

A photograph of a Pfizer vaccine vial and a syringe. The vial is on the left, with a white label that reads 'VACCINE', 'Pfizer', 'BIONTECH', and 'Coronavirus COVID-19'. A syringe with a blue plunger is in the foreground, partially obscuring the vial. The background is a solid blue color.

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Delta's surprise UK comeback is a warning sign for the US

When it comes to COVID-19, what happens in the United Kingdom (UK) rarely stays in the United Kingdom — and that, in turn, rarely bodes well for the rest of the world.

Again and again, the UK has previewed the next unwelcome phase of the pandemic. The highly transmissible Alpha variant was first identified in Kent. The even more infectious Delta variant originated in India but used Britain as its springboard to global domination. The UK was one of the earliest movers on vaccination — and one of the first to see uptake level off. It was also the first country to declare “freedom” from Delta, lifting nearly all restrictions soon after its summer surge appeared to crest.

“We [must] learn to live with, rather

than cower from, this virus,” Health Secretary Sajid Javid tweeted in July.

But now, almost exactly three months later, the UK again has one of the worst COVID rates in the world. Up 35 percent over the last two weeks, new cases are currently averaging more than 45,000 a day. They will soon surpass July's initial Delta peak of about 47,000 daily cases, with no end in sight.

On a per capita basis, the UK's average daily case rate is more than 2.5 times as high as the United States'; more than four times as high as the European Union's; nearly five times as high as Germany's; more than nine times as high as France's; and more than 15 times as high as Spain's or Italy's.

The question is why — and whether Delta's surprise UK

comeback foreshadows another dark winter in the US.

“We are concerned,” Javid said on Wednesday, predicting that new cases could surge to 100,000 a day. “Everyone is right to be concerned.”

It's not all bad news for the Brits. For one thing, they're testing at a higher rate than any other major

country, so that's part of the reason their case numbers are so elevated. They've also managed to fully vaccinate more than 95 percent of residents over 60 — by far the most vulnerable age group — which has broken some of the link between cases and deaths. Right now, new daily cases are three-quarters of the way to matching

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last winter's all-time UK peak. Yet new daily deaths are just a tenth what they were then. That's progress.

The US has not done as well on that front ... But the troubling thing about the UK is its trajectory. It's a country that has fully vaccinated 80 percent of its eligible population and endured some of the world's biggest waves of infection, yet the coronavirus is now spreading again at an alarming rate.

Does that mean

the US — where 77 percent of the eligible population is vaccinated; where previous surges have presumably left behind a lot of natural immunity; and where cases have plummeted more than 50 percent over the last month — will suffer the same fate? Not necessarily, but Delta's UK comeback is a warning sign for the US.

Experts have floated several reasons for the resurgence. One could be waning im-

munity. The earlier you vaccinate your population, the earlier protection starts to taper off (particularly among seniors who were first in line). That's why Israel, the fastest country out of the gate on vaccination, also suffered a massive Delta wave over the summer. The fact that the UK initially relied on vaccines from AstraZeneca (which offers less protection against Delta) and Pfizer (which has waned

more than Moderna's) probably isn't helping.

Making matters worse, an estimated 43,000 people across the UK reportedly received incorrect negative test results due to "technical issues" at a private laboratory in Wolverhampton, allowing infections to keep spreading unchecked in the region. A new, possibly more infectious, sub-lineage of Delta called AY.4.2 is also "on an increasing trajectory" across the

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country (though its role is unclear at this point).

On top of that, UK residents are “increasingly reporting catching Sars-CoV-2 for a second or even third time,” according to the Guardian. A year ago, re-infection seemed rare; only two dozen cases had been recorded worldwide. But just like protection from vaccination, natural immunity also seems to fade over time and in the face of new variants such as Delta. In Oklahoma, for instance, re-infections have risen 350 percent since May.

“With rising levels of Sars-CoV-2 infections in the U.K., many of us are personally aware of children and adults who got re-infected, sometimes after a relatively short period from their first infection,” Dr. Nisreen Alwan, a public health professor at the University of Southampton, told the Guardian. “We still don’t know much about the risk factors for re-infection. But the theoretical assumption that once all the young get it, the pandemic will be over, is becoming increasingly unlikely.”

Meanwhile, the post-July rollbacks and messaging from UK leaders seem to have persuaded many Britons to stop taking precautions. About 15 percent of UK adults now say they never

wear a mask in public spaces, according to a YouGov poll from mid-October — far more than in Spain and Italy (below 2 percent) or France (about 4 percent). The poll also found that Brits were less cautious about using public transportation, attending large gatherings, and entering crowded spaces than their European counterparts. In Italy, nightclubs limit capacity and require proof of vaccination; in Spain, they require masks. In England, clubs are operating without restrictions.

Amid these differences, COVID rates in the UK and its peer countries have sharply diverged. According to the Financial Times, “the UK’s weekly death rate [now] stands at 12 per million, three times the level of other major European nations, while hospitalisations have risen to eight COVID-related admissions a week per 100,000 people, six times the rate on the continent.”

In other words, the gap between cases and serious outcomes may be bigger in the UK than before — but more COVID cases still means more hospitalizations and deaths.

“These small measures like mask-wearing, distancing, ventilation and an emphasis on homeworking are greater

than the sum of their parts,” Martin McKee, professor of public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, told the paper. “It really doesn’t take an awful lot to bring this down, as France, Italy and others have shown.”

And that may be especially true among younger people. Perhaps the biggest difference between the UK and its counterparts — including the US — has been its lack of emphasis on vaccinating teens and slowing the spread of the virus in schools. Despite high-profile bans in red states such as Florida and Texas, masks are now required in about two-thirds of US public schools, and a recent study found that schools without mask mandates were significantly more likely to experience a coronavirus outbreak than schools where everyone has to mask up. Quarantines are commonplace.

In contrast, no one in the UK under the age of 18 has to quarantine after contact with a positive virus case, regardless of vaccination status, and masks are not required for any students or staff. And while the US started offering jabs to 12-to-15-year-olds in May, the UK waited until September — and, even now, England (one of the na-

tions that constitutes the UK) administers them solely through schools, which causes all kinds of logistical delays.

As a result, England's teen vaccination rate is now less than half Spain's, France's, Italy's or the United States' — and UK infections are now "highest among secondary schoolchildren, with an estimated 8.1 percent of that group thought to have had COVID-19 during the week ending Oct. 9," according to the Guardian. And while most kids don't get terribly sick, they do transmit the virus to others.

"If you don't clamp down on prevalence [in schoolchildren], you'll get the spread of infection and possibly re-infection, which will then potentially spread to parents whose vaccines may be waning, and more critically to grandparents and clinically vulnerable people," Stephen Griffin, associate professor of virology

at the University of Leeds, explained to the Guardian.

That appears to be the problem now vexing the UK, leading to calls from experts to revive mitigation measures before winter comes — a move the British government said Wednesday it was not yet ready to make. Matthew Taylor, chief executive of the health care system in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, warned this week that, "It would require an incredible amount of luck for us not to find ourselves in the midst of a profound crisis over the next three months."

To avoid a similar Delta comeback, the US would be wise to heed Taylor's warning. America is already doing some things right. Teen vaccinations continue apace. Boosters — which are rolling out more slowly than expected in the UK — may soon be available for Americans as young as 40.

And the Biden

administration is planning to introduce vaccines for children ages 5 to 11 later this month. Even then, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), indicated Wednesday that her agency will still recommend that all teachers, students and staff mask up at school. "As we head into these winter months, we know we cannot be complacent," Walensky said during a White

House COVID briefing.

Fortunately, US cases, deaths and hospitalizations are falling right now. But Delta's UK resurgence is a reminder not to relax too soon. Even in a country with a higher overall vaccination rate and far more testing, the virus can still spiral out of control — especially if you let it spiral among young people first.

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Pfizer shortage causing new slowdown in vaccine uptake



by Shelton Daniel

A recent slowdown of sorts in vaccine uptake is being attributed to shortage of the Pfizer vaccine which appears to be the most popular brand among the several available in Antigua and Barbuda.

The Pfizer jab is also currently the only one approved for use in minors aged 12-17, which has made it suited for the inoculation of thou-

sands of school-aged young people.

This week, Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph reported that about 2,000 students, ages 12-17, have not yet received their Pfizer vaccine, although more than 75% of the 8,000 e-

ligible students have received their first shot.

Information Minister Melford Nicholas enlarged on this point during Thursday morning's weekly post Cabi-

net press briefing.

“Because the Pfizer vaccine seems to be the vaccine of choice now for a number of persons, there has been a marked decline in the number of persons going forward to get vaccines,” he stated.

“We think ... this is sort of unfortunate because there are a range of other vaccines that are available – including the Johnson & Johnson, the Sputnik, the Sino-Pharm and, of course, the AstraZeneca. We do not have shortage of supply in these other [brands].

The United States has reportedly promised to deliver – by the end of this month – a second batch of Pfizer vaccines containing the equivalent of 17,600 doses. “A third tranche of the

same amount should be delivered sometime thereafter,” according to post-Cabinet briefing notes circulated on Thursday morning.

Nicholas noted that the number of persons in Antigua and Barbuda who have received at least one dose of vaccination “seems to have plateaued around 55,000 ... We certainly hope that by the end of this month we will be in the 60k column, and then beyond that we will be on the home stretch to get to the 80,000” required to achieve national herd immunity.

The Minister said authorities would like to see a lot more people who are engaged in the construction sector come forward to get vaccinated.

Antigua and Barbuda joins in celebrating United Nations Day

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean, will this year celebrate United Nations (UN) Day – observed annually on October 24 – with a series of high-profile activities.

UN Day has been celebrated since 1948 and marks the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. The UN's 76th anniversary this year comes at a time of great disruption in the world. Across borders, countries are facing extreme poverty and inequality, a climate crisis of overwhelming proportions, and an unprecedented global health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has left nations, big and small, grappling with its pervasive socio-economic impacts. This period, however, also reminds us that we are stronger together than apart, that there is value in multilateralism and global cooperation as we work towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, determined to “leave no one behind”.

To commemorate the UN's milestone, and Antigua and Barbuda's 40th anniversary of UN membership which commenced on 25 November 1981, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will lead celebratory activities in collabo-



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

ration with the UN Resident Coordinator Office and UN agencies resident in Antigua and Barbuda.

A tree-planting ceremony to highlight Action on Climate and the upcoming COP26 will be held on Friday 22nd October at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Office of the Prime Minister. The Hon. E.P. Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration & Trade will plant the tree during the ceremony which will have participation from senior

Government and UN officials.

As a show of solidarity, the southern portion of the building housing the Office of the Prime Minister and the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also be lit in blue, the official UN colour, from Friday October 22 to Sunday October 24. This will coincide with the lighting up of UN House in Barbados, the official headquarters for UN Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Inquest held into death of Wireless Road woman

The police are reporting that a postmortem examination, conducted on Wednesday 19th October, has revealed that 22-year-old Ama-ya Yearwood of Cedar Grove died as a result of injuries she sustained during a traffic accident.

Yearwood was travel-

ing along the Friars Hill Road on October 3rd when she apparently lost control of the silver Toyota Mark-X motor car she was driving and ran off the road.

She was transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center where she was pronounced

dead. Meanwhile, an inquest into the death of Margaret Harris of Wireless Road was held on Wednesday 19th October. Harris was found lifeless with multiple injuries on the morning of October 15th at Wireless Road. The date for a postmortem ex-

amination is soon to be determined. The police are still appealing to the public for information to help solve this murder. Anyone with information can contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913, or call Crime Stoppers at 800-Tips (8477).



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Small states must rage at COP26 – it's the last chance saloon



By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

It is nothing short of shocking to learn that – despite the fact that the world is teetering dangerously on the precipice of a climate

catastrophe with fatal consequences for small island states – some rich nations are lobbying against paying to help developing countries mitigate the effects of climate change.

The UN agency, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has produced a report which will be an important tool in the negotiations between nations at the COP26 meeting in Glasgow, starting in a few days' time. However, documents obtained by

Greenpeace UK that was shown to the BBC, reveal that Switzerland and Australia, particularly, are doubting parts of the IPCC report which state that developing countries will require financial support from rich countries in order for them to achieve emission reduction targets.

The danger in the doubts expressed by Switzerland and Australia that seek to amend the IPCC report, is that other richer and greater polluting countries may try to hide behind them to reduce their own pledge to provide climate finance. These countries have already failed to meet their promise to contribute \$100 billion per year by 2020. The latter subject is not on the formal agenda of the Glasgow meeting, but small developing countries should raise it at every opportunity and under any pretext.

Plans to stop glob-

al temperatures rising more than 1.5°C by the end of the century must be presented at the Glasgow meeting by every country. But the plans are unlikely to be delivered.

Authoritative studies by Greenpeace and other bodies show that to keep temperatures below the 1.5°C limit, every country needs to stop all new fossil fuel projects immediately and stop burning coal altogether. Rich nations need to give extra financial support to poorer countries to do the same, and to help deal with the existing impacts of climate change.

But the attitude shown by Switzerland and Australia, together with positions taken by Japan and the member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Nations (OPEC), especially Saudi Arabia, to amend language pointing to the need for "urgent and accel-

erated” action to reduce fossil fuels, pose real and deadly threats to small island states and countries with low-lying coastlands.

So, too, do attempts by representatives of Australia and India to water-down references in the IPCC report to the urgency of considerably reducing the production of coal, one of the biggest contributors to CO2 emissions. Australia is a big exporter of coal, and India’s representatives have made it clear that India will not reduce its coal production and use “for the next few decades” because India needs coal to provide cheap electricity for domestic and industrial use.

All of this makes COP26 in Glasgow a truly decisive moment for small islands and countries with low-lying coastlands. This is the last decade the world has to avoid the worst impacts of global warming: unimaginable natural disasters, sea level rise, decimation of human habitats, and drowning of small countries

with ancient civilizations – as in parts of the Pacific. Small states must speak up, and they should not be cajoled into accepting words as deeds or promises as fulfilment.

There is a big hole in the COP26 agenda. It is a hole that will never be filled by the industrialized nations that are the biggest contributors to the adverse effects of climate change. It is the crucial matter of compensation for loss and damage.

Over the last four decades, climate change and global warming have wreaked massive destruction on small islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific. The repeated disasters, especially more frequent and more powerful storms, and extended periods of drought followed by huge flooding, have retarded growth and development in the Caribbean and Pacific countries while burdening them with debt to rebuild and to install expensive and resilient infrastructure against future damage.

The polluting countries that cause this grave injury are paying nothing in compensation.

In June this year, a group of legal experts – co-chaired by British Professor Phillippe Sands QC, and Dior Fall Sow, a UN jurist and former prosecutor from Senegal – unveiled an initiative for a new criminal law called ‘Ecocide’. Ecocide is defined as “unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and widespread long-term damage to the environment caused by those acts”.

While the law would open the door for compensation from entities that cause ecological damage, climate change is not specifically mentioned in the draft law; and, in any event, while it is good and right that it has been drafted and is being promoted, its acceptance and enactment by the International Criminal Court would take years. In any event, several pol-

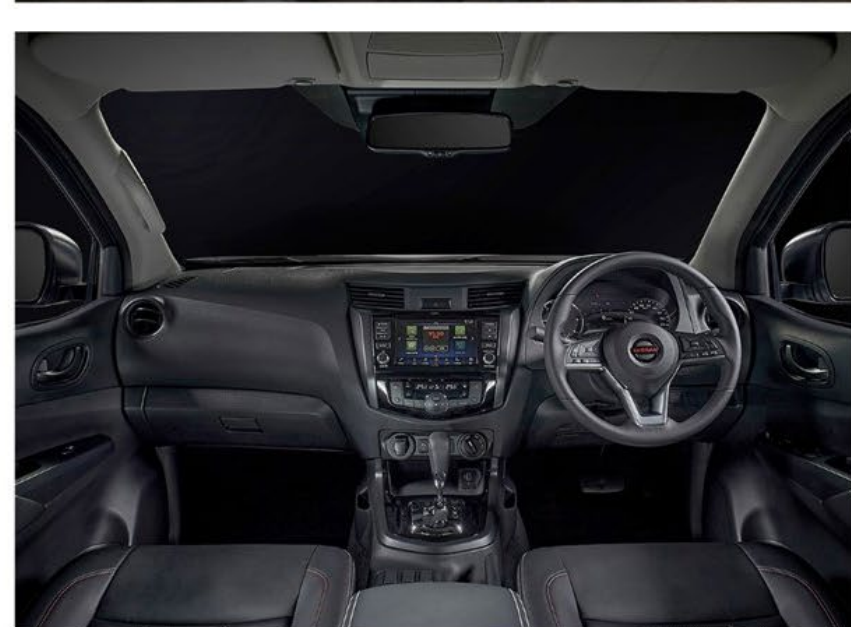
luting nations, including the United States, are not members of the Court.

Therefore, small islands states and other countries that are the perpetual victims of climate change, must devise new strategies for putting compensation for loss and damage on the global agenda and fighting for it.

And, at COP26, representatives of small states should include compensation for loss and damage in every statement they make. The evidence of the damage over the last four decades is clear for all to see. So, too, is the refusal of polluting countries to address it.

Small island states must use their advocacy to shame those who repeatedly damage with no effort to compensate and little effort to stop. Small states cannot go quietly into the dark night. They must rage against the dying of the light.

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Barbados elects first-ever President ahead of becoming a republic

Loop Caribbean - Barbados legislators Wednesday elected 72-year-old Governor-General Dame Sandra Prunella Mason to be the first-ever President as the island moves to end its political relationship with Britain and adopt a republican status on November 30, its Independence day.

All but one of the legislators who were present during the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament voted in support of Dame Sandra, who had been nominated by both Prime Minister Mia Mottley and Opposition Leader Bishop Joseph Atherley to replace Queen Elizabeth II as Barbados' Head of State.

Opposition Senator Caswell Franklyn earlier walked out of the joint sitting of Parliament, held at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, after objecting to her nomination. His walkout came after the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Arthur Holder, read a letter from Prime Minister Mottley advising of the joint nomination.

"I have an objection, Mr. Speaker," he said, with the Speaker replying that, "In accordance with the Constitution, I am therefore suspending this sitting."

Both Houses of Parliament subsequently split to meet in separate rooms to

cast secret ballots on the matter.

However, when voting began in the Senate, Franklyn raised yet another objection – this time about the ballots.

"This document has no validity. It comes from nowhere," he said, with the Senate President, Reginald Farley, responding, "I have deemed it to be valid."

"You cannot deem something to be valid that has no constitutional or legislative basis, Sir," Franklyn said, adding, "You will not treat me this way today. I will not stand for it. You will have to put me out."

The Opposition legislator insisted that he be heard and when the Senate President said his concern had been noted, Franklyn said his concern had not been addressed, repeating his position that, "This document has no validity. It comes from nowhere."

"Somebody make up this last night after I told people to get things in place 'cause I going to object. So you rush and do this. I didn't want to surprise anybody. I told everybody that this going to happen to show you that the nonsense that we did in the House and the Senate last time when we passed the Constitution Amendment Act, there are no rules," he added.

But the Senate President reminded legislators that the Parliament makes its own rules for voting.

Had there been no objection, Dame Sandra would have been declared the duly elected and first President of Barbados as dictated by Section 14 of the Constitution.

Dame Sandra was born on January 17, 1949, in East Point, St. Philip, and was educated at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus in Barbados and the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree in 1973 and a Certificate of Legal Education in 1975.

She became the first Barbadian female attorney to have graduated from the Hugh Wooding Law School and, in 1998, she completed a course in Judicial Administration at RIPA, London, and a course in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of Windsor, Canada, and Stitt Field Hendy Houston ADR Ltd. in 2000.

In 2001, she completed a fellowship at the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada, and an advanced courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution by the University of the West Indies and the University of Windsor, Canada.

Dame Sandra began her career as a teacher at the



Princess Margaret Secondary School. She left teaching and worked at Barclays Bank DCO, Barbados, and was promoted to Trust Administrator for the period 1975-1976. She was later transferred to Barclays Bank Jamaica Ltd., then returned to Barbados and continued her banking career with Barclays Finance Corporation.

In 1978, she began working as a Magistrate of the Juvenile and Family Court, while simultaneously tutoring in Family Law at UWI following a brief stint as an attorney in private practice. She served on the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child from its inception in 1991, until 1999, serving both as Chair and Vice-Chair.

She was also one of two women who were appointed to the 13-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Commission charged with evaluating regional integration.

BVI: Security guard allegedly stores 172 bricks of cocaine for friend



BVI News - A local government security officer, allegedly caught with 172 bricks of cocaine, has claimed he was holding it for a friend. Charged with possession of a controlled drug, with intent to supply to another, is 43-year-old father of five Stacy Smith of Hope Hill.

He was not made to plead when he appeared before Magistrate Kha-deen Palmer on Thursday, October 21.

The court was informed that on October 19, 2021, the police received a tip that Smith was storing co-

caine at his residence, so the law enforcers executed a search warrant at the location.

It is alleged that when the police arrived at the premises, the accused indicated to them he was in possession of illegal drugs. When the officers searched the garage, they found seven bags containing bricks of a white powdery substance.

The accused was questioned as to the exact content of the bags and he allegedly told the officers he believed it was cocaine.

The court was informed

that the 43-year-old defendant told police officers one of his friends called and asked him to collect and secure the package for him (the friend). The accused reportedly said he obliged and knowingly stored the bags of cocaine in his home for the friend. The friend in question remains unidentified. Smith was subsequently arrested and the cocaine was weighed and amounted to 188.04 kilograms. The street value of the drugs is \$19 million.

During today's court appearance, Magistrate

Palmer offered Smith bail at \$80,000 with a \$15,000 cash component and one surety. As a condition of bail, Smith must surrender all his travel documents and report to the Road Town Police Station every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

The case was adjourned until November 30, at which time the accused is expected to answer to the charge.

Defence attorney Valerie Stephens-Gordon represents the accused.

PM Harris encourages Federation citizens to take up subsistence farming

The St. Kitts-Nevis Observer - Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris has encouraged the people of the Federation to consider large or small scale farming in the face of the global supply chain bottleneck.

Addressing the nation, the Prime Minister said the government appreci-

manufacturers are unable to meet the rise in demand due to staff shortages and reduced operating hours, as restrictions and curfews continue to be put in place to limit the spread of the virus.

Labour shortages are also impacting ports where the goods land, which in turn

are realized. Costs of goods are likely to increase as a consequence of the supply chain disruptions, and shortages due to climate change.

This is where, he said, locally grown foods play a critical role. "In the medium and long term, our challenge is to produce

produce more of what we need."

At a recent National Emergency Operations Center briefing, the Chairman of the COVID-19 Taskforce, Abdias Samuel, brought attention to the supply chain bottleneck which has not yet affected the federation. He however encouraged citizens and residents to manage resources and supplies that are currently available until a global solution is found. He said there was no need for panic, but necessary preventative measures must be put in place to be resilient against these types of global challenges.

In 2020, the St. Kitts Nevis government responded to the food security challenge with additional budgetary support of \$10 million. Support was offered to farmers in land preparation, fencing wire, reduced cost of bayticol, etc. Fisher folk have been supported with fishing wire, fishing ropes and other necessities of their trade.

In 2021, the budget support to the sector was increased while maintaining the support of duty-free concessions on farm vehicles and removal of VAT from agricultural inputs, including seeds and other [inputs].



ates the importance of agriculture in the delivery of a better quality of life to the people of the Federation, as food is a basic human need. He said, globally, the challenge is great to have food in adequate quantities and, simultaneously, at affordable prices.

The bottleneck is due to an increase in demand for products, as online shopping has significantly increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In many instances, however,

slows the offloading and inspection process, thereby creating a bottleneck. Experts are predicting that this issue will get worse before it gets better.

Prime Minister Harris pointed to the supply chains around the world that continue to be disrupted by COVID-19 as backlogs increase. He also warned that there will be an adverse movement in the price of food items, as increases in transportation costs and fuel prices

more of what we need to feed ourselves. We need to produce, store and distribute food at affordable prices. From a health perspective, a conscious effort has to be made by all of us to include more fresh fruits and vegetables in our diet. Fresh food is to be preferred over processed foods. Foods that are low in salt and sugar are better for our health and wellness. A determined effort is required by our farmers and backyard gardeners to

Trinidad: Electoral College defeats Opposition Leader's motion to impeach President

CMC - The Electoral College on Thursday voted down an opposition-inspired motion aimed at impeaching President Paula Mae Weekes, with opposition legislators consistently disrupting the proceedings and shouting that "democracy is dead" in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Electoral College – comprising the 72 members of the House of Assembly and the Senate – voted by a 47-24 margin to dismiss the motion filed by Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar who wanted a Tribunal established "to investigate the removal" of Weekes – a former Appeal Court judge in Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands – from the Office of the President.

Section 35 of the Trinidad and Tobago Constitution provides that the President may be removed under Section 36 where he or she "wilfully violates any provision of the Constitution and/or behaves in such a way as to bring her office into hatred, ridicule or contempt, and/or behaves in such a way that endangers the security of the State".

Persad-Bissessar, who ... has been calling for the resignation of the Head of State, said the motion became necessary following

the imbroglio regarding the appointment of a new Police Commissioner after the incumbent Gary Griffith's three-year contract had ended in August.

Griffith was appointed to act as deputy, but the High Court ruled that his appointment was null and void.

The situation regarding the appointment of a new top cop led to the resignation of all the members of the Police Service Commission (PSC) amid allegations from the opposition that their list of nominees had been withdrawn following the intervention of a senior public official.

In her motion, Persad Bissessar claimed that the Head of State "willfully violated the provisions of the Constitution securing the independence of the Police Service Commission (PSC) in the performance of its functions and willfully violated Section 123 of the Constitution" and that "she behaves in a way that endangers the security of the State" and "has otherwise failed and/or neglected to execute her duties under the Constitution".

On Tuesday, the Parliament issued guidelines regarding the motion, noting the Member "shall only propose the motion and state with full particulars the grounds, as set out in



Paula-Mae Weekes is the current and sixth President of Trinidad and Tobago

the motion, on which the removal of the President from office is proposed.

"Following the proposal of the motion in the House of Representatives, the Members who signed the motion shall be required to confirm their support for the motion by standing in his/her place and confirming his/her signature when called upon by the Clerk to do so.

"After the motion is proposed and supported, without amendment or debate, the House of Representatives shall be suspended/adjourned for the convening of the Electoral College for the vote on the adoption of the motion in accordance with section 36(1)(c) of the Constitution"

The guidelines note that, in accordance with section 36(1)(c) of the Constitution, the motion requires a vote of not less than two-

thirds of the total membership of the Electoral College, and that at the meeting of the Electoral College, "The Chairman will call upon the Members of the College to vote on the adoption of the motion without amendment or debate."

"Each Member may vote either 'yes' or 'no'. A Member who wishes to abstain from voting shall do so by remaining silent when called upon by name.

"The motion succeeds if it is adopted by the vote of at least two-thirds of the total membership of the Electoral College. If the motion is adopted by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Electoral College, the Speaker shall forthwith inform the Chief Justice of the adoption of the motion by the Electoral College."

COVID: Virus may have killed 80k-180k health workers, WHO says



BBC - COVID has severely affected healthcare staff and may have killed between 80,000 and 180,000, the World Health Organization (WHO) says.

Healthcare workers must be prioritised for vaccines, WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said, and he criticised unfairness in the distribution of jabs.

The deaths occurred between January 2020 and May of this year.

Earlier, another senior WHO official warned a lack of jabs could see the pandemic continue well into next year.

There are an estimated 135 million healthcare workers globally.

"Data from 119

countries suggest that on average, two in five healthcare workers globally are fully vaccinated," Dr. Tedros said.

"But of course, that average masks huge differences across regions and economic groupings."

Fewer than one in 10 healthcare workers were fully vaccinated in Africa, he said, compared with eight in 10 in high-income countries.

A failure to provide poorer countries with enough vaccines was highlighted earlier by Dr. Bruce Aylward, a senior leader at the WHO, who said it meant the COVID crisis could "easily drag on deep into 2022".

Less than 5% of Af-

rica's population has been vaccinated, compared with 40% on most other continents.

The vast majority of COVID vaccines, overall, have been used in high-income or upper middle-income countries. Africa accounts for just 2.6% of doses administered globally.

The original idea behind Covax, the UN-backed global programme to distribute vaccines fairly, was that all countries would be able to acquire vaccines from its pool, including wealthy ones, writes BBC Global Affairs correspondent Naomi Grimley.

But most G7 countries decided to hold back once they started

making their own one-to-one deals with pharmaceutical companies.

Dr. Aylward appealed to wealthy countries to give up their places in the queue for vaccines so that pharmaceutical companies can prioritise the lowest-income countries instead.

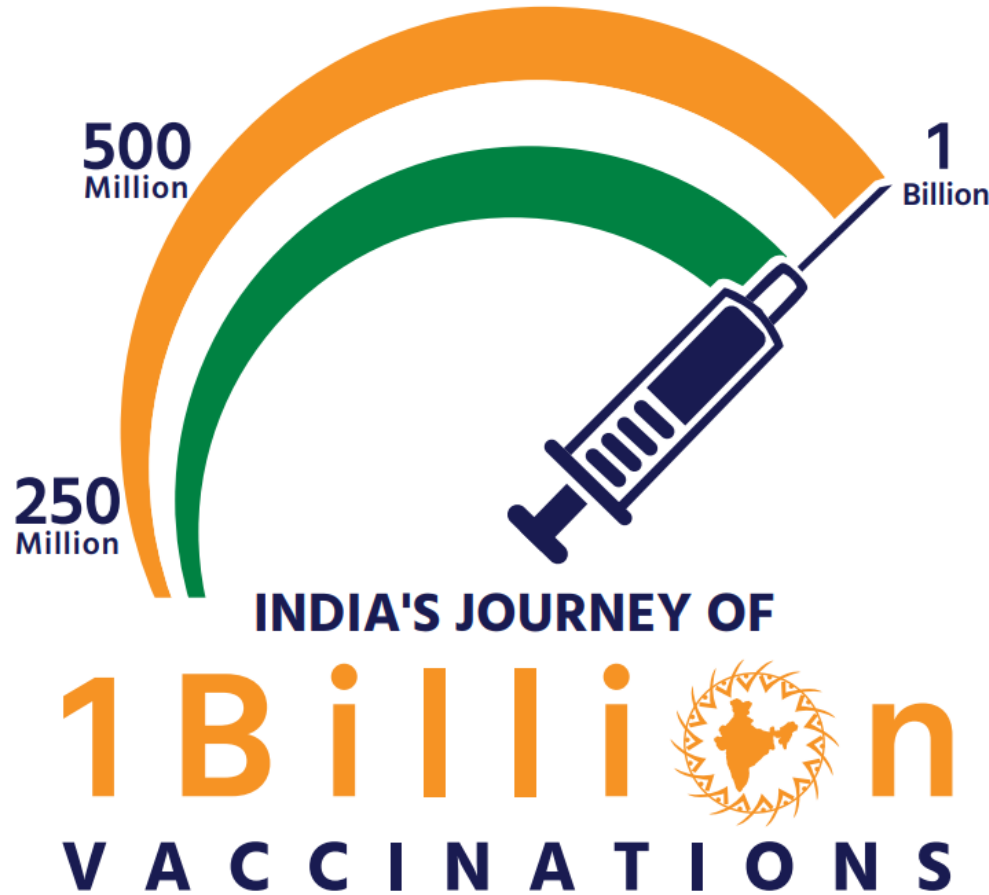
He said wealthy countries needed to "stock-take" where they were with their donation commitments made at summits such as the G7 meeting in St. Ives this summer.

"I can tell you we're not on track," he said. "We really need to speed it up or you know what? This pandemic is going to go on for a year longer than it needs to."

The People's Vaccine - an alliance of charities - has released new figures suggesting just one in seven of the doses promised by pharmaceutical companies and wealthy countries are actually reaching their destinations in poorer countries.

The alliance, which includes Oxfam and UN Aids, also criticised Canada and the UK for procuring vaccines for their own populations via Covax.

India administers one billion vaccinations



The Government of India on Thursday achieved the milestone of 1 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccinations, with support from the country's scientific community and health professionals.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated his country folk and expressed gratitude to the country's scientific community, health professionals

and front-line workers for working towards achieving this stupendous feat.

India has achieved the mark of 1 billion vaccine doses in less than 40 weeks and is the only country that has developed multiple COVID-19 vaccines across multiple platforms.

Nearly all of the 1 billion doses administered have been made in India. By the

end of this year India would be producing more COVID-19 vaccines monthly. This will translate to a larger potential to share vaccines with the world, contributing towards realization of the Prime Minister's vision of "One Earth, One Health".

This achievement takes on even greater significance for India as the country is celebrating its 75th Inde-

pendence Anniversary from March 2021 to August 2023.

With a low daily infection rate and increasing vaccinations, there is an expectation that travel to and from India will be restored to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels. In this context, India has commenced issuing e-tourist visas to tourists, including free visas to applicants.

Moscow going back into lockdown as COVID-19 deaths multiply in Russia

(CNN) - Moscow will impose a 10-day lockdown from next week in an effort to curb soaring COVID-19 cases, the city's mayor has said, as Russia endures its worst-ever phase of the pandemic.

"In the coming days, we will reach historic peaks in COVID cases," Sergey Sobyenin wrote in his blog, before announcing strict restrictions from October 28 to November 7.

"During this period, the work of all enterprises and organizations on the territory of the city of Moscow should be suspended," he said, before outlining a few limited exemptions.

Earlier this week the city ordered all unvaccinated residents over 60, as well as unvaccinated people "suffering from chronic diseases," to remain home for four months until late February.

Russia's COVID-19 crisis is deepening and its officials have started openly admitting that the country is facing a dire winter.

It reported its highest numbers of daily cases and deaths multiple times in recent days, and registered a record 1,028 official fatalities on Wednesday.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin said at a COVID-19 taskforce meeting on Tuesday that the burden on medical institutions is seriously increasing, while the governor of the Oryol region, Andrey Klychkov, recently revealed that the re-



gion does not have the capacity to hospitalize any more coronavirus patients.

"The most terrible figure is that we had 1,854 beds prepared, today there are no more free beds available. Of course, we will free as many beds as we can, we'll look for options. But at the moment there are no beds available, and this raises serious concerns," Klychkov said during a live broadcast on Instagram.

Experts blame a slow vaccination drive, an overwhelmed health care system and widespread mistrust in government for the situation.

Russia's efforts to reduce transmission have been seriously hampered by a lackluster

vaccination program. Just around 30% of the population is fully vaccinated, in a country where four domestic vaccines are available.

On Tuesday, when the country hit another COVID deaths record, the Kremlin admitted its partial responsibility for the low vaccination rates. "Of course, not all that needed to be done was done for informing and explaining the inevitability and importance of vaccination," President Vladimir Putin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, told journalists.

"But at the same time, citizens of our country need to take a more responsible position and get vaccinated," he added.

Syria executes 24 people over deadly forest fires

(Reuters) – Syria executed 24 people it said had set fires that swept swathes of forests mainly in the coastal province of Latakia, the ancestral home of Syrian President Bashar al Assad, the justice ministry said on Thursday.

Those executed on Wednesday were charged with committing “terrorist acts that led to death and damage to state infrastructure, public and private property”, the ministry said.

It said 11 others were sentenced to life in prison on the same charges from dozens arrested at the end of last year who confessed to igniting the fires that began in September 2020 and lasted until mid-October.

Although executions are common in the tightly run country with a powerful security apparatus, it is rare to publicise such a large number of executions on a single day.

The justice ministry statement said tens of fires swept forests and farmland and burnt homes in dozens of villages and towns in Latakia and Tartous provinces and also the central province of Hama.

No details were provided on where and how the executions took place in a country where international human rights groups says many detainees are executed without trial and where security prisons have tens of thousands of detainees.

Assad visited the devastated rural areas near his ancestral home of Qardaha in Latakia, inhabited mainly by his minority Alawite sect that dominates the higher echelons of power in the security



A fire burns at a forest in Latakia province, Syria, in this handout released by SANA on October 9, 2020.

forces and army. The huge fires caused tens of millions of dollars of losses in cultivated plots of mainly citrus, apples and olive trees that many poor Alawite farmers rely on to supplement meager low paid state jobs.

It also damaged a main part of the state-owned tobacco company that is a mainstay of the coastal area’s economy.

State television showed alleged

confessions of some of the culprits who said they were paid to set the deliberate fires.

The authorities had at the time blamed Syria’s foreign and internal enemies for igniting the fires as part of what it said was economic warfare. The country’s decade-old war has led to tens of thousands of deaths, displaced millions, and led to a refugee crisis.

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Experience in teaching in a classroom setting with diverse students is a plus

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Associate degree in instructional media and technology or related field in addition to a minimum of two years' professional audio-visual experience | InfoComm CTS certification highly desirable
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Superior interpersonal skills with demonstrated ability to work well with people.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills | Must be available to work evening and weekend hours
 Must be able to lift and carry 50 pounds on a regular basis

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 High School Diploma | Must have a valid Driver's license

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Minimum 2-5 years' experience in a similar role
 On the job training preferred or High School Completion
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Minimum 2 years' experience | Must be FULLY VACCINATED

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Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar role
 On the job training preferred or High School Completion
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Minimum of five (5) years' experience in the hospitality industry or related field
 A minimum of a first degree in Electrical/Mechanical/Civil Engineering from a recognized college or university
 Working knowledge of ASHRAE, JS21, NFPA & NEC life safety codes and standards.
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 Experience with Chill Water Systems, waste water treatment and reverse osmosis water plants necessary

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Minimum 2 years' experience in mixing paints | MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED
 Valid Driver's license & own vehicle is a plus

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Minimum 1 year experience as a Dishwasher

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Minimum 5 years' experience | High School Completion | Must be computer literate
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EXECUTIVE CHEF

A minimum of five years' experience as Executive Chef in an international first-class hotel/resort
Graduate of an internationally recognized culinary institution or technical/vocational training school
Knowledge of volume production and ability to maintain the highest quality standards
Working knowledge of Food Safety and International Health Regulations |
International experience would be an asset

FARM ATTENDANT

No experience required | Secondary School Completion

FOOD & DRINKS MANAGER (RESTAURANT)

Minimum 5 years' experience in a similar role
Must be certified in Food & Beverage | Must be able to multi-task

FLORIST

Minimum 2-5 years' experience | Secondary School Completion
Must be computer literate & social media savvy | Floral Designing skills a plus

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Minimum 1-3 years' experience in a similar role | High School Completion
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Minimum 5 years' proven experience as a General Manager or similar executive role
 University/Higher Education Degree required | Experience in planning and budgeting
 Knowledge of business process and functions (Finance, HR, procurement, operations etc.)
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 Time-management, prioritization and organization skills

INDIAN COOK

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Minimum 1 year working experience as a Laborer or Carpenter
 Must be able to use a measuring tape, various handheld power tools and equipment

JUNIOR SUSHI CHEF

Minimum 2 years' experience as a Speciality Chef (Sushi) in a luxury or boutique resort/hotel or independent restaurant
 Graduate of Hotel Training School with academic or professional qualifications in Culinary Arts
 Food Safety & Hygiene qualifications (e.g. HAACP or OSHA etc.)
 Good communication skills | Good organization and execution skills

KITCHEN HELPER

Minimum 1 year experience | Secondary School Completion | Must be customer service-oriented

LABOURER

Minimum 3 years' experience in a similar role | Secondary School Completion | Must be physically fit

LEAD TOUR SPECIALIST

Minimum 1 year experience of working in a customer service environment

Previous sales and supervisory experience is an asset

Good command of written and spoken English | Minimum of High or Secondary School Diploma

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Minimum 2 years' experience within the Food industry

Food Handling Certificate required | Good communication skills

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Ability to read and understand technical manuals | Good verbal and written communication skills

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Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills

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Must be positively spirited and passionate about food

Professional kitchen apprenticeship or related training course and previous

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A proven track of food preparation and preservation knowledge is essential

PASTRY CHEF DE CUISINE

Minimum 4 years' experience at a luxury establishment | Second language would be an asset
Food production qualifications, HAACP and Intermediate Food Safety & Hygiene qualifications
Must have a genuine passion for food and able to work within a busy environment & thrive under pressure

PADI OPEN WATER SCUBA INSTRUCTOR

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5 CXC Passes (including English & Mathematics) or Tertiary Level Completion
Technical Diploma and/or Certification in Construction trade

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Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management, Business Administration
or other related field, plus at least three years' experience in property or guest relations management
Experience in the supervision of staff
Proficient computer skills and in-depth knowledge of relevant software such as
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Knowledge of standard office administrative practices and procedures
Experience in administration in an academic institution of higher learning will be an asset

RESTAURANT HOST/HOSTESS

Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar role or as a Team Leader
Minimum 5 CXCs including English & Mathematics | Hospitality Management Diploma or equivalent

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Minimum 5 years' experience in a similar role
Must be certified in Food & Beverage | Must be able to multi-task

ROOM ATTENDANT/HOUSEMAN

Minimum 1-2 years' experience | High School Leaving Certificate
Good attention to detail | Great time management skills | Must be flexible

SALES ATTENDANT

Minimum 1 year experience

SALES CLERK

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SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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High School Diploma | Able to adopt in a fast-paced environment

Must be customer-friendly with good time-management skills

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Excellent oral and verbal communication skills | Punctuality and exemplary time management

Client care and vendor management | Must be professional and courteous

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Minimum of 2 years' experience in delivering and/or developing training

Leadership or de-escalation experience is a strong asset

Proficient in Microsoft Office, including excellent knowledge of PowerPoint

Capable of operating in a high-trust, high-accountability environment: able to stay motivated while working independently, and also collaborating well with peers

Exceptional speaking skills: must be comfortable speaking in front of a group, and capable of conveying information effectively

A high level of professional maturity, with a strong understanding of the appropriate balance between informal and formal communication | Able to accept and provide feedback.

Organized, detail oriented and able to easily understand and interpret data.

SERVICE BARISTA/ CREPE MAKER

Minimum 1 year experience in any Food & Beverage establishment

High School Completion | Fluency in French is a plus | Baking or Cooking skills is a plus

Ability to communicate effectively | Must be able to work under pressure

Highly motivated with an energetic personality | Excellent customer service skills

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Minimum 10 years' experience as a Carpenter | Secondary/Vocational School Completion

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No experience required | Minimum High School Completion | Training will be required

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Minimum 5 years' experience

WAITER/WAITRESS (ON CALL)

Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar role

On the job training preferred or High School Completion | Hotel Training School Completion preferred

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Russell Westbrook struggles in his Lakers debut in season-opening loss to Warriors

The Staples Center capacity crowd was greeted with shirts commemorating the home team's first sellout since March 10, 2020. They roared when Russell Westbrook was introduced as the first Lakers starter, a homegrown talent ready to fulfill his wildest childhood dreams. They erupted when Carmelo Anthony, the superstar the Lakers chased years before, finally took the court as a Laker and screamed even louder when Anthony scored his first points and celebrated by putting three fingers to his temple. And they welcomed back NBA champions Dwight Howard and Rajon Rondo to their team and cheered DeAndre Jordan's first home game back in Los Angeles. But for everything that the Lakers did this offseason, the addition of Westbrook, the reconstruction of their roster, so much seemed as if it would depend on things looking the way they used to. Whether it was the sanitized atmosphere at Staples Center, the tight turnaround from the season before or crippling injuries, the Lakers never experienced enough of LeBron James and Anthony Davis at their best last season. But even with their superstars carrying the load Tuesday night, scoring against the Golden State Warriors' defense without much resistance, everyone else struggled to come along. And that's going to matter.



Lakers guard Russell Westbrook, who had eight points, controls the ball in front of Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the Lakers' 121-114 season-opening loss Tuesday at Staples Center. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

The defensive issues and poor shooting and rhythm that hampered their winless preseason carried over to their opening night, the Lakers losing 121-114.

The Warriors outscored the Lakers 38-29 in the fourth quarter.

Westbrook floundered in his debut, a couple of early jumpers rattling out while he looked passive around the fringes of the action. He failed to draw fouls when he attacked the basket, and the possessions chasing Stephen Curry around combined with the certain adrenaline surge from his first game left his tank looking emptier than usual. He finished with only eight points, five rebounds, four assists and four turnovers — the Lakers 23 points worse than the Warriors in his 35 minutes on the court.

James finished with 34 points and 11 rebounds. And Davis, a disappointment last season after a slow start and injury problems that cost him most of the year, got off to an aggressive start, scoring 14 points in 12 first-quarter minutes. He scored 33 points to go with 11 rebounds.

But the two couldn't lift the Lakers, contributing to the team's woes with eight combined missed free throws in just 13 attempts.

Curry led the Warriors with 21 points and added 10 assists and 10 rebounds for a triple-double. Jordan Poole scored 20. The Lakers will face the Phoenix Suns, the reigning Western Conference champions, at Staples Center on Friday night.

Wilder retains No.1 heavyweight ranking despite Tyson Fury KO

Deontay Wilder has retained his No.1 ranking with the World Boxing Council (WBC) despite losing his last two fights by knockout (KO).

Wilder was stopped by world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury in their two most recent meetings, and hasn't won a fight since November 2019.

But he has maintained his spot at the top of the governing body's rankings, ahead of former unified world heavyweight champion Andy Ruiz Jr and Briton Joe Joyce. Ruiz defeated Chris Arreola in May, and is planning a ring return after undergoing surgery recently. And Joyce is on a winning streak, holding a 13-0 record and beating Michael Wallisch, Daniel Dubois and Carlos Takam since Wilder's last victory over Luis Ortiz. This ranking does not make Wilder the No.1 contender for Fury's belt, however; that honour will be bestowed on the winner of Dillian Whyte's October 30 bout with Otto Wallin. Whyte is favoured to come through against Wallin (who hasn't lost since facing Fury in 2019) at the O2 Arena in London later this month. And should he earn victory, he will be expected to face Fury in the early part of next year, before a



Deontay Wilder (left) has remained number one in the WBC's heavyweight rankings.

unification bout between the winner of that fight and the winner of the Anthony Joshua vs Oleksandr Usyk rematch.

Usyk currently holds every belt at heavyweight aside from the WBC title, including the less prestigious IBO title. Fury has been told that Whyte will be installed, as mandatory officially, if he doesn't organise an undisputed fight – which is impossible, due to Usyk's contractual obligation to a rematch with Joshua. Plans were in place for an undisputed title bout between Fury and Joshua in August, but a court ordered the 'Gypsy King' to give Wilder a trilogy bout, which led to Joshua facing mandatory challenger Usyk. And the possibility of a future Joshua-Fury bout took a hit when Usyk comfortably outboxed the

Brit on home soil to win the unified world title belts. Usyk was a slight underdog as he made the walk at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium last month. But he stunned fans by dominating Joshua in a comprehensive world title victory that put paid to any plans for an all-British world title unification.

Fury would go on to complete his side of the bargain, brutalising Wilder in an exciting heavyweight title trilogy two weeks later at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. Wilder dropped Fury twice in the fourth round of their third bout, having been put down himself in the fourth. But Fury took over as the bout progressed, and had Wilder down twice more before the fight was eventually stopped.

Australian Open: Unvaccinated players 'unlikely' to be allowed to compete

Players who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 are unlikely to be allowed into the country for the Australian Open, says the leader of the state in which the tournament is held. The Grand Slam event is due to start on 17 January in Melbourne, Victoria. The state has introduced a vacci-

nation mandate for professional athletes. "I don't think an unvaccinated tennis player is going to get a visa to come into this country," said the Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews. "If they did get a visa, they'd probably have to quarantine for a couple of weeks. "If I'm wrong, I'm sure the federal gov-

ernment will let you know. "[The virus] doesn't care what your tennis ranking is, or how many Grand Slams you've won. It's completely irrelevant. You need to be vaccinated to keep yourself safe and to keep others safe."

On Monday, reigning men's champion and world number one



World number one Novak Djokovic has yet to publicly reveal his vaccination status

Novak Djokovic again declined to reveal his vaccination status and said he was unsure if he would defend his title in Melbourne where he has triumphed nine times.

In an interview with Serbian publication Blic, the 20-time Grand Slam winner said it was “a private matter and an inappropriate inquiry”.

Australian prime minister Scott Morrison announced last week that international travel to and from the country would resume from 1 November for citizens and permanent

residents, but emphasised “no decision to allow other visa holders” had yet been made.

The 2021 tournament was pushed back by three weeks and players had to quarantine in a hotel for a fortnight on arrival in the country.

Tennis Australia insisted in May that the tournament would proceed in January 2022. In August, organisers said they hoped that players could have two weeks in a bio-secure bubble rather than hotel quarantine.

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Fairly average. West Indies lost 3-2 in a see-saw series to South Africa, beat an understrength Australian side 4-1 and then lost the only match that was not rained out in a four-game series, to Pakistan.

Batting

Much responsibility will rest on the shoulders of the opening pair of Evin Lewis and one of Lendl Simmons and Andre Fletcher. Lewis is West Indies’ highest T20I run scorer in 2021 and sixth in the world, while Simmons is their next most successful batter. Shimron Hetmyer will have to operate as the glue between those in the line-up whose form has come under the microscope - Gayle and Pooran - and the pressure on Hetmyer may grow. Lower in the order, Roston Chase, who has never played a T20I but topped the CPL run charts will play an important all-round role while Kieron Pollard’s finishing could prove decisive.

Bowling

Left-arm seamer Obed McCoy has been one of the finds of the year for West Indies after establishing himself in the shortest format side over the last few months and becoming their leading bowling this year. He will have the experience of Bravo and Andre Rus-

sell to draw on, which gives West Indies a strong pace attack albeit without Holder. It remains to be seen whether they have enough in the spin department. Leg spinner Hayden Walsh is their frontline slower bowler with the rest of the duties falling to all-rounders Fabian Allen, Chase and perhaps even Gayle.

Player to watch

Chris Gayle is the batter who made T20, and T20 is the format that made Chris Gayle, which is big enough a reason to watch him. But if you need another, at 42, Gayle is the oldest player in this tournament and although he may not like the suggestion, it could well be his last T20 World Cup. Age alone will not decide if Gayle plays in another major competition. Form has to have a say and it’s not looking too good on that front. Gayle played just two matches for Punjab Kings in the second half of the IPL before leaving the bubble to refresh himself ahead of the T20 World Cup. Before that, he scored 165 runs in 9 innings in the CPL (average 18.33), with a top score of 42 and has just one half-century in T20I cricket in 26 innings, dating back to March 2016.

Key question

How fit is Russell? He only played in three of Kolkata Knight Riders’ ten games in the second half of the IPL as he picked up a hamstring injury. Add that to the chronic knee issue that has hampered him in the past and it seems only reasonable to be concerned that Russell may not be available as much as West Indies need him to be at this tournament. If that’s the case, it’s going to affect multiple areas of their game. Russell’s batting allows West Indies to bat down to No. 9, and in his absence, they’ve often found themselves a bowling option short. Despite having Pollard and Allen in their ranks, Russell is a two-in-one West Indies cannot do without for a tournament this important and they’ll hope he is fully fit and stays that way for the next month.

Likely XI

1 - Evin Lewis; 2 - Andre Fletcher/Lendl Simmons; 3 - Chris Gayle; 4 - Nicholas Pooran (wk); 5 - Kieron Pollard (capt); 6 - Shimron Hetmyer; 7 - Andre Russell; 8 - Fabian Allen; 9 - Dwayne Bravo; 10 - Obed McCoy; 11 - Oshane Thomas/Hayden Walsh Jr.



CAN WEST INDIES OVERCOME RECENT FORM TO DEFEND THEIR TITLE?

Can West Indies defend their title? Chris Gayle and Nicholas Pooran's form, and Andre Russell's fitness will be key for them.

Big picture

As the defending champions and the only team to hold this title twice, West Indies should be favourites but they come into this tournament in worse shape than either of the previous two they won. Since their 2016 triumph, West Indies hold a win-loss ratio of 0.666, which means they're losing two out of every three games they play. No other team in the Super 12 is

doing that bad, with most doing losing once in every two matches, if that.

There's always an argument to be made that pre-tournament form counts for less than we think it does, especially when it comes to West Indies, especially since their recent record is at least partly down to not always having their best players available. But at an event where teams have to win at least three group matches to progress to the semi-final, emerging victorious every third game, as West Indies have been doing, simply won't be enough. West Indies

will need to reel off strong performances successively, and there are also questions over whether they have the personnel to do that.

Their squad includes two of the five players who have appeared at every T20 World Cup to date - Chris Gayle and Dwayne Bravo - and there's a debate over Gayle's inclusion because of his recent form. Curtly Ambrose doesn't think Gayle should be an automatic pick, resulting in Gayle lashing out and Viv Richards coming to Ambrose's defence. Apart from the concerns around Gayle,

West Indies will also be worried about Nicholas Pooran's lack of runs, and the gamble they took by including Ravi Rampaul on the CPL form (he last played for them nearly six years ago) and leaving Jason Holder out.

Despite all that, West Indies will be playing for something bigger than themselves. They've confirmed they will continue to gesture in support of anti-racism and will take a knee before each game.

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