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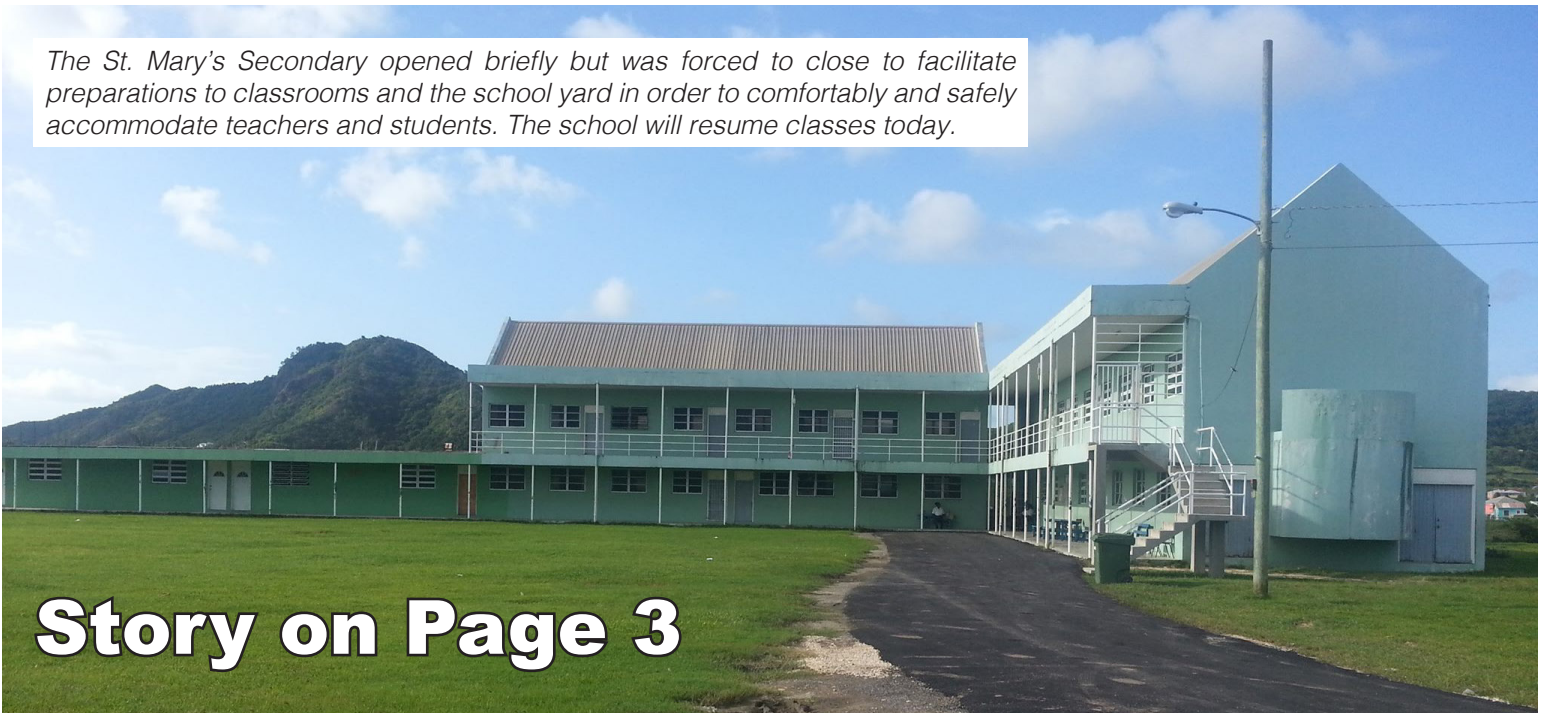
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## LAST THREE SCHOOLS OPEN

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# Renewed commitment to lift Barbuda out of the doldrums

The central government has renewed its commitment to lift Barbuda out of economic stagnancy and improve the standard of living of its people.

The commitment comes from Prime Minister Gaston Browne who said despite the resistance of the Barbuda Council, his administration is focused on one goal: moving Barbuda forward.

“We are not bringing development to Barbuda because we are interested in the politics of the island. We are interested in winning the Barbuda seat or to control the council. Our objective is to ensure that we empower the Barbuda people and that is why we continue to do the necessary things to bring the island forward,” Browne stated.

He accused the Barbuda People’s Movement (BPM) controlled Barbuda Council of misdirecting its energy into resisting all efforts to bring development to the island and its people in order to secure its political standing.

Browne accused several persons aligned with the BPM, including Barbuda’s parliamentary representative, Trevor Walker, of being unable to offer sound leadership to the people of Barbuda.

He pointed to the fact, however, that the majority of the workforce on Barbuda is employed by the Barbuda Council and may therefore feel obligated to vote for the BPM when Council elections are held.

Despite the resistance from the players on Barbuda, Browne has said his government remains determined that development must come to Barbuda.

“We can’t treat our sister island and our brothers and sisters as though they are second class citizens and leave them to languish. We must make sure there is corresponding development in Barbuda so that we can bring the island forward. It would be criminal negligence if we were to do otherwise,” he declared.

The prime minister expressed confidence that in time, those now protesting development on Barbuda will change their position and extend gratitude to his adminis-

tration for remaining steadfast in pursuing its plans to develop Barbuda.

The government’s vision for Barbuda includes a \$25 million project which will convert Barbuda into a ‘green’ island with a significant portion of its energy supply coming from renewable sources. According to Prime Minister Browne, this project will commence in 2021.

The prime minister’s comments came against the backdrop of another disturbance on Barbuda on Friday which resulted in the arrest of two members of the BPM. They were part of a group that was planning a blockade of the Peace Love and Harmony (PLH) Project.

In response to this news, Browne reiterated his earlier warning that he will increase the presence of national security forces on the island if the BPM controlled Council and its supporters continue to engage in ‘lawlessness’.

“When it comes to the rule of law, I have made the point time and again, that this is something upon which I will not relent. I have said it before and I am saying it again, if we have to send more law enforcement officers to the island, including the ABDF, to maintain law and order, we are going to do so. We will not sit idly by while Trevor Walker and others plunge Barbuda into chaos and confusion.”

DAY 9/21

NIGHT 9/21

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## SUNRISE/SUNSET

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6:03 PMDuration  
12:07 hr

## MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST  
10:06 PMMoonset AST  
9:45 AMDuration  
11: 39 hr



## Last three schools open today

The entire education plant in Antigua and Barbuda has been restored for the 2020-21 school year with the last three schools having opened their doors today.

This is according to Director of Education, Clare Browne, who reported that the St. Mary's Secondary, Sir McChesney George in Barbuda and School for the Deaf will resume classes today.

The St. Mary's Secondary opened briefly but was forced to close to facilitate preparations to classrooms and the school yard in order to comfortably and safely accommodate teachers and students.

Late Sunday afternoon, Director Browne received word from the school's principal that the contractor had completed the work necessary to allow for regular school to resume.

"The air condition system is in place, the electricity fully functioning, the water stations are in place and all systems are go for the start of classes today," he revealed.

The School for the Deaf, began classes today with eleven of its eighteen students.

Previously, the school catered to the needs of seventeen students but they are joined by a new student who has enrolled this year.

"Two new classrooms are being built with the help of the Rotary Club.



*Director of Education, Clare Browne*

These classrooms are nearing completion and we expect them to go into use in short order," the Director of Education announced.

The Sir McChesney George school on Barbuda was also set to start classes, according to Browne, who spoke with principal, John Mussington, last Friday.

That school also underwent renovations in preparation for the start of classes.

While construction is not fully completed, a team composed of a representative from the Ministry of Education and two members of the Barbuda Council, agreed that classes could resume today.

Form Five students met for orientation today. Lower forms will also participate in orientations concluding with Form One on Friday.

In class tutoring begins next Monday on a six day cycle.

Now two weeks into the new school year, Browne

said he is satisfied with the operations of the education plant.

"Things are going generally well so far as the principals and the teachers have been doing an excellent job.

"Our greatest challenge has to do with ensuring that social distancing is maintained. This constitutes most of the reports reaching my desk and it remains a challenge," he remarked.

The Director acknowledged, however, that the adjustments in a time of COVID-19 will be difficult for the students especially earlier on in the term.

"It has been a cultural shift from a place of interaction to one of near isolation. I have personally visited several schools and there are no reports regarding the wearing of face masks but social distanc-

ing is the primary issue," he recalled.

So far, according to the Director Browne, nine students have been approved for homeschool after appropriate education plans were submitted to the ministry.

Another seven have been tentatively approved subject to the submission and approval of education plans.

Three applications were withdrawn after the parents of those children decided to have them return to a traditional classroom setting.

Browne also remarked that he was pleased with the ministry's response to the coronavirus pandemic as stakeholders in education rose to the occasion after being forced to devise a creative approach to this unexpected and unprecedented challenge.

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Licensing Magistrate  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
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Police Headquarters  
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St. John's

### Re: Notice- Application for Tavern Licence

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Dated 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

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# ABWU holds scaled down conference today

The Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union (ABWU) has convened its 54th annual Delegates' Conference today.

The body has come together with the COVID-19 pandemic foremost in its discussions as it has decimated the employment of thousands of its members.

ABWU General Secretary, David Massiah, said the union has been forced to scale down the conference, which is normally held over two days, to a single day of condensed discussions. This

year, the union will forego customary opening formalities and go directly into the business session.

"We will review developments within the union from last September to present including meeting some of our legal obligations such as the presentation of our financial report which then goes to the Labour Department. We will also look at the coronavirus pandemic and the impact it has had on our membership especially those in the hotel sector," he stated.



*ABWU General Secretary, David Massiah*

The ABWU wants to understand the full weight of the pandemic's effect on the national, regional and international communities. To help them understand the issue, the union has invited the Deputy Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Trevor Brathwaite, provide an overview of the current economic climate and make predictions regarding the future.

"We wanted to invite someone with the knowhow and expertise to advise us of what the future is likely to hold for us in Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of the region.

"As a union, we have been forward thinking in our outlook and that is why we are a highly regarded force in the labour industry," Massiah stated.

In addition to the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic which resulted

in thousands of the union's members losing their jobs, primarily in the hotel sector, significant losses also resulted from the breakdown of LIAT.

The union boss explained that because of local labour laws, many workers were paid off by their employers. Consequently, Massiah is suggesting that it is unlikely that hotels will rebound quickly after some normalcy returns to international travel.

Meanwhile, today's conference is the body's first gathering since the death of one of its founding fathers, Sir Keithlyn Smith on 3rd July. The ABWU was formed in 1967. Sir Keithlyn, while diminutive in stature, was a giant in the national trade union and labour movements.

The conference is expected to decide on a fitting tribute to the late trade unionist.

## APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

These planned outages are necessary for our continuous upgrade and maintenance programme to provide reliable and consistent service to our customers.

**Date:** Monday September 21st, 2020

**Time:** 8:30AM - 11:30AM

**Affected areas:** Westerns section of Cookes near Denfield's Housing Project

**Date:** Tuesday September 22nd, 2020

**Time:** 8:30AM - 12:00PM

**Affected areas:** Sections of Bendals; southwest of clinic and near Antigua Masonry Products (AMP)

**Date:** Wednesday September 23rd, 2020

**Time:** 8:30AM - 12:00PM

**Affected areas:** Section of McKinnons

**Date:** Thursday September 24th, 2020

**Time:** 8:30AM - 11:30AM

**Affected areas:** Section of Lower Gambles east of Penny Lane

**Date:** Friday September 25th, 2020

**Time:** 8:30AM - 1:00PM

**Affected areas:** New Village, Liberta

Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page.

Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.



## Prime Minister Browne wants stronger India/CARICOM ties

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, wants to see the Commonwealth Caribbean territories strengthen their ties with India with whom he says they share common ties.

Browne, who has predicted that India will become the third largest global economy within five to ten years, is urging the region to look toward India as a development partner.

"Within the next five years, certainly not more than ten years, India will become the third largest economy in the world.

"Mark my word! India is the country that the Caribbean region should be looking towards to develop stronger relations.

"My view is that India will not only become the most populous country in the world, but it will have a bigger economy as well," he forecast.

Based on the prediction surrounding India's economic expansion and dominance, Browne feels that the Asian nation is best positioned to strengthen south-south cooperation and to help Caribbean nations build their capacity

in several areas.

"India has its own problems, including a significant amount of poverty and the focus would be lifting the Indian people out of poverty, but while they do so they will be in a position to help other countries.

"That is the model that China adopted. China lifted its people out of poverty over several decades, but it also helped other developing countries here in the Caribbean, Africa and elsewhere build capacity," said PM Browne.

As a foreign policy strategy, Browne is recommending that Antigua and Barbuda and its neighbours in the Caribbean, should seek to form stronger ties with India.

"We should be giving ties with India significant priority as we cultivate closer ties both bilaterally and multilaterally," he declared.

Prime Minister Browne said he already enjoys 'very warm' relations with the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

The Commonwealth Caribbean territories form part of the former British



*Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, left, shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.*

colonies that maintain a relationship through the Commonwealth. India and these territories also share a strong passion for cricket.

Another country which Browne believes the region should pay attention to is Indonesia, a south-eastern Asian country, which has also shown signs that it is on its way to becoming a global economic power.

## Chinese firm chooses Antigua for regional headquarters

The China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) is constructing its regional headquarters here in Antigua.

CCECC is behind several major projects in Antigua and Barbuda, including the V. C. Bird International Airport terminal building.

Prime Minister Gaston

Browne confirmed the development after he posted a photo on social media recently.

"China Construction design concept for its Caribbean Headquarters. The government sold them five acres of land at \$10.00 per square foot to facilitate the construction of their headquarters located at the back

of Sir Viv Richards Stadium," said the photo's caption.

The announcement comes in the midst of heated nationwide speculation over development that has begun in the area north of the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Concerning the sale of land to CCECC, PM

Browne continued, "My government transferred a total of ten acres of land to Chinese interests. Five of the ten acres were a gift to the People's Republic of China to conduct a US\$23M embassy and residence. It's not unusual for countries to build embassy buildings in foreign coun-

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## 'First Family' welcomes a baby girl

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, and his wife, Housing Minister, Maria Browne have announced the birth of their second child, Peace-Marie Xandra Browne.

The Housing Minister announced her safe delivery via a social media post on Saturday afternoon.

"Happy to announce the arrival of our sweet baby girl, Peace-Marie Xandra Browne, born 18th September 2020. God has truly blessed us and we are so very thankful for all of your prayers and kind words. Prince & Peace ... our hearts are full," Minister Browne's brief announcement stated.

Prime Minister Browne also took to social media to indicate that both the baby and his wife were healthy and doing well. He also thanked well-wishers for their kind words and support.

Executive Assistant to the Minister,



*Prime Minister Gaston Browne, and his wife, Housing Minister, Maria Browne*

Nadine Armstrong, also reached out to PointeXpress to extend congratulations to the couple on behalf of her secretariat.

"Throughout the pandemic and Minister Browne's maternity, she has constantly communicated with and managed the operations of both her

constituency and ministry," Ms. Armstrong said.

Armstrong continued, "Minister Browne was committed to ensuring families within her constituency received support for back to school. Through her, we were able to distribute 116 pairs of school shoes, over 150 school bags and other essential school supplies. She has pushed for the current road works within the constituency to continue and earlier this month initiated a once weekly hot meal programme. Clearing of empty lots and lands in the wake of hurricane season was also on her priority list," the Armstrong revealed.

In conjunction with Daryl George of Total Imports, Minister Browne also organized the distribution of cleaning and sanitizing products to nursing homes in her constituency, St. John's Rural East.

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tries. We also sold five acres to China Construction to build their headquarters for the Caribbean here in Antigua. The presence of China Construction will result in a transfer of technology to locals and the development of a building construction export market."

The country's leader went on to say that CCECC has been conducting business in Antigua and Barbuda for well over ten years.

"China construction has been operating in Antigua for over a decade and is responsible for the construction of the airport, new cargo port facilities, and several other buildings gifted by the People's Republic of China to the

government of Antigua and Barbuda," Browne said on Facebook.

Ground was broken on the project on September 16th. It is expected that it will be completed in eight to ten months. The project will include a corporate office building, housing quarters and recreational facility.

In 2018, during high level talks with the Chinese diplomatic core and the president of the China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC), Prime Minister Browne recommended that because of the CCECC's strong ties with the people and Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Antigua would be the ideal location for its re-



gional headquarters.

According to reports, CCECC has been listed among the world's top 100 international contractors for seventeen consecutive years by the Engineering News Record "ENR".

According to ARUP, an

international independent firm of designers, planners, engineers, architects, consultants and technical specialists, "CCECC has now established resident offices or project management headquarters in 101 countries around the world."



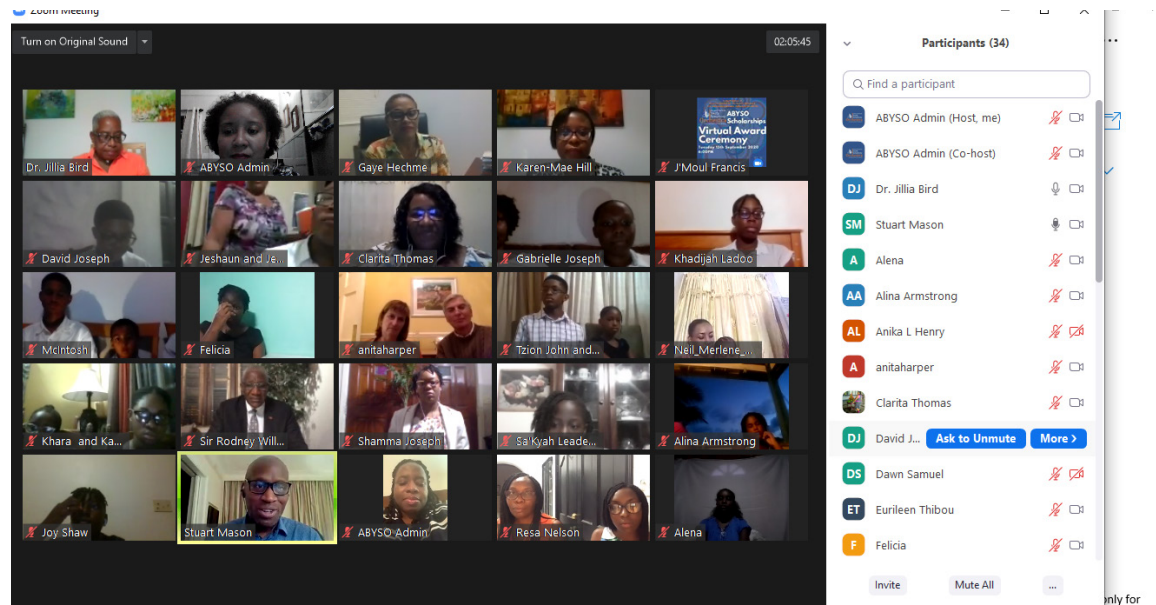
# Young music lovers get scholarships

Twenty-three young musicians will receive scholarships which have been secured by the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra (ABYSO). The scholarships will support private tuition for some recipients and the cost of sitting private examinations for others.

The announcement of the scholarships were made during the recently held ABYSO Scholarships Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Offering the keynote address, Governor General, H.E. Sir Rodney Williams, who along with his wife, Lady Sandra Williams, are the ABYSO's patrons, noted the significant increase in awards compared to the previous year when nine scholarships were presented.

The top award was presented to fifteen-year-old Daniel McIntosh for exemplary re-



Screenshot of the ABYSO Scholarships Virtual Awards Ceremony

cords in all core areas of the ABYSO.

The Patron's Award was sponsored by the Halo Foundation Inc., a charity founded and chaired by Lady Williams, the Governor General's Goodwill Emissary.

The ABYSO's benefactors, who hail from several local and international organizations, were commended

highly for their unstinting support for local music and youth development.

ABYSO Director and Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Gaye Hechme, explained the scholarship cycle which includes the submission of applications drawn from the ABYSO and ABYSO Junior programmes, to the care-

ful review and selection of awardees and close monitoring of their progress during implementation.

The 12 month long scholarships will be supervised by the committee to ensure that students not only receive the best quality of instruction but are also inspired to perform to the best of their ability.

"We want the young people to enjoy their music making but also recognise that this comes with discipline and sacrifice," Hechme stated.

ABYSO Director responsible for fundraising, Eurileen Thibou, advised the awardees that the scholarships present a multitude of opportunities to develop their true potential in music as well as other aspects of their lives.

Father of the famous Kanneh-Mason musical family, Stuart Mason, was also on hand to encourage the young scholars. Orena Charles expressed appreciation to the donors on behalf of the awardees' parents.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM



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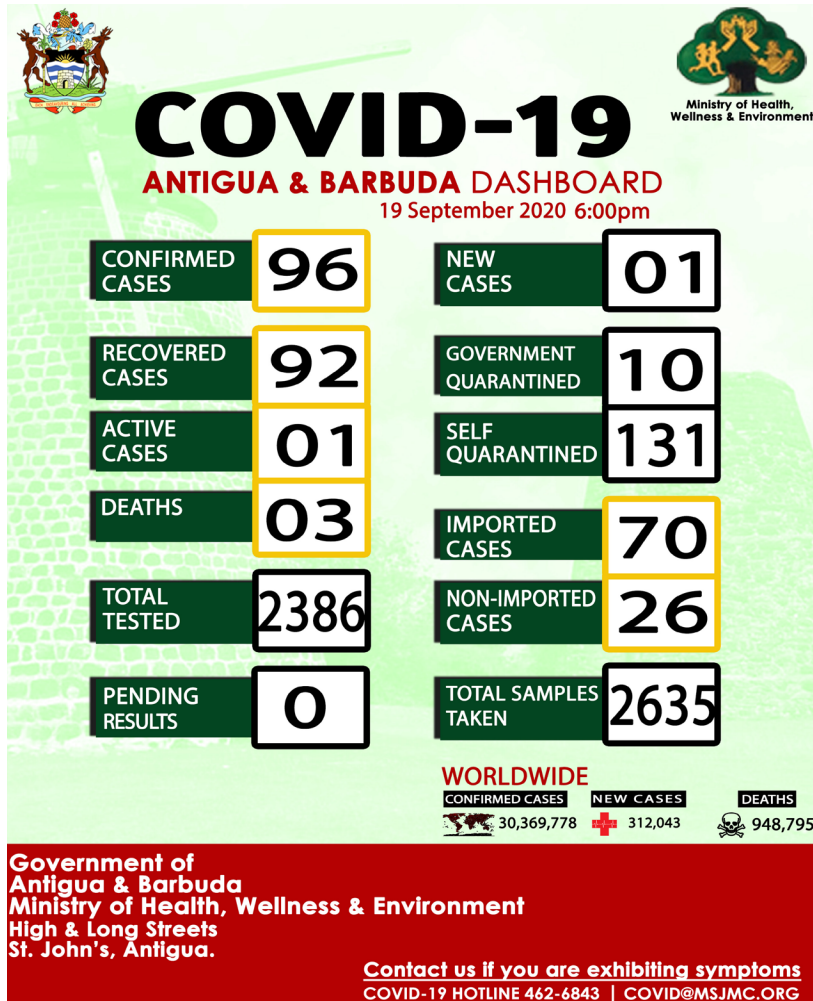
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## One new case of COVID-19, no clusters



While one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in Antigua and Barbuda over the weekend, authorities say there are no clusters of infection occurring.

Health officials report that there is little evidence to suggest that there is significant community spread of the virus.

The patient in this new case is reportedly asymptomatic.

The immediate family members of the individual have since been tested and have all returned 'negative' test results. The contact tracing team investigating the case has so far been unable to determine the source of the patient's infection.

The patient is said to

have attended a party however it could not be ascertained whether they became infected there.

One senior government official is calling on members of society to remain vigilant and to practice the health protocols outlined by the Ministry of Health.

"While there may not be any laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country, we cannot say that there is no presence of the virus in the society," the official explained.

Last week, the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) upgraded Antigua and Barbuda's ranking on the coronavirus measurement from 'cluster' to 'sporadic'.

## Nicholas: Republic? Not Yet!

Antigua and Barbuda is in no rush to become a republic which would mean the removal of Queen Elizabeth II as the country's Head of State.

This is the view of Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, who added that although Antigua and Barbuda will likely examine the possibility of becoming a republic in the future, now is not that time.

"I don't know that there is an appetite for that at this time. I believe we should remain focused on the task at hand; the rekindling of the national economy that

the country enjoyed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic," Nicholas told reporters.

Nicholas added that there would need to be a programme of public education before moving to replace the constitutional monarchy now in place with a republican system of government.

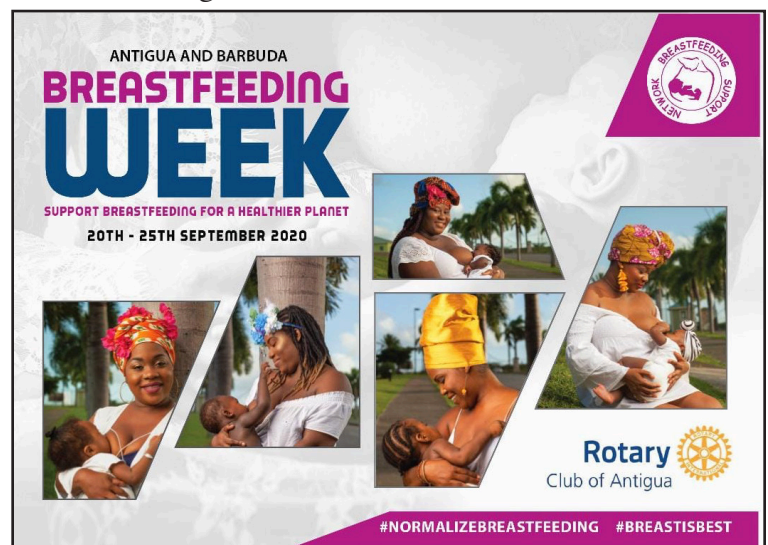
Nicholas's response was prompted by questions raised by reporters concerning Barbados' recent announcement that it will take steps to become a republic November 30th 2021, its independence day.

Wishing Barbados well in its decision, Nicholas noted

that there are already three republics in the Commonwealth Caribbean; Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Dominica.

"These things are more

symbolic, spiritual and emotional rather than changing anything in real terms in the way that our public administration is done," Nicholas concluded.



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# Habits that harm your Teeth

It's common knowledge that smoking, teeth grinding, and sloppy dental hygiene can negatively impact the health of your mouth, but they're not the only behaviors that can spell trouble for your teeth and gums. Other habits that are mentioned below can cause problems for your teeth.

## *Seven things that may possibly damage the teeth.*

### 1. Using your teeth as tools

Do you tear open bags of potato chips, or twist off bottle caps with your teeth? Using your mouth in lieu of a pair of scissors or a bottle opener might seem like a convenient shortcut, but it could actually land you in the dentist's chair.

"You shouldn't use your teeth to open bottles, or to rip open packages. There's the potential to fracture a tooth. If you're using a back tooth, you could damage a filling or crown."

Tooth chips, cracks, and fractures can create openings for tooth decay to take hold. In serious cases, a bro-

ken tooth may have to be permanently removed, and replaced with a dental implant.

### 2. Tongue, lip or cheek piercings

Facial piercings might be trendy when you're younger, but the health concerns that they spark are not. Stud or ring piercings can create complications such as infection, bleeding and swelling of the tongue, or nearby tissues.

Tongue, cheek or lip jew-

ellery can cause 'chronic injury to adjacent teeth and mucosa (inside of cheeks, lips, taste buds), including tooth fracture, and gum recession, which can lead to tooth loss.'

Individuals with oral jewelry must be extra careful to avoid the damage that biting a piercing can cause, and should discuss oral management with their dentist.

### 3. Playing sports without a mouth guard

It's common to see professional athletes in football, hockey and boxing wearing mouth guards, but oral protection is also important for recreational athletes of all ages.

In any sport where you could potentially be hit in the face, a mouth guard is a good thing. Different styles of mouth guards are available, ranging from the

cheapest option – 'boil-and-bite' mouth guards that you can make at home with DIY kits – to customized guards created by your dentist.

This version is pricier, but offers an exact fit as well as comfort and protection. Put your money where your mouth is – the cost of fixing damaged teeth will be considerably higher than the price of a mouth guard.

### 4. Chewing ice cubes

Crunching ice cubes can chip away at the enamel of your teeth, or cause a tooth to break.

And if your mouth is home to several fillings, an icy snack can be even more perilous. If a tooth has a filling, its strength is compromised to a degree. If you chomp down on ice, you could damage the tooth.

### 5. Sucking on throat loz-

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enges

When a cold or sore throat strikes, the first line of defense is often a cough drop, but tossing back lozenges can set you up for tooth decay. Despite being considered medicinal, some cough drops are loaded with sugar.

If you're continually sucking on lozenges, you'll have a high level of sugar in your mouth. Sugary foods contribute to tooth decay. To spare your smile – and relieve uncomfortable cold symptoms – read the ingredient labels on lozenges to find a brand that's low in sugar.

6. Bleaching your teeth despite irritation

Bleaching your teeth either at home, or in the dentist's office – is a safe way

to achieve a bright, white smile, however, science has yet to figure out how much whitening is too much.

It's believed that excessive bleaching could cause tooth pitting and nerve damage, but additional research is needed to confirm these complications.

In the meantime, it's important for users to note that even when bleaching instructions are followed, some irritation of gum tissue, and tooth sensitivity could occur.

The key is to stop the bleaching process if these side effects don't subside. To lower your risk of further complications, see your dentist for advice on how to proceed.

7. Brushing immediately after consuming acidic foods

If you're consuming food and drink

that is acidic, such as orange juice, it can contribute to a softening of tooth structure.

If you immediately brush your teeth, the abrasion of the toothbrush on the softened enamel can cause some damage. To avoid this risk, wait for about 30 minutes before brushing your teeth. This time frame gives the saliva in your mouth a chance to wash away lurking food debris and acids. Can't wait 30 minutes? Chew sugarless gum. It will stimulate saliva production and help freshen your breath until you can brush your teeth. If in doubt always consult your dentist.

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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

*Catherine Elaine Joseph*

**BORN 10<sup>TH</sup> AUG 1932 DIED 17<sup>TH</sup> SEP 2020**

Information on the thanksgiving service for the life of Catherine Elaine Joseph will be given in a subsequent announcement

MAY HER SOUL CONTINUE TO REST IN ETERNAL PEACE



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MAY HIS SOUL CONTINUE TO REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

# Farmers and Fisherfolk elect representative to serve in Senate

(nowgrenada) Following an election on 16 September 2020, Roderick St Clair, current General Manager of the Grenada Cooperative Nutmeg Association (GCNA), received the nod of farmers and fisherfolk to succeed Dr Dunstan Campbell, as their representative in the Upper House of Parliament.

Campbell recently resigned, citing medical reasons. The Office of the Prime Minister collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands in facilitating an election to fill the position.

A representative from each organisation present at the meeting was asked to submit names of nominees. Each organisation was allowed a maximum of 2 nominees, which was seconded.

The nominees were then asked to indicate whether they are interested in serving. This was followed by a total of 17 votes being cast by private ballots, in the presence of the Lead Elections Officer, Fitzroy James.

The election, which was



Roderick St Clair

held at the Trade Centre Annex, saw a total of 8 farmers and fisheries organisations casting their votes for the 2 nominees, Roderick St Clair and Jason Philip, President of the Grenada Association of Poultry Producers. St Clair amassed 10 votes, which put him 3 points ahead of his opponent, to be elected as the new representative.

The name of the newly elected representative will now have to be sent to the

Prime Minister for consideration, in accordance with Section 24 (2c) of the Grenada Constitution.

Along with the setting up of an office to have the representative interface with farmers and fisherfolk, St Clair is hoping to encourage the consumption of more local produce.

“We need to address, from a national level, how does the farmer and his products become more consumable

locally. We need to push that, so that our local farmers can get their products sold inside of here and utilised.

“Right now, boat into Trinidad is off. How does the farmer survive in this time? So, we need to be able to help drive the local consumption,” he stated.

The issue of food safety and the ability of farmers to ensure that their produce is free of harmful chemicals is also on the agenda for the representative. “The issue of food safety is very important.

“A lot of persons are getting sick from eating food with all different chemicals. How do we, as farmers, become more responsible in the practices that we are involved in, so that we can be able to access international markets. We have to have different arrangements,” he remarked.

The Ministry of Agriculture expresses its gratitude to all farmers and fisherfolk who participated in the process.

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## Rooftops blown off, flash flooding across Trinidad

(Newsday TT) Strong winds have blown off the rooftops of several homes in south and central Trinidad on Saturday morning.

There have also been several flash flooding reports, and residents are bracing for the worst if heaving rain continues.

There were also reports of flooding in east Trinidad in Five Rivers, Bon Air West, and Tacarigua.

In one case, a house is said to have collapsed at Gasparillo due to rapid land movements.

Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation (CTTRC) chairman Henry Awong said members of the disaster management unit were out in the field assessing the situation.

"We have a team on the ground. Roofs were blown off at Caratal Road in Gasparillo, Rose Hill in Claxton Bay, Balmain in Couva, and at Indian Trial. A tree fell at Carli Bay. So far, we have



no reports of flooding," Awong said by phone.

Shortly after 10 am, TT Weather Centre reported on its Facebook page that Antilles Trace, San Francisco, Penal was impassable to most vehicles. The centre advised people to avoid travelling that route.

Barrackpore West councillor Nicholas Kanhai told Newsday he got several

flash flooding reports and visited some of the areas.

Areas affected included Rochard Road in Barrackpore, Papourie Road in Lower Barrackpore, and parts of Mohess Road in Penal.

"The water went down, but if the rain continues, things will worsen. The sun was hot, then the weather changed, and rain started,"

Kanhai said.

"We (Penal/ Debe Regional Corporation) are monitoring the situation. For three hours, it has been raining. Usually, when the rain falls like this, we feel the effects the day after when water from as far as Moruga reaches Penal/ Debe."

So far, there were no reports of loss of lives of animals.



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# CARICOM Secretary General holds fruitful discussions with US Secretary of State

(CARICOM Today) Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ambassador Irwin LaRocque had fruitful discussions with United States Secretary of State Mr Michael Pompeo at the CARICOM Secretariat Headquarters, Turkeyen, Guyana on Friday 18 September.

The discussions included exchanges on the Covid-19 Pandemic and the severe economic fall-out being experienced by CARICOM Member States, the renewal of the Caribbean Basin Trade and Partnership Act (CBPTA), the de-risking of regional banks by US financial institutions and co-operation under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI).

The Secretary-General



*United States Secretary of State Mr Michael Pompeo and Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ambassador Irwin LaRocque*

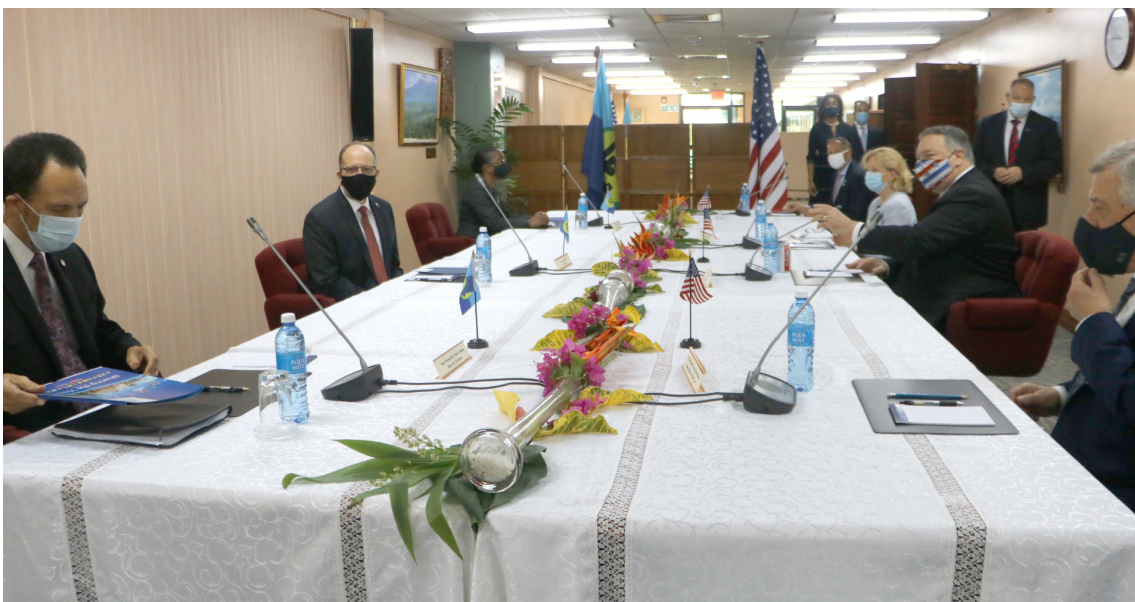
al took the opportunity to thank Mr Pompeo for the response by him and US Treasury Secretary Mr Steve Mnuchin to the issues raised in a letter to

them by the then Chair of the Community, the Honourable Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados earlier this year. The Community sought US support for

initiatives to assist in combatting among other things, the economic fall-out from the pandemic.

Ambassador LaRocque emphasised the need for CARICOM Member States to have access to concessional development financing which is denied to them due to the criteria applied of GDP per capita and the classification of Member States as middle income in that context.

This access, he noted, was critical as the Region sought to emerge from the grave economic crisis brought on by Covid-19 as well as to build resilience to natural disasters.





## Dengue suspected in death of 4-year-old child

(iwnsvg) A 4-year-old boy in St. Vincent and the Grenadines died around midday Friday, two days after being treated at a public healthcare facility for suspected dengue infection.

A source with knowledge of the case told iWitness News that the child had been treated at a polyclinic then discharged.

While dengue, a mosquito-borne viral disease, has not been confirmed as having caused or contributed to the death of the child, the death comes as the nation is in the midst of a dengue outbreak that has largely affected children and teen.

On Sept. 2, the number of laboratory confirmed cases of dengue stood at 184, up from 74 just one week earlier, on Aug. 25.

“So we see that over the last week or so we’ve had quiet a significant increase in the number of laboratory confirmed cases,” Tamara Bobb, an epidemiologist at the Ministry of Health told VC3’s Round Table Talk.

Bobb said that as of the date of the show, Sept. 2, 62% of the reported cases had been hospitalised.

“In terms of dengue haemorrhagic, we have just recorded about one, one or two cases. So I would say the major have been mostly mild,” she said, adding that



*Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease*

no death had been recorded thus far.

“To date, we have noted quite a few infections in children,” Bobb said. “... we have as young as 1 month old. Zero to 15 years old, we have about 45% of the cases are in that particular age group,” Bobb said.

She noted that school had been closed for an extended period — from March to September — because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have been encouraging persons to stay at home. But the thing is, the mosquito loves to be around the home, it loves to be wherever there is fresh water.

“So our children are at home but they are at risk now because they are around the mosquito for longer periods of time so there is more opportuni-

ty for them to get bitten,” Bobb said.

Speaking on the same programme, physician Jerrol Thompson, an infectious disease expert, said that children are more susceptible to dengue.

He said he was happy that children were returning to school after a long break as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I am glad that they are going to get their temperature taken and so forth because that’s the way in which we are going to pick this up and early cases,” Thompson said.

“The thing is that this is different from COVID where being [in the presence of] somebody you could pass it on,” he said.

[With dengue,] it is a mosquito that’s doing that

job and that’s the whole thing. How do you prevent the mosquito from affecting you and how do you get rid of it in your environment?”

The last major dengue outbreak in SVG was in 2014, when there were about 240 cases.

Thompson said he is convinced that most of the nation’s young children have not been exposed to previous outbreaks and are, therefore, more susceptible.

“They wouldn’t have any antibodies, they wouldn’t have any immunity, protection for this,” he said.

“And they are running round in short pants, in shirts and so forth and I think they are at greater risk in this regard and they have to be protected in a much more intensive way,” Thompson said.

## WeChat: Judge blocks US attempts to ban downloads of Chinese app

(BBC) A judge has blocked a US government attempt to ban the Chinese messaging and payments app, WeChat.

US Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said the ban raised serious questions related to the constitution's first amendment, guaranteeing free speech.

The Department of Commerce had announced a bar on WeChat appearing in US app stores from Sunday, effectively shutting it down.

The Trump administration has alleged it threatens national security.

It says the app could pass user data to the Chinese government.

Both WeChat and China have strongly denied the claim. Tencent, the conglomerate that owns WeChat, had previously described the US ban as "unfortunate".

The ruling comes just after TikTok, which was also named in the Department of Commerce order, reached a deal with US firms Oracle and Walmart to hopefully allow them to keep operating.

The case came to court after a group of US WeChat users challenged President Donald Trump's executive order that sought to shut WeChat down in the country.

The US Justice Department argued that blocking



the executive order would "frustrate and displace the president's determination of how best to address threats to national security".

However Judge Beeler, sitting in San Francisco, noted that "while the general evidence about the threat to national security related to China (regarding technology and mobile technology) is considerable, the specific evidence about WeChat is modest".

In a statement, the US Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the decision to block the app was taken "to combat China's malicious collection of American citizens' personal data".

The department said WeChat collected "vast swathes of data from users, including network activity, location data, and browsing and search histories".

Friday's statement from the commerce department said the governing Chinese Communist Party "has demonstrated the means and motives to use these apps to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and the economy of the US".

Tencent, which owns WeChat, has said that messages on its app are private.

WeChat is used by nearly 20 million people in the US - and pretty much exclusively by the Chinese and South East Asian diaspora.

It is hard to describe how important it is in people's lives. It is not just an app, for many people WeChat IS their mobile phone. It is like Amazon, Facebook, WhatsApp, Tinder and much more, rolled into one.

One Malaysian expat told me she would "cry" if the app was blocked. She told me her family had spent

time showing her elderly mother how to use WeChat - and worried she would be unable to communicate with her if the ban came into force.

Interestingly though, we have not heard much from WeChat's owners - Tencent. Why? Well, Tencent is one of the biggest games companies in the world - and has a huge market in America. If President Trump were to go further and target that section of the business it would really sting.

WeChat was set up in 2011. It is a multi-purpose app allowing users to send messages, make mobile payments and use local services. It has been described as an "app for everything" in China and has more than one billion monthly users.

Like all Chinese social media platforms, WeChat

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## Woman suspected of sending poisoned letter to Trump arrested

(CNN) A woman suspected of sending a letter containing the poison ricin to President Donald Trump was arrested as she tried to enter the US from Canada at a border crossing in New York state, a US law enforcement official said.

The woman was carrying a gun and arrested by US authorities, according to the law enforcement official.

US prosecutors in Washington, DC, are expected to bring charges against her.

CNN previously reported that law enforcement had intercepted a ricin package sent to Trump last week, according to two law enforcement officials, and that investigators were looking into the possibility that it came from Canada.

Two tests had been done to confirm the presence of ricin. All mail for the White House is sorted and screened at an offsite facility before reaching the White House.

A spokesperson for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police told CNN Sunday



*President Donald Trump*

that “the RCMP is still not in a position to issue a statement, or to confirm/deny any reports on arrests.” The RCMP confirmed Saturday that it was working with the FBI to investigate the matter.

In a statement provided to CNN on Saturday, the FBI’s Washington field office said that “the FBI and our U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Postal Inspection Service partners are investigating a suspicious letter received at a U.S. govern-

ment mail facility. At this time, there is no known threat to public safety.”

Authorities are investigating additional similar packages mailed to addresses in Texas that may be connected to the same sender in Canada, CNN previously reported, according to a US law enforcement official.

“We are aware of the concerning reports of packages containing ricin directed toward US federal government sites,” Mary-Liz Power, chief spokeswoman for Canada’s Minister of Public Safety Bill Blair, told CNN on Saturday.

“Canadian law enforcement is working closely with their US counterparts. As this is an active investigation we cannot comment further,” she had said.

Ricin is a highly toxic compound extracted from castor beans that has been used in terror plots. It can be used in powder, pellet, mist or acid form. If ingested, it causes nausea, vomiting and internal bleeding of the stomach and intestines, followed by failure of the liver, spleen and kidneys, and death by collapse of the circulatory system.

As little as 500 micrograms -- an amount the size of the head of a pin -- can kill an adult. There is no specific test for exposure and no antidote once exposed.

Ricin can be produced easily and cheaply, but experts say it is more effective on individuals than as a weapon of mass destruction.

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must censor content the government deems illegal. In March, a report said WeChat was censoring key words about the coronavirus outbreak from as early as 1 January.

But WeChat insists encryption means others cannot “snoop” on your messages, and that content such as text, audio and images are not stored on its servers - and are deleted once all intended recipients have read them.

## Iran chides US as world refuses to reimpose sanctions

(aljazeera) Iran has promised to inflict a “decisive response” against the United States for acting like a bully to adversaries and allies alike after Washington said it would reimpose UN sanctions - without United Nations’ approval.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani addressed the nation in a live televised cabinet meeting on Sunday, congratulating world powers for resisting US pressure to reinstate UN sanctions, saying the effort “has reached its definitive point of failure”.

Today, he said, “will be a memorable day in the history of our country’s diplomacy”.

Pointing out how the US tried to garner the support of other nuclear deal signatories following its unilateral withdrawal from the nuclear deal, Rouhani said the US expected Iran to act irrationally, giving it an excuse to form an international coalition against Tehran.

“Today we can say the ‘maximum pressure’ of US against the Iranian nation, politically and legally, has turned to ‘maximum isolation’ for the US.”

The president also addressed the five remaining signatories of the Iran nuclear deal, reiterating the promise that if they fully adhere to their commitments under the accord, Tehran will also fully implement its commitments.

Exactly one year after the



US abandoned the nuclear deal, Iran started gradually scaling down its commitments, including those concerning its stockpile of enriched uranium. Iran continues to grant access to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The US broke with all other permanent members of the UN over the sanctions move, which the international community, including Washington’s close allies the United Kingdom, France and Germany, said had no legal basis.

The American decision sets the stage for an ugly showdown at the world body in advance of its annual General Assembly this week.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Sunday said European leaders “haven’t lifted a finger” to halt arms sales to Iran.

He told Fox News “arms sales, tanks, air defence systems, all of those, in a couple

of weeks, would have been permitted to have been sold. And the Europeans have not joined us in this”.

In a statement following the expiration of a deadline set by the US, Pompeo threatened “consequences” for any UN member state that does not comply with the punitive measures, which were lifted under the landmark nuclear deal signed between six world powers and Iran in 2015 but was abandoned by the US more than two years ago.

Despite the US in May 2018 pulling out of the deal and reimposing crippling sanctions on Iran, Washington argues it is still technically a “participant” and could trigger the so-called “snapback”.

The White House plans to issue an executive order on Monday spelling out how the US will enforce the restored sanctions, and the State and Treasury depart-

ments are expected to outline how foreign individuals and businesses will be penalised for violations.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, an unnamed US official told Reuters news agency Washington will sanction more than two dozen people and entities involved in Iran’s nuclear, missile and conventional arms programme.

Economic pressure from Washington on Tehran pushed the local currency down to its lowest level ever on Sunday. Iran’s currency dropped to 272,500 to the US dollar at money exchange shops across the capital.

The rial has lost more than 30 percent of its value to the dollar since June as sweeping US sanctions on Iran continue to crush its ability to sell oil globally. Iran’s currency was at 32,000 rials to the dollar at the time of Tehran’s 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.



## Oil refiners worldwide struggle with weak demand, inventory glut

(Reuters) Global oil refiners reeling from months of lackluster demand and an abundance of inventories are cutting fuel production into the autumn because the recovery in demand from the impact of coronavirus has stalled, according to executives, refinery workers and industry analysts.

Refiners cut output by as much as 35% in spring as coronavirus lockdowns destroyed the need for travel. As lockdowns eased, refiners increased output slowly through late August. But in top fuel consumer the United States and elsewhere, refiners have been decreasing rates for the last several weeks in response to increased inventories, a sustained lack of demand and in response to natural disasters.

The hit to capacity has been most notable in China. The second largest fuel consumer led the world in oil demand recovery after taming its outbreak of coronavirus. But its refiners also export fuel, and those shipments have been weak due to the virus's effect on fuel demand in other Asian nations.

Chinese refineries are expected to cut runs in September, led by Petro-China 601857.SS with a 5-10% reduction versus August, as Chinese refiners grapple with high fuel inventories and poor export margins, analysts said.

"The impacts of COVID-19...are putting extreme pressures on the refining business that we have not experienced before and are not sustainable over the longer term," Scott Wyatt, chief executive at Australian fuel supplier Viva Energy Group Ltd VEA.AX, said earlier this month.

Inventories of distillates, which include diesel, jet fuel and heating oil, which usually start building ahead of winter, are brimming this year, leading to a poor outlook for refinery margins



*Pipes are pictured at Mexico state oil firm Pemex's Cadereyta refinery in Cadereyta, on the outskirts of Monterrey*

for the coming months.

U.S. fuel demand has fallen 13% year-on-year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Autumn is typically when use of heating oil and diesel rises, but with more than 179 million barrels in storage, nearly a record, refiners have no incentive to keep units running.

The Paris-based International Energy Agency cut its forecast for global oil demand for 2020 for the second time in two months last week due to the faltering recovery. The energy watchdog forecast global consumption of petroleum and liquid fuels will average 91.7 million barrels per day for all of 2020, a reduction in its previous forecast of 200,000 bpd and down 8.4 million bpd from 2019's 100.1 million bpd level.

U.S. refiners are still producing 20% less fuel than before the pandemic. Chinese, Indian, Japanese and South Korean refineries cut their utilization rates from July and August.

"Even with a U-shape economic recovery, demand potentially is going to be around 2 million bpd below where it was in the fourth quarter of 2019," David Fyfe, chief economist at Argus, said on a webinar earlier this month.

Asia's fuel output could fall further during seasonal maintenance between September and November, and several facilities worldwide are expected to close.

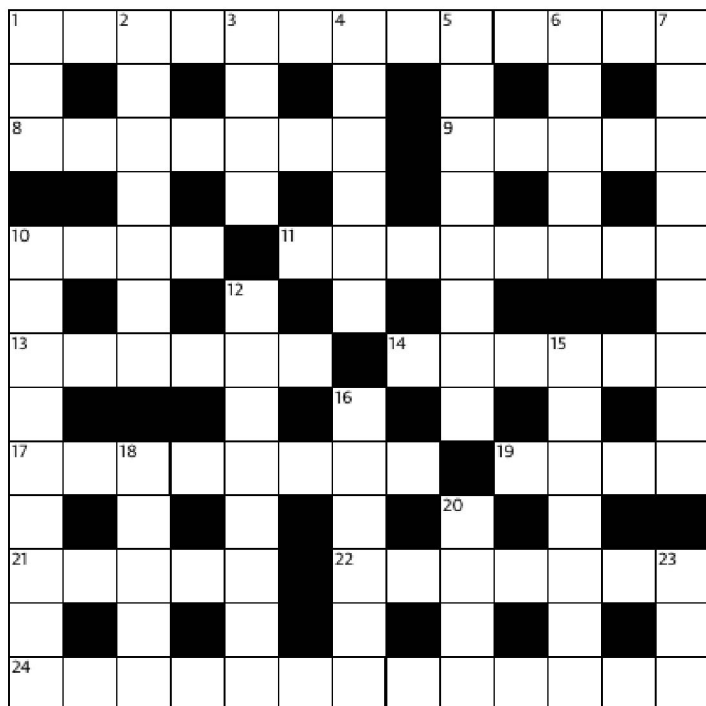
Average utilization rates at Chinese state-owned refineries were at around 78.6% by end-August, down around 3.6 percentage points from July, data compiled by China-based Longzhong consultancy showed.

Australia's Viva said it may be forced to permanently shut its Geelong Refinery in Victoria to curtail losses unless coronavirus-led restrictions are eased and demand picks up. The Australian government has proposed spending billions of dollars to keep the country's four remaining refineries open.

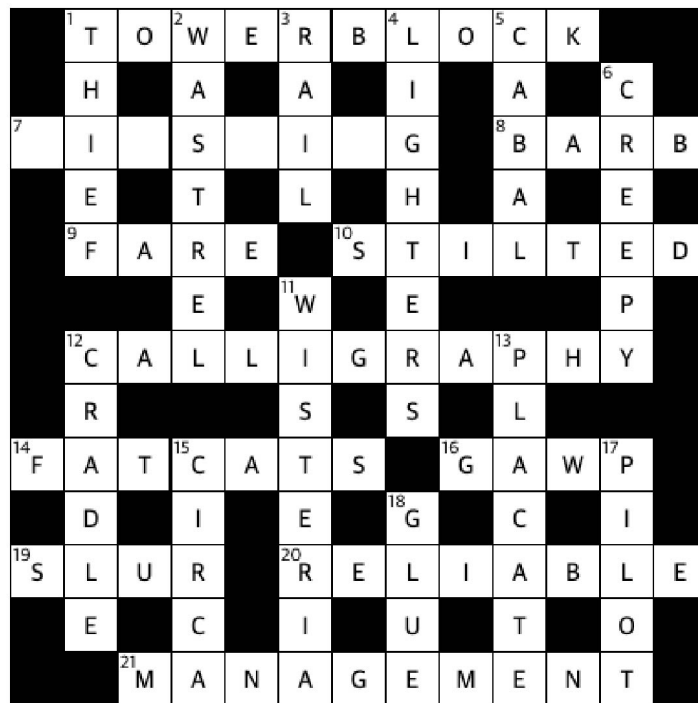


# QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword No 15,717



Quick crossword No 15,709



## Across

- 1 Trick played on a victim (9,4)  
 8 Braid (7)  
 9 V-shaped indentation (5)  
 10 Drag (4)  
 11 Message sent electronically to be delivered in written form (8)  
 13 Nub (of a nut?) (6)  
 14 Reflect (6)  
 17 Eyeshade (3,5)  
 19 Wickedness (4)  
 21 Go bad — confuse (5)  
 22 Threatening (7)  
 24 Government department (7,6)

## Down

- 1 Drink — burst (3)  
 2 With sharp corners (7)  
 3 Soften (4)  
 4 Paid a brief visit (6)  
 5 Underwear or nightclothes (8)  
 6 Fish-eating mammal with webbed feet (5)  
 7 Fleeting (9)  
 10 Pole for an old infantry weapon (often said to be plain) (9)  
 12 Disease caused by lack of vitamin B1 (8)  
 15 Filled pasta (7)  
 16 Protective envelope (6)  
 18 Low point (5)  
 20 Squabble (4)  
 23 File a suit (3)



## VACCINE-TIMELINE CONFUSION EXPLAINED







## DAILY HOROSCOPE

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19):** It could be fantasy and not fate that makes things seem more complicated than they really are. Avoid misunderstandings by being willing to go along with someone's harmless flights of fancy.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Make imagery count. You may be able to spin your ideas and your appearance into a more favorable look. Be a leader and set an example when morals, principles and high ideals need to be demonstrated.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Sometimes you have to fake before you make it. More can be gained by speaking your mind than by brooding in silence, but be considerate of others. Search out the win-win solutions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A stalemate might stall your progress. You may yearn for more romance in your life than is possible at this time. When your expectations are unrealistic, you are likely to be disappointed when people do not meet them.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Gemstones form when ordinary elements are placed under fire and your status within a group might seem important now. A careless word or change of plan might create a situation that challenges your loyalties. Reach out to a trustworthy friend or family member.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Do you really need that? Watch a tendency to spend money on wild and crazy fads. The little things you buy on impulse may bring a smile to your face, but things that are useful and lasting bring more true pleasure.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.):** When they think you're good, don't disappoint them. You may receive more positive attention from others than usual, but you must work hard to live up to that favorable opinion.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may believe in the eventual triumph of good over evil, or that all fairy tales have a moral message. Since you are inspired by positive and uplifting ideas, it is easier for you to be generous and show brotherly love.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your passion for achieving financial success can keep you going long after the sun goes down. Your belief that there is always a happy ending may sustain you and help you overcome minor misunderstandings.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** When you are open-minded and grateful, you are able to see opportunities rather than obstacles. Pure logic alone may not work when it comes to human feelings and behavior. Cultivate empathy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Some people believe that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You want to believe that, but you are more of a pragmatist when it comes to handling your money. Encourage your friends to be more realistic.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Find your best path forward. Your social skills can give you a competitive edge, especially when it comes to making smart business moves. Fight off the urge to spend money frivolously to satisfy emotional needs.

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## TTFA has four days to drop legal action

FIFA has given the former Trinidad and Tobago Football Association (TTFA) board until 3pm on September 23 to withdraw all court claims against the world governing body or face suspension.

In a letter to the TTFA Normalisation Committee Chairman, Robert Hadad, FIFA said "The FIFA Council has decided to give a final deadline to the relevant parties to withdraw all types of claims against FIFA before the Trinidad and Tobago court.

Failure to comply with the directive within this revised deadline will result in the matter being brought to the attention of the relevant FIFA bodies to decide on the suspension of the TTFA."

Previously, FIFA had giv-

en a deadline of September 16 saying if the case was not withdrawn suspension proceedings would be started. The new wording and deadline make it clear that suspension is inevitable.

The decision to extend the deadline was made by the FIFA Council at a meeting on Saturday.

To prevent suspension, the former TTFA president, William Wallace, and the co-complainants named in the legal action against FIFA, will have to provide court documents and certified statements that the case has been withdrawn.

If the documentation is not provided, the TTFA can expect the ban to be swift and the suspension to be long, according to an insider who asked to remain anonymous.



## Tadej Pogacar wins Tour de France 2020

In a stunning performance for the ages, Tour de France rookie, Tadej Pogacar, won cycling's showpiece race Sunday on the eve of his 22nd birthday.

Pogacar has become the second youngest winner of the 117-year-old event that this year braved, and overcame, France's worsening coronavirus epidemic.

Turning him from promising prodigy into cycling superstar, Pogacar is now the youngest winner since World War II and the first from Slovenia.

His victory was remarkable, too, for the way in

which he sealed it: at the last possible moment, on the penultimate stage before the finish on Paris' Champs-Elysees.

During the three week long cycling marathon over all five of France's mountain ranges and 3,482 punishing kilometers (2,164 miles), Pogacar held the race lead and its iconic yellow jersey for just one stage, the last and most important one into Paris, with a yellow bike to match.

Pogacar took the race, and Slovenian countryman, Primož Roglič, by snatching away the yellow jersey



*Tadej Pogacar*

that he'd worn for 11 days, in a high drama time trial on Saturday.

Their 1-2 is the first for one country since British riders Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome also took the

top spots at the 2012 Tour.

Australian Richie Porte rounded out this year's podium, at age 35, after a brilliant time trial that hoisted him from fourth to third overall.

## West Indies and England to honour Black Lives Matter

England and West Indies will come together to honour the Black Lives Matter movement during their five

match T20 series. This is according to the England women's cricket team captain, Heather Knight.

The first match in the series takes place today at the Incora County Ground derby.

"We have had a chat as players and we definitely want to do something to honour the movement. I'll speak to [West Indies captain] Stephanie Taylor to work out what it will look like for both teams," said Knight.

Both teams are in separate bio-secure bubbles so Knight has been in communication with Taylor via text messaging to discuss how best to honour the movement.

The skipper also confirmed that England will wear the BLM logo on their shirts.

## Sunil Narine is the highest paid Windies player at IPL

Mystery spinner, Sunil Narine, is the highest paid West Indies player at the 2020 Dream 11 Indian Premier League (IPL), collecting a whopping US\$1.2 million.

This is according to sports website, SPORTEKZ, which gave an idea of the salaries of the players taking part at this year's tournament which opened on Saturday in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Narine will line-up for the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) once again and will lead their bowling attack at this year's tournament.



The Arouca man just came off a successful run at the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) where he was on the winning Trinbago Knight Riders' roster.

## Cleve Joseph: Rename Factory Cricket Ground for Taddy Arindale

Former Antigua and Barbuda fast bowler, Cleve Joseph, is calling for authorities to rename the Factory Cricket Ground for the legendary Taddy Arindale.

Arindale developed a sterling reputation during the early 1980's and 1990's for producing a number of the nation's top cricketers at the Factory Ground.

Joseph said in addition to producing top athletes, Taddy was also responsible for grooming players who have mostly moved on to become successful and productive citizens.

Speaking to PointeX-

press, Joseph articulated that the government should move to renovate the facility, which is widely called the 'University of Cricket' which in turn will assist in development of the country's blossoming talent.

"I am sure that once work starts on the facility past players who are doing well financially would assist," Joseph added.

When asked about the quality of fast bowling in the region, Joseph blamed the lack of fitness for the poor performances of Caribbean seamers.

"Our pacers need to fo-




Former Antigua and Barbuda fast bowler, Cleve Joseph

cus on their physical development if they are to improve.

"I remember myself and Jensen Joseph bowling for an entire afternoon session and that was because of our physical preparation," Joseph explained.


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