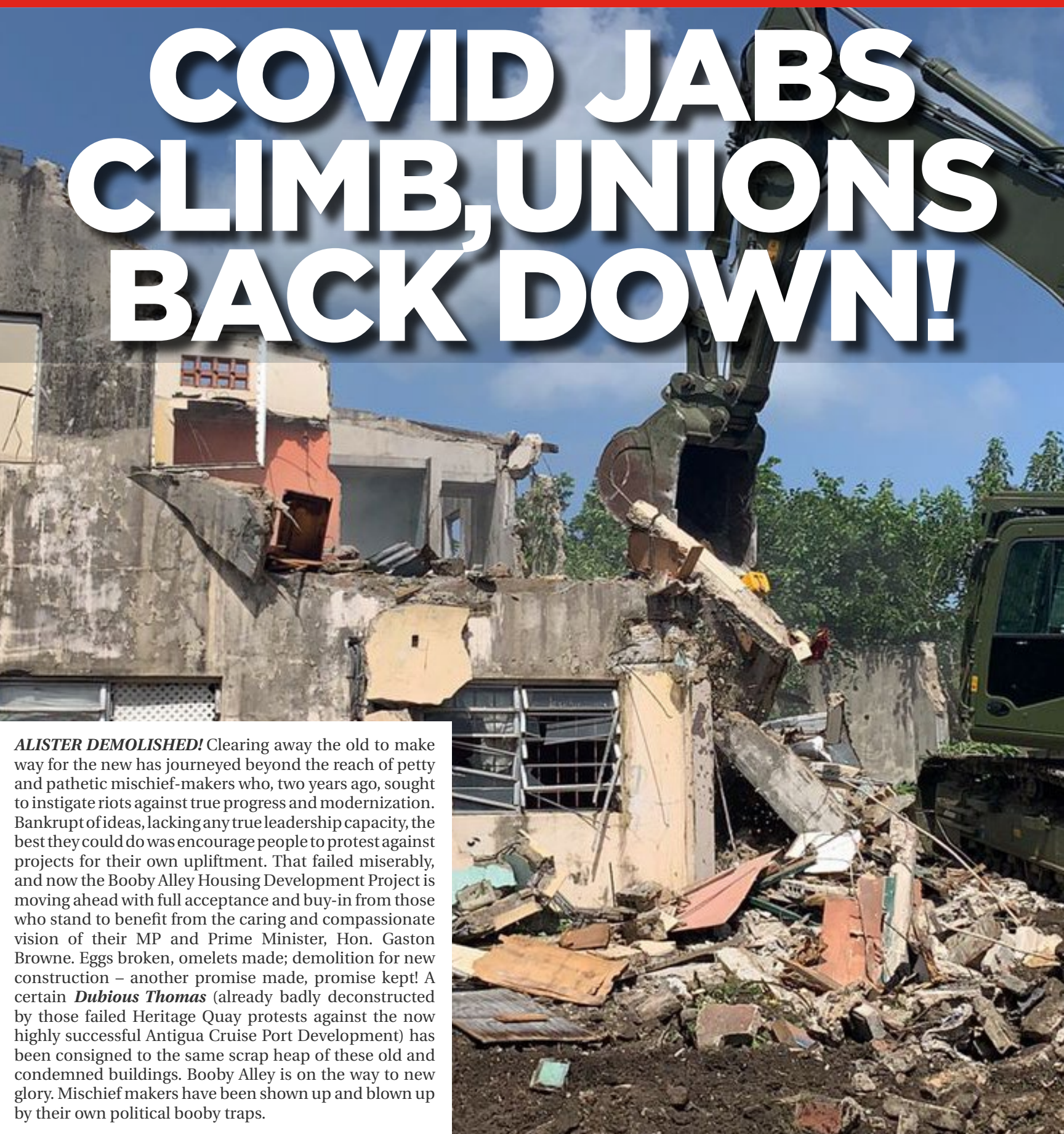


# COVID JABS CLIMB, UNIONS BACK DOWN!



**ALISTER DEMOLISHED!** Clearing away the old to make way for the new has journeyed beyond the reach of petty and pathetic mischief-makers who, two years ago, sought to instigate riots against true progress and modernization. Bankrupt of ideas, lacking any true leadership capacity, the best they could do was encourage people to protest against projects for their own upliftment. That failed miserably, and now the Booby Alley Housing Development Project is moving ahead with full acceptance and buy-in from those who stand to benefit from the caring and compassionate vision of their MP and Prime Minister, Hon. Gaston Browne. Eggs broken, omelets made; demolition for new construction – another promise made, promise kept! A certain *Dubious Thomas* (already badly deconstructed by those failed Heritage Quay protests against the now highly successful Antigua Cruise Port Development) has been consigned to the same scrap heap of these old and condemned buildings. Booby Alley is on the way to new glory. Mischief makers have been shown up and blown up by their own political booby traps.

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Regional unions reject LIAT offer (page 17)



# Spare a thought for fellow CARICOM people so much worse off than us!

The first Haitians deported from a makeshift camp in Texas landed in their home country yesterday amid sweltering heat, anger and confusion, as Haitian officials beseeched the United States to stop the flights because the country is in crisis and cannot handle thousands of homeless deportees.

The head of Haiti's national migration office, Jean Negot Bonheur Delva said the authorities expected that about 14,000 Haitians will

be expelled from the United States over the coming three weeks.

An encampment of about that size has formed in the Texas border town of Del Rio in recent days as Haitian and other migrants crossed over the Rio Grande from Mexico. The Biden administration has said it is moving swiftly to deport them under a Trump-era pandemic order.

On Sunday alone, officials in Haiti were preparing for three flights of migrants to

arrive in Port-au-Prince, the capital. After that, they expect six flights a day for three weeks, split between Port-au-Prince and the coastal city of Cap-Haïtien.

The Haitian state is not really able to receive these deportees, Mr. Bonheur Delva said.

The Haitian appeal for a suspension of deportations appeared likely to increase the pressure on the Biden administration, which is grappling with the highest level of border crossings in

decades. President Biden, who pledged a more humanitarian approach to immigration than his predecessor, has been taking tough measures to stop the influx, and the administration said this weekend that the Haitian deportations are consistent with that enforcement policy.

But the migrants are being sent back to a country still reeling from a series of overlapping crises, including the assassination of its president in July and an earth-

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quake in August. Only once since 2014 has the United States deported more than 1,000 people to the country.

Many of the newly returned migrants said their only hope was to once again follow the long, arduous road of migration. Many had fled Haiti years ago, in the years after the country was devastated by an earlier earthquake, in 2010. Most had headed to South America, hoping to find jobs and rebuild a life in countries like Chile and Brazil.

Recently, facing economic turmoil and discrimination in South America and hearing that it might be easier to cross into the United States

under the Biden administration, they decided to make the trek north. From Mexico, they crossed the Rio Grande into the United States — only to find themselves detained and returned to a country that is mired in a deep political and humanitarian crisis.

In July, the Haitian president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated, setting off a battle for power. A month later, the impoverished southern peninsula was devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake, and the Caribbean nation's shaky government was ill-equipped to handle the aftermath. According to a United Nations report

released last week, 800,000 people have been affected by the quake. A month after it struck, 650,000 still need emergency humanitarian assistance. Many of the migrants who stepped off the plane Sunday have little to return to. Some expressed dismay at finding themselves back in a place they had worked so hard to escape — and with so few resources to receive them. And then there is the Covid-19 pandemic.

After the earthquake in August, which killed more than 2,000 people, the Biden administration paused its deportations to Haiti. But it changed course

last week when the rush of Haitian migrants crossed into Texas from the border state of Coahuila, Mexico, huddling under a bridge in Del Rio and further straining the United States' overwhelmed migration system.

The deportations have left Haiti's new government scrambling. On Sunday, after being processed, the migrants were given Styrofoam containers with a meal of rice and beans. The government planned to give them the equivalent of \$100. After that, said Mr. Bonheur Delva, it will be up to them to find their own way. *(Reprinted, abridged, from the New York Times)*



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# Unions back down – PM says commonsense has won!

by Shelton Daniel

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has expressed happiness at hearing that “the Unions have withdrawn their instructions to their members not to report to work [on Monday 20 September 2021].”

Speaking to *Pointe Xpress*, PM Browne said this was a clear indication that commonsense has prevailed.

“I believe that this retraction of their prior instructions was the right thing to do. Ultimately, we need the collective efforts

of all citizens in order to defeat COVID, and this is not the time for us to be fighting each other. This is a time for us to unite in order to defeat COVID, recognizing that it requires no less than 80 percent of the population becoming vaccinated in order to defeat COVID.”

The Prime Minister concluded that the mandates introduced by his Cabinet for vaccination of public servants “are, in essence, a call to duty ... What we are seeking to do here is to get as many people vaccinated so that we can achieve herd im-

munity ... to restore our economy and, certainly, our country.”

He has described the battle against COVID-19 as akin to the nation being at war, and said no such total and urgent mobilization could afford to wait for “late deciders” as time was of the essence.

The Prime Minister stressed that he was not against public education and persuasion, but it was clear that the decision-making process needed to be accelerated due to the prevailing situation confronting the nation.

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# PM encouraged by increase in vaccinations

by *Shelton Daniel*

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has described the COVID-19 situation in Antigua and Barbuda as “dire” and said he does not understand why anyone would want to treat this lightly.

Speaking on his weekend radio program, PM Browne noted that current active cases stood at almost 1,000 with the Delta variant growing significantly and becoming the most dominant strain of the virus in the twin-island state.

He said with each Delta case of infection recorded, there were likely six more uncounted, “We can assume that of the known 964 active cases it is very probable that we could have ... six times the amount of infected persons ... We could have in the region of 6,000 Antiguan and Barbudans who may be infected with COVID.”

The Prime Minister warned that, “When you get to that level – and it’s going to multi-

ply by an exponent of six – then you can understand that within a matter of a few weeks you could find ... a quarter of the population ... infected with COVID. That is why we cannot afford to play with this disease.”

He said the country’s medical infrastructure remains limited, despite the heavy investments that have been made to expand and upgrade it.

“It is expensive to maintain, and other than the financial constraints, our health workers are straining right now, and are under a severe amount of stress. We can build any amount of facilities, but the reality is we cannot expand [the quantity of] our healthcare workers at the same rate ... We have to show some empathy to these people. It’s 18 months now that our healthcare workers have been out there trying to keep COVID under control. Many of them are on the verge of burnout. We must understand the mental stress they are under


and show a little empathy for them.”

Prime Minister Browne said one of the best ways to practice such empathy for the healthcare workers is to avail oneself of the “tools available for protection from COVID-19” – and the best one available at present is vaccination, he added.

He noted a recent notable increase in the number of persons who have come for-

ward to be vaccinated in recent days, especially during the weekend vaccination drive hosted at AUA, the American University of Antigua.

“It really remarkable that close to 48 percent of our citizens have gotten vaccinated – of which 37 percent are fully vaccinated. Since last Thursday we have seen a surge in vaccinations, for which we are extremely thankful.”



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Thursday, 23rd September 2021	Section of All Saints east of Mock Pond	8:45AM - 11:30AM
	APUA Water Plant in Bendals	8:45AM - 11:30AM
	Section of Fitches Creek near Tamarind Drive	8:45AM - 11:30AM
Friday, 24th September 2021	Newfield, St. Phillip's, Cross Road Centre, Freetown, Browns Bay and Mill Reef	8:45AM - 1:00PM

Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated.  
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# Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister joins world leaders at crucial UN General Assembly



Antigua and Barbuda will be playing a pivotal role in a number of crucial meetings next week that form part of the 76th United Nations General Assembly, which opened in New York on Tuesday 14th September.

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne will not be in New York for this year's UNGA and has determined that it will be best for reasons related to the pandemic to join the meeting virtually.

"This year's UNGA comes at a most critical juncture of our history as countries around the globe remained locked in the throes of fighting a pandemic," stated Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, H.E. Dr. Walton Webson.

Leaders will seek to escalate the global response to the crisis, which has had a particularly debilitating impact on small and developing states like Antigua and Barbuda.

UN Secretary General H.E.

António Guterres has convened a Sustainable Development Goals Moment – an assembly of world leaders, on Monday – to reflect on the progress of the ambitious 17 point plan geared at addressing some of the most critical needs facing countries around the world.

Prime Minister Browne will be in attendance at this important gathering and will be making a special presentation on the progress the twin island nation has made on its SDG goals during the pandemic.

A packed agenda is in place for the entire week, including a meeting on Wednesday at which the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), currently chaired by Antigua and Barbuda, will figure prominently.

The AOSIS Leaders Declaration will be presented to the body of nations for adoption and Prime Minister Browne will chair this meeting, the first in seven years that the leadership of the alliance has been convened.

"This will prove an opportune time for Antigua and Barbuda to bring attention to the significant and existential threat of climate change and how the pandemic has only further exposed and increased our vulnerability as a small state," Ambassador Webson pointed out.

Prime Minister Browne, in the meantime, is also down to represent Antigua and Barbuda at a Food Systems Summit on Thursday and a high-level dialogue on Energy on Friday.

The country's prime minister will deliver Antigua and Barbuda's national statement on Saturday 25th September at around 3:30pm during the UNGA's General Debate. He will be joined by Ambassador Webson, who will attend in person.

This year's UN General Assembly is being held under the theme 'Building Resilience through Hope' and is being chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, His Excellency Abdullah Shahid.



# Kudos to PM Gaston Browne!

## Dear Editor:

Please spare me some space in your widely read news column to give credit where credit is due.

While some may think that the prime minister's mandatory vaccination policy is oppressive, it is my opinion that Prime Minister Gaston Browne acted in the best interest of the country and again has proven that he is here to do the job that he is elected to do, and keeping Antigua and Barbuda safe is a responsibility that he takes seriously.

As a man on the street, I have heard several reactions from persons on the street, and one is that such a policy is going to cause him the election. But I do think that such a bold and courageous move will result in five more years in office.

The questions is: With such a high infection rate, presently, how do we navigate out of this? Do you prefer to see a society with thousands of persons infected and a much higher death rate? Or do you prefer to see less persons infected and less death?

I say to you, leadership is bold, courageous, charismatic, and possessed of the testicular fortitude to take the country forward.

The world is watching. All these big investors have their eyes out to see the leaders who are willing to make bold and firm decisions to keep their people safe and get their economies back on track. Such moves will build investors' confidence, because they can see we have a leader that is committed to his obligations and will

not back-pedal on contractual agreements.

I am calling on the Chamber of Commerce in Antigua and Barbuda to make a public statement on this issue because a sick society would never be productive.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, stand tall because again you have shown leadership from the front and – as the present Chairman of CARICOM – I hope other Caribbean countries adapt a similar policy.

*Troy Thomas.*

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# Vaccination mandate yields results

The vaccine mandate announced by the government that starts today is already showing a positive response from the number of unvaccinated employees in the public sector.

Over a three-day period beginning last Friday, more than 1,500 people have been administered their first or second doses of vaccine.

Information coming out of the vaccination centre shows that on Friday a total of 797 received vaccines; 183 went to the Villa Polyclinic, while a further 614 went to the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre for their shots.

On Saturday there was a large turnout at the American University of Antigua (AUA) where a total

of 684 jabs were administered. On Sunday, a special session was held for members of the armed forces where an additional 37 people received vaccine jabs.

In total, 1,518 persons received first or second doses of the five available vaccines – AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson, Sputnik V and SinoPharm. A large percentage of those receiving vaccines over the three-day period have been government employees.

This is in keeping with the government's mandate that effective today, Monday 20 September 2021, all its employees must show proof of vaccination or to stay away from work. Should they decide to stay away from work up

to October 1st without taking the vaccine, then they run the risk of being considered as having abandoned their jobs.

The government has said it stands on strong legal grounds to implement the mandate which it believes is in the interest of protecting lives and livelihood as the COVID-19 pandemic rages throughout the country.

Both the Antigua Trades and Labour Union and the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union, which had issued statements encouraging public sector workers to ignore the government's mandate and to report to work regardless, have since rescinded those advisories.



# Mandatory vaccination: The actual law that takes effect today!

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### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT)

#### (NO. 16) REGULATIONS 2021

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2021, NO. 85

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT) (No. 16) REGULATIONS 2021, made by the Board pursuant to Section 102 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353.**

#### 1. Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No. 16) Regulations, 2021.

These Regulations shall come into effect at 5:00am on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

#### 2. Interpretation

In these Regulations –

“principal Regulations” means the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) Regulations 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 16 of 2020

#### 3. Amendment of Regulation 5A of the principal Regulations

Regulation 5A of the principal Regulations is amended as follows –

(a) in paragraph 5 (Public service, Statutory Bodies, State-owned enterprises, and the Magistrates Court) by repealing the paragraph, inclusive of the paragraph heading, in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

**“5. Mandatory vaccination for all Government employees, employees of statutory corporations, state-controlled enterprises and law enforcement etc.**

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(1) With effect from 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, all persons employed –

- (a) within the public service;
- (b) by or within a Statutory Corporation;
- (c) within any company where the Government of Antigua and Barbuda owns a 50% or more share in the business of the company; or
- (d) by or with the Customs and Excise Division, Immigration Department, Antigua and Barbuda Police Force, Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP), or Port Authority,

shall be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

- (2) An employee to which subparagraph (1) applies shall provide proof of vaccination by submitting his or her vaccination card to the Permanent Secretary or Department Head of the Ministry or Department in which he or she is employed.
- (3) Subject to subparagraph (4) and paragraph 5A, an employee who fails to provide proof of vaccination shall be required to remain at home until such time as the employee is able to provide proof of having received at least one dose of an approved vaccine against COVID-19.
- (4) An employee to which subparagraph (3) applies, shall –
  - (a) be regarded as being on paid leave for the period 20<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 both days inclusive;
  - (b) be regarded as being on leave without pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 until such time as the employee is able to satisfy the requirement for vaccination.
- (5) An employee who is required by these regulations to remain at home commits an offence if –
  - (a) he or she attends the workplace in breach of these regulations; and
  - (b) after being requested to leave the premises, fails or refuses to leave the premises.
- (6) An employee who commits an offence under subparagraph (5) is liable to a fine of \$500.00 or to imprisonment for up to one month.

(b) by inserting after paragraph 5, a new paragraph as follows:

**“5A. Exemptions from the requirement of mandatory vaccination**

- (1) The provisions of paragraph 5 shall not apply to –



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- (a) an employee who is in possession of a Medical Exemption Certificate approved by the Chief Medical Officer or her designee or a Religious Exemption Certificate approved by the Board;
  - (b) employees of the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre;
  - (c) employees of the Ministry of Health who are working at the Community Health Centres; or
  - (d) employees who have been approved to work remotely.
- (2) An employee who is exempted under the provisions of subparagraph (1) shall be required to provide the Chief Medical Officer with a negative test for COVID-19 once in every 14-day period beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021.”

(c) in paragraph 8 (Regulations applicable to Educational institutions), by repealing subparagraphs (3) and (4) and replacing these as follows:

“(3) From 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 and for the remainder of the school term thereafter, schools shall be permitted to offer face to face instructions on condition –

- (a) that all teachers throughout the State and students who are over the age of 12 years are fully vaccinated; or
  - (b) where any teacher or student is not vaccinated, that the unvaccinated teacher or unvaccinated student is in possession of an approved exemption from the appropriate authority.
- (4) Teachers and students who are in possession of an exemption on medical or religious grounds shall be required to provide proof of being negative for COVID-19 every 14 days beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.”

(d) in paragraph 9 (Restrictions on social gathering) by repealing paragraph 9 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

**“9. Restrictions on social gathering**

- (1) Except as provided herein, no person shall attend any private or public gathering having more than ten (10) persons;

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- (2) All funeral services and wedding ceremonies, howsoever and wheresoever conducted, shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) persons, except on the occasion of a state or official funeral, and all protocols shall be observed at all times.
- (3) A law enforcement officer is authorised to disband any gathering in contravention of subparagraphs (1) or (2);
- (4) A person commits an offence if contrary to subparagraph (1) he or she –
  - (a) being the owner of the premises, host any party, fete or other social gathering;
  - (b) permits any person to host a party, fete or other social gathering at premises under his or her control;
  - (c) organises any party, fete or other social gathering;
  - (d) attends any party, fete or other social gathering,and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000.00 or to imprisonment for six (6) months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (5) A person may attend meetings of a fraternal society, social or private club, civic organisation or association, such as the Rotary Club, Lions Club or Optimist Club, provided that the members present do not exceed twenty-five (25) persons and social distancing protocols are observed and persons wear a face mask.

(c) in paragraph 11 (Permitted use of beaches) by repealing the paragraph in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

**“11. Permitted Use of Beaches**

- (1) No person is permitted to picnic, consume alcohol, food or play music on any beach for the duration of these regulations.
- (2) A person is permitted to utilise the beaches only for a therapeutic purpose on Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 5:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 5:00a.m. and 12:00 noon.
- (3) Sailing is permitted for the purpose of fishing, provided there are no more than five (5) persons on board the sailing vessel and, in any event, persons on board the vessel are able to practice social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of six (6) feet between occupants at all times.
- (4) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (2) and (3) no person is permitted to utilise the beach on a public holiday.”



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(f) in paragraph 11A (Prohibition on excursions to off-shore islands used for recreational purposes) by repealing the paragraph in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

“11A. Prohibition on excursions to off-shore islands used for recreational purposes

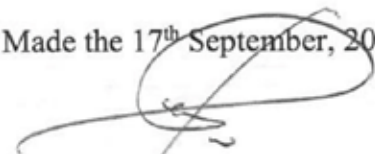
- (1) For the period 18<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, all excursions around the coastal waters of Antigua and Barbuda, pleasure craft fetes, parties and other entertainment events and excursions to the off-shore islands in and around the waters of Antigua and Barbuda are prohibited.
- (2) A person found in contravention of subparagraph (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000.00.

(g) in paragraph 20 (Covid-19 Testing requirements for unvaccinated frontline, Public Service, Statutory Corporation or government owned company workers) by repealing paragraph 20 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

“20. Mandatory vaccination for frontline tourism workers and stakeholders, public transport operators, tour operators etc.

- (1) With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021, all unvaccinated frontline tourism workers and stakeholders who provide direct services to arriving passengers and tourists, including but not limited to, airline employees, baggage handlers or redcaps, vendors, tour operators and hotel workers are required to be vaccinated or to present to the relevant authority a Medical Exemption Certificate approved by the Chief Medical Officer or her designee or a Religious Exemption Certificate approved by the Board in order to continue to work or to provide services.
- (2) With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021, all bus drivers, conductors, taxi drivers and persons who provide transportation services are required to be vaccinated or to present to the relevant authority a Medical Exemption Certificate approved by the Chief Medical Officer or her designee or a Religious Exemption Certificate approved by the Board in order to operate.
- (3) A person who is in possession of an exemption shall be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test to the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health Headquarters once in every 14-day period.”

Made the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.



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# Halo donates public bins



***L-R: Halo Gen Y members Ninette Benta, Cuthbert Forbes Jr. (Public Relations Officer), Brent Scotland (President) and Romancier Edwards.***

As part of its environmental awareness campaign, the Halo Foundation donated five public trash bins which were positioned recently on the island's north shore Shell Beach area.

The bins were installed by members

of Halo Generation Y (youth team), who have been engaged in a continuous nation-wide clean-up and tree-planting campaign.

The Halo Foundation will be undertaking additional environmental projects

in the near future, in conjunction with the Royal Commonwealth Society, Antigua and Barbuda Branch.

Halo expresses appreciation to the Ministry of Lands, DCA (Development Control Authority), and the Department of the Envi-

ronment for granting the necessary permission.

The Foundation would also like to thank National Solid Waste Management Authority for updating its refuse collection schedule to include an additional route.





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## New 2022 Nissan Frontier PRO4X.....Leader in Quiet Cabin

A photograph of a silver Nissan Frontier PRO4X truck parked on a rocky, desert-like terrain. The truck is shown from a front-three-quarter view. Several callout boxes with red borders point to specific features of the truck's exterior and interior.

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- Firewall isolation:** A red callout box pointing to the engine compartment area.
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# Jamaica PM not ruling out Kartel as vax ambassador

**Jamaica Gleaner** - Incarcerated dancehall deejay Adidja 'Vybz Kartel' Palmer may have a role to play in the Government's pro-vaccination campaign.

Addressing a query by The Gleaner about Palmer's recruitment in promoting the COVID-19 jab, Prime Minister Andrew Holness did not rule out the entertainer's possible involvement in rallying Jamaicans.

"In a national emergency such as a pandemic, we in the Government of Jamaica would enlist the support of all well-thinking citizens in encouraging persons to take the vaccine," Holness said, following a stop at the Caribbean Palms Community Centre in St. Andrew South Western, where a Ministry of Health & Wellness vaccination blitz was being conducted on Friday.

## LOWTURNOUT

Anti-vaxxer rhetoric and hesitancy are rife in Jamaica, evidence of which was observed at the blitz, which appeared to have had more healthcare workers and volunteers than persons for the take-up.

Their aversion was further revealed in an RJR/Gleaner-commissioned Don Anderson poll which found that 70 percent of those canvassed are opposed to mandatory COVID-19 vaccination,

even as a deadly third wave continues to ravage the country.

The poll was conducted between August 19 and September 3 among 1,003 Jamaicans.

There have been calls for the Government to enlist the support of Palmer, one of the most influential figures in the country's entertainment industry.

Health Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton and his opposition counterpart Dr. Morais Guy have both indicated that they would [support] any incorporation of the entertainer in spreading the message of the need to take the COVID-19 jab.

"There is no doubt that Vybz Kartel is an influencer with many fans throughout the country. If he can influence others to take it that would be good. I would be willing to work with the penal system to explore how it could be done," Tufton said recently.

Palmer, who is serving a 35-year sentence for murder, received his first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine on September 3. He is reportedly doing well since getting the shot.

"In terms of how the Government structures its programmes, the existence of a pandemic, of an emergency, does not always justify the dispensing of rules and regulations and laws and

policies and principles," Holness said on Friday.

"So, we make a general call for every citizen of Jamaica to support and use their influence," he added.

The prime minister said the Government has sought to get the support of influential groups in the pro-vaccination campaign, but noted that not everyone could readily respond.

Palmer has reportedly recorded many songs from prison – in contravention of regulations, during his more-than-decade-old detention – causing embarrassment to correctional officials. His interview with an American television station in August added to their chagrin.

Holness said, however, that within their fraternities, people will find their own ways of mobilising support.

"We have a national programme and that programme has to follow all the laws and guidelines and procedures. So that will prescribe how we engage. So, my short answer to you is, we encourage everyone from all walks of life, wherever you are, whatever your status, whatever your station, if you can support and add your voice, please go ahead and do so," said Holness.

He added that signing on to a state programme



*Adidja Palmer, more popularly known as Vybz Kartel, is said to be 'doing well' after taking the first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.*

to show support is not always necessary.

Palmer's attorney, Isat Buchanan, told The Gleaner that his client made a mature decision in taking the vaccine to protect himself and to encourage his family.

The lawyer said, however, that Palmer is not in a position to participate in any ongoing campaign.

"Persons are free to make that decision on their own," he said.

Buchanan had previously supported the inclusion of Kartel and other entertainers in the public education drive.

Approximately seven percent of the Jamaican population is fully vaccinated. The country is targeting 65 percent herd immunity by March 2022.



# Regional trade unions reject LIAT offer



**CMC** — Regional trade unions representing former employees of the cash-strapped regional airline, LIAT, say they rejected the latest offer by Caribbean shareholder governments to meet their financial obligations to the laid off workers.

The airline laid off an estimated 90 percent of its staff last year as part of a restructuring exercise and resumed operations on a much smaller scale.

President of the Waterfront and Allied Workers Union (WAWU), Donald Rolle, said the regional unions are united in seeking the millions of dollars owed to the workers and have rejected the latest offer from the shareholder governments.

“We had a meeting of regional trade unions that represent the members in the different islands and we have all concluded that we are preparing to write to the shareholder governments a joint communicate that will express

our position as it relates to the offer on table by the governments and shareholders,” Rolle said on the state-owned DBS radio.

“The offer on table ... is to pay the LIAT workers 50 percent of their redundancy pay, and there is a component that involves compensation by issuing of lands and bonds. “The unions around the Caribbean have sort of rejected that in its entirety, but we are in negotiations with the governments. We have a position and, as it is now, we are at opposite ends of the table,” Rolle said.

“I can say we are united as unions around the Caribbean ... and that gives us some sort of solidarity in moving forward. Redundancy does not come by 50 percent; the employer has to pay the employee what is due by law.”

He said emanating from the latest round of talks among the unions, “The consensus is we are demanding the 100 percent (and)

from the union’s standpoint and perspective, I am very hopeful, (but) that does not make it a reality,” Rolle said.

In June last year, the shareholder governments acknowledged that the Antigua-based LIAT owed an estimated EC\$94 million (One EC dollar=US\$0.37 cents) in severance and holiday payment to its staff, but the court-appointed administrator, Cleveland Seaforth, has already indicated that the company would be unable to meet that payment.

“I am in discussions with prospective investors and some of them are prepared to address the matter of severance, but we are not at the stage yet where we can say when severance will be paid and the quantum of it,” he said in November last year.

The airline is owned by the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG). Last year, Antigua and Barbuda’s Prime Minister Gaston Browne said a decision had been taken that would allow Barbados and SVG to turn over their shares in LIAT to Antigua & Barbuda for one EC dollar.

Earlier this month, Prime Minister Browne, speaking on a radio programme in Antigua, said that LIAT, under administration, had returned an operational profit for the months of July and August and that there is also evidence that a leaner, more efficient LIAT can be profitable.

# Bahamas making history: Seven women secure House of Assembly seats in new Davis administration

**EW News** - A record number of seven women candidates won House of Assembly seats in the 2021 General Election on Thursday, with incumbent Englerston MP Glenys Hanna-Martin yielding nearly 75 percent in her constituency.

The official tally of votes remained inconclusive up to press time yesterday, with results expected to be completed by last night.

However, up to yesterday afternoon, Hanna-Martin had the highest number of votes out of all women vying for office and the fourth-highest number of votes out of all candidates thus far.

Despite a low voter turnout, she earned over 2,000 votes for the Englerston constituency.

The history-making roster of projected women winners who will serve as members of Parliament in the Davis administration include: Hanna-Martin, Englerston; Leslia Miller-Brice, Seabreeze; Lisa Rahming, Marathon; Jobeth Coleby-Davis, Elizabeth; Pia Glover-Rolle, Golden Gates; Patricia Deveau, Bamboo Town; and Ginger Moxey, Pineridge.

They are all members of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP).

The Free National Movement (FNM) also nominated seven women in the



*Bahamas Senate and House of Assembly in Parliament Square.*

2021 General Election: Felicia Knowles, Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador; Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson, Exumas and Ragged Island; Maxine Seymour, Seabreeze; Miriam Reckley Emmanuel, MICAL; Nicole Martin, Nassau Village; Pakesia Parker-Edgcombe, West Grand Bahama and Bimini; and Vandea Stuart, Central and South Abaco.

Of the 39 elected members of Parliament in the outgoing Minnis administration, only five were women. There was only one sitting woman minister in the Cabinet.

In August, when PLP

leader Philip Brave Davis — then leader of the opposition — was asked if he was satisfied with the number of female candidates ratified, he said: “We are satisfied, but we will continue to press to have women involved in the governance of this country.”

He added: “There is another mechanism that I will be able to engage to ensure that women are well represented at the parliamentary level — that is through the Senate, and you will see that at the appropriate time.”

Hanna-Martin remains the longest-serving female

parliamentarian in the history of The Bahamas, serving a consecutive four terms as Englerston MP since 2002. Her latest win on Thursday will be her fifth term serving in the role.

Dame Ivy Dumont, a representative of the FNM, served in Parliament for approximately 13 years, becoming the first female governor general during that time.

In 2002, Cynthia “Mother” Pratt, also a member of PLP, became the first female deputy prime minister of The Bahamas.



# Grenada: Funeral home turns to refrigerated container to stock bodies

*The New Today* - Another funeral home in Grenada has been forced to turn to a refrigerated container to store the increasing number of COVID-19 dead on the island.

THE NEW TODAY was able to confirm that Bailey's Funeral Home on the Carenage has joined La Qua Funeral Agency near St. George's Cemetery to look to the installation of a container to handle the quickly rising number of bodies in its possession.

When asked to confirm the reports about the container, a spokesman for Bailey's retorted: "How you know about that already? I want to know how you know that, because I just came off the phone talking to make the arrangements. I have somebody coming now to deal with that."

The spokesman said Bailey's is making arrangements to bring the container onto its Carenage location "right now" with the assistance of Grenlec to power it on to help store the COVID-19 dead bodies.

He could not give precise details about the death toll at his funeral agency as more bodies came in within the last two days.

"I don't know – that is what I need to tally now," he said

However, when pressed for figures, the funeral home official said it could be around 30 bodies. Bailey Funeral Home is known to have capacity in its two fridges to hold about 30 bodies.



A funeral home official said that, with proper packing, a refrigerated container can hold in excess of 50 bodies.

On Thursday night at a high-level meeting between Health Minister Nickolas Steele, Act-

ing Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Shawn Charles, the directors of funeral homes, members of the clergy, and other social partners, the funeral homes indicated that they had about 67 COVID-19 bodies on

hand waiting to be buried or cremated.

These figures did not include the number of persons already cremated or buried by the funeral homes.

# Israel carries out mass arrests of Palestinians after jailbreak

**Al Jazeera News** - Israeli forces have detained dozens of Palestinians in recent days in a campaign of mass arrests in response to an embarrassing high-security prison escape earlier this month.

According to figures from the PLO's Negotiations Affairs Department and the Palestinian prisoners' organisation Addameer, more than 100 Palestinians have been arrested since six high-profile Palestinian prisoners escaped from Gilboa prison in northern Israel on September 6. "We have documented an average of 14 arrests per day in the occupied West Bank since the men escaped," Milena Ansari from Addameer told Al Jazeera. "This does not include the Palestinians arrested within Israel."

All six men who tunneled out of the prison are now back in Israeli custody after the final two Palestinians surrendered to troops in Jenin city early on Sunday.

Amid the manhunt for the missing men, Israeli forces carried out retaliatory raids against family members of the escapees in the Jenin area, which was already restive, arresting and interrogating them before releasing some.

The arrests and raids

have also focused on Ramallah, Hebron, Nablus and surrounding villages. A number of Palestinian children were also swept up in the latest wave of arrests. Thirteen-year-old Mustafa Amira, from the town of Nilin near Ramallah, was arrested by Israeli soldiers last week while he was on village land close to a separation wall built by Israel to divide the area from settlements.

His father Khalil Amira told Al Jazeera that Mustafa and his cousin Muhammad, 15, were arrested and beaten by about 10 Israeli soldiers and held in detention overnight by Israeli police without being given food or water.

Photos of Mustafa show him with a swollen and bruised eye and cuts on his face.

"He was dragged on the ground by the soldiers before being handed over to police who interrogated him for many hours," Amira said.

"Why did so many armed men have to beat a young boy? If they had a case against him why didn't they deal with him legally and lay charges?"

Amira said he was keeping his son home from school because the boy was still traumatised by his experience.

According to Ziad Abu



***Palestinian organisations and their employees have also been detained by Israeli forces in recent days.***

Latifa, a paramedic with the Palestinian Red Crescent in el-Bireh, which regularly sends ambulances to Nilin, the beating and abuse of minors by Israeli security forces is an ongoing issue.

"I have dealt with many cases of minors being beaten, including with rifle butts, leading to fractures, bleeding and deep facial wounds," Abu Latifa told Al Jazeera.

A number of Palestinian students have also been caught up in the dragnet.

"The targeting of students is a way to silence the voice of the youth and de-legitimise students because they have contributed to the mobilisation of popular resistance," said Ansari.

Several Palestinian organisations and their employees, including

agricultural and health committees as well as human rights groups, have also been raided or detained by the Israeli authorities in recent days.

On Wednesday, Israeli soldiers raided the headquarters of the General Trade Union of Workers in Services and Entrepreneurship Sector in Ramallah, seizing several computer hard discs and documents.

The Defence for Children International – Palestine (DCIP), the Health Work Committees (HWC) and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) were also recently raided, with employees arrested, computers and documents seized, and some of the offices forcibly closed for six months.



# Migrants in Texas: US flies Haitian migrants back home from border

**BBC** - The United States has started flying migrants out of a Texas border town that has seen an influx of mostly Haitian migrants over the past week.

Three flights landed at Haiti's Port-au-Prince airport on Sunday, each carrying 145 people, the Associated Press reports.

About 13,000 would-be immigrants have gathered under a bridge connecting Del Rio in Texas to Mexico's Ciudad Acuña.

They have been waiting in a makeshift camp in temperatures of 37C (99F).

An emergency US public health order known as Title 42 allows authorities to expel most migrants before they can claim asylum.

Local officials have struggled to provide those in Del Rio with food and adequate sanitation.

Tom Cartwright, of the advocacy group Witness at the Border, who tracks US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) flights, told Reuters three flights left Texas - one from Laredo and two from San Antonio, on Sunday - carrying Haitians back to Haiti.

Border Patrol Chief Raul L. Ortiz said 3,300 migrants had been moved from the camp to planes or detention centres.

"Over the next 6 to 7 days our goal is to process the 12,662 migrants that we have underneath



***Haitian migrants arrive in Port-au-Prince.***

that bridge as quickly as we possibly can," he told a press conference on Sunday.

He said the US was working with the migrants' home nations, or countries they had travelled through, to get them to accept their return.

While most of those at the camp are Haitians, there are also Cubans, Peruvians, Venezuelans and Nicaraguans present.

Many Haitians left the country after a devastating earthquake in 2010, and a large number of those in the camp had been living in Brazil or other South American countries and travelled north after being unable to secure jobs or legal status.

This year has brought further hardship for the impoverished island. In July, Haiti's president was assassinated - and in August it suffered another deadly earthquake.

Some of those sent home said they planned to leave Haiti again as soon as possible.

Valeria Ternission, 29, said she and her husband want to travel with their 4-year-old son back to Chile, where she once lived.

"I am truly worried, especially for the child," she told the Associated Press. "I can't do anything here."

Cubans too have been fleeing the island's worst economic crisis since shortly after the end of the Cold War, the BBC's Mexico correspondent Will Grant reports.

Many of the migrants in Texas have made probably the most treacherous migrant journey in Latin America by crossing the thick jungle of the Darien Gap between Colombia and Panama on foot.

The US government has reported a surge of migrants arriving at the border with Mexico this year. The number of people detained there in July exceeded 200,000 for the first time in 21 years, according to government data.

# One million children in Nigeria to miss school due to mass kidnappings – says UNICEF

(CNN) - At least one million Nigerian children could miss school this year as the new term begins amid a rise in mass school kidnappings and insecurity, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF said on Wednesday.

Schools have become targets for mass abductions for ransom in northern Nigeria by armed groups. Such kidnappings in Nigeria were first carried out by jihadist group Boko Haram, then later its offshoot, Islamic State West Africa Province, but the tactic has now been adopted by criminal gangs.

So far, there has been 20 attacks on schools in Nigeria this year, with more than 1,400 children abducted and 16 dead, UNICEF said, adding that more than 200 children are still missing.

"Learners are being cut off from their education... as families and communities remain fearful of sending children back to their classrooms due to the spate of school attacks and student abductions in

Nigeria," said Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Representative in Nigeria.

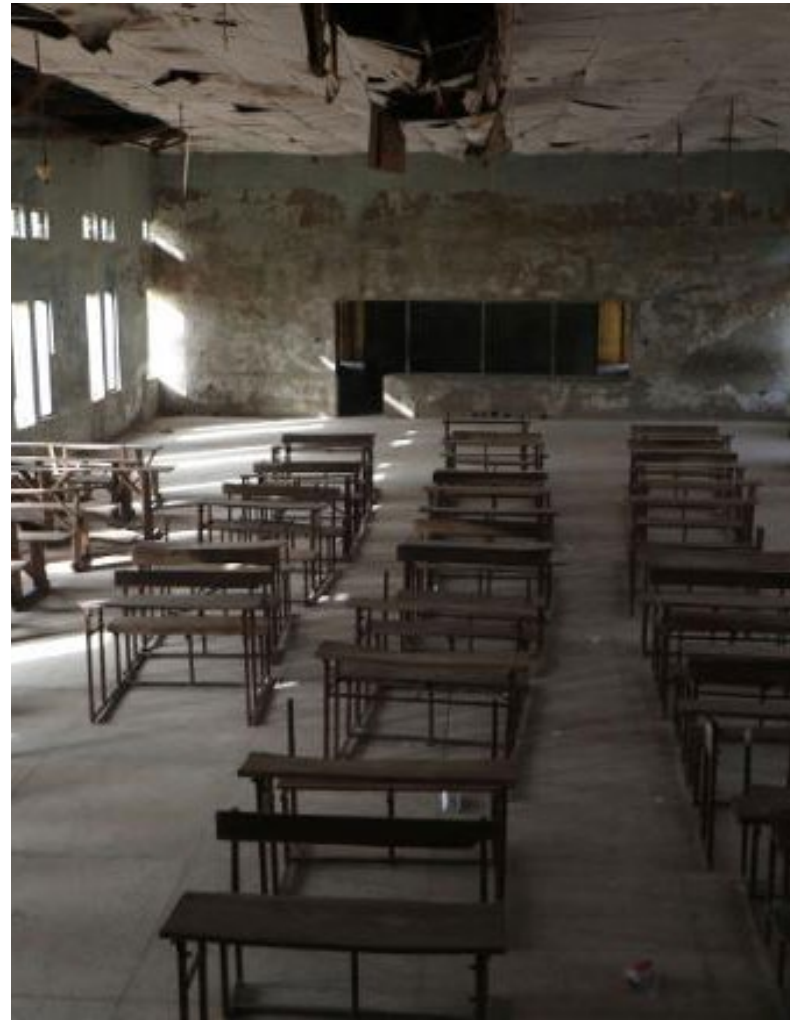
More than 37 million Nigerian children are due to start the new school year this month, UNICEF said.

An estimated eight million have had to wait for more than a year for in-person learning after schools were closed due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

Insecurity also led to school closures in Nigeria. Several northwestern states have tried to curb the spate of abductions by banning the sale of fuel in jerry cans and the transport of firewood in trucks in order to disrupt gangs who travel by motorbike and camp in remote places.

In Abuja, Nigeria's capital, the start of the school term has been pushed back to an unusually late date without explanation after schools in nearby states were targeted by kidnappers seeking ransoms.

Mobile network providers in Zamfara state were directed to shut down communications



***Empty classroom of the Government Science College where gunmen kidnapped dozens of students and staff in Kagara, Rafi, Local Government Niger State, Nigeria on February 18, 2021.***

for two weeks "to enable relevant security agencies to carry out required activities towards addressing the security challenge in the state," the Nigeria Communications Commission said in a letter.

The directive came after at least 73 students

were abducted from a state-run high school in Zamfara's Maradun district. All those students have been freed.

Military authorities carried out targeted raids on the hideouts of kidnappers and other criminal gangs in the state, who are known locally as 'bandits'.



# Stockpiled COVID vaccines must be handed to poorer nations, says former UK PM

*(Reuters)* – A vaccine summit being hosted by US President Joe Biden must come up with a plan this week to transfer 100 million stockpiled COVID-19 vaccines to poorer countries before they reach their expiry date, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said.

Biden is due to convene a virtual COVID-19 summit on Wednesday on the margins of the UN General Assembly, aimed at boosting vaccinations worldwide with the goal of ending the pandemic by the end of 2022.

Brown said he had sent Biden and fellow G7 leaders research by a scientific information and analytics company, which found 100 million COVID-19 vaccines stockpiled in rich countries in the northern hemisphere would expire by December without being used.

Out of 5.7 billion doses of coronavirus vaccines administered around the world, only 2% have been in Africa.

"We need a plan to distribute vaccines quickly," Brown, Britain's finance minister



***Britain's former Prime Minister Gordon Brown speaks at an event in Edinburgh, Scotland, January 17, 2019.***

for a decade before serving as prime minister from 2007 to 2010, said in a statement.

"It will be a profound and collective political

tragedy if this summit misses the opportunity to act with doses transferred immediately to poorer countries," he said.

The Airfinity data predicts that, without a speed-up in the vaccine roll-out, there will be 100 million more COVID-19 cases by next summer and one million more deaths from lack of ventilators and oxygen.

"It is unthinkable and unconscionable that 100 million vaccines will have to be thrown away from the stockpiles of the rich countries whilst the populations of the world's poorest countries will pay for our vaccine waste in lives lost," Brown said.

Brown called on the leaders to decide whether countries should swap delivery contracts, how regulatory barriers to vaccine exports could be overcome and who would underwrite the costs of using stockpiled vaccines.

"No one is safe anywhere until everyone is safe everywhere. It is in everyone's interest everywhere that President Biden and his fellow G7 leaders do what it takes ... to eradicate COVID in every corner of our globe," he said.

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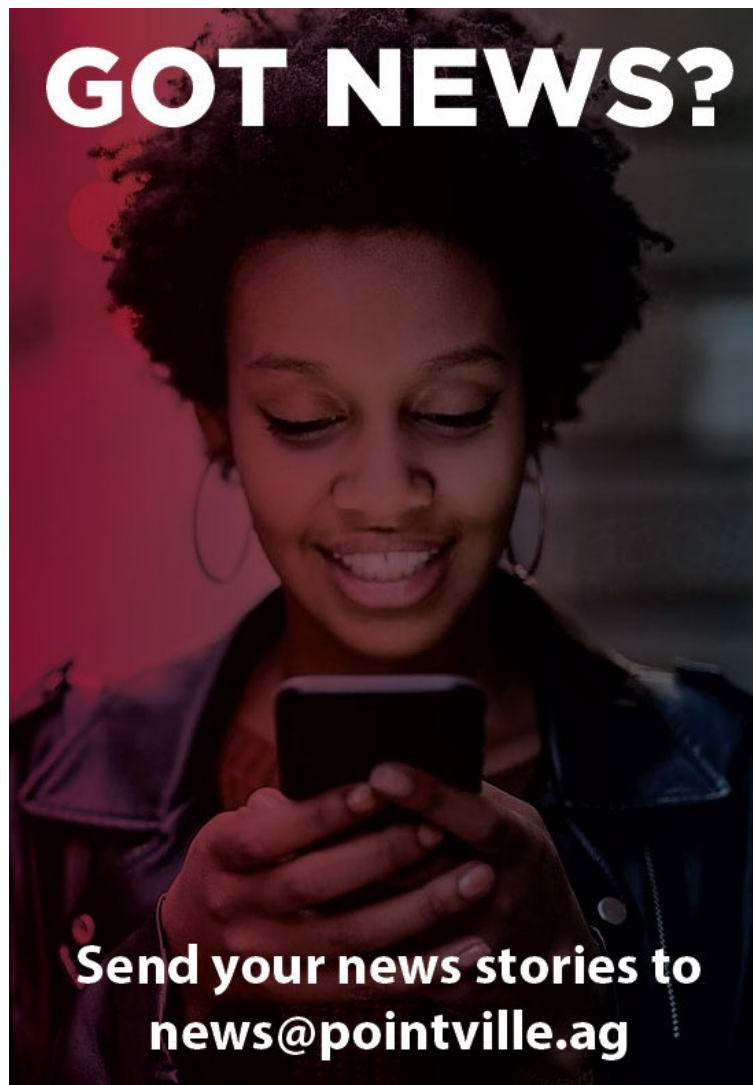
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# Usain Bolt Advises Sha'Carri Richardson To 'Train Harder,' Talk Less

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Usain Bolt has some advice for fan-favorite track star Sha'Carri Richardson.

The former world's fastest man recently told the New York Post that Richardson should stop trash-talking and focus more on

training in order to dominate her sport. "I would tell Sha'Carri to train harder and to be focused and not say too much ... If you talk that big talk you have to back it up," Bolt said. "So just train hard and focus on that and try to come back do it and then talk about it."

Bolt's comments came after she was banned for a month after testing positive for marijuana, which cost her a spot on the U.S. team for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. That was followed by a last place finish in the 100-meter dash at the Prefontaine Classic in Oregon.

Bolt said he and his fellow Jamaican athletes weren't impressed by Richardson's smack talk.

"Jamaicans were vexed because she was talking a lot of s\*\*t before the actual race, it is just one of those things," he relayed to The Post. "Jamaicans don't like when people talk s\*\*t about us because we are a very proud people. So if you talk about us we are gonna want you to back it up. It definitely gave those women the extra push [to win.]"

Additionally, Bolt said he experienced the same thing with American sprinter Justin Gatlin, who threw some shade at him going into the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

"That was my thing with Justin Gatlin — because he's the one that was always talking — so that gives me that energy like, 'All right you think you're gonna win let's go!' So it does give you that extra boost to wanna beat that person," he said of Gatlin, who finished second to Bolt in the 2016 Olympics.

# Nandu and Singh sign off with a win for Windies Rising Stars U19s

*Match 6 of Youth ODI Series*

*Venue: Polo Farm Sports Club, Canterbury*

*Toss: West Indies U19s won toss and elected to bat*

*Result: West Indies U19s won by 17 runs*

Opener Matthew Nandu and leg-spinner Vasant Singh produced key performances with bat and ball to propel West Indies Rising Stars U19s to victory in the final match against England Young Lions on Friday.

The left-handed Nandu topscored with 80 – which came off 120 balls, in 2 ½ hours with nine boundaries – to be the mainstay of the West Indies total of 230 off their 50 overs.

Singh, playing his second match, then took over with the ball to turn the match in his team's favour. The 17-year-old returned impressive figures of 4-51 off his 10 overs as the home side were bowled out for 213 off 45 overs.

Nandu shared in a crucial 78-run third-wicket partnership with Ackeem Auguste, 25 (43 balls, 2x4). That alliance aided in setting up a platform for wicketkeeper-batsman Carlon Bowen-Tuckett, 48 (69 balls, 5x4) to play a top cameo where he guided the tail.

West Indies were at one stage 187-7 – but the last three wickets managed to put on some vital runs which made a huge difference.

This was Nandu's second consecutive half-century following his innings of 51 in the fifth Youth ODI on Tuesday at the same venue. He ended as West Indies second highest run-maker with 162 (average 40.5). The leading scorer was West Indies middle-order batsman Teddy Bishop who made 271 runs (average 54.2) – including the only century of 133 in the third match victory.

In reply to West Indies target, England got off to a positive start, posting their 50 without loss at four runs per over. Nandu, bowling his off-breaks, continued his excellent day on the field, getting the breakthrough first wicket in the 12th over when he bowled James Rew. He would later pick up another wicket to end with 2-35 off seven overs. Singh



*Matthew Nandu*

then stepped in and bowled unchanged from one end and ripped out the middle and lower order, as England collapsed to 177-9 in the 40th over. He was well assisted by the agile Bowen-Tuckett who had two catches and two stumpings behind the stumps.

Isai Thorne, the 16-year-old fast bowler, went wicketless but ended the tour as the West Indies leading bowler. He picked up eight wickets (average 23) in the four matches he played.



# ‘Everything changed on Friday,’ says NZ Cricket chief David White



*New Zealand Cricket CEO David White*

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chief executive David White on Sunday admitted that the board was initially satisfied with security arrangements in Pakistan which is why they sent their team to the country.

New Zealand made headlines around the world when the cricket team called off its ODI and T20 series minutes before the toss for the first ODI between the two sides was scheduled to take place in Rawalpindi.

New Zealand had arrived in Pakistan after 18 years to play a cricket series.

However, a statement released by NZC quotes White as saying that “everything changed” on Friday.

“The advice changed, the threat level changed and, as a consequence, we took the only responsible course of action possible,” he said.

White said that it was unfortunate that the series was abandoned at the last minute, adding that there was no way

that it could be held after the intelligence of a potential attack was received.

“What I can say is that we were advised this was a specific and credible threat against the team,” White said.

White said some information had been shared with the Pakistan Cricket Board, however, “specific details could not, and will not, be disclosed - privately or publicly”, New Zealand Cricket chief executive David White said.

“We had several conversations with New Zealand government officials before making the decision and it was after informing the PCB of our position that we understand a telephone discussion was conducted between the respective prime ministers,” he added.

He acknowledged that it was a “terribly difficult time” for Pakistan cricket but reiterated

that New Zealand had no other option.

## NZ will hear us at ICC, says PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja

As expected, the news of New Zealand abandoning the Pakistan tour at the last minute did not go down well with PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja.

Describing it a “crazy” day, Raja said he felt sorry for Pakistani fans and players.

“Crazy day it has been! Feel so sorry for the fans and our players. Walking out of the tour by taking a unilateral approach on a security threat is very frustrating. Especially when it’s not shared!! Which world is NZ living in?? NZ will hear us at ICC,” he had tweeted.



## BARBADOS WIN TENNIS TIE AGAINST INDONESIA



*Darian King (left) and Haydn Lewis celebrate victory in the men's doubles*

National No. 1 tennis player Darian King scored three important victories as Barbados defeated Indonesia 3-1 in their Davis Cup World Group II tie at the National Tennis Centre today.

After his 6-1, 6-1 singles victory over Gunawan Trismuwantara yesterday, King joined forces with long time doubles partner Haydn Lewis and secured a 6-1, 7-6(3) win over Trismuwantara and Justin Barki

to lead 2-1 with reverse singles to come.

True to form, King dominated Barki in their subsequent match, winning 6-2, 6-4 to give Barbados the win and their first Davis Cup triumph in four years.

Indonesia's lone victory came yesterday through Barki's 6-2, 6-4 singles win over Barbadian teenager Kaipo Marshall.

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