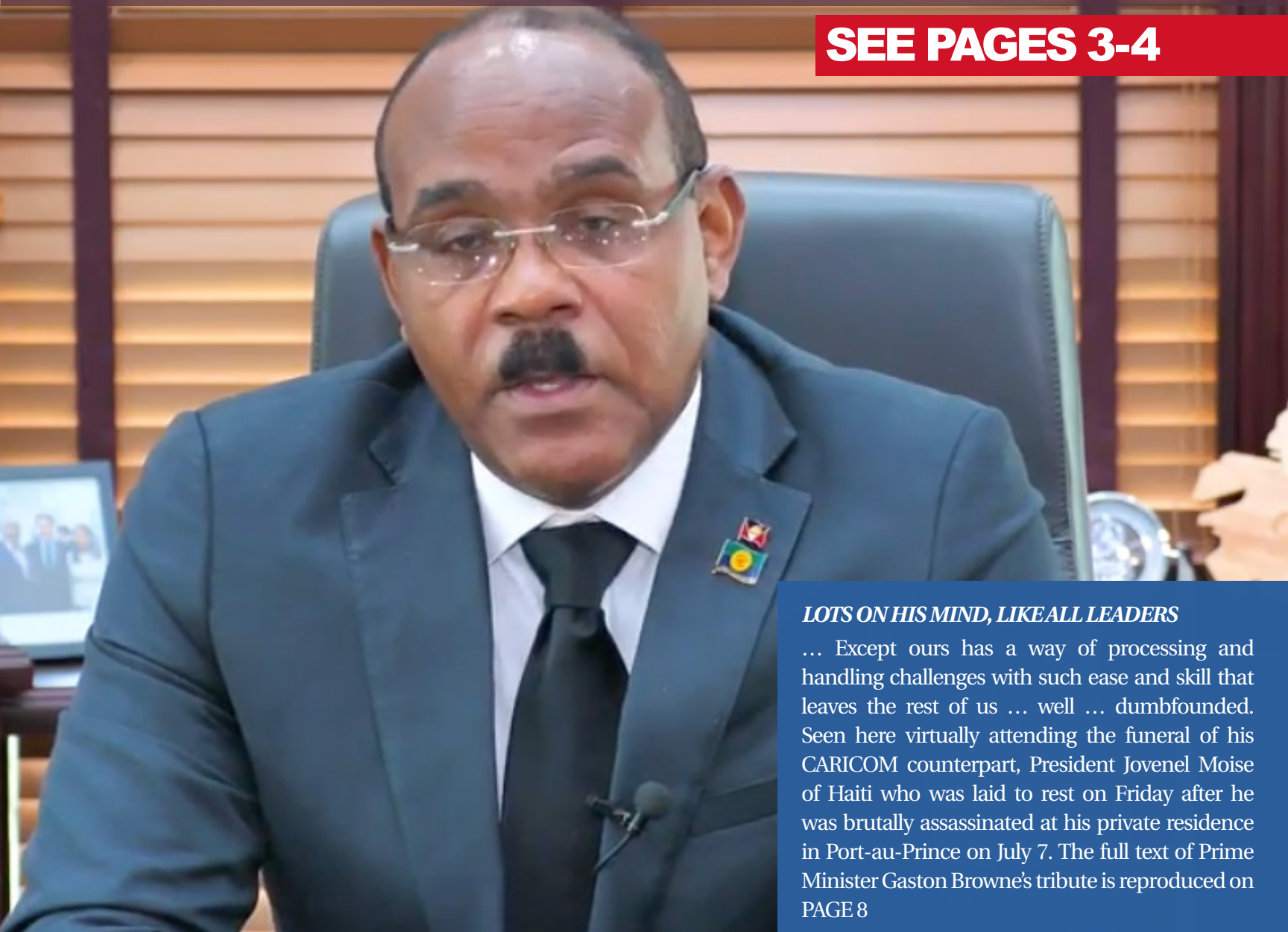


ABLP TO RUN POLLS IN TWO CONSTITUENCIES

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LOTS ON HIS MIND, LIKE ALL LEADERS

... Except ours has a way of processing and handling challenges with such ease and skill that leaves the rest of us ... well ... dumbfounded. Seen here virtually attending the funeral of his CARICOM counterpart, President Jovenel Moise of Haiti who was laid to rest on Friday after he was brutally assassinated at his private residence in Port-au-Prince on July 7. The full text of Prime Minister Gaston Browne's tribute is reproduced on PAGE 8

Foreign Minister Greene's impassioned statement of support for Cuba (page 5)
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The race against time: virus evolving, vaccines expiring!

occur in all viruses. And the scientists studying the disease and developing COVID vaccines have always anticipated that new strains would evolve. Viruses mutate when they replicate and create a slightly different version of the virus. Sometimes, these variant strains just disappear; these are the viruses that don't make the news and scientists are not worried about. But occasionally, variant viruses thrive, meaning that they survive better than, and can out-compete, the original virus. They can become more infectious than the original strain.

The current COVID vaccines are our most powerful tool to fight all the strains of COVID-19.

What Are the New COVID Variants?

Many variants of COVID-19 have been discovered. There are currently four that the CDC classifies as "variants of concerns."

- **Alpha (B.1.1.7)** – First identified in the United Kingdom in late 2020, this variant spread more easily than previous strains. Currently, there is early evidence that suggests this variant may be associated with increased risk of death.

- **Gamma (P.1)** – This variant, which has

spread widely in Brazil and has been detected throughout the Americas, was first detected in January 2021. It contains more mutations than the Alpha strain that may affect its ability to be blocked by therapeutic antibodies or a vaccine.

- **Beta (B.1.351)** – This variant, which was first detected in October 2020, shares some mutations with the Brazil variant and is a similar threat in that the mutations affect its ability to be blocked by therapeutic antibodies or a vaccine.

- **Delta (B.1.617.2)** – Initially identified in India in late 2020, this variant is the most highly transmissible of the variants identified so far and may cause more severe illness than other variants. It is projected to become the dominant circulating strain in the United States summer 2021.

Do the Vaccines Work Against the New Strains?

The simple answer is yes. At this time, there is no evidence to suggest that these or any other variants of the COVID-19 virus are resistant to the current vaccines. The key points are: The COVID vaccines are highly effective. The effectiveness of the current COVID vaccines is quite high. In fact, it is much higher

than some other vaccines we commonly receive. As a reminder, the annual flu vaccine has an effectiveness around 40-60 percent from year to year.

The current vaccines cause a powerful immune response that makes them highly protective, even if there is a drop in antibody strength. Antibodies are not the only part of the vaccines that makes them work. There are also T cells and memory B cells and other types of antibodies.

The vaccines prevent hospitalization and death.

All of the current vaccines are **highly effective in preventing hospitalization and death.**

This is a critical point. Not only will this help relieve the strain on the healthcare system, but the vaccines all save lives.

The vaccines help stop new variants.

As we vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, we can stop the spread of the coronavirus. A slow in transmission of the virus means fewer opportunities for it to mutate, which can help prevent the emergence of any other variants.

The vaccines can be updated to be more effective.

Research continues on all the vaccines. If necessary, future COVID-19 vaccines may need to be tweaked, not unlike what happens with the flu vaccine every year. All vaccine manufacturers are continuing to study the effectiveness of the vaccines and are already looking at what a booster might look like down the road.

Reducing the Spread of COVID

The best way to protect yourself and others from the virus – whatever the strain – is to get the vaccine.

Because the vaccines are so effective, CDC guidance indicates that fully vaccinated people no longer need to mask and can safely start to enjoy many parts pre-pandemic life including gathering together with other vaccinated people.

Until you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask and social distancing are important to protect yourself and prevent spread. The vast majority of COVID-19 hospitalizations around the country right now are among unvaccinated people. [University of Maryland Medical System]

ABLP getting ready, but not yet in 'elections mode' – PM Browne

The ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) is beginning the process of preparing for elections, although its political leader and the nation's prime minister, Hon. Gaston Browne, said the party is not yet 'in elections mode'.

Speaking on *The Browne and Browne Show* on **Pointe FM** on Saturday, PM Browne said the senior executive of the party convened a meeting last Fri-

day to discuss a number of matters critical to the preparatory work.

"We have commenced our executive meetings with the different branch leaders. The meeting also included the first deputy chairman of the party, Agriculture Minister Samantha Marshall; as well as General Secretary, Senator Mary Claire Hurst. We told them that we will complete our poll-

ing in the first two constituencies in about two to three weeks. These constituencies are St. Peter and St. John's Rural West," he reported.

PM Browne noted that while St. John's Rural West has an incumbent Member of Parliament (Hon. Londel Benjamin), it is noted that he is advancing in age and the question may arise about his continued suitability to represent the consti-

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uency. He confirmed that discussions have taken place with Benjamin over a period of time on the matter. However, according to the political leader, should the poll find that Benjamin is still the best option, then the party has no choice but to run with him again. "This is no indication that a decision has been made to remove Comrade Benjamin. In fact, this has been discussed with him and he understands our position. After the polling has been done and it emerges that he is struggling to win

the seat, then we will have to have a conversation with him," Browne declared. The ABLP's poll will seek to determine the best of several candidates in head-to-head contests with UPP candidates. Several persons will be polled as part of this exercise in the two constituencies. Browne said he is a firm believer in the 'science of polls' noting that they are much better options than primaries which, in his words, 'can be easily manipulated'. General Elections in Antigua and Barbuda are not due until the

first quarter of 2023, but the prime minister has said publicly that he reserves the

right to call an election at a time of his choosing.



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Foreign Minister Greene makes strong statement in support of Cuba



Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. E.P. Chet Greene.

Foreign Affairs Minister E.P. 'Chet' Greene wants the United Nations to pay attention to the plight of the Cuban people in the face of the decades-long economic and financial embargo enforced by the United States against the Caribbean country. Speaking at a meeting on Friday during a visit by the President of the UN General Assembly, HE

Volcan Bozkir, Greene said that as part of the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) the UN should consider the hardship imposed on the Cuban people by the embargo as part of SDG 16 which speaks to '**Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**'.

"I want to speak specifically about **Peace and Justice** in the context of Cuba.

It is important that the popular will of the global community be respected. It is not sufficient that every year we go to the UN and make grand statements about the unjust nature of the blockade against Cuba and nothing happens. I can't claim that I have the answer for a final resolution, but there needs to be some new level, new tier, of the global response where Cuba is concerned," he remarked. The Antigua and Barbuda foreign minister flatly rejected claims promoted in some quarters that Cuban medical personnel assisting with the fight against COVID-19 in over 40 nations are somehow a danger to the countries they serve. "The notion that Cuba is exporting or participating in terrorism and Cuban doctors and nurses who come to our countries to assist us where we lack capacity, are to be treated as terrorists and

persons of concern or interest is nonsense and unacceptable!" he declared. He said **SDG 16** should be one of the SDGs touted all day long, every day, until it becomes an international rallying cry, accepted by all, not some of us, but all nations. Greene expressed the wish that 'some nations' would look beyond their narrow political interests as they relate to the Cuba, and he urged the new UNGA President to 'stay the course' as they relate to his global responsibilities.

The Cuban people have had to contend with a suffocating economic and financial blockade that was tightened even further under the Trump Administration. The blockade, coupled with the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, have resulted increased pain for the long-suffering people of Cuba.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne explores possible collaborations between Howard University and UWI Five Islands.

On Friday 23rd July, Prime Minister Gaston Browne was paid a courtesy call by the President of Howard University, Dr. Wayne Frederick, at the Office of the Prime Minister on Queen Elizabeth Highway.

During the courtesy visit, PM Browne extended a warm welcome to the university president and is said to have held consultations on possible collaborations between Howard University and UWI

Five Islands. In a social media post by the prestigious university president, Dr. Frederick said, "It was a pleasure meeting with Prime Minister Gaston Browne yesterday (Friday). Howard University is ex-

cited to continue our collaborative efforts with UWI Five Islands Campus." According to Howard University, "Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick was appointed the seventeenth president of Howard University in 2014."

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Dr. Frederick is a native Trinidadian and is often referred to as a 'distinguished scholar and administrator'. He is also a member of surgical and medical associa-

tions, including the American Surgical Association and the American College of Surgeons. In his professional biography, Howard University stated that, "Dr. Frederick

has advanced Howard University's commitment to student opportunity, academic innovation, public service, and fiscal stability."



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CARICOM Chairman Browne pays tribute as slain Haitian leader laid to rest

Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne, on Friday delivered a video statement at the funeral service of Haitian President Jovenel Moise who was assassinated two weeks ago in his home.

We reproduce in full the text of the Prime Minister's Statement below. Access to the video of the statement can be reached through the following link: <https://fb.watch/6WPW-BLm3d0/>

Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and Chairman of CARICOM, The Hon. Gaston Browne, statement at the funeral of Haiti President Jovenel Moïse, Friday 23rd July 2021.

Prime Minister Ariel Henry, Madame Martine Moise and the Moise Family, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), I offer deep condolences at the loss of Jovenel Moise. The circumstances of his death shocked the entire Caribbean. For us, assassination is an abomination that assaults our sense of humanity and undermines our democracy. There are no circumstances that would justify such planned and malicious murder. We deplore and condemn it strongly and unreservedly.

Even as we must bury Jovenel

Moise, we must not bury the circumstances of his death. All those who are responsible, must be brought to justice; for the word must go out from this place, to every nook and cranny in Haiti, to every distant place across our Caribbean neighbourhood, that we will not tolerate such viciousness in any aspect of our lives. As no problem can be solved by wanton violence; no problem confronting Haiti has been solved by the assassination of Jovenel Moise. But, the political and civil society groups, and the people of Haiti in general, should not let his tragic death be in vain. Haiti must not become trapped in a vicious cycle of retribution and recriminations.

Instead, the circumstances of Jovenel's death must shock everyone in Haiti to seek pathways for peace, stability, and prosperity, whether they were his political friend or political foe. Differences exist between you, but no difference exists in your aspirations and ambitions for the advancement of Haiti and the Haitian people. You want a democratic country where freedom reigns for the individual, and your democratic institutions and values are respected by all. You want a Haiti where children can attend school, get a solid education and build a good future; and you want a nation which

creates jobs; provides lands to the landless; delivers health care; empowers workers, and improves the quality of life for all. Within that framework of shared aspirations and ambitions, is the common ground on which you can debate without violence and on which you can fashion a system of governance that allows government and opposition to function peacefully in the interest of the nation you all love.

In all this, the countries of the Caribbean stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters Haiti. Our hand is offered in friendship, support and an enduring admiration for the strength and resilience of the Haitian people who led a successful revolution in 1791, freeing themselves from the oppression of slavery. Just as you freed yourselves from the bondage of slavery, you shall be triumphant in freeing yourselves from the socio-economic, economic, and political challenges that beset you. And, as Haiti lays its President to rest, it is our fervent hope that Haiti will rise, determined to fulfil all its promise and achieve all its potential.

We pray for the soul of Jovenel Moise, and for the wellbeing of his wife and children.

May he rest in peace.



CBH to determine number of patrons allowed at individual bars

by Shelton Daniel

The absolute number of patrons who will be allowed to congregate at a given time in any bar – irrespective of the establishment's size – is to be capped at 100.

That's according to Information Minis-

ter Melford Nicholas, speaking last Thursday morning when he hosted the regular weekly post-Cabinet media briefing.

He said the 100 maximum would then be adjusted downward for bars and clubs based on the space they have available to

accommodate such social gatherings.

Minister Nicholas explained that the 100-person upper limit was itself "a compromise because, clearly, social gatherings above 25 present us with a challenge, but we understand the economic impact

of being able to maintain numbers that low, so we are making a compromise at 100."

He then prefaced his further remarks with the assurance that they were not meant to single out any particular individual. "I think we have had collaborative discus-

sions with the bar owners, and they have all generally come forward and said that they want to comply. But let's use, for example, the beach restaurant and bar at Pensioners Corner or Pensioners Beach where they would have been given permission by the Central Board of Health (CBH) to have seating accommodations upwards of 300 persons. Now, this has proven to be an undesirable outcome as far as we are concerned. So we have reviewed that, and those numbers are going to be limited

down to 100."Nicholas disclosed that in instances where police have responded to unsafe gatherings, the owners of the establishments involved have protested, saying they could not justly be held responsible for the clustering of persons that takes place outside what they consider to be the precincts of their business properties."- Clearly, the police have a role in dispersing those social gatherings if [they chose] and if [they see] fit," Nicholas stated, adding: "What we are now saying to these bar

operators, we want to ensure – and we are going to hold them accountable – that part of the entry requirements must be that persons who are attending these bars, as of August 1, will have to show their vaccine card and a valid government photo ID."

He warned that, "If upon inspection by the health officials or the law enforcement officials, there are any patrons who are found – even if it's one – in that particular environment who are without the card, then the bar owners will be

held accountable."

Elaborating further, he said, "it's more than likely if there is a public health official there, the establishment will be shut down immediately, and the owners will face the financial and other consequences."

Minister Nicholas restated that CBH would determine the amount of patrons that individual bars would be permitted to host at a time, based on space and other factors assessed in the course of inspection.



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Nicholas: Enhanced safety measures will make local businesses more enticing for cruise visitors



The Seabourn Odyssey during its July 20 passenger-carrying visit to Antigua.

by Shelton Daniel

Cruise ship visitors will soon be allowed to freely patronize local bars, engage in landside shopping, and tour local communities, once satisfactory safety measures have been put in place against the transmission of COVID-19. This assurance came from Information and Broadcasting Minister Melford Nicholas on Thursday as he hosted the weekly live post-Cabinet media briefing. ‘Yes, eventually,’ he stated without any hesitation. ‘We would require that persons who are going to be in contact with the cruise line and its passengers ... they will have to give some assurance ... through the Ministry of Tourism that they are providing a safe environment.’

Nicholas continued: ‘In the first instance, with these two cruise ves-

sels that came here [the Star Breeze on July 15 and the Seabourn Odyssey on July 20], this is a test run ... and so the safe bubble environment that they have been provided does preclude a lot of interaction with some of the vendors.’

Nicholas recounted his own experience at Redcliffe Quay on Thursday 15 July when he spoke with a store owner who had been expecting more business from passengers who disembarked from the Star Breeze which visited that day.

‘And they said to me, ‘no’; whereupon I spoke with the Minister of Tourism and he reiterated to them and myself that this was just a particular dry run of what we will eventually hope to perfect along the way.’

Notwithstanding this tentative

restart, Nicholas expressed optimism that, ‘In the future weeks and as new cruise vessels arrive ... there will be increased customs for local bar owners, for local restaurateurs, for persons who are providing facilities for the trade.’

But, he cautioned, ‘It must be done in a safe environment. We have been asked to give the cruise lines, as well, the assurance; and, clearly, we want as many persons within those establishments to be able to become vaccinated and give everyone the same level of comfort.’

Nicholas said cruise vessels ‘are only going to come and feel comfortable returning if they are assured that their passengers – when they arrive here – are relatively safe.’

TECHNOLOGICAL INSPIRATION FROM COMPARISONS OF CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND STATES

by Christal Clashing

The Caribbean is being policed – by a self-appointed policeman, no less. That should come as no surprise to us. We feel the bullying of the USA when it comes to our financial regulations and their efforts to curb drug trafficking, money laundering and illegal immigration.

Yet, we are not alone. On the other side of the world, another island region is being policed by Australia – also to control drug trafficking, the spread of internal volatility, and the harbouring of terrorists in failing states. This region is known as the Pacific Islands.

Small island developing states (SIDS) – like those of us in the Caribbean and the Pacific – share many commonalities like the externally-imposed political and regulatory measures placed

upon us, our high dependence on imported goods, and our exposure to climate change.

When it comes to climate vulnerability, the Caribbean was at one point thought to be the world's most vulnerable region because of the concentration of city and tourism infrastructure along shorelines. However, the Pacific might inch us out on that, as many Pacific Islands with 'atoll' regions (coral reef islands) are expected to lose significant portions of their landmass due to rising sea levels. That our natural disasters are not so dissimilar, indicate our shared exposure to the elements.

In the last year-and-a-half, the Pacific Islands have had to deal with a volcanic eruption near the Solomon Islands, hurricane-like conditions in the form of cyclones in Vanuatu and Fiji – and, of course,

COVID-19.

We too have had to deal with the volcano eruption in St. Vincent, Hurricane Elsa hitting Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Jamaica and Hispaniola, and our own COVID-19 woes. However, the Pacific's mobilisation of technological resources to recover from their natural disasters brings hope to not only their region, but to ours in the Caribbean as well.

In response to a devastating cyclone in 2019, the country of Vanuatu benefitted from an initiative called Un-Blocked Cash. Financial aid was provided through e-voucher tap-and-pay cards for beneficiary households to purchase goods. Local vendors would receive payments through these cards using a pre-installed smartphone app. This was powered through a single-payment online

platform where aid organisations like Oxfam could disburse funds and monitor transactions remotely and in real-time – all done without the need for a banking system in place, and all powered with the security, speed and transparency of blockchain technology.

The volcanic eruption in St. Vincent similarly prompted the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) to begin rolling out the second phase of their blockchain-built D-Cash pilot programme, to include St. Vincent so that funds could be sent to individuals in St. Vincent from persons around the region without tedious bank transfers fees and processes.

These blockchain initiatives illustrate the use of complex technology in a simple and easy to access manner, even for those who are not the most technically liter-



ate. The Pacific Islands have a statistically higher ratio of old to young persons compared with that of the Caribbean. Even with the low technical literacy that their older populations have, they have been able to scale UnBlocked Cash beyond Vanuatu to Fiji and the Solomon Islands. An excuse of low technical literacy therefore cannot be used for the Caribbean, which has a higher percentage of young people familiar with technological applications. In the Pacific Islands, a large part of their economy relies on financial aid and

money sent from family members overseas. In the Caribbean, it's tourism. However, we in the Caribbean have a leg up since we have a collectively higher GDP than those in the Pacific island region. While both regions have felt the effects of colonisation, they have not recovered in the same way. In the post-world war decades of the 1950s and 1960s, the Caribbean benefitted from the development of international tourism away from the colonial crop industry of sugar and banana. Later, in the 1970s and 1980s, the

Caribbean began to attract offshore banks.

The Pacific Islands, on the other hand, were not able to attract as high tourist interest. This is due to the reality that they are more distant from world markets and the distances between islands are greater than those in the Caribbean, making it more than twice as expensive to travel from major mainland hubs. They have instead had to rely on subsistence agriculture, leading to imbalances between urban and rural areas.

Taking advantage of the geographical po-

sition we're in, can we now in the Caribbean look to blockchain to enhance our most dominant industry? We have proven through blockchain built Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC), like that of D-Cash in the OECS and the Sand Dollar in The Bahamas, that we can mobilise quickly due to our small size. Can we also use the advantage of our small size and generation of technically literate younger people to innovate in the tourism sector that we rely on so heavily?



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BUSINESS NEWS IN BRIEF

Dominica 2021/22 budget set at XCD\$993.6 million

Budget day in Dominica is July 28. At that point Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Roosevelt Skerrit will deliver the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Address and seek approval to appropriate an amount of \$993.6 million from the Consolidated Fund. Of this amount, \$438.9 million is allocated to Government's Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP). Under the PSIP, the development of the International Airport is the single most prominent project, with estimated expenditure of \$75 million

Jamaica: Remittances exceed US\$1 billion in 4 months

For the first 4 months of 2021, remittance inflows into Jamaica exceeded the US\$1-billion mark. Net remittance inflows of US\$1012.7 million increased by 52.6% or US\$349.1 million relative to the previous corresponding period. This improvement resulted from an increase of 46.2% or S\$345.7 million in total remittance inflows aided by a decline of 4.1% or US\$3.5 million in total remittance outflows. For the month of April, the Bank of

Jamaica (BOJ) reports that net remittance inflows of US\$270.7 million increased by 69.5% or US\$110.9 million in comparison to April of 2020. Remittances from the USA accounted for 72.3% of total flows. That was, however, down from 77.9% recorded for April 2020. For the month April, the UK accounted for 10.7%, of total remittances followed by Canada at 9.3%.

Cayman looks to \$1.1 billion in financial fees in SPS

The Cayman Islands released its Strategic Policy Statement (SPS), which provides the economic and financial forecasts that inform the budget and guide policy decisions for 2022 to 2024. The SPS predicts economic growth of 1.2% this year, and 4.7% and 4.3% in 2022 and 2023, respectively, followed by an economic expansion of 2.3% in 2024. The economy contracted by 6.7% in 2020. Cayman's total employment declined and the unemployment rate increased to 5.2% as the drop in labour demand outpaced the 10.5% fall in the labour force. The economic recovery in 2021 will be led by a projected 10.3% growth of the construction sector. The tourism industry, is expected to contract by a further 88% as the borders remain closed, and stayover tourism is not expected to peak

again before late 2022 or early 2023. Operating revenues of \$2.7 billion are projected over the SPS period will be driven by the financial services, real estate as well as the planned full reopening of the Cayman Islands borders to stayover tourism in first quarter 2022. Fees from the financial services sector are expected to contribute revenue of \$1.1 billion over the 3-year period ending in 2024.

Regional FDI Inflows decline by 36% to \$1.4 billion

The Bahamas, Barbados and Grenada, realised increased inflows for foreign direct investment (FDI) during 2020, when flows plunged globally by 35% because of the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its annual World Investment Report 2021, FDI inflows to SIDS fell by 40% to \$2.6 billion. "The top five host economies (The Bahamas, Jamaica, Maldives, Barbados and Mauritius) accounted for four-fifths of the total FDI inflows to the group. Inflows to the 10 Caribbean SIDS dropped 36% to \$1.4 billion. These economies continued to account for more than half the inflows to SIDS," the report states. FDI inflows to the Bahamas, grew by 47% to \$897 million, Barbados by 22% to \$262 million and Grenada by 11% to \$146 million. Jamaica and St. Kitts & Nevis experienced contractions in FDI receipts of 45% and 47% respectively

CBTT: Trinidad economic recovery linked to global outlook

According to the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago's latest Monetary Policy Report, the domestic economic outlook for 2021 will be linked to the pace of the global recovery. Energy commodity prices are expected to improve in the short to medium term, driven by rising global demand. "Additional impetus will come from supply-side factors such as production limits from OPEC and partner countries. Local energy production should receive support from rising commodity prices and increased demand for energy-related products as some economies gradually re-open," the bank explained. Headline inflation is expected to remain contained in the short to medium term. The bank added that core inflation should remain low and stable given minimal upward pressure on aggregate demand owing to continued limits on economic activity and ample spare production capacity.

\$13.8b in stock trades as NCB CEO & Deputy surrender shares

Some \$13.8 billion worth of NCB Financial Group shares traded on Monday, coinciding with top executives surrendering shares at the banking conglomerate. It was the largest traded volume of NCBFG shares in over 2 years on the Jamaican stock market. NCB Financial advised that it emanated from an approved change to the compensation arrangements with President and CEO Patrick Hylton and Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO Dennis Cohen. NCB Financial is the operator of National Commercial Bank Jamaica, and majority owner of Guardian Holdings Ltd. The shares surrendered by Hylton and Cohen are now held by a custodian under an existing custodial arrangement. Such shares are held for future distribution to executives, including the top two executives



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Conservative Liberals?

by Risa V

Politics has always been a topic of discussion at the forefront within the Antigua and Barbuda society as far back as I can remember. But it seems much of this talk is merely diarrhea of the mouth. Do we even know what governance entails and the responsibilities of the people, or are we just pawns for opposition propaganda? Saying one thing from one side of the mouth and another out of the next, they make mockery of the people.

Governance in the eyes of the people can be that of a conservative or liberal nature in relation to political and economic views and affiliations. While conservatives often question the government's ability to solve important social and economic problems, liberals often question the market's ability to solve such problems. They point to important limitations within the market system. Conservatives believe that the government's role in the economy should be severely limited. They believe that economic and political freedom will be undermined by excessive reliance on government. Both perspectives have their advantages and

disadvantages, and you cannot expect to have your cake and eat it too. Yet Antiguan and Barbudans are quite confused about what they want. Concerned with economic and political freedom, you would believe they are against excessive reliance on government which would undermine this, from a conservative stand point. However the constant blaming of the government for everything and the negligence they themselves show with a minuscule involvement in the econ-

omy, reflects a liberal opinion of disbelief in the market's ability to solve such problems.

So which is it? I think it is time we made up our minds; because if the government's role is to be severely limited, to balance such an economy, the responsibility would now fall on members of the private sector to manage the market.

Conservatives want less regulation, less tax, less spending (cutting the budget) but understand that their involvement in the market would have to be

maximized and the responsibility of a thriving economy now lies in their own hands.

So pick a side and stay there. Let's not make fools of ourselves, while at the same time disgracing our country. Sacrifices have to be made; for instance, when the people look to the government to provide a structure. When they look to the government to enact laws for the protection of an equal society, sometimes it is at the expense of economic freedom.

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Barbados PM says employers have duty to ensure workers protected on the job.



Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley

Barbados Today – While the issue will be examined during a meeting of the Social Partnership scheduled for next week, Prime Minister Mia Mottley suggested Friday that it might be the price unvaccinated workers may have to pay for refusing the free vaccine being made available to them.

Mottley told a press conference at Ilaro Court on the weekend that Cabinet had already made a decision that both Barbadians and tourists leaving the island will now have to pay for their own COVID-19 tests.

She said while workers would not be forced to take the vaccine, employers may have to take cer-

tain precautions to ensure the work environment was safe for all employees. She said the fact that none of the 46 persons in primary and secondary care at Harrison's Point were vaccinated showed those persons were at a much higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

"The bigger issue that we have to ask is that not everybody is familiar with the law and the reality is that it is not only that an employer has an obligation to have a safe place of work, and we will discuss that next week with the Social Partnership, but there are also implications, because, regrettably, persons who are responsible for

hurting somebody else by deliberately or recklessly transmitting the virus to them, knowing full well that they are working in close quarters, would be putting themselves at risk, not only medically but also legally. And I really, really hope that a strong discussion in the Social Partnership next week will begin to allow us to see the changes that we need to see," the Prime Minister said.

"Employers have a duty to ensure that there is a safe place of work. That safe place of work can come either as a result of a person being vaccinated or as a result of a person being negative and therefore, regular testing may well be an alternative to vaccination. The question is, who will carry the cost of the regular testing, largely because vaccinations are free and initial tests are free, other than for those who are travelling overseas. The Cabinet has already agreed that people who are travelling overseas, whether local or foreign, should start paying for their tests now and, similarly, we may well have to consider it with respect to people who are requiring regular tests because they don't want a free vaccination. But these are subjects that have to be discussed as we do in Barbados at the Social Partnership."

Mottley said if a consensus could not be reached at the level of the Social Partnership, Government would make a decision.

The Prime Minister said while many people might not be aware, there are vaccine clauses in the collective agreement between the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association (BHTA) and the Barbados Workers' Union (BWU).

T&T nationals must be fully vaccinated before entering Guyana

Guyana Chronicle - NATIONALS of Trinidad and Tobago are now required to be fully vaccinated before they will be allowed to travel to Guyana, according to a gazetted regulation added to the 2021 Civil Aviation Health and Safety regulations.

The updated regulations were made on July 22, 2021 and signed by Minister of Public Works, Juan Edghill.

The amendment states: "... passengers, except for children, travelling to Guyana from Trinidad and Tobago who are not nationals of Guyana are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to be allowed entry into Guyana."

On Saturday, this newspaper sought clarification on these updated regulations from Minister Edghill who explained that the new regulation is meant specifically for nationals of Trinidad and Tobago and not for those who may stop in the Caribbean country due to an in-transit flight.

As such, a passenger who is not a national of Trinidad and Tobago, who is travelling from another country, does not need to be fully vaccinated. That passenger would only need to produce the negative PCR test.

For context, an individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received



Passengers being sanitized after arriving at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA).

both doses of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after receiving the vaccines that are given only in one dose, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This updated regulation adds to the existing Civil Aviation (Health-Safety Measures for Airports and Aircraft during a Health Pandemic) Regulations for airports and aircraft that mandate passengers take other precautionary measures in light of the public health pandemic.

This includes producing a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test from a recognised medical institution 72 hours prior to travel.

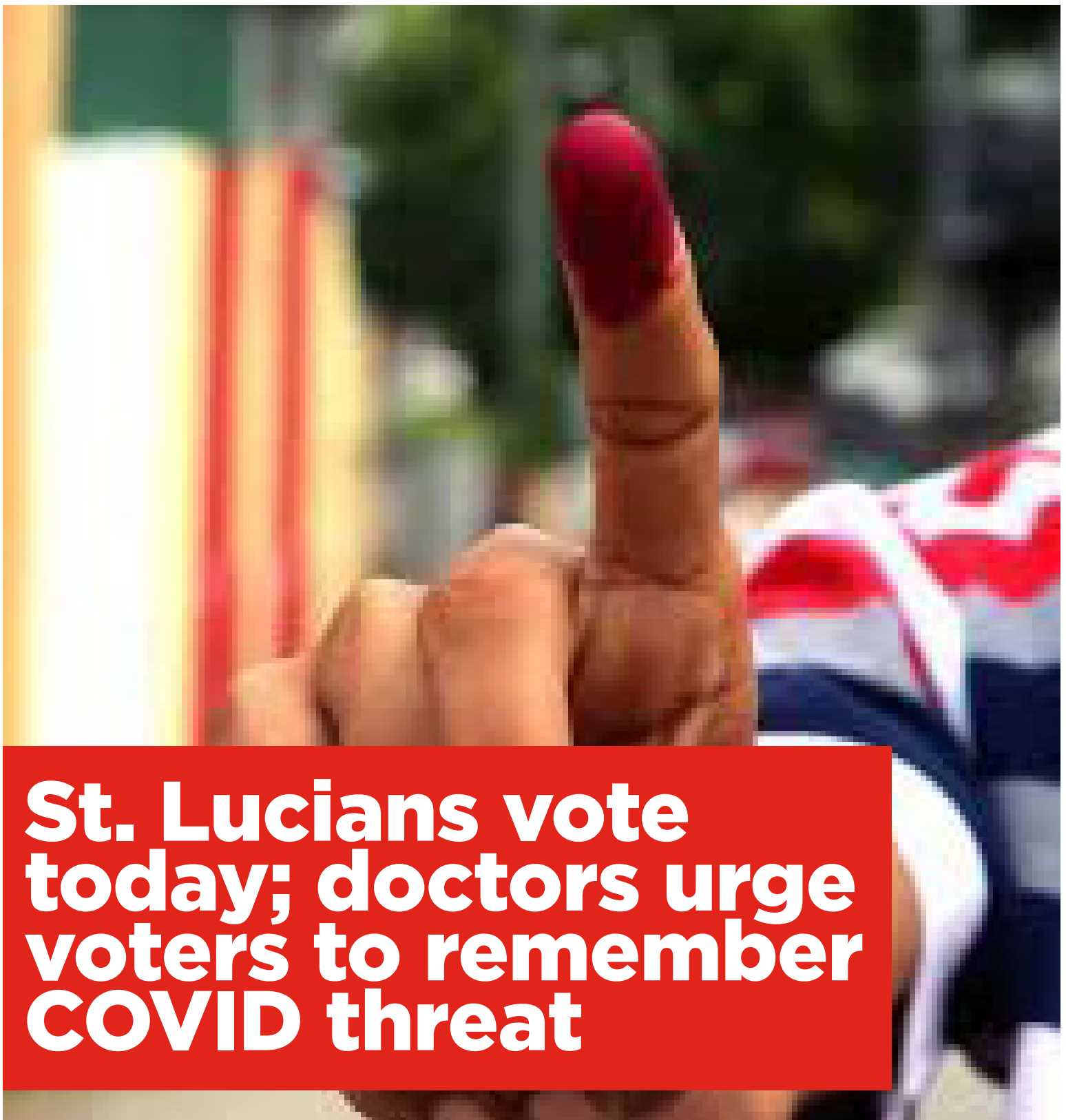
Meanwhile, President Dr. Irfaan Ali said that protecting the lives of every

Guyanese, no matter the cost, remains the mandate of the Government of Guyana in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, he noted that consideration was being given to stricter COVID-19 measures. On the topic of stricter measures against unvaccinated persons, the Private Sector Commission (PSC) has already recommended that its member companies stipulate that their employees who refuse to be vaccinated provide evidence of a "medically-current COVID-19 negative test" from infection before reporting to work. Further, the PSC has urged that the government make it mandatory for all medical and security personnel in frontline

contact with other persons to either be vaccinated or provide evidence of a medically-current COVID-19 negative test.

"... and that all places providing hospitality and entertainment services, including restaurants, require evidence of either vaccination or a medically-current COVID-19 negative test from its customers in order for them to receive service," the PSC advised.

Referring to the proposals from the PSC, President Ali said: "At some point, in order to protect the people, you may see us raise the level for social places like restaurants from 40 percent to 60 percent, but we add another tier and say that in order to be in there, you have to be vaccinated.



St. Lucians vote today; doctors urge voters to remember COVID threat

St. Lucia Times - The Saint Lucia Medical and Dental Association (SLMDA) has issued a word of caution to voters as this country goes to the polls on Monday, urging citizens to remember that COVID-19 is still a very real, very present threat which continues to claim lives, young and

old. "We urge you, our fellow citizens, to adhere to the tried and tested public health protocols. Please ensure that you wear your masks correctly, continuously sanitise hands and, in as much as possible when standing in line, stay six feet from others," the Association's public relations officer,

Dr. Monique Monplaisir, said in a statement on Sunday.

"If you feel unwell or have respiratory symptoms, please seek medical advice," Monplaisir urged. She observed that lines are expected to be longer than usual, given the protocols. As a result, the SLMDA official called

on voters to ensure that they have water and remain hydrated.

"Use sunscreen and remain sheltered from the sun as much as possible. Remember that, when all is said and done, we are all Saint Lucians first. Stay safe and God bless," Monplaisir said in conclusion.

Maritime chairman murdered, close female relative allegedly confesses

Loop TT- Trigger Warning: The following article contains information of a sensitive nature. Details include that of domestic violence. The contents of this article could be upsetting or trigger negative memories.

Chairman of Maritime General and Fidelity Finance, 74-year-old John Henry Smith was murdered at his Maraval home on Friday.

Police said a close female relative was arrested after she allegedly confessed to killing him.

Around 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at Saddle Road, Maraval. On arrival, they observed the body of a man on the ground. A woman was seen holding his hand.

The 41-year-old woman was interviewed and allegedly told the officers she killed the man.

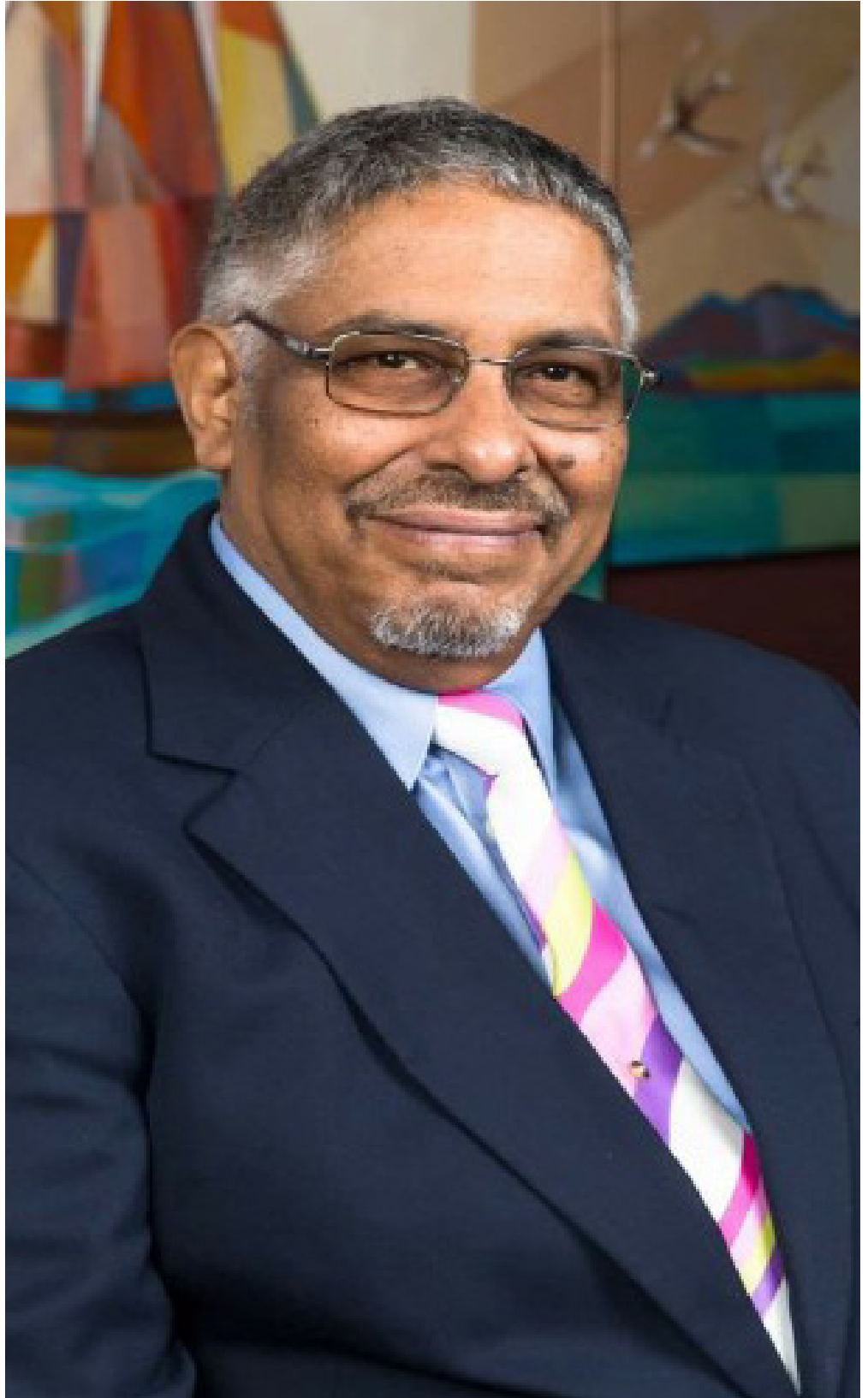
She was cautioned. However, she allegedly repeated the statement.

The woman was immediately arrested. The suspect's two children also reportedly witnessed the incident. In a statement last night, the Maritime Financial Group said it was devastated by his passing.

It said Smith served for almost 50 years as accountant, financial controller, head of marketing, chief executive and chairman.

The Group said he was a true patriarch and stalwart of the Maritime family. It said: "Because of John, we at Maritime are who we are today. He was a fanatic for service, believer in people, stickler for time; but, moreover, someone who was larger than life. Beyond business, John was actor, playwright, musician, singer and 'mas' man. "We are confident that he did enjoy a full life," it added.

The Group further extended condolences to his family.



Chairman of Maritime General and Fidelity Finance, John Henry Smith

A second crisis is killing survivors of India's worst COVID wave



Srinivas S. went to four hospitals before they diagnosed his black fungus infection.

(CNN) - Srinivas S. lies on a gurney in an operating theater in St. John's Hospital in Bengaluru as surgeons carefully remove bits of blackened tissue and rotten bone from his face. The 41-year-old driver is one of more than 45,000 Indians infected with black fungus, or mucormycosis, since the start of the country's second COVID-19 wave in late March.

Like Srinivas, the vast majority of sufferers – around 85% -- were COVID-19 patients, according to India's Health Ministry. By July, more than 4,300 people had died from the fungal infection. Srinivas's sister

Shyamala V. sits by his bed and considers what life will be like for her brother's wife and two young sons, ages 2 and four months, if he becomes one of them. "I am very scared for him. He has two small kids. Who will look after them?" she said.

Black fungus is India's second COVID crisis. Before this year, the infection was rare in India, though it was around 80 times more common there than in developed countries.

It's caused by mucormycetes, a type of fungi, that people are exposed to every day. But when their immune systems have been battered by COVID, they become more vul-

nerable to infection. Unless treated quickly, black fungus can cause permanent damage to the face, loss of vision and death – it has a mortality rate of over 50%. Cases have surged in India, and a small number of cases have been detected elsewhere – in Nepal, Afghanistan, Egypt and Oman, according to their respective health ministries.

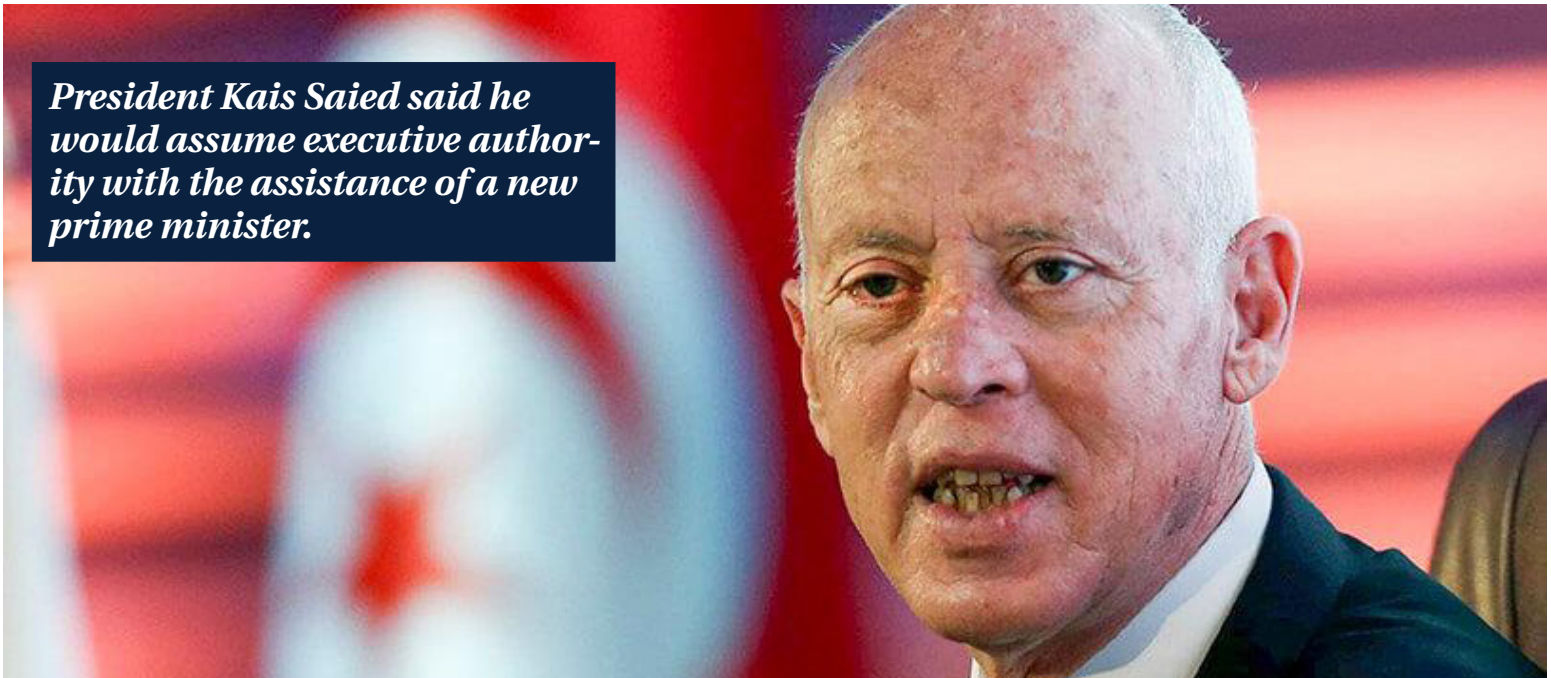
India's black fungus cases numbers are far higher now than after the country's first coronavirus wave last September. That may be due to the rapid spread of the Delta or B.1.617.2 variant of the virus. Diabetes causes elevated blood sugar lev-

els – perfect conditions for a fungus that feeds on sugar. In India, at least 77 million people had diabetes as of 2019, second only to China which had 116 million (the United States had 31 million) according to the International Diabetes Federation – which partly explains why Indian black fungus cases are comparatively high.

The World Health Organization says the prevalence of diabetes is rising more rapidly in low- and middle-income countries than high-income countries. Coupled with a rise in COVID cases, doctors predict black fungus will become more common worldwide.

Tunisia's president dismisses prime minister after protests

President Kais Saied said he would assume executive authority with the assistance of a new prime minister.



Al Jazeera - Tunisia's president has announced the suspension of the Tunisian parliament and the dismissal of Prime Minister Hicham Mechichi after violent protests broke out in several Tunisian cities over the government's handling of the COVID pandemic and the economy.

President Kais Saied said on Sunday he would assume executive authority with the assistance of a new prime minister, prompting the biggest challenge yet to a 2014 constitution that split powers between president, prime minister and parliament. "Many people were deceived by hypocrisy, treachery and robbery of the rights of the people," he said in a statement carried on state media. "I warn any who think of resorting to weapons ... and whoever shoots a bullet, the armed forces will respond with bullets," he added.

He said in his statement that his actions were in line with the constitution, and he also sus-

pended the immunity of members of parliament. The statement followed an emergency meeting at his palace after thousands of Tunisians marched in several cities, with much of the anger focused on the Ennahda party, the biggest in parliament.

Tunisian Parliament Speaker, Rached Ghannouchi, accused President Saied of launching "a coup against the revolution and constitution" after the move.

"We consider the institutions to be still standing and supporters of Ennahda and the Tunisian people will defend the revolution," Ghannouchi, who heads Ennahda, told Reuters news agency by phone. Saied has been enmeshed in political disputes with Prime Minister Mechichi for more than a year, as the country grapples with an economic crisis, a looming fiscal crunch, and a flailing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Saied and the parliament were both elected in separate popular votes in 2019, while

Mechichi took office last year, replacing another short-lived government. Tunis-based journalist Rabeb Aloui told Al Jazeera that Saied's move did not come as a surprise, as he had threatened to dissolve parliament and sack the prime minister. "Since last September we (have) lived under a political crisis," Aloui said.

She said many young Tunisians, particularly those who were protesting on Sunday, have expressed joy at the announcement. The demonstrators had also called for social and economic reforms, however, and those issues still need to be addressed, Aloui added. "We are really living under an economic crisis, with the health crisis too [from] the coronavirus pandemic," she said.

Tunisia has been overwhelmed by COVID-19 cases, with more than 18,000 people dying from the disease in the country of around 12 million.

Fauci says US heading in wrong direction as cases rise among unvaccinated

BBC - The US is heading "in the wrong direction" on the coronavirus pandemic as infections surge among the unvaccinated, a top health expert has warned.

Dr. Anthony Fauci said the Delta variant of COVID-19 was driving the spike in areas with low vaccination rates. He said health officials were considering revising mask guidance for vaccinated Americans to curb cases.

Offering booster jabs to vulnerable people was also under review, he said. The coronavirus situation in the US is becoming "a pandemic among the unvaccinated", Dr. Fauci, the chief medical adviser to US President Joe Biden, told broadcaster CNN on Sunday. More than 162.7 million people – or 49% of the population – have been fully vaccinated in the US, official data shows. The US had been a world leader in jab uptake until April when vaccination rates started to drop off. Vaccination rates are particularly low in southern states, where fewer than half of residents have received their first dose in some cases. Meanwhile, daily coronavirus infections are on the rise again after numbers fell in May and June. The resurgence has added to the more than 34 million cases and 610,000 deaths recorded so far in the US.

The trend has been attributed, in part, to the rapid spread of the highly



Dr. Anthony Fauci said he was frustrated by the slump in vaccine uptake.

transmissible Delta variant of COVID.

The sharpest increases in COVID cases are in states with lower vaccination rates, such as Florida, Texas and Missouri.

Earlier this week, US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy said 99.5% of COVID deaths were occurring among unvaccinated people.

In his interview with CNN, Dr. Fauci said local leaders in areas with low vaccination rates needed to do more to encourage people to get jabbed.

He said he was "very

heartened to hear" the Republican governors of Arkansas and Florida promoting vaccinations in their states. Both leaders have been critical of Dr. Fauci's advice in the past.

As the nation's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Fauci has been a key adviser to President Biden and his predecessor, Donald Trump, through the pandemic.

Dr. Fauci said he was involved in discussions to change mask guidance issued by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As it stands, the CDC says people who are fully vaccinated can "resume activities that you did before the pandemic without wearing a mask".

Dr. Fauci said local governments could issue their own rules under the current CDC guidance.

But he noted that some local governments had reinstated indoor and public mask requirements to curb rising infections.

In Los Angeles County, masks are now required indoors for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

Merkel aide warns virus surge in Germany may mean curbs for unvaccinated



Passengers wear face masks as they wait for an S-Bahn commuter train on the platform at Friedrichstrasse station during lockdown amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, in Berlin, Germany February 5, 2021.

(Reuters) – Chancellor Angela Merkel’s chief of staff said on Sunday he fears the number of new coronavirus cases in Germany could soar to 100,000 a day in about two months unless many more people get vaccinated and those who refuse may face restrictions.

His suggestion quickly hit resistance from several senior politicians including Armin Laschet, conserva-

tive candidate to succeed Merkel as chancellor in a Sept. 26 election.

After more than two months of steady decline, COVID-19 cases have been rising in Europe’s biggest economy since early July, due mainly to the spread of the more infectious Delta variant.

Merkel’s chief of staff, Helge Braun, told Bild am

Sonntag newspaper that cases were increasing by 60% per week, even though nearly half the population is fully vaccinated.

“If the Delta variant were to continue to spread at this rate and we don’t counter it with a very high vaccination rate or change in behaviour, we would have an incidence of 850 (per 100,000 people) in just nine weeks,” he said.

That equates to about

100,000 new infections a day, he said, adding that would lead to many people having to quarantine and chaos in the economy.

Urging Germans to get vaccinated, Braun said those who refused might have to face some restrictions.

“This could mean some things such as restaurant, cinema and stadium visits would not be possible for tested unvaccinated people because the residual risk is too high,” he said.

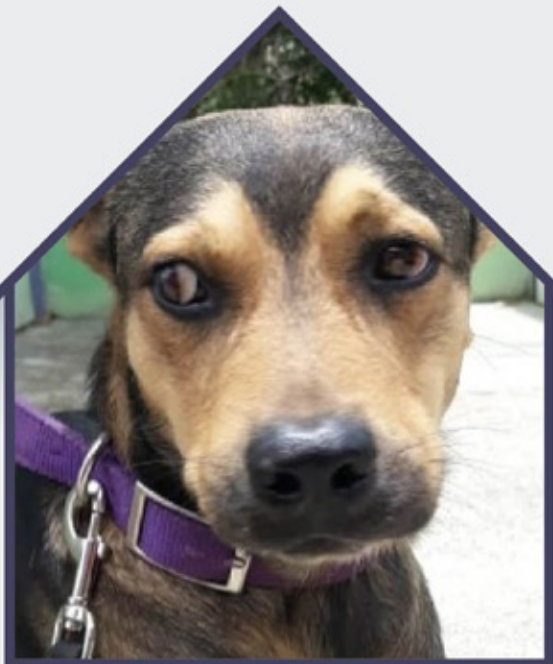
Roughly 60% of Germany’s 83 million people have had a first shot of a COVID-19 vaccine and about 48% are fully vaccinated. Merkel has long said there will be no compulsory vaccination.

Braun’s comment unleashed a debate with some politicians backing the idea and others, including Laschet, swiftly ruling it out.

“I don’t think much of compulsory vaccinations or indirectly putting pressure on people,” Laschet told ZDF television. “We have had a rule that you must be tested, vaccinated or recovered and I think that is a good principle,” he said.

The Robert Koch Institute for infectious diseases said the number of cases had risen by 1,387 in the last day to 3.76 million. The seven-day incidence rate inched up to 13.8 per 100,000 people. Some 91,524 people have died of COVID-19 related causes in Germany.

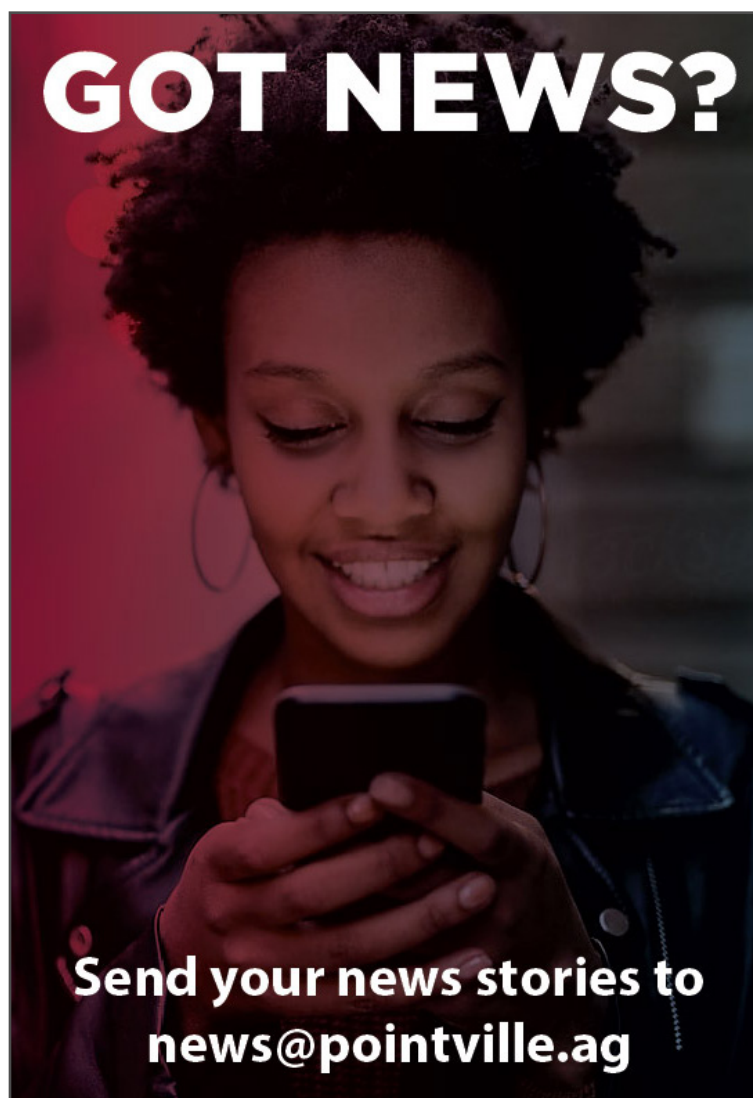
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West Indies and Pakistan agree to revised T20 and Test-match schedule

Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) today announced a revised match schedule for the upcoming “Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup” between the West Indies and Pakistan in the Caribbean.

A four-match T20 International (T20I) series has been agreed, scheduled to start on Wednesday, July 28 at Kensington Oval, Barbados. The first ball is 10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Jamaica Time) for the first match, with the final three to be played at the Guyana National Stadium on Saturday, July 31; Sunday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. Jamaica Time). The adjustment to the Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup schedule was necessary due to the changes to the fixtures for the ongoing CG Insurance One-Day International (ODI) Series between West Indies and Australia, which are part of the International Cricket Council’s ODI Super League, which concludes on Monday, July 26.

Ricky Skerritt, CWI President said: “Together with the PCB, CWI have examined various scenarios, and we jointly agreed that the best solution in the present circumstances is to cancel the first T20I and play a four-match T20I series starting on Wednesday and keep the rest of the tour schedule unchanged. We want to express our gratitude to the PCB Chairman, Ehsan Mani and CEO Wasim Khan, and the Pakistan team for their understanding in this situation and for agreeing to the revised match schedule. Both teams are in the fi-

nal stages of preparing for the ICC T20 World Cup, so we anticipate an exciting and entertaining series of games as both teams compete for Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup.” West Indies, the two-time World Champions (2012 and 2016), are using this series as part of their build-up to the next ICC T20 World Cup which will be played from October 17 to November 14 in the United Arab Emirates and Oman. They enter the series on the back of a 4-1 triumph over Australia in the recent CG Insurance T20Is at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in Saint Lucia. Pakistan won the ICC T20 World Cup in 2009.

Following the Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup, West Indies and Pakistan will then play two Betway Test matches at Sabina Park in Jamaica from August 12-16 and then from August 20-24. This is the first Test series for the West Indies in the new 2021-2023 ICC World Test Championship.



FULL MATCH SCHEDULE

July 28: 1st Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup match at Kensington Oval – 10:00 a.m. local (9:00 a.m. Jamaica Time)

July 31: 2nd Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup match at Guyana National Stadium – 11:00 a.m. local (10:00 a.m. Jamaica)

August 1: 3rd Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup match at Guyana National Stadium – 11:00 a.m. local (10:00 a.m. Jamaica)

August 3: 4th Osaka Presents PSO Carient T20 Cup match at Guyana National Stadium – 11:00 a.m. local (10:00 a.m. Jamaica)

August 12-16: 1st Betway Test at Sabina Park – 10:00 a.m. Jamaica Time (11:00 a.m. Eastern Caribbean)

August 20-24: 2nd Betway Test at Sabina Park – 10:00 a.m. Jamaica Time (11:00 a.m. Eastern Caribbean)



Fernando is coming home! Torres takes up coaching position with Atletico Madrid youth team

Former Atletico Madrid striker Fernando Torres has returned to the LaLiga club as a coach of their youth team.

Torres himself progressed through Atletico's academy set-up and spent 11 seasons with Los Colchoneros across two spells.

The 37-year-old former Spain forward retired from playing in August 2019 and has already spent time working behind the scenes with Atleti, but he stepped away in February for personal reasons.

He will now take the next step in his post-playing career by coaching the Spanish champions' Juvenil A side from the 2021-22 campaign.

Atletico confirmed the news on their official website on Sunday in a post titled "Fernando is coming home".

Torres scored 129 goals in 404 appearances for Atleti in all competitions and also represented Liverpool, Chelsea and Milan during an 18-year playing career.

Antiguan boxer eliminated from the Olympics

Alston Ryan, the lone boxer competing at the ongoing Summer Olympics Games in Tokyo for Antigua and Barbuda, lost his match early yesterday, Sunday.

The PanAm Games bronze medalist lost in all three rounds to the two-time European Light Welterweight champion, Hovhannes Bachkov of Armenia, in their round of 36 Men's Light (57-63kg) match at the Kokugikan Arena.

This means that Ryan, 27 years old, has now been eliminated from the competition.



Antigua's Jalese Gordon has slow open to Olympic bid



National sailor Jalese Gordon had a slow start to her 2021 Tokyo Olympics bid after finishing at the bottom of the table in her two opening races on Sunday. Competing in the Women's One-Person Dinghy Laser competition, the 19-year-old finished at the back of the fleet at the event held in Kamakura, Japan. Gordon, flying Antigua and Barbuda's flag at an Olympic Games for the first time, was 43rd from 43 participants in race two on the day. The race was captured by Germany's Svenja Weger with Croatia's Elena Vorobeva and Norway's Line Flem Hoest who finished second and third respectively. Having been coached by world renowned sailor Karl James, Gordon started the day a bit better, finishing 42nd from a fleet of 44 sailors in her second contest on Sunday.

Sailing continues on Monday, with Gordon competing in two races at the same venue in Kamakura.



IPL TO RESUME IN DUBAI ON SEPTEMBER 19

The Indian Premier League will resume with a showdown between Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians in Dubai on September 19.

Four months after it was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, the season will fi-

nally resume in the United Arab Emirates. There are 31 matches still to be contested over the space of 27 days, 13 taking place in Dubai, 10 in Sharjah and eight in Abu Dhabi.

The first qualifier of the post-season will be

played in Dubai on October 10, with the eliminator and second qualifier taking place in Sharjah on October 11 and 13 respectively. Dubai will stage the final on October 15, according to the fixture programme released by the Board of

Control for Cricket in India.

The campaign will restart with Delhi Capitals at the top of the table with 12 points from eight matches.

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