

# ANTIGUA PM IS NEW CARICOM CHAIRMAN

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*Incoming CARICOM Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. Gaston Browne, will address the opening session of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government today. The opening will also hear remarks from the Outgoing Chairman, Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley of Trinidad and Tobago, and CARICOM's Secretary-General, Ambassador Irwin LaRocque. (see our LEAD STORY on page 4)*

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# A round of applause

*by Risa Adams*

It is with much pride and gratitude that I commend and honour the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for a job well done in ensuring the safety and peace of mind of its people during this pandemic.

Antigua and Barbuda has not yet experienced the despair and full extent of the COVID-19 virus as many other states and countries across the world have. Thanks to our Government's proactive and strategic measures, we have been shielded from much of this.

All the while, of course, our hardworking, dedicated and competent Prime Minister is being dealt no end of backlash and resistance from individuals who foolishly make everything political.

However, this is a Government that truly knows

its country and people; recognizing Opposition-fueled propaganda for exactly what it is. It is the one job that these laggards have any chance of holding onto. They remain relevant only as full-time defamatory assailants and malignant propagandists against the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party. But the ABLP, rightfully, mostly ignores them, preferring to engage its time and energy on matters of real-world importance and serious concern to the people.

The Gaston Browne administration has never neglected its responsibility to educate Antiguan and Barbudans about the pandemic, or left them to glean bits and pieces of disjointed information from sometimes confusing sources. Instead – led by the Prime Minister himself and other Cabinet giants such as Health Minister Sir Molwyn, Informa-

tion Minister Nicholas and Tourism Minister Fernandez, to name just a tiny few – they skillfully, but honestly, utilize the local news and other platforms to get the necessary information out to the public. That consistent flow of reliable information has been properly and consistently communicated from different angles and sources, making sure to always operate within accepted and proven best practices.

The Gaston Browne administration is in no way responsible for the ignorant and willful stubbornness to which some of our people cling. But that is their unfortunate choice and not any inaction or policy failure on the part of our Government and health authorities.

Exhibiting great leadership, we have every reason to be confident and optimistic about the Govern-



ment's approach to this second wave. Without a doubt, they are doing an exceptional job at minimizing the effects of COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda while stabilizing the economy. Talk about good management!

Even throughout our financial strains, the Government has managed to maintain its obligations to pensioners and public sector workers, which is a lot more than many of us expected. Training, too, is made available for persons who are unemployed because of COVID-19 to help

them adapt and find new sources of income. Not only that, but with Antigua and Barbuda now cleared by the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a Level 1 (low risk) country, there will be no delay in the renewed acceptance of visitors. All preparations to reopen the tourism sector – namely, the overhaul of St. Johns Development and the new pier at the Antigua Cruise Port – are completed. No stone has been left unturned. Every nook and cranny has been explored. The Gaston Browne administration has not taken

its eye off the ball and no smokescreen can sidetrack them. The Government has shown that they know how to go the distance and do what it takes to get the job done – whether it involves accumulating funds and resources for an additional mobile vaccination unit or providing high-value incentives for coaxing people to get vaccinated.

It has been well over a year since the announcement of the first COVID-19 case, and our Government has shown itself to be proactive and resilient throughout.

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# PM Browne presides as new Caricom chairman



**Outgoing Caricom Chairman, Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley of Trinidad and Tobago (left) and Incoming Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda (right).**

Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Hon. Gaston Browne, is the new Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The 42nd Regular Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government will be chaired (virtually) by PM Browne over the next two days, Monday 5th – Tuesday 6th July 2021. The public is invited to tune into the Opening Session today Monday 5th July from 10:00 a.m. Eastern Caribbean Time.

Remarks will be presented by CARICOM Secretary-General, Ambassador Irwin LaRocque; outgoing CARICOM Chairman, Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley of Trinidad and Tobago; and incoming CARICOM Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda. This Opening Session will be Livestreamed to the public via the following platforms:

CARICOM Face Book Page  
- <https://www.facebook.com/caricom.org>

caricom.org CARICOM YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/caricomorg>

You can also view the live stream via the Office of the Prime Minister Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/OPMAntiguaBarbuda>

Chairman Prime Minister Gaston Browne will host an end-of-meeting press conference on Tuesday afternoon, which will also be livestreamed on the above platforms.



## APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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Monday, 5th July 2021	Tuesday, 6th July 2021	Wednesday, 7th July 2021	Thursday, 8th July 2021	Friday, 9th July 2021
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# Education Director defends quality provided by public schools



Director of Education, Mr. Clare Browne.

Director of Education Clare Browne has mounted a strong defense of the level of primary education provided by public schools following the release of the Grade Six National Schools Assessment Examinations (NSAE)

In a review of the results of the 2021 NSAE, Director Browne said while the list of the top 100 students was largely populated by students from private schools, it does

not tell the full story of what's happening with public primary school education.

He explained that the overall results show that 86% of the students who wrote the exams came away with 'acceptable grades'. Browne said since more public school students wrote the exams than private school students, it is fair to say that the majority of students making up that 86% came from the public primary

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schools. He further explained that some private schools are very selective in who they accept. Additionally, they often maintain rigorous standards which students have to meet or be kicked out of the schools. "They, public primary schools, can't do that. Our mandate is to take whoever turns up with a birth certificate. There were only 14 public primary school students among the top

100 passes. However, what you see is not necessarily what meets the eye, because in the public school system we offer value added teaching and learning," he remarked. According to the Director, the philosophy of the public school system is different from private schools as there is no exclusion; everyone is accepted. "Every learner succeeds in value-added learning. We

take you from where you are to where you ought to be. It matters not your background, we have a responsibility to educate you," he further explained. There are 29 public and 28 private primary schools operating in the country.

At the National Assessment Examinations, Elaine E. Challenger of the Grace Christian Academy emerged as the top student, amass-

ing 378 out of a possible 400 points.

The other students in the top six are Damaya Bird, second, with 375 points and Ethan Camacho, third, with 372 points – both from the Baptist Academy.

Three students tied for 4th place: Aedan Byer and Lauren Khoury of St. Nicholas Academy, and Mayan Hadeed of Island Academy.

## PM Browne wants health, wellbeing of SIDS to become global human right

Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne on Friday reiterated a call made earlier this week at the first World Health Organisation (WHO) forum for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on Health, for the health and well-being of SIDS to be seen as a global human right.

While presenting the opening statement on Friday at a joint press conference with the Director General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, PM Browne said this view should be universally acceptable within the United Nations system and other development partners.

"This Outcome Statement requires action by all and hinges on urgent intervention in addressing the unique vulnerability of SIDS and the inequalities that stand as obstacles to our develop-

ment. It also firmly establishes health at the heart of climate action and the need to develop climate resilient health systems," Prime Minister Browne said.

The country's leader, who is chairman of the SIDS grouping AOSIS (Alliance of Small Island States), added that health and economic resilience cannot be achieved by SIDS without assistance from the International Community. He pointed out that new inclusive funding mechanisms for sustainable financing should be developed, to include debt-for-climate swaps and obligatory, compensatory financial instruments for loss and damage from climate change disasters, and for adaptation and mitigation.

"Eligibility for financing should be inclusive and

based on vulnerability. To this end, the Outcome Statement reiterates the call for the development of a multi-dimensional vulnerability index to replace the flawed per capita income criterion," Prime Minister Browne stated.

We are pleased to present in this issue of *Pointe Xpress* the full text of the Prime Minister's statement at the concluding press conference held with WHO Director General.

***Statement by the Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, at press briefing on SIDS Summit Outcome Statement, 2nd July 2021***

Director-General, members of the media, distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

I welcome this opportunity to brief the members of the press on the SIDS Summit Outcome Statement.

First of all, let me thank everyone who participated in the first ever WHO-SIDS Summit and for their contribution to the development of this excellent and pragmatic Outcome Statement which calls for a healthy and resilient future.

Antigua and Barbuda, as the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, takes this opportunity to fully endorse the Summit's Outcome Statement.

The Outcome Statement captures the vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States, which are susceptible to the threats of economic shocks, climate change and the burden of non-communicable diseases, which have undermined the health and well-being of our citizens and residents.

While mindful of our vulnerabilities and limited capacity, SIDS have been confronting the challenges with their limited resources, but our inadequate resources are now further strained by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. SIDS vulnerabilities have worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent that achieving the sustainable development goals and the aspirations of the SAMOA Pathway, will require a multi-di-

mensional approach, including the support of the international community.

The sustainable development goals' overarching principle, is to leave no one behind and DIDS are determined to achieve that goal.

This however requires greater global collaboration and cooperation of the international community to develop more refined, bespoke development pathways for SIDS to effectively confront the challenges they are faced with.

The health and well-being of SIDS must be seen as a global human right; justifiable on moral grounds and our common humanity. This should be universally acceptable within the UN system and other development partners.

This Outcome Statement requires action by all and hinges on urgent intervention in addressing the unique vulnerability of SIDS and the inequalities that stand as obstacles to our development.

It also firmly establishes health at the heart of climate action and the need to develop climate resilient health systems.

However, health and economic resilience cannot be achieved by SIDS without the as-

sistance of the international community.

Hence, new inclusive funding mechanisms for sustainable financing should be developed, to include debt for climate swaps and obligatory, compensatory financial instruments for loss and damage, as a result of damage from climate change disasters and for adaptation and mitigation.

Eligibility for financing should be inclusive and based on vulnerability. To this end, the Outcome Statement reiterates the call for the development of a multi-dimensional vulnerability index to replace the flawed, per capita income criterion.

The outcome document also calls for ambitious measures to combat climate change and to protect the natural environment.

However, I wish to add that profligate users of fossil fuels, who have contributed to global warming and pollution, whose adverse climate actions have resulted in loss and damages in SIDS, should be legally obligated to make financial reparations for the damages.

This compensation, should include debt write-offs for SIDS that have had to borrow repeatedly to rebuild

from climate damage, resulting in unsustainable debt burdens.

The outcome document addresses the burdens of malnutrition and undernutrition, necessitating interventions to ensure food security and adequate nutrition.

It recommends pooled procurement among SIDS, especially for medicines and medical supplies, to reduce costs. Pooled procurement has been successfully practiced in the OECS Caribbean for decades.

It also acknowledges the need to acquire new technologies, including access to digital technologies and the need for access to good quality education and lifelong learning.

While we all can agree that we are small, our dreams and goals extend beyond our borders. SIDS have led many global initiatives that often times served as the anchor to many international agreements.

We placed NCDs on the global stage, as our countries are particularly affected by NCDs, with unacceptably high rates of morbidity and mortality. We led the charge for one-point-five-to-stay-alive, as climate change disproportionately affects SIDS more than any





**Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus taking part in a Global Forum on Health for Small Island Development States (SIDS) on Friday 2 July 2021, and featuring Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Hon. Gaston Browne, who is also chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).**

other. Development challenges like pandemics and diseases, climate change and disasters, economic instability and lack of global economic opportunities, compound the vulnerability of SIDS and inhibit our overall development. Despite these challenges, our countries are innovators and movers. Antigua and Barbuda and other SIDS were among the first to have eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The small state of Cuba is a leader in healthcare and medicines. And many other SIDS are promoting the concept of universal healthcare, with significant success despite their fiscal constraints. While we can list a few accomplishments, the world sometimes turns its back on us more times than often. COVID-19 is a prime example. Despite the good effort of the COVAX facility, developed partners are not doing enough. With the economic onslaught of the pandemic, SIDS have limited access to vaccines, and travel and trade have been curtailed, inflicting great wounds on our economies. We now run the

risk of disintegrating into economic sclerosis, eroding decades of hard won gains. Our tourism industry is all but at a standstill. Our economies are shattered and there is much anxiety amongst our countries of the possibility of a protracted pandemic. It is therefore our hope that the WHO can begin the process of a pandemic and global health toolkit that is tailored for SIDS.

To achieve the objectives of this Outcome Statement, we must commit to take bold actions, recognizing the interconnectedness of the human health of SIDS and sustainable development. This requires tackling the so-

cial determinants for healthy SIDS, while promoting economic resilience for our countries.

I close by thanking Dr. Tedros for his exemplary global leadership during this most challenging period, and I thank him for his commitment and advocacy on behalf of SIDS.

Finally, we welcome the recommendation for the establishment of a SIDS Leaders Group on Health for high level advocacy, and I charge everyone to use this Summit Outcome Statement as a rallying call in addressing the health challenges of SIDS.

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FORM I  
PETITION FOR DIVORCE  
CANDICE JODY-ANN ROMEO WILLIAMS

Petitioner

And

STEVE ALLINGTON LAKE

Respondent

## PETITION FOR DIVORCE

## TO THE RESPONDENT: STEVE ALLINGTON LAKE

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

## FORM I

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, you or an attorney acting for you must prepare an answer in Form 4 prescribed by the Rules, 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 registrar's office, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS after this petition is served on you, if you are served in Antigua and Barbuda.

If you are served in a Caribbean territory, the period for serving and filing your answer is forty days. If you are served outside Caribbean territory, the period is sixty 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 divorce 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 WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, JUDGMENT MAY BE GRANTED AGAINST YOU ON ANY OTHER CLAIM IN THIS PETITION.

NEITHER SPOUSE IS FREE TO REMARRY 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: 08 January 2021

Issued by:

Registrar  
The High Court of Justice  
Parliament Drive  
St. John's, Antigua

TO: Steve Allington Lake  
Grey's Farm  
St. John's, Antigua

(c) under (state law under which the claim is made),

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

## FORMS

## GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE - ADULTERY

The respondent spouse has committed adultery. Particulars are as follows: (State the particulars)

## CLAIM

(cruelty)

The petitioner claims:

(a) a divorce;

(b) under the Divorce Act, No. 10 of 1997,

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(c) under (state law under which the claim is made),

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

## GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE - CRUELTY

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.

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

## FORMS

(Separation)

## CLAIM

1. The petitioner claims:

(a) a divorce;

(b) under the Divorce Act No. 10 of 1997,

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(c) under (state law under which the claim is made),

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

## GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE - SEPARATION

2. The spouses have lived separate and apart since July, 2007. The spouses have resumed cohabitation during the following periods in an unsuccessful attempt at reconciliation:

Date(s) of Cohabitation

None

## CLAIM

(adultery)

1. The petitioner claims:

(a) a divorce;

(b) under the Divorce Act No. 10 of 1997,

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

## DETAILS OF MARRIAGE

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

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 5. Date of marriage   | 05 <sup>th</sup> 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)      | Spinster                           |
| 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) ☒ A certificate of ☒ 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



19. The respondent has resided in (municipality and province, state or country)

Antigua

since (date) 1984

20. The respondent's current address is Grey's Farm, Saint John's, Antigua

21. The [ ] petitioner has habitually resided in Antigua and Barbuda for at least one year

[ x ] respondent

immediately preceding the commencement of this proceeding.

#### CHILDREN

The following are all the living children of the marriage as defined by the Divorce Act No. 10 of 1997.

Full name	Birth date	School and grade or year	Person with whom child lives and length of time child has lived there
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The children ordinarily reside in (municipality and province, state or country)

23. (a) The petitioner seeks an order for custody or joint custody of the following children on the following terms:

Name of child	Terms of the order
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[ ] agrees

The respondent [ ] does not agree with the above terms.

(b) The petitioner is not seeking an order for custody and

[ ] is content that a previous court order for custody continue in force

[ ] is attempting to obtain an order for custody in another proceeding full particulars of which are as follows:

(Give name of court, court file no. and particulars of the order of proceeding.)

(c) The petitioner proposes that the support arrangements for the children should be as follows:

Amount paid	Time period (weekly, monthly, etc.)	to be paid by (husband or wife)	to be paid for (name of child)
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28. The educational needs of the children [ ] are being met.

[ ] are not being met.

(If not being met, give particulars.)

#### OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS

29. The following are all other court proceedings with reference to the marriage of any child of the 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 current status.)

#### DOMESTIC CONTRACTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

30. 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.)

Date	Nature of contract or arrangement	Status
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#### COLLUSION, CONDONATION AND CONNIVANCE

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

32. There has been no condonation or connivance at the grounds for divorce in this proceedings. (Where there has been condonation or connivance, strike out the previous sentence. Give details and set out the facts relied on to justify a divorce in the circumstances.)

#### MATTERS OTHER THAN DIVORCE AND CUSTODY

33. 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 substantiate the claims.)

(c) The petitioner seeks an order for access (visiting arrangements) and is content that the respondent have an order for custody of the following children on the following terms:

Name of child	Terms of the order
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[ ] agrees

The respondent [ ] does not agree with the above terms.

24. (a) The following are the existing visiting arrangements (access) for the spouse who does not have the children living with him or her:

[ ] satisfactory

(b) The existing visiting arrangements (access) are

[ ] not satisfactory.

(If not satisfactory, give reasons and describe how the arrangements should be changed.)

25. The order sought in paragraph 23 is in the best interest of the children for the following reasons:

26. The following material changes in the circumstances of the spouses are expected to affect the children, their custody and the visiting arrangements (access) in the future:

27. (a) The existing arrangements between the spouses for support for the children are as follows:

Amount paid	Time period (weekly, monthly, etc.)	Paid by (husband or wife)	Paid for (name of child)
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[ ] are being honoured

(b) The existing support arrangements

[ ] are not being honoured.

(If not being honoured, specify how much is unpaid and for how long. If you seek an order for payment of part or all of the unpaid amount, be sure to include it in the claim made under petition and grounds for divorce.)

#### TRIAL

34. 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

35. 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 1/12/2020

Signature of petitioner

#### STATEMENT OF SOLICITOR

I, TALIA 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

Signature of solicitor

TALIA N. DACOSTA  
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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

[ ] The respondent declined to complete and sign the acknowledgment of service.

Signature.....



# Antigua and Barbuda celebrates start of JetBlue service from Newark

The Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) on July 3 welcomed the start of nonstop service on JetBlue Airways from Newark Liberty International Airport (NLIA) to the V.C. Bird International Airport (VCBIA) in Antigua. The new service will operate three times a week, on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays, departing Newark at 8:50 a.m. and arriving in Antigua at 1:17 p.m.

Passengers boarding the inaugural flight at Newark Liberty International Airport were treated to some delightful Caribbean music performed by a pan soloist, and were presented with mini flags. The festivities included a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the check-in counter, with representatives from the ABTA and from JetBlue Airways. "As the travel industry rebounds, we are delighted that JetBlue is expanding their service to Antigua & Barbuda, providing both our visitors and returning residents with another convenient option for them to experience our twin island destination," noted Hon. Charles Fernandez, Minister of Tourism and Investment. "This decision signifies a tremendous vote of confidence in our tourism product." "The launch of new destinations from Newark International Airport, including Anti-

gua, allows us to grow our presence in the Caribbean and helps further our network strategy in the greater New York Area" said Andrea Lusso, vice president network planning, JetBlue. "This new route seeks to grow our airline's presence in key regions and introduce our low fares and more competition for customers both in Antigua and in Newark."

The full flight was met on arrival at the VCBIA with a water cannon salute on touchdown, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Minister Fernandez, ABTA CEO Colin James, and JetBlue's supervisor for airport and ground operations in Antigua, Shevonne Joseph. The new JetBlue service from Newark complements the existing service from New York JFK which currently includes flights on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Traveling to Antigua is easy, as all travelers need to do is show proof of a negative PCR test taken and received within seven days of their flight. Visitors may be required to undergo testing on arrival or at their hotel as determined by the local health authorities. In Antigua, the wearing of face masks is mandatory along with social distancing protocols. On arrival, all visitors must complete a health declaration form.



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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALDEN SAMUEL of English Harbour for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2020.

Denise Parillon

Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc.

Attorney at Law of the Applicant

Filed by Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc., Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Factory Road, St. John's, Antigua, e-mail: denisejpar@yahoo.com and telephone number: (268) 562-6530.

# Antigua and Barbuda tourism bounces back

A steady increase in tourism arrivals from the United States and a surge in bookings from the United Kingdom is signaling that the bounce-back of the Antigua and Barbuda tourism sector has begun in earnest.

"This is good news for the country's economy as our main source markets re-open to international travel and we see our airlift and hotel occupancy levels increase," said Antigua and Barbuda's Tourism Minister, the Honourable Charles 'Max' Fernandez.

He further indicated, "Antigua and Barbuda is open, and we are delighted that consumers can have confidence in traveling to our shores. We have worked steadfastly to ensure the safety of our people and our visitors, and we are pleased and proud that this resulted in a lower number of COVID cases and, by extension, reduced the negative impact on our economy. "We will continue to do everything we can to maintain a safe environment as the

number of arrivals increase and our economy rebounds," said Minister Fernandez.

Total arrivals for June 2021 were at 14,503, compared with 22,429 in June 2019. All indications are that the deficit is closing rapidly each month and is now showing a -35% deficit on our best year.

"The true success story, however, is with arrivals from the US market. The month of June 2021 saw 12,205 US visitors, a +9.8% increase over the 11,115 total for June 2019. This was, until now, our best June ever for USA arrivals to Antigua and Barbuda. The hard work of the tourism teams in the overseas markets to remain engaged and active during and after the pandemic has now begun to bear fruit," said Colin James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA).

James also noted that with Antigua and Barbuda now on the UK's Green Travel List, arrivals will

begin to rise from that source market. Arrivals from the UK market for June 2021 were 1,383.

Private jet services to Antigua – with 1,219 flights carrying a noticeable number of first-time visitors – have also been

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REPLACE LOST LAND CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application was filed in the Land Registry on the 2nd day of January 2020 by Peyton J. V. Knight, Attorney-At-Law of Peyton J. V. Knight & Associates of Upper Newgate Street, Saint John Parish, Antigua on behalf of Drupattie Motilall the Applicant herein for the replacement of Land Certificate # RL-201803719 dated the 28th day of September 2012 issued to Drupattie Motilall, being the owner of the above-mentioned property, which has been lost or destroyed.

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Dated the 9th day of January 2020

[Signature]  
Registrar of Lands





## Antigua and Barbuda, Your Space In The Sun

recorded between January and June 2021. This represents a +18.6% increase of private air travel to the country over the same period in 2019.

The growth in tourism arrivals comes as welcomed news to hospitality sector workers. With some resorts nearing 100% occupancy and more visitors expected to travel to the country this summer, industry workers are returning to work. The Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association reports that approximately 3,900 hotel staff are back to work. Further, with average occupancy for July now projected at 71% versus an earlier reported 38%, resorts have begun to hire additional staff. Prior to the pandemic, the number of hotel workers was approximately 5,600.

Over 36,000 persons resident in Antigua and Barbuda have been vaccinated, a strong positive safety indicator for consumers as they begin to

make decisions on where to vacation.

In the wake of the pandemic, Antigua and Barbuda tourism officials and stakeholders proactively shared the destination's 'sun, sea and safe' message that en-

couraged adherence to COVID-19 protocols and supported the Government's vaccination programme.

The ABTA's ongoing 'Your Space In The Sun' marketing campaign also addresses concerns

of potential travelers on social distancing, while assuring industry partners and consumers that Antigua and Barbuda is safe and ready to receive visitors when they are ready to travel.

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# Azerbaijan extends support for Antigua and Barbuda

The Republic of Azerbaijan is extending its programme of assistance to Antigua and Barbuda. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said efforts started by Minister E.P. Chet Greene to build close ties with the eastern European country are beginning to bear positive fruits. During a meeting in Azerbaijan in 2019, Minister Greene made a request for assistance for Antigua and Barbuda. From that request, Dr. Drickisha Aska became the first recipient of a full scholarship from the Azerbaijani government

in the area of medicine. Dr. Aska is currently on a residency programme in anaesthesiology and critical care medicine at Azerbaijan Medical University from where reports of her performance to date have been described as excellent. Foreign Minister Greene has announced that Azerbaijan is offering a second full scholarship to an Antigua and Barbuda national. The announcement of the awardee is expected shortly. Meanwhile, the Minister said further engagements with Azerbaijan have re-

sulted in the donation of 30 large cases of syringes to the Sir Lester Bird Mount St John Medical Centre to boost the hospital's supplies and service delivery. High Commissioner in London, Karen-Mae Hill, was responsible for continuing the dialogue with the Azerbaijani government to secure the additional assistance for Antigua and Barbuda.



Foreign Affairs Minister  
Hon. E.P. Chet Greene.

## Antigua and Barbuda national earns PHD at an American University



Joshua Burton, an Antigua and Barbuda national studying at Syracuse University in upstate New York, has completed studies leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in biology.

Last week, Burton submitted his Doctoral Dissertation titled *Signaling pathways regulating cyst breakdown, primordial follicle formation, and meiotic progression in the mouse ovary*. Burton grew up in Swetes Village, but later moved to Cedar Valley Gardens. He received his early education at the Irene B. Williams School, followed by studies at the Antigua Grammar School and the Antigua State College.

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Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 2020

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# Girl Guides in Antigua and Barbuda Celebrate 90 years

Movement marks local journey from 1931 to 2021 under the theme: Stand Strong, *Stand up, Stand Together for Peace.*

by Susan Sharp

The worldwide Girl Guide Movement began in England in 1910 after the girls had gate-crashed the Boy Scout rally the previous year.

In Antigua, the first girls were officially enrolled at Antigua Girls High School in July 1931. Since then, we have been endeavouring to accomplish our mission, which is to help our girls and young women reach their fullest potential.

Over the years, we have helped our girls interact with their counterparts by travelling to international camps here, throughout the Caribbean, the Americas, and Europe, where they met girls from all over the world and learned firsthand about different cultures, languages and customs.

We are also a service organisation and have assisted at sports competitions, beach clean-ups, tree plantings, plastic recycling, to name but a few.

The Girl Guides Association has its headquarters on Deanery Lane in St. John's. One group meets there, another 11 groups meet in St. John's and different villages throughout the island.

Our girls can begin their journey in the Tweenies at three-years-old and graduate to Brownies at six, Guides at 10, Rangers at 14, become Young Leaders at 18, and full Leaders at 21.

Last year, our world turned upside down as we could not meet in person, but we stayed in touch through Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook,

Instagram, the 'phone, and learned how to make face masks.

At Christmas, we held Candlelight Reflections and presented gifts to the Sunshine

Home.

Our February Week of Activities by Zoom was hosted by Young Leaders from three different countries, including a virtual talent show.



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*Hike participants on Boggy Peak on Saturday 3rd July 2021.*

In April we shipped six boxes full of items donated by our members to St. Vincent, joined with the Tree Tribe to plant tree seedlings at our headquarters, and provided and served lunch at the soup kitchen.

This month, our anniversary month, we are so relieved that the coronavirus is currently under control and we are able to come together again. We have a full July programme to celebrate our anniversary. Saturday, assisted by our good friends from the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, we braved the weather and hiked from Christian Valley

to the summit of Boggy Peak and back.

Next Saturday 10th July from 3.30pm, we will be at Fort James cleaning the beach and the Fort, followed by a campfire. (Don't forget the marshmallows and dampers). Saturday 17th is our main fundraiser, "Classy Coats – A Painting Affair". It is in two sessions from 1.00pm to 3.30pm and from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at our headquarters on Deanery Lane in St. John's. The cost is \$90.00 (for 90 years), and you will receive all your materials, your refreshment wine or juice, and appetisers, and guidance from your instructors, to

take home a masterpiece that will grace your home.

Social distancing and mask wearing protocols will be followed.

Tickets are going fast and may be obtained from Susan Sharp, Chief Commissioner, 784-1895/480-5170.

Saturday 24th from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. we have our drive-by and treasure hunt, meeting and finishing at the open ground to the north of Holy Family Cathedral at Michael's Mount. We are inviting our members and their families to register their cars with their unit leaders as soon as possible.

Sunday 25th we are celebrating our anniversary service at the Salvation Army Citadel on Long Street at 4.00 p.m. Seating is limited because we are following the protocols.

Saturday 31st is community outreach. We are preparing and serving lunch at the Soup Kitchen next to the Public Market. Also, during July, we will be visiting our elderly former leaders and supporters and presenting them with a gift basket.

*(The author, Susan Sharp, is Chief Commissioner of the Antigua and Barbuda Girl Guides Association)*



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# THE CARIBBEAN SHOULD SUPPORT THE CATEGORIZING OF ECOCIDE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME



**By Sir Ronald Sanders**

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)

Small island states and

countries with low-lying coasts are the victims of ecocide.

A draft law, unveiled on June 22, defines ecocide as “unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts”.

Getting the law accepted would be a long process.

It could take years. And, that is precisely why small islands and low-lying coastal states should embrace and promote it now. Every year that passes brings greater dangers of irreparable damage without compensation. While Climate Change is not specifically mentioned in the draft law, supporting it and eventually joining in its enactment would send a serious message to states and entities that do little or nothing to stop ecological damage to vulnerable countries. Something has to give in this un-level playing field in which small island states and low-lying coastal states are made to suffer. Therefore, the initiative for a new international criminal law called “Ecocide” – by a group of legal experts co-chaired by British professor Philippe Sands QC and Dior Fall Sow, a UN jurist and former prosecutor from Senegal – is heartening news.

At least, it would open the door for criminal prosecutions against

entities that cause ecological damage. Eventually, it could lead to the inclusion of the harmful effects of climate change, which – despite all the efforts of small island states – show no prospect of slowing down, let alone ending.

The possibilities for damage to countries that could be classified under ecocide are: transboundary nuclear accidents, major oil spills and Amazon deforestation. The Caribbean has long been exposed to nuclear accidents by the passage through the region of ships carrying nuclear waste from Japan to Europe. Major oil spills have also now become a matter for concern in the area as oil production extends from Trinidad and Tobago to Guyana and Suriname. Caribbean nations ought not to be pessimistic about the chances of ‘ecocide’ being added to the four international crimes that now exist and are triable by the ICC. It should be recalled that it was a Caribbean man, A.N.R.



Robinson, a former Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago who, in 1989, revived the idea of the International Criminal Court (ICC) with jurisdiction over international crimes. He triggered the process that eventually led to the adoption of the Rome Statute - the Court's founding treaty that came into force in 2002. Large tasks have been taken on by small countries, to success, when they act together. Several other small island nations – including Vanuatu in the Pacific, and the Maldives in the Indian Ocean – called for “serious consideration” of a crime of ecocide at the ICC's annual assembly of state parties in 2019. Undoubtedly, they had climate change in mind. But even if including climate change in the definition of ecocide is not possible at this stage, the opportunity should be grasped to

make it attainable in the future. The perpetrators, who are now getting a free pass, should see that the victims are serious about recompense for damage. The initiative for a new criminal law is a serious one, backed by the ‘Stop Ecocide Foundation’, a Netherlands-based global coalition. It is the Foundation that gathered a panel of 12 leading lawyers, including Sands and Sow, to work on the draft law.

Professor Sands said it creates “a definition that catches the most egregious acts but doesn't catch the kinds of daily activity that so many of us, myself included, and regions and peoples and countries are involved in which cause significant harm to the environment over the long term”. The other co-chair, Dior Fall Sow said: “The environment is threatened worldwide by the very serious and per-

sistent damage caused to it, which endangers the lives of the people who live in it. This definition helps to emphasise that the security of our planet must be guaranteed on an international scale”.

So, while the law, if it is enacted, will not include climate change, the panel of lawyers passionately believes that the proposed definition could provide a basis for the consideration of a new international crime. As Sands puts it, “What is original and innovative is that the environment will be put at the heart of international law.”

The initiative has attracted the support of the Caribbean's Sir Shridath Ramphal, himself an international lawyer, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and member of the UN World Commission on Environment and Development, whose 1987 report, “Our Common

Future”, awakened the world to the major threat to the environment.

“I urge serious global support for the work of the Independent Expert Panel for the Legal Definition of Ecocide, organised by the Stop Ecocide Foundation. Their ‘Commentary and Core Text’ of a definition of ‘ecocide’ as an international crime deserve humanity's urgent attention,” Sir Shridath said of this new initiative. Every country in the Caribbean should embrace and promote the draft law to make ecocide an international crime. Doing so would give them the support of a further strand of international law which, along with diplomacy, is a principal tool for the defence of their interests.

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# Critical questions to ask before we implement tech advancements like AI



*by Christal Clashing*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an advanced application of data science. At its core, data science is about using information (also called data) collected from society and its environment to make informed decisions about the future. The data collected can be extrapolated to make predictions based on

trends in the past. This can be applied to natural disaster responses or to regional governance practices.

Institutions from UWI to the Inter Development Bank (IDB) see the potential of data science and, eventually, artificial intelligence to advance Caribbean society; so that we not only keep up, but lead

the charge in adopting global technological advances.

For this to happen, our young people, in particular, will be the ones to implement the actions that lead us to technological advancement. So, when a 24-year-old Antiguan data scientist based in Atlanta, Georgia, is

questioned about what it will take for Artificial Intelligence to be implemented in Antiguan society, several questions rise to the fore.

The first question is, ***do we have a culture of transparent data collection?***

When statements and assertions are made based on data and statistics, it is our



job as citizens to ask where that data comes from and what sources have been excluded, as it is generally difficult to include everything. If a member of the general public wanted to see the data behind those statistics, how easy is it for that person to access that data? Can they go to the Department of Statistics and easily access data that national decision-makers base their actions on? If there is secrecy behind data access, it is also our job to question why that is so. This attitude of questioning is based on a taught and developed skill of critical and independent thinking. This is in stark contrast with 'accept-what-is-given' thinking.

The second question is, ***what happens when data contradicts emotionally charged decisions and initiatives?***

Are we strong enough as a people and as individuals to have the integrity to admit we've made missteps? Or, will we bury evidence that shows us we made wrong decisions? What else besides a moral compass will guide

our decisions when data tells us one thing but we are emotionally driven to do otherwise? This is where measuring decisions against a long-term national vision becomes useful. A vision contains not only an image of where a country like Antigua and Barbuda wants to be, but also encapsulates the values that guide our behaviour towards achieving that vision.

That then leads to the third question, ***do we have a party-neutral 50-year vision to guide decision making?*** It is one thing for political parties to have a vision for the country when they are going up for national elections. However, the challenge with these visions is that they are subject to change depending on who is in power. Is there instead of a vision for Antigua and Barbuda for 50 years into our future that is formed by a coming together of all political parties, our youth and private sector stakeholders, who will help execute that vision and keep leaders accountable to it?

If such a vision exists, how is it communicated? Are there visual representations and a cohesive narrative that citizens can buy into like that of the IDB-instigated Pivot Book created by Caribbean Pivot?

If such a vision were to exist, a fourth question would be, ***how do we educate the people that could make a 50-year vision a reality?***

It is becoming apparent that data science technologies are just a tool and it's up to the societies using these tools how they deploy such technologies. Moral and national values, alongside critical thinking skills, are key educational pillars that drive how we apply and transform technology for our local societal and environmental needs. This is an education we would benefit from imparting to our youth. Nor does it stop there. Incentivising such behaviour and skillsets among older generations also paves the way for a more productive society.

These questions reflect some of the con-

cerns of skilled young people in our diaspora who have left their homeland to make a living in more technologically advanced societies than that of the current Caribbean region. They represent some of our strongest intellectual resources. With their knowledge and experience, they also may bring investment funds along with them. For those whose formative primary and secondary education began on the islands, their connection to their new homes is not as deep as that of their home countries like Antigua and Barbuda.

If we are to have any hope of tapping into the skillsets of our diaspora, we must create the conditions that will allow them to thrive and create a more lasting impact than they would abroad. Answering some of the aforementioned questions is a start to creating the conditions for them to contribute to a more technologically advanced Caribbean.

# New York-based Guyanese woman pleads guilty to US\$1.7 million bank fraud



**Demerara Waves** - A Guyanese woman has pleaded guilty to a more than decade-long conspiracy to commit bank fraud, defrauding her employer, a Manhattan-based bank, by misappropriating approximately \$1.7 million.

Audrey Strauss, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that Gangadai Rampersaud Azim, also known as Julie Azim, pled guilty before U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla.

"As she admitted, Gangadai Azim betrayed her position as a trusted bank employee to defraud the bank and misappropriate nearly \$1.7 million in client funds over the course of

more than a dozen years. Now Azim awaits sentencing for her crime," the US Department of Justice quoted Manhattan U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss as saying. According to the allegations in the Complaint, court filings, and statements made during plea proceedings:

Between August 2008 and January 2021, Azim, a long-time employee of a New York, New York-based bank ("Bank-1"), stole approximately \$1.7 million from her employer. Over the course of approximately 12 years, Azim executed hundreds of wire transfers of Bank-1 funds to co-conspirators and related companies who then sent portions of the ill-got-

ten funds to AZIM's personal bank account.

In furtherance of her scheme to defraud Bank-1, Azim repeatedly made false entries in Bank-1's systems, misappropriating funds paid to Bank-1 by its clients to satisfy outstanding loan obligations and then extending the maturity dates of those loan obligations, making it appear as though the loan obligations had not yet been paid. When even the fraudulently extended maturity dates came due, Azim originated new, fraudulent loans to help conceal the scheme. AZIM utilized the proceeds of those fraudulent loans to satisfy the loans for which she had previously stolen

the client payments. Over the course of the approximately 12 years, Azim caused approximately 200 improper wire transfers of Bank-1's funds, each for an amount under \$10,000, to be sent to third party accounts, including those of co-conspirators and related companies, which then returned portions of those funds to AZIM. In doing so, AZIM abused her position at Bank-1 and enriched herself at the expense of her employer.

Azim, 58, of Richmond Hill, New York, pled guilty to one count of conspiring to commit bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1349, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.





*St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister, Dr. Timothy Harris.*

## Nevis to go into full 24-hour lock down for one week

**St. Kitts Observer** – The island of Nevis will go into full 24-hour lock down for one week, started on Saturday, July 03 until Monday, July 12, 2021.

Hon. Dr. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, made the announcement during a national address on July 02, 2021. He said the enhanced restriction became necessary as case #16 on Nevis works in an environment with extremely vulnerable persons and contact tracing has already resulted in an additional positive case of COVID-19 being recorded on July 01.

“Given the risks associated with case 16 and the ongoing contact tracing on Nevis which has already led to case 17, I have been in close contact with the Premier

of Nevis [Hon. Mark Brantley]. We have agreed that in an effort to save lives and avoid any further escalation of the situation on Nevis, the island of Nevis should, as of Saturday, July 03 at 6:01 p.m., be under the same regime of restrictions as currently in place on St. Kitts...

“The period of the enhanced restrictions on Nevis will run until 5:00 a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021 in the first instance,” he said.

During the 24-hour lockdown period all businesses and government offices and agencies shall close and a Shelter-in-Place Order will be imposed. This means that persons shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of their yard space, with the exception of essential workers who

are required to report to work.

There will be limited movement for limited operation of essential businesses including supermarkets and pharmacies from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 08 and Friday, July 09 and return to full 24-hour lockdown on Saturday, July 10 and Sunday July 11.

During this period, special arrangements will be made to accommodate persons traveling overseas, students currently sitting overseas examinations, essential workers, and those with medical and other emergencies.

Prime Minister Harris said the necessary Statutory Rules and Orders (SR&O) will be published to reflect the enhanced restrictions as they relate to Nevis.

# St. Lucia records one fatality as Elsa damage assessment continues



**Prime Minister Allen Chastanet (left) and Central Castries MP Sarah Flood-Beaubrun (right) speak with residents of the CDC Housing Complex in the capital.**

**St. Lucia Times** – Prime Minister Allen Chastanet has confirmed that one man died in Fond St. Jacques, Soufriere, during the passage Friday of Hurricane Elsa. “Sadly, I do have to report that there has been one fatality – a gentleman in Fond St. Jacques perished in his home,” Chastanet said in a video posted on his official Facebook page. The prime minister expressed condolences to the family of the deceased and the community.

According to reports, the man’s house collapsed during the passage of Elsa.

The hurricane caused flood-

ing, downed trees and power lines, tore off roofs and triggered flooding and landslides in several parts of the country. Prime Minister Chastanet has been touring areas impacted by the weather system. He visited the CDC buildings in Castries in the company of Castries Central MP Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, Castries Mayor Peterson Francis, and other officials, to view the hurricane damage first hand.

Chastanet disclosed that roofs were lost and homes were damaged in the CDC buildings, and he gave the commitment that the situation will be addressed

as soon as possible. The prime minister indicated that he will be meeting with members of his Cabinet and other officials to get an update on hurricane damage and plan to get things repaired as quickly as possible.

But he warned that another storm is ahead. “We have been advised that there is another storm that’s brewing. We still cannot confirm whether it is going to come to Saint Lucia, but we must prepare ourselves for that eventuality. So we will be moving very quickly to get the country cleaned,” Chastanet stated.



# Trinidad and Tobago PM rejects Cabinet Note to import more SUVs for Police Service



**Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley giving the feature address at the opening of the Carenage Police Station. (Photo courtesy the Office of the Prime Minister, July 2, 2021)**

**Loop TT** - “We can’t just get up every 24 months and buy \$200 million dollars in vehicles.”

This was the sentiment expressed by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley as he gave the feature address at the formal opening of the Carenage Police Station on Thursday.

Dr. Rowley took the opportunity to discuss the affairs of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and disclosed that he rejected a Cabinet Note requesting funding for the purchase of a large number of sport utility vehicles (SUVs).

“I took objection because I don’t know if that is the only kind of vehicle that police could drive, sport utility vehicles. Those vehicles, so designated, in fact, cost more than the average vehicle largely because many of them are four-wheel drive. I don’t know how many police officers ever use a four-wheel-drive vehicle in four-wheel drive. But you pay for it because it’s fashionable.

“This morning (yesterday) I asked my colleagues in the cabinet – yes, we will get vehicles for

the Police Service – but go and see if you can find any other vehicle that is durable and useful and not all designated sport utility vehicles because one or two officers really think that they’re for sport.”

The Prime Minister said, at the Cabinet meeting, questions were also asked about the role of the Fleet Management Department in ensuring that when taxpayers invest in vehicles they get value for money.

Just Tuesday, during a press briefing at the Police Administration Building in Port-of-Spain, Police Commissioner Gary Griffith admitted that some of the 1,700 vehicles under the control of the service cannot be found. He added that they may be in the hands of unauthorised people.

The disclosure came days after a man was held on June 24 for allegedly impersonating a police officer and driving a police vehicle that was at a junkyard.

Incidentally, matters such as these are what the Fleet Management Department should address, including ensuring that

broken-down cop cars are repaired or that officers are careful behind the wheel.

Dr. Rowley said: “I know that police have to use vehicles in a particular way and from time to time we lose one or two in chases and so on. But we did lose a lot in situations where we should not have lost them and, worse, we have parked up vehicles for minimal maintenance and watched them deteriorate to the point of ill-use.”

He also cautioned management of the TTPS to “think about the taxpayer” when considering purchases over maintenance.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister said, more investment is needed for training individuals who enter the TTPS and throughout their tenure. He said this would be a mandate for whoever will be the Commissioner of Police, come August 18, after the expiration of Gary Griffith’s tenure.

“As we go forward in considering with the authorities the whole question of who going forward, I would want to entreat that in the next 24 months a major training programme takes place in the Police Service, specifically identifying officers with the best attitude and aptitude for specific training in modern policing, especially with a digital background and the use of digital technology to serve us as we digitise this nation.”

Meanwhile, he told the top cop to ensure that he takes and maintains a strong stance against errant officers. “Have zero tolerance for misconduct in the Police Service. It ought to be a privilege to be selected to serve in this and a privilege to wear that uniform.



# Unprecedented heat, hundreds dead and a town destroyed. Climate change is frying the Northern Hemisphere

(CNN) - The tiny town of Lytton has come to hold a grim record. On Tuesday, it experienced Canada's highest-ever temperature in an unprecedented heat wave that has over a week killed hundreds of people and triggered more than 240 wildfires across British Columbia, most of which are still burning.

Lytton hit 49.6 degrees Celsius (121.3 degrees Fahrenheit), astounding for the town of just 250 people nestled in the mountains where June maximum temperatures are usually around 25 degrees. This past week, however, its nights have been hotter than its days usually are, in a region where air conditioning is rare and homes are designed to retain heat. Now fires have turned much of Lytton to ash and forced its people, as well as hundreds around

them, to flee. Scientists have warned for decades that climate change will make heat waves more frequent and more intense. That is a reality now playing out in Canada, but also in many other parts of the northern hemisphere that are increasingly becoming uninhabitable.

Roads melted this week in America's northwest, and residents in New York City were told not to use high-energy appliances like washers and dryers — and, painfully, even their air conditioners — for the sake of the power grid.

In Russia, Moscow reported its highest-ever June temperature of 34.8 degrees on June 23, and Siberian farmers are scrambling to save their crops from dying in an ongoing heat wave. Even in the Arctic Circle, temperatures soared into

the 30s. The World Meteorological Organization is seeking to verify the highest-ever temperature north of the Arctic Circle since records there began, after a weather station in Siberia's Verkhoyansk recorded a 38-degree day on June 20.

In India, tens of millions of people in the northwest were affected by heat waves. The Indian Meteorological Department on Wednesday classified the capital, New Delhi, and cities in its surrounds as experiencing "severe extreme heat", with temperatures staying consistently in the 40s, more than 7 degrees higher than usual, it said. The heat, along with a late monsoon, is also making life difficult for farmers in areas like the state of Rajasthan.

And in Iraq, authorities announced a public holiday across several

provinces for Thursday, including the capital Baghdad, because it was simply too hot to work or study after temperatures surpassed 50 degrees and its electricity system collapsed.

Experts who spoke with CNN said it was difficult to pinpoint exactly how linked these weather events are, but it's unlikely a coincidence that heat waves are hitting several parts of the northern hemisphere at the same time.

"The high-pressure systems we're seeing in Canada and the United States, all of these systems are driven by something called the jet stream — a band of very strong winds that sits way above our heads at about 30,000 feet where the planes fly around," Liz Bentley, Chief Executive at the UK's Royal Meteorological Society, told CNN.



# Masks will become personal choice, says UK housing secretary



**Robert Jenrick says it is time to take “personal responsibility” on taking precautions like wearing masks.**

England will move into a period without legal restrictions where the public will have to exercise “personal responsibility” including on face masks, the housing secretary has said.

Robert Jenrick told the BBC’s Andrew Marr that people would “come to different conclusions” over masks, but he trusted people “to exercise good judgement”. All legal restrictions are expected to be lifted in England on 19 July. The Scottish government said there would be an “ongoing need” for masks.

A spokesperson said people could still be expected to wear face coverings on public transport and in shops even after other curbs lift in Scotland on 9 August.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are in charge of their own coro-

navirus rules. On face masks and other measures, the Westminster government is working with counterparts in the other nations on a UK-wide approach.

In Wales, minister Mick Antoniw said it was “moving to a stage where we are having increasing normality” with the next review of curbs due on 15 July.

Mr. Jenrick said on Sunday that he would like the whole union to move as one. A further 24,248 Covid cases and 15 deaths within 28 days of a positive test were recorded in the UK on Sunday. When asked on the BBC’s Andrew Marr Show whether he was confident that all restrictions would end in England on 19 July, Mr Jenrick said: “It does look as if - thanks to the success of the vaccine programme - that we now

have the scope to roll back those restrictions and return to a normality as far as possible.” He said cases might continue to rise significantly as restrictions were eased.

“But we now have to move into a different period where we learn to live with the virus, we take precautions, and we as individuals take personal responsibility,” he said. When asked if the requirement to wear face masks in certain settings will definitely go, Mr. Jenrick said: “I can’t make that commitment this morning because the prime minister will make an announcement in the coming days. It does look as if the data is in the right place.”

He urged people to get fully vaccinated and, when asked about travel, said the government was “still looking at the data” in terms of allowing those who have been double-jabbed to avoid quarantine when returning from amber list countries, but it was their objective. Asked on Sky News about whether he would stop wearing his face mask if the rules allowed, Mr. Jenrick said he would because he did not particularly want to wear one.

But, he said: “We will be moving into a phase where these will be matters of personal choice. So some members of society will want to do so for perfectly legitimate reasons, but it will be a different period where we as private citizens make these judgments rather than the government telling you what to do.” Mr. Jenrick added: “We are now going to move into a period where there won’t be legal restrictions - the state won’t be telling you what to do - but you will want to exercise a degree of personal responsibility and judgement.”

Professor Stephen Powis, NHS England’s medical director, said if some people continued to wear face masks in certain circumstances, such as crowded places, then “that’s not necessarily a bad thing.

“Those habits to reduce infections are a good thing to keep,” he added. He said the link between coronavirus infections, hospital admissions and deaths had not been totally broken as there were people in hospital who had been vaccinated. “But it’s severely weakened,” he said.

# Some Philippine troops jump before military plane crashes in flames, killing at least 45



*View of the site after a Philippines Air Force Lockheed C-130 plane carrying troops crashed on landing in Patikul, Sulu province, Philippines July 4, 2021.*

(Reuters) – A Philippines Air Force troop plane crashed and broke up in flames on a southern island on Sunday, killing at least 45 people after some jumped free, officials said, in the country's worst military air disaster in nearly 30 years. Pictures from the scene showed flames and smoke pouring from wreckage strewn among coconut palms as men in combat uniform milled around, while a column of thick black smoke rose into the sky. The Lockheed C-130 transport aircraft, carrying troops bound for counter-insurgency operations, crashed with 96 people on board. The plane had attempted to land at Jolo airport, but overshot the runway without touching down. It failed to regain enough power and height and crashed at nearby Patikul. "A number of soldiers were seen jumping out of the aircraft before it hit the ground, sparing them from the explosion caused by the crash," the Joint Task Force Sulu said in a statement. It was not immediately clear how many jumped or whether they had survived. Military chief Cirilito Sobejana said the plane had "missed the runway trying to regain power". The Department of National Defence said 45 people had been killed, including three civilians on the ground, while 53 were injured, including four civilians. Five military personnel were still missing. A military spokesman, Colonel Edgard Arevalo, said there was no sign of any attack on the plane, but an investigation had yet to begin as efforts were focused on rescue and treatment. The military command said the soldiers aboard had the rank of private and were being deployed to their battalions. They were flying to the provincial airport of Jolo from Laguindingan, about 460 km (290 miles) to the northeast. The army in the sprawling Philippine archipelago has been fighting a long war against Islamist militants from Abu Sayyaf and other factions. "They were supposed to join us in our fight against terrorism," said Commander William N. Gonzales of Joint Task Force Sulu.



# Sex abuse data from Poland's Catholic Church is decades too late

**Aljazeera** - Last Monday, Poland's Catholic Church released new figures of the number of complaints it has received alleging sexual abuse at the hands of its clergy. In total, 368 complaints were made to the Church between 2018 and 2020 relating to alleged abuse by more than 290 priests and other religious figures. The cases stretch as far back as 1958, and 173 of them concern children under the age of 15, which is the age of consent in Poland. Following the release of these figures, the head of the Polish Catholic Church, Archbishop Wojciech Polak, apologised to survivors and asked for forgiveness. While some survivors will appreciate this, it does not excuse the fact that Poland's church has arrived at the issue decades too late. This is only the second time that Poland's Catholic Church has released such figures. It did so first in 2019 when it revealed that 382 members of the clergy had been accused of sexually abusing 625 children between 1990 and 2018. The

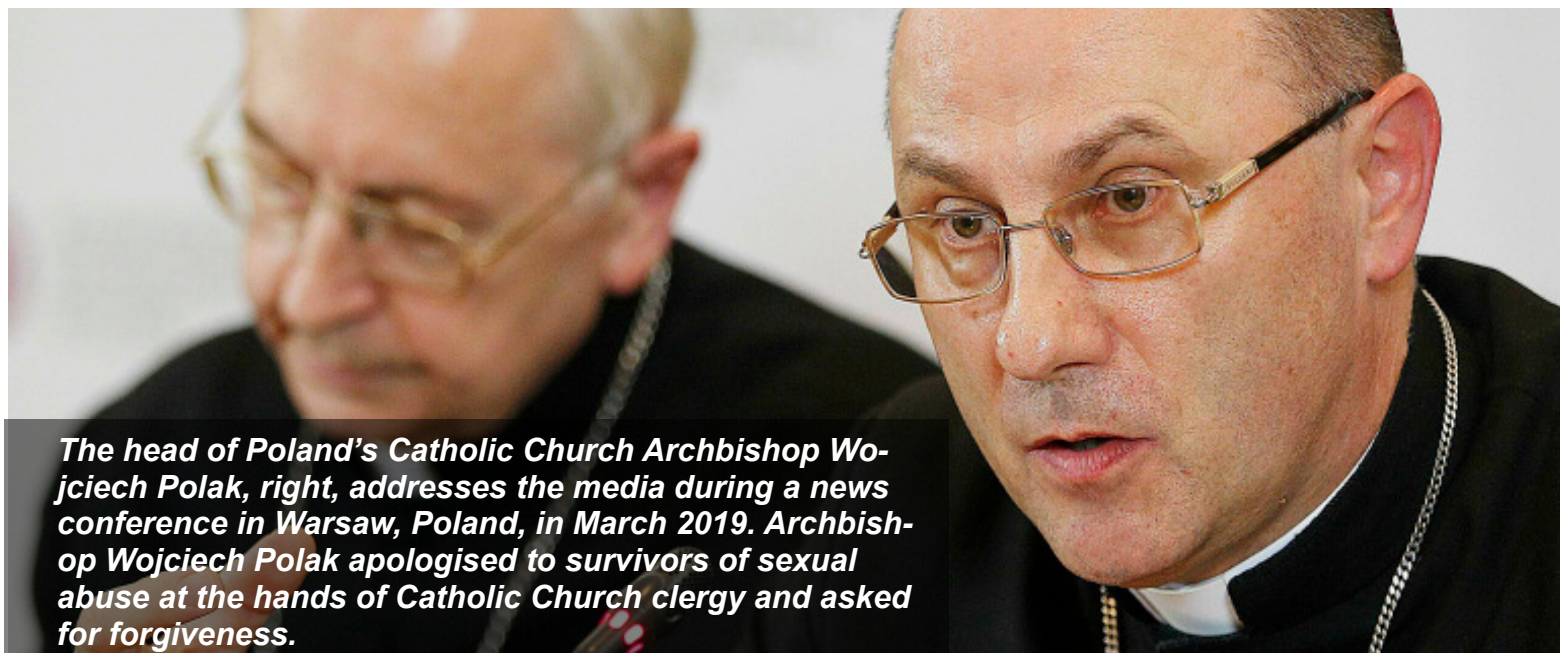
Church says 42 priests are named in both lists. While the move is a positive sign that Poland's church is finally owning up to the issue, there are several problems with these figures, alongside the fact that it has taken decades for the church to release them in the first place. On one hand, that Poland's church made these figures public is useful as it provides some data on the issue, although it is widely accepted that abuse cases that come to light are merely the tip of the iceberg. On average it takes a survivor 24 years to report the abuse they suffered as children, with reasons including a victim's sense of shame, not recognising what happened to them as abuse, or fear of not being believed. The only public tally of clergy abuse cases in Poland is a map created by activists which currently registers more than 580 cases covered by the media or which ended in a court judgement. But even those reaching the courts are a minority of cases, often because survivors do not want to relive the trauma in a formal judicial setting where

they might have to face their abuser again.

But, beyond the church's figures themselves, the latest data is limited. The church did not publicly disclose the names of the 292 members of the clergy who are accused of sexual abuse, even in the cases it deemed "credible".

This appears to be a policy supported by the pope himself in order to protect the "good name" of priests. Yet many dioceses in other countries have voluntarily released this information. In most of the Polish cases, the church said it has imposed "interim measures" while complaints are being investigated, including temporarily removing the accused from service and preventing their contact with children. But we know from other countries that such priests are often left unsupervised.

The church also failed to explain how it has dealt with the 42 clergy members who appeared in both the 2019 and this week's lists, in what appear to be cases of repeat offenders.



*The head of Poland's Catholic Church Archbishop Wojciech Polak, right, addresses the media during a news conference in Warsaw, Poland, in March 2019. Archbishop Wojciech Polak apologised to survivors of sexual abuse at the hands of Catholic Church clergy and asked for forgiveness.*

# Sha'Carrie Richardson suspended from US Olympic Team



Sha'Carrie Richardson

**EUGENE, Oregon** — US sprint sensation Sha'Carrie Richardson looks set to miss the Tokyo Olympics after her US Olympic Trials performance was disqualified because she tested positive for a prohibited substance.

That substance has since been confirmed as THC, the chemical found in marijuana, her lawyer said.

Richardson failed a drug test following her win at the US Olympic Track and Field trials in Oregon on 18th June.

Richardson is now prohibited from competing in the 100 metre race, but could still compete in another event. According to World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), THC is banned during competition.

It is unclear if Richardson will appeal the drug test results.

News of the infringement comes mere weeks before the start of the athletics competition at the 23rd July to 8th August showpiece event in Tokyo.

Richardson could serve a 1-3 month suspension for the ad-

verse analytical finding. However, it is unlikely that a hearing will be held before the start of the Olympics.

On Thursday, seemingly in response to her suspension, Richardson tweeted: "I am human."

She ran the 100 metres in 10.86 seconds, one of her five under 11 seconds this season, sparking hopes that the United States might win its first gold medal in the women's race since Gail Devers in 1996.



# West Indies Women beat Pakistan Women



The West Indies Women embodied the words of their cricketing anthem when they “rallied” as a team to win the CG Insurance 2nd T20 International by 7 runs via the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method after the match was called off at the end of the 18th over at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua.

Winning the toss, West Indies Women’s captain Stafanie Taylor chose to bat first based on the weather conditions as she believed that “runs

on the board ... is runs on the board” should the weather play a part in determining the winner.

Openers Deandra Dottin and Hayley Matthews looked set to continue their opening partnership run-fest from the first match, as Dottin got into the action early with a six to cow-corner. But with the score on 34 and looking for another big heave, Dottin was bowled by Fatima Sana for 17 off 12 deliveries, which included two fours and the six. Matthews departed

two runs later, caught for 9 off 16.

Skipper Stafanie Taylor and Kyshona Knight looked set to steady the innings, with Kyshona the aggressor of the pair. Taylor was trapped LBW for 5 and in came Che-dean Nation. Kyshona and Nation rotated the strike to get the quick singles on the scoresheet. But Kyshona was caught for 15 off 24, which included two boundaries.

In came the other half of the Knight twins, Kycia. Together with Na-

tion, the pair added 32 runs for the fifth wicket. Trading blows for blows, Nation and Kycia struck two fours and a six each before Nation fell for a well-played 28 from 33 deliveries. Kycia finished not out on 30 from 20 deliveries.

Fatima Sana was the pick of the Pakistan bowlers, finishing with 2 for 18 from four overs, while Anam Amin took 2 for 31 from four overs.

The Pakistan innings never looked composed as they lost captain Jave-

ria Khan in the opening when she was run out three balls into the first over. It was a regular progression of wickets for the visiting team, as running between the wickets proved to be their downfall. Of the six wickets that fell for Pakistan, five of them were via the runout route. The experienced Nida Dar looked set to get her team the series-equalizing victory as she took the charge to the West Indies bowlers, smashing four-fours on the way to a top-score of 29. Aliya Riaz and Fatima Sana remained not out for Pakistan on 17 and 8 respectively, before the downpour came.

Match officials and captains met and it was determined that it was not possible to return to play. After calculations were done, the West Indies won by 7 runs via the DLS method. This victory sealed the CG Insurance T20 International se-

ries win for the West Indies Women, their first series win since May 2019 against Ireland in Ireland. It is also the first series win under new head coach Courtney Walsh.

Speaking after the match, Walsh said he was pleased with the win. "It feels very good, the girls have done us proud, they played some good consistent cricket throughout the series and they deserved to win the series. But still a fair amount of work to be done ... They deserve the series win, and I'm hoping it doesn't stop here." He also thanked Kycia Knight for her unbeaten 30 not out, and she was adjudged the CG Insurance Player of the Match.

Earlier in the day the West Indies Women A Team put up a solid charge but went down to Pakistan Women by 14 runs in the second T20 match of their series, also played at the Coolidge Crick-

et Ground. West Indies A Team won the toss and sent Pakistan A into bat first. They scored 108 for 5 from their 20 overs. Wicketkeeper Muneeba Ali top-scored for Pakistan A, with 27 off 16 deliveries while Kaynat Hafeez and Rameen Shamim had scores of 24 and 21 not out respectively. Steffie Soogrim returned the best bowling figures, finishing her four overs with 1 for 9.

West Indies Women A Team, put up a valiant fight until the end, but they were bowled out for 94 from 19.4 overs. Once again, Rashada Williams top-scored for them, scoring 21 from 38 deliveries, followed by captain, Reniece Boyce with 17.

Kainat Imtiaz was the best bowler for Pakistan Women A Team, finishing with 3 for 18 from three overs.



# NBA Playoffs

## *Milwaukee Bucks Advance to the NBA Finals*

The Milwaukee Bucks eliminated the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night, to advance to the NBA fi-

nals. The Bucks won the series 4-2 after defeating the Hawks 118-107. Khris Middleton scored 32 points, including a run of 16 straight in a decisive third quarter

that carried the Bucks to an upset victory over the upstart Atlanta Hawks in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Jrue Holiday added 27 points and

four other players scored in double figures. Antetokounmpo cheered them on from the bench. With Antetokounmpo sidelined by a hyperextended left knee, the



Bucks turned to his supporting cast to finish off Atlanta. Brook Lopez had 33 points in Game 5, and three other starters scored at least 22.

"One of the biggest things we did the last two games was play for him," said Pat Connaughton, who had 13 points and eight rebounds. "We do have a true team."

Trae Young returned to the Hawks lineup after missing two games with a bone bruise in his right foot, but the young star never got anything going. After both teams struggled to find the range in the first half, the Bucks suddenly couldn't miss in the third quarter.

Middleton finished the quarter with 23 points, nearly outscoring the Hawks all by himself. Atlanta had 29 points in the period as Milwaukee headed to the final quarter with a commanding 91-72 lead.

The Bucks led by as many as 22 points. This is the Bucks' first trip back to the NBA Finals in 47 years. Incidentally, it is both team's third appearance in the NBA Finals.

The NBA finals start tomorrow in Phoenix.

# EURO 2020



**LONDON**-- Harry Kane scored twice as a buoyant England cruised through to the semifinals of Euro 2020 with a one-sided 4-0 win over Ukraine in Rome on Saturday.

Kane ended a worrying international scoring drought by netting in a 2-0 last-16 defeat of Germany in midweek and he put England ahead inside four minutes on a sweaty evening in the Italian capital.

Gareth Southgate's side then put this quarterfinal tie out of sight with two more goals early in the second half, one from Harry Maguire before Kane net-

ted again. Substitute Jordan Henderson got the fourth, and a Denmark lie-in-wait in the Wembley semifinal. England will be confident of going on to reach a first-ever European Championship final and even now claiming a first major international title since 1966.

The draw here was kind for them, with Ukraine surely as weak an opponent as they could hope to face in a quarterfinal, a stage at which they have lost to the likes of Italy and Portugal in recent European Championships.

## CG Insurance T20 Series

**ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada** -- South Africa won the fifth T20 International by defending 168 for 4 after electing to bat first. In the process, they also clinched the CG Insurance series 3-2. It was the highest total of the five match series.

South Africa were once again well-served by Quinton de Kock, 60, and supported by eventual Man of the Match, Aiden Markram. Together the pair added 128 for the second wicket, which saw Markram

top-scoring with 70. It was de Kock's third consecutive half century of the series.

The partnership was the difference against a misfiring West Indies middle order. West Indies could not keep up with the required scoring rate. Evin Lewis, 52, was the top scorer for the West Indies. Lungi Ngidi's 3 for 32 led the South African bowling attack. West Indies ended on 143 for 9 after their allotment of 20 overs.

Once again, the West Indies middle order failed to deliver the goods. It might be timely for the West Indies selectors to reconsider playing so many all-rounders at once. On Saturday, their squad included three all-rounders in Bravo, Pollard and Russell. West Indies don't have much time to regroup, as they come up against Australia starting on Friday in St. Lucia.

**IDEWS**