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New talk show premieres on Pointe FM

Pointe FM 99.1 today premieres a new interactive morning show, Starting Pointe, from 7am to 9am.

Hosted by Shelton Daniel, Starting Pointe, which airs Monday to Friday, will feature two hours of discussion, analysis and feedback on issues and topics that are of interest and concern to the media house's multi-platform audience.

The topics addressed on the show will cover a range of international, regional or local issues, but they will all be designed to generate thought provoking discussion which bears relevance to Antigua

and Barbuda, the domestic population and members of the diaspora.

The final half-hour of Starting Pointe will be reserved for telephone calls and social media interaction from its Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp audiences.

The telephone numbers for local calls are 562-2991 and 562-3989. Callers from the US should dial 718-285-7889.

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Ahead of the launch of the programme, Daniel promised the Pointe FM audience a riveting debut.

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DAY 8/31

Wind: ESE at 13 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 20 km/h
 Humidity: 79%
 Dew Point: 25° C
 Cloud Cover: 76%
 Visibility: 9 km
 Probability of Precipitation: 52%
 Precipitation: 1.3 mm
 Rain: 1.3 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm

Thunderstorms

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NIGHT 8/31

Wind: E at 9 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 15 km/h
 Humidity: 82%
 Dew Point: 25° C
 Cloud Cover: 61%
 Visibility: 9 km
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 Ice: 0.0 mm

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SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
 5:53AM

Sunset AST
 6:21PM



Duration
 12:28hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
 5:39 PM

Moonset AST
 5:17AM



Duration
 11:38hr

Tracking devices for quarantine violators

The government is moving swiftly to strengthen the firewall intended to stop the local spread of the coronavirus by firmly addressing the indiscipline of persons who have been ordered to quarantine at home.

Reporting to the nation on the issue, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the government will soon acquire electronic bracelets and geo-fencing devices to track the movement of people who are quarantined but insist on violating these instructions.

"We have a case where a returning national was seen at Scotiabank conducting business two days after he returned at a time he was told to quarantine at home. Luckily, the individual was reported to the health authorities and they took the necessary action," Browne said on the Browne and Browne talk programme.

According to the prime



minister, the tracking equipment is expected to arrive in the country in approximately three weeks.

"We can't depend on these individuals to stay at home and this is one area of our protocols that we clearly have some vulnerability. We will soon introduce new measures to close this gap," he stated.

The prime minister credited the government's response along with the response of the Ministry of Health and other key government agencies in con-

trolling the transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the community.

There are no active confirmed cases of the virus in Antigua and Barbuda based on the latest data provided by the Ministry of Health, however, Browne cautioned that there may be asymptomatic carriers of the virus within the population who would still pose a threat to the community.

"Our biggest threat remains complacency as some appear to be of the view that COVID is no longer a

threat, but I must warn the people of Antigua and Barbuda that it is still real and people are still dying every day from this virus," the prime minister declared.

He said most people have followed the advice of the health professionals and are actively engaged in the fight against the virus. Unfortunately, he continued, there are those who deliberately flout the protocols designed to protect the population. Browne said that these persons will be dealt with according to the law.

Meanwhile, PM Browne has suggested that the country should stage another Day of Prayer to offer God thanks for steering the country through the pandemic and to the point where there are no recorded active cases of the virus.

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Supermarket gets two weeks to solve stench problem

The Central Board of Health (CBH) has ordered a supermarket to deal with foul smelling waste water that flows into a nearby village and which poses a health hazard for those living in the vicinity.

A letter from the Chief Health Inspector, Sharon Martin, to the management of First Choice Supermarket surfaced online which described in detail the situation between the supermarket and neighbouring communities.

Martin gave management two weeks to deal with the matter.

The letter, dated August 24th 2020, identified the issue as the incessant flow of untreated effluent from First Choice Supermarket.

"In my tenure of Office as the Chief Health Inspector, I have received several complaints and threats to picket my office from residents in the community (i.e Yorks and Old Runaway), visitors to the community and passersby who travelled along the Anchorage main road, about the ever present redolent, malodorous stench emanating from the drain," Martin wrote.

The Chief Health Inspector noted that the letter was a followup to a face-to-face discussion about two months ago with the business' management at their Anchorage road location.

Martin advised the establishment that they would be

given fourteen days from the date of receipt of her letter to begin to take positive steps in implementing three recommendations to remedy the existing problem.

A synopsis of the recommendations included, "the addition on premises of holding tanks for the storage of effluent only, ideally the installation of a sewage treatment plant activated sludge or sequencing batch reactor type as well as an absorption area, adequately sized to accommodate the output of the effluent flow on a daily basis."

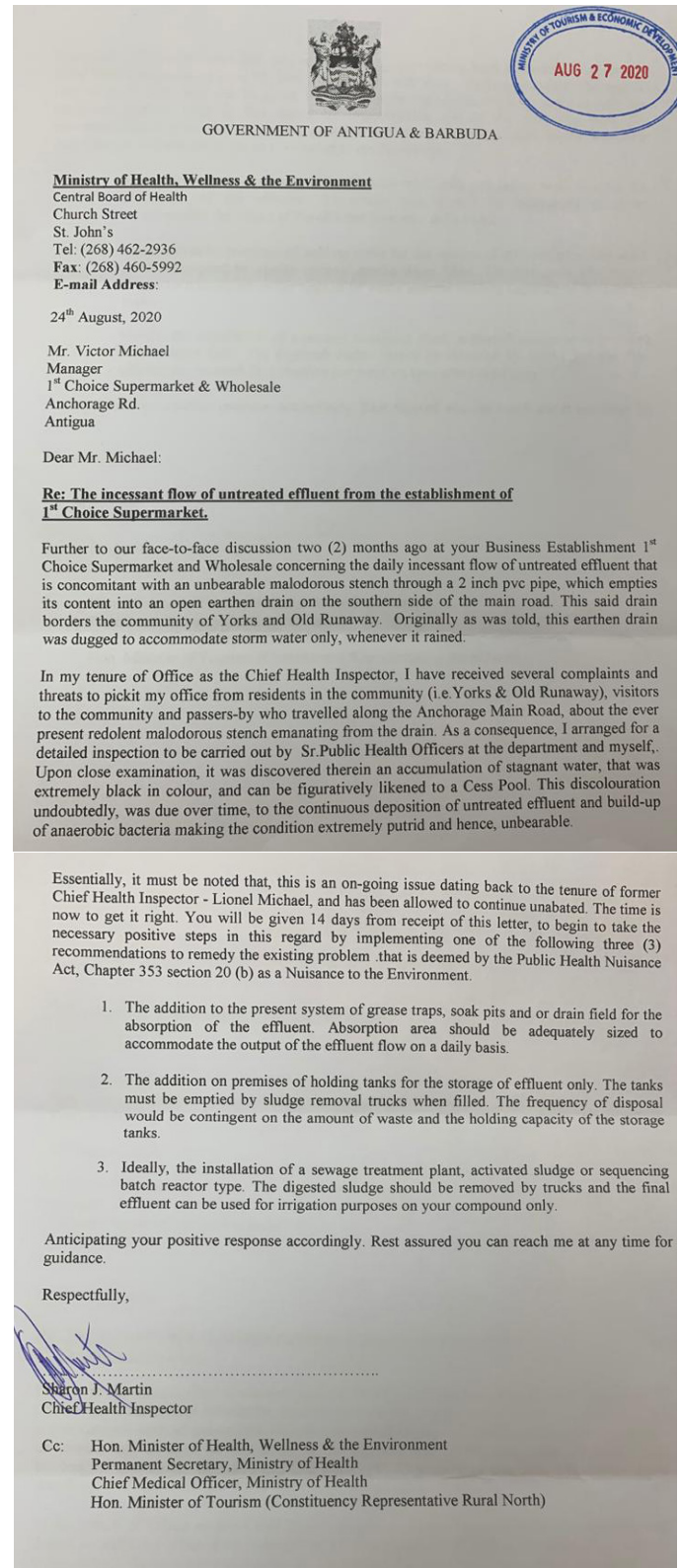
The Chief Health Inspector continued that this incessant problem and nuisance to residents in the area predated her to the tenure of her predecessor and was allowed to continue unabated.

Charles Fernandez, the parliamentary representative for St. John's Rural North, rejoiced at the news saying he shared the enthusiasm of the community who will soon receive relief.

Fernandez, who had been in active dialogue with health and safety officials, continued that he is looking forward to an amicable and speedy solution.

"We appreciate the role that the supermarket has played in providing support to the local economy and we anticipate a solution for everyone involved," A comment from a community group read.

According to reports, how-



ever, the supermarket's health authorities regarding waste from the Anchorage road supermarket. he has not yet received an official letter from

Final preparations being made for schools' reopening

Final preparations are underway this week ahead of the start of the 2020-21 academic year on Monday 7th September.

A top education official has indicated that a hive of activities are taking place as the Ministries of Health and Education, teachers' union, parents and other stakeholders prepare the way for a safe return to the classroom by thousands of students after a six month interruption in learning.

According to Director of Education, Clare Browne, the first three days of the week will involve a series of meetings between the Ministry of Education and teachers ahead of the start of classes.

"The meetings this week will include zonal meetings, staff meetings as well

as meetings of the heads of departments within the schools," Browne indicated.

Schools in Antigua and Barbuda closed in the middle of March with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

A series of inspections will also take place at schools across the country.

According to the director several teams will fan out across the country to inspect the protocols that are in place to welcome back the students.

Each team will be composed of a representative from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, the National Parent Teachers Association and the Safer Schools Committee.

They will ensure that hand washing stations are in place, that seating meets with Pan American Health Organization regulations along with any other measures intended to safeguard the health and safety of the students and teachers.

Schools will reopen under a two-tiered system in which lessons will be delivered in person and via virtual classrooms.

The government has ordered six thousand tablets which will be distributed to students.

The ministry of Information and Technology has also made arrangements for government public schools to be provided with high speed internet.



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ABLP hopeful Cochrane claims credit for spurring candidate hopefuls to action

Residents in the constituency of All Saints East and St. Luke are welcoming improvements as campaigning kicks off, but they are also being asked to remember the person who has been the catalyst responsible for several recent activities in the area.

Neil Cochrane, an Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party hopeful, was responsible for the installation of lights at the Sir Curtly Ambrose Sports Complex in Swetes along with new backboards and rims for the basketball court on Monday 17th August 2020. This move was welcomed by youngsters in the community as the sports complex had gone for a decade without lights.

Cochrane was to move on to resurfacing the ball court, however, he was informed by government authorities that other persons vying to represent the area had made requests for improvement to the complex therefore the work would be completed by the Public Works Department.

On Saturday, the area's parliamentary representative, Jamal Pringle, in an apparent knee jerk response to Cochrane's overtures, visited the McPond basketball court where he undertook a clean up exercise.

Cochrane said he found the attempts at one upmanship interesting.

"The MP's sudden acknowledgment of the needs of the people and sudden ability to deliver speaks volumes about his poor stewardship," Cochrane said.

"This goes deeper than Pringle's own disregard and inability, as the seat has been a UPP stronghold for 26 years, since 1994. This timespan includes a decade of a UPP administration, so there are no excuses," Cochrane observed.

Cochrane encouraged the constituents to be candid about their needs, adding that they should use the opportunity of the attention of those vying for the seat to petition for things that will uplift the community.

"Although I offer myself as a candidate, I can look at the greater good if others want to jump on the bandwagon of what I've started in the peoples' interest. I am prepared to be that leader, the kickstarter. Their actions alone in trailing me, when the job was theirs for some time, is indicative of who is the real leader amongst us," Cochrane contended.

Cochrane, who has held what he describes as "candid and positive talks" with persons across the consti-



Neil Cochrane

tuency, said he will continue to deliver for the people in an attempt to meet their needs.

"Let the others collide in my wake to finish what I start. At the end of the day, the people will benefit, and it will rebound to my energy and ability.

"My attention reaches beyond sports and into the livelihood and overall well being of the community. My team and I have been welcomed by the residents, and we will continue to interact, listen and build, or build back, as the case may be,"

Cochrane added.

"As I've said before, I am neither rejected nor elected. I am committed and I have a track record of leadership and positive performance. I am doing the work and heading towards comprehensive and proper representation for the people of All Saints East and St. Luke. Those who want to cog who have had the chance either as representative or caretaker are suddenly falling over themselves running behind me while my focus is on the people," said the political hopeful.



PM Browne calls on colleagues to write off LIAT debt

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is calling on Caribbean governments to join Antigua and Barbuda in writing off millions of dollars owed to them by LIAT as part of efforts to revive the airline.

Last week, Antigua and Barbuda announced that it was writing off over \$8 million in debt owed by LIAT.

PM Browne made the call during Saturday's Browne and Browne show where he also confirmed that St. Vincent and the Grenadines is joining Antigua and Barbuda in writing off millions in debt owed by the regional air carrier.

Reports out of Kingstown indicate that that country's prime minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, has agreed to write off over \$14 million in taxes and airport charges owed by the airline.

Browne is now calling on other governments to follow the example of debt forgiveness set by Antigua and Bar-

buda and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Antiguan leader specifically made calls on his Barbadian counterpart, Prime Minister Mia Mottley, to write off the debt.

Barbados, a former major shareholder in LIAT, favoured liquidating the airline when prospects for the future of the airline appeared dim.

Antigua and Barbuda, another major shareholder government, was steadfast in the position that restructuring the airline was a better option and amended its Companies Act paving the way for this move.

Since then, Barbados has agreed to sell its shares to Antigua and Barbuda for a nominal consideration of \$1.

LIAT's Administrator, Cleveland Seaforth, has written to all regional governments urging them to write off the debts owed by the airline as efforts to resume operations continue.

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City West Credit Union attracts \$1.2 million in commitment

Plans to start a credit union in the St. John's City West constituency have attracted the interest of investors who have already committed over \$1.2 million to the venture.

Parliamentary representative for the area, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, said based on the regulations regarding credit unions which stipulate that a single member may not own more than ten percent of the shares, the aim is to attract several individuals who are able to commit significant financial support to the credit union over the long term.

"We are looking for people with deep

pockets to put up the initial amount of money because for example, we would not want someone to invest, say, \$50,000 and then look to withdraw that money soon afterwards. The people we are hoping to attract must be able to deposit their monies into the credit union over a longer period of time," Browne explained.

The process to get the credit union operational will involve its registration and the completion of a business plan among other things. Browne said these are being pursued actively at present as he expects that the credit union can begin

operations within a matter of months.

He also sought to allay concerns about who will be eligible to become members of the credit union. While the credit union will be based in St. John's City West, membership will be open to all.

Credit unions are financial institutions in which the members are owners based on their investments which are referred to as 'shares'. Members can therefore borrow from these institutions at rates lower than those offered by commercial banks. When the institution makes a profit, this is shared among the members as dividends.

More donations from Rotary Club Sundown

The Antigua Rotary Club Sundown has continued its record of offering assistance to the health service agencies in the country.

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the club has launched an initiative to provide cleaning and sanitation supplies to several health clinics.

Based on a needs assessment from health professionals, the products will be distributed among the five major clinics on Antigua.



Last Friday, the second phase of the project was launched when President Julian Wilkins presented 15 gallons of bleach and 5

gallons of Pine-Sol for distribution.

"This donation is timely as the general health and sanitation of all cen-

ters are paramount particularly during this time of COVID-19," said Dr. Jonathan McComie who serves the All Saints Clinic.

The Rotary Club of Antigua Sundown has also made donations of healthy grains and non-alcoholic beverages to Her Majesty Prison, 'Adopt a Family' Soup Kitchen and the Fiennes Institute.

The Club has also been integral in supporting maternal and neonatal care for persons in need.



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TUESDAY
5PM-6PM

Noel Walling to be laid to rest Tuesday

Noel Walling, a tower among the local business community for more than forty years, will be laid to rest tomorrow.

Walling's long and distinguished career in business included service as President of the Antigua Chamber of Commerce from 1978 to 1984. For many years he also served the Chamber's Nomination Committee 'with distinction' in the capacity of chairperson, according to a statement issued by the organization.

An accountant by profession, when Walling left the Bank of Nova Scotia's management team he assumed the position of Assistant Manager of Joseph Dew Division of Dantzler Ltd. He served on the boards of several companies in both the private and public sector.

Walling also served as the Antigua and Barbuda Director of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Authority, later becoming the first Antigua and Barbuda Director of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.

Walling also held corporate governance responsibility as part of the National Economic and Social Council, the Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority, and most recently the Airport Services Antigua Limited.

"Through his intellect, as

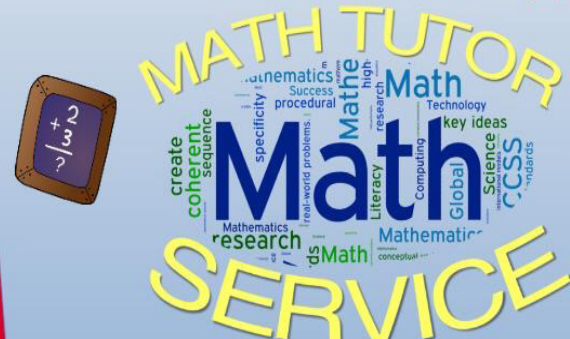


Noel Walling

well as in many other tangible ways, he very quietly played no small part in the development of his nation of birth. We at the Chamber consider ourselves richer for his contributions, but poorer for his passing. He will be sorely missed," the Chamber's statement concluded.

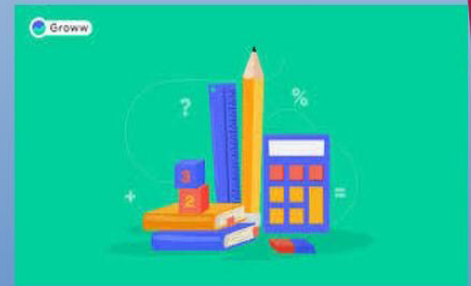
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ABDF celebrating 39 years of service

Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne has congratulated the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force on its 39th Anniversary.

The Defence Force was established in 1897 and consisted of 1 company of Infantry and 1 company of mounted cavalry. Most males between the ages of 18 and 45 who earned more than 50 GBP annually were required to serve. In 1981, on the country attaining its independence, legislation was enacted to establish the Antigua Barbuda Defence Force comprising of a new Regular Element, a Volunteer element (which is the old Defence Force) and the Reserves.

“The ABDF has been playing a significant role in the country’s security and has contributed towards the

preservation of peace and the advancement of volunteerism in Antigua and Barbuda. The ABDF has been a source of development for our young men and women through training opportunities. It has deployed a significant number of very well-trained soldiers who continue to play significant roles in civilian life. The discipline and the adherence to excellence have driven the ABDF soldiers to perform outstandingly. Congratulations on this your 39th Anniversary,” stated PM Browne.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Browne and Governor General, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams participated in the anniversary service at Camp Blizzard. Both leaders read lessons during the service.



During the coming week Prime Minister Browne will tour the Force’s farm, one of the initiatives of the force that he has encouraged de-

velopment.

In 1914, the Force was put on active service due to the commencement of the 1st

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No active cases of COVID-19

The Ministry of Health has revealed that there are no active cases of COVID-19 in the country.

This news provides confirmation that the last two COVID-19 patients have recovered from the virus.

According to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, "The Mount St. John's Medical Center and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) have revealed no new laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Saturday 29th August 2020 at 6 pm."

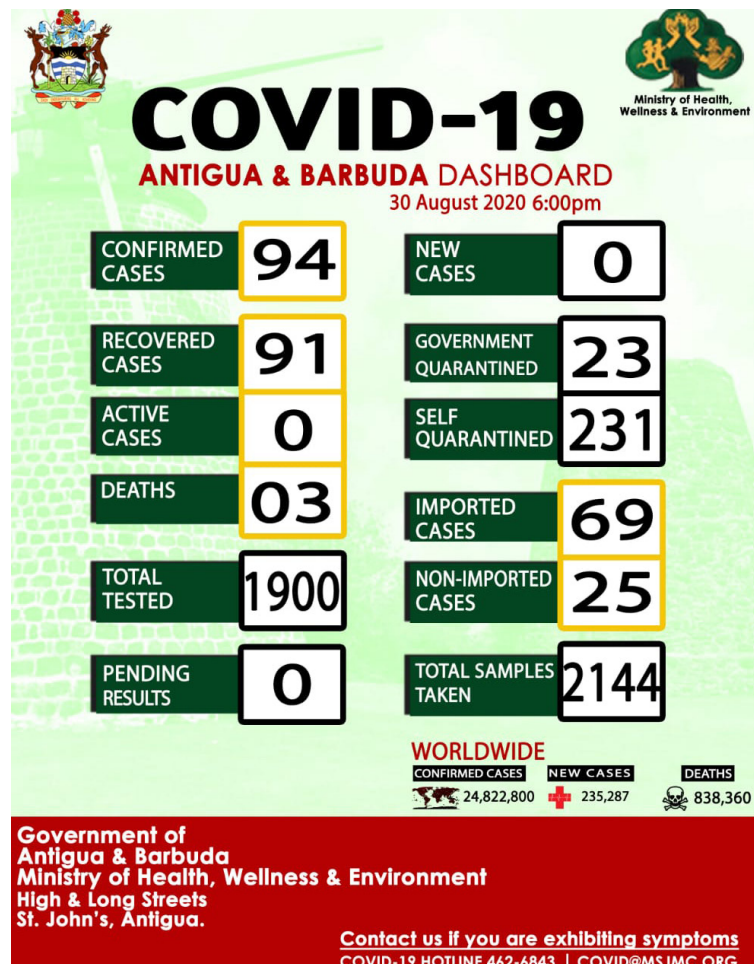
With the the nation's COVID free status announced, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said on social media that, "We should all remain vigilant and continue to adhere to the health protocols, while simultaneously building health re-

silience through exercise, healthy diet and adequate rest."

The health ministry explained, "Subsequent to the publication of the dashboard on Friday 28th August 2020 with the cut off time of 6 pm, thirty-seven (37) samples were processed at the Mount St. John's Medical Center's (MSJMC) Laboratory which increased the pending results from five (5) to forty-two (42). All forty-two (42) samples yielded negative results."

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda remains at ninety-four with zero active cases.

While the national COVID-19 Dashboard reflects that there are currently no pending results, there



are twenty-three (23) persons in government manned quarantine centres and two hundred and thirty-one (231) persons in self-quarantine.

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World War. During the period of the 2nd World War, the Antigua Defence Force became part of the Leeward Islands Battalion and towards the end of 1943, ADF members were deployed to Europe as part of the 1st Battalion, The Caribbean Regiment and returned in 1946.

The Force was disbanded in 1952 as it had no Headquarters and was reactivated in 1956 under the Command of Captain E.M. Blackman.

In 1983, command of the force was handed over to Lt. Col. Clyde Walker who served until 1990.

In 1990 command of the Force was handed over to Col. Trevor A. Thomas who served as the Chief of Defence



Staff until March 2020. Under his command the force commissioned its first female officers in 1992. Colonel Thelbert Benjamin assumed Command of the Force on March 20, 2020.

In 1995 the ABDF acquired and occupied Camp Blizzard, a former US military base. In 1995 the Coast Guard was transferred to the Defence Force. In December 2000, a milestone



was again achieved, when members of the ABDF received Medals of Honour for service in Grenada and Haiti and for meritorious and distinguished service in the Force.

Another hallmark in the life and history of the Force occurred when the Queens and the Regimental Colours were consecrated and presented to the Force in August of 2001.

COVID-19: A catalyst for entrepreneurship Series:



Magical Melanin Dolltique on promoting the importance of identity during the pandemic

By Angelica O'Donoghue

As the world continues the fight against COVID-19, a simultaneous fight against racial injustice wages on.

This week's featured entrepreneur has sought to find creative ways of securing an income through a niche market which helps to promote positive self-identity for little girls in Antigua and Barbuda.

Devita Samuel is the proud owner of Magical Melanin Dolltique, which caters to

children and doll enthusiasts in search of a more diverse selection of dolls and unique and exciting clothing and accessories to dress them in.

Devita explained that she was inspired to start her business after she experienced difficulty in purchasing a dark complexioned doll for her daughter.

"My inspiration came out of wanting to promote black beauty to my daughter, Jenessis. When I was growing up,



Devita Samuel

there were not many black doll options and if there were any, the dolls were not necessarily pretty. I realized that without even noticing, little girls in Antigua preferred the white dolls, simply because they were "prettier".

"When I became a mother, I wanted things to be different. I wanted my daughter to appreciate every ounce of her blackness and its beauty and I vowed to always buy her black or colored dolls.

"After walking the length and breadth of St. John's without being able to find affordable black dolls, I started to think. This might sound weird, but the first person I consulted about my idea to start a black doll business

was my daughter! She was excited and said we should do it, so I decided I would make a try," Devita related.

Highlighting the importance of the availability of ethnic dolls, Clinical Director of the Women's Therapy Center in Berkeley, California said, "In a society that often devalues darker skin colors and natural hair textures, dolls that mirror our children affirm that they exist."

The young entrepreneur revealed that she started her business with just \$300.

"I basically started my business using just about \$300EC of my own money. It wasn't to be a physical store, so it didn't require much money to

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start. I wanted to start small to test consumer interest.”

Having made a small start in 2019, Samuel, who now has plans of expanding the business, admitted that at one point she questioned the feasibility of her business.

“When I started out first, things were slow. I was thinking that maybe I had chosen the wrong business and that the Antiguan public was not into black dolls. Then, Christmas 2019 came and I saw piqued interest. My coworkers and close friends were my main customers and I was thankful. I was doing some promotions via Facebook and Instagram and that helped a lot. I recently decided to send my flyer to CFCCU for their On-line Small Business Expo and since then I have received more likes and shares on Facebook and people are inquiring about dolls and expressing their delight in this type of business. With more promotion, I believe my business will expand. I have already gotten requests for different types of dolls for the Christmas season so the plan is to stock up!” Devita



shared enthusiastically.

What makes our featured entrepreneur so interesting, is that her business has tapped into a niche market in Antigua and Barbuda. Devita highlighted that her business has a specific aim, so although other businesses sell toys generally, none are focused on her market.

“Yes, there are toy stores and people selling dolls, but selling just colored dolls to help promote the magic and diversity in our black race is something no other business in Antigua does,” Samuel said.



While Magical Melanin Dolltique has not been immune to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Devita said her business has been able to make gains.

“In the beginning, I was worried about how I would build up my stock again, with the country on lockdown and if people would even buy dolls with the money they had left after, however, the virtual life we were forced into has propelled my business. Had CFCCU had a physical business expo, I might not have had much to showcase, but the online aspect helped me. Now, I’m optimistic about reaching more people and bringing more smiles to our daughters’ faces.”

Capitalizing on the COVID-19 predicament with limited interaction with clients, the entrepreneur said the pick-up or delivery of the dolls is convenient for consumers. With certainty, our featured business owner eagerly offered advice to potential entrepreneurs.

“I would tell potential entrepreneurs that having a business will not be easy. It takes lots of perseverance and the sacrifice of time to get your business where you want it to be. Giving up should not be an option if success is what you seek!” You can find more of Magical Melanin Dolltique on Facebook and on Instagram @magicalmelanindolltique, or WhatsApp number 268-785-1382.

ANTIGUA'S DONKEY SANCTUARY - A GIFT OF LOVE

Antigua's Donkey Sanctuary, operated by the Antigua & Barbuda Humane Society in Bethesda, recently received a much-needed 40' container of hay and straw from

Southeast Hay Distributors in Florida. This isn't the first time the Humane Society has imported hay for the donkeys but we didn't expect to be able to do it this time in view of the various impacts of COVID-19 around the world.

There are more than 100 donkeys in the Sanctuary that are here because they either

were causing trouble in the community (eating crops; destroying irrigation systems;

causing road accidents, etc) or were being abused, usually by young boys

needlessly beating them. The donkeys need to be fed, watered and cared for. This

includes treating for parasites, hoof care, dental care and veterinary treatment. It is

an ongoing cost that normally is supported by donations from visitors to the

Sanctuary but in the time of COVID visitors are few and far between. Many of our supporters, including Facebook friends and donkey 'adopters' have lost

their jobs and are under financial stress. Nevertheless, they came through and

donated the funds necessary to make the purchase. They are wonderful people and we can't thank them enough!



A tale of two videos: Jacob Blake, Kyle Rittenhouse and two types of policing

By Tom McCarthy

Cellphone images showed officers shooting a black man in the back but a white boy with an assault rifle who had allegedly just killed two was ignored

A lawyer for the family of Jacob Blake Jr called it “a tale of two videos”.

In one video, a white police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, shoots Blake, a black man, repeatedly in the back.

In a second video, taken two days later, a white teenager armed with an assault weapon who had just killed two people, prosecutors charge, walks toward police with his arms up. Not only is he not arrested – he is evidently ignored, unrecognizable as a potential threat.

The two videos capture and illustrate the existence of two justice systems in the United States, divided along racial lines, said Benjamin Crump, lawyer for the Blake family.

Jacob Blake Sr, the victim’s father, echoed that analysis in a speech on Friday at the Get Your Knee Off Our Necks rally and march for racial justice in Washington DC.

“There are two systems of justice in the United States,” Blake Sr told the crowd. “There is a black system and a white system and the black system isn’t doing so well. I’m tired of looking at cameras and seeing these young black and brown people suffer.”

The two videos capture radi-

cally different postures by law enforcement when confronted by two men – one a father who appeared to have argued with officers, the other a teen who traveled with an assault rifle from out of state and, prosecutors say, shot two people dead and injured a third.

Videos of Blake capture an altercation of some kind on the passenger side of Blake’s vehicle in a Kenosha neighborhood. Blake’s children are in his vehicle. In one angle, officers rear back as Blake stands and begins to walk around the front of the vehicle. Two officers follow him, guns drawn. Bystanders are yelling in distress. Blake opens the driver’s side door. One officer, later identified as Rusten Sheskey, grabs Blake’s shirt. Sheskey then fires seven times, hitting Blake in the back.

Blake Sr told CNN on Friday that his son was shackled to his hospital bed despite being partially paralyzed after the shooting. He was reportedly later unshackled.

The second video clip captures a gunman identified as Kyle Rittenhouse, 17, who earlier in the day was seen interacting with police officers and accepting water from them while carrying a semi-automatic rifle, illegal at his age in the state. In the clip in question, Rittenhouse is seen walking toward armored police vehicles. Around his neck Rittenhouse wears the assault rifle he has just used, prosecutors say, to



commit two homicides. Not only does Rittenhouse walk past law enforcement officers – he was free to return to his home in Antioch, Illinois, about 15 miles away, where he was later arrested.

An Illinois judge on Friday granted Rittenhouse’s request to delay a hearing on his extradition to Wisconsin until next month.

“You have these two videos from Kenosha in a matter of days, after you see this young white boy kill these two people and how the police de-escalate, they follow their training and professionalism,” Crump said.

“So what it tells us is that the issue is not de-escalation or professionalism, the issue is racism,” Crump went on to refer to incidents of a black woman killed by police in Louisville and a black man killed in Minneapolis. “They have a different response when it’s a black person in America. And that’s what we are talking about with George Floyd ... when they busted into Breonna Taylor’s apartment, you do not

have these things happening to our white brothers and sisters.”

Blake Sr told CNN: “My son is a human, but he is not being afforded the rights of a human ... sometimes you get a little angry. Sometimes more than a little angry, because we have been going through this for so long.

“That 17-year-old Caucasian shot and killed two people and blew another man’s arm off, on his way back to Antioch, Illinois. He got to go home. He got water, they gave that guy water, and a high five.

“My son got ICU and paralyzed from the waist down. Those are the two justice systems right in front of you. We do not prescribe violence and looting, that’s not going to bring Trayvon Martin back ... Tamir Rice, I could go on and on,” Blake Sr said, referring to the 17-year-old killed in Florida in 2012 and the 12-year-old killed in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2014.

“That’s not going to make my son get up out of that bed and walk.”

Jamaica LAST LAP - PNP, JLP Confident As Voting Starts today



People's National Party President Dr Peter Phillips (right) and Jamaica Labour Party Leader Andrew Holness match wits and make pitches to woo voters in the Jamaica Debates Commission-hosted leadership debate over the weekend.

The cookie crumbles this week. After weeks of campaigning in unprecedented circumstances under the cloud of a deadly pandemic, voters will begin casting ballots in the island's 18th general election today before final polling on Thursday.

Andrew Holness, leader of the governing Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), and Dr Peter Phillips, who heads the opposition People's National Party (PNP), squared off last night in the final of three political debates ahead of the September 3 polls.

Both leaders declared they have clean hands in as they spoke on corruption, economic growth and broken election promises.

Phillips first made the declaration in responding to a question on his health, in which he said he was cancer free and fit

to continue with public service.

"I come here with clean hands. In an earlier phase, I had the opportunity, as a very young man, to coordinate the construction of 10,000 houses in Portmore, St Catherine, to establish the JUTC (Jamaica Urban Transit Company), to rescue the Jamaican economy from the chaos. I am prepared to give service again as long as the Almighty permits it and my health enables it and as my health is in perfect condition," he said.

Saying he was happy to hear the update on Phillips' health, Holness said: "The truth is my hands are clean. I've worked hard ... I've presided over the construction of 22,000 houses, ... more roads in Jamaica than any other Government in recent history ... "Holness rejected assertions that how he

campaigning may have contributed to the spike in coronavirus cases in Jamaica, pointing out that he personally delivered more than 80,000 masks to people. "We must go on with our society," Holness said. "We are now in the phase of the pandemic where the society has to learn to live with the disease." Phillips accused Holness of ignoring advice from the experts, whom he said recommended the tightening of restrictions leading to the period between the Emancipation and Independence holidays, which is largely blamed for the recent massive spike in COVID-19 cases, especially in the south-eastern end of the island.

Campaign Promises

On the issue of failed 2016 campaign promises, including fixed elections and job descriptions for ministers, Holness said some of those remain "aspirational" while noting that internally, he's taken steps to hold Cabinet ministers accountable.

Phillips also upset many social media users after suggesting that household duties prevented women from taking up positions in politics.

He later committed after being pushed by Dionne Jackson Miller that win or lose, half his Senate appointments would be women.

In exclusive Sunday Gleaner interviews, the leaders also gave us insight into their projections for Thursday as well as reflections on their campaigns. The JLP is upbeat that it has

delivered on its promise of prosperity, which catapulted it into Government in a stunning upset in 2016. The Labourites' victory defied polls and relegated the high-riding Comrades to the Opposition benches with a razor-thin one-seat loss.

This time around, the JLP has set its sights on between 37 and 42 of the island's 63 parliamentary seats, promising Jamaicans that it will drive the nation to recover stronger from the crippling pandemic, which has pounded the island's economy, leaving several sectors bleeding amid a rising toll of sickness and death.

"We will make the investment in our people to build back stronger, given the effects of COVID-19," promises Holness, as his party pitches a 10-point COVID-19 recovery plan.

Phillips is planning to rain on the JLP's parade come Thursday, eyeing 40 parliamentary seats, two shy of the two-thirds majority.

A key plank in his push for Jamaica House is his party's pledge to give 370,000 families across the island a direct deposit of \$4,000 each month towards their electricity and water bills as part of a COVID-19 recovery initiative.

"We will provide immediate relief for the Jamaican people, particularly the most vulnerable and working poor," he told The Sunday Gleaner.

Gonsalves to meet with workers as LIAT seeks debt forgiveness

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves says he will now meet with the Vincentian employees of bankrupt regional carrier LIAT, as he now has something new to say to them: the airline has asked his government for debt forgiveness. LIAT has been grounded since March as a result of low demand for its services amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and financial problems, including possible liquidation.

Earlier this month, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, who was chair of LIAT's shareholder governments, said he had not met with LIAT workers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines nine weeks after their union sought an appointment with him because he has nothing new to say to them. But he said last week that such a meeting will now take place, as with the request of debt forgiveness, comes new information including insights into possible payment of severance and other benefits owed to the workers.

Gonsalves told Parliament earlier this month that LIAT owed his government EC\$12.2 million in airport service charges, landing and other fees. At the same time, the government has guaranteed EC\$48.7 million on behalf of the airline.

Gonsalves, however, said last week that LIAT owed his government just over EC\$14 million in total and that the administrator in liquidation

has written to his government asking that the state write off the debt. "... a request is hereby made for the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to write off the full amounts stated which is about 14 and a half million. The effect of the write off of the debt would significantly improve the realisable value which could be derived from the assets of the company and will go a long way towards enabling the company's return to flying operations," Gonsalves quoted the letter as saying. "LIAT's most recent staff complement, prior to the cessation of flying operations was 667 persons, which is spread across all territories to which the carrier flies. The write off of the debt as stated above, would enhance the employees' prospects and settling the indebtedness of these employees," the letter further stated.

"Remember I said that I will do anything to help my friend, Gaston, in getting LIAT up and if any other investors want to go in, but we were in other options," he said, referring to Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne's effort to keep LIAT alive. He said that in the letter, the administrator is saying what he has said before: "... let's see what LIAT in administration has to offer the workers. "Everybody who hasn't studied properly wants to advise Ralph. A fella get off the seat of his pants,



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves

he has a good meal or doesn't have a good one, as the case may be, he goes on radio, he goes on social media and he just — no consideration about all sorts of issues which I've brought to bear on this matter.

"And when I don't do it, they say I am loony. Imagine that. Fellas who suppose to own their madness, they say some terrible things about me, you know; really terrible things. But is water off of duck back," the prime minister said. "I leave them outside ah the off stump. Ah ain't raise me bat. I only play shots at balls, which I need to play shots at to score," Gonsalves further stated, using a cricketing analogy.

He said that by writing off

the debt, "I am hopeful that I will put LIAT in a position where they can say something to the workers.

"And I will meet the LIAT workers, now that I have something — a letter from the administrator. Remember I said I had nothing new to tell them? Well, this doesn't give an answer to their issue, but I have something new to tell them. And I'll give them information which is here."

The prime minister said that the letter had requested a response by Sept. 25.

"Now, I had said before if they asked me that I'll do it. Now that we get it formal, I'll just have to go to cabinet. Because I don't run a one-man government," he said.

Guyana- Mingo charged with misconduct in public office

District Four Returning Officer Clairmont Mingo has been charged in relation to the alleged fraud surrounding the March 2nd General and Regional Elections and is expected to appear before a Magistrate this week.

Sunday Stabroek was reliably informed yesterday that Mingo was charged with four counts of misconduct in public office.

The police yesterday informed Mingo of the charges levelled against him before the expiration of the additional 24 hours they had been granted on Friday to detain him. Four other persons: Mingo's three assistants, Sheffern February, Michelle Miller and Carolyn Mikhaik Duncan along with Information Technology (IT) officer Enrique Livan, are also likely to be charged.

They all remained in police custody up to last evening. Mingo had been accused by party agents of reading fictional numbers from a spreadsheet and making two false declarations for District Four.

The charges against Mingo constitute a major development in the five-month delay in the declaration of the result of the March 2nd general elections amid claims that he and others were attempting to rig the elections in favour of the former incumbent APNU+AFC. The dispute over the District Four count led to a painstaking

35-day recount scrutinized by CARICOM, the Organisation of American States and local observers. The recount determined that the PPP/C had won the elections. Sixty-nine-year-old Mingo was arrested on Tuesday at his residence at Little Abary, Mahaicony and transported to the Criminal Investigation Department at Eve Leary.

Mingo is one of two named defendants in charges filed on March 13 by Charles Ramson Jr. in relation to the controversial results for District Four.

His co-defendant PNCR Chair Volda Lawrence was on Monday placed on \$100,000 bail after appearing before Chief Magistrate Ann McLennon. Chief Election Officer Keith Lowenfield is also the subject of a similar investigation. The latest of the arrests was on Thursday when the police took into custody Livan who was at the centre of a flash drive controversy at the Ashmins building on March 4th. On the morning of March 4, the police had conducted a public interrogation of Livan at the tabulation centre at the Ashmins building after a party agent claimed they saw him entering data from a "flash drive onto a spreadsheet" outside the scrutiny of party representatives and observers.

Though video of the interrogation was widely shared, no charges have ever been



District Four Returning Officer Clairmont Mingo

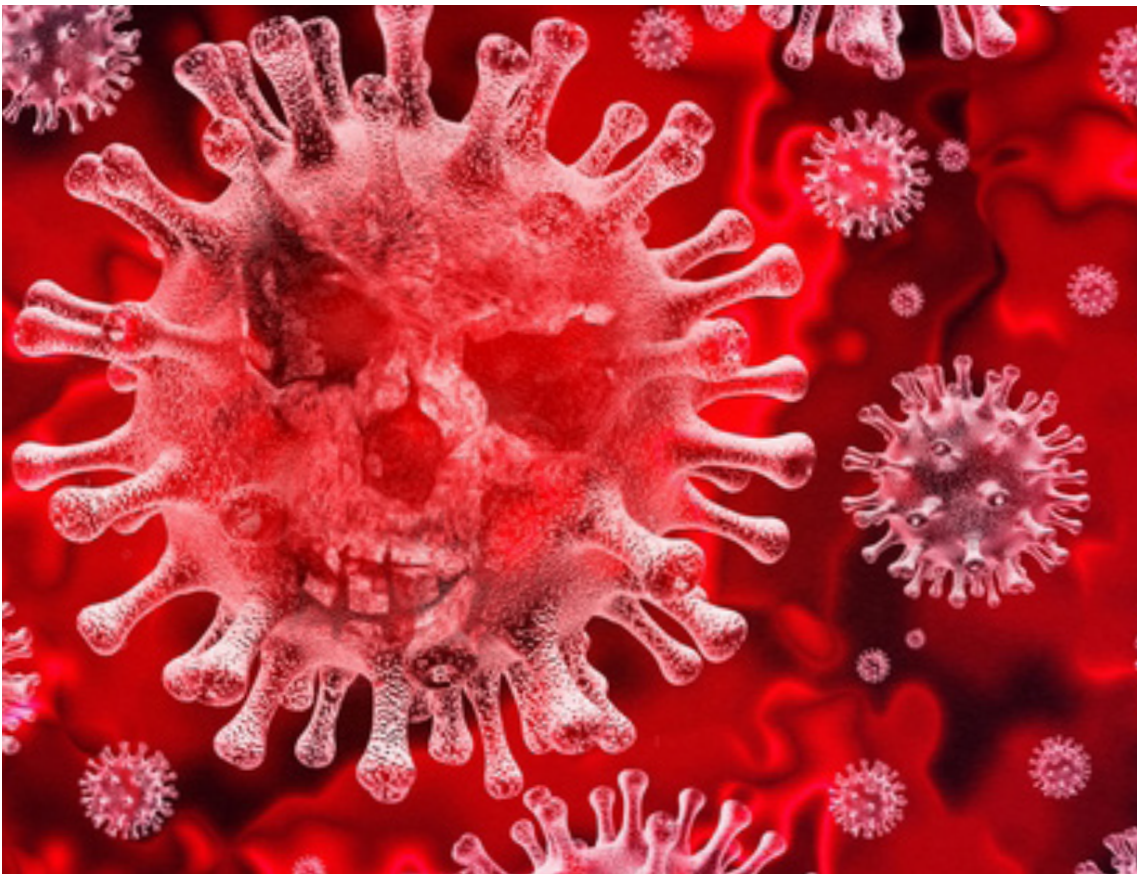
brought against Livan and he remained employed with the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM). Crime Chief Wendell Blanhum had previously told this newspaper that Mingo and the others are being questioned in relation to several offences including falsification of documents, uttering forged documents, conspiracy to commit fraud and misconduct in public office.

The High Court on Friday granted the police an extension of time to detain Mingo after his initial 72-hour detention period expired. In the court document

seen by this newspaper, Chief Justice (ag), Rishi Persaud granted the police an extension to keep Mingo in custody until 14.20hrs yesterday. The judge further ordered that Mingo report to the police at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Eve Leary at 9am daily effective from August 30th. He is to also to lodge his passport at the CID Headquarters and to report any change of residence.

If Mingo fails to comply with the order, he will be held in contempt of court and may be liable to imprisonment or have his assets confiscated.

Grenada welcomes CDC's "very low risk Covid-19 ranking"



The United States based Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has removed all travel notices and warnings for Grenada, as the "Spice Isle" continues to efficiently prevent, manage and control the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus infection (Covid-19) on the island. In its latest Covid-19 international update, the US based public health entity placed Grenada in the category: "No travel health notice: Covid-19 risk is very low." Acting Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr Shawn Charles, reacting to the update said, "I am pleased to see that the US (CDC) has removed the travel advisory for Grenada. We are now listed

under "no travel health notice: Covid-19 risk is very low", he told the GIS on Sunday morning. The CMO said this can be attributed to the continued hard work of the team, the government and citizens who have demonstrated excellent leadership in handling the outbreak.

Health Minister, Hon. Nickolas Steele, who has been leading the national response since Grenada began planning its response strategy immediately after learning of the outbreak in China, says every frontline worker from the different agencies and organisations should feel proud and must be commended.

However, Minister Steele,

who monitors the global unfolding situation on a daily basis, cautioned that while our risk is low, we need to remain vigilant and focused.

The minister urged all health-care providers, frontline workers and the public to continue following all safety guidelines and protocols to ensure Grenada remains Covid-19 free.

On Saturday, August 29th, Now Grenada reported that the Ministry of Health investigates possible viral shedding among foreign nationals

The Ministry of Health is looking into reports that 2 European nationals who arrived in St Vincent and the Grenadines

(SVG), via Grenada, have tested positive for Covid-19.

Acting Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr Shawn Charles, says the 2 individuals were among a party of 5 persons that arrived in Grenada on 15 August 2020, with negative (PCR) test results in their possession, as per Grenada's entry protocol.

Dr Charles confirmed that the passengers were all swabbed on arrival at the Maurice Bishop International Airport, and placed in a government approved quarantine facility.

"On 18 August, we received their (PCR) results, and these were all negative. They only left quarantine to fly to their onward destination, St Vincent and the Grenadines on 19 August 2020," explained the CMO.

Dr Charles, who is also an epidemiologist by training, said this could be a possible case of viral shedding, which is not uncommon, since they arrived with negative PCR test results. The results of their follow up PCR tests were also negative, but then showed up as positive when they were tested in St Vincent.

The prominent Grenadian epidemiologist said it is also possible that the visitors who flew directly from Europe to Grenada, might have been incubating a recent infection, and so, it was too early to detect anything, but then later the infection became more apparent resulting in the positive reading in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

India surpasses US for highest single-day rise in Covid-19 cases

India has set a record for the world's highest single-day increase in coronavirus cases.

The nation, the world's third-most infected, on Sunday reported 78,761 new cases in 24 hours, passing the number posted in the US on 17 July.

The rise comes as the government continues to lift restrictions to try to boost an economy that lost millions of jobs when the virus hit in March.

An upsurge of Covid-19 in many rural areas continues to be a major concern.

On Sunday, global infections passed the 25 million mark, with 843,000 deaths. The US remains the most affected nation, closing in on six million infections, according to Johns Hopkins University research.

India's single-day tally on Sunday passed the one-day increase of 77,299 reported by the United States on 17 July.

Cardiology doctor, Manoj Kumar, told Reuters: "It is the largest one-day surge in cases worldwide and the reason behind this - because the pandemic is spreading in the rural areas."

In the initial stages of Covid-19, India appeared to be doing fairly well, imposing a strict lockdown, but the virus then hit megacities like Mumbai and Delhi, before surging in smaller cities and rural areas.

Despite the increase, the government has pressed ahead with easing restrictions.

Gatherings of up to 100 people will be allowed at cultural, entertainment and sports events from next month, with face mask and



Doctors say India has to do more to increase its testing

social distancing measures.

Underground train networks will also start to reopen in big cities.

Dr Rajiv Parekh, chairman of the Medanta division of peripheral vascular and endovascular sciences, told Reuters: "People thought that once the numbers started to go down, this was it, they had won the war... everybody was out there without wearing a mask, without any social distancing.

"That is something that we should not have allowed to have happened."

Doctors also say under-report-

ing and limited testing remain major concerns.

The figure of 63,000 deaths in India is roughly on a par with Mexico. But infections in the central American nation are only at 591,000, compared to India's 3.5 million.

India's government collates the number of deaths from positive cases but not from suspected infections.

On testing, virologist Shahid Jameel, who heads the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance, told Agence France Presse: "Testing per million in India at 30,000 remains the second

lowest in top 10 [virus-infected] countries."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave his monthly radio address without mentioning the latest milestone.

He called on citizens to observe the rules and remain united to try to defeat coronavirus.

"It is important that every citizen is healthy and happy and we defeat coronavirus completely together," Mr Modi said.

"Corona can only be defeated when you remain safe, when you fulfil the resolve of keeping a safe distance of two metres and wearing masks."



Many Lebanese families plan to leave the country in search of safety and security following August 4 port explosion.

A new exodus from Lebanon after deadly Beirut blast

who experienced the civil war], the windows' rumbling reminded me of my grandmother's voice telling me to move away as a bomb was about to explode," said Nizar remembering Beirut in the 1980s.

"If my son had been at home that day, he would have been dead or severely injured. Just the thought of it drives me crazy," said Nizar, adding that he and his wife, who holds a US passport, had decided to leave in two weeks. "We've booked our flights, rented an apartment in New York and are packing up our lives in Beirut for good," he added. Nizar, who asked for his name to be changed for privacy concerns, said feelings of responsibility towards Lebanon had previously held him back and gave him "cold feet" every time he thought of leaving. "I feel guilty to be going, guilty for being able to leave when others can't, but Lebanon is not safe any more. I just can't do this to my family," he said.

Although only an indicator, Information International, a Beirut-based research consultancy firm that has done extensive research about migration in Lebanon, said its records show the average number of people leaving the country on a daily basis increased from 3,100 before the day of the blast, to 4,100 people after the incident.

"There are no accurate statistics on the effect of the blast yet, but the number of people leaving Lebanon will definitely increase over the next few months as a

result of it," said Jawad Adra, founder and managing partner of Information International.

"We are already seeing a mass exodus." Photos of packed departure lounges at Rafic Hariri Airport have been circulating over social media as many Lebanese people from across the board have said they want to leave the country since the blast. But according to Adra, many of the first to leave have been affluent families and dual nationals, adding that "the ability to go is a privilege". "Many people want to leave, but not everyone can afford it or has assets like money, education, another nationality or relatives abroad to help," he explained, adding that emigration also depended on the willingness of host countries to take in Lebanese nationals.

Several countries have shown solidarity with Lebanon after the blast by easing immigration processes. France resumed issuing visas to Lebanese citizens after a halt due to the coronavirus pandemic, while Canada introduced special immigration measures to help Lebanese citizens and Canadians residing in Lebanon come back. The idea of migration is anything but new in a country that has a long history of "exodus" due to years of war, famine and political instability and economic crises.

"Tens of thousands of people have left over the past 10 to 20 years, with the largest demographic being young professionals and people under the age of 45," said Adra.

Mazin Kabbani, a 50-year-old IT employee, was at his home in west Beirut on August 4 when shockwaves from an enormous explosion rocked his apartment, leaving shards of glass scattered across his living room floor.

The blast, caused by the detonation of nearly 3,000 tonnes of unsecured ammonium nitrate at Beirut's port, left Kabbani shaken and brought back dark memories of Lebanon's 15-year civil war. "All the oxygen was sucked out of the air. It was like we were at war again," Kabbani told Al Jazeera as he stood at the entrance to his apartment building and handymen walked in with equipment to repair the damage caused by the blast.

More traumatising for Kabbani than his own experience was the thought that his 21-year-old daughter, Alaa, might have been dead if luck had not been on her side that day. "We couldn't reach her for hours after the blast," the father of four said, recalling how his middle child had been on her way to a restaurant in Gemayze, an historic neighbourhood close to the port, when the explosion hit. "If it wasn't for a last-minute change in her plans, she might

not be with us any more," he said. His eyes turned red and he choked on his words as he held back the tears. Already exhausted by a continuing financial crisis, deteriorating public services and deep political instability, the blast was the final straw for Kabbani and his family. Like many Lebanese, Kabbani now sees no choice but to leave. Despite previously wanting to stay in his home country until the end of his life, he is now determined to settle with his family elsewhere.

"My wife and I were committed to establishing a life here. Even though I'd briefly toyed with the thought of leaving when we first got married, my wife insisted that we stay and raise our kids close to our families," he said. "But since the blast, she has been the one pushing for us to emigrate," he explained, adding that the family was already in the process of completing migration papers to Canada.

Like Kabbani, the blast reminded Nizar*, a 38-year-old business owner in Beirut, of the Lebanese civil war and made him fearful for his four-year-old son's safety and security.

"Being a war child [someone

1 person is dead after a shooting during protests in downtown Portland

A person was shot and killed in downtown Portland Saturday night after an evening of violent clashes between Trump supporters and protesters denouncing police brutality.

Police have not released details about the victim, who they said was shot in the chest around 8:46 p.m. Saturday near Southwest Third Avenue and Southwest Alder Street. Previously, police said the shooting was near Southeast Third Avenue. Authorities also have not provided any suspect information and are asking anyone who witnessed the incident or has first-hand video of the shooting to contact investigators. Justin Dunlap, who witnessed the shooting and captured some of it on his Facebook live stream, said he “didn’t hear much lead up to it.” “I heard like three seconds of yelling and saw a guy spray bear mace,” Dunlap told CNN. “The victim sprayed mace and launched it right into the other guy.” CNN has not confirmed if the victim is the person who sprayed mace.

For more than 90 consecutive nights, protesters in Portland have denounced police brutality and racial injustice. The protests were spurred by the killing of George Floyd in May and gained steam after last weekend’s shooting of Jacob Blake in Wisconsin.

The man who was killed in Portland on Saturday night was wearing a hat with the insignia of Patriot Prayer, a far-right group based in Portland that

has clashed with protesters in the past, said New York Times reporter Mike Baker.

Earlier Saturday night, police tweeted that there had been “some instances of violence between demonstrators and counterdemonstrators” when a political rally caravanned through downtown Portland.

The tweet said officers made some arrests and asked people to avoid downtown due to traffic from the political rally.

The traffic coincided with a planned “Trump 2020 Cruise Rally in Portland” that was advertised on Facebook.

According to the posted event, participants planned to gather at the Clackamas Town Center in Clackamas, Oregon, about 17 miles southeast of Portland. They planned to line up the cars, motorcycles and trucks for the rally and travel the “Trump 2020 cruise rally route.” An image posted on Facebook shows it appeared to include the downtown Portland area. On Saturday afternoon, a large group of Trump supporters and cars gathered at the Clackamas Town Center, CNN affiliate KOIN reported. Video footage from KOIN showed pickup trucks with American flags, “Thin Blue Line” flags and Trump 2020 flags prominently displayed on the vehicles.

Portland police tried to keep the caravan out of the downtown area, Police Chief Chuck Lovell said at press conference Sunday, but a group of the vehicles were able to “come into



the downtown core.”

Later in the evening, Baker posted footage from downtown Portland. In at least one video, protesters standing on a street corner screamed and tossed items at people in a stopped white pickup truck with an American flag and the words “All Live Matter” written on a back driver’s side window. The truck appears to be part of the Trump cruise rally. One of the protesters is seen lighting a Trump flag on fire as the caravan begins to drive off.

A man riding in the bed of a passing black pickup truck displaying a blue “Oregon for Trump” flag and an American flag can be seen pointing and firing a paintball gun at the protesters

standing on the corner.

Riders in the black truck can be seen releasing some form of spray. And as a green pickup truck passes, someone riding in its bed can be seen spraying something toward protesters. Passengers in that green truck duck as the other protesters toss something at them.

Other videos posted by the New York Times reporter showed fights breaking out between the pro-Trump supporters and the protesters.

President Donald Trump tweeted about the chaos and criticized Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. “The big backlash going on in Portland cannot be unexpected after 95 days of watching and incompetent

Mayor admit that he has no idea what he is doing,” Trump tweeted Sunday morning.

“The people of Portland won’t put up with no safety any longer. The Mayor is a FOOL. Bring in the National Guard!”

Wheeler criticized Trump at a press conference Sunday afternoon, saying the President has “created the hate and the division.” “The tragedy of last night cannot be repeated,” Wheeler said. “It doesn’t matter who you are or what your politics are -- we have to all stop the violence.” Oregon Gov. Kate Brown also blasted Trump in a statement Sunday afternoon, saying he “has encouraged division and stoked violence.” “It happened in Kenosha. And now, unfortunately, it is happening in Portland, Oregon.”

“But despite the President’s jeers and tweets, this is a matter of life and death. Whether it’s his completely incompetent response to the pandemic, where nearly 200,000 have died, or his outright encouragement of violence in our streets: it should be clear to everyone by now that no one is truly safe with Donald Trump as President,” Brown said.

Chief Lovell urged people to not jump to conclusions about what led up to the shooting.

“It is still early in this investigation, and I ask everyone to give the detectives time to do their important work before drawing conclusions about what took place,” Lovell said.

“If anyone can provide information about this case, I ask them to please reach out to our detectives. This violence is completely unacceptable and we are working diligently to find and apprehend the individual or individuals responsible.”

Statue of Canada’s first prime minister toppled by protesters demanding police defunding



Statue of John Macdonald is seen on the ground after it was pulled down during a protest against racial inequality, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada August 29, 2020 in this picture obtained from social media.

A statue of Canada’s first Prime Minister Sir John Macdonald was toppled in downtown Montreal by protesters marching in support of defunding police, government officials said.

The incident occurred at the end of a peaceful march on Saturday when a group of people climbed the monument and pulled down the statue, causing the head to fly off, according to

video posted on social media.

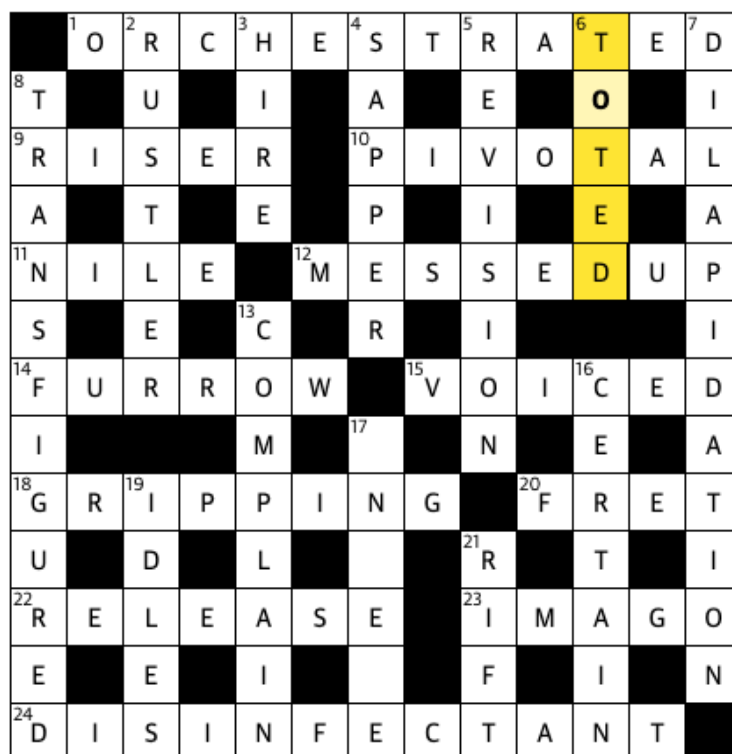
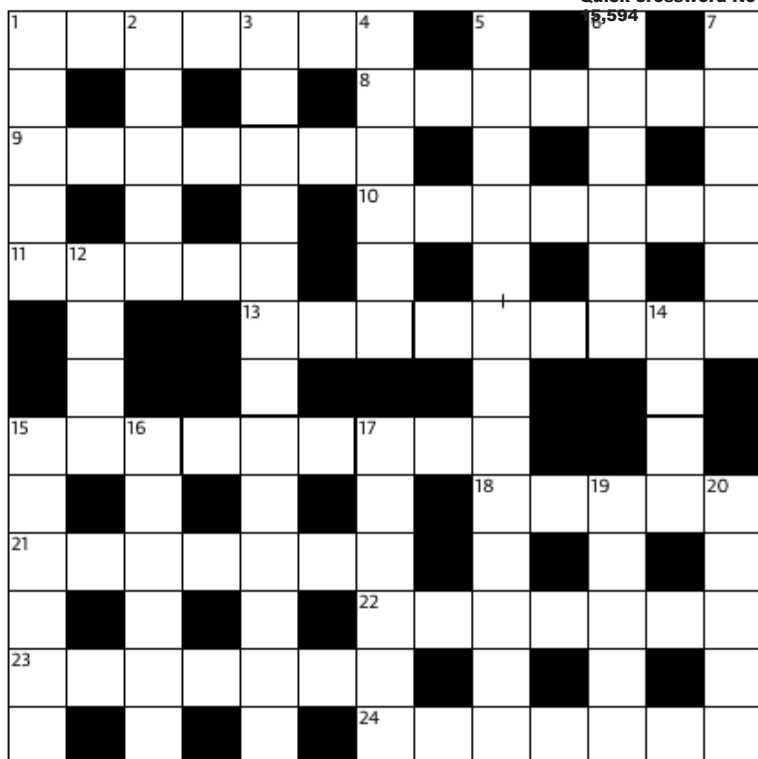
Calls to defund the police have been growing across the United States and Canada, after a spate of violent incidents involving police. The death of George Floyd, a Black man, while in the custody of Minneapolis police in May sparked global protests about racial inequality and police brutality, and renewed pledges from some to fight racism.

In June, a video showing a forceful arrest of a Canadian indigenous leader by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police raised questions about the use of force by the police.

The statue of Macdonald has been the site of repeated acts of graffiti in recent years, and it has often been covered in red paint. Saturday’s incident drew quick condemnation from political leaders.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword No



Across

- 1 Oratorio on a sacred theme (7)
 8 Pull out (of a race) (7)
 9 Action to inflate one's sense of self-importance (7)
 10 Made certain (7)
 11 Ceasing to function (5)
 13 Retire to bed (informal) (3,3,3)
 15 Nonconformist (3,3,3)
 18 Clips around the ear (5)
 21 Italian dish (7)
 22 Prince of Monaco, married to Grace Kelly, d. 2005 (7)
 23 Liquorice flavouring — ie Danes (anag) (7)
 24 Silk fabric (7)

Down

- 1 System of beliefs (5)
 2 Girl's name — I moan (anag) (5)
 3 Vertically (2,5,6)
 4 Visual effect (6)
 5 Sets of parallel lines providing shading in drawing (5-8)
 6 Charts (anag) — formality (6)
 7 Cheap and nasty (6)
 12 Three feet (4)
 14 Expression of incredulity (2,2)
 15 Person involved with crude (6)
 16 Condense (6)
 17 Cook too much (6)
 19 Pretend (5)
 20 Middle Eastern country (5)

CARTOON CORNER

Garfield





DAILY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Now may be a good time to take any amorous relationship slowly and gently. You should be flexible with any romantic miscommunications that occur in the beginning of the week. Hold off on making major purchases.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Keep an eye on your savings account. As the week begins, your spending may increase quickly. You're a quick learner so you should be able to sort out misunderstandings before they become a problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You believe you're being open and fair, but someone may only see the negative side. Your straightforward actions could overwhelm a reticent or sensitive person. Wait until the end of the week to make a proposal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): During the week ahead, you may be concerned by challenges involving your family or partner. Your ability to be understanding and sympathetic may be of good use now. Wait for better timing to start a project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your leadership skills sharp this week. You might have ample energy to put a partner's great ideas into motion. Even with your sound judgment and good planning, you may have to work hard to get others to cooperate with your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enlightenment may light your way. Think about the big issues and attempt something new. If you try to move forward with an important purchase or investment in the first part of the week, you could end up spinning your wheels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Having a long line of admirers might be a nice thing, but that only means you should continue to be your best. Pay little attention to casual flirtations and focus on serious responsibilities in the first half of the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being thoughtful is the best strategy. If others keep their end of the bargain, it's only fair that you should keep yours. In the week to come, you and a partner or loved one might not see eye to eye on key issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider not being too specific. Your ideas may be worth listening to, especially since you can cover a lot of ground with a unique idea. Wait until the end of the week to meet with new contacts or attend crucial interviews.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time off and dream up fun things to do if you can in the week ahead. Don't fault those who show a lack of interest in something close to your heart. Think up new ways to get in a workout and enjoy your hobbies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even if you are able to outthink someone, you won't outfox them. You may have flashes of brilliance as this week unfolds, but don't try to use a stroke of genius to gain an unfair advantage in a business deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Don't rush into a new business project. Clarify agreements, promises and contracts before you finalize them. It is better to wait until you have all the details cleared up than to endure misunderstandings in the week ahead.



Swetes cricket receives revival injection

Cricket is synonymous with the Swetes community, so with the hard ball version of the game being absent for the past five years, something had to be done to revive it.

To this end, the five day Rufus Lewis Swetes Revival Cricket Camp aimed to achieve that objective.

Named in honour of one of the village's elder statesmen who produced ten cricketers from among his thirteen children, the camp recognised the

93-year-old who lives a stone's throw from the pasture that produced Sir Curtly Ambrose and other local cricket legends.

Sir Curtly, his former Windies teammate, Ridley Jacobs and supreme batsman Enoch Lewis, son of Rufus, are three of luminaries from the Swetes production line.

With these and many others as role models, the next generation has an impressive pedigree to follow.

The SCC, which targeted five 15 year-olds, was masterminded by the Helping Hand Foundation, a community-based organisation that promotes sports as one of its platforms.

More than seventy-five boys and girls took part in the Cool & Smooth sponsored event supported by Cricket West Indies, Antigua & Barbuda Cricket Association and ACB Parish League Cricket.

Antiguan Abdiel Hughes, a certified coach, led a team of young coaches at the camp which was forced to be extended by an extra day after the closing ceremony was postponed after a tropical storm threatened the country.

"These youngsters were a handful but we persevered and it was a success," Hughes said.

HHF founder and President, Colin James, called on parents to play a guiding role in their children's development.

"It's important for parents to play a more meaningful role; encourage them to volunteer, monitor their use of social media, ensure they go to bed early," said James, who is the country's Commissioner of Sports.

Sir Richie Richardson, a former Windies captain and outstanding batsman, presented signature bats and paraphernalia to the outstanding participants.

The grassroots programme for SCC continues on Saturday from 9:30-11 am. This will be buttressed by a community wide four month intense coaching stint from September to December under the tutelage of Sir Curtly and Ridley Jacobs with input from Windies legends and other top players.

Let's hail the revival of cricket in Swetes!



Zouks shellshock Tridents to make history

The St. Lucia Zouks smashed the record for the lowest total ever defended in Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL), as Kesrick Williams and the spinners strangled an anxious Barbados Tridents batting lineup to leave Jason Holder's men reeling.

The Tridents, and in particular Hayden Walsh, were outstanding with the ball to skittle the Zouks, but managed to lose despite not being bowled out.

Joshua Bishop came in for his second senior T20 game, replacing the injured Mitchell Santner, and just as he had in his first match last year against the same opposition, he dismissed Rakheem Cornwall in the first over.

Andre Fletcher's innings was dramatic but brief. He smashed Holder for six on the first ball, but the Tridents captain trapped him LBW second and after eight balls the Zouks were 12/2.

Bishop bowled an impressive second over, beating both Leniko Boucher and Roston Chase and having Chase dropped at point.

Holder showed faith in Walsh after his mauling at the hands of Kieron Pollard yesterday and Walsh should have dismissed Boucher but Shai Hope missed a simple stumping.

Rashid Khan was as accurate as ever, and the Zouks reached the Powerplay at 35/2. Boucher was frenetic before Walsh bowled him with a quicker ball.

Chase was able to free his arms and sweep Ashley Nurse for four, but Walsh was visibly growing in confidence and beat Chase in the flight with a slower googly to bowl him. Nurse continued, Rashid again held back for the second part of the innings, and the Afghan pair went boundary-less.

The Zouks reached halfway at 58/4.

Nabi for once failed, skying a flighted Walsh googly to the captain at long-off, and with him gone Rashid returned and troubled both Najibullah Zadran and captain Daren Sammy.



Bishop's return over was also accurate, and a frantic Sammy ran himself out to leave his team 65/6 in the 13th.

Javelle Glen though started in style with a gigantic Hero Maximum that landed on the roof.

Najibullah late-cut Rashid with just enough pace to find the boundary, but the rest of the over went scoreless.

Nurse got a third over with two left-handers at the crease and picked up Glen, albeit it was a full toss whipped straight to Walsh at deep midwicket.

Holder went to his seamers Nyeem Young and Raymon Reifer, and a restless Najibullah fell to the latter thanks to a good low catch by Joshua Bishop at deep square leg.

Reifer got a second thanks to Walsh expertly judging a mistimed Scott Kugeleijn pull to juggle and hold near the rope.

Rashid was, predictably, too good for the tail and finished his spell with the wicket of his countryman Zahir Khan.

Young with a tight over of 0/3 was the only one of the Tridents bowlers not to take a wicket, and they hadn't even needed all 20 overs.

Hope and Johnson Charles started cautiously. The first aerial shot didn't come until the 4th over, Charles almost holding out to mid-on, but a smattering of fours saw the Tridents score at a run a ball. Hope fell LBW to a good ball from Williams, but the Tridents reached the Power Play at a steady 34/1.

That became 37/2 when Zahir bowled Kyle Mayers with a beauty that turned from middle to take off-stump, the no.3

again struggling against wrist-spin. Williams and Zahir snuck through a few tight overs, and even Charles' third boundary was a controlled leg glance. Williams wasn't giving up, beating Holder's waft to pick up a second LBW, but at the drinks break the Tridents were 48/3 and needed barely over four an over.

The Tridents though continued to bat nervously - Chase and Glen, the latter bowling for the first time in senior T20 cricket, were tidy, and the leg-spinner Glen got his first wicket when Charles sliced to long-on where Williams took a good catch.

The Tridents suddenly found themselves 67/4 off 14, and Zahir, Nabi and Chase bowled tidily against a nervy Nurse and Corey Anderson. When Nabi beat Anderson in the flight and bowled him, the Tridents found themselves suddenly five down and needing over a run a ball.

Sammy gave Glen the nod for the 19th, and Rashid fell clubbing the leg-spinner to Nabi, leaving Chase nine to defend off the last over.

Nurse fell to a good catch from Najibullah, but most importantly Chase started with three dot balls.

Reifer missed a full toss and only managed three off two balls, leaving Young needing to hit his first ever ball in Hero CPL over the ropes to seal a win that seemed a formality at almost every stage. He couldn't do it, and while the Zouks bowlers deserve huge credit, for the second day in a row the Tridents found themselves wondering how on earth they had lost.

Young Masters Sports Club and Academy up and running

Morris “Abuda” Barnes, the head of the Young Masters Sports Club Academy, has said his unit was the first to reopen following national lockdown that began on March 13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Observing all the coronavirus protocols established by the government,

Abuda said they reopened on Saturday June 27 with a weekly attendance of twenty-two children.

Barnes talking to PointeXpress explained that the mission of the programme is to teach and prepare youths for a future in sport.

“We take children from the age of 6 to 14-years-old and have been in existence for 13 years,” Barnes noted.

He continued that on Saturdays at the Rising Sun Ground where the academy is based, they pay special attention to teaching the fundamentals of cricket and football with emphasis on kiddy’s cricket.

Barnes was drawn to coaching youth



cricket in 2007 when he taught Physical Education at the St. Michael’s Primary School.

With the new reality of COVID-19 and its implications on the future of sport, he remarked that the children have demonstrated a great cooperative attitude in the practice sessions.

The Young Masters Sports Club and Academy participated in ten Under-13 Kiddy cricket matches in 2019 and were successful in all their outings.

Alzarri Joseph to participate in 2020 IPL

Leeward Hurricanes fast bowler Alzarri Joseph will return to the Mumbai Indians for the 2020 Indian Premier league (IPL) immediately after he completes his mission with the St. Kitts/Nevis Patriots in the 2020 CPL played in

Trinidad and Tobago.

The West Indies pacer represented the Mumbai Indians in three matches during the 2019 edition before a serious injury ended his season in three outings.

He bagged six wickets at

an average of 14.50 with an economy rate of 10.03.

In March 2019 Joseph was selected as a replacement for Adam Milne and on April 6 he made his IPL debut against Sunrisers Hyderabad and took 6 wickets for 12 runs in 3.4 overs, breaking the IPL record for most wickets in a game.

Eventually, the World Under-19 cricket champion dislocated his shoulder ending his season.

Joseph stayed in India and rehabilitated his injury successfully.

The Antiguan is expected to fly out immediately after the Patriots’ final game in the CPL to India with the IPL slated to start on September 19 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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