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One way to win is to help others win

By Mr. Wang Erdong (Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Antigua and Barbuda)

The 20,000 Sinopharm vaccines donated by China arrived finally in Antigua and Barbuda yesterday, after the great efforts made by all parties. This is really exciting news. The arrival of China-produced vaccines will definitely and greatly supplement vaccines of other types available in the twin-island nation. The national vaccine rollout is proceeding in an orderly manner in Antigua and Barbuda.

As of the end of this month (June 2021) more than 1,2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered across China. Meanwhile, China's COVID-19 vaccine production capacity is creating a miracle. Up till now, two Chinese COVID-19 vaccines have been approved by WHO, and four included in the list available for export. China is perhaps the only country in the world that possesses such strong production capacity to supply safe and effective vaccines.

China opposes "vaccine nationalism", where rich countries with 16% of the world's population have access to 60% of the world's vaccines. Some developed countries have ordered more than 2-3 times the amountofvaccines required to inoculate their populations. In sharp contrast, however, developing countries are suffering severe vaccine shortages. Therefore, China firmly takes vaccines as a global public good by providing vaccine aid to more than 80 countries, exporting vaccines to more than 50 countries, and cooperating with more than 10 nations in vaccine research and production.

As a Chinese saying has it, "It is not the gift that counts, but the friendship behind it." To help others win is one way to win in itself. The China-donated vaccine has conveyed sincere friendliness and kindness to friends in the twin-island nation.

It is a clear indication that the Chinese people, in the new era, admire win-win

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cooperation with the outside world, and are ready to live up to more international obligations and responsibilities. It also clearly demonstrates that, despite power politics and bullying of neighboring countries promoted by some western nations, there still exists the very human and highly cherished bonds of relationship, doing what is right, and providing a helping hand. China and Antigua and Barbuda have fully demonstrated these. Kindness, generosity, and selfless dedication are not only part of human daily life, but should also form an aspect of State-to-State relations. In this interconnected world, the 7 billion human beings are no longer living on the 100 or some irrelevant ships. Instead, they live in the 193 independent cabins on the same ship. But this ship is facing a choice: to sail towards a world of institutions in favor of minority countries and capital only, featuring zero-sum games, extreme selfishness, and hegemonism; or towards the other side in favor of the greatest majority, characterized by people-centeredness and a community of shared future for mankind.

in particular, for the maximum win-win results.

Due to the pandemic, to see and talk with each other face-to-face has become a luxury. Will each of us and the whole world become better? Will our values change accordingly? Will we be more willing to cultivate better interpersonal relationships and maintain social ties? Will the selfishness of some countries be curbed? In any case, if the Chinese vaccine can truly help Antigua and Barbuda in this fight against the virus, we will be more than happy.



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COVID variants have been here, but so far killed no one

The Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment says it has received confirmation from the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) of two variant strains of the SARS CoV-2 in Antigua and Barbuda. The alpha variant of concern, first identified in the United Kingdom, was reportedly found in 13 positive samples taken in Antigua and Barbuda between February 14 and May 6, 2021. The beta variant of concern, first identified in South Africa, was found in two samples taken in Antigua and Barbuda between April 20 and 24, 2021. Both the alpha and beta variants are estimated to be more transmissible and possibly increase the death rate for COVID-19. The alpha variant also needs a smaller viral load to cause infection.

The timing of these samples, the Ministry states, coincides with the increased number of COVID-19 cases seen in Antigua and Barbuda earlier this year.



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The World Health Organization has so far confirmed four variants of concern circulating globally. Antigua and Barbuda has been sending samples to CARPHA for genomic sequencing to detect variants since October 2020 as part of a CARPHA/ UWI project.

The Ministry of Health Wellness & the Environment says it has also increased its surveillance for SARS CoV-2 variants in the laboratory at the Sir Lester Bird Mount St. John's Medical Centre, which now has the capacity to detect SARS CoV-2 variants. During a press conference on Tuesday evening, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rhonda Sealy-Thomas reminded the public that, "Although there are no active cases of COVID-19 in the country at this time, the detection of SARS CoV-2 variants reinforces that we must continue to adhere to the public health measure to prevent and control the disease.

These include physical and social distancing, using face masks and practicing hand hygiene and cough etiquette. Said the CMO further: "Vaccination is one of the most effective measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic. Persons are therefore urged to get fully vaccinated utilizing the safe vaccines readily available at our vaccination centers."

The question and answer session which followed was co-hosted by the CMO along with Dr. Lester Simon, head of laboratory services at the Sir Lester Bird Mount St. John's Medical Center. It was disclosed that of the 15 cases in which variants were detected, five were females and 10 were males, with ages ranging from less than one year to over 65. Three of these persons had a prior travel history and four were hospitalized. None died. Dr. Simon said even people who had contracted COVID and recovered should still

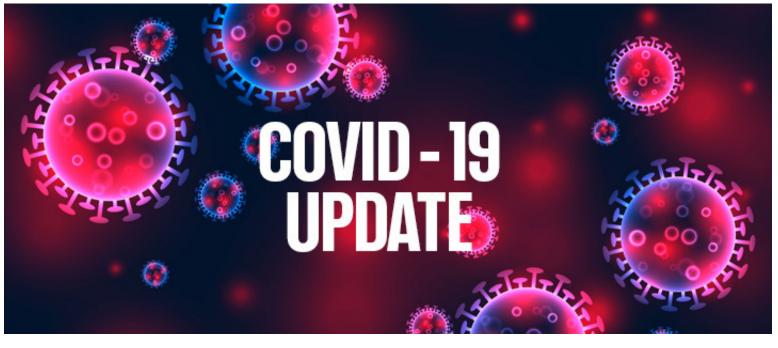
get vaccinated. He said this was also important for people who might have been infected but remained asymptomatic. "Because you might have been infected with a variant," he explained. The pathologist also urged those who had received only one shot of the two-dose Astra-Zeneca vaccine. "You are not going to get as much protection unless you get that second shot, especially as far as the variants are concerned," he stressed.He said partial vaccination would make it easier for the variants to take hold and make it more difficult for them to be defeated. "We only need to look next door to St. Kitts," Dr. Simon noted. "St. Kitts was sitting relatively well, and all it took was one lambda variant that came in from Argentina and look what's happening now; they're in lockdown. So that's the danger: one variant coming in can overturn [what you have achieved]."



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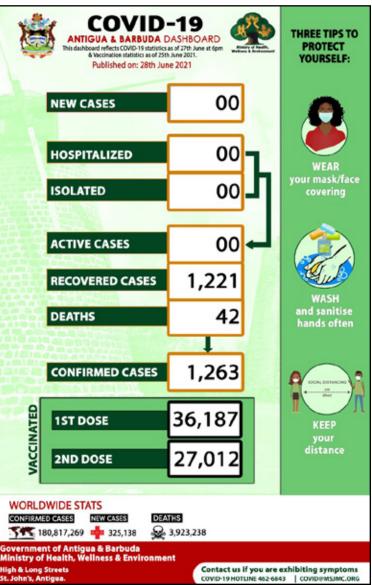


Dashboard update for June 28, 2021

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the 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 Sunday 27th June 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Fifty-eight (58) samples were processed at Sir Lester Bird MS-IMC. Consequently, the total number of persons with labconfirmed oratory COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda remains 1,263. There

most re- are no active cases. port received Meanwhile, the Min-Ministry of istry reconciled the Wellness and Covid-19 vaccination Environment statistics with the IT ne Sir Lester department to ensure ount St. John accuracy of the data. Centre has As a result of this reconciliation, the first confirmed dose figure remains 19 cases in 36,187 while the secand Barbu- ond doses figure has Sunday 27th been adjusted to re-21 at 6:00 p.m. flect 27,012.

> The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes. Please note that this dashboard is inclusive of information for the 26th and 27th of June 2021



SinoVac vaccines arrive



L-R: Venezuela's Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Carmen Velásquez de Visbal; Health, Wellness & Environment Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph; Prime Minister Gaston Browne; Chinese Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Wang Erdong; Foreign Affairs, Trade & Immigration Minister, Hon. E.P. Chet Greene – at the V.C. Bird International Airport on Tuesday to receive the incoming shipment of SinoVac vaccines manufactured and donated by the People's Republic of China.

A sizeable shipment of the Chinese-made Sinovac vaccines has arrived in Antigua and Barbuda.Officials gathered at the VC Bird International airport to be on hand for the arrival of a special flight that ferried 20-thousand doses of the vaccine to the country. Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who was among dignitaries at the airport, hailed the arrival of the vaccines, a gift from the Chinese government, as tangible demonstration of the bilateral relations that exist between his country, the People's Republic of China and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.China's donation of the SinoVac vaccines was a collaborative effort that included air transportation provided by the Venezuelan Government. The Head of Government said the two friendly nations have stood shoulder to shoulder with Antigua and Barbuda when wealthy nations find excuses for not pledging their support.

He recalled that both China and Venezuela have a history of coming to Antigua and Barbuda's aid in times of crisis. "In the case of China and Venezuela, they have not utilized artificial impediments to deny countries such as Antigua and Barbuda much needed assistance," PM Browne noted. Describing China as a leader, PM Browne stated that the global giant's vision and generosity in vaccine donations has led to wealthy nations taking notice and are following suit.On the global front, the Prime Minister believes there can be greater collaboration with China in the interest of international development.On the national front, the Prime Minister reminded that for the economy to return to normal, rests largely on citizens and residents becoming vaccinated."Individuals who boasts that they love their country and are loval to their country and who are not vaccinated are clearly putting themselves, their family members and the country at a

risk. We should be moving quickly to protect livelihoods as Antigua and Barbuda has been, easily, one of the most heavily affected countries as a result of the economic impact of COVID; and if we are to get back to normality anytime soon, we have to get as many people as possible vaccinated and soon," he emphasized. For his part, Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph also stressed the importance of the population being inoculated against the COVID-19 virus. He maintains it is only through vaccination that the country will rid itself of the virus. The World Health Organization in May approved the SinoVac for emergency use. It is said to have an efficacy rate of 100% for preventing hospitalization. This latest batch of vaccines will be added to the Oxford AstraZeneca

currently in stock, and which was

obtained under the WHO CoVax

arrangement.

	IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
SUIT NO. ANUHMT 2020/	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (CIVIL)	Submitted Date:08/01/2021 14:02
	FORM 1 PETITION FOR DIVORCE	Filed Date:08/01/2021 14:02
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and the state	CANDICE JODY-ANN ROMEO WILLIAMS	Petitioner
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S/Court seat	STEVE ALLINGTON LAKE	
HIGH COURT	3	Respondent
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TO THE RESPONDENT: ST	TEVE ALLINGTON LAKE	

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A LEGAL PROCEEDING FOR A DIVORCE HAS BEEN COMMENCED AGAINST YOU by the petitioner. The claim made against you appears on the following pages. FORMS

FORM 1

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, you or an attorney acting for you must prepare an answer in Form 4 preacribed by the Bules, serve it on the petitioner's attorney or, where the petitioner does not have an attorney, serve it on the petitioner, and file it, with proof of service, in the negative's office, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS after this petition is served on you, if you are served in Antigue and Barbuda.

If you are served in a Caricom territory, the period for serving and filing your answer is forty days. If you are served outside Caricom territory, the period is sizty days.

Instead of serving and filing an answer, you may serve and file a notice of intent to defend in Form 10 prescribed by the Rules. This will entitle you to ten more days within which to serve and file your answer.

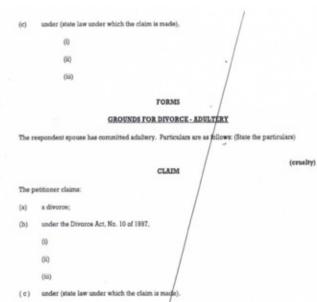
If this petition for diverce contains a claim for support or a division of property, you must serve and file a financial statement in Form 11 prescribed by the Rules within the time set out above for serving and filing your answer, whether or not you wish to defend this proceeding. If you serve and file an answer, your financial statement must accompany your answer.

IF YOU FAIL TO SERVE AND FILE AN ANSWER, A DIVORCE MAY BE GRANTED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUF FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, JUDGMENT MAY BE GRANTED AGAINST YOU ON ANY OTHER CLAIM IN THIS FEITTION.

NEITHER SPOUSE IS FREE TO REMARKY until a divorce has been granted and has taken effect. Once a divorce has taken effect, you may obtain a certificate of divorce from the registrar's office.

 Date
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Date B Lass and Del TO: Steve Allington Lake Grey's Farm St. John's, Antigua by Begistrar The High Court Of Justice Parliament Drive St. Jokn's, Antigua



GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE - CRUELTY respondent has treated the petitioner with physical or mental cruelty of such kind a

The respondent has treated the petitioner with physical or mental cruelty of such kind as to render intolerable the continued cohabitation of the spouses particulars are as follows:

RECONCILIATION

There is no possibility of reconciliation of the spouses.

(1) (11) (111)

The following efforts to reconcile have been made: <u>Several efforts at reconciliation have been made</u> and all were unsuccessful.

	FORMS		
	CLAIM		
he p	etitioner claims:		
a)	a divorce;		
b)	under the Divorce Act No. 10 of 1997.		
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	(11)	:	
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c)	under (state law under which the claim is made)		
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	(ii)		
	(180)		

(Separation)

GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE - SEPARATION

b. The spouses have lived separate and spart since July_12027. The spouses have resumed to babitation during the following periods in an unsuccessful attempt at reconciliation:



DETAILS OF MARRIAGE

(Where possible, copy the information from the marriage certificate.)

5.	Date of marriage	05th February, 2007
6.	Place of marriage (municipality And province, state or country)	Pares Village Saint Peter, Antigua
7.	Wife's surname immediately before marriage	Williams
8.	Wife's surname at birth	Williams
9.	Husband's surname immediately before marriage	Lake
10.	Husband's surname at birth	Lake
11.	Marital status of husband at time of marriage, (never married, divorced or widower)	Bachelor
12.	Marital status of wife at time of marriage, (never married, divorced or widow)	Spinater
13.	Wife's birthplace (province, state or country)	Jamaica
14.	Wife's birth date	07th September, 1985
15.	Husband's birthplace (province, state or country)	Antigua
16.	Husband's birth date	1984
17.	(a) [x] A certificate of [x] the marriage	

[] the registration of the marriage of the spouses has been filed with the court.

(b) [] It is impossible to obtain a certificate of the marriage or its registration because:

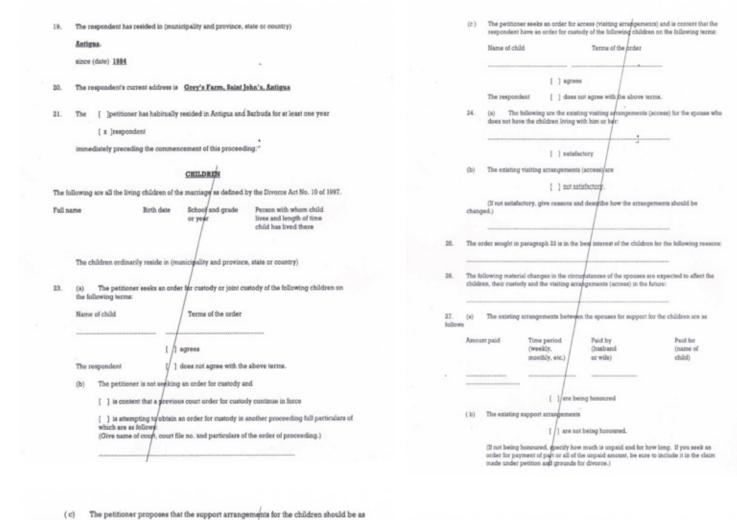
(c) [] A certificate of the marriage or its registration will be filed before this action is set down for trial or a motion is made for judgment.

RESIDENCE

18. The petitioner has resided in (municipality and province, state or country)

Jamaica

since (date) 1985



follows:

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33

Date

substantiate the claims.)

Amount paid

current status.)

Time period

monthly, etc.)

(weekly,

The educational needs of the children []

(If not being met, give particulars.)

to be paid by

are being met. are not being met.

[]

OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS The following are all other court proceedings with reference to the marriage of any child of the

DOMESTIC CONTRACTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The spouses have entered into the following domestic contracts and other written or oral financial agreements: (indicate whether the contract or arrangement is now in effect, and if support payments are not being paid in full, state the amount that has not been paid.

COLLUSION, CONDONATION AND CONNIVANCE

There has been no condonation of or connivance at the grounds for divorce in this proceedings.

(Where there has been condonation or connivance, strike out the previous sentence. Give

MATTERS OTHER THAN DIVORCE AND CUSTODY The grounds for the relief sought in paragraph 1 other than a divorce or custody, are as follows:

(Set out in separate, consecutively numbered paragraphs the material facts relied on to

Nature of contract of arrangement

details and set out the facts relied on to justify a divorce in the circumstances.)

There has been no collusion in relation to this divorce proceeding.

marriage; (Give the name of the court, the court file no., the kind of order the court was asked to make and what order, if any, the court made, if the proceeding is not yet completed, give its

(husband

or wife)

to be paid for

Status

(name of

child)

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 The petitioner proposes that if there is a trial in this action, it be held at The High Court of Justice, Parliament Drive, St John's, Antigua

(Where a claim is made for custody of a child who ordinarily resides in Antigua and Barbuda, the place of trial must be in the country where he or she ordinarily resides.

DECLARATION OF PETITIONER

 I have read and understand this petition for divorce. The statements in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date 7/12/2020

aultions Signature of petitioner

STATEMENT OF SOLICITOR

I, TALLA N. DACOSTA, Solicitor for the Petitioner, certify to this court that I have complied with the requirements of section 8 of the Divorce Act No. 10 of 1997.

(Where in the circumstances it would clearly not be appropriate to discuss the matters in section 8 with the applicant, set out the circumstances.)

Date 16/12/2020

T.Lacolla Signature of solicitor

TALIA N. DACOSTA ATTORNET FOR PETITIONER STAPLETON CHAMBERS STAPLETON HOUSE, SUITE #2 STAPLETON LAINE, P.O. BOX 2891 ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA TEL: (268) 562-7185 FAX: (268)562-7967

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(The following is to appear on the backsheet of the petition.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

I, am the respondent named in this petition. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this petition. My address for service of documents in this divorce proceeding is

Date

Signature of respondent

Signature of witness

I, served this petition personally on the respondent.

[] The respondent completed and signed the acknowledgment of service above in my presence and I signed it as witness.

or

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- Detailed knowledge of HSE risk management techniques and safe systems of work/personal safety to drive a culture of safety excellence.
- Proficiency in incident / accident reporting, assessing employee exposure to hazards and environmental pollutants, the audit of environmental quality standards, laws, regulations and permits.
- The ability to analyse leading and lagging indicators and statistical data in comparison with relevant industry standards and to make targeted recommendations for improvement.
- Proven track record in implementing occupational safety programs to minimise or ultimately reduce employee risks and hazards in the workplace, crisis management and response, and safety audit procedures.

Application Process

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Only suitable applications will be acknowledged.

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British High Commissioner presents credentials to PM Gaston Browne



TOP LEFT) Mr. Craig Fulton, Deputy British High Commissioner to Barbados & the Eastern Caribbean; (TOP RIGHT) HE Scott Furssedonn-Wood, British High Commissioner to Barbados & the Eastern Caribbean; (BOTTOM) Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

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eign Affairs, Immigration and Trade, Hon. E.P. Chet Greene officials from and Ministry his were also in attendance. High Commissioner Furssedonn-Wood has been a diplomat for 21 years. Prior to his arrival in Barbados, he served as Deputy Private Secretary to HRH the Prince of Wales and

Minister of For- HRH the Duchess of Eastern Cornwall. He accom- which includes the panied the Prince on his 2017 visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

> Earlier in his ca-Mr. reer, Furssedonn-Wood served in India, Washington and Brussels.

> High Commissioner Furssedonn-Wood leads the UK's recently-expanded diplomatic network in the

Caribbean, British High Commission in St. John's, where he is represented by the Resident British Commissioner, Ms. Lindsy Thompson.

His Excellen-Scott CV Furssedonn-Wood said: "I am delighted to be the British High Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda and to

together with nity, our Resident British Commissioner and her team in St. John's, to further strengthen the close ties between our countries. Our partnership is strong and makes an important difference to so many of the urgent issues that Antigua and Barbuda and the United Kingdom face together."

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

To: Her Worship, The Licensing Magistrate. **District "A" Magistrate Court Grays Farm** St John's Antigua To: The Commissioner of Police **Police Headquarters American Road** St John`s Antigua

I Lucia Nathaniel of Freetown the owner of L&L Mart whose registered business is situated on Freetown Main Road in the Parish of St Phillip in Antigua and Barbuda, do hereby give notice that it is my intension to apply at the next Session to be held at the Magistrate Court, St John's Antigua on the 5th day of July 2021, next ensuring, for a bottle license in respect of my premises known as L&L Mart situated at Freetown. This application is made pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act, Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Sign:

Respectfully Yours Lucia Nathaniel.

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA A.D. 2021 **AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

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. Georges'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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PARCEL:

256

42 1995E

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- On the East by: Public Road;
- On the West by: Parcel 255

Particulars of the sale can be obtained from: Mr. Trevor 'Teddy' Santos Licensed Auctioneer Office: (268) 562-7653 Cell & WhatsApp: (268) 464-7653 Email: info@go-going-gone.com Instagram: tts_auction_antigua Facebook: Auction Antigua

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have this opportu-

New anti-crime measures go into effect today

New anti-crime measures are going into effect today as Government makes positive moves to combat the recent upsurge in gun-related crimes.

This was one of the outcomes of Monday's anti-crime summit convened by Public Safety Minister Steadroy Benjamin with the top brass of the Police department and other key individuals in the country.

Benjamin said the meeting was very meaningful and productive, as all attendees fully engaged in discussion, the in addition to offering several recommendations that may be implemented in the fight against crime.

In a follow-up discussions with Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney on Tuesday, both men agreed that the measures related to increased police presence will be noticeable from today, Wednesday, as more officers will be assigned to the beatand-patrol unit and deployed in St. John's.

One of the steps is to increase the presence of police throughout the city between the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Additionally, between the hours of 5:00 pm to 7:00 am, there will still be police presence, though at a reduced number. The Public Safety Minister also stated that plans to introduce bicycle patrols in and around the city should go

into effect by the end of next week.

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Benjamin said the police administration is currently reevaluating the deployment of officers as it moves to beef up the beat and patrol unit. "Those officers on static duty who are based at certain Government buildings are being





Minister for Public Safety, Hon. Steadroy Benjamin.

transferred internally within the force as part of the move to increase police presence in the city area," he explained.

The Public Safety Minister is assuring of their enterprises the public that Government is serious about stamping out crime in the society, with medium to long strategies being devised to keep crime under control.

"We are determined to keep Antigua and Barbuda safe as we strive to maintain the country's reputation as one of the destinations safest for travel," he stated.

Benjamin is urgbusinesses ing to be mindful of the need for the security and, if possible, they should install CCTV cameras or engage the services of security officers. He also expressed his appreciation to members of the Police Force for the job they have been doing in dealing with crime.





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Antigua and Barbuda convenes donor coordination workshop



Hon. E.P. Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade & Immigration

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade has organized a three-day workshop to explore ways of improving Antigua and Barbuda's coordination of donor resources.

Spearheaded by the office of the National Authorising Officer (NAO) and funded by the European Union, the workshop is being held under the theme 'Improved Management and National Coordination of Donor Resources'.

Trade Minister Hon. E.P. Chet Greene formally opened the virtual workshop on Monday. It brings together local Govern-

officials ment with representatives from various donor countries, organisations and agencies to engage in discussions on the subject. Greene said the need for the workshop first became apparent following the passage of Hurricane Irma in 2017. "It was during this quandary that the idea

of the establishment of a strengthened framework for the coordination and management of donor resources for Antigua and Barbuda was discussed during one of many exchanges with officials from the EU delegation, on support for the Barbuda rebuilding project," he stated.

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Like most small island developing states, donor support has always played an integral and important role in Antigua and Barbuda's national development strategy.

"Many projects have been successfully implemented through the assistance of our development partners," Greene added.

According to the Trade Minister, the workshop aims at improving the technical capacity of the ONAO and relevant line ministries in the area of donor resources' coordination and management. The workshop is also intended to provide key information to support the formulation of recommendations for the donor coordination function in Antigua and Barbuda.

Minister Greene added that it has been a challenge for Antigua and Barbuda to fully access and implement donor assistance effectively and efficiently,

ministries in the area of donor to include issues of duplication resources' coordination and of efforts and the slow absorpmanagement. The workshop tion rate of donor assistance, is also intended to provide key among others.

> Therefore, Greene explained, the workshop is to find ways for Antigua and Barbuda to maximize the benefits from the resources made available to the country from the donor community.

> Consultants Timothy Prime and Dorbrene O'Marde are facilitating the workshop.

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Today we are living in a world where everything is at our finger tips; literally a click away. Broken down are barriers of space and time. Technology gives us the freedom to explore the four corners of the earth. In fact, today, you can be in two different places at the same time and even see the most untouched parts of the world unknown to man, thousands of miles away from the comfort of your home. This alone should elevate the simple-minded.

With the creation of devices, apps and software, is a big collection of linked networks on the internet in all formats – text, audio and visual. Functioning as educational hubs and social networks, the sky is the limit. Information on law, cooking, medicine, sports, history, politics, economics, nature – every topic you can possibly think of – all accessible and free of cost. Tutorials and reviews have cut out the middle man, giving our pockets a break. Now, it is just for us to capitalize on this, because – with access to the World Wide Web and search engines – being ignorant should be a thing of the past.

Something I usually keep in mind is this: in life, if you don't know, you just don't know. But, however, it is so much easier to find out. After all, you only need to ask Siri, Alexa or Google.

Impaired by the desire to make easy money, many have forgone all other advantages of this digital and technological era in simply increasing the value of life. If you are ignorant in this day and age, you are ignorant by choice and do not deserve the pity of others who have made it their business to educate and elevate themselves. While some are struggling because they are unable to adapt, others are struggling to reach their full potential because their life lacks real struggle. To them, life should be easy because they were born in this time where life has been nothing but kind to mankind.

Working smart in no way eliminates the importance of working hard. We are becoming foolish to basic common sense.

Life is happening every day, growing and changing. Still, we have all the resources available to not only keep up, but to flourish. We need to put our pride aside and stop behaving like we know it all. Make a real effort to learn what you do not know. That way, when opportunity comes knocking you will be prepared. It should never be that a person's life is stagnant.

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EW News - Rising construction-related costs will have an adverse effect on the residential segment, according to former Bahamian Contractors' Association (BCA) president Leonard Sands, with Central Bank data revealing a falloff in total mortgage disbursements and commitments.

According to the Central Bank's quarterly economic review for March 2021: "Total mortgage commitments for new buildings and repairs — a forward-looking indicator of domestic activity — fell by 31 to 98 compared to the same period in 2020, while the corresponding value decreased by 26.9 percent to \$17.1 million."

Sands told Eyewitness News that many people who barely qualified or struggle to qualify for a home mortgage will likely find themselves in a much more difficult position.

"I think it's going to reduce the amount of persons who could qualify for mortgages in The Bahamas," said Sands.

"I think in 2019 there was already a slowdown of persons who could qualify for mortgages based on the costs that existed. Now you're talking about an overall cost increase of 15 to 20 percent. That's going to further impact persons who can qualify for mortgages at the bank.

"I think it could mean that although we will have activity, it's going to be in the upper-income bracket earners. I don't see persons who are in the lower-income bracket being able to afford a mortgage, not in this particular climate.

"That's the way I see it. It's not something that I'd like to say, but if you're talking about someone who barely qualified two years ago, they most likely won't qualify now with these increases unless their economic conditions change."

Sands added: "How do you adjust for that? Persons are going to have to be more creative and perhaps start looking at smaller homes. A person may have to buy a foreclosure in a less desirable area.

"Banks are very risk adverse right now. They're not extending credit like they used to. That's just the environment we're in right now."

According to the Central Bank, construction sector activity during the first quarter remained supported by ongoing small- to medium-scale foreign investment projects.

"Meanwhile, domestic private sec-

tor activity stayed weak during the first quarter of 2021," the Central Bank noted.

"In domestic financing developments, total mortgage disbursements for new construction and repairs—as reported by banks, insurance companies and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation—decreased by six percent (\$1.6 million) to \$24.4 million, albeit a moderation from the 18.1 percent reduction a year prior.

"Underlying this out-turn, the falloff in residential mortgage disbursements slowed by 6.8 percent (\$1.8 million) to \$24.2 million from a 16.7 percent decline last year.

"Further, the commercial segment amounted to \$0.2 million, following no new disbursements in the comparative 2020 period."

The regulator also noted that commitments in the heavy weighted residential sector reduced by 30 to 95, while the corresponding value declined by 25.3 percent to \$16.2 million. Further, commercial commitments decreased by one to three, with the associated value contracting by 47.7 percent.

Headless body of man found; seven shot and injured by gunmen



Police collecting evidence at crime scene on Dam Road, John's Hall, on Monday.

Jamaica Observer - The St. James police on Monday morning discovered, in bushes at John's Hall in the parish, the headless body of a man whom they theorise was one of the gunmen who ran amok in the community on Sunday, leaving seven people nursing gunshot wounds.

Up to late Monday evening the police were yet to ascertain the identity of the beheaded man.

It was reported that, about 2:40 p.m. Sunday, a motor car with four men aboard drove up to a car wash in the Dam Road section of John's Hall and the occupants fired gunshots on a group of people at the facility, hitting four of them.

But before they could escape they were engaged in a firefight with an off-duty policeman who challenged them. In their bid to escape, the gunmen reportedly sped off, but shortly after the motor car they were travelling in collided with another vehicle.

The gunmen then reportedly opened fire on the occupants of that motor vehicle, hitting three people. They, along with the four shot at the car wash, were all rushed to the Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH).

It was deja vu for residents of the community, who recalled the January 3, 2021 shooting death of 24-year-old security guard Kenroy "Ken" Sinclair, 44-year-old farmer Dean Reid, both also of Dam Road, who were shot and killed next-door to the same car wash. Both were part of a group playing dominoes when tragedy struck. Three other men were also shot and injured in that attack.

A reliable source told the Jamaica Observer on Monday that an eyewitness to the January double murder who had been at the car wash on Sunday might have been the target of the latest attack.

Meanwhile, Dr. Delroy Fray, clinical coordinator for the Western Regional Health Authority, complained that the spike in shootings was putting a strain on the medical staff at CRH. Between Saturday and Sunday, he said, six surgeries were performed on gunshot victims, four of whom were victims of Sunday's attack.

"On Sunday, our surgeons started operating at about 3:00 p.m. and they didn't finish until 4:00 a.m. this morning. So, that is self-explanatory of the sort of impact this creates in terms of manpower, resources and every aspect of hospital care," Dr Fray said yesterday.

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SVG Senator Morgan can keep post despite criminal charge – PM Gonsalves



Deputy House Speaker, Senator Ashelle Morgan during her swearing in last year.

I-witness News, SVG - Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves says, unlike public servants who are suspended pending the outcome of criminal charges against them, Ashelle Morgan can continue as a senator.

Morgan, a lawyer and senator for Gonsalves' Unity Labour Party, was on Friday arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to commit wounding.

She pleaded not guilty and was granted bail, and is scheduled to return to court on July 5.

Karim Nelson, an assistant director of public prosecution, pleaded not guilty to wounding and unlawful discharge of a firearm, charges stemming from the same incident that led to Morgan being charged.

However, while Morgan has continued in her post since the April 13 incident, Nelson proceeded on vacation leave and is likely to be suspended on half pay, pending the outcome of his trial.

On Sunday, Philbert "P John" John, one of the hosts of WE FM's "Issue at Hand", pointed out to Gonsalves that public officers who are charged, particularly with criminal matters, are asked to proceed on leave or suspension, pending the trial.

"Does this apply for Ashelle Morgan and Nelson?" John asked the Prime Minister.

"No. No. No. Because if you look under the Constitution, there are several – you have a security of tenure, P. John, as a public servant, and the constitution provides for special rules in respect of public servants for that very privilege you have security of tenure," Gonsalves said.

"For instance, if you look at all your fundamental rights and freedoms, I don't know if you have the Constitution there, you would see that there is always something qualifying that in relation to public servants. Have you noticed that?"

"No. No. No," John responded. The Prime Minister said he was going to get his "Volume 1", an apparent reference to the Laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. "And then, under that provision, particular regulations are made," Gonsalves said.

"Ashelle Morgan is not a public servant in the way in which – she holds the office of Senator but she doesn't hold the office of ... public office as a public servant," the Prime Minister said of Morgan who is also Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly. "Let's look at some fundamental rights, if you have your copy [of the Constitution] there, let's take ... take for instance, protection of assembly and association, section 11," Gonsalves said. "You know, 11(1) 'Except with his own consent, a person shall not be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of assembly and association,' then it goes on in sub-section 2, 'Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this section to the extent that the law in question makes provision ... '(c)' that imposes restrictions upon public officers that are reasonably required for the proper performance of their functions, and except so far as that provision or, as the case may be, the thing done under the authority thereof is shown not to be reasonably justifiable in a democratic society'."

Gonsalves said: "The same thing with freedom of conscience; that is formulated a different way; freedom of expression, similar provision like the one there.



T&T, Guyana foreign ministers to meet after squabble

Loop TT - Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Dr. Amery Browne, has held informal discussions with his Guyanese counterpart, Hugh Todd, last week. In a press release from his office, Dr. Browne said: "Both Ministers underscored the valuable bilateral relationship and longstanding, strong ties. They agreed to meet formally on matters of mutual interest on Wednesday 30 June 2021 via video conference."

The impending talks follow criticism of CARICOM Chair,

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley, by an adviser to the Ministry of Health in Guyana, Dr. Leslie Ramsammy. On June 17, Dr. Ramsammy and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) accused Dr. Rowley of insulting their people. They said he "implied" that Guyana's successful inoculation programme was an illusion because they utilised vaccines not approved for use by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Similar sentiments were echoed by their At-

torney General, Mohabir Anil Nandlall.

In addition, food supplies sent to the Caribbean nation, which is currently dealing with immense flooding, were recently rejected as Guyana claimed to have enough. President Dr. Irfaan Ali has since responded to reports on the matter, telling the Trinidad and Tobago Guardian newspaper that his country needs portable pumps instead, and has communicated that to T&T officials.

Canada weather: Dozens dead as heatwave shatters records



Portland residents have flocked to cooling centres

BBC - Dozens have died in Canada as temperatures across the southern Pacific Northwest continue to smash records. Police in British Columbia say they have responded to over 60 sudden deaths since Monday, including many seniors. They said the heatwave affecting the region was a contributing factor to the fatalities. Temperatures in Lytton, British Columbia, soared to 47.9C (118.2F) on Monday, up from 46.6C (116F) on Sunday. Before this temperatures week. in Canada had never passed 45C (113F).

"Check on your neighbours, check on family members, check on seniors you may know," said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl Mike Kalanj, based

in the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby. "We are seeing this weather can be deadly for vulnerable members of our community, especially the elderly and those with underlying health issues. It is imperative we check on one another during this extreme heat." Temperatures in the US cities of Portland and Seattle have reached the highest levels since record-keeping began in the 1940s.

Portland, in Oregon, hit 46.1C (115F) and Seattle 42.2C (108F) according to the US National Weather Service. The heat is intense enough to melt cables, shutting down the Portland Streetcar Service on Sunday.

Experts say climate change is expected to increase the frequency of extreme weather events such as heatwaves. However, linking any single event to global warming is complicated. In the tiny village of Lytton, resident Meghan Fandrich told the Globe & Mail it had been "almost impossible" to go outside.

"It has been intolerable," she said, adding that she sent her young daughter to stay with family elsewhere in British Columbia where temperatures are marginally cooler.

"We're trying to stay indoors as much as possible. I mean, we are used to the heat, and it is a dry heat, but 30 [degrees] is a lot different from 47." In the nearby city of Burnaby, police say they have responded to 25 cases of "sudden death", adding that many of them were seniors. "Heat is believed to be a contributing factor in the majority of the deaths," the agency said in a news release reminding people to check on their vulnerable neighbours.

Paramedics in British Columbia responded to 107 heat exhaustion calls and 32 heatstroke calls on Sunday, Globe

& Mail reported. One Seattle resident told the AFP news agency that the city in Washington State felt like a desert. "Normally it's probably like, maybe 60, 70 degrees is a great day everybody is outside in shorts and T-shirts - but this is ... ridiculous." the resident said. Amazon allowed members of the public into areas of its Seattle headquarters as a cooling-off location on Monday, while residents in Portland also flocked to cooling centres.

Environment Canada has issued heat warnings for the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, along with areas of Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and a section of Yukon.

"We are the second coldest country in the world and the snowiest," said David Phillips, a senior climatologist for Environment Canada.

"We often see cold snaps and blizzards, but not often do we talk about hot weather like this," he said. "Dubai would be cooler than what we're seeing now." A woman holds a placard that reads 'Bolsonaro you are burning our future' during a protest outside the Brazilian embassy in Colombia in 2019 amid wildfires in the Amazon rainforest.

Brazil issues fire ban, redeploys military to fight Amazon blazes

Aljazeera - As Brazil reels from its worst drought in decades, President Jair Bolsonaro has issued a broad 120-day ban on unauthorised outdoor fires ahead of the annual burning season in the Amazon rainforest.

The decree, published in the official government gazette on Tuesday, comes a day after Bolsonaro redeployed the military in an effort to stop deforestation in the world's largest rainforest.

Deforestation has soared under the farright leader, hitting a 12-year-high in 2020 as an area seven times the size of London was cut down, according to the National Institute for Space Research (INPE). Last year, the region also recorded the most fires since 2017, the agency said.

Bolsonaro has been widely criticized for his "exploitative" approach to natural resources and faces international outcry that Brazil is not doing enough to stop destruction of the Amazon, a vital bulwark to climate change.

Preliminary INPE data showed deforestation rose a further 25 percent in the first five months of 2021 from a year ago.

The Brazilian mili-

tary deployment will be restricted to 26 municipalities in four states – Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Pará and Rondônia. Previous deployments were for the entire Amazon region.

Bolsonaro authorised the current deployment until the end of August.

Neither policy has previously been effective in lowering deforestation or forest fires. Generally, criminals first cut down the valuable timber and later set fire to the area, clearing it for future agricultural use in speculative land grabs.

Brazilian Environment Minister Ricardo Salles resigned on June 24 during a criminal investigation into whether he obstructed a police probe of illegal logging in the Amazon.

Salles had acted as the lead negotiator in talks with US President Joe Biden's administration to secure a deal to protect the rainforest during the Leaders Summit on Climate in April, though those negotiations stalled.

Bolsonaro had wanted billions of dollars upfront, but indigenous groups and climate activists in Brazil warned no money should be given to the Brazilian president.

UN states agree to US\$6 billion peacekeeping budget, averting shutdown



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Former South African President Jacob Zuma sentenced to 15 months in prison



Former president of South Africa, Jacob Zuma

(CNN) - South Africa's highest court found former President Jacob Zuma guilty of contempt of court and sentenced him to 15 months in prison on Tuesday, a landmark move in the country's long-running corruption saga.

The Constitutional Court of South Africa ordered that Zuma present himself at a police station in his home town of Nkandla or Johannesburg within five days.

In a scathing judgment, Justice Sisi Khampepe ruled: "There can be no doubt that Mr. Zuma is in contempt of court." The order stems from Zuma's refusal to appear at an anti-corruption commission to answer questions about his alleged involvement in corruption during his time as president. Zuma has repeatedly denied the allegations.

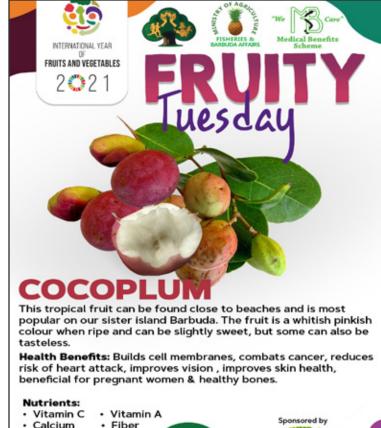
Judge Khampepe said Zuma attempted to corrode the legitimacy of the Constitutional Court by conducting a "politically motivated smear campaign" against it, the commission and the judiciary. "No person is above the law ... whatever his rank or condition," she said, continuing: "An act of defiance in respect of a direct judicial order has the potential to precipitate a constitutional crisis. "If with impunity litigants are allowed to decide which orders they wish to obey and which they wish to ignore, then our Constitution is not worth the paper on which it is written."

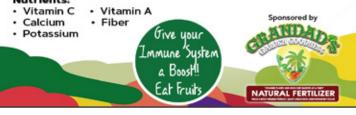
Zuma served as South Africa's President from 2009 to 2018.

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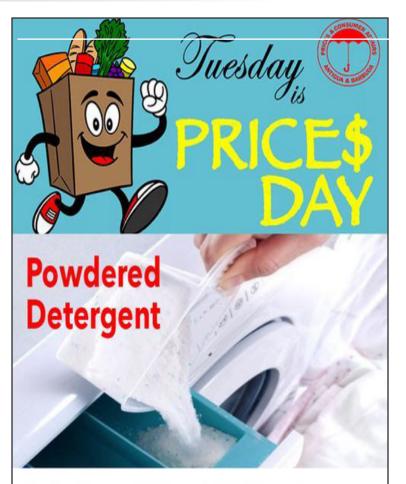


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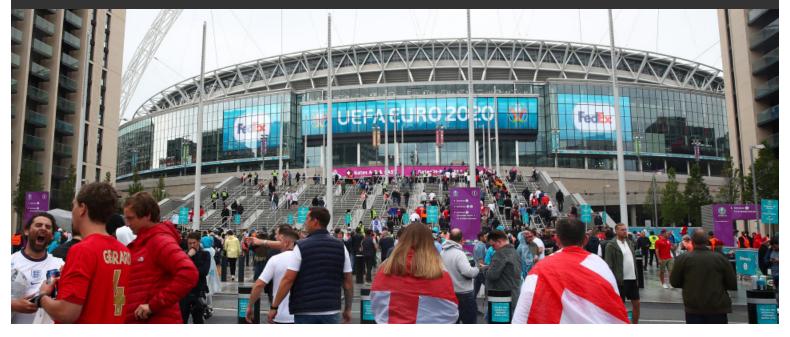
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Radiante Powdered Detergent	840g	\$7.56
Sun Powder Washing Detergent	900g	\$6.06
Ozon Powdered Detergent (morning Breeze)	900g	\$8.17
Breeze Powdered Detergent	900g	\$9.19
American Fresh Detergent (Original)	1kg	\$5.70
Cove Laundry Detergent	1kg	\$8.82
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Update: Euro 2020



WEMBLEY, England -- England defeated long-time rivals Germany to advance to the quarter-finals of the EURO 2020 on Tuesday.

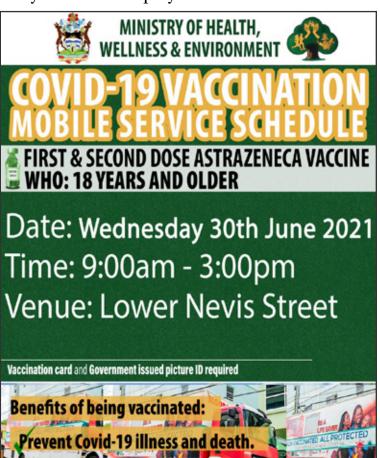
Playing in front of a full house -- approximately 45,000 fans -the two teams seemed evenly matched and played a mostly uneventful first half. The breakthrough came in minute 75 when Luke Shaw played a ball across the goal for Raheem Sterling to tap home from close range following good work from Jack Grealish.

Thomas Muller then had a glorious chance to equalize for Germany after Sterling had given the ball away, but somehow put his effort wide when he was clean through. The game was soon put out of Germany's reach when Harry Kane scored a header in the 86th minute and formalized the win. It was Kane's first goal of the tournament.

In the process, Sterling became the first player to score the opening three goals in a major tournament for the 'Three Lions' since Gary Linekar at the 1986 FIFA World Cup.

Speaking after the game, Sterling said: "We knew we had to put in a big performance against a very good side, and I think we did that today. Doing it for your country is always special."

A clean sheet ensure England are the only remaining side in the Euros yet to concede a goal. This was England's second-ever knockout win at a European championship. They will next play Ukraine who beat Sweden 2-1 in extra time. Their quarter final comes up on Saturday.



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NBA Playoffs

Milwaukee Bucks versus Atlanta Hawks

The Milwaukee Bucks won crucial Game 3 of their Eastern Conference final, 113-102, to place the pressure back on the Atlanta Hawks.

With the win, the Bucks have regained the home court advantage.

In a span of less than four minutes during the fourth quarter, Khris Middleton sank three 3-pointers, a pair of midrange jumpers and one driving layup to put his team up 107-100. Middleton didn't just finish with 38 points, tying his career playoff high (think Game 6 versus Brooklyn last week), but with 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Giannis Antetokounmpo, who often has the spotlight for Milwaukee, had 33 points and 11 rebounds. He surprisingly played a supporting role as Middleton took over during the fourth quarter. The Bucks trailed 95-88 before Middleton made his first of three 3-pointers during the 15-3 run.

Trae Young scored 35 points for Atlanta but was slowed in the final period. He stepped on an official's foot late in the third quarter and injured his right ankle. The Hawks are in a familiar position, having split two games on the road against the Philadelphia 76ers before losing their first home game.

The Milwaukee Bucks now lead the series 2-1.

Los Angeles Clippers keep series alive against Phoenix Suns

The Los Angeles Clippers defeated the Phoenix Suns 116-102 on Monday night to keep their NBA championship dream alive. Playing in a hostile environment, the Clippers kept their poise to pull a game back and forced a sixth game in the series. Khris Middleton (right)

Paul George played like a man on a mission. He had a playoff career high 41 points along with 13 rebounds and six assists. He received solid support from Reggie Jackson 23 points, and Marcus Morris Sr. who scored 22 points.

For the Phoenix Suns, Devin Booker had 31 points to lead his team. Apart from Chris Paul with 22 points, there were no other scorers of note for the Suns.

The Los Angeles Clippers have never won an NBA title. In fact, they have never gotten beyond the Western Conference finals. Meanwhile, although the Phoenix Suns, too, have never won an NBA title, they made it to the finals twice – in 1976 and 1993.

The Suns lead the series 3-2. Game 6 is tonight in Los Angeles.

West Indies Women VS Pakistan Women

The Cricket West Indies (CWI) women's selection panel has named the West Indies Women's senior and 'A' team squads for the T20 International (T20I) series against Pakistan Women. The West Indies Women's senior team will play three CG Insurance T20I against Pakistan Women from 30th June to 3rd July, with the West Indies Women's 'A' also playing their historic, first ever three-match T20I series on the same dates.

Antigua's Coolidge Cricket Ground and Sir Vivian Richards Stadium will host the series with the 'A' Team matches preceding the senior team's matches in a back-to-back "double header" fixtures.

selector Lead for Women's cricket, Ann Browne-John, said: "This series against Pakistan has come at an opportune time because the West Indies players have not been able to face international opponents since September 2020. It's exciting that not only will the senior team be in action, but for the verv first time a West Indies 'A' Team will have the opportunity to compete against international opposition."

Mrs. Browne-John added: "As we prepare for the upcoming five CG Insurance ODI match series, the three T20I will enable the senior team to ease themselves back into the international arena. The 'A' team matches are an excellent chance for



some of the younger players who have not been able to find a place in the senior team to show their skills."

The CG Insurance T20I and One Day International (ODI) series will allow for all 28 players to be eligible for selection on both teams. Stafanie Taylor, one of the greatest all-rounders of all time, will again captain the senior team while Reniece Boyce, the experienced wicket-keeper/batter, has been named to lead the 'A' Team.

The two young players from the Windward Islands – 16-year-old left-arm medium pacer Zaida James and 17-yearold right-arm medium-pacer Jannillea Glasgow, both called up for the first time to the West Indies Women's training squad – have now been selected in the 'A' team squad after impressing during the pre-series camp.

The West Indies Women's teams return to the field in the Caribbean after a 19-month absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The West Indies Women last played an international match against England in September 2020.



CG Insurance T20 International Series

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada – West Indies won the toss and inserted South Africa in the 3rd CG Insurance T20 International (T20I). South Africa's innings got off to a flyer, scoring at 10 runs per over. Quinton de Kock led from the front with 72. A 50-run partnership between de Kock and Aiden Markram was the mainstay of the South African innings. Support came from the middle order with Rassie van der Dussen 32 and Aiden Markram 23. South Africa's innings fell away once de Kock was dismissed.

Obed McCoy was again the leading West Indies bowler with 4 for 22. He was not to be outdone by Dwayne Bravo who had figures of 3 for 25. They both bowled beautifully, especially at the death. West Indies in response also got off to another flyer, at times scoring 10 runs per over. Despite four West Indian batsmen getting scores of 20 or more, that was still not good enough to take them to victory. They fell agonizingly short by one run to give South Africa the lead in the five-match series.

West Indies needed 44 runs off the last four overs and Andre Russell transferred pressure onto the South African attack with back to back sixes off Nortje before mishitting an attempted third maximum and being dropped by a back-pedalling Bavuma at extra cover. The rest of that over brought just two runs and the wicket of Russell to put the ball back in the batting team's court. Kieron Pollard said: "At some point we hope to get it right. Getting off to a good start and not being able to cross over the line ... we just have to find a way." Pollard continued: "Time and time again you have these close matches. Sometimes you end on the winning side, sometimes you end on the losing side. The bowlers have been fantastic."

West Indies earlier excluded Chris Gayle and Andre Fletcher from their starting lineup.

South Africa now leads the series 2-1.

The 4th CG Insurance T20I will be played tomorrow.



Speaking afterwards, Captain