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Schools Call In!

As thousands of students across Antigua and Barbuda return to the classroom today, the Ministry of Education says its objective is to have all students return to active and meaningful learning while adopting measures that will mitigate health and safety risks to the school community.

Director of Education,

Clare Browne said based on in depth data collection, analysis and deliberation, the several areas were deemed most critical in the formulation of the plan to reopen schools.

These were:

Curriculum recovery measures

Infrastructure upgrades and expansion

Training Technology
Social Emotional Learning
Special Educational Needs

Policies, Procedures and Protocols

Communication Strategy
Monitoring and Evaluation

According to the director, the plan that has been developed was achieved through thorough consultations and collaboration with key stakeholders.

Browne continued that the plan to manage the reopening of schools is flexible



however, as the fluid school environment room had to be left to respond to sudden changes.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Today, Monday, September 7, 2020, sees the reopening of most public schools and several private schools in Antigua

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DAY 9/7

Wind: ESE at 13 km/h
Wind Gusts: 19 km/h
Humidity: 76%
Dew Point: 24° C
Cloud Cover: 40%
Visibility: 9 km
Probability of Precipitation: 54%
Precipitation: 1.2 mm
Rain: 1.2 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm

Partly sunny w/ showers

31° Hi



NIGHT 9/7

Wind: E at 9 km/h
Wind Gusts: 17 km/h
Humidity: 81%
Dew Point: 24° C
Cloud Cover: 45%
Visibility: 9 km
Probability of Precipitation: 52%
Precipitation: 0.5 mm
Rain: 0.5 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm

Partly cloudy w/ showers

27° Lo



SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
5:54 AM

Sunset AST
6:15 PM



Duration
12:21 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
9:53 PM

Moonset AST
10:56 AM



Duration
13:03 hr

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and Barbuda for face to face instruction. I seize this opportunity to thank all for their efforts in making today's reality possible.

"I thank all principals, their teachers and support staff for all the hard work they have put into today's beginning and to ensure a smooth academic year in these unprecedented times. I wish for all of Antigua and Barbuda a safe and healthy 2020/2021 academic year as our society continues to navigate the challenging health crisis confronting us at this time. My prayers and thoughts are with everyone in the education system. May God protect us all," he urged.

In spite of challenges, Browne said the ministry has been able to meet its primary objective.

"As is the practice, we are all encouraged to pick a school and visit,



even for five minutes, without getting in the way of course, as a further demonstration of MoEST's support. I know Education Officers always find a way to visit all their schools.

"I draw to your attention that for sundry reasons a few public schools will not reopen for students [on Monday], but will do so on the dates indicated below. Teachers will continue to be at work however," he stated.

ZONE 1

- Five Islands & Golden Grove (Wednesday, September 9)

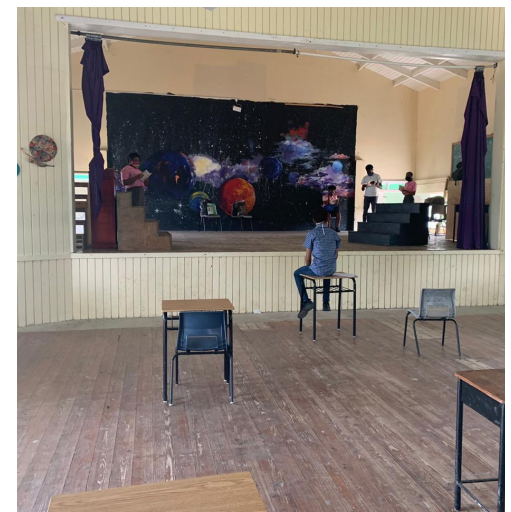
ZONE 2

ZONE 3

- Cobbs Cross, Bendals, Buckleys & Liberta (Wednesday, September 9)

ZONE 4

- Cedar Grove (Wednesday, September 9)



- School for the Deaf (Monday, September 14)

SECONDARY:

- St. Mary's Secondary & McChesney George Secondary (Monday, September 14)

"I wish all Technical Officers and your families a safe and healthy 2020/2021 academic year as our global society continues to navigate the challenging health crisis confronting us at this time. My prayers and thoughts are with everyone in the education system here," Browne concluded.

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Ready, set, go!

All systems are go for the National School Meals Programme (NSMP) which has announced that it is ready to provide meals to the country's students.

Primary school students will be provided for and specific secondary school students.

General Manager of the NSMP, Ezra Knowles, said six thousand students will begin benefitting from the programme today.

"We will start preparing meals from today as we have spent the last several weeks training our staff and putting in place health protocols as we welcome the start of the 2020-21 academic year," she revealed.

A request to expand the kitchen has not yet been granted, therefore to ensure social distancing, the NSMP has implemented a shift system. This

will allow the programme to continue to meet the growing demands for meals.

Knowles also revealed that it had been discovered that some students who transition from primary to secondary school were in need of nutritious meals. These students have been added to the list of children who will receive a daily meal from NSMP.

Currently, the programme which has a three-week food cycle, aims to provide nutritious meals to the students.

This week's menu includes chicken roti and green salad today, stewed chicken with white rice, red bean rice and coleslaw with chicken, spaghetti and meatballs and green salad and chicken burgers with tomato and green salad. Other menu items this week include fish, pork and turkey.



General Manager of the National School Meals Programme, Ezra Knowles

Knowles also disclosed that the NSMP menu now includes vegetarian dishes and options for children with allergies including lactose intolerance.

According to Knowles, the NSMP employs approximately two hundred and twenty persons and serves meals from twenty-eight stations. More than one hundred employees are engaged in serving meals.





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No response for Barbuda Council

It is not likely that the government will respond to a letter from the Barbuda Council that requested, among other things, the dissolution of the unitary state of Antigua and Barbuda.

Definitive word on the matter came from Prime Minister Gaston Browne on Saturday who has said that his government will not elevate the content of the letter by issuing a formal response.

“We will treat it with the contempt that it deserves!” Browne declared on his Browne and Browne talk show.

A recent letter from the Council to the Cabinet Secretary leveled several accusations against the Browne administration which has caused them to seek secession.

Prime Minister Browne said the accusations made against him personally and his government were without merit and deceptive.

In support of his argument, Browne pointed to the Council’s accusation that the government gave the Peace, Love and Harmony developers the green-light to proceed with their project without the consent of the Council.

Browne dismissed the claim noting that the project was approved by the people of Barbuda in a specially convened Village Council meeting which enjoyed a considerable ninety percent.

According to Browne, the leader of the Barbuda People’s Movement and Parliamentary Representative for the Barbuda constituency, Trevor Walker, was attempting to create conflict and divide the state.

This Browne said, is something he will have no part of.

“They have nothing constructive to offer to the people of Barbuda so they create a dependency syndrome among the residents of Barbuda by creating hundreds of low paying jobs on the Council in order to secure electoral victories,” he said.

The prime minister said after four decades at the helm, the Barbuda Council had nothing to show for the time in which it dominated the island’s politics.



Parliamentary Representative for the Barbuda constituency, Trevor Walker

“Every project that comes to the island they opposed. It was their opposition that led billionaire, James Packer, to pull out of the Paradise Found Project.

“Packer said the problems with the Barbuda Council were damaging his



Prime Minister Gaston Browne international brand and in response he withdrew from the project,” Browne accused.



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A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

CIP holds steady throughout pandemic

Interest in the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) and the volume of applications received have held steady throughout the pandemic.

This is the word from the CIP office which said Antigua and Barbuda was performing well even as other countries with similar programmes have reported a decline.

A recently concluded Citizenship by Investment Programme Webinar organized by AAA Immigration based in Dubai and Client Referrals, authorized overseas marketers, has reportedly placed Antigua and Barbuda in a favorable position to attract an increased number of applicants.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of the CIP Unit, Charmain Donovan, about two hundred persons participated in the webinar which was organized to present updated information on the programme and the country's status to potential clients.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who was a featured presenter during the

webinar, highlighted how Antigua and Barbuda has managed the COVID-19 pandemic. Browne also underscored the importance of the CIP to the country.

Donovan indicated that the information provided was well received.

"I am feeling very confident and very positive. Every time we have the Prime Minister join us on a webinar we attract more interest and attention. It adds more credibility to the process," Donovan said.

Last week's webinar was the 10th in a series.

The CIP boss explained that Antigua and Barbuda has positioned itself as a favorable option during the pandemic as its operation was not thwarted by the government lockdown.

"We were the only programme that was open through the lockdown. We found a way to ensure the safety of staff while still being able to offer services to persons. I think that augured well for the programme as a whole.

"The queries kept coming in and



Chief Executive Officer of the CIP Unit, Charmain Donovan

even though everyone would have experienced some sort of shortfall in terms of the level of submissions, now we are actually seeing the levels go back up to what we are accustomed to in terms of the submissions" Donovan indicated.

The CEO went on that the unit's streamlined electronic application process has improved the efficiency and ease of doing business.

"We have been able to see a steady interest and now we are seeing an upturn in the number of applications come in. I think because we were able to roll out the electronic portal where the agents are able to submit the applications electronically," she explained.

Donovan also explained that a number of factors including safety, mobility, and security, contribute to the attractiveness of Antigua and Barbuda to potential clients as a CIP option.



Permanent employment for some on job programme

Scores of people on the government job programme will soon receive permanent and better paying employment as the government seeks to redeploy its workers to buttress the education system.

Last week, the Ministry of Education requested additional personnel to perform the tasks required to prevent the spread of COVID-19 ahead of the reopening of the nation's schools.

A total of ninety-four additional personnel will be required to ensure that students do not congregate in large groups while at school

which could reduce the effectiveness of social distancing.

Additionally, at least eighty-five new teachers are required to staff schools to ensure that in the absence of a teacher, there will be no need to send students home.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne announced that the shortfall in revenues caused by the coronavirus pandemic has meant that the government has had to put a hold on new employment. With an increased need for workers in some sectors, the government has instead decided to redeploy currently

employed persons whose workload may have been affected by the education system.

"There might be a slight increase in the government's wage bill based on the redeployment as these individuals on the job programme will move to more permanent employment in the system where their salaries may increase by an average of \$600 per month," said Prime Minister Browne.

In addition to educators, twenty-six cleaners, twenty groundsman and fifty security officers will all be

drawn within the public service.

The Cabinet has agreed to provide fifty tents which will be required at the entrance to each public school, under which trained personnel will conduct temperature checks.

The prime minister acknowledged that implementing the measures meant to protect students and faculty is costly. Browne continued however, that his government has placed priority on education and will do all that is necessary to protect the nation's youth.

Voter registration resumes in Barbuda

Barbudans who wish to register as voters may do so in Codrington starting today.

The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) has announced that the Barbuda Registration Unit will resume registration and other business after a three year disruption due to Hurricane Irma.

Last week ABEC said work was completed on the Barbuda Registration Unit which is located at Lower Bay.

The team has been readjusting to their new environment..

Since the passage of Hurricane Irma in September 2017, the Barbuda Registration Unit has been located at the Central Registration Facility on Sir Sydney Walling Highway.

ABEC indicated that there have been several calls since Barbudans have returned home for an office to be reestablished in Codrington, however challenges were encountered in locating a suitable location.

The ABEC has also revealed that the position of Registration Clerk is still vacant. Interested persons are invited to submit applications to the Registration Officer, Mulvane George. The deadline for application is Friday September 11, 2020. Interested persons are asked to submit their applications.

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 7th September 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Affected areas: Small section of Hodges Bay north of Jabberwock beach

Date: Tuesday 8th September 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Affected areas: Section of Browne's Bay near Harmony Hall

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.



PM to meet with bankers

As the impact of the coronavirus pandemic continues to affect the local economy, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has called for a meeting with the Antigua and Barbuda Bankers Association (ABBA) to discuss continued assistance for homeowners.

Saturday on the Browne and Browne Show on Pointe FM, Browne said he has discussed an extension of the moratorium on mortgages with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) which has agreed, in principle, to the recommendation.

"I however want to meet with the Antigua and Barbu-

da Bankers Association this week to discuss an extension of the moratorium for perhaps another six months as there is still significant dislocation in the society," Browne stated.

Browne said a meeting of the Eastern Caribbean Monetary Council would likely be convened in which support for the move will be sought.

"The Antigua and Barbuda government will not sit on the sidelines, but it is being proactive by trying to arrange a meeting this week with the ABBA. In our case, we want to get our bankers on board so that there will

not be any repossession of properties during this critical time," Browne added.

Browne continued that housing is a main pillar of his government in the transfer of wealth to ordinary Antiguan and Barbudans. He said the homes available

from the National Housing Development and the Urban Renewal Company come at a significant saving to buyers. According to Browne, these houses are typically subsidized by the government by \$150,000 on average.



Reverend Wendell Samuel.

New Methodist minister appointed

A new minister has been appointed to the Antigua Circuit of the Methodist Church.

The Antigua Methodist Church gathered at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in St. John's on Sunday afternoon for a service to welcome the Reverend Wendell Samuel.

Reverend Samuel, a Montserratian with an educational background in theology, made Antigua his home for

several years.

Before receiving his appointment in Antigua, he served parishioners in Nevis for two years.

While in Antigua, Reverend Samuel will be responsible for the Parham, Freemans Village and Gilbert Memorial congregations.

During the service, words of welcome were offered by Superintendent of the Methodist Church, Reverend Derek Browne.

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I, **Juray John**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 1st October, 2020 next ensuing for a Tavern license in respect of premises known as "Purple Haze Lounge & Restaurant" situated Codrington Village, in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Barbuda pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 31st August, 2020

[Signature]
Juray John
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Police Week starts with church service

Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda officers, attired in their formal uniforms, attended church services across the country on Sunday to mark the start of the 52nd annual Police Week.

Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney, was among the congregation who gathered for fellowship at the St. Peter Anglican Church in Parham. He also used the opportunity to deliver a message to the nation.

Commissioner Rodney said as the force celebrates Police Week under the theme “Committed to Quality Service in a Global Pandemic”, it does so with the people in mind.

“Notwithstanding that we will not celebrate in the normal fashion, we use this virtual platform to connect with you to demonstrate our love and support for each other and the families of those who have lost loved ones here and overseas due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Over the years, Police Week has become an additional platform for us to continue increasing the awareness of community partnership and involvement among the citizens of Antigua and Barbuda,” said Commissioner Atlee.

The top cop said the week

of celebrations gives police an opportunity to express their gratitude to the public and recognize the community partners who have supported them. He added that it is also time in which the police reflect on the achievements of the past year and spend quality time with the community engaging in various activities.

Other members of the police force gathered at the St. Johns Anglican Cathedral, Grace Hill Moravian Church in Liberta, Our Lady of the Valley Anglican Church in Bolans and the Abundant Life Ministries in Barbuda.



Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney

This year’s celebrations, which takes place virtually, will feature media appearances by police officers in which they will

share information with the public.

Police Week 2020 will come to an end on 12th September.

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The haunting hurricanes: Luis and Irma

Over the past two decades the month of September has haunted Antiguan and Barbudans who are forced to grapple with the memory of the catastrophic hurricanes Luis, in 1995, and Irma in 2017.

Both life changing hurricanes made landfall during September.

According to Dale Destin of 268 Weather, "It's not only the 25th anniversary of Luis but also the third anniversary of Irma, our first Super Category 5 hurricane, with winds of 180mph. It leveled Barbuda on a similar track to Luis, but luckily, it was a small hurricane, much smaller than Luis, hence, Antigua was spared."

In a social media post, the meteorologist explained, "Twenty-five years ago today we were being flattened by Category 4 Hurricane Luis; by far the costliest and most devastating storm in

Antigua and Barbuda history. The damage assessed in 1995 of US\$350 million would appreciate 3% to about US\$733 million in 2020."

Hurricane Luis was a very large, long lived, powerful, and highly destructive Cape Verde storm. One of the most notable systems of the 1995 Atlantic hurricane season, it was also the strongest to make landfall and the third most intense recorded during that extremely active season.

Having caused the death of three people, hurricane Luis is also notorious for the widespread destruction it caused across the region.

"It is easily our costliest hurricane in history," said Destin.

Hurricane Irma too, will forever haunt the memories of Barbudans in particular.

"A hurricane for the history books." This is how Irma



was often described.

According to CNN, hurricane Irma was, "Historic. Unprecedented. Devastating. No word seems strong enough to describe Hurricane Irma, one of the most powerful storms ever seen in the Atlantic."

The meteorologist recalled that the eyewall of the hurricane moved over Barbuda near its record peak intensity. For hours phone lines on Barbuda were down, leaving no communication with the island. No one was prepared

for the level of destruction Irma caused on Barbuda.

Following the storm, Prime Minister Gaston Browne surveyed the island by helicopter which revealed that the island had been rendered virtually uninhabitable.

Irma damaged or destroyed 95% of the structures on Barbuda and took one life.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

3 MILLION IMPERIAL GALLONS PER DAY REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT AT WILLOUGHBY BAY IN BETHESDA

EXTENDED DEADLINE

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) wishes to invite eligible parties to express interest in the construction of a three million imperial gallon per day Reverse Osmosis Plant at Willoughby Bay in Bethesda as the Authority seeks to fulfill its mandate of ensuring the provision of an adequate supply of water to meet the daily demand.

The expression of interest should make provision for an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) arrangement with APUA. It should be noted that APUA will be responsible for the civil and building works for the pumping station, product tanks, the building housing the main equipment and the electricity supply to the various equipment.

Interested parties should provide their company's background information outlining competence and experience in relevant areas including curriculum vitae of key personnel to be involved in the project and featured projects or clients. The information provided should focus on the installation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants, especially with capacity in the range of 3.0 million imperial gallons per day. Statement of interested parties experience relevant to supply and installation of RO Plants of similar capacity in the Caribbean, Central American, South American or relatively small markets similar to this project. Interested parties should present a general plan that includes a preliminary list of main equipment manufacturers etc.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience (especially related experience on similar projects), financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English.

APUA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ELIGIBLE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PLEASE VISIT THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.apua.ag>

Deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest is **Friday 11th September by 2:30pm.**



Why Rich Americans Are Fleeing To The Caribbean This Winter

By Ollie Williams

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Rich Europeans and Americans are flocking to the Caribbean, but not for the usual winter sun. More and more wealthy individuals are moving for longer periods than usual.

Citizenship advisers, government agencies and real estate developers say they have seen a rapid increase in business over the past few months. Even luxury hotels say they are booking in guests for long-term stays.

The increase in American arrivals has been most stark, they say. Mohammed Asaria, whose Range Developments is working on a new Six Senses resort, says U.S. citizens are coming to “hide it out.”

“You’ve got the election coming. That’s number one. You’ve had Covid and certain places in the U.S. have been challenged through that, and more working remotely.”

U.S. inquiries for residential villas at Secret Bay in Dominica have jumped 66%. “It’s the first time the U.S. has gone through a period like this and it’s not just the Covid-19 situation,” says Gregor Nassief, its proprietor. “It is the fear of what



an extreme outcome on the left or right may look like after the presidential election.”

Others are keen to escape with new-found working from home freedoms. “Digital nomad is not a new thing,” says Petra Roach, head of Global Markets for Visit Barbados, “Before we didn’t really think about it.”

But then in July Barbados launched a new 12 month “Welcome Stamp” designed to attract remote workers to the country. Since its launch there have been around 1,100 applications, 42% of which are from the U.S. British and Canadians are the next largest nationalities to apply.

Hotels Run Out Of Rooms Barbados’s new temporary residents are checking

into Airbnbs while real estate agents rush to find rental properties. Hotels are even offering long stays. Both the Hilton and Marriott in Barbados have announced month-long packages.

But the wealthier clients want something more than just a hotel room. Many want actual citizenship of the islands where they are staying. Barbados does not offer this but Grenada, Dominica and other Caribbean nations do.

“Citizenship By Investment,” or CBI as it is known, first started in St Kitts and Nevis in 1984. Traditionally it attracts Chinese and Middle Easterners who want a passport with more travel freedoms.

But in the past few months

it too has seen an increase in U.S. inquiries. “We have seen an uptick in applications from the U.S. for people who want an alternative passport,” says Les Khan, chief executive of the St Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Unit.

Normally the two-island nation hands out passports to investors who never visit their country. This year is different: Its new citizens actually want to come to the islands. Some want to stay.

This is putting a strain on the supply of government approved real estate projects that qualify for citizenship. A minimum of \$200,000 must be spent on real estate to access citizenship, but currently only approved de-

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velopments count and most of these are linked to hotels.

"We're looking at alternatives outside of our hotels," says Khan. "Individuals are looking for opportunities outside of those hotels and get access to our citizenship through private homes. It's something that we're exploring." This is largely due to a change of lifestyle, he says: "Individuals who are

from the U.S. apply for St Kitts passport are doing so to want to come and change their lifestyles and live on the island."

Grenada also has to come up with more room. Range Developments Six Senses resort will include a branded residential component in Grenada. "People want a second or third home in a place where they're not going to be affected by any of

this should a second or third wave come," says Asaria.

More Americans Renounce Citizenship

Real estate is not the only path to Caribbean citizenship. St Kitts and Nevis, Dominica and Grenada allow a contribution to a sovereign fund as an cheaper route. Citizenship advisers tout Caribbean passports for their visa-free travel freedoms, or, in Nassief's

words, "A useful insurance policy" should things at home go awry.

However, more and more dual national Americans are renouncing their U.S. citizenship. A total of 5,816 Americans gave up their citizenship in the first half of this year, a 1,210% jump on the previous six months and more than double 2019's total says Bambridge Accountants. "The huge increase in U.S. expats renouncing from our experience is that the current pandemic has allowed individuals the time to review their ties to the U.S. and decide that the current political climate and annual US tax reporting is just too much to bear," says Alistair Bambridge, partner at Bambridge Accountants New York.

Tax reporting plays a large part in this: The U.S. is unique in requiring its citizens to pay tax wherever they are domiciled. Most of those renouncing are likely to have moved abroad several years previously. However, some now armed with a Caribbean passport and the power to work from wherever they want may have decided to take the leap.

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TREVOR JARVIS TAKES LEAVE AFTER 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO AIRPORT SECURITY



Antigua and Barbuda was not yet an independent nation when a bright-eyed and enthusiastic young man stepped on the compound of the island's airport compound eager to begin his very first job. Fresh from a government training programme, Trevor Jarvis applied for the job on the 2nd June, 1980 and months after he was assigned to the Security Department at the then Coolidge Airport, under the leadership of Chief of Security Alfred James and his Deputy Eric Henry.

Since that time he has never looked back, maybe not until now, as the final chapter of an outstanding career that has spanned 40 years is about to be closed.

"When I started, I was just looking for a job. You were not looking this far as 2020, but then you realise this is exactly what you want to do" he smiled shyly from a face that has seen so much over the years.

Forty years ago, Sir VC Bird after whom the current airport facilities is named, was Premier, and very few would have ever imagined that Antigua and Barbuda would have become the envy of the Caribbean as a leader in the travel industry.

Jarvis became a constant and permanent feature of the development of aviation in the twin island state embracing his role from the very beginning with the type of zeal and dedication

from which passions grow.

For four decades, Jarvis, who has been serving as the Airport's Security Manager, has been an outstanding contributor to the exceptional qualities of airport operations in Antigua and Barbuda. Quiet and unassuming, the Bethesda native, whose demeanour on the job or while calmly waiting on a ride at the bus stop, is a constant picture of professionalism and confidence.

They were key attributes that accounted for his steady climb through the ranks and allowed him to experience the operations of the airport as it transitioned and grew from its early beginnings to the

class facility it is today.

For the last 11 years, he provided his experience to the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority.

"It's really sad to see him go but at the very same time we must count ourselves extremely fortunate to have been able to know and work with him," stated CEO of the Airport Authority Euletta Francis.

"Jarvis is simply a class act. He has served with distinction, touched so many lives by his willingness to listen and to share. We could not have asked for anything more from an outstanding professional," Francis added. The security expert climbed the

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ranks from corporal when he started to the very top where he has acted at least five times in the role of Director of Security, serving in the post at one time for some 18 months.

Jarvis has managed to command the respect of his peers, his juniors and the thousands of travellers who have moved back and forth through the airport for the 40 years of his dedicated and unstinting service. "I think he became the face of airport security, and deservedly so," stated Director of Safety and Security, Avery Henry.

Prior to the 11 years with ABAA, he fell under the authority of the Central Government until the transition into the statutory entity that now manages the operations of the VC Bird International.

During this time he has witnessed the changing face of aviation security as Antigua and Barbuda was mandated to conform to the dictates of heightened international security standards following the September 11 terrorist attack in the United States. "That was a challenging time. I saw the whole approach to security change as we moved from just safety to a more security driven approach in the way we handled our operations," Jarvis offered.

"Security at the VC Bird International does not simply exist in a vacuum. We have to adhere to the standards and recommendations of ICAO (Inter-

national Civil Aviation Organisation."

He beams with pride that in pursuit of those standards, he has been able to experience the world, travelling throughout the region and as far as Canada and Egypt to benefit from a range of training initiatives. Professionalism and the advantages of outstanding character have combined to make the security professional an inspirational and shining example of the qualities necessary for anyone to excel. "Don't look for love, look for respect, because sometimes persons judge you according to perception. So try to be fair at all times. Listen. As long as you are out there dealing with people, engage your mouth and your ears appropriately. This has helped me through my career," he stated. "If I had the opportunity, I would do it again. People look at me and ask me where I am going. But I just feel the time has come having listened to myself and to my body. The time has come after 40 years," Jarvis said.

The board, management and staff of the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority wishes to express their profound gratitude to Trevor Jarvis for his professional and dedicated service to nation building and more specifically to the VC Bird International and the aviation industry in Antigua and Barbuda. We wish you happy and memorable years on your retirement.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our client, a medium sized business operating in the wholesale and retail of food and beverage, is seeking to recruit and retain a qualified individual for the position of **Sales Manager**.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the **Sales Manager** will be responsible for expanding the customer base, building long term relationships and maximizing sales.

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- Establishing and maintaining good relationship with suppliers and customers.
- Train and motivate staff to obtain maximum results and achieve targets goals.
- Should be a self-starter, strong team player and possess excellent communication skills.

The candidate will possess the following:

- Bachelor's degree in Sales & Marketing or Business Administration.
- Ten (10) years' progressive work experience in Sales or Marketing with at least three years (3) in retail and wholesale.
- Extensive knowledge of business operations and risk-based techniques.
- Experience in the execution of marketing promotions of goods and services.
- Ability to manage and supervise staff efficiently

Candidates should also be adaptable, detail oriented, and possess strong negotiation skills. Excellent written and oral communication, analytical, time management and organizational skills are also required.

All applications must be submitted along with a detailed Curriculum Vitae no later than **September 15, 2020** to:

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Cuba Shuts Some Schools After A Week Of Classes



A small outbreak of COVID-19 cases has prompted authorities to re-close schools in a central Cuban province only a week after they opened. Ciego de Avila schools director Bárbara Rodríguez said 75 of the province's 90 schools would return to televised teaching on Monday. Students had returned to classrooms only on September 1 after a six-month break.

The province has reported

30 new infections with the new coronavirus over the past 15 days. Cuba as a whole has reported 4,309 infections and 100 deaths from the disease since March.

The largest outbreak has been in the capital, Havana, which remains under a night-time curfew.

Cuba's baseball season is scheduled to start on Saturday before stadiums without spectators.

Staff At Four Martinique Schools Test Positive For COVID-19



Staff members at four Martinique schools have tested positive for COVID-19 the day after the the start of the school year, local reports say.

RCI.fm identified the four learning institutions as being in the municipalities of Robert (Simone Branglidor du Vert Pré nursery school), Anses d'Arlet (Alexandre Stello College), Fort-de-France (Jac-

queline Julius College) and Ducos (Camille Zozo de Seguiran nursery school).

Confirmation of the positive cases came in a September 4 press statement from health authorities. According to Martinique.FranceAntilles, staff who tested positive for Covid-19 were placed in isolation.

50,000 Vincies each living off \$14 per day — Bramble

An economist and opposition politician says that almost half of the population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is living in poverty, or off approximately EC\$14 per day.

“Poverty in this country right now, 48.2% of our population ... that is about 50,000 persons, living at or below the poverty line,” Fitzgerald Bramble, the New Democratic Party’s (NDP) candidate for East Kingstown told a recent virtual campaign rally. “What that simply means is that almost 50,000 persons in St. Vincent and the Grenadines are living on EC\$420 a month or less.

“Just think about that for a minute. That’s \$14 a day; \$14 a day, almost 50,000 people in this country. And those are just the official statistics.

“When I walk around in my constituency, I am convinced that we have many more than 50,000 people living at or below the poverty line,” said Bramble, a newcomer to politics. He said this is the case because people do not have jobs.

“The economy is not growing; the economy is stagnant,” he said, adding, “And if we don’t produce, we can’t go anywhere.

“...the level of indigence in this country is just so heart-breaking. When I go and I look at some persons, where they live, and how they live, oh God, man. You mean to tell me we don’t



have a heart? There are certain things which supersede politics; there are certain things which require human decency above politics.

“How could you tell me that you’re a decent human being, and you have 50,000 people-plus living under those conditions? And you’re asking for another opportunity to mismanage this country further.

“It is time to make St. Vincent and the Grenadines working again. And a New Democratic Party, this New Democratic Party administration will make St. Vincent and Grenadines work again, under the leadership of Dr. Friday and the talented team of candidates that we have,” he said, referring to party president and Opposition Leader Godwin Friday.

Bramble said that the government talks against citizenship by investment, a programme that an NDP administration plans to reintroduce if voted into office.

“...when I walk around and I talk about some of the

programmes and people say, ‘Bramble, how alzo going to finance this?’ And I say, ‘Well, we have several options, several avenues. One is the citizenship by investment programme.’

“The Prime Minister bandy around and talk about selling passports and come up with this choreographed presentation about, ‘Oh, how our citizenship is worth more than that.’ Give me a break. Fool ah talk buh nah fool ah listen...”

Bramble said the CBI programme “is not only endorsed by, but strongly recommended” by the Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Timothy Antoine.

“He recommends it because that is how you’re going to be resilient, that is going to contribute significantly, and to you being able to do a lot of the things that are required to be done in this country.”

The candidate said that St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Grenada, which have CBI programmes have debt to GDP ratios of 66%, 57%, and 59%.

“What that simply means is that every dollar that you produce in your country 57 cents out of that dollar goes to the debt for St. Kitts, 59 cents in Grenada, and 66 cents in St. Lucia.

“In St. Vincent and the Grenadines you know what it is? Every dollar that we make from our level of production, from our GDP, 72 cents go towards our debt. And there is no coincidence why St. Kitts, Grenada and St. Lucia have a lower debt-to-GDP ratio than we do; it’s because they have a successful CBI programme.

“So facts don’t lie. And if they want to challenge me, I am ready to challenge any of them. Let’s talk economics. That’s my forte; that is my area of expertise. I could speak with authority on it. Because when I speak, I speak with the backing of the data, the information and the facts. Let them go and fight up with the IMF and the World Bank about these figures. So what is the solution to all of these? Jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs,” he said.

Trinidad: Be warned: Cops receive ticket books for mandatory mask-wearing policy



The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) received the ticket books for the mandatory mask-wearing policy on Friday.

Speaking at the Ministry of Health's virtual media briefing on Saturday, National Security Minister Stuart Young said citizens found not wearing masks in public spaces will be issued tickets by the police.

Young said he observed that the number of people wearing masks over the last week has increased. However, he said

the police have since informed him that people have started to become complacent again. The Minister issued this warning to citizens. "Be warned! They now have their ticket books and you can possibly face that fixed penalty ticket fine of \$1,000. I'm sure nobody wants to pay \$1,000." Young added the ticket books were printed by the Government Printery. He said there were no contracts awarded. "Those who wanted to go down that rabbit hole, good luck. The

ticket books were printed by the Government Printery, and they are now in circulation and distribution for the TTPS." Meanwhile, Health Minister Terrence Deyalsingh sought to provide clarity on the mandatory wearing of face coverings. Deyalsingh indicated the Public Health Regulations does not specify a mask but a face covering. He explained that a face covering is any covering of any type which covers the now, mouth and chin. Minister Deyalsingh stated that people

exercising can use face shields instead of masks.

According to the Public Health Regulations, anyone caught not wearing a face mask, face shield, face covering in public will be fined.

There are exemptions for people with medical conditions, children under eight years of age, anyone fleeing from danger or where it is necessary for eating or drinking, among other things.

Jamaica: Stop Blaming Tourists For COVID-19 Spike - Tourism Stakeholders Warn That Another Border Closure Would Wipe Out The Industry Critical To The Economy



Omar Robinson, president of the Jamaica Hotel & Tourist Association

Another closure of the Jamaican gateway to tourists would spell economic ruin, tourism stakeholders are predicting.

Their concerns stem from the spike in the COVID-19 cases and the blame being placed on the industry. "There has been no known transmission of the virus from tourists staying within the Tourism Resilient Corridors (TRC) and the local population," chairman of the TRC committee, John Byles, told *The Sunday Gleaner*.

Not denying that there have been positive COVID-19 cases among tourists, he said those persons were successfully quarantined in hotel isolation rooms as per the COVID-19 protocols and all have departed the country without incidence of spread to staff or other guests. Byles, one of two sig-

natories to a 1,600-word letter to the press on Friday, hopes to dispel references made across the media landscape singling out the sector for being one, if not the main, cause of the spike.

"The continuation of this narrative runs counter to the facts," he stated, adding that people have gone as far as to insinuate that sector players applied undue pressure on the Government to reopen the borders. "Reopening of our international gateways is a sore point for some, but to reasonable persons among us, of which there are many, they understand full well that keeping our international gateways closed would spell certain economic ruin for our country and untold personal hardship," Byles explained.

It is no secret that Jamaica depends on tourism for 50 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings and employs directly and indirectly up to 350,000 workers at all levels, including taxi drivers, tour guides, housekeepers, bartenders, waiters, divers, lifeguards, supervisors, managers, shopping agents, craft traders, roadside food vendors, and so much more.

For the four months that the island's airports were closed to commercial travel, Byles said the economic damage done to the country's economy, as well as to the hundreds of small, medium and large tourism businesses across the island comprising hotels, attractions, tourist transportation, craft vendors, and shopping, when tabulated, is expected to be in the billions of dollars.

Between land-based and cruise arrivals, Jamaica was expected to hit the four-million arrival target and eclipse its previous US\$4.4 billion income before the pandemic. It is estimated that the country would have earned some US\$5 billion. However, COVID-19 decimated all that.

EXTREME HARDSHIP

Byles' counterpart Omar Robinson, president of the Jamaica Hotel & Tourist Association, was even more pronounced when he described the impact that the closure of the ports has had on the livelihood of the nation. "About 250,000 of our sector workers remain off the job and continue to endure extreme financial and

emotional hardships," revealed Robinson, explaining that since the restart of international arrivals on June 15, only about 40 per cent of the country's hotels and villas have been able to re-open their doors. "This includes hotel companies with several hotels in Jamaica that have had to keep some of their properties closed because, while we have gladly restarted the sector, the arrivals have been tracking at about 25 per cent of what it would normally be."

Robinson did not mince his words when he noted that not enough people have really considered the immediate, much less the long-term effect of the loss of tourism's earning to the country. "Already we are seeing the run on our foreign exchange rates, mainly due to the lack of tourism inflows. Even if you are not directly connected to tourism, you should know that the fuel, food, electricity, and supplies and much more of what you consume is 50 per cent (US\$4 billion) paid for by the foreign currency brought in by tourism."

Robinson warns that the foreign exchange shortage could lead to even more pain, as companies become hard-pressed to pay their bills and are ultimately forced to raise their prices.

Up to Friday, Jamaica recorded 2,964 COVID-19 cases and 30 deaths; 922 persons have recovered. The country is now at community transmission.

Trump on defensive as critics seize on reports he insulted U.S. veterans

President Donald Trump was on the defensive on Sunday over his attitude toward the U.S. military following media reports that he had disparaged fallen veterans, which could harm his campaign for re-election on Nov. 3.

Democratic and Republican opponents alike over the weekend seized on the reports - which said that Trump had called U.S. soldiers buried in Europe "losers" - to attack his record on the military on news shows and in political ads. "It breaks your heart," U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said of the reported comments in an interview on MSNBC on Sunday.

Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, a Republican, told ABC's "This Week" that the remarks, if true, were "despicable."

Hagel said the reports were "credible" because they were consistent with previous public remarks Trump had made denigrating military personnel, including former U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis here as well as the late U.S. Senator John McCain here.

"It will resonate" with the military, he added. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Jeff McCausland, a former National Security Council official, wrote in an op-ed for NBC News on Sunday that Trump over the years had demonstrated "a clear pattern of disrespect toward the military."

The furor over the Sept. 3 report in *The Atlantic* could dent support for Trump among service members, a key constituency for the Republican which largely backed him in 2016.

The *Atlantic* reported that



U.S. President Donald Trump listens to a question as he answers reporters questions during a news conference at the White House in Washington, U.S., September 4, 2020. REUTERS

Trump made the disparaging remarks after canceling a visit to an American cemetery during a November 2018 trip to France, an account the president denied on Thursday and on Sunday said was "disinformation."

"They will say anything, like their recent lies about me and the Military, and hope that it sticks," he tweeted, referring to the media and the Democratic Party, whose nominee Joe Biden is vying for the presidency in November.

The *Atlantic* has stood by its report, which cited four unnamed people with firsthand knowledge of the matter and which was later confirmed by several other media outlets.

Bloomberg on Sunday reported that Trump spent the extra free time in Paris selecting artwork to ship from the U.S. ambassador's residence to the White House. The White House did not respond to a request for comment on the Bloomberg report.

Former Vice President Biden, whose late son Beau served in Iraq, on Sunday capitalized upon the uproar to highlight his own record of military support with a advertisement aimed at areas with large numbers of military personnel in battleground states.

The ad will air nationwide on Sunday night during cable television news programs and on Facebook and Instagram

throughout the week as part of a broader \$47 million campaign, a spokesman told Reuters on Sunday. The Lincoln Project, a prominent Republican-backed group opposing Trump's re-election, on Saturday released a new video attacking the president's comments and broader record on the military. Trump has never served and avoided the draft for the Vietnam war citing bone spurs in his feet.

"He's a draft-dodger in chief who despises the men and women he supposedly leads. He insults their deaths and injuries with his contempt," it said.

Turkey begins military exercises in Northern Cyprus

Turkey's armed forces on Sunday began annual exercises in the breakaway republic of Northern Cyprus - an entity recognised only by Ankara - as tensions continue to rise with Greece in the eastern Mediterranean. Turkey's hunt for gas and oil reserves in waters claimed by Greece has put a huge strain on the relationship between the two NATO members. As tensions run high, the Turkish military began its exercises called "Mediterranean Storm" with the Turkish Cypriot Security Command, Vice President Fuat Oktay said on Twitter. "The security priorities of our country and the TRNC [Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus] are indispensable, along with diplomatic solutions in the eastern Mediterranean," Oktay said.

The Turkish defence ministry also tweeted the military exercises, which last until Thursday, continued "successfully". Cyprus is divided between the Greek Cypriot-run south - an EU member state - and the Turkish Cypriot north.

Turkey has stationed tens of thousands of troops in the north of the island since its 1974 invasion, which followed a coup engineered by military rulers in Greece. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and European Council President Charles Michel discussed developments in the eastern Mediterranean on Sunday during a phone call.

The Turkish leader "invited EU institutions and member states to be fair, impartial, and objective and to act responsibly on regional issues, particularly the eastern Mediterranean", the president's office said in a statement.

Michel said on Friday that European Union leaders will decide on a "carrot and stick" approach to Turkey when they meet on September 24-25, proposing a conference to defuse tensions.

Erdogan on Saturday raised the stakes by warning Greece: "They will either understand the language of politics and diplomacy, or on the field through bitter experiences."

France said Turkey's escalating conflict with Greece and Cyprus will be the main subject at this month's European Council meeting, when sanctions will be considered against Ankara.

Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said he and his counterparts in other EU countries had already discussed "the range of reprisals we could take with regards to Turkey".

Turkey embarked on a military-backed hydrocarbon exploration venture in waters between Greece and Cyprus on August 10, ratcheting up tensions in a strategic corridor of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Greece responded with naval exercises to defend its maritime territory, which were later bolstered by the deployment of



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French frigates and fighter jets.

The dispute between NATO members has underscored the rising geopolitical risks in the area as Turkey pursues more aggressively nationalist policies under Erdogan.

The European Union's diplomatic chief Josep Borrell has also raised the possibility of sanctions against Ankara, but so far Paris has been unable to persuade other EU nations to join its hardline response.

Le Drian urged Erdogan to begin talks over its Eastern Mediterranean ambitions be-

tween now and the European Council meeting.

"It's up to the Turks to show that this matter ... can be discussed," he told France Inter radio. "If so, we can create a virtuous circle for all the problems on the table."

While he declined to specify the type of sanctions Ankara could face, he said there was an "entire series of measures".

"We are not short of options - and he knows that," said Le Drian referring to Erdogan.

Helicopters rescue hundreds trapped by California wildfire



The Creek Fire sparked on Friday and quickly spread throughout Saturday, trapping campers near the city of Fresno.

More than 200 people have been airlifted to safety after being trapped by a fast-moving wildfire near a popular recreation area in northern California, officials said on Sunday.

The evacuees climbed aboard military helicopters after the blaze, in bone-dry conditions, cut off ground escape routes from Mammoth Pool Reservoir in the Sierra National Forest, about 45 miles (70 kilometers) northeast of Fresno. Flames moved in so fast that at one-point people were

advised to “shelter in place” - in the reservoir itself if need be.

“Simply extraordinary, life-saving work by the @CalGuard airlifting more than 200 people to safety overnight from the imminent danger of the #CreekFire,” army General Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said on Twitter.

Twenty of the evacuees were transported to area hospitals, the Madera County Sheriff’s Office reported on Twitter. At least two were seriously in-

jured, according to the Fresno Fire Department.

Hokanson tweeted a dramatic picture taken from the cockpit of a helicopter showing it surrounded by blazing trees.

He said dozens of those rescued had been brought to California National Guard facilities and were met by military medics and civilian first responders.

The Creek Fire consumed more than 14,500 hectares (36,000 acres) and threatened numerous mountain communities after igniting on Friday

and exploding on Saturday, authorities said.

California has been baking with record-breaking temperatures expected over the Labor Day weekend, bringing dangerous fire weather conditions.

The high temperatures come as the state is recovering from another heatwave in mid-August and devastating wildfires that have burned some 600,000 hectares (1.5 million acres) in the last three weeks.



DAILY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Don't sweat the small stuff. Try to make do the best you can if someone irritates you or makes a sudden change, as worrying will not help matters. A little exercise can be a good way to ease stress and tension..

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): All that glitters is not gold. An attractive face may have your heart all aflutter, but some minor probing could reveal that the attraction is not deep. Ask questions before committing to a plan or person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What you see may not be what you get. Some digging may be required to find the truth, as the actual facts may be buried under a glittering surface. Having too much information will never be a problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be more involved with your surroundings. Sometimes it's best to fly solo, but now could be the time for you to spread your social wings and participate as part of the group. Your latest idea may need support when challenged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Walk away and count to 10. Overcome frustration when trying to juggle your books by getting away for a while to clear your head. Get a fresh perspective from reading material. Win the day by keeping emotions in check.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Some people can be hard to please. Don't take it personally if one person scoffs at your latest idea or project since someone else may think it's brilliant. Only those in authority merit an explanation of your actions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Say your piece. People may be drawn by your magnetic charm. You should be able to tap into a captive audience if you are promoting a cause or making a presentation. Don't take constructive criticism personally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can't see the whole puzzle picture with just one piece. You may need to do your homework in order to get a view of the grand scheme. Stay on the sidelines until you are properly prepared.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The answer could be right in front of you. You shouldn't have to rack your brain if the solution to a pressing problem can be found in a mentor's words of wisdom. There's no shame in getting help or advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): No one is going to give you a free ride. The only way that you can be sure of achieving financial security is if you roll up your sleeves and work for it. There are no shortcuts to success or ways to bypass effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Try it, you might like it. Don't be so quick to discard a new idea or method until you've tested it out for yourself. Give someone a chance to explain themselves before you make up your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): It may have nothing to do with you. Try to talk things over first since taking a loved one's comment out of context might not be the best thing. You may be in the mood to seek out bargains on the internet.

Afghan players to stay at Hero CPL

The Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) has extended thanks to the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) and Cricket West Indies (CWI) for ensuring that the Afghan players taking part in this year's tournament are able to stay until the conclusion of the event.

The Afghan players taking part in the Hero CPL this season are Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Naveen-ul-Haq, Najibullah Zadran and Zahir Khan. They were all to have taken part in the Shpageeza Cricket League, their domestic T20 competition.

Following discussions between the CWI President, Ricky Skerritt, and the ACB Chairman, Farhan Yusefzai, an



Rashid Khan

agreement was reached to allow the players to stay on until CPL has finished.

Pete Russell, Hero CPL's Chief Operations Officer, said, "We understand the importance of the Shpagee-

za Cricket League to the ACB and the reasons why it had to be scheduled during the CPL after the NOCs were all issued. We truly appreciate the Chairman of the ACB allowing these six Afghan players to stay at the Hero CPL until its conclusion.

Afghan players have had a huge impact on our competition, both this season and in previous years, and we are very grateful to have them with us until the final on 10 September. I would also like to put on record our thanks to CWI's President and CEO for taking the time to resolve this situation, which has shone a light on the issues leagues such as CPL face with the current NOC policy and system."

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Djokovic out of the US Open

Tennis' world number one, Novak Djokovic, was sensationally disqualified in the U.S. Open fourth round on Sunday after striking a line judge with a ball following a point during the first set of his match against Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta.

Djokovic was becoming frustrated after failing to take the opening set and suffering a fall and having dropped serve to trail 5-6, he hit a ball reasonably hard to the back of the court, striking a female line judge.

He immediately apologised and stood over her before becoming involved in a lengthy exchange with the tournament referee.

Under the rules of the game there is no option oth-

er than a default and despite Djokovic's pleadings that he had not meant to hit the official, he was eventually disqualified.

Djokovic shook hands with a stunned Carreno Busta and trudged off to face the music.

It was an incredible end to the top seed's hopes of winning an 18th Grand Slam title, something that had looked increasingly likely as the fortnight progressed.

"It's the right decision," Tim Henman, who was disqualified from Wimbledon for a similar incident in 1995, told Amazon Prime.

"He is not aiming for the line judge, but has hit the ball away and you have to be responsible for your actions."

Barcelona's Ansu Fati breaks 95-year old record

Ansu Fati, who was born in Guinea-Bissau but moved to Seville at age six, has become Spain's youngest player in 84 years after making his debut in last Thursday's 1-1 draw to Germany.

Fati, who is also the youngest goalscorer in Champions League history and Barcelona's youngest scorer in La Liga, curled home a fine 20 yard shot

off the post on his first start to become Spain's youngest goalscorer at the age of 17 years, 311 days old against Ukraine on Sunday 6th September, a meeting which ended with a 4-0 for his team.

He had already secured a penalty, scored by Sergio Ramos, as he became the youngest player to start a Nations League match.

Ramos also added a



Ansu Fati

header in the win.

The 34-year-old has 23 goals for his country, as

many as the great Alfredo di Stefano.

Spain manager Luis Enrique said, "I'm very happy for Ansu.

"He is 17-years-old, you have to take it easy with him. Little by little, he will improve. Players of this age need serenity, humility and that's what Ansu has already."

Discrimination cases have jumped across England, Wales

Reports of discrimination across all levels of professional football in England and Wales rose by an alarming 42% last season despite the campaign being halted for months due to COVID-19.

The anti-racism organization, Kick It Out,

says there were 446 reports in the 2019-20 season, up from 313 in the previous campaign. Reports of racial abuse increased by 53%.

There were also 117 reports of abuse based on sexual orientation, a 95% rise.

England lead Twenty20 series 2-0

Jos Butler guided England to a six-wicket victory over Australia in the second Twenty20 International to clinch the three match series.

Butler batted throughout for 77 from 54 balls as the hosts reached their target of 158 with seven balls left.

After the loss of Jonny Bairstow, who hit his own wicket in the third over, Butler batted patiently in a stand of 87 with Dawid Malan.

Malan fell for 42, and Tom Banton and Eoin Morgan followed in a col-



Image tweeted by @ICC

lapse of 3-29, but the assured Butler held firm.

With 18 needed from the

final two overs, Moeen Ali hit 10 from two balls before Butler sealed the vic-

tory with a huge six.

A brilliant start with the ball by England, led by Jofra Archer and Mark Wood's searing pace, had earlier left Australia 3-2 and then 30-3, before the tourists scraped to their total.

After snatching victory in Friday's series opener, England now lead 2-0 with only the final match on Tuesday to come.

Final: Australia 157-7 (20 overs): Finch 40 (33), Stonis 35 (26); Jordan 2-40

England 158-4 (18.5 overs): Buttler* 77(54), Malan 42 (32)

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Passion for his country, youths and football

Former national striker, Paget 'Humpty' Morris, is still remembered fondly by football fans who recall the 1970's.

Morris was known best for his speed, power and precision finishes at the goal.

PointeXpress caught up with Humpty who now resides in Knoxville Tennessee for the past 28 years. "I always had a passion for football since the age of 9 and would travel all over Antigua playing football after being discovered by the legendary former national player and coach Pin Hewlette" Morris noted.

Humpty recalled being passionate about the sport even as a child. He was often taken to task by his grandmother for coming home late from school because he had stayed back to watch fiercely played Premier League games at the Antigua Recreation Grounds.

Morris' skills quickly elevated him to the Antigua Barbuda National Team. His first goal at the national level in a match against St. Lucia at the ARG.

"Veron Edwards Sr. picked up the ball in midfield and

played a beautiful pass sending me on my way and I finished with a powerful left foot shot just outside the 18 yard box. My second goal was a header against Trinidad and Tobago in a world cup qualifying game," he shared.

Eventually Humpty gravitated to the Church of the Nazarene where he was baptized by Reverend Lee, father of the legendary Luther Lee, who is responsible for many athletes being able to travel abroad for university.

"A trip to Trinidad for bible school was my next venture and I met my lovely wife Jeanne Morris in Port of Spain as she was there as a tutor," said Paget.

"God was watching over me and I received a five year scholarship to Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma. I was so excited. I informed Jeanne who decided to journey back with me to Antigua to meet my family before leaving for the United States in 1982.

"Knoxville was my first destination where we got married, then journeyed on to Oklahoma for school where I spent three years acquiring a



Bachelor of Arts in Religion," Morris shared.

He now lives in Tennessee with his wife and said his life, guided by God, has been wonderful.

Humpty has three daughters with his wife; Felicia, Joy and Chara, and four grandchildren.

Morris, who remains dedicated to football and the development of young people, acquires football equipment which he sends to Antigua to assist young players who are

in need.

"I just sent off a shipment to Veron Epilus Edwards Jr. and have traveled to Antigua and done work with Petra Williams at Dredgebay. I am very happy living with my family and doing what I love the most; one and one training with young prospective talent. I also want to help my country in whatever way I can and hope the authorities will reach out and accept my help as a past national player," he explained.

Morris has also worked with many football academies in the United States.

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