many of the students have been calling government sources seeking clarifications on possible re-entry into Antigua and Barbuda.

Hurst said there have been discussions with the management of the school and government agencies to determine how the students will be treated when they arrive back on island.

He explained they will not be sent to the government bio-secure facilities. Instead, the arrangement is for the students to go to their normal housing where they will undergo their quarantine protocols under the care and supervision of the medical school personnel.

There's no word from AUA regarding reopening following the mandatory closure of all educational institutions in March to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

## Dr. James Knight joins Tourism Ministry

The tourism ministry has secured the services of a noted public health official to consult on public health matters now that the country's borders have reopened.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. James Knight, has been seconded to the ministry to perform that role.

According to Tourism Minister, Charles Fernandez, "in preparing for the restart of our industry we have had to rethink and re-imagine the design and delivery



*Dr. James Knight.*

of services across the board, for every sector in the industry.

"One of the first actions we took was to second a resident doctor, to the min-

istry of tourism, to act as our health advisor and consultant."

The minister continued by stating, "Dr. Knight's counsel proved to be invaluable in guiding us through the options and measures under consideration."

Dr. Knight is said to be an experienced and dedicated physician in Public Health Service. He has served in various health-related capacities in both Antigua as well as in Barbuda, one is

coordinating the efforts of Antigua and Barbuda to fulfill the requirements of the International Health Regulations.

According to Dr. Knight, "CARPHA initiated a Health in Tourism endeavor a few years ago. I have attended related workshops representing the Ministry of Health, but the project stalled generally. In Antigua, we are now a first in having a doctor attached to the Ministry of Tourism."



## European-based diplomats donate to healthcare workers

Antigua and Barbuda diplomats based in several European capitals, have combined their resources to make what has been termed ‘a timely’ donation to healthcare workers in Antigua and Barbuda.

High Commissioner in London, Karen-Mae Hill, said donation was made possible by the European Caucus of Antigua and Barbuda Ambassadors and Honorary Consuls.

“The Caucus was formed in May 2020 to explore ways the diplomats in Europe can leverage their collective positions and networks to support the priorities of the Government to boost investment and trade, support the work of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority in promoting the destination across Europe and contribute to the social fabric of Antigua and Barbuda,” Hill noted.

The Caucus meets once a month and is comprised of: -

High Commissioner Karen-Mae Hill in the United Kingdom –

Ambassador Dario Item in Spain –

Ambassador Jihad Georges Aoun in Greece –

Honorary Consul Wolfgang Altmueller in Bavaria, Germany –

Honorary Consul Professor Dr Ivan Todorov in Bulgaria –

Honorary Consul Julien Hansen in Moscow, Russia.

The donation to the Mount St. John’s Medical Centre is given to show the Caucus’ appreciation to the nurses, doctors and Emergency Medical Services personnel who continue to give selfless service to protect us all.

The donation consists of a laptop for use by the Infection Control Nurse to input data as well as hand sanitizers, antibacterial soaps, vitamin C, multi-



vitamin syrup, deodorants and energy bars.

A total of 500 parcels will be delivered, sufficient to cover the total number of nurses and doctors who work at the Hospital.

All items were sourced from local suppliers Frank B. Armstrong Distributors and the Antigua Distillery Ltd. to ensure support for local businesses.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, who formally handed over the items to the medical personnel, said his diplomats will continue to find ways to support the work of the frontline staff in Antigua and Barbuda.

“Our country is going through a tough time, I don’t think there’s anyone alive who has seen a tougher time as this, so it tells me, that this is truly a historic moment.

“It behooves us to adopt the adage ‘in this together’ as we work our way out of this dreadful, fearful situation,” he emphasized.

On the issue of the borders reopening, Greene once again repeated the call on nationals and residents to continue to exercise a level of vigilance, calm, patience, respect and understanding as the nation faces the challenges ahead.

Accepting on behalf of the Ministry of health was the Director of Nursing at MSJMC, Jacqueline Jno Baptiste.

She said the medical staff at the institutions have been working tirelessly around the clock to keep the nation safe, and they do so with commitment and dedication.

She added that the donation is a much-appreciated gesture to the ministry.

Meanwhile, the UK High Commissioner said the Caucus continues to work in partnership with the Halo Foundation for the Needy to support the Sunshine Home for Girls, the Ex-Servicemen’s Association, the St. Vincent de Paul and the Grace Programme under the “YOU CAN HELP INITIATIVE”.

# Nationals return from the UK

Antigua and Barbuda nationals were apart of a major movement of United Kingdom and Caribbean citizens stranded on both sides of the Atlantic due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A UK government release said nearly 600 British visitors returned home to the UK from several islands across the Caribbean, including Antigua and Barbuda, on the latest series of repatriation flights organised by the British Government.

According to the release the two flights departed from the Grantley Adams International Airport in Barbados for London Heathrow, on 3 and 4 June. In the most complex repatriation effort undertaken by the British Government to date.

"Sweeper flights facilitated by LIAT Airlines brought British travellers from Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, and Trinidad and Tobago to Barbados – to join the main British Airways transatlantic flights. On the 3 June leg of the opera-

tion, a short stop was also made in Punta Cana after the plane departed Barbados, enabling British travellers in the Dominican Republic to board the flight home," the UK government release reported.

Antigua and Barbuda nationals stranded in the UK were able to return home and approximately twenty-five British nationals who were in Antigua during the closure of the country's borders were able to return to the UK.

UK Minister for the Caribbean and the Overseas Territories, Baroness Sugg said: "We recognise that many British travellers in the Caribbean are still trying to get home. That's why we have organised our most complex series of charter flights yet to bring up to 600 people back. Our teams will keep doing everything they can to get as many as possible home to the UK and will be providing those not returning with the support they need."

Janet Douglas CMG, British High Commissioner to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean said: "I recognise this is a challenging time, and I'm pleased that

these flights will reunite British visitors in the Caribbean with their families in the UK. I'm grateful for the support of the Government of Barbados, and the Governments of the Eastern Caribbean, throughout this operation. For those who are unable to travel, our teams in Barbados and across the region will remain on-hand to provide the support that is needed."

Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda, Lindsay Thompson, said: "I'd like to express my sincere thanks to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, and to all staff at VC Bird International Airport, for their co-operation and support whilst the UK Government was organising these flights. Their efforts ensured our customers received a warm farewell from Antigua and Barbuda".

The release added that priority was given to British travellers who were vulnerable. This includes those who are elderly and others who have medical requirements, those travelling with young children, and those located in more remote or at-risk areas across the region.

## NOTICE

TO: HER WORSHIP  
The Licensing Magistrate  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
St. John's  
Antigua


TO: HER WORSHIP  
Magistrate for District "A"  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
St. John's  
Antigua

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
Police Headquarters  
American Road  
St. John's  
Antigua

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS EVER BLESS VARIETIES

I, **Kayla Amanda Simon**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises known as "Ever Bless Varieties" situated Gray's Farm in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

  
Kayla Amanda Simon  
268-775-4825

## NOTICE

TO: HER WORSHIP  
The Licensing Magistrate  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
St. John's  
Antigua

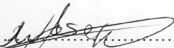
TO: HER WORSHIP  
Magistrate for District "A"  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
St. John's  
Antigua

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
Police Headquarters  
American Road  
St. John's  
Antigua

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS FOUR PATHS ENTERPRISE

I, **LYNDON WESLEY JOSEPH**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises known as "Four Paths Enterprise" situated Bendals Road, in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

  
Lyndon Wesley Joseph  
268-788-2402





# ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The University of the West Indies (UWI) is a dynamic, international institution serving the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean. Its faculties and institutes offer a wide range of undergraduate, masters and doctoral programmes in Humanities and Education, Science and Technology, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences, Sport and the Social Sciences. The institution represents the oldest of its kind within the region and has been responsible for producing outstanding leaders who have made remarkable contributions to regional development. In 2019, the UWI placed 32nd among the 150 best ranked universities across Latin America and the Caribbean, according to the Times Higher Education (THE) Latin America University Rankings. After 71 years The UWI remains the number 1 ranked university, out of more than 200 registered universities in the Caribbean. The UWI is currently within the top 3% of universities in Latin America and the Caribbean from a complement of over 2,000 registered universities.

The Five Islands Campus is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for two (2) posts of **Administrative Assistant, Student Administration Services**. The **Administrative Assistant** will be required to provide general administrative support specific to Student Administrative processes.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A Bachelor's Degree in Business, Management, Education, Information Technology or related disciplines.
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience with the Ellucian Banner Student Management system specific to Admissions, Registration and Assessment processes.

### KEY COMPETENCIES/SKILLS

- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and computer skills, specifically Excel and Word.
- Excellent communication skills; both oral and written.
- Excellent time management, planning and organisational skills.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

Applicants are required to submit a completed employment application form, curriculum vitae giving particulars of qualifications, experience, the names and addresses of at least three (3) references (one of whom should be from your current organization) and copies of academic qualifications. These are to be sent by electronic mail to [hr.fiveislands@uwi.edu](mailto:hr.fiveislands@uwi.edu) addressed to the **Director of Administration and Finance, The University of the West Indies, Five Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies**. Full CV and application forms, which must be completed and can be obtained at <http://www.uwi.edu/jobs>, must be submitted. The final date for receipt of applications is June 29, 2020. In order to expedite the appointment procedures, applicants are advised to ask their referees to send reports under confidential cover to the above address without waiting to be contacted.

# COVID-19: A catalyst for entrepreneurship Series:

## Petals of Lee, the luxury personal hygiene during COVID-19

By Angelica O'Donoghue

All around the world, the soap industry flourished since personal hygiene through handwashing was a key component of mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

However, this week's small business feature proved that even in a saturated market, finding that particular niche pays big time, especially during a pandemic.

Petals and Lee is a locally produced all-natural soap and body scrub business by the young and vibrant, Leandre' Richards. The business, though originally started in 2018, flourished during the height of the pandemic. Petals by Lee create all their products with natural ingredients and are used for both your lips, face, body, and feet. The natural soap bars are

said to also be edible with an amazing fragrance.

According to a Washingtonian magazine article in April, "It's an awesome time to be in the hand-washing business," Petals by Lee simply shares the sentiment.

The young businesswoman stated that after spending some time on social media, searching for ways to make money while being creative, she found several 'do it yourself' (DIY) tutorials on scrubs. "I figured I should make some scrubs locally since I noticed a lot of makeup artist purchasing make-ups," Leandre' said.

The use of soaps and scrubs in the makeup industry is vital as it helps to remove the products from the skin.

The entrepreneur shared that it took her some time to get the precise product for the



Leandre' Richards

local market while keeping the business floating especially through record keeping. Leandre indicated that although her business is small, she required some financial assistance as the purchase of the containers was the main significant cost. Nonetheless, she noted that she was able to maintain the business after settling that first stage.

Though several businesses are offering similar products as Leandre's, packaging, marketing, and product qual-

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

CLAIM NO: ANUHCv2018/0134

In the matter of an Application for Access to the Property Particularly described as:  
Registration Section: *South West*, Block Number: 55 1186A, Parcel Number: 406 Pursuant

To Part 55.2(2) of the Civil Procedure Rules

and

Application for Order of Sale Pursuant To Part 55.1 of the Civil Procedure Rules

BETWEEN:

JOAN FRANCIS

Applicant/Claimant

and

ANTHONY VELARDI

Respondent/Defendant



BEFORE: The Honourable Mr. Justice Damian Kelsick, High Court Judge  
(in Chambers by Video Conference)

DATED: The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020

ENTERED: The 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Peyton J. V. Knight, Counsel for the Applicant/Claimant

Defendant Absent

ORDER

UPON THE APPLICATION of the Applicant/Claimant dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020;

AND UPON READING the said Application and Affidavit in Support of Oneeka Adams sworn to and filed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020;

AND UPON NOTING the Order made herein on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and UPON READING the Affidavit of Service dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and filed pursuant to the COVID-19 Emergency Measures Practice Direction;

AND UPON HEARING Peyton J. V. Knight, counsel for the Applicant/Claimant;

IT IS ORDERED THAT: -

1. The right title and interest of the above named Respondents/Defendants and Judgment Debtors in and to the land registered as -  

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
SOUTH WEST	55 1186A	406

  
("the Property") be sold by public auction and the proceeds applied in the manner hereinafter set out.
2. Mr. Vier Dublin is hereby authorized to enter the Property to conduct a valuation.
3. The reserve price of the Property shall be the forced sale values as indicated in the valuation report of Mr. Dublin.
4. The sale be advertised not less than once per week for three consecutive weeks in one daily newspaper circulating in the island, the last such advertisement to be placed on the actual day of the sale.
5. That in the event that no sale is achieved at the first or any subsequent auction, the auctioneer is hereby authorized to adjourn the said sale to fortnightly intervals at a reserve price reduced by 10% in each event of an unsuccessful attempt at auction without need for the Claimant to make further application to the Court, with each adjourned sale to be advertised in two further issues of a

local newspaper circulating in the island, the last such advertisement to be placed on the actual day of each sale.

6. The proceeds of the sale be deposited with the Applicant's/Claimant's Solicitors and that the same be applied as follows: -

- a. To the payment of any taxes and rates then attaching to the land;
- b. To the payment in full satisfaction of the judgment herein, interest, costs and expenses incurred in and about this auction; and
- c. The remainder of monies, if any, to be paid to the Respondent/Defendant.

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

CLAIM NO: ANUHCv2018/0134

In the matter of an Application for Access to the Property Particularly described as:  
Registration Section: *South West*, Block Number: 55 1186A, Parcel Number: 406 Pursuant

To Part 55.2(2) of the Civil Procedure Rules

and

Application for Order of Sale Pursuant To Part 55.1 of the Civil Procedure Rules

BETWEEN:

JOAN FRANCIS

Applicant/Claimant

and

ANTHONY VELARDI

Respondent/Defendant

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ORDER  
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PEYTON J. V. KNIGHT & ASSOCIATES  
SOLICITORS

# Open Letter to the Chief Health Inspector

Dear Miss Martin,

Following a recent telephone conversation, which left me with a sour taste in my mouth, I penned this letter with much disappointment and frustration. I

n this moment when the country is depending on you, the Chief Health Inspector, you have let us down. (ie the Christian Community)

We waited with great anticipation for the day when we could return to our respective sanctuaries for corporate worship, only to find out via newspaper article printed on Monday in the PointeExpress that YOU and solely YOU decided to take on the inspection of the

churches, and up until then have only inspected all fifteen Moravian churches, leaving all other churches hanging.

Are you Moravian?

Are they paying you to inspect them first?

Is Moravian the only church in Antigua? Are Moravian churches isolated or quarantined?

Why single out only Moravian churches when in various communities around the island there are other churches (neighboring churches) that you have purposely bypassed?

It is that you single out Moravian Churches for publicity reasons? Are you pleasing certain inner circle of

friends?

Miss Martin, following your action closely, I cannot help but think that you have failed in your role as Chief Health inspector.

I have lost all faith in you. You failed to correct misleading articles about your department, I have read online what persons have said about you and your department, the way you responded and how you responded if and when you do so give credence to the charge.

Hopefully the other churches will be just as happy as the Moravians come Saturday and Sunday.

Very disappointed follower

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ity are said to be tipping the scale in her favor, despite the pandemic.

The pandemic according to the entrepreneur, affected her business both positively and negatively. "Normally I would do deliveries in and around the city but now I can only allow customers to come to me at my house to do pick-ups. It is a long journey but the products end up being worth it," Leandre' explained. She went on to illustrate that some costum-

ers would complain about the distance, however, because of the quality of her products, they would still travel to purchase and return for more.

Testimonials about her product, the business owner disclosed, are marketing the product tremendously, and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, her soap and body scrub business has tripled its production.

Word about the products has been spreading like wildfire," she said while laughing. "It (business) has tripled and

I'm happy with it. COVID has helped in a way of getting new customers. I thought because of the virus being out that I would have to close down my business but there was a light at the end of the tunnel it was slow but it has sped up in a matter of days," Richards said enthusiastically.

The young businesswoman says she intends to expand her business in the future. Sharing her plans, Leandre's noted that she sees herself and her team growing the business. "We have a lot in store for our second anniversary in November and in the years to come. Every year it's a rebranding and new look and improvement for something new and better!"

During her interview with the entrepreneurship series,



Leandre' offered her advice to potential entrepreneurs. "Do a lot of research. Test all your products and don't rush to start a business. Take baby steps, keep records of everything you do and don't give up because you think you won't make money."

Leandre' also reminds young business owners that "communication is the key focus on making sure your business flourishes and to find your market you aim to get attention from."







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# Democracy on trial

*(The writer is Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the Organisation of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and at Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own).*

Adherence to democracy, including free and fair elections, has been on trial in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) region over the past three months in Guyana and Suriname.

So far, Suriname is the only one that has come out of the trial with credibility and with regional and international respect. Its elections, held on May 25, were transparent and peaceful and its results, formally declared on June 4, have been accepted by all the 17 contesting parties and their supporters.

Suriname will now proceed to install a coalition government of four parties that have been in opposition and should easily be able to secure the election of a new President by 34 of 51 votes in the National Assembly. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, the leader of the Progressive Reform Party, which secured the largest single block of votes, is expected to be the new President.

If there was any sitting President of a country who should have had every rea-

son to rig an election, that President was Desi Bouterse who, in 2019, was convicted and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment with an appeal still pending. In addition, he is also wanted in The Netherlands after being convicted in 1999, in his absence, for trafficking in cocaine. He knew that once he ceased to be President, the law enforcement agencies would pursue him.

Yet, neither Bouterse nor his National Democratic Party attempted to gerrymander the general elections process which was declared to be free of fraud by Observer missions from the Organization of American States (OAS) and CARICOM.

The absence of any attempt at fraud, even with the stakes so high, speaks exceedingly well of the Suriname electoral system and the commitment of its managers to democracy, including resisting political interference.

In stark contrast, in Guyana, the false tabulation of the votes of the March 4 elections, and the manoeuvrings that followed, have shown little regard for democracy or for a fair election. Officers of the Guyana Electoral Commission (GECOM) have been proven, in a recount of all the votes that started on May 6, to have manipulated poll results to increase ballots for the APNU-AFC party of President



**By Sir Ronald Sanders**

Granger significantly, and to reduce votes for Jagdeo's Peoples Progressive Party drastically.

This recount, scrutinized by agents of CARICOM and observed by representatives of the OAS and local groups, is nearing its elongated and painful process that has taken four weeks so far.

However, as the end of the recount nears, the trial of democracy is heightening. As the recounted votes show that APNU-AFC has clearly lost the elections, its officials are reported to be demanding that the entire general election should be voided. The basis for this alarming demand is an unsubstantiated allegation that dead or absent persons voted in the election. Curiously, this ominous statement has

come after the APNU-AFC leadership had earlier declared – along with all the observer missions – that the voting, at which every party had agents present, was free and fair.

The question now arises about what will happen when, by June 16, GECOM announces the result of the recounted votes of the elections. The entire regional and international community has called for the result of the recount to be accepted by all parties and that it be the basis for installing a government that reflects the votes cast by the majority of the electorate. In this way, Guyana, like Suriname, will transition into a new government peacefully and lawfully, accepted at home and abroad. Guyana can then

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look forward to holding a respected place in the international community where it can pursue the interests of the Guyanese people with credibility and strength.

If, however, there is disregard for the recounted votes and an accompanying attempt to ignore democracy and the rule of law, the international community will come down hard on an illegitimate government, and the fortunes of the Guyanese people will once again be thwarted.

The three main organisations in which Guyana advances its interests are CARICOM, the Commonwealth and the Organization of American States. Each of them demands, in their charters and other declara-

tions, the requirement for their member states to adhere to democracy and the rule of law. Guyana is also a signatory to an Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union under which it is committed to human rights and democracy. The installation of an unlawful government would trigger actions against Guyana in which the people would suffer for the actions of a few.

Powerful countries of the world will also target them and their families with sanctions for their violations of human, civil and political rights.

While Suriname will proceed to reap the reward of its democracy and its transparent elections by the embrace

of the international community in the production and sale of its now considerable oil and gas resources, Guyana could see its own prospects dim for any similar riches. Even if any other CARICOM government wished to ignore disregard for democracy and the rule of law in Guyana, CARICOM, as an organisation, could not do so now. The CARICOM Secretariat has played an outstanding role in observing these elections and pronouncing on them; CARICOM is bound to those pronouncements.

Further, CARICOM Heads of Government played a rightful role in ensuring that "every vote be counted, and every vote must count" in the general elections. The

international community stepped back from its frontal role to give CARICOM the chance to deliver on a credible recount of the votes. Therefore, CARICOM's own credibility is now tied to maintaining democracy and the rule of law in Guyana, and to acting if those principles are crushed.

Guyana's leaders of every political party, every race, and every religion now bear a great responsibility to their country and their people. They should seize this opportunity to show that Guyana is a democracy, and, within that democracy, they can fashion representative governance for all.

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## The Honourable Gaston A. Browne Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Statement to the Nation

*“We will not live our lives hiding from the enemy”*

*Fellow Citizens and Residents*

As you are aware, we reopened our airport last Monday to regional and international air traffic.

An American Airlines flight, piloted by a national of Antigua and Barbuda, will be the first international flight to arrive today at the V.C. Bird International Airport.

The passengers on that flight will be, for the most part, Antiguan and Barbudans returning home from the United States which is now plagued with two grave crises – both of which excessively affect black people.

COVID-19 has caused more than 105,000 deaths in the United States of which a disproportionately high number has been black.

And right now, there is considerable unease and anxiety amongst the black population, in the wake of unrelenting institutional discrimination and unceasing racist brutality.

It is entirely understandable that, given those two distressing circumstances, our nationals want to return to the comfort of their homeland.

All of us understand the importance of giving protection to our own.

So, while we will take every



*Prime Minister Gaston A. Browne*

precaution to control the transmission of COVID-19 to the domestic population, we will not deny our own nationals who are abroad, the solace in returning to the common home we share.

There will also be visitors on that aircraft.

They will be among the first tourists to our country, since COVID-19 caused the necessary closure of our airport and seaport to human traffic, triggered the shuttering of our hotels, and instigated the worst damage to our economy in many decades.

No one in our nation has

escaped the ravages that COVID-19 has visited upon our economy.

In one way or the other, it has touched us all.

Some have felt that unwellcome touch more than others.

In their cases, they have not only experienced job losses, they have also suffered the misery of losing a loved one prematurely.

As a nation, our heartfelt sympathy pours out to those families, even as we thank God Almighty for guiding and protecting us, in ways that controlled the disease and curtailed its awful and fatal reach.

It was not easy to do battle with that enemy.

COVID is as invisible, as it is vicious.

We did not seek this COVID battle, but we did not shirk from the fight.

Safeguarding our people's lives was – and remains – our principal objective.

Until there is a vaccine against COVID-19, our nation – like every other nation in the world – is engaged in a war in which there will be other battles.

What we must not do is live in fear, paralyzed in terror, and rendered helpless in the face of this enemy.

That cannot be the course we take.

For, if we do so, we will surrender ourselves to further ravages to our lives and to our livelihoods.

We cannot live our lives hiding from COVID, but we must never become complacent in fighting this enemy.

We must recognise that it is a formidable foe, but that if we all act responsibly with strict adherence to the health protocols, we can halt it in its tracks and free ourselves from the trepidation that it instils.

As a people, we have already shown ourselves capable of containing COVID.



# Message to the Nation

Our health care practitioners have identified persons infected with COVID-19 and have isolated and treated them successfully.

They have traced the persons with whom the infected persons were in contact, and have tested, quarantined and isolated them as appropriate.

Yes, we have successfully controlled the spread of COVID, however, we must guard against complacency that could fuel a second wave that may prove more challenging and damaging.

We kept the number of confirmed cases to 26, and deaths to 3.

And, you have all played your part by adhering to the health protocols.

You have utilised masks to protect yourself and others; you are practicing good hygiene etiquette to kill the virus should you become in contact with it; and you have practiced social distancing to limit the transmission of the virus.

These are the practices in this war that we must continue to unfailingly employ if we are to win against this enemy, and not surrender to its capacity for decimation.

And, we should recall that this is a war in which every nation, every man, woman and child on this planet is involved.

We are not alone.

The circle of life now encompasses the global community with an obligation for every one of us, to stand-up and resist this virus, if we are to win.

Already, in Antigua and Barbuda, we are better prepared for managing infectious diseases than we have ever been.

Our medical facilities are equipped with the necessary equipment including additional ventilators, increased hospital beds, isolation units and most importantly, medical personnel now experienced in treating the disease.

We have also established protocols and facilities at our hotels and resorts to transform them into bio-secured properties, to provide our tourists with a high level of comfort and security, knowing that we have the capacity to protect them better and treat any illnesses more effectively.

My brothers and sisters

Vital to our winning is, rebuilding our economy as quickly as possible.

And crucial to this rebuilding, is opening our borders to tourism which has developed our country, and which can contribute to sustaining us again, while we adopt new ways of diversifying our economy.

Unless we open our borders and restore our economy, we face another powerful enemy – economic collapse, high unemployment, overwhelming poverty, and no financial means to sustain ourselves.

This is a time to face the inescapable truth - frankly and boldly - that we cannot take the unviable, risk-averse decision, to keep our country's borders closed.

We cannot pretend that our nation's economy and our family prospects have not been severely hurt from the disruption of tourism and the lock down of our country caused by the threat of COVID.

My Government is deeply conscious of the effects that

private sector lay-offs have brought to families.

We know that, in many cases, it is only the earnings of a government employee in the family that has kept food on the table.

That is why, despite the precipitous reduction in revenues, my Government has employed every tool that we could use, to continue to pay public servants.

The welfare of all our people - regardless of political affiliation, or any other affiliation - is uppermost in our minds.

But, unless the economy is reopened and every possible thing is done to rebuild it; the challenges we now confront will not be overcome any time soon.

That is why we must not hesitate to act and to act now.

That is why we need to put money in the pockets of our people, to get employment going, to bring bustle back to business and make the economy flourish again.

My administration will not further undermine our country's resilience and pawn our people's fortunes by contracting large unsustainable debts, as the previous government did. We will not do it.

It will be recalled that, under the previous administration, over two Billion dollars in loans were borrowed, which not only pushed-up our debt to GDP ratio to 101%, as recorded by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, but today remain like an albatross around our necks, with little sustaining benefit.

Because of these excessive borrowings which brought only temporary cash flow re-

lief, forty cents of every dollar collected in taxes are assigned to repay these debts.

The remaining 60 percent is used to cover salaries, wages and other personal emoluments.

My government has kept our extremely vulnerable economy afloat and buoyant through increased tourism and investment revenues. That was our only choice.

Now that these revenues have been curtailed, the underlying vulnerabilities of our country have asserted themselves.

My government has been systematically addressing these vulnerabilities, by reducing our debt to GDP ratio from the 101% we inherited to 69 percent as at January 2020, and by promoting sustained and robust economic growth, which, unfortunately, has been abruptly paused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The mismanagement of the previous administration, as you will recall, resulted in high unemployment and poverty; their imposition of personal income tax, ABST and other tax measures; the crippling of small and medium sized businesses; and the collapse of the economy.

Our Government cannot countenance a similar scenario of increased taxes, high unemployment, and poverty.

That is why we are moving assiduously to reopen and rebuild our economy to put our people back to work as soon as possible.

To this end, our Government has commenced recapitalising the Antigua & Barbuda Development Bank and expanding

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the Entrepreneurial Development Fund to support our small and medium size businesses with concessional loan funding. Our Government will also extend up to \$50M in guarantees to the commercial banks, to support lending to businesses so as to maintain jobs in the private sector, during this challenging period.

Additionally, cash support will be provided to the vulnerable through the Board of Guardian, Petro Caribe, cash and food grant programmes operated by the Ministry of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development and the Blue Economy.

We cannot contemplate firing public servants and burdening our people, by imposing high rates of tax in conditions where life is already hard.

We will borrow on reasonable terms where we can for productive purposes but, first we must rebuild the elements of our economy that will al-

low us to earn revenues from which we can repay the debt incurred.

## Brothers and Sisters

Let me assert my own fundamental belief, that we as a nation, will not perish; ultimately, we will rise like a phoenix from the ashes, and we shall flourish.

We will not dismiss the destructive power of COVID-19, but we will not slink away from it, allowing the ravaging of our livelihoods and well-being to go unchecked. We will certainly press with the advancement of the country's economy. We will meet this enemy as we have met others before. We shall courageously, intelligently and responsibly, live and work with COVID, limiting its infection and containing it. After every hurricane in this country's history, we have woken up to their destruction, and, undaunted, we have resiliently picked-up the pieces and rebuilt painstaking-

ly and purposefully.

In 2017, Barbuda was decimated by Hurricane Irma, resulting in a 15% reduction in GDP. The following year, without significant external assistance, we posted a growth rate of 7.4 percent, the tenth highest in the world according to IMF statistics. That's the nature of the resilience of our people. Despite the challenges my administration faced from the inheritance of a decimated economy, a high debt overhang, failed banks and the subsequent destruction from Hurricane Irma; we led the way to spectacular recovery through ingenuity fuelled by entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation. We did so before and as a resilient and talented people, we shall do so again.

We will do so because this is our land, our home which holds our ancestral past and our children's future.

We have never shirked from any challenge, or failed to pre-

serve our heritage, nor have we shied-away from building our own legacy. We will not do so now. Action is required, and action we shall take.

We will restore the prosperity of the Antiguan and Barbudan people, as one nation, one people with a common destiny.

Our first task is to put people back to work.

We can do it; and we shall do it, by addressing the challenges prudently and fearlessly.

The Economic Recovery Committee that I chair, consisting of representatives of every sector of our society, has created many ideas and innovations, not only to bring relief but also to recover and transform our economy.

In the coming weeks and months, we will implement these strategic plans.

In the past, when disasters have befallen us, we chose not to fear but to strive, not to rent ourselves asunder, but to march in lock step with a single national purpose.

It is that spirit, we must summon now: a resilient spirit of solidarity, shared burden and sacrifice, for the advancement of our country and its people.

So, let us regard the landing of the American Airlines flight today as the beginning of our national rebirth and as a symbol of our economic re-ignition. Let us proceed together as patriots, in optimistic solidarity to meet the challenges and overcome them. We can do it and we shall do it.

May Almighty God continue to bless us all.

Thank you.

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**Drive Safely**

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 A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board



## Marcus, Martin, and Minneapolis.

*Regional Headquarters, Jamaica, June 1, 2020. The following statement is issued by Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor of The UWI, President of Universities Caribbean, and Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission.*

Martin Luther King Jr, when he felt he could not breathe came to Jamaica. When the threats to his life were constant and closing in around his neck, he took this measure to maintain his life. His visits to Jamaica's north coast filled his lungs with the 'freer' air of our space. He returned to the mainland more battle ready for the struggle to achieve the God-given right to the dignity of black life.

Island and mainland have always been a common survival space. Borders cannot contain consciousness nor isolate the intellect. Martin was retracing the footsteps of Marcus, his mentor, the incomparable Moses Garvey who also travelled from this north coast—his ancestral home—to Harlem, there to dedicate his life to the struggle for the dignity of black life.

Garvey's Jamaican voice was heard in every American community where the dignity of black life was denied. He would have flown to the side of George Floyd, and embraced his forlorn family while preparing to prosecute those who demeaned his dignity and denied his 'livity'.

Marley, the Buffalo Soldier from this said north coast, was idolised by every African

American who was empowered by 'old Marcus Garvey' to get up and stand up and defend their right to life with dignity.

Malcolm, socialised as an X West Indian, took up the struggle of the islands on the mainland, connecting the legacies of Marcus and Martin to the West Indian commitment to rightness, fairness, and dignity in plantation America.

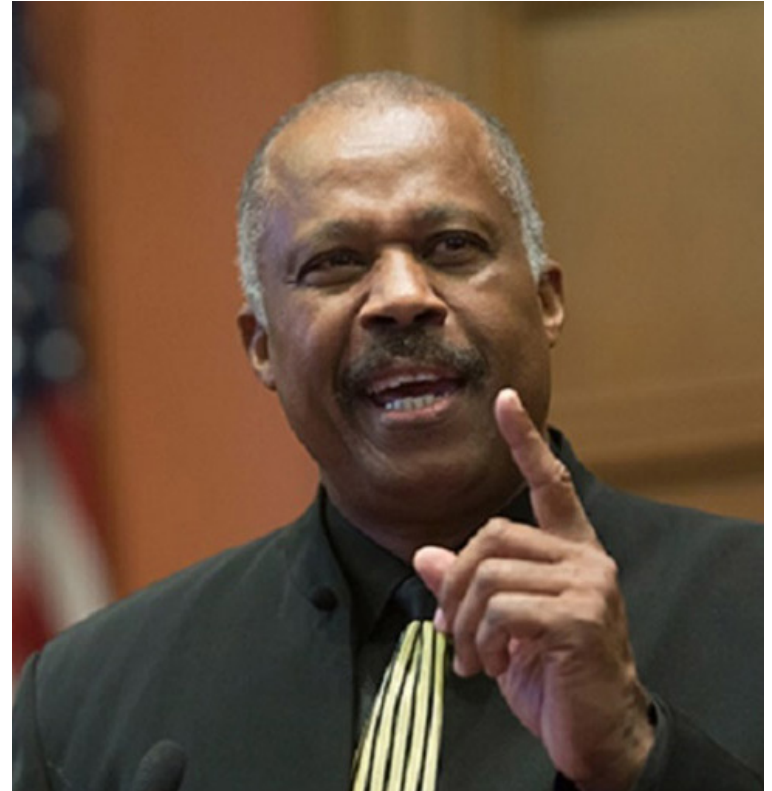
Where there were plantation overseers there are now police officers. Through them, black life remains prime for deletion as if on the plantation.

This Minneapolis fight was Marcus Garvey's fight; it was Martin's fight; it was Malcolm's fight; it was Marley's fight. It's a Caribbean fight and it's a global fight.

West Indians have been in it all along. Professor Orlando Patterson, Harvard don, but bred and adorned at the Mona Campus of The UWI, told his MSNBC interviewer that what we have seen is a special breed of evil from the depth of hell. We must exorcise it, he said, and return it from whence it came.

Patterson spoke as a Caribbean scholar in America, the finest sociologist they have, on loan from us to them. His classic work, *The Sociology of Slavery*, shows us how history can haunt communities; how privileges from the past become the pain of the present.

From that horrible history when Europeans stole 15 million of our ancestors from Africa and scattered them across plantation America—



**By Professor Sir Hilary Beckles**

the Caribbean getting the lion's share—shattering family bonds, the future was cast in the concrete again, in which the face of George was crushed.

From that moment, when the British government in 1636, took the first step to legally classify all blacks in their colonies as non-human, chattel, property, and real estate and proceeded with their European partners to build and manage with it a global business model for 400 years, the greatest 'financial juggernaut' of world history, humanity was poisoned with the toxic pandemic of race hatred.

And from that date in 1783, when Chief Justice Mansfield of England, in the *Zong Trial*, boldly proclaimed that the blacks in the case before him

are no different from so many horses, sheep, and goats, the poison had permeated every community in the western world.

It is this culture of centuries upon which the American nation is built that continues to choke the air from black lungs. The Americans won their national independence from Britain, and proceeded to retain slavery as the development model of the nation; the same model in which the western world defined and treated black people as animals. It is the legacy of this model, embedded in a national security institution that took the life of "Big Floyd".

It is this licence to treat animal life as dispensable that led the pack of hunters to pin a cit-

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# Commentary

izen to the concrete, using the knee like a blunt knife to the throat for nine minutes, while posing and posturing like a fisherman in triumph over his catch of the day for all to see!

It is this cultural triumphalism of killing black prey that has caught afire the heart of a hitherto race hardened world made to participate virtually in an actual live extinction of life; typified by a dying man calling out for his deceased mother who at the moment answered her son because she knew it was time to call him home.

The UWI, too, has heard the call of George. We wish to invoke the memory of Marcus and Martin to bring to the islands young African Americans, here to breathe before returning to the mainland fight for dignity. We owe it to Martin, to Marcus, to Malcolm, and to Marley; and to all the ruptured minds of Minneapolis.

This is our cause. Every university that stands for freedom, justice, and the celebration of human dignity must stand up like a gorilla for justice for George. Minneapolis is just another place where our eyes have detected evil, beyond hate, that has erupted from the depth of hell.

Not only the souls of black

folks have been scarred forever by this latest event in the genocidal war against young black men; the soul of the world is awakened.

This week, every person on the planet who carries a spirit of love for humanity has become a protesting priest. We need our prophets now more than ever. The 'old pirate has robbed I' once again. And yet we shall rise!

## About Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, 8th Vice-Chancellor of The UWI is a distinguished academic, international thought leader, United Nations committee official, and global public activist in the field of social justice and minority empowerment. He is also the President of Universities Caribbean, and Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission.

## About The UWI

For over 70 years The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has provided service and leadership to the Caribbean region and wider world. The UWI has evolved from a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948 to an in-

ternationally respected, regional university with near 50,000 students and five campuses: Mona in Jamaica, St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago, Cave Hill in Barbados, Five Islands in Antigua and Barbuda and an Open Campus. As part of its robust globalization agenda, The UWI has established partnering centres with universities in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe including the State University of New York (SUNY)-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development; the Canada-Caribbean Institute with Brock University; the Strategic Alliance for Hemispheric Development with Universidad de los Andes (UNIANDES); The UWI-China Institute of Information Technology, the University of Lagos (UNILAG)-UWI Institute of African and Diaspora Studies; the Institute for Global African Affairs with the University of Johannesburg (UJ); The UWI-University of Havana Centre for Sustainable Development; The UWI-Coventry Institute for Industry-Academic Partnership with

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## Jamaica: Courts Under Fire As Inmate Held For 40 Years Dies Without Trial



*Senior human-rights attorney Nancy Anderson*

Jamaica's courts are being blamed for a human-rights crisis at correctional facilities after an Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) report unearthed that an 81-year-old man died in the custody of a facility after a 40-year wait for trial.

Noel Chambers was one of 146 mentally ill people being held by the Department of Correctional Services without trial, commissioner of INDECOM, Terrence Williams, has said.

Williams made the revelation at the commission's quarterly media briefing on Wednesday.

Chambers, whose body bore bedsores and bites from bed-

bugs, had been held at the pleasure of the governor general after being charged with murder on February 4, 1980. He died in January 2020.

An inmate is detained at the pleasure of the queen, the governor general, or the court if that person is unfit to plead or is found guilty but is suffering from a mental disorder.

However, since 2007, when the Criminal Justice Administration Act was amended to outlaw imprisonment at the governor general's pleasure, anyone detained on mental-health grounds is held at the court's pleasure.

But despite officially being passed fit to plead several times over his four-decade incarcer-

ation at the Tower Street Adult Correctional Centre, Chambers was never brought before a judge.

INDECOM uncovered that nine other inmates have been declared fit to plead, but they, too, have not been placed before a judge.

The commission also found that at least 15 inmates have been imprisoned for more than 30 years without being tried.

### COURTS AT FAULT

But senior human-rights attorney Nancy Anderson has pointed fingers at the courts for the horror.

"There is very little that they (the correctional facilities) can do. They take the orders of the court. A person is sent to them with an order to say they're to be held for a certain amount of years, or indefinitely," said Anderson, who declined to cast culpability at the feet of administrators of correctional facilities.

"I blame the courts for the situation that exists in those correctional centres," Anderson told *The Gleaner* yesterday.

The commissioner of corrections is required by law to produce a monthly report on inmates who have been deemed fit to plead.

Since 2007, with the assistance of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, there have been mental-health clinics throughout the island where suspected people can be treated without incarcerating them.

"But it's the courts that send

them to the correctional centres. Correctional centres do not go out and pick up somebody. The only persons they get are those persons sent with orders from the courts," Anderson explained.

The attorney said that judges needed to familiarise themselves with mental-health clinics so that accused persons suffering from mental illness can be evaluated and treated.

"The law requires them to have two doctors' reports before they can send anyone to prison, but that also is not always followed," said Anderson, who also pressed for bail to be considered for mentally ill persons.

"That is the way to deal with it - not to send them to one of those dreadful correctional centres," she added.

Anderson, who has for decades worked to free mentally ill inmates lost in the system, has suggested that correctional centres employ psychiatrists if they are going to hold people who are intellectually or otherwise challenged.

"There is no psychiatrist employed to the correctional centres. There is only one I know of who gives sessional work. That's not sufficient," she insisted.

The attorney is also recommending that judges and clerks of court undergo training on procedures available to them to administer justice in cases involving persons with mental illness.

## St Lucia: COVID protocol breaking police officers could be fired



Two police officers who were charged in May for violating COVID-19 curfew orders could be fired from the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force (RSLPF) if convicted of their crimes.

The two officers were among six individuals arrested and slapped with several charges, which stemmed from a May 6, 2020, incident at Union, Castries.

“They have not been suspended,” Assistant Commissioner of Police with Responsibility for Crime and Intelligence Management, Wayne Charlery declared, adding, “My information is that one is on vacation leave and the other is on duty. They have been charged and are awaiting their day in court. Considering what happens in their court proceedings, then actions will follow.”

The plainclothes police officers were part of a mass crowd event during an intense COVID-19 lockdown period where gatherings of more than ten people were prohibited, in addition to a stipulated curfew.

Uniformed officers responded to the scene at Union and were engaged in an altercation with individuals at the gathering, videos of which were spread widely on social media.

The officers turned themselves in and were charged pending an investigation.

The fate of the officers lies in the hands of the police commissioner.

“Once they are found guilty and fined, we would have to fire them. You cannot have a conviction and be a police officer,” Acting Commissioner of Police, Milton Desir explained.



## Arctic Circle oil spill prompts Putin to declare state of emergency

Russia's President Vladimir Putin has declared a state of emergency after 20,000 tonnes of diesel oil leaked into a river within the Arctic Circle.

The spill happened when a fuel tank at a power plant near the Siberian city of Norilsk collapsed last Friday.

The power plant's director Vyacheslav Starostin has been taken into custody until 31 July, but not yet charged.

The plant is owned by a subsidiary of Norilsk Nickel, which is the world's leading nickel and palladium producer.

The Russian Investigative Committee (SK) has launched a criminal case over the pollution and alleged negligence, as there was reportedly a two-day delay in informing the Moscow authorities about the spill.

Ground subsidence beneath the fuel storage tanks is believed to have caused the spill. Arctic permafrost has been melting in exceptionally warm weather for this time of year.

President Putin expressed anger after discovering officials only learnt about the incident on Sunday.

Russian Minister for Emergencies Yevgeny Zinichev told Mr Putin that the Norilsk plant had spent two days trying to contain the spill, before alerting his ministry.

The leaked oil drifted some 12km (7.5 miles) from the accident site, turning long stretches



*The leaked diesel oil drifted some 12km (7.5 miles) from the site of the accident*

of the Ambarnaya river crimson red. In a televised video conference on Wednesday, Mr Putin criticised the head of the company over its response.

"Why did government agencies only find out about this two days after the fact?" he asked the subsidiary's chief, Sergei Lipin. "Are we going to learn about emergency situations from social media?"

The region's governor, Alexander Uss, had earlier told President Putin that he became aware of the oil spill on Sunday after "alarming information appeared in social media".

The spill has contaminated a 350 sq km (135 sq mile) area, state media report.

In a statement, Norilsk Nickel said the incident had been reported in a "timely and proper" way. The state of emergency means extra forces are going to

the area to assist with the clean-up operation.

The accident is believed to be the second largest in modern Russian history in terms of volume, an expert from the World Wildlife Fund, Alexei Knizhnikov, told the AFP news agency. The incident has prompted stark warnings from environmental groups, who say the scale of the spill and geography of the river mean it will be difficult to clean up.

Greenpeace has compared it to the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska.

Oleg Mitvol, former deputy head of Russia's environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor, said there had "never been such an accident in the Arctic zone".

He said the clean-up could cost 100bn roubles (£1.2bn; \$1.5bn) and take between five and 10 years.

It is not the first time Norilsk Nickel has been involved in oil spillages.

In 2016, it admitted that an accident at one of its plants was responsible for turning a nearby river red.

Minister of Natural Resources Dmitry Kobylkin warned against trying to burn off such a vast quantity of fuel oil.

He proposed trying to dilute the oil with reagents. Only the emergencies ministry with military support could deal with the pollution, he said.

Barges with booms could not contain the slick because the Ambarnaya river was too shallow, he warned.

He suggested pumping the oil on to the adjacent tundra, although President Putin added: "The soil there is probably saturated [with oil] already."

## Twitter accuses President Trump of making 'false claims'



Twitter has accused the US president of making false claims, in one of the app's own articles covering the news.

The move - which effectively accuses the leader of lying - refers to a tweet by Donald Trump about his first defence secretary.

Mr Trump had tweeted that he had given James Mattis the nickname "Mad Dog" and later fired him.

But Twitter's article says that the former general resigned, and his nickname preceded Trump's presidency.

It follows last week's explosive confrontation, which saw Twitter fact-check two of President Trump's tweets and label another as glorifying violence.

The latest confrontation was prompted by a strongly-worded statement issued by General Mattis last night, in which he criticised the president's

handling of the protests that followed the killing of George Floyd.

Gen Mattis described Donald Trump as "the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people - does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us."

The president fired back quickly in a tweet saying that the one thing he and predecessor Barack Obama had in common was "we both had the honour of firing Jim Mattis, the world's most overrated general. I asked for his letter of resignation and felt good about it".

"His nickname was 'Chaos', which I didn't like, and changed it to 'Mad Dog'," he added.

Twitter later published what it calls a Moment, a summary of a news story that you can see when you press the platform's search button. It has

also been promoted within the What's Happening box that appears on Twitter's website.

The article says that "Mattis resigned from the position... after the administration decided to withdraw US troops from Syria", and attributes the fact to a report by the Associated Press news agency.

It then refers to journalists at CNN, the National Review, the Washington Post and The Dispatch as having written that the nickname 'Mad Dog' had been used before Trump's presidency, with published references dating back to 2004.

Moments are curated by an internal team at Twitter. They provide a summary of a recent development before presenting some related tweets.

This is not the first time the tool has been used to call out Donald Trump.

In March 2019, it said the president had misidentified a co-founder of Greenpeace, and in April 2020 it said he had falsely claimed he could force states to reopen during the Covid-19 pandemic.

But what is interesting here is that Twitter has chosen to raise the temperature of its clash with the president over what could be seen as a relatively minor issue.

It was on 20 December 2018 that Gen Mattis announced his resignation, effective from 28 February 2019.

A furious Mr Trump then

announced his defence secretary was going from 1 January and stated he'd essentially fired him. So you could at least argue that, as in many cases, there is a blurry line between a resignation and a firing.

Perhaps Twitter's chief executive Jack Dorsey is looking on, with a degree of schadenfreude, at what has happened in recent days at Facebook.

There, Mark Zuckerberg's determination not to follow Twitter's lead and take some kind of action over the president's posts has sparked open revolt.

Facebook staff, who previously would only grumble anonymously about the company's practices, have put their names to statements deploring Mr Zuckerberg's failure to act.

This morning, nearly three dozen former employees, including some who had helped write the original guidelines on what can and cannot be posted, published an open letter accusing Mr Zuckerberg of a "betrayal" of Facebook's ideals.

Last week, it felt as though Twitter might be putting its future in danger by taking on the president.

This week, it feels as though Mr Zuckerberg's failure to act might leave him facing an even bigger crisis than the Cambridge Analytica scandal.



## Floyd death: Three more officers charged; Chauvin charge upgraded

The fired US police officer who knelt on George Floyd's neck will face a more serious murder charge, and three other sacked officers will be charged as aiding and abetting in the death of the 46-year-old unarmed Black man that triggered eight days of nationwide protests, court documents and prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Floyd died after Derek Chauvin, a white officer, knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes on May 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In a video of the incident, Floyd can be repeatedly yelling "I can't breathe" before going motionless, with Chauvin's knee still on his neck.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said he was charging Chauvin, 44, with second-degree murder in addition to the third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter charges levelled against him last week.

The new charge can carry a sentence of up to 40 years, 15 years longer than the maximum sentence for third-degree murder, according to court documents.

The other three former officers who were involved in the incident - Thomas Lane, J Alexander Kueng and Tou Thao - face charges of aiding and abetting murder and arrest warrants have been issued by Ellison, according to the documents. At least one of the three is in custody, law enforcement said in a news conference on Tuesday.

Ellison called the protests unleashed by the death "dramatic and necessary" and said Floyd "should be here and he is not."

"His life had value, and we will seek justice," Ellison said. "The very fact we have filed these charges means we believe in them."

Benjamin Crump, one of the lawyers for Floyd's family, said in a statement that it is "a bitter-sweet moment for the family of George Floyd", calling it a "significant step forward on the road to justice".

"We are deeply gratified that Attorney General Keith Ellison took decisive action in this case, arresting and charging all the officers involved in George Floyd's death and upgrading the charge against Derek Chauvin to felony second-degree murder," Crump said. "[W]e are gratified that this important action was brought before George Floyd's body was laid to rest."

Crump added that the officers knew they could "act with impunity" given the Minneapolis Police Department's "widespread and prolonged pattern and practice" of violating people's rights.

The deadly arrest set off mass protests against police brutality across the country, and worldwide,

At the Minneapolis intersection where Floyd was killed, protesters cautiously welcomed the charges, saying "no one is above the law".

"It took way too long with the evidence they had on cam-



era, but they got them," said Minneapolis resident Kevin Jong.

"It's just the beginning," he told Al Jazeera.

Others were sceptical that the four would be convicted and there would be meaningful reform.

"I'm not psychic, I just been Black all my life, man," said John Thompson.

"So, don't think for one minute, that we not gonna see another police-involved murder here in this state," he added, pointing to the police shooting of his "best friend" Philando Castillo, who was killed in 2016.

The arrests of all four officers was a key demand of protests. It is unclear whether the demonstrations will continue at the level of they have over the last week. But protesters are demanding justice for not just Floyd, but all Black people who have been killed by police, including Breonna Taylor, who was shot dead by police as she

laid in her bed in Louisville, Kentucky, in March. Taylor's mother is calling on the police department to fire the officers involved.

Police and other law enforcement agencies have come under heavy criticism for the way they have responded to the protests, which have largely been peaceful, but have at times turned violent as night falls and curfews imposed to quell unrest have taken effect. Thousands have been arrested and many injured. Law enforcement agencies have defended the crackdown, saying they are responding to violent protesters and pointing to looting, vandalism and fires that have taken place.

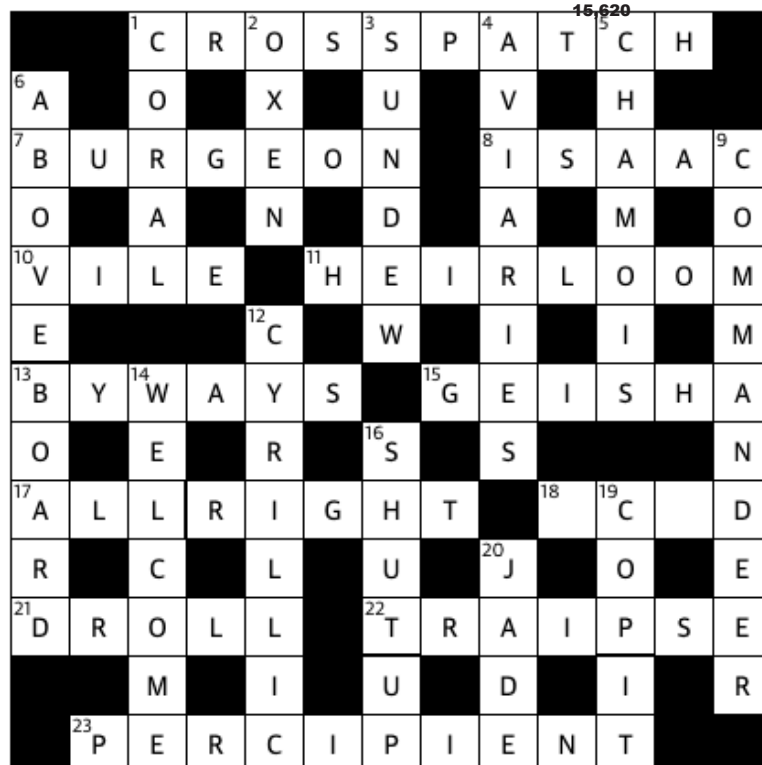
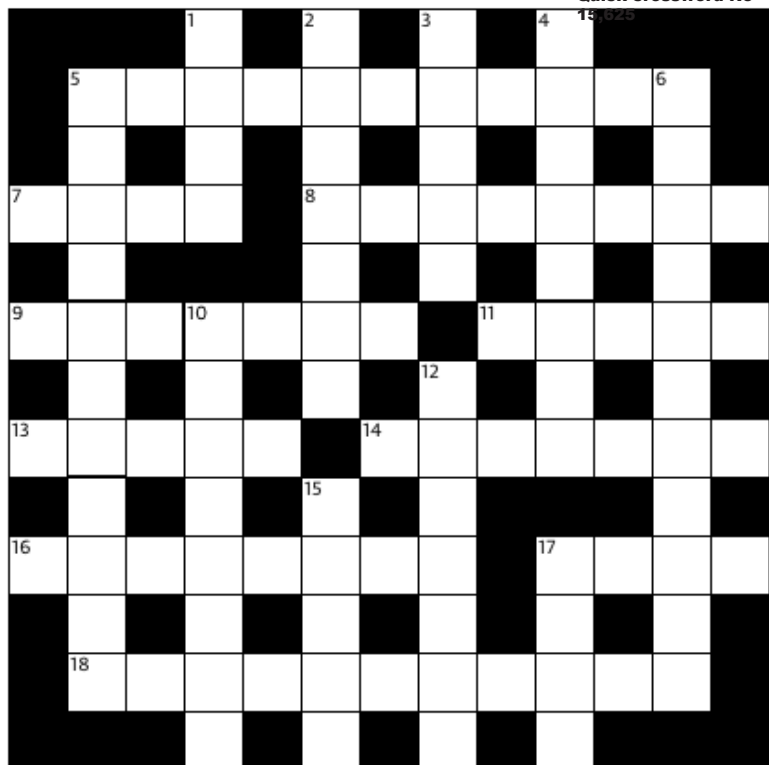
US President Donald Trump has threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act to use active-duty military to disperse the protests, drawing criticism from across the political spectrum.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Tuesday that he did not support such a threat.

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Quick crossword No



## Across

- 5 Booby prize (6,5)  
 7 Of a dull greenish-brown colour (4)  
 8 Acquiring knowledge (8)  
 9 Absent from work because of illness (3,4)  
 11 Courted (5)  
 13 Old coin worth four pence (5)  
 14 From Valletta, perhaps (7)  
 16 Bamboozle (8)  
 17 Male — something that stops here? (4)  
 18 Unpleasant (11)

## Down

- 1 Search thoroughly (4)  
 2 Marital state (7)  
 3 Customary (5)  
 4 Discovered (5,3)  
 5 Verbatim (4,3,4)  
 6 Ridiculous (11)  
 10 Slipshod (8)  
 12 Trading places (7)  
 15 Backless couch (5)  
 17 Enthusiast (4)

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**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Stay on point. Alluring distractions may try to divert your attention from the important tasks that should be done today. Don't be surprised if a new admirer makes his or her presence known.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Air out your grievances. You'll feel a whole lot better about it if you discuss what's bothering you rather than keeping it bottled up. You'll probably say the right thing if you speak from the heart.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look at both sides of the situation. Your optimism over a project may cause you to see only the positives and ignore the negatives. You may need an objective third party on your side to find the right path.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Fantasy may be better than reality. Your illusions could be dashed to pieces when you finally meet someone you've admired from afar. Doing what's best for the common good can be difficult but is certainly achievable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** When you talk, people will usually listen. You'll not be at a loss for words when it comes to getting your way, and others may be pleased to accommodate you. Your wisdom and charm earn respect.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.):** Have it your way. Be a star of the business world or the spark that kindles a blazing romance, as you probably can exert your will on anything today. Your performance may suffer if you do too many things at once.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** All's fair in love and war. You may be able to take advantage of a romantic situation by being in the right place at the right time. Make sure your financial picture isn't in need of tweaking.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Strut your stuff. Don't blend into the background; you're far more appealing than you think. Exude confidence and charm, and you should be able to conquer any situation that comes your way.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There's more to it than meets the eye. Don't take a cold reception personally, as there is likely something else going on behind the scenes. Take what is offered but don't pry into private matters.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Honey works better than vinegar. You may get to the bottom of someone's problem if you show tact and compassion. Try to encourage someone to improve rather than being overly critical.

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## Premier League approve five substitutes for the rest of 2019/20

Premier league teams will be able to make five substitutions, rather than three, in each match to the end of the season after clubs approved new rules.

Teams will also be able to name nine substitutes instead of the usual seven.

Football international law-makers gave competitions the options of increasing substitutes to protect player welfare on the sport's resumption. Premier league will return on 17 June after a three-month absence.

An announcement of the first few rounds of fixtures since the campaign was halted by coronavirus on 13 March is expected in the next 24 hours.

## COVID-19 cricket substitutes being discussed

The use of COVID replacement substitutes is being discussed ahead of England test series against West Indies, with ECB director of special projects Steve Elworthy hopeful they will be allowed.

The West Indies are sending a 25-man squad to England, including a 14 man squad and 11 reserves, with three players opting not to travel for the three test series starting July 8, which will be played behind closed

doors in a bio-secure environment.

Currently, substitutes are allowed in Test cricket only in instances of a player suffering from a concussion, but the ICC is looking at substitutes. COVID-19 replacements are certainly something the ICC is discussing, Elworthy said.

"We are hoping it will be allowed," he added.

The replacement would have to be like for a similar player.

## Local golf star shines

In what has been dubbed 'commanding fashion', Omorry James equaled the course and national record on Thursday at Cedar Valley Golf and Country Club.

The 2019 Antigua Open Champion shot a sizzling nine under par, 61, to tie the record he had set eleven years ago on May 26th, 2009.

Playing with Johnathan Piggot, Kareem Doherty and

Newman Winter, the 31 year old New Winthorpes resident first shot his age on the front nine before making the turn and shooting 30 on the back nine for an eighteen-hole tally of 61.

James, who won the renowned World Teens on the Green Championship at age thirteen, said this occasion was even sweeter than the first time.



## Farewell to domino icon

Members of the Antigua and Barbuda National Domino Association (ABNDA) along with the family and friends laid to rest Raymond DeBellotte, on Thursday.

A spokesman for the ABNDA said he was a team member of the Dominatrixx Domino Club, the 2019 local Domino Champion in Antigua and Barbuda. He was considered a Domino Icon with quite a track record in several areas such as ABNDA Past President 2003 - 2007, three times manager of the National Team (2004, 2006 and 2016), as well as leading Antigua and Barbuda to its first victory in 2016. Additionally, DeBellotte served as Tournament Director in St. Lucia in 2010 and he was the WCDF (World Council Domino Federation) President from 2016 to 2020.



## Alzarri Joseph: I see myself as a leader in any team I represent

West Indies fast bowler, Alzarri Joseph, has been working on his physical conditioning during the sports shutdown since March 13 in Antigua and Barbuda.

But with the restrictions been relaxed recently, Joseph and teammates Ra-keem Jimbo Cornwall and Hayden Walsh Jr. have accelerated their preparations training at the Coolidge Cricket facility.

The Antiguan pacer, who has been selected in the West Indies 14 member squad to face England in the three Test series scheduled to bowl off on 8 July, said he still have some work to do and he can't wait to arrive in the UK to assess the conditions and make the necessary adjustments during the 14 day quarantine and train-



West Indies fast bowler, Alzarri Joseph

ing period.

Joseph who appeared on the Point FM TIMEOUT program says his ultimate priority is to improve his overall game as he aims to become the best cricketer in the world.

"My most memorable moments are my first scalp of India captain, Virat Kohli and winning the Wisden trophy against England," noted the man from All Saints

Joseph pointed to former West Indies fast bowler Winston Benjamin as his mentor. "Winston has been working with me for many years and has guided me well," Joseph added.

When quizzed about his experiences in the IPL and setting the bowling record, Joseph said the environment was electric, and everyone made him comfortable. However, on the record setting game he was not aware

he had broken the bowling record because he was focused on bowling tightly in defending a small total.

The right hander fast bowler holds the IPL record with 6 for 12 against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

"I love test cricket over the other versions of the game and I am not a big fan of T/20," Joseph explained, "but it's a part of the sport and I give of my best when I am involved."

The smooth tall fast bowler has played nine tests to date for the West Indies bagging 25 wickets and 27 one-day internationals with 48 scalps.

The 23 year old says he views himself as a leader in any team he represents and the ultimate goal is to continue to improve his overall game.



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# Sports

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## Sharife Sergeant: Talented baller and broadcaster

National basketball player, Sharife Sergeant, was introduced to the sport at is widely considered 'late' at the age of 15 following a chance encounter.

The young Sergeant was returning from vacation with his mother when they bumped into Flyers' coach George in Customs who, on recognizing Sharife size, invited him to try the sport.

"After careful discussion with my mom, I was encouraged to tryout since the Clarehall basketball court is a stone's throw away from our residence," the 6'8 245 pounds power forward said.

Sergeant explained at first he had reservations but a few of his friends who were part of the team pushed him to continue. "Within a year, I was flying out to prep-school in the United States to develop my game in preparations for College," he stated.

Sergeant, who played very little organized basketball in Antigua, talked to PointXpress about the hard work and dedication



prep-school required having to wake up for 5:00 am each morning to train, followed by gym work, and a final training session later in the day.

The Flyers player attended Huntington Prep in West Virginia, West Virginia Tech, Tyler Junior College in Texas, and Stephen F Austin State University.

Sergeant has operated mostly as a power forward slash center. While he started late he has enjoyed

rapid success becoming an integral part of the national team set-up.

The 28 year old entered the field of broadcasting in 2018 at the Antigua Broadcasting Service and has been providing great work focusing on highlighting young athletes.

Soldier as he is called in the basketball fraternity says the involvement of foreign players in the local league has lifted the standard of play, but he hoped that the quota of four foreigners per team remains to allow local players oppor-



tunities for development.

Sergeant believes improved facilities will go a long way in developing players' performance locally and attract North American Colleges to the country's shores for pre-season training.

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