

OUR PM'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REACH

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OUR GLOBAL-QUALITY LEADER: Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister and Chairman of CARICOM, Hon. Gaston Browne, along with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration & Trade, Hon. Chet Greene, participate in the historic first African-CARICOM Summit.

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Governor General warns of scam!

The world should not need another wake-up call on climate change

by Hon. Gaston Browne – Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda and chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Small island developing states (SIDS) know too well the costs of the climate crisis in both lives and livelihoods. For us, Irma, Maria, Dorian and Harold are not just names. These hurricanes in the Caribbean and Pacific have wiped out the entire annual GDP of nations hit and, in some cases, left islands totally uninhabitable. Stemming climate change isn't a desire, it is a necessity.

If anyone harboured any doubts that greenhouse gas emissions pose an existential threat for small island nations,

last month's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] report should eliminate them. Man-made climate change is accelerating a rise in sea levels, stoking hurricanes to greater degrees of destructive power, and changing the weather systems that bring us fresh water and fertile soil.

The report precedes the crucial COP26 climate change summit in November, considered the "last best chance" of keeping climate change within the guardrail of 1.5 [degrees] Celsius. As countries that have contributed little to this crisis, we will be looking to those most responsible to lead in solving it.

COP26 must be

the summit where nations that grew prosperous burning fossil fuels make good on their commitments. The G7 countries pledged to halve emissions this decade and we now need a realistic plan, not empty promises. Developed states need to deliver the \$100bn per year they agreed in 2009 and start a process to increase the sum. We need effective mechanisms on both adaptation and loss and damage, increasingly important after decades of ineffective emission cutting.

All of that is a non-negotiable matter of justice. But to keep global warming below acceptable levels, developed nations have more to do.

Countries at the biggest risk from climate change have the clearest motive to transition away from fossil fuels. Antigua and Barbuda has committed to 86 percent renewable energy generation in the electricity sector, en route to net zero in 2050, and has pledged that all new vehicle sales will be electric by 2030. Other islands are on similar pathways.

However, the economic realities are a growing hindrance. To put it simply: it costs significantly more for SIDS to cut our emissions than for wealthier nations. This was true before the COVID pandemic, but the crisis has exacerbated our debt burden. How can we unleash a zero-carbon trans-

formation when the borrowing cost of capital for otherwise ideal renewable technologies is up to four times higher than in richer nations? This part of the solution lies outside the UN climate process, but within the gift of the world's most powerful leaders. International financial institutions must make fair the long-term framework on public debt, de-risking investment in SIDS. Debt

Service Suspension and Special Drawing Rights are positive but temporary, and uneven in their impact as access is based on illogical criteria, to which some SIDS do not qualify. Using per capita income as the benchmark for access to concessional finance is misleading, and SIDS have long argued for a system that considers our unique vulnerabilities. The World Bank plans to align its ac-

tivities with the Paris Agreement, but its financing — and that of other multilateral lenders — must flow according to mitigation and adaptation needs. We require equitable support and accessible climate finance to achieve our sustainable development goals and truly advance. The world should not need another wake-up call on climate change, but the IPCC's stark warning reminds

us that we cannot wait to embark on a global solution. Small island states are looking to the world's richest nations to deliver the transformative COP we all need. Considering the stakes, they should not expect us to be anything other than implacable in pursuing our demands. The writer is Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States.



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Statement by the Honourable Gaston Browne – Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda,

Chairman of Heads of Government Conference of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) – to the Africa-CARICOM Summit on Tuesday 7th September 2021

Distinguished Heads of State and Government of the African Union and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Secretaries-General of the African Union and CARICOM, Brothers and

Sisters of Africa and the Caribbean.

Forgive me for not dwelling on the formalities. I have been allocated 5 minutes and I believe all of you would like me to make the best of my time.

I start from the premise that Europe underdeveloped Africa and left the Caribbean undeveloped.

Today, through their control of the global financial, economic and trading system,

the major European nations and their North American allies, continue to hold Africa, the Caribbean and other developing countries in a trap of underdevelopment.

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Let us be clear: There was never trade between Africa and the Caribbean. There was trade between Europeans using African people as a commodity. They traded. We were traded.

Colleagues, previous generations of our people could do little to alter that situation; although, through their many rebellions in the Caribbean and battles of resistance in Africa, they struggled valiantly, paying with their lives. Our generation should not allow these systems that control us, that constrain us, and capture us, to continue.

This is starkly illustrated by the global control by a few rich countries of the production and distribution of vital vaccines to suppress the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas 70 percent of the European Union and almost 60 percent of North Americans are fully vaccinated, only three percent of the African continent can say the

same. This pattern of inequity is obvious in its ugliness and prevalence. Therefore, we must act together to change it. We must establish structures of cooperation to promote our mutual socio-economic interests; increasing investment and trade, and people-to-people exchanges between Africa and the Caribbean.

We should resist being pushed to the margins of international decision-making and collaborate on decisions to restructure the global financial architecture, on global taxation, de-risking, climate change and reparations, among others.

The success with the African Union's Medical Supplies platform (AMSP), which provided life-saving vaccines to the Caribbean people – for which we are eternally grateful – has shown that we have the capacity to cooperate and collaborate.

Colleagues, we have it within our power to

demand change in the international system and to fight for it, and to make it happen -- but only if we act harmoniously.

Between the nations of the African Union and CARICOM, we are a population of approximately 1.4 billion people with great natural and wealth-creating resources – including oil, gas, agriculture, minerals, forestry, tourism, fisheries, and much more. We are the suppliers of vital com-

modities to the global community, and a strong market for the goods and services of Europe and North America. Additionally, together we have the voting power of 69 nations in the United Nations and all its subsidiary organizations, including the World Trade Organization. We have global bargaining power. But only if we use it effectively. This is why I now make the following four interwoven proposals for this meeting to consider.

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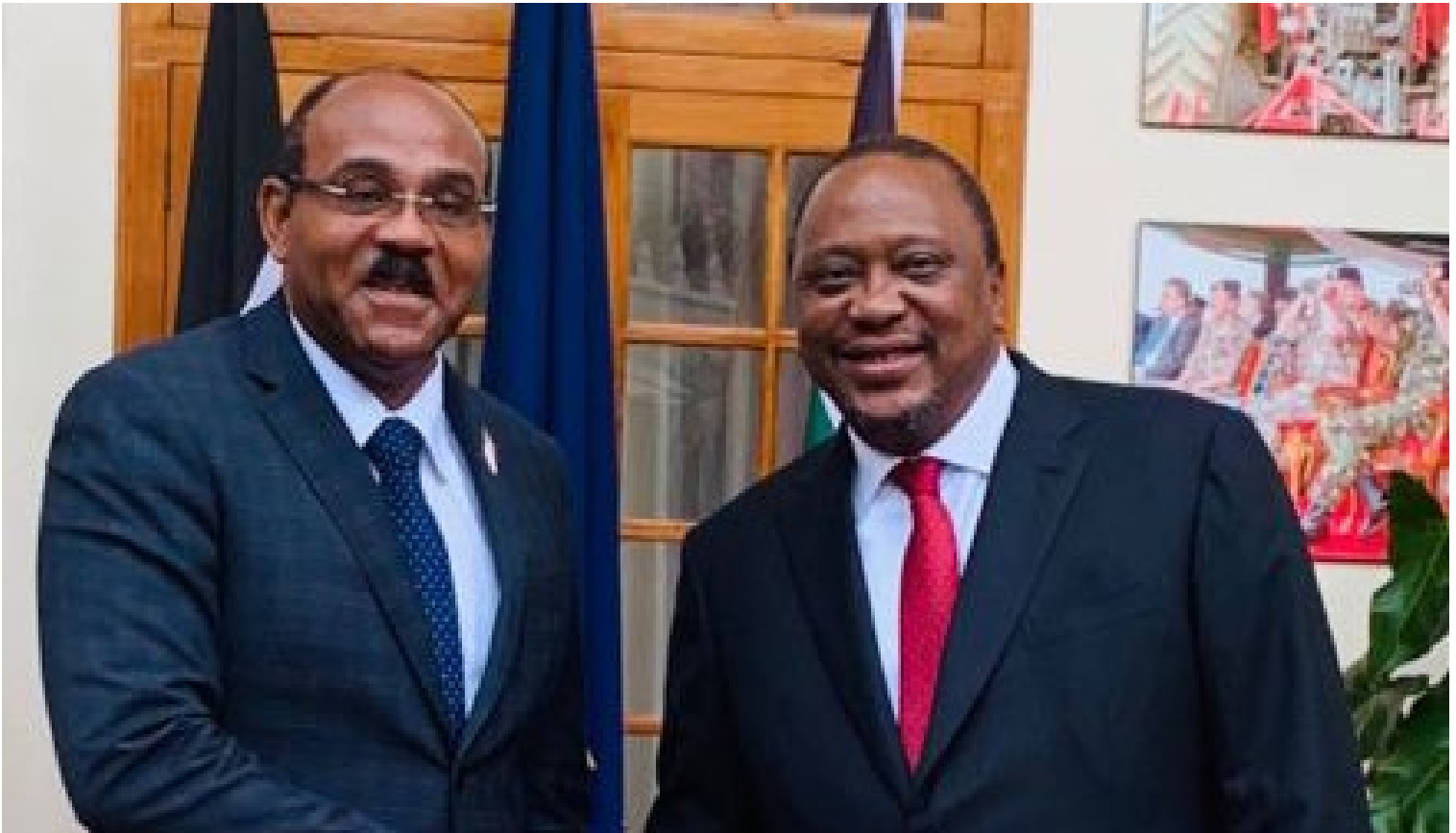
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***Prime Minister Gaston Browne with President of the Republic of Kenya
His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi, Kenya for the ICPD25 Summit
2019.***

First, that we should create a Forum of African and Caribbean Territories and States (FACTS), managed jointly by the Secretariats of the African Union and CARICOM. Second, we should nominate this day, September 7th, in every year going forward as “Africa-CARICOM Day”. Third, every year hereafter, we should repeat this Africa-CARICOM summit on this day, September 7th, to analyze the global situation and our place within

it; to discuss initiatives and programmes, and to authorize joint actions. Fourth, we should charge the Secretariats of the African Union and CARICOM to present to us within six months of today, for approval at our meeting next year, the Founding Charter and a Memorandum of Operation of our Forum, including proposals to overcome existing obstacles to trade and investment. Consideration should be given to a multi-lateral air services agree-

ment and an investment protection, as well as a double taxation agreement between African and CARICOM states.

Should we agree to establish these pillars of collaboration, I urge both secretariats not to over-bureaucratize these initiatives. We must keep our arrangements lean and efficacious. Colleagues, let us now create the pathways of accord between Africa and the Caribbean – an accord worthy of our historic and con-

temporary struggles to overcome the legacy of racism, colonialism, exploitation, and global inequities. We are the branches of a single tree created from the same roots and, as Caribbeaners, we look forward to that welcomed return as repatriated Africans. Let us, as that one tree, reach to the skies together – strong, resilient, and unshakeable.

Thank you.

Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry signs Memorandum of Cooperation with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.



Moscow Chamber of Commerce president Mr. Vladimir Platonov and Antigua and Barbuda's economic envoy Mr. Kemal O. Nicholson

On August 26th the Moscow Chamber of Commerce said they are prepared to develop economic ties with Antigua and Barbuda.

On behalf of the MCC, the document was signed by the Chamber's president, Mr. Vladimir Platonov; and, for Antigua and Barbuda, by Mr. Kemal O. Nicholson.

It was occasioned by the appointment of Mr. O. Nicholson to the post of economic envoy to the Russian Federation by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

According to the document, the purpose of cooperation is aimed at establishing interaction and mutually beneficial partnership between the business communities of the Moscow region and Antigua and

Barbuda. The main areas of interest – as outlined by the Memorandum – are innovation, industry, energy and energy saving, information technology, digital economy, trade of services, investments, business development (including the development of small and medium-sized enterprises), agriculture, and various other areas of mutual interest.

"There are no small countries," Mr. Platonov said. "The island state of Antigua and Barbuda is interested in pursuing economic relations in a variety ways and diverse applicable methods. We have already managed to build a 'bridge' between our countries: today, a graduate of a Russian university co-signed the memorandum; and, apropos, Mr.

O. Nicholson – who has recently graduated from a higher educational institution – now came to Russia as an Economic Envoy to promote the development of economic relations with the capital's and other entrepreneurs."

According to Mr. Nicholson, "The Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry was established in 1991. The Chamber is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, and is part of the system of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. The memorandum comes on the heel of the Treaty of Basic Relations which was signed between the two countries on June 8th of this year."

Give credit where credit is due in ECAB takeover of Scotiabank



The former Scotia Bank on High Street in St. John's Antigua has been taken over and rebranded by the Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB)

by Traycee L.

Nothing great is ever achieved by men who fail to dream big and are incapable of inspiring others to believe in something that, at times, they can barely shape with their imaginations. Very few, if any, would dare to say that Prime Minister Gaston Browne is not such a man.

Far from intending to flatter, some describe him as brash, bold and at times border-line crazy; yet others see those same attributes and identify them as unrelenting courage, tenacity and passion with a laser focus on making the world a more prosperous place for others who cannot reach the summit of life's mountain alone.

No matter how you choose to characterize him, the one thing that we will all agree on is that he is

fearless in battle. He is not daunted by the size of the opponent nor the fierceness of the battle. In fact, they only seem to imbue him with commitment and purpose.

When Prime Minister Gaston Browne announced to the world back in 2019 that the Government of Antigua and Barbuda would not be granting a vesting order to allow any foreign bank to purchase the operations of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Antigua and Barbuda, many thought that this was nothing short of lunacy.

Many so-called "banking experts" and "former bankers" crawled out of the woodwork to condemn the Prime Minister's bold stance with the global spotlight on him. Some of the very same experts, back in 2008 and 2009, said that we would not be affected by the subprime housing crisis in the United States, along with

many other premonitions that failed to materialize.

They appeared as experts on politically clever radio programmes where they disseminated their lectures, built on failed careers and inability to lead anything of note into a slight headwind of success. They pontificated all the reasons of politics, law, economics and our size why this just could not happen and why we should save our strength for something more realistic and winnable within the realm of their limited ability to dream big. They even cited the Treaty of Chaguaramas and how it provided the rights of establishment for companies from other CARICOM member states.

Although we might be tempted to ridicule or chastise the so-called experts by suggesting that their attempts to discredit the efforts of the

Prime Minister were nothing short of a veiled effort to mislead the people of Antigua and Barbuda, because they had no vision nor could they lead the charge, the fact is simply this: most of them truly know no better. They have never fought for anything so consequential nor are they capable of seeing our place in time as we write our own history. Some of the things that were prognosticated by the naysayers are unsurprising when you consider their propensity for cowardice and an unwillingness to fight for the people that they claim to be representing, especially those who aspire to lead Antigua and Barbuda.

On 1st September 2021, an amazing and historic event took place in Antigua and Barbuda. What many generations of us grew up knowing as the Bank of Nova Scotia in Antigua was no more. The Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB) logo and sign now adorn the side of the building at the corner of Market and High Street, immediately west of where another former Canadian bank stood, now bearing the name ACB Caribbean.

This is not simply about defining the legacy of Prime Minister Gaston Browne and the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party; this is far more. The Party has a rich legacy

of planting the pillars on which our development stands and today it continues to set and surpass expectations for the people of this fair land. Each citizen and anyone who calls here home should be proud.

What has been appalling since this transition from Scotia Bank to ECAB is how the ECAB General Manager could not bring himself to thank the Government for leading what appeared to be almost an unwinnable fight against a giant which created the pathway to acquiring the operations of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Antigua. This was no gift to the country and it did not come easily. The government locked horns and even went as far as the Parliament to make its position even more pellucid in law.

Even as the debate raged on, no consortium ever stepped up to the plate, but the government insisted that our bank, managed by our people, with our assets, could do the job and acquire the bank. Despite the efforts of the Bank of Nova Scotia to send representatives from their headquarters to convince the government to relent and allow another bank within CARICOM to purchase the bank, Prime Minister Browne and his team stood strong and firm in the interest of all.

Some say defiant, others



say determined, but whatever you choose to call it, the result is that ECAB is one of the largest banks in the sub-region today. The way was paved in gold for ECAB to acquire the operations of the Bank of Nova Scotia, but you may be led to believe that the

management of the bank was somehow so skillful or involved in bringing this moment into history.

In the words of King Smarty Jr., *"Give credit where credit is due: if you nah earn it, it nah belong to you!"*

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COVID Dashboard Update for September 7, 2021

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness & the Environment from the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre revealed 82 new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Sunday 5th September 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Two hundred (200) samples were processed at the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

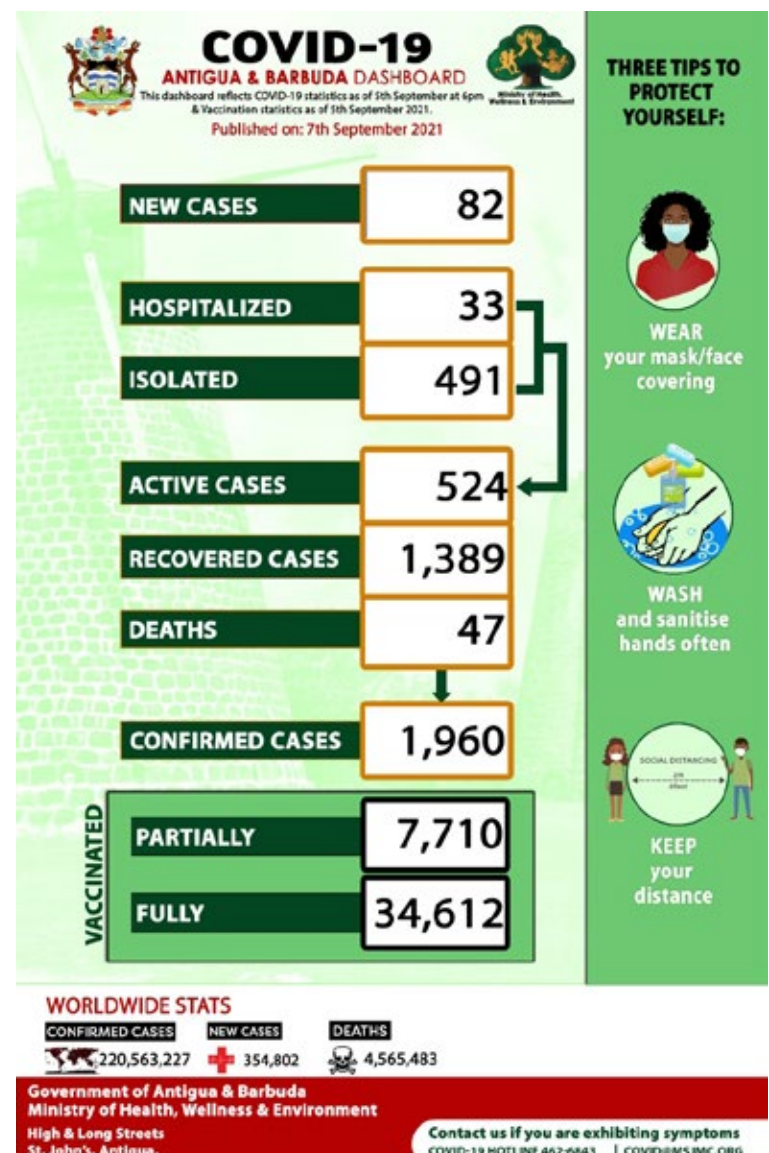
Twenty (20) recovered cases were recorded, increasing the total to 1,389.

One (1) COVID-19 related death was re-

corded, increasing the total to 47.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is 1,960; which is inclusive of 524 active cases. There are 33 hospitalized cases; 26 mild, three (3) moderate, and four (4) severe. Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda has fully vaccinated 34,612 individuals, while 7,710 have received only their first dose.

The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes.



Evangelical Alliance statement on COVID-19 situation in Antigua and Barbuda

The Antigua and Barbuda Evangelical Alliance Inc. (ABEA) wishes to record our continuing concern regarding the COVID 19 situation in our country and the economic and social upheaval it has been causing not only here but across the globe. We want to stress that our

primary concern is for the impact this dreaded disease is having on the lives and livelihoods of our residents; we empathise with those who have lost and who are caring for loved ones; we feel for those whose lives have become stressful and uncertain over the last 18 months

as we have tried to cope with this insidious virus.

We acknowledge that the science gives evidence that the vaccines currently being employed are effective in reducing contraction, transmission and serious sickness from the virus and urge our Members to seriously

consider using the vaccines as a means of protecting themselves and their families.

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those over whom they exercise charge. Further, we urge every Antiguan, Barbudan and others resident here to go beyond the existing “secure, sanitise and spacing” mandates and to actively engage some reliable means of protection for yourself and your families.

We are aware that this is a time of great anxiety and stress. We are also acutely aware that there are those among us who have lost their source of income and that others are uncertain of their future employment. We deeply empathize with you. We issue an urgent appeal to those with the means to begin and or to continue their charitable giv-

ing in support of our fellow citizens as we help each other get through this pandemic. We are our Brothers’ and Sisters’ keepers!

The Leaders of member churches of our Alliance remain resolute in our commitment to lending prayer, counselling and material support where we can and offer ourselves and our Churches as willing partners to any person, group or Company willing and ready to get involved in supporting our residents in this way. We further propose to approach Government to explore ways that we can together develop renewed initiatives aimed at reaching out

with helping hands to the most vulnerable in our communities.

Finally, we wish to assure this nation that as representatives of Almighty God on the earth, we stand secure in the knowledge that however frustrating, confusing or debilitating this pandemic gets, Covid-19 does not have the final say. Our Heavenly Father does!

In keeping with this mindset, we have asked our Members to engage a season of prayer, commencing Sunday 5th September, during which we will petition heaven to heal the earth of this demonic plague. We encourage those of like mind and faith to join us.

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Regrettably, requests for the anticipated benefits from the monies required to be sent by unsuspecting persons to the perpetrators, are unlikely to be honoured.

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BVI to pay \$269K for prisoners' stay in St Lucia

BVI News - Three years after BVI inmates returned from St. Lucia where they were temporarily relocated due to the impact of hurricanes Irma and Maria, the Government of the Virgin Islands has only now moved to approve payment to the St. Lucian government.

During a meeting held on August 25, Cabinet agreed to ratify the payment for the accommodation of BVI prisoners at St. Lucia's penitentiary.

This was disclosed in a Cabinet post-meeting statement released on the Thursday.

Cabinet said it agreed to pay the Government of St. Lucia \$269,940.

Following the hurricanes of 2017, while the NDP was still the governing party, Her Majesty's Prison located at Balsam Ghut suffered extensive damage and sections of the prison had become compromised.

The governor at the time, Augustus Jaspert, decided to transfer 21 of the prisoners that were considered 'high risk' to St. Lucia's Bordelais Correctional Facility.

All of the inmates were

eventually returned to the BVI at the one-year anniversary of the 2017 hurricanes which had devastated much of the territory.

Following the hurricanes, former government minister with responsibility for the prison, Myron Walwyn, disclosed that 143 prisoners had escaped from the penitentiary.

Many of the inmates were left to roam the streets for days before they were eventually returned to the prison compound.



Her Majesty's Prison in Balsam Ghut

CARICOM & Africa urged to support Cuba's fight against COVID-19



Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves (left) and Cuban Ambassador José Manuel Leiva Ventura sign an agreement earlier this year.

Loop TT – St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has called on the leaders of Africa and the Caribbean to support Cuba, as the country tries to contain a surge of coronavirus (COVID-19) along with the negative economic fallout of the pandemic and the US trade embargo.

He made the comment as he addressed the first Caribbean Community (CARICOM)-Africa Forum on Tuesday morning.

“We recall, from the Caribbean, the contribution of the heroic and selfless nation of Cuba. This nation shed its blood in the liberation of southern Africa,” Gonsalves said.

“We all know the selflessness of Cuba. It demands of us today, at this summit, that we give a

practical commitment to assist Cuba, which is currently being besieged by the twin challenges of the illegal economic blockade by imperialism and the ravages of COVID-19. Cuba will not ask, but it is our duty to assist and to do so with urgency.”

St. Vincent and the Grenadines and many Caribbean islands benefited from the service of over 2,000 Cuban medical officers.

The embargo prevents American individuals and companies from trading with the Cuban government.

These sanctions and their crippling effects led Cubans to take to the streets in July to protest against the government.

At least one person died and several others were arrested and charged.

COVID-19 cases on the communist island have surged in recent months, taking the total infection figure to over 690,000 cases.

Over the last month, 2,400 people have died of COVID-19 complications.

Cuba is not part of the international COVID-19 vaccination effort and is using vaccines developed locally.

The two-dose Abdala and Soberana vaccines, which are not recognised by the World Health Organisation, reportedly have an efficacy rate of more than 90 per cent.

Over 4 million Cubans have been vaccinated against the virus.

Grenada Police Force impacted by COVID-19 infections

CMC – Grenada's Deputy Commissioner of Police, Michael Francois, says the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) has called on officers who are currently on annual leave to report for duty at their respective duty stations.

The call was made following an increase in infections of COVID-19 among police officers.

On August 30, Commissioner of Police Edwin Martin disclosed that 18 officers were COVID-19 positive. But during a news conference on Saturday, Francois announced that the numbers had significantly increased.

"I can confirm to you now, that as of today there are 82 positive cases within the Royal Grenada Police Force. Yes, this is significantly affecting the operations of the RGPF," he said, while disclosing that officers on vacation or annual leave were asked to return to active duty.

"As of today, we have instructed all our police officers who are on annual leave to report to their duty stations in order to augment all of the remaining staff to ensure we can cover all of our operations requirements as we go through this period," said Francois.

Tighter restrictions

"The Royal Grenada Po-



Grenada's Commissioner of Police, Edwin Martin.

lice Force is stretched at this time with respect to all that is expected to be provided for the enforcement of these regulations," said Francois, who was speaking at a news conference that provided the public with rules and regulations of the tighter restrictions as announced by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell during a national address on Friday night.

"We are still expected to

carry out our normal law enforcement functions of fire, immigrations, coast guard, and all the other functions that we are expected to perform," he said.

"At the same time, many of our officers, because they belong to the community just as all of our citizens, they will come down with certain diseases as well," Francois said, while stating that more offi-

cers will become infected.

"Yes, we are affected and we will be affected as other police officers are infected," he said.

As of September 4, the Ministry of Health declared that the island is affected by the community spread of the virus.

There are 994 active local cases of COVID-19 and 10 imported cases.

Woman accused of wounding PM charged with throwing missiles

IWN SVG - The woman charged with injuring Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves during the Aug. 5 protest in Kingstown was arrested again, on Tuesday, and later granted bail after being charged with throwing missiles.

Annamay Lewis, a 56-year-old vendor of Layou, was arrested at her home and taken to the Criminal Investigations Department in Kingstown, Kay Bacchus-Baptiste, one of her lawyers, told iWitness News.

The new charge comes as the prosecution failed to comply with the court's order to disclose to the defence, by Aug. 31, the evidence they have against Lewis in connection with the charge that she allegedly wounded the prime minister.

"I think it is playing for time," Bacchus-Baptiste said.

"I do not believe they have strong evidence at all, based on what she said to me and the fact that they tried to force a confession out of her, unfairly and untruthfully," the lawyer further said in connection with the initial charge against her client.

"I can see they are in problems trying to come up with something to see if they can get a confession or something, but even that is going to prove problematic, based on my instructions."

Bacchus-Baptiste said that when she spoke to Commissioner of Police Colin John on Tuesday, before the new charge was laid, he had said that police wanted to do an electronic interview with Lewis.

Electronic interviews are usually reserved for serious offences such as those that could be tried before a judge and jury.

"But at least it's not upgraded to an indictable offence, because when he spoke about an electronic interview, it led me to believe they are going to



The accused, Annamay Lewis

try to do that, which would prolong the matter, maybe for a year or two years. But at least, so far, that's not the situation," the lawyer said.

Bacchus-Baptiste said she got a call Tuesday morning saying that police were at Lewis' home to arrest her.

She said she spoke to the lead officer, Corporal Andrews, who told her they were there to take Lewis into custody in relation to the same matter.

"So I said, 'Why do you have to re-arrest her? For that? She is already arrested; she is already before the court and charged. If you want, you can just add a charge.'"

According to the lawyer, the officer said that her instructions were to arrest Lewis.

She said she told Lewis to go along with the officers and asked counsel Israel Bruce, another member of Lewis' legal team, to go to the CID where police did a non-electronic interview with Lewis.

Bacchus-Baptiste said the officers asked her client "about the same thing which they asked her about before... Nothing new, no evidence new. The interview ended because she gave no additional evidence".

The lawyer said she again contacted the police chief who indicated that Lewis would be charged with throwing missiles and bail was open to her.

She said that the charge of throwing missiles "is another minor thing and which they would not be able to prove that either".

Guinea coup leader bars foreign travel for government officials

Al Jazeera - Guinean government officials are barred from leaving the country until further notice and a curfew imposed in mining areas has been lifted, the leader of an army unit that overthrew President Alpha Conde has said.

On Monday, Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya – a former French legionnaire officer – told a gathering of Conde's ministers, including the prime minister and top government officials, that they should also hand back their official vehicles.

"There will be no witch-hunt," he said, a day after the coup which drew international condemnation and threats of sanctions.

The takeover in the West African nation that holds the world's largest bauxite reserves, an ore used to produce aluminium, sent prices of the metal sky-rocketing to a 10-year high on Monday over fears of further supply disruption in the downstream market. There was no indication of such disruption yet.

Light traffic resumed, and some shops reopened around the main administrative district

of Kaloum in the capital, Conakry which witnessed heavy gunfire throughout Sunday as the special forces battled soldiers loyal to Conde. A military spokesman said on television that land air borders had also been reopened.

However, uncertainty remains. While the army unit appeared to have Conde in detention, telling the West African nation on state television that they had dissolved the government and constitution, other branches of the army are yet to publicly comment.

Doumbouya said on state television on Sunday that "poverty and endemic corruption" had driven his forces to remove Conde from office.

Al Jazeera's Nicolas Haque, reporting from Dakar in neighbouring Senegal, called Monday's meeting an "incredible scene" as the country's powerful figures were brought inside the national parliament to be summoned by the new leader.

"What's interesting in this scene is that he was there to both reassure them and threaten them," Haque said.

"On the one hand, he



Guinea coup leader Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya

said... 'No one's going to go after you, but we will take your vehicles, your passports, so that you do not run away from the country. The borders are open. The airport is not closed,' trying to reassure both the international actors who have been condemning this coup but also trying to reassure the Guinean population.

"He calls for a national unity government but he hasn't given any timeline to when he's going to do that and what framework that's gonna operate."

Emmanuel Kwesi Aning of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Centre told *Al Jazeera* the coup leaders in Guinea have a short window to enact any change.

Idaho hospitals begin rationing health care amid COVID surge

(AP) — Idaho public health leaders announced Tuesday that they activated “crisis standards of care” allowing health care rationing for the state’s northern hospitals because there are more coronavirus patients than the institutions can handle.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare quietly enacted the move Monday and publicly announced it in a statement Tuesday morning — warning res-

said its goal is to extend care to as many patients as possible and to save as many lives as possible.

The move allows hospitals to allot scarce resources like intensive care unit rooms to patients most likely to survive.

Other patients will still receive care, but they may be placed in hospital classrooms or conference rooms rather than traditional hospital rooms or go without some life-saving medical equip-

public announcement “out of respect to the hospitals,” department spokeswoman Niki Forb-ing-Orr said in an email. She did not elaborate or immediately respond to questions seeking more details.

The unfolding crush of patients to Idaho hospitals has been anticipated with dread by the state’s healthcare providers. Medical experts have said that Idaho could have as many as 30,000 new coronavirus cases a week by mid-September if the current rate of infections lasts.

“Crisis standards of care is a last resort. It means we have exhausted our resources to the point that our healthcare systems are unable to provide the treatment and care we expect,” Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen said in a statement.

He added: “This is a decision I was fervently hoping to avoid. The best tools we have to turn this around is for more people to get vaccinated and to wear masks indoors and in outdoor crowded public places. Please choose to get vaccinated as soon as possible – it is your very best protection against being hospitalized from COVID-19.”

The designation will remain in effect until there are enough resources — including staffing, hospital beds and equipment or a drop in the number of patients — to provide normal levels of treatment to all.

idents that they may not get the care they would normally expect if they need to be hospitalized.

The move came as the state’s confirmed coronavirus cases skyrocketed in recent weeks. Idaho has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the U.S.

The state health agency cited “a severe shortage of staffing and available beds in the northern area of the state caused by a massive increase in patients with COVID-19 who require hospitalization.”

The designation includes 10 hospitals and healthcare systems in the Idaho panhandle and in north-central Idaho. The agency

ment. Other states are preparing to take similar measures if needed. Hawaii Gov. David Ige quietly signed an order last week releasing hospitals and health care workers from liability if they have to ration health care.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen made the decision to enact the crisis standards about 5 p.m. Monday after the state’s Crisis Standards of Care Activation Advisory Committee determined that all other measures taken to help relieve staffing and bed shortages had been exhausted.

The department waited until Tuesday morning to make the



Vietnam: Man gets five years in jail for spreading COVID

BBC - A Vietnamese man has been sentenced to jail for five years for flouting COVID-19 rules and spreading the virus.

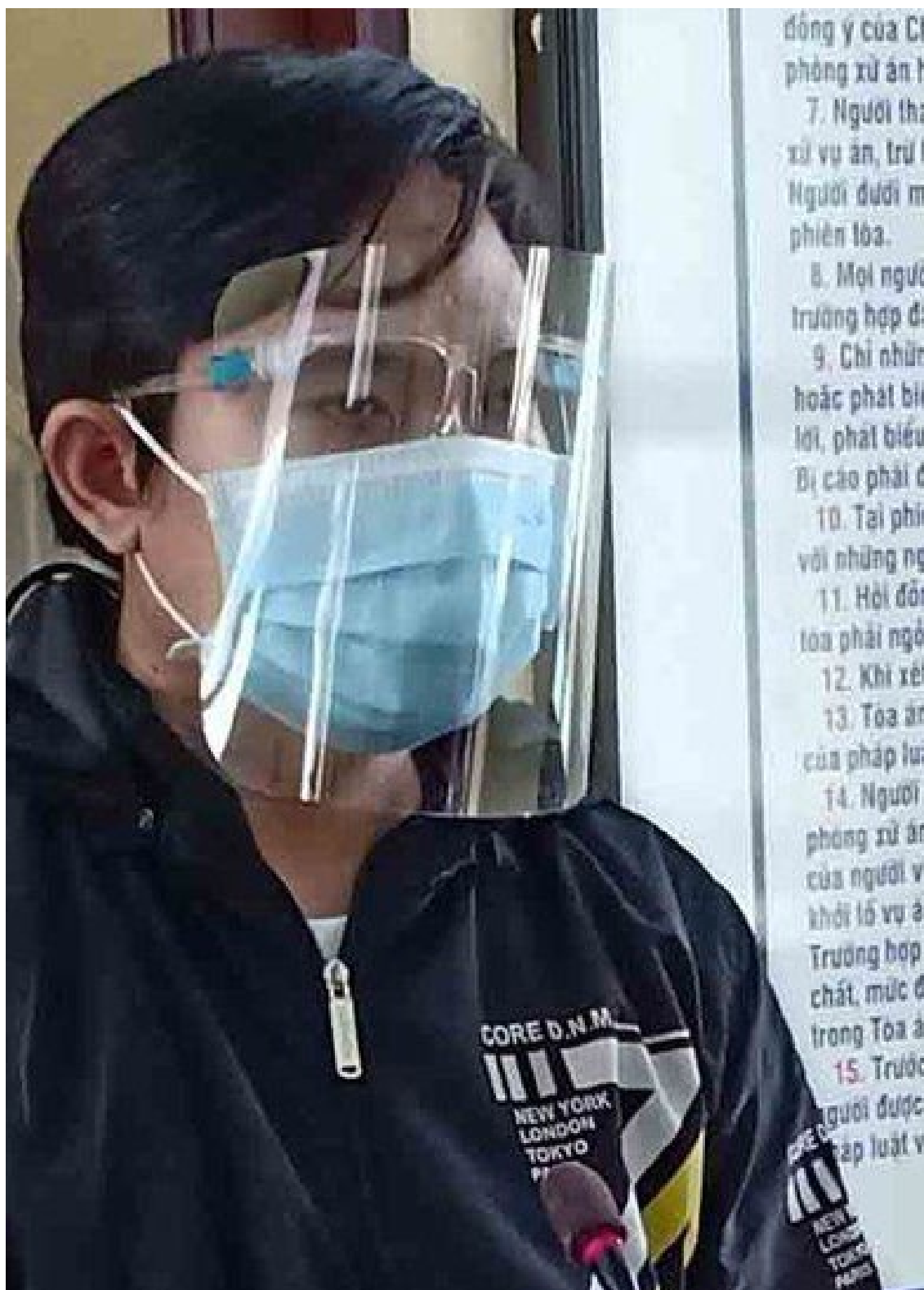
A court found Le Van Tri guilty of “transmitting dangerous infectious diseases” to eight people, one of whom eventually died.

Until recently Vietnam had been largely successful in keeping COVID out with tight restrictions. But infections have surged since June, with an outbreak fuelled by the more contagious Delta variant. The country has seen more than 530,000 cases with more than 13,300 deaths, many of which have occurred the last few months.

Many of those cases have been found in Ho Chi Minh City. In early July, Tri, 28, had reportedly travelled by motorcycle from Ho Chi Minh City to his home province Ca Mau in the south of the country.

At Ca Mau, Tri was found to have lied on a health declaration form which asked about his recent travel history, and also failed to comply with isolation rules.

Local authorities at the time had made it mandatory that anyone travelling from other provinces into Ca Mau



A court found Le Van Tri guilty of transmitting dangerous infectious diseases

had to immediately isolate themselves for 21 days.

Tri later tested positive for COVID, and was

found to have transmitted the virus to members of his family as well as staff at a welfare centre which he visited.

Tri was sentenced to jail at the end of a one-day trial, and was also fined the equivalent of \$880 (£630).

UK PM Johnson raises taxes to tackle health and social care crisis

(Reuters) – British Prime Minister Boris Johnson set out plans on Tuesday to raise taxes on workers, employers and some investors to try to fix a health and social care funding crisis, angering some in his governing party by breaking election promises.

After spending huge amounts of money to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, Johnson is returning to an election pledge to address Britain's creaking social care system, where costs are projected to double as the population ages over the next two decades.

He also moved to try to tackle a backlog in Britain's health system, which has seen millions waiting months for treatment from the state-run National Health Service, after resources were re-focused to deal with COVID-19.

"It would be wrong for me to say that we can pay for this recovery without taking the difficult but responsible decisions about how we finance it," Johnson told parliament.

"It would be irresponsible to meet the costs from higher borrowing and higher debt," he said, outlining increases that broke a promise made in his Conservative Party's 2019 manifesto not to raise such levies to fund social care.



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson addresses lawmakers about the withdrawal from Afghanistan, in London, Britain September 6, 2021.

British politicians have tried for years to find a way to pay for social care, though successive Conservative and Labour prime ministers have ducked the issue because they feared it would anger voters and their own parties. Ignoring disquiet in his party, Johnson out-

lined what he described as a new health and social care levy that will see the rate of National Insurance payroll taxes paid by both workers and employers rise by 1.25 percentage points, with the same increase also applied to the tax on shareholder dividends.

He said the increases would raise 36 billion pounds (\$50 billion) over three years.

Finance minister Rishi Sunak later underlined there was no going back on the state's enlarged role in social care. "This is a permanent new role for the government, and as such we need a permanent new way to fund it," he told a news conference.

The pound fell against the euro and dollar after the announcement, which the Institute for Fiscal Studies said would increase Britain's tax burden to 35% of GDP - a peacetime record.

Johnson has tried to cool anger at the hikes within his own party, which for decades has positioned itself as a defender of low taxes. Some lawmakers fear the rises could lose them support at an election due in 2024.

Johnson later said he did not want any further tax rises, but declined to rule them out entirely when asked.

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Sao Paulo scuffle shows Messi is finally taking on Maradona's mantle as a true Argentina leader

While chaos reigned at Arena Corinthians on Sunday, one man stood out in his attempts to bring order to proceedings. Shirtless and, for some inexplicable reason, wearing a photographer's vest, Lionel Messi stormed from one end of the stadium to the other, putting across Argentina's version of events and ensuring that Brazilian authorities' efforts to apprehend four of his team-mates would not prosper.

There might have been time to share a few jokes with both his colleagues and close friends from the other side like Neymar and Dani Alves, but the Albiceleste captain was for the most part all business, as he demanded to know the reasons behind one of the most scandalous events in recent South American football history.

"The whole world is watching," he implored amid the confusion, eager as ever to take the field and do what he does best, just play football. "Either we all play, or none of us play."

Ultimately the latter occurred, as Brazil and Argentina's World Cup qualifier was suspended after just five min-



Sunday's events brought shame on the Albiceleste's clash with Brazil, but underlined the PSG star's new-found comfort as his team's voice and defender.

utes, but Messi's status as the standard-bearer for an entire nation was not hurt in the slightest.

Indeed, the way he remonstrated with and cajoled the powers-that-be was reminiscent of a national hero of yesteryear, and that is perhaps no coincidence.

More and more, Messi appears to be stepping into that enormous vacuum left by Diego Maradona's passing - and it is a role that for the first time in his career, he is happy to accept.

Certainly, be it conscious or not, the transformation of the Paris Saint-Germain star since he pulled on Diego's Newell's Old Boys shirt in a touching gesture of tribute last year has been startling.

While Messi has been Argentina captain in name since 2011, for the first seven years of his tenure, Javier Mascher-

ano was the Albiceleste's real leader on the field.

Following the Russia World Cup disaster, and with rookie coach Lionel Scaloni embarking on an ambitious project to rejuvenate the national team from top to bottom, Messi was forced to make a potentially unsettling realisation: that with Mascherano and much of the rest of the old guard gone, he was now the senior figure everyone would turn to in moments of crisis.

To say he has succeeded in that task is an understatement.

In just two years, a team of talented but mostly untested youngsters has been crowned champions of South America, will likely qualify with ease for the 2022 World Cup and must now be reckoned as one of the favourites to take the title in Qatar.

And should the going

gets tough, like in Sunday's debacle in Brazil, Messi will not leave any man behind. His intervention ensured that all four of the players sought by health agency Anvisa made it back on the plane to Buenos Aires, where two at least - Romero and Giovani Lo Celso - are already gearing up for the next test on Thursday against Bolivia, the first match on Argentine soil open to paying spectators since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic 18 months ago. When Argentina do take the field at the Estadio Monumental, one name will be ringing out louder than most from the newly crowded stands. "Ole, ole ole ole, Messi, Messi," will be heard over and over again, a mark of admiration and respect for the man who delivered Copa success after so many years of disappointment.

But the chant will also denote the utmost respect for a player who has grown into the responsibility of becoming a leader on and off the field, and who just like his late predecessor at No.10, is now willing to carry the entire weight of a nation on his squat shoulders.

Musa wins 100th Nigeria cap in Cape Verde World Cup qualifier



The 28-year-old forward, who formed part of his country's Afcon 2013-winning team, has now become an international centurion

Ahmed Musa has won his milestone 100th Nigeria cap in their World Cup qualification clash with Cape Verde on Tuesday.

After representing the country at youth level, the speedy forward made his senior debut on August 5, 2010, in the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers against Madagascar – coming in as a substitute for ex-Chelsea star John Obi Mikel in the 2-0 win.

But he now becomes the third centurion for Nigeria, moving one short of Super Eagles' record cap holders Joseph Yobo and Vincent Enyeama who have 101 caps each.

Should the Kano Pillars legend – who has 15 international goals to his credit – feature against the Central African Republic in October, he will join the former Everton and Lille stars in the country's hallowed ranks.

The Fatih Karagumruk star shot into the international limelight after helping Nigeria U23 win the 2010 Wafu Nations Cup where he scored goals against Benin Republic and Burkina Faso.

His performances saw him invited to the senior national team prior to the 2010 FIFA World Cup, although he did not make the 30-man squad due to an ankle injury. At the 2011 FIFA U20 World Cup in Colombia, the former

Kano Pillars man scored three goals in five matches and he was included by FIFA's shortlist for the Adidas Golden Ball.

He scored his first goal for the Super Eagles in an international friendly against Kenya in March 2011. The three-time Russian Premier League winner has gone on to feature for Nigeria at two Afcon championships as well as two FIFA World Cups.

Bishop denied triple figures as Windies U-19 lose again



Teddy Bishop hits out during his unbeaten 97 in the second Youth ODI against England Under-19s on Monday. (Photo: CWI Media)

BECKENHAM, England (CMC) — Teddy Bishop was left stranded short of a century, underlining West Indies Under-19s disappointment, as they crashed to their second straight defeat to England Under-19s here Monday.

The 18-year-old right-hander hit a glowing 97 off 104 balls to lift the Caribbean side to 180 all out in the 40th over and despite an excellent effort to defend the modest total, they went down by a single wicket to fall behind 2-0 in the six-match series.

West Indies looked sure bets to win it when they reduced the hosts to 162 for nine in the 35th but a 19-run, last wicket stand between Fateh Singh (12 not out) and Nathan Barnwell (3 not out) frustrated them and took England over the line off 38 overs.

Fast bowler Isai Thorne was again among the wickets with three for 54 while left-arm spinner Anderson Mahase grabbed two for 34, as the Rising Stars struck at vital times during the run chase.

Bishop had earlier taken centre stage after West Indies U-19s chose to bat at Kent County Ground, holding the innings together as wickets tumbled around him.

When opener Matthew Nandu retired hurt for four early on, the right-handed Bishop arrived to extend the first wicket stand with Anderson Amurdan (27) to 64.

Amurdan hit five fours off 37 deliveries before he was bowled by off-spinner Fateh in the 12th over, and captain Ackeem Auguste (6) added a further 22 for the second with Bishop before also going bowled by leg-spinner Tom Prest (3-36).

Auguste's dismissal triggered a slide that saw five wickets tumble for 35 runs as West Indies U-19s slipped to 121 for six in the 25th over, with Barbados-born England U-19s captain and left-arm spinner Jacob Bethell snatching three for 29 in an incisive spell.

Bishop, who punched nine fours and two sixes, then propped up the innings in a critical 54-run,

seventh wicket stand with Thorne whose 11 consumed 38 deliveries.

In reply, the hosts got a top score of 63 off 80 balls from number four James Rew while Bethell and Rehan Ahmed struck 20 apiece, to be in control of the contest at 143 for four at the half-way stage.

Rew struck ten fours and put on 53 for the third wicket with Bethell and a further 36 for the fourth with Rehan Ahmed.

Rew had added 28 for the fifth with George Thomas (13) before the innings suddenly fell apart as Thorne and Mahase grabbed crucial wickets — five going down for 19 runs.

However, Fateh and Barnwell remained composed and were helped by six wides during their partnership as the visitors lost their discipline, finishing with 26 wides overall.

The third match is carded for Wednesday at the same venue.

SHELLY-ANN FRASER-PRYCE OUT OF DIAMOND LEAGUE FINAL

Four-time world 100m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce will not compete in the Diamond League final in Zurich.

According to her agent, Paul Doyle, she has elected not to take part in the two-day final which starts on Wednesday. Fraser-Pryce had qualified for the 100m final based on her previous performances this season on the Diamond League circuit.

While she had qualified for the final, Doyle says that she will not feature in Zurich.

"She is not competing in Zurich. She has not withdrawn, so to speak; she was never con-

firmed," Doyle said.

Doyle said further that Fraser Pryce is considering ending her season now, however, they are considering one more meet.

"(We) are considering one more (meet), but (that has) not (been) confirmed yet," Doyle added.

Fraser-Pryce last competed in Poland on Sunday at the Kamila Skolimowska Memorial meet, a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold event, where she won the 100m in a time of 10:81 seconds. She has run three races on the circuit since the Tokyo Olympics.



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