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Provisions being loaded aboard Carnival cruise ship at Heritage Quay on Thursday

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World should learn the right lessons from India's Covid-19 cataclysm

In cities at least, India's nightmarish second wave of Covid-19 finally seems to be ebbing. Delhi has brought its test positivity rate below 2% for the first time in two months. The pandemic's scars won't be easily erased, however — and they should be a warning to other developing nations. Those countries must learn from India's experience if they don't want to repeat it.

The first and most obvious lesson is to avoid overconfidence. A relatively small change in how transmissible the novel coronavirus is can have large, non-linear effects on how fast it spreads. That means strategies that kept the pandemic at bay in 2020 won't necessarily work in 2021. As new variants emerge, health authorities might need to lock down more firmly and in a more targeted fashion to remain safe.

To do so, they'll also need to test more widely and perform more genomic sequencing so that they can track which variants are spreading in the population and where. This won't be easy. Even India, with an extensive scientific establishment, ranks 102nd in the world in the proportion of reported cases sequenced. Other emerging nations will struggle even more. Richer nations should help ... Countries such as the U.K. that have built vast genome sequencing capacity will have to dedicate some of it to tracking samples from other parts of the world.

Emerging nations also need

to learn the right lessons about limited healthcare capacity. The tragic scramble in cities such as Delhi for hospital beds, oxygen cylinders and medicines need not be replicated elsewhere. Indian states that established triage systems — telling those with symptoms whether they should go to a hospital or a care center, and which ones had beds free — managed the pressure on their creaky public health machinery better than others. Local authorities should make plans to set up similar systems in their countries, including by phone and online.

Interfering with global vaccine supplies is dangerous.

Doctors now have a wealth of data about which therapeutic treatments are most effective and which shouldn't be tried. Patients' families spent sleepless nights trying to get hold of convalescent plasma or drugs such as remdesivir before the Indian health establishment eventually admitted they were largely ineffective and dropped them from treatment protocols. High-flow oxygen therapy was overused, leading not just to a shortage of medical oxygen but to some extremely nasty additional diseases.

Similarly, other governments know now that when the curve starts steepening, a new variant is detected or test positivity rises above danger levels, they should swiftly establish a centralized task force to allocate hospital resources and prescribe the right therapies.

Finally, and most importantly, all nations should now understand that vaccines work and that interfering with their supply is dangerous. The Indian government has argued that "if just one country shuts down raw material production, the entire supply chain breaks down." Even the locally made Covaxin vaccine from Bharat Biotech International Ltd. uses 360 ingredients from 10 countries — 200 of them from the U.S. Countries such as the U.S. and U.K., which have subverted supply chains to prioritize their own needs, have a lot to answer for.

Meanwhile, Indian manufacturers' shift to supplying huge domestic needs first has meant that vulnerable countries in the rest of the emerging world are waiting too long for their shots. International cooperation over the next weeks and months must focus on ensuring that the vaccine supply chain is repaired, export bans end, more manufacturing capacity is created and the existing stock of vaccines is shared more equitably.

What happened in India could happen anywhere. But it need not if India's government, its peers in the emerging world and the world's richer nations learn the right lessons, work together — and show a little humility about this awful disease. ***(Reprinted from The Business Standard, May 31st 2021)***



Cabinet tells ABEC... Get ready!

The government has signaled that general elections may be around the corner as the Cabinet has instructed the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) to be in a state of readiness should the prime minister decide to exercise his option to go to the polls early.

Last month, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said he wanted ABEC to begin preparations for an early poll as he wants to be able to exercise those rights if he so chooses.

Since then, the

government has announced a number of measures in keeping with the possibility of early general elections. It announced that the Parliament will amend the Representation of the People Act to extend the age of retirement for the Supervisor of Elections to age 75 from its current 70 years. Now, Cabinet spokesman, Information Minister Melford Nicholas, has revealed further moves that strongly suggest elections are imminent.

“The prime minister has signaled his

intention to have the option of calling early general elections and, accordingly, he has asked ABEC to be in a state of readiness to ensure that ballots are ordered and to ensure that all necessary provisions are put in place. Further to that, the Cabinet has named members of an Election Boundaries Commission consisting of four commissioners, three of whom are to be named by the Government and one by the Opposition,” he disclosed.

The Government’s three Commission-

ers are: Hilroy Humphreys (Chairman), Garfield Christopher (Member), and Ivor Ford (Member). The Opposition is invited to nominate one member.

The Cabinet has also instructed the Supervisor of Elections to acquire all other supplies necessary to conduct free and fair elections, and to ensure that all human and material resources required to hold flawless elections are available to the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission in quick order.

Cruise ships spend Thursday in Antigua getting loaded with provisions

By Shelton Daniel

The resumption of cruise tourism in Antigua and Barbuda is still some weeks away after being completely shuttered for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that has not kept the Cruise Port at Heritage Quay in St. John's completely inactive, as occasional calls continue to be made by cruise vessels using the twin-island state's facilities to berth while they carry out maintenance, technical checks and tune-ups, tests and provisioning in preparation for returning to the real thing soon.

Yesterday two vessels operated by Carnival Cruise Lines – Enchantment of the Seas and Rhapsody of the Seas – made such a technical call for all of 11 hours from their arrival at 7:00 a.m. to their 6:00 p.m. departure.

The two floating behemoths were here for “provisioning”, according to Andre Norton, Supervisor for Health, Safety and the Environment with Antigua Cruise Port Limited which manages and operates the dandily upgraded facilities.

Norton, who is also the Deputy Port Security Officer, told Pointe Xpress, that the provisioning involves loading and

stocking the ships with foods, drinks and other supplies and stores that they will need and use during the course of their seaborne operations as mega-city-sized floating hotels.

He said: “Currently, the country is making money because provisions are going onto the ships. The trucks with the provisions are on the pier right now taking the provisions onto the ships. So, Antigua is serving as a stop for ship stores and provisioning and that means significant business for the local economy.” Norton said the provisioning was being coordinated by Carnival Cruise Lines' local agent, Bryson's,

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St. John's Magistrate Court
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Antigua.

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Dated the 28th day of May, 2021.

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Instructed by the **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK** of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Tuesday 06 July 2021 at 10:00 a.m. on site, the under mentioned property under the administration of Mr. Sawandi Merchant, Administrator of the Estate of the late Ms. Colleen Lovence, formerly of New Winthorpes, St. George's, Antigua.

The property is located at Lamberts in New Winthorpes, St. George's, Antigua and consists of a parcel of land of an area of approximately 5,449 sq. ft./ 0.1 acre, with a single storey, two (2) bedroom, one (1) bathroom wooden dwelling thereon.

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and together they determined the content and quantity of these provisions and their sources. The ships carried no passengers (are presently not allowed to) and the crew were also not permitted to disembark,

with all interactions between them and the local personnel being in accordance with strict COVID-19 protocols. "Nobody comes off the ship," Norton stressed. "The provisions go to the ships and onto the

ships via forklift, and everybody involved, including the crew, has to be fully vaccinated and so on." The vessels are on their way to dry dock and wet dock locations for general inspection and main-

tenance. Vision of the Seas and Grandeur of the Seas will also visit Antigua Cruise Port for technical lay ups in the next few months. Each ship will remain in port for intervals of 30 days from July 1st 2021.

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Blue Economy Master Plan completed, presented to government

Antigua and Barbuda takes a giant step forward with the completion of a master plan that will pave the way for the country to maximize the benefits of its huge marine resources.

Minister Responsible for the Blue Economy, Dean Jonas, said the plan lays the foundation for the build-out of the blue economy that will provide jobs and opportunities for nationals.

"The master plan is the blueprint to transition Antigua and Barbuda to a place where it has another sector that can provide sustainable employment alongside the tourism economy. It's the means to generating new opportunities for our country," he stated.

He explained that while Antigua and Barbuda is a small country based on its land mass...it is however a large country

when the totality of its marine boundaries are taken into account.

To illustrate his point about the potential of the country's marine resources, Jonas not-

ed that in both China and India as much as 70 percent of the fish and other sea products they consume are farmed either in the ocean or on special farms on land.

According to the minister, the agricultural sector currently contributes a mere two percent to the country's GDP. However, by engaging in fish farming and re-


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lated activities, this contribution will be significantly higher. He disclosed that already there have been interests expressed by international investors inquiring about this sector. Jonas acknowledged that Antigua and Barbuda does not have a tradition of farming fish and marine animals, but through its partnership with the UWI Five Islands Campus is to train nationals in acquiring these skills.

The minister also disclosed that training in aquaponics has already started in conjunction with ECAB bank. He added that implementation of the master plan will take place almost immediately.

Resident U.K. Representative Lindsay Thompson, in remarks at the presentation ceremony, noted that the plan was developed through a joint collaboration

between UK experts and their local counterparts.

"This plan has been three years in the making: in 2018 at the last Commonwealth Heads of Government, Lord Ahmed launched the Commonwealth Maritime Economy Plan initiative.

Not one to let an opportunity go by, Foreign Minister E.P. "Chet" Greene seized the day and wrote to seek Antigua and Barbuda's participation. Over the past two years, the UK has done that. After a lot of hard work, the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda approved the plan in March, making it the first nation in the Commonwealth to do so," she reported.

In his remarks, Foreign Minister Greene noted that Antigua and Barbuda understands the clear links between its ocean-based economy and

the land-based economy.

"This interconnectivity has its own challenges and, as with the pandemic, resulted in the contraction of our tourism sector and all those industries that draw their livelihoods from this sector," the foreign minister remarked. He added that the government also sees the importance of transitioning from a simple ocean economy to a sustainable ocean economy.

"One where we understand the real value of being a large ocean state and strategically integrate the vast, untapped economic potential of our ocean space into our economic and social life," Greene declared.

UK Minister responsible for Commonwealth and Caribbean Affairs, Lord Ahmed, who also addressed the ceremony, spoke of the need to maintain the ocean's health

amid the many threats such as climate change. "If we look strategically to the ocean for solutions, we must address the immediate threats to its health: climate change, pollution, biodiversity and habitat loss. Ambitious and coordinated actions, like those of the Maritime Economy Plan, are critical for its future health. The Plan represents an excellent combination of local knowledge and scientific expertise to ignite innovation, build capacity, and deploy your maritime resources strategically," Lord Ahmed stated.

Antigua and Barbuda's High Commissioner in London, Karen-Mae Hill, who played a pivotal role in bringing the plan to reality, expressed hope that the plan is not left to gather dust on a shelf, but that it be implemented fully.

TALKING POINT

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Rights and protections of children under the microscope



Feona Charles-Richards

Pathways to Addressing Child Rights and Child Abuse in Antigua and Barbuda was the title and focus of a virtual press conference held on Wednesday via the ZOOM messaging platform.

The intense and energetic interaction was named after an ongoing project of the same name, conceived by DECIDES AB and led by Integrated Health Outreach Inc. (IHO), a non-governmental organisation, in partnership with the Christian Union Church (CUC) and the Social and Environmental Alliance (SEA).

DECIDES AB for LGBTI and Child Rights is implemented by InterArts (an NGO based in Spain), with ***Women Against Rape*** Inc. (WAR) as partner, and the University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus as associated partner.

The programme is co-funded by the ***Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR) of the European Union***.

The panelists included Dr. Nicola Bird of Integrated Health Outreach (IHO), who is the overall project manager; Nurse Alexandrina Wong representing DECIDES AB and president of Women Against Rape (WAR); Pastor Karen Germain of the Christian Union Church, who is also a school counselor; and

Feona Charles-Richards, acting director of the Family and Social Services Department within the Ministry of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development and the Blue Economy.

During the discussions, repeated reference was made to the statistics derived from a 2015 situational analysis for Antigua and Barbuda that was conducted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) which showed that the twin island state recorded 691 cases of documented child abuse during the period 2010 to 2013.

Sadly, it was acknowledged, many cases go unreported, something that Charles-Richards and others noted. "We have seen an increase in neglect and abuse, especially during COVID," she disclosed. "We saw numbers such as 83 children neglected during COVID and sexual abuse cases reported to the department."

Feona Charles-Richards add-

ed that her department want to ensure that people "understand what is mandatory reporting, and also to understand that they can report anonymously" occurrences or suspected occurrences of child sexual abuse and violations of the rights of children.

The latter is spelt out in The International Convention on the Rights of Children which Antigua and Barbuda signed in 1991 and ratified two years later.

Alexandrina Wong of WAR fame said it was encouraging to see the ongoing discussions about corporal punishment, since prior recommendations had long been made to prohibit its use on children in all settings, including the home.

She referenced the need for continued improvements and refinements in the juvenile justice system, such as tweaking of the age of responsibility, and to ensure the abolition of minors being sentenced to whipping or imprisonment.

Wong acknowledged that, "Our government has been working feverishly throughout the years to address child rights, child abuse, and to put into place policies and laws to address the situation in the hope of seeing a decrease in such cases."

Dorbrene O'Marde among award winners in St. Martin

Antigua and Barbuda's multi-talented Dorbrene O'Marde is among three writers named as winners of the President's Award at the 19th annual St. Martin Book Fair, on June 5, 2021.

Book Fair Coordinator Shujah Reiph said the President's Award is the final highlight of the three-day St. Martin Book Fair. The winners' list features Deborah Drisana Jack, Dorbrene O'Marde, and Fabian Adekunle Badejo.

Reiph said Jack and Badejo hail from St. Martin and were on hand to accept their awards at the Dutch Quarter Community Center, where the closing ceremony of the literary festival was held.

O'Marde viewed the live-stream of the program on Facebook at his home in Antigua.

"The President's Award is presented to individuals and institutions whose work is noted for its excellence and for combining literary, cultural and liberation components in the service of progress of their people or nation, and of humanity," said Lasana M. Sekou from House of Nehesi

Publishers (HNP).

The President's Award winner Deborah Drisana Jack is a St. Martin poet, author and, according to a recent article in The Daily News, a "critically rising" international visual artist. Her art is based in video/sound installation, photography, painting and text.

Jack is an Associate Professor of Art at New Jersey City University and "traveled home to deliver the keynote address at St. Martin Book Fair 2021," said

Reiph. The President's Award winner Dorbrene O'Marde has described himself as 'an Antigua-born Caribbean cultural worker'. The Antigua and Barbuda playwright and author, is also a kaiso writer, judge, and analyst. One of the 15 guest writers of St. Martin Book Fair's International Literary Evening on June 4, 2021, "Dorbrene enthralled our virtual audience" with a reading about forlorn love from his novel Send Out You Hand,

said Reiph. In 2014, O'Marde authored King Short Shirt: Nobody Go Run Me, the biography of McLean Emanuel, a defining kaissonian from Antigua and Barbuda.

O'Marde has directed five of his full-length plays with the Harambee Open Air Theatre in Antigua and Barbuda. In 2010, he received the "Friends of the Arts" Sunshine Award for his contribution to arts and culture in the Caribbean, said Reiph.

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“Dorbrene O’Marde is the chairman of the [National] Reparations Committee of Antigua and Barbuda. He has been consistent in generating consciousness at home and in the region about the objectives and developments of the reparations movement,” said Reiph.

The President’s Award recipient Fabian Adekunle Badejo is a literary critic and veteran journalist in St. Martin. Badejo is the author of *Claude – A Portrait of Power*, *Salted Tongues – Modern Literature in St. Martin*, *Fantasies – Love-making poems*, and the forthcoming *SOS: Season of Storms* from HNP in 2021, said Sekou.

In 1982, Badejo coordinated the groundbreaking St. Maarten Festival of Arts & Culture, according to his publisher. He has also produced concerts

by kaisonian Mighty Dow and humorists Paul Keens-Douglas and Fernando Clark.

Previous winners of the President’s Award, which the Daily Herald has called a “prestigious award,” include Edwidge Danticat (USA/Haiti), Computech (St. Martin), Benny Wenda (West Papua), Norman Girvan (Jamaica), George Lamming (Barbados), Quince Duncan (Costa Rica), Nicole Cage (Martinique), Casa de las Americas (Cuba), Kamau Brathwaite (Barbados), Will Johnson (Saba), and Derek Walcott (St. Lucia).

The President’s Award is named after the presidents of Conscious Lyrics Foundation (CLF), House of Nehesi Publishers (HNP), and the University of St. Martin (USM), said Reiph.



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South Korea names new ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda

South Korea's new ambassador-designate to Antigua and Barbuda, His Excellency Lee In-ho, presented his credentials to the country's Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P. "Chet Greene" in a virtual ceremony on Thursday.

Minister Greene noted that Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of Korea established diplomatic relations on November 1st 1981, with both countries enjoying close bilateral relations. He noted too that the Republic of Korea offers a host of training courses and online webinars to nationals of Antigua and Barbuda that serve to fur-

ther the country's educational development. South Korea has been a reliable development partner for the twin-island state. In June 2017, it handed over medical equipment worth USD \$70,000 as part of the Grant Aid Programme.

Later that year, in November, it provided humanitarian assistance of USD \$50,000 for disaster relief from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. The Asian nation also provided equipment/materials for persons living with disabilities in Antigua and Barbuda amounting to USD \$ 90,000.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Republic of Korea invited officials from the Ministry of Health to a series of online webinars on COVID-19 for policy and technology sharing on Korea's know-how and Q&A's in the fight against COVID-19.

Antigua and Barbuda expressed profound gratitude to the government and people of the Republic of Korea for the support over the years in these areas, which include providing protocol vehicles, buses and equipment for the disabled through the Ministry of Social Transformation.

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The Licensing Magistrate
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**TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Police Headquarters
American Road
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Antigua**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
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We, Elsworth Lenroy Richards and Andrea Pearline Richards, 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 July, 2021 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises known as **"Richards One Stop"** situated Parham Town, in the Parish of St. Peter's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 18th May, 2021
Andrea Pearline Richards
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Dashboard Update for June 10, 2021

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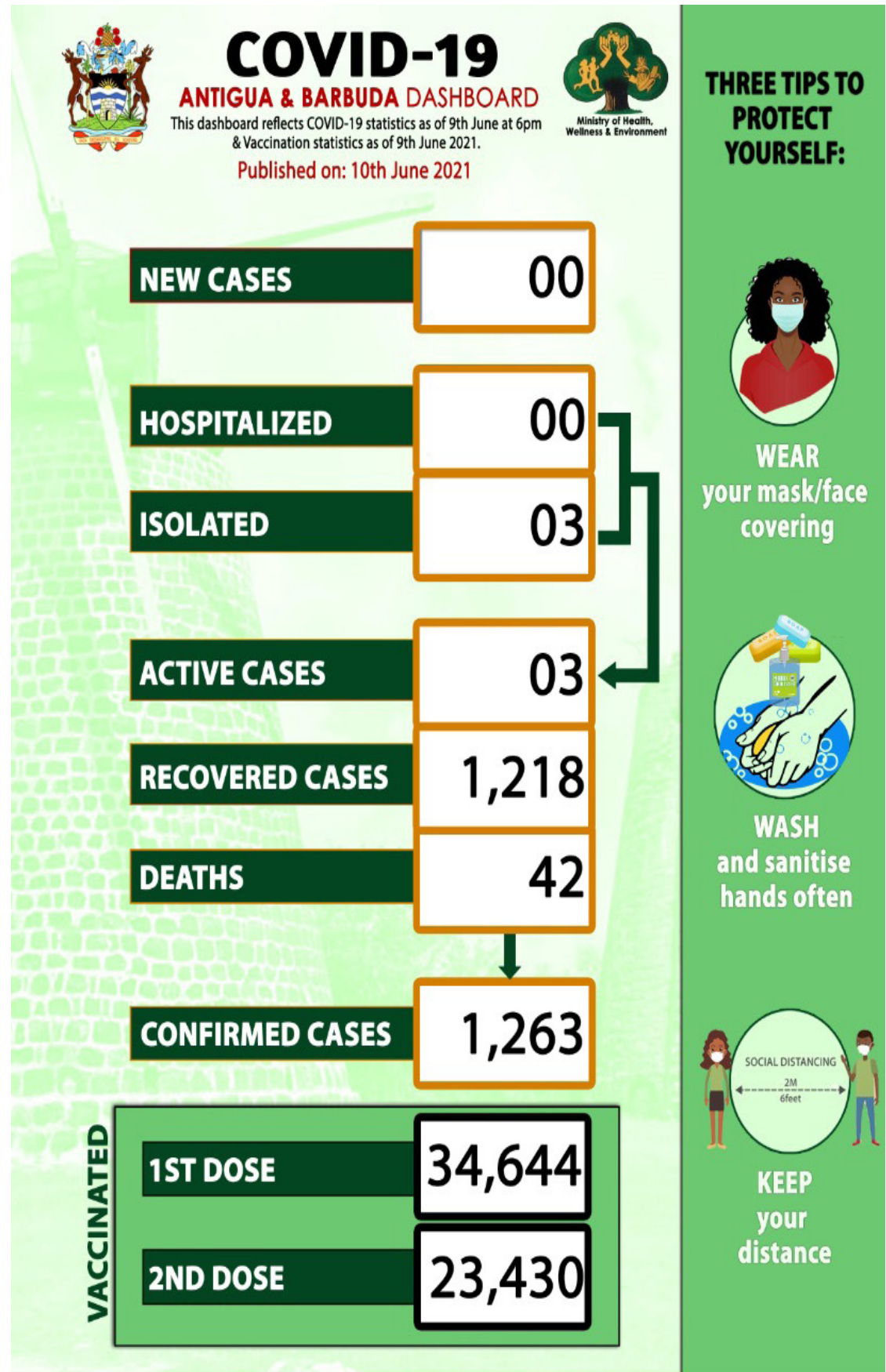
The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment from the Sir Lester Bird Mount St. John Medical Centre has revealed no new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 6pm.

One hundred and forty-four (144) samples were processed at Sir Lester Bird MSJMC.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda remains 1,263 – which is inclusive of three (3) active cases. There are no hospitalized cases.

Meanwhile, 34,644 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have been administered, while 23,430 second doses were administered.

The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes.



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Rhoda Essien, External Affairs Chairperson, making donation to The Cancer Centre

The Antigua and Barbuda Student Association of Jamaica makes donation to Cancer Organization

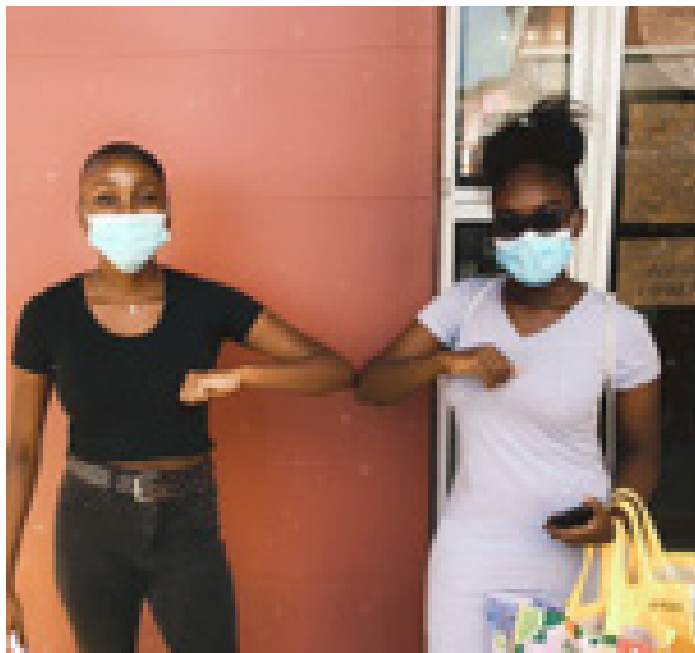
The Antigua and Barbuda Student Association of Jamaica (ABSAJAM) is dedicated to community service, volunteerism and raising awareness on issues affecting students studying at home and abroad. While October is the month of Breast Cancer Awareness, student and External Affairs Chairperson of the Antigua and Barbuda Student Association of Jamaica, Rhoda Essien, urges all individuals to take the matter seriously.

“Cancer should not only be

relevant during October, as it can develop at any time regardless of age, race or gender,” Essien stated.

The Association organized two bakes sales earlier this year, which were patronized by various students and citizens of Antigua and Barbuda. All proceeds were donated to the Breast Cancer Organisation here within Antigua. The association also facilitated a Mental Health Forum in April which catered to all students regionally.

Serena Potter, the secretary of the organization, expressed immense gratitude to the establishments which aided in the facilitation of these events. “Special thanks goes out to The Vanilla Orchid, Sweet and Simple Cakes by LK, Cheyenne’s Bakery, Delectable Treats, and Mr. Michael Anthony. Mrs. Duberry, the mother of ABSAJAM’s president, also played a huge role,” Potter exclaimed.



Treats from the bake sale

Serena Potter, Secretary, and Rhoda Essien, External Affairs Chairperson, executing project

“Breast cancer is very prevalent in our society. As young people, it is our duty to spread awareness on the topic. Waiting until October

to be checked is simply absurd,” stated Essien. The Antigua and Barbuda Student Association of Jamaica may be found on Instagram and Twitter @absajam for further updates on future events.

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Road Closure Sir Sydney Walling Highway



Diversion plan for crossing by Ace Gas Station-SSWH

Ongoing road works will result in a one-day road closure on a section of Sir Sydney Walling Highway on the weekend.

Site maps for established diversion routes are included as part of this notice.

Date: Saturday 12th June 2021.

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Road work under the Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project (SEIRP) will result in a road closure along

a section of Sir Sydney Walling Highway (SSWH) to facilitate the installation of an APUA Telecom crossing on Saturday 12th June 2021. The crossing will be roughly 60 meters (200 ft.) east of the roundabout at the junction of Sir Sydney Walling Highway and Sir George Walter Highway. Site maps have been produced to show the established diversion route for traffic traveling west and

east:

Westbound Traffic:

Westbound vehicular traffic on SSWH will be diverted to the left after passing the Police Recreation Grounds, then second right through to the roundabout.

Eastbound Traffic:

Vehicular traffic intending to travel eastwards on SSWH shall exit the roundabout in a southerly direction and proceed to a Tee-junc-

tion where a left turn must be made, then exit right on to the SSWH.

Drivers of heavy vehicles are particularly advised that the diverted route is narrow and it may be in their interest to avoid this diversion and use the Old Parham Road/Sir George Walter junction and pass through Piggott to gain access to the SSWH heading eastward.

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I, **JANET VELASQUEZ**, of Grays Farm, St. John's, Antigua **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that it is my intention to apply at the next Bottle Licensing hearing to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Perry Bay, St. John's, Antigua on **Thursday 1st July, 2021** for a Bottle License for the premises known as **The Terrazita Drink** situated at King Obdurate Drive in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Antigua pursuant to **Section 11(5) of the Licensing (Intoxicated Liquor) Act, Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.**

Dated the 4th, June, 2021

Cumberbatch & Associates

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Tributes to Edmeade Alexander Lake

*"The Public Health Inspection fraternity is today mourning the loss of a stalwart! **Mr. Edmeade Lake, former Deputy Chief Health Inspector** and one of Antigua's Meat and Other Food experts, remained active in the field even after he retired and was a valued consultant for the National COVID-19 Response efforts!"*

*"He was the most popular Public Health Inspectors and well known personality, especially among softball cricketers (Dredgers Club Member), calypso tents, mas troupes and national festivals. He was also a member of St. Joseph Academy Old Boys, Golden Grove (Twin G's) early Softball Leagues, etc., and a great West Indies Cricket Fan."-- **Mr. Emile Floyd, Principal Public Health Inspector.***

*"**Edmeade Lake** is the most intellectually generous person I have ever encountered. Somewhat of a reclusive type individual to those who don't know him well.*

He is the truest definition of what it means to be an Antiguan. He's selfless, patriotic, and a defender of the disenfranchised.

*"Lake has for many years been one of my dearest friends and will forever be the individual who taught me this profession I hold so dear. Rest in eternal peace my friend!!!"- **Mr. F. Daryl Spencer, General Manager of the National Solid Waste Management Authority***

*"I have known **Mr. Edmeade Lake, who we also called Buffalo Soldier**, for over 40 years. He, along with Mr. Lionel Michael, were responsible for co-opting me into the Environmental Health Service as the first female Public Health Inspector. We have worked closely through his time, and even after his retirement he felt compelled to return to work and give a hand to help the ongoing work of Environmental Health.*

"I felt a great sense of loss over his passing, because for me he was always a re-

*source person and a good friend. His warmth and jovial nature kept us going. Environmental Health has lost a great person. I will miss him. May his soul rest in peace."-- **Ms. Sharon Martin, Chief Health Inspector***

*It is with honor and deep sadness that I pen this tribute to **Mr. Edmeade Alexander Lake, also known as "Buffalo - The Buff"**.*

A true friend, professional colleague, Public Health/Environmental Health Professional, father, husband and son of a former sanitation worker and sports enthusiast.

Mr. Lake attended the St. Joseph Academy School, then worked at Harpers drug store as a dispenser, then at the Central Board of Health (CBH) for 36 years, and tourism for about a year. He studied Public Health in St. Lucia and Food Safety/Meat and Other Foods in Jamaica with other colleagues from An-

tigua and around the Caribbean.

I first knew of Mr. Lake from my neighborhood where he would casually walk to and from his workplace with a radio playing calypso music. However, I first met Mr. Lake in a professional capacity just as he was beginning his career in Environmental Health in the CBH in 1979. We studied together in 1981 at Public Health School in St. Lucia. We worked together for 36 years, and indirectly since his retirement in 2015.

In CBH and Public Service, he worked his way up and through the ranks to become a loyal, honest, and committed Deputy Chief Health Inspector. In this position, he gave incontestable loyalty and concrete support to the Chief Health Inspector. At no time was anyone able to instruct him to do things without consultation with the Chief Health Inspector.

He functioned with distinction in all ar-



eas of Environmental Health in CBH, ranging from water quality, wastewater, food safety-meat inspection, vector control, port health, solid waste, and administration. Most recently, he was the technical inspection officer with the Ministry of Tourism, certifying lodging facilities for COVID-19. He was committed in the fight against COVID-19.

Mr. Lake was passionate about his profession, empowering communities to become safer places for the people to live and grow. In addition to the commitment to his work locally and region-

ally, Mr. Lake always found time for his friends, colleagues, and his family, especially his daughters. He was an avid calypso fan, cricket and football enthusiast. In cricket, he was a member of the Dredger's Softball Club.

It was a rare experience for me to have been a part of Mr. Lake's life. His life was well lived but too short, if you ask me! He was determined to make CBH and Public Health/Environmental Health better through performance, collaboration and a clear vision. Mr. Lake, through his high degree of performance

and training, made a significant contribution to the develop-

ment of CBH in particular, and Antigua in general.

The loss is there, tangible and real within everyone, and so today we honor him by profoundly feeling and expressing our loss; but also by remembering THE BUFF—an amazing person who has played a unique and special role in all of our lives AND THE COUNTRY

May his soul rest in perpetual peace, eternal. -- **Mr. Lionel Michael, former Chief Health Inspector**

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From the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA)

The best thing about memories.....is making them. For this throwback, we are taking a trip down memory lane with Desmond and Lia Nicholson who were

at the same spot (Shirley Heights) 50 years apart. Classic! Photo on the left is from the 50's and the photo on the right is from the 2000's.



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BVI Gov't moves to amend gambling law to facilitate online betting

BVI News Online - Cabinet has made additional strides in reviewing the territory's Gaming and Betting Control Act.

A Cabinet post-meeting statement issued Thursday revealed that the legislation is being amended to allow for online gaming and betting activities.

Cabinet has therefore agreed for the Premier's Office to instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet and amend the Principal Act to include the proposed changes.

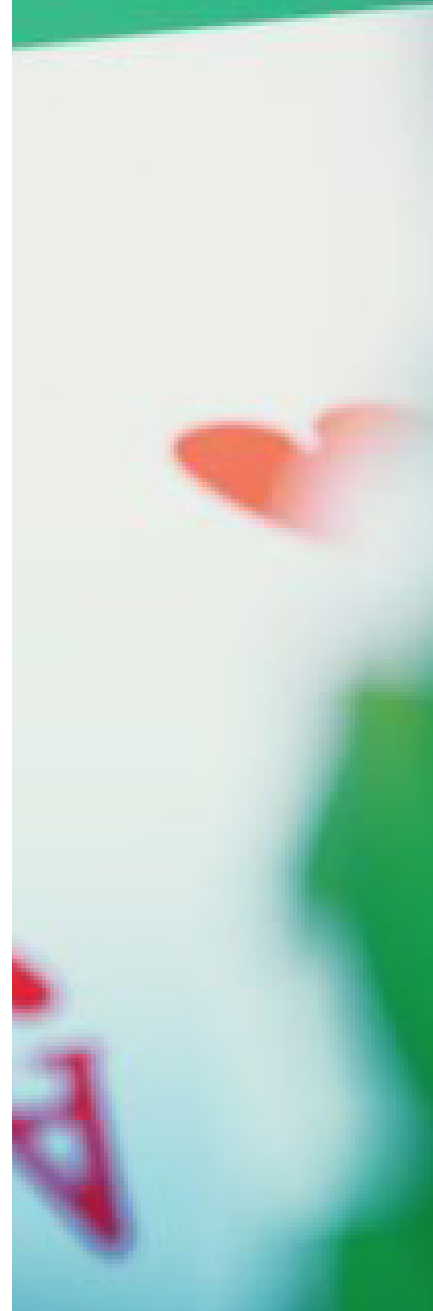
The Bill will then be resubmitted to the Cabinet for approval and then forwarded to the House of Assembly to be passed.

Previously, Premier Andrew Fahie told the House of Assembly that the gambling legislation is projected to generate millions of dollars while creating employ-

ment opportunities in the territory. With a decline of the tourism industry, Premier Fahie said the government had to find a new source of revenue to benefit the territory.

"We have been working with a team of consultants who have helped other jurisdictions, including others in the Caribbean, to implement their own online gaming systems and facilitate these kinds of lottery games like Powerball," Premier Fahie said last year.

Over the years, residents have increasingly called for the legalization of gambling in the BVI, with many pointing to the neighbouring US Virgin Islands and St. Maarten as examples of places where gambling offers enormous business opportunities and is an attractive draw for tourists.



Hotels offer financial enticement for employees to get vaccinated

Barbados Today - With health authorities appealing to employees in the hotel and hospitality sectors to urgently get the COVID-19 vaccine, at least two local properties have decided to offer cash to get the attention of their staff.

But the decision by management of Coral Reef Club and sister hotel The Sandpiper to give their 350 members of staff a financial nudge to take the vaccine, has resulted in mixed reactions from some sections of the public, the trade union movement, and senior health officials.

In a memorandum dated June 6th 2021, directors of Coral Reef Club informed its employees that the company was offering two workers a chance to win a grand prize of \$500 in a raffle draw that takes place on July 5.

"All team members except senior management who have received at least one vaccination by June 30th 2021 will be eligible to win. Team members must have had at least one Government-approved vaccination by that date and have confirmed this to us," the memo stated. It went on to say that, so far, 114 workers have been inoculated out of a staff complement of 210.

"We encourage you to take the vaccine, not only for your own protection, but for the protection of your co-workers and loved ones also," the staff was told.

The directors thanked the employees while suggesting, "United we will beat COVID-19."

Managing Director of Coral Reef,



Managing Director of Coral Reef, Patrick O'Hara

Patrick O'Hara, confirmed that the offer was an incentive aimed at getting the attention of workers to be vaccinated. "Yes, it was adding a financial incentive to get their attention and get some of those who haven't already had it to focus on it and give it some thought ... if they are thinking 'well leave it for now' ... it doesn't just apply to the people who haven't had it ... as a bit of a prize draw, it actually also includes people who have already had it anyway," O'Hara explained.

The hotel boss however noted that there has been some adverse feedback on the decision which he has stoutly defended.

"I know people are saying it is bribery, but we are not actually paying the person who hasn't had a vaccine to go and have it, or who may have lapsed in going to get it, or may be worried about health concerns ... nobody likes, as far as I know, to go and get an injection or likes needles ... [they] might have been putting it off and sud-

denly feels 'I should go and get this done'", O'Hara added.

The hotel head pointed out that while there has been some negative feedback, he is also aware of many positives as well.

He said some people were critical about the amount of money being offered and suggested that, in these hard times, the prize money should have been more.

One of those viewing the move as a good one is Public Health Specialist and co-coordinator of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign, Dr. Elizabeth Ferdinand.

"It's a company trying to give employees an incentive to be vaccinated. It is not making it mandatory. You can't say they are trying to make it mandatory, but just that it is offering them an incentive. I think it is reasonable. I don't have a problem with it," said Dr. Ferdinand.

Grenada: Private promoters' cultural activities allowed during carnival period

Now Grenada - The traditional carnival period will not have any event organised by Spicemas Corporation, the statutory body established to administer the hosting and marketing of the annual event which concludes the second Monday in the month of August. Private promoters will be allowed to organise cultural activities.

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell said on Wednesday 9th June 2021 that until the country reaches the status of herd immunity, decision-makers will be extremely careful about granting permission for mass gathering social events.

"There can be cultural activities, some of which are associated with what takes place during carnival," he said in an interview session with the media.

"If the promoters are moving ahead and promoting cultural activities and people are vaccinated as a condition to participate in the cultural activities, then certainly I think the Covid committee is looking seriously at that, and there are other social activities that can be permitted with the condition of vaccination," he said.

"I wouldn't call it the Government moving to [allow] carnival, but an allowance of cultural activities. Let us face it, people are under stress; and we have to realise that as much as we want to keep every activity out,



Grenada's Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell

we [must] have outlets for people and we have to be mindful of that. We as human beings are social animals and the more you try to put unnecessary control on us the more we might revolt," Dr. Mitchell said.

Kelvin Jacob, chief executive officer of the Spicemas Corporation, said his office is not currently preparing to host any activity or cultural event to coincide with the traditional carnival season or period. Traditionally, Grenada's carnival, which is branded as Spicemas, would be launched in late April and run until August.

Last year, the Houses of Parliament approved legislation removing the second Monday and Tuesday in August as public holidays, but hundreds of individuals defied the law and took to celebrating carnival on the streets of rural towns and

communities.

A similar law is yet to be presented to the Parliament, and Dr. Mitchell said such a law is yet to be discussed by members of the Cabinet.

The Covid-19 Committee recently granted permission for sports activities, but one of the main conditions is that the organisers will only allow persons who are fully vaccinated. Grenada's vaccination programme began mid-February and to date no more than 9,500 are fully vaccinated.

A recent football match was attended by 200 people, and the upcoming cricket games at the National Stadium will be open only to vaccinated individuals. The vaccination card must be inspected by health officials at gates of entry.

Historic meeting of CDB governors



CDB president Dr. Hyginus "Gene" Leon

The Governments and people of the Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) 19 borrowing member countries (BMCs) are expected to learn soon of the new CDB president's roadmap for the region's development.

That is when the Barbados-headquartered financial institution hosts its 51st annual meeting of governors, scheduled for June 15th to July 1st and will be the bank's second virtual annual session of governors.

In what is expected to be among the marquee events of the Governors' Meeting will be the presence of three former

CDB presidents who will join the bank's recently appointed president, Dr. Hyginus "Gene" Leon, for a Presidents' Chat Forum.

Also expected to be part of this historic session will be Dr. William Warren Smith who was president between 2011 and 2021; Dr. Compton Bourne who headed the bank between 2001 and 2011; and Sir Neville Nicholls who presided over the institution between 1988 and 2001.

Anchored on the theme "Innovation, Transformation and Sustainable Development", the conference will also include

seminars, discussion fora, keynote presentations and business meetings.

It will also showcase the scope and impact of the bank's investments in the BMCs and its assistance to them.

Another highlight of the annual event is the William G. Demas Memorial Lecture, which will be delivered this year by Professor of Economics and Innovation Dr. Mariana Mazzucato.

She will speak on the topic "Rethinking Innovation: Reimagining the Future", as she outlines how small island developing states can rethink their approach to innovation to build more resilient and competitive economies.

Given the impact which the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the region, this global shock will be in focus when some of the Caribbean's thought leaders from academia, business and government come together to examine Reimagining the Caribbean in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The panel will include Gregory Bowen, Minister of Communications, Works, Physical Development, Public Utilities, ICT and Community Development (Grenada); Nigel Clarke, Minister of Finance and the Public Service (Jamaica); Timothy Antoine, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank; and Senator Don Wehby, Chief Executive Officer, GraceKennedy Group (Jamaica).



Venezuela's Vice President, Delcy Rodriguez.

Venezuela says payments to COVAX vaccine system have been blocked

Reuters - Venezuelan officials said on Thursday that the country's government has been unable to complete a payment required to receive coronavirus vaccines, because transfers to the global COVAX vaccine program had been blocked.

The government of President Nicolas Maduro for months said it was unable to pay for the COVAX program because of U.S. sanctions, and then in March announced that it had made almost all the required \$120 million payment.

Vice President Delcy Rodriguez, in a televised broadcast on Thursday, said the government had been unable to pay down the remaining \$10 million because four operations had been blocked.

"The financial system that also hides behind the U.S. lobby has the power to block resources

that can be used to immunize the population of Venezuela," Rodriguez said. Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza later tweeted a copy of a letter from COVAX saying it had received information from Swiss bank UBS that four operations totaling \$4.6 million "were blocked and under investigation".

It was not immediately evident who blocked the operations or why.

UBS, when asked for comment, said that for legal and regulatory reasons it is "unable to comment on matters relating to potential client relationships".

COVAX did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

The COVAX letter notes that Venezuela has expressed interest in the Johnson & Johnson and Novavax vaccines.

Maduro's government this year began negotiating with

opposition leader Juan Guaido to pay for COVAX vaccines using funds frozen in the United States under Washington's sanctions against Maduro.

In March, Venezuelan officials announced they had managed to pay for the vaccines on their own, and have since backed away from talks over using the frozen funds.

In recent weeks, authorities have started vaccinating medical personnel and senior citizens using doses provided by Russia and China. Participants have complained about confusion in the process, and opposition leaders say it lacks transparency.

Venezuela has reported 246,764 coronavirus cases and 2,764 deaths, although critics say the actual figures are likely higher due to under-reporting and limited testing.

350,000 people in famine conditions in Ethiopia's Tigray



Millions more across Tigray require urgent food and agriculture support to avert further slide towards famine, an analysis says.

Aljazeera - Some 350,000 people in Ethiopia's embattled Tigray region are facing "catastrophic" food shortages, according to an analysis by the United Nations agencies and aid groups.

"There is famine now in Tigray," UN aid chief Mark Lowcock said after the report's release

on Thursday.

"The number of people in famine conditions ... is higher than anywhere in the world, at any moment since a quarter-million Somalis lost their lives in 2011." Lowcock said two million more people "were just a step away from those extreme conditions" and

lamented the fact that some of the key UN agencies seeking to tackle the crisis have "essentially no money".

The warning came as the United States and the European Union issued an impassioned plea for greater international efforts to tackle the crisis in a region where more than 90

percent of the population need emergency food aid. "Famine may already be happening in certain areas, threatening the lives of hundreds of thousands. It's unconscionable," Linda Thomas-Greenfield, US ambassador to the UN, told a roundtable event, decrying the failure of the UN Security Council to hold a public meeting to end the crisis. The Security Council will discuss the conflict on Tuesday, diplomats said, but the session will be held on an informal basis because of Ethiopian opposition to the Council taking up the matter – a view shared to varying degrees by several members, including Russia, China, Vietnam, India and African countries.

Thomas-Greenfield said the stakes were high as the UN urgently appealed for more than \$200m to scale up its response.

"We are witnessing a humanitarian nightmare," Thomas-Greenfield added. "We cannot let Ethiopia starve. We have to act now" to resolve what she called a "man-made" emergency.

Macron slap: Four months for man who attacked French president



BBC - A medieval combat enthusiast has been given four months in jail after he admitted slapping French President Emmanuel Macron.

Damien Tarel told the court it was an act of impulse, but the prosecutor said it was a “deliberate act of violence”.

The court heard that Tarel subscribed to right-wing or far-right politics and was close to the yellow-vest movement.

President Macron said the attack should not be trivialised but had to be kept in proportion.

He had just left a hotel school in the south-eastern town of Tain-l'Hermitage when he ran towards a crowd waiting behind a metal barrier.

As he slapped the president, Tarel was heard to shout “Montjoie and Saint-Denis! Down with Macronism”, using an obscure medieval battle-cry.

The incident was immediately condemned across France's political spectrum, less than a year before presidential elections.

Prosecutors had called for 18 months in prison for assaulting a public official. The three judges said Tarel should be given 18 months, with 14 months of the sentence suspended. His four months in jail will start immediately but the rest will only be enforced if he commits another offence.

A second suspect who filmed the incident is facing prosecution

for illegal possession of weapons after local authorities searched his home. He comes from the same town as Damien Tarel.

According to AFP news agency, the defendant appeared in court in Valence wearing the same green T-shirt he wore on the day of his arrest.

Asked why he had attacked the president, he replied that while waiting with his friends in the car beforehand he had considered doing something notable. He had earlier considered throwing an egg or cream tart, but insisted he had not considered slapping Mr. Macron.

“When I saw his friendly, lying look, which sought me out as a voter, I was filled with disgust,” he was reported as saying to

the court. Condemning the president's politics, he added that he felt he was part of the anti-establishment gilets jaunes (yellow-vests) movement, which staged anti-Macron protests during the early years of his presidency. “I acted instinctively,” he claimed.

Friends had earlier described Tarel as apolitical and *Le Parisien* had quoted one source who summed up his politics as “ideological mush”. His Instagram page described him as an historic European martial arts enthusiast, complete with sword and armour.

His battle-cry is perhaps better known nowadays for its use in a 1993 French comedy film called *Les Visiteurs*.

G-7 expected to pledge 1bn vaccine doses

Associated Press - The Group of Seven (G-7) nations are set to commit to sharing at least 1 billion coronavirus shots with the world, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Thursday, with half coming from the U.S. and 100 million from the U.K., as President Joe Biden urged allies to join in speeding the pandemic's end and bolstering the strategic position of the world's wealthiest democracies.

Johnson's announcement, on the eve of the G-7 leaders' summit in England, came hours after Biden committed to donating 500 million COVID-19 vaccine doses and previewed a coordinated effort by the advanced economies to make vaccination widely and speedily available everywhere.

"We're going to help lead the world out of this pandemic working alongside our global partners," Biden said, adding that on Friday the G-7 nations would join the U.S. in outlining their vaccine donation commitments. The G-7 also includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

The prime minister's office said the first 5 million U.K. doses would be shared in the coming weeks, with the remainder coming over the next year. Biden's own commitment was on top of the 80 million doses he has already pledged to donate by the end of June.

"At the G7 Summit, I hope my fellow leaders will make similar



pledges so that, together, we can vaccinate the world by the end of next year and build back better from coronavirus," Johnson said in a statement referencing the U.S. president's campaign slogan.

Earlier Thursday, French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed the U.S. commitment and said Europe should do the same. He said France would share at least 30 million doses globally by year's end.

"I think the European Union needs to have at least the same level of ambition as the United States," he said at a news conference. He added that time was of the essence, saying, "It's almost more important to say how many (doses) we deliver the next month than making promises to be fulfilled in 18 months from now." The G-7 leaders

have faced mounting pressure to outline their global vaccine sharing plans, especially as inequities in supply around the world have become more pronounced. In the U.S., there is a large vaccine stockpile and the demand for shots has dropped precipitously in recent weeks.

Biden predicted the U.S. doses and the overall G-7 commitment would "supercharge" the global vaccination campaign, adding that the U.S. doses come with no strings attached.

"Our vaccine donations don't include pressure for favors or potential concessions," Biden said. "We're doing this to save lives, to end this pandemic, that's it."

He added: "Our values call on us to do everything that we can to vaccinate the world against COVID-19."

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English Super League rebels accept collective fine

LONDON (AP) – The six Premier League clubs that tried to join a European Super League have accepted a collective fine of US \$31 million. Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, and Tottenham, launched an ill-fated bid to join the breakaway competition in April that would split from the existing Champions League run by UEFA.

The project, also featuring three clubs from both Spain and Italy, collapsed within 48 hours when the English clubs pulled out amid a backlash from their own fans and the Government.

The fines were called a “gesture of goodwill” by the Premier League and amount to around US \$5.1 million per club, with cash being invested in support for fans, grassroots leagues and com-

munity programmes. “They have wholeheartedly apologized to their fans, fellow clubs, the Premier League and the FA (Football Association),” the League said in a statement.

They have accepted being deducted 30 points and fined US \$35 million if they try to join a similar sort of largely-closed competition in the future that isn’t part of the established structures.



NBA Playoffs Round Up

Utah Jazz draw first blood against the Los Angeles Clippers

The Utah Jazz drew first blood with a narrow win over the Los Angeles Clippers when they finished 112-109 on Tuesday night. Donovan Mitchell scored 45 points to rally the Utah Jazz past the Los Angeles Clippers. This is remarkable, given that the Utah Jazz's guard struggled with a bout of light-headedness before halftime. Mitchell imposed his will offensively after halftime, scoring 32 points to rally the Jazz from a double-digit deficit.

Kawhi Leonard scored 23 points to lead Los Angeles. Paul George chipped in with 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers. Leon Kennard added 18 points while making a team-high four 3-pointers. There were 10 lead changes and seven ties.

Utah leads the series 1-0.

Philadelphia 76ers level series against Atlanta Hawks

The Philadelphia 76ers levelled their Eastern Conference series against the Atlanta Hawks when they won comfortably 118-102.

The 76ers' Joel Embiid was dominant, scoring 40 points and pulling down 13 rebounds to lead all scorers. He was ably supported by Tobias Harris with 22 points and Seth Curry who had 21 points.

The Hawks' starters had an off night. Trae Young, 21 points and 11 assists, tried to keep it close. Danilo Gallinari, 21 points, nine rebounds and Kevin Huerte, 20 points, provided some support coming off the bench. The series now shifts to Atlanta.

Denver Nuggets versus Phoenix Suns

The Phoenix Suns put in another great performance to defeat the Denver Nuggets 123-98 in Game 2 of their Western Conference semi-finals. Offensively, the Suns were relentless against a hapless Denver Nuggets defense. All five Suns starters were in double figures; Chris Paul 17 points and 15 assists. The Suns were led by Devin Booker with 18 points. Nikola Jokic scored a game high 24 points along with 13 rebounds in a losing effort. The Nuggets will have to come up with some more firepower in Game 3 if they are to keep the series alive.

They now need to regroup and reassess their strategy for slowing the Phoenix Suns, who have momentum going to Denver tonight, if they are to keep the series alive. The Suns now lead the series 2-0.



WI on the ropes early against SA

Captains: Dean Elgar, South Africa & Kraigg Braithwaite, West Indies

GROS ISLET, St. Lucia—West Indies were dismissed in under two sessions of play on Day 1 of the first Betway Test against South Africa. They were bowled out for 97 in 40.5 overs, their lowest against South Africa. It was a most di-

sastrous start, having earlier won the toss and decided to bat. West Indies struggled to score runs as the South African fast bowlers kept them in check. Returning opening batsman Shai Hope was first to go for 15 when he was

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beaten by a perfectly pitched delivery from Anrich Nortje, which took the top of his off stump.

His opening partner, Kraigg Braithwaite, followed in Nortje's next over, also for 15, when he completely misjudged a delivery. His dismissal was ugly as he shouldered arms to a delivery that was pitched in line with his off stump, only to hear the clatter at his back.

Rahkeem Cornwall played an enterprising innings batting at number nine, making 13, but he too perished. The resistance didn't last and perhaps couldn't last. Jason Holder tried to give the West Indies' team score some respectability, but he was last to go when he edged a delivery to second slip for a straightforward catch. Holder top-scored with 20.

Bowling for South Africa, Lungi Ngidi had figures of 5 for 19 while Anrich Nortje had 4 for 35. West Indies earlier excluded both **Alzarri Joseph** and Kieran Powell from their starting eleven, giving way for Jayden Seales to make his Test debut.

South Africa ended the day on 128 for 4. **Aiden Markram** led the reply with 60 but perished when he edged a length delivery to the wicketkeeper. They must be entertaining thoughts of batting once and give the West Indies a huge total to chase in their second innings while trying to force a win. Jayden Seales, on debut, struck in his first over when he defeated Keegan Peterson with a rising delivery that carried to Jason Holder at second slip.

The teams are playing for the Sir Viv Richards trophy. The match continues today.

A&B eliminated from WC '22



Tomarley 'Ziggy' Thomas being challenged

SAN SALVADOR – Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys were eliminated from the 2022 FIFA Football World Cup on Tuesday night when they were defeated 3-0 by El Salvador. The opening goal in the 40th minute came from a corner kick. There were two more goals in the second half, coming in minutes 68 and 85 to seal the Benna Boys' fate. Rhys Browne picked up a yellow card five minutes into the second half.

Head coach Mikele Leigertwood, speaking with local media on Wednesday morning, described the result as "disappointing". He said the

team played well against a formidable opponent. Antigua and Barbuda finished third in Group A with seven points, behind group winners El Salvador (10 points) and Montserrat (8 points).

El Salvador will next play against St. Kitts and Nevis in a home-and-away series, with the winner advancing to the final stage of the CONCACAF qualifiers, joining the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Honduras, and the winners of the **Canada vs Haiti and the Panama vs Curaçao** series for the final octagonal stage of qualifying.

Bonner out of Test with concussion

ESPN CRICINFO – West Indies batsman Nkrumah Bonner has been ruled out of the first Betway Test against South Africa after being diagnosed with concussion. Kieran Powell will replace Bonner under the concussion substitute rule. Bonner top-edged the very first ball he faced, off pacer Anrich Nortje, when he attempted to hook a short delivery, but played the ball onto his helmet's badge. He appeared shaken and was checked for concus-

sion on the field – while South Africa reviewed unsuccessfully for a possible catch – and allowed to continue. He faced 32 balls in all and scored 10 runs but did not take the field when West Indies arrived to bowl midway through the second session. Instead, Powell was on the field and will now also bat in Bonner's place. Powell has not played Test cricket for West Indies since 2018 and was recalled for this series.



Nkrumah Bonner

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