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Another big reason to get vaccinated: COVID can wipe out your memory!

*The following is reprinted from **Business Insider** and buttresses the point that it's not only about whether you recover from COVID. It's about what kind and quantum of person that survives as "recovered" – how much of you remains intact; how much of you will you (and others) still recognize and recall. It seems one of the choice targets for COVID's residual and lingering effects (Long COVID) is our mental capacity for recollection – a key component of self-identification, of our very personhood. This is not a time to slack off on the vaccination verve that we have witnessed and enjoyed recently. This is a time to maintain momentum and retain remembering.*

People who've recovered from the coronavirus are experiencing problems with their memory, new research and data reveal. A study, published Friday in medical journal JAMA Network Open, says nearly a quarter of individuals who've been infected with the coronavirus have problems retaining information and focusing – months after contracting the disease.

Researchers, examining 740 patients at the Mount Sinai Health System in New York, found that it's relatively common for people who've had COVID-19 before to struggle with things like multi-tasking.

"In this study, we found a relatively high frequency of cognitive impairment several months after patients contracted COVID-19. Impairments in executive functioning, processing speed, category fluency, memory encoding, and recall were predom-

inant among hospitalized patients," Jacqueline Becker and other researchers at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York said, according to the study.

The patients were tested between April 2020 and May 2021, the study says. They were all at least 18



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years old and had no history of dementia. Researchers found that the patients, about seven or eight months after having contracted the disease, exhibited signs of cognitive impairment. That includes problems with memory recall and the ability to store new memories, the study says, as well as with making judgment calls and planning.

Some of these patients “cannot function”, psychiatry professor Dr. Helen Lavretsky told NBC News. “They can’t think; their memory is impaired; they get confused when they drive places, that they don’t know how they got there.” The research showed that patients most likely to show signs of cognitive impairment had been hospital-

ized for COVID-19. But some patients who received treatment in the emergency department of the hospital also presented with a decrease in brain function. One of the long term effects of COVID-19 is “brain fog”, or difficulty thinking and concentrating, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “Although

most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, some people experience post-COVID conditions,” the CDC website says. “Post-COVID conditions are a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience four or more weeks after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.”

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We need more high-end hotels, better pay for their workers

by Shelton Daniel

Hotels and other hospitality accommodation businesses have been told to make an effort to upgrade their properties.

The call has come from Prime Minister Gaston Browne who said hospitality establishments need to step-up so that Antigua and Barbuda can be positioned as a higher end tourism destination.

Prime Minister Browne is also interested in such elevation of the hospitality sector, as he believes this is key to them getting into a position of being able to pay better wages to their employees.

“Attracting a mass amount of poor tourists, I don’t know that [such a] model will ultimately work for us,” he stated. “All that will happen is that these property owners ... will drive down the

rates of pay, and those who work in the tourism sector ... will not make enough money; they will not even be able to support a mortgage, support schooling their children, and so on.

He continued: “These hotel operators must understand that workers are stakeholders, and they [the hoteliers] should be pursuing the type of model in which they can make sustainable profits, but they must be able to pay their staff well.”

The Prime Minister referenced what he said was an illuminating challenge faced in the Public Service.

“One of the problems we have had in the public sector – and I believe this is why the public sector continues to expand – you’ll find that the monies paid to the hotel workers, the differential

between what is paid to the public sector is at best maybe about EC\$200. But when individuals observe the fact that they have additional benefits working for the Government – they get a State pension and so on after they retire, and perhaps don’t have to work as hard in the public sector; I’m not suggesting that should be the case, but just dealing with the reality of it – you find many of them are looking forward to a public sector job as priority instead of going to a private sector job in which they could make more money.”

PM Browne observed, however, that, “After several decades in this [hospitality] business, the salaries and wages that are paid now, if anything, are probably lower if adjusted for inflation and [current] purchasing

power; they’re probably less than what individuals earned several decades ago – and that just cannot be acceptable.”

The Prime Minister rejected what he said were arguments by some hoteliers that Antigua and Barbuda “must compete with the Dominican Republic ... and we need to drive down salaries and wages – utter nonsense! Fix your product, increase your pricing so that you can support an increase in pay for your staff.”

PM Browne did not end without also admonishing hospitality sector employees that, “They also have an obligation to provide a good quality service in order to justify whatever premium that they may add to the cost of provision of the service.

“What we are seeking to do at the mac-



Mill Reef Hotel Antigua

ro-economic level is to attract more high-end tourism products in more high-end tourism accommodation in order to increase the yield. That is why properties like Jumby Bay, Mill Reef Club, Windward Beach, and now PLH in Barbuda are so important; because the opportunities created at those properties are significantly better than the mass low-end all-inclusive hotel products that we have been operating ... “I will ac-

cept, though, that we need a good mixture of tourism products, so we’re not saying we’re going exclusively for all high-end resorts and accommodation properties ... but we need more.”

PM Browne is of the view that working for better pay at higher end hotels and accommodation properties will motivate hospitality staff to work harder in order to maintain the high recognition and standards of their places of employment.

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Environmental activists overly hasty to criticize – says PM

by *Shelton Daniel*

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has chided local environmental activists who he says are too quick-on-the-draw with their criticisms of projects that are proposed or supported by government.

Speaking on Saturday, Prime Minister Browne called out Eli Fuller and Martin Dudley who he said had come out swinging at his mere mention of offshore sand mining, the previous weekend, without taking time to ascertain exactly what was being proposed.

“I mentioned last week that one of the areas we’re looking at is offshore sand mining and – lo and behold! – my dear friend Eli Fuller and a gentleman by the name of Martin Dudley ... are very antagonized by the idea of offshore sand mining. My friend Eli went as far as saying, if that is the case, he should go somewhere else to live.”

The Prime Minister dismissed Fuller as “an alarmist”, saying he and Martin had “their own ideas about what can be done sustainably with limited environmental impact and ... they do not respect the work of international experts on the issue of sustaining the environment [while] at the same time having these projects and pursuing them in a sustainable way. They do not even accept that you can mitigate certain risks.”

The protestations notwithstanding, PM Browne declared that he has “been advised by several international scientists that

we can pursue offshore sand mining, but it has to be done properly. All of the necessary mapping of the area – I guess they have to do all the necessary boreholes to determine the quality of the sand, the depth and all that, but it can be done on a sustainable basis.”

The Prime Minister said he has already indicated to the named detractors that his government will be guided by the science and not by their opinions.

“We value people’s opinion, but some of them are not even environmentalists ... They are like social media bullies. Any time there is something about the economy, any project that they think could impact on the environment, they go out there and they start to make a whole heap of noise without waiting to hear precisely how the project will be done. They are not even taking an objective position to say ‘maybe it can be done in a sustainable way; let us see what the environmentalists have to say, and where there is going to be any impact, what exactly are we doing to control the impact.’”

The Prime Minister added that, “If we have to listen to people like Eli and so on, we’ll never get anything done in this country.”

Regarding Martin Dudley – regarded by some as a sort of environmental fanatic – PM Browne said, “If you cut one blade of grass he has a problem with it.”

The Prime Minister noted that several of these militant environmental activists “are reasonably



Eli Fuller (picture taken from personal Facebook page)

well off, so they don’t have to worry where their bread and butter is coming from. But they are not taking into consideration that there are people we have to provide for.”

PM Browne conceded that “from time to time there will be some impact with these projects that we pursue, but we make sure that we pursue them in a sustainable way and we mitigate against the potential impact.”

The Prime Minister said he “would like to see a more engaging discussion – one in which [the activists] can express concerns – but they are coming to conclusions even before they see the scope of the project, and that cannot be a sensible thing to do.”



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COVID-19 booster shots could begin here next month

by *Shelton Daniel*

Booster shots of COVID-19 vaccines could be made available in Antigua and Barbuda as early as next month, according to the country's Head of Government.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne said this expectation is based on recommendations supported by local health officials.

"And I suspect the health officials will confirm this, which is to make booster shots available to our senior citizens and other vulnerable groups, to include individuals at risk," he stated on his weekly radio program, The Browne & Browne Show.

Referring to the wan-

ing immunity observed in leading vaccine brands such as Pfizer and AstraZeneca, PM Browne added: "It has been proven that after a while the vaccines actually wane; the protection from the vaccines reduces over time and, as a consequence, there is a need for booster shots.

"Even in the UK, we have seen an escalation in COVID cases, and I suspect a part of it may be due to waning or reduction in the efficacy of the vaccines over a period of time."

Providing a clearer timeline, the Prime Minister said, "Hopefully next month we will be able to start the booster shots, and I certainly want to encourage our own citizens and



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

residents – especially they should present our senior citizens – to themselves to get their booster shots; booster shots as they get their booster shots; those with underlying health conditions, too, become available."



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St. Lucia to help with A&B Pfizer vaccine shortage

by *Shelton Daniel*

Prime Minister Gaston Browne says the shortage of Pfizer vaccines that has caused a tremendous slowdown in the pace of inoculations against COVID-19 “should be corrected shortly”.

Speaking on the weekend, the Prime Minister said he has been “advised that the Government of Saint Lucia has agreed to make a few thousand Pfizer vaccines [available] to us”.

He said the transfer of vials was “probably a loan – we can always reimburse them – or maybe a gift, depending on how their situation emerges”.

The initial shipment of about 17,000 doses of Pfizer vaccines earlier this year was a gift from the United States, which is due to supply a second tranche based on observed uptake and needs.

“We believe it’s a matter of time before we get some more vaccines from the US,” PM Browne stated. He added that, “The second tranche was due since last month, but I believe because of the hesitancy within the region ... the US decided hold on to the second tranche, and to time it so that they do not deliver too early, and then these life-saving vaccines go to waste.”

The Prime Minister lamented that Antigua and Barbuda has “gotten caught up in that situation even though [we] have been ready for those additional vac-



cines at least 3-4 weeks ago.”

He explained that this was because the US deals with the recipient CARICOM territories “as a region, not individually, and that is why we have to wait”.

He noted that some critics have been arguing, erroneously, that the Pfizer vaccine shortage was due to poor planning on the part of his administration.

“That is not true; because, again, as I have said, based on the estimated timelines for the delivery of those vaccines, the second tranche should have been here in September. But, in any case, we continue to push the US government to deliver as soon as

possible; because Antigua and Barbuda and Jamaica ... are out of Pfizer vaccines and we need them soonest.”

The Prime Minister remarked that the Pfizer vaccine was noticeably “the more sought-after vaccine and most people getting vaccinated now are asking for the Pfizer ... I’m told we have had to turn away hundreds of people during the last two weeks.

“It is hoped that by Tuesday,” PM Browne disclosed, Antigua and Barbuda “should have [additional] Pfizer vaccines in stock, and we will be able to continue inoculating our eligible students”.

COVID Dashboard Update for October 24, 2021

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness & the Environment from the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre revealed 12 new laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Saturday 23rd October 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Eighty-three (83) samples were processed at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, and 71 at CARPHA.

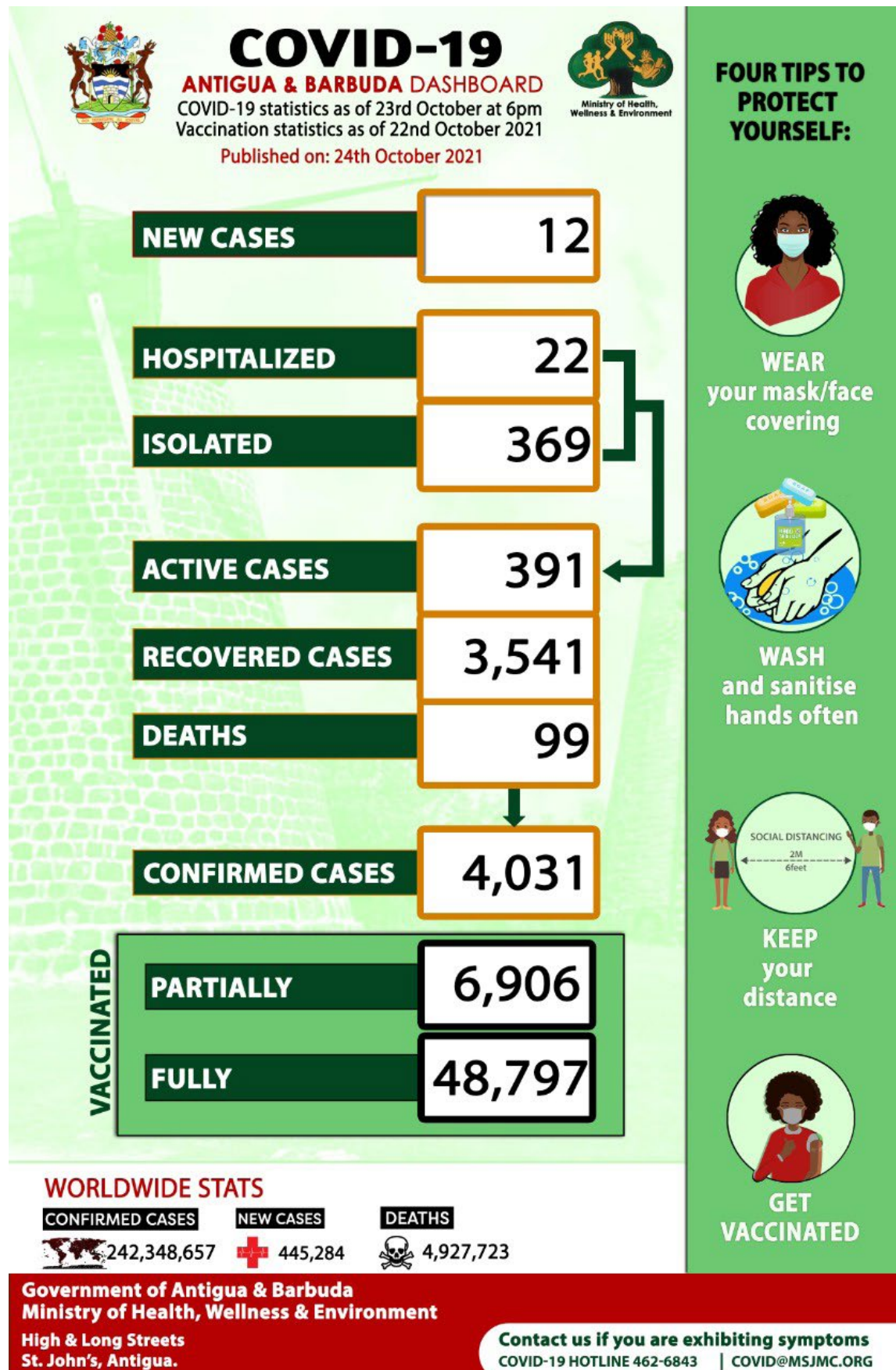
Seventy-five (75) recovered cases were recorded, increasing the total to 3,541.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is 4,031 – inclusive of 391 active cases.

There are 22 hospitalized cases: 14 mild; four (4) moderate; and four (4) severe.

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda has fully vaccinated 48,797 individuals, while 6,906 have only received their first dose.

The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes.





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22 October 2021

His Excellency Mr Luis Almagro
Secretary-General
Organization of American States
Washington,
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Dear Secretary-General

On behalf of the CARICOM Heads of Delegation to the OAS and on my own behalf, I thank you for the very productive meeting that we had today.

Your openness to the issues that we raised, and your constructive response encouraged us greatly.

As you suggested, we will draft, for your consideration, an action plan that could be pursued within all the organs of the OAS, covering the important issues we discussed today, including the destructive effects of climate change and the urgency for action; remedying under representation of CARICOM countries in the staff complement of the OAS; addressing the continuing challenge of access to vaccines; placing reparatory justice in the work of the Organization; and working to give greater emphasis to integral development and security in the programmes of the Organization.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen the OAS and to improve its delivery of benefits for all its people.

Yours sincerely

Sir Ronald Sanders

Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda
Coordinator of the CARICOM Group

Remarks by Sir Ronald Sanders – Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, and coordinator of the CARICOM Group at the OAS – *at meeting with OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro, Friday 22 October 2021, OAS Museum, Washington D.C.*

Secretary-General:

Thank you very much for the readiness that you showed in agreeing to my proposal to meet the Heads of Delegations of the CARICOM Group at the OAS.

Secretary-General, I want to first thank you for standing-up with, and for, CARICOM countries, at a time of great trial over the last year and seven months, since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic and the considerable disruption and suffering that it has caused.

I do not need to rehearse now the depth of the pandemic's adverse effects on the lives and livelihood of our people. We all

know the story well.

As the pandemic was making itself felt, we had already engaged you in championing the cause of our sub-region's development. Your embrace of the "Framework Strategy: From Vulnerability to Resilience" which you issued in August 2020, set the pathway to a strong relationship between you personally and CARICOM countries. We are well aware that your public association with the development strategy for CARICOM caused more than a little envy from other regional groups.

There were 10 priorities set out in that document. All were

addressed despite the limitation on actions that the pandemic inflicted. You undertook to write to Heads of International Financial Institutions and others concerning debt relief for beleaguered small states, and for change in the criterion that restricts access to concessionary financing for many of our countries. You did that. And, you published those letters, helping us to highlight our grave concerns to the international community.

And, when the pandemic unfolded – exposing the inequity of access to vaccines by the unwholesome policies of rich countries to buy and hoard

more than 80 percent of all vaccine production – you raised your voice on our behalf in March of this year.

You even took account of CARICOM's quest for reparatory justice in relation to the long shadow that the consequences of slavery have cast over our efforts to overcome persistent underdevelopment and the global machinery that marginalises us. Your statement that "definitely there is a responsibility for all of this, and every country should assume its responsibility" was the first recognition by a high official in the international system that nations that

practiced slavery, in all its evil forms, have an obligation to repair the long-term injuries that they fashioned and inflicted.

So, in part, Secretary-General, this meeting today gives us the opportunity to say 'thank you' and to express our appreciation for the boldness you showed in speaking out for us.

Of course, that same boldness of speaking out has not always been appreciated for all the statements that you have made. There have been occasions when we would have preferred you to talk with us – or the countries involved – in advance; not to restrict your right to speak, but to help to contextualise your remarks in an appropriate way.

But, Secretary-General, none of us wants a weak or weakened Secretary-General. We well know that a weak Secretary-General would lead to a weak OAS. To advance our integral development and security ambitions, we need a strong OAS and a

strong Secretary-General. We are ready to cooperate with you in ensuring that when you speak, we can endorse your message and support it. That is a pathway we hope we might open today.

Secretary-General, while we have you captive, we would like to draw attention to a few things that concern us generally. First, our CARICOM region continues to be woefully underrepresented in the OAS. All 14 CARICOM countries have only 41 employees in the organization, of which only 20 are professionals.

In the professional grades, Guyana has none; Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis have one (1) each; Barbados, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname have two (2) each; Belize three (3); Trinidad and Tobago has four (4). Of the total number of 503 employees of the OAS, CARICOM countries have only 8.15%, of which more

than half the number are non-professionals (G category).

We must ask the biblical question: Must we always be the hewers of wood and the carriers of water? Greater attention should be paid to this anomaly, Secretary-General, and we hope that we can encourage you and Assistant Secretary-General Mendez to do so.

On other matters, Secretary-General, you are well aware that apart from the crisis of vaccine access that all our countries now face, our persistent and overwhelming concern is with the disastrous effects of climate change. It is clear that the world will not achieve the target of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels.

Many of our countries are facing the prospect of severe land erosion – including of human habitats and tourism and agricultural sectors. The world's worst polluters are paying only lip service to the damage

that they are consistently inflicting on our countries. They are doing so, even as they resist paying compensation for the loss and damage we have already endured and continue to experience.

Alarmingly, Secretary-General, of the world's top 10 polluting countries (the 10 greatest contributors to the disastrous effects of climate change), eight of them are part of the OAS, either as Permanent or Observer delegations.

Surely that high number of major polluters, and the higher number of victim countries within the OAS, demand a conversation within the Organisation. This is a conversation that we might begin today.

Secretary-General, the distinguished Heads of CARICOM delegations will add their own concerns to our discussion today.

I thank you again, for all that you have done so far on our behalf, and for all that I expect you will do in the future.

China: A staunch supporter and contributor to the cause of the United Nations

by **WANG Erdong** (*Charge d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Antigua and Barbuda*)



The People's Republic of China re-engaged with the United Nations 50 years ago on October 25, 1971.

Fifty years ago, on 25th October 1971, the UN General Assembly, at its 26th Session, adopted Resolution 2758 with an overwhelming majority, which redressed the historical injustices done to China, deprived the Taiwan region of its unlawful seat, and restored the legitimate right of representation of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.

The restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations was, as Chairman Mao Zedong put it, "a great victory". We owe this diplomatic victory to the support of the fellow developing countries, especially our African friends.

When the Resolution 2758 was adopted, many delegates from Asia, Africa and Latin America

expressed their joy with cheers, applause and hugs while the then US Permanent Representative to the UN sat dejectedly. He later recalled that it was like being shot down as a combating pilot. Though feeling bitter, embarrassed and discontent, the Americans graciously accepted the fact.

The restoration of China's lawful seat is of great significance in the history of the United Nations. When the United Nations was formally founded in October 1945, China was the first country to put its signature on the UN Charter.

Soon after its founding in 1949, the New China demanded to restore its lawful seat in the United Nations, but was deliberately obstructed by the US and other

Western countries. As a major civilization and the most populous country in the world, China's return to the UN in 1971 was a victory for the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, since it greatly enhanced the credibility and importance of the United Nations and truly made it a global organization.

The restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations also ruled out any possibility of "dual representation" and declared the complete failure of the attempts to create "Two Chinas" by certain elements. It is without a doubt that there is only one China in the world; that the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing China, and

Taiwan is an inalienable part of China.

China has not yet achieved reunification, but as President Xi Jinping said, “The Taiwan question originated in a weak and ravaged China, and it will definitely end with China’s rejuvenation. This is determined by the general trend of Chinese history; but, more importantly, it is the common will of all Chinese people.”

Looking back, for the past 50-plus years, China has always been a staunch supporter and an active contributor to the cause of the United Nations. We faithfully honor the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, firmly uphold the legitimate rights and interests of fellow developing countries, and become a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, a defender of the international order, and a provider of public goods. By taking concrete actions, China has shown to the world that it is a proud member in the family of nations and a community with a shared future for mankind.

Fifty years later, ushering into a new era, China is taking strides on the journey towards its goal of national rejuvenation. We are fully aware of the international responsibility that we shoulder,

and will continuously bolster the leading and central role of the UN in international affairs, uphold true multilateralism in an unequivocal way, and show the world what China has to offer to promote fairness, democracy and progress.

As President Xi pointed out, there is only one international order, and that is the international order underpinned by international law; and there is only one set of rules – the basic norms governing international relations underpinned by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Also, we will never forget the profound friendship between China and other developing countries. Past, present and in the future, China always stands together with developing countries. We will firmly uphold the legitimate rights and interests of fellow developing countries and speak up for the developing world.

The United Nations is an important organization where international affairs are dealt with and cross-border relations are fostered. It is also a major platform where countries practice multilateralism and promote democracy and rule of law in international relations. In this regard, the UN is the most universal, au-

thoritative and legitimate international organization to which no other multilateral mechanism is comparable.

On the other hand, the UN is also faced with various challenges. Certain countries pursue unilateralism and see the UN as a tool for applying international law in a selective way, posing major threats to the international order.

Additionally – as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the weak links and deficiencies in global governance – the UN also needs to adapt itself to the times by improving its efficiency, its emergency response capability, and the transparency of its work through reform, earnestly increasing the representation and voice of developing countries, and making the global governance system more just and equitable.

China and Antigua and Barbuda are both members of the UN. Our two countries have been supporting and relying on each other in the multilateral arena. China stands ready to work with Antigua and Barbuda to jointly safeguard the authority of the UN Charter and make the UN a common platform for defending justice and upholding fairness.

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St. Lucia Gov't under fire for returning students to classrooms

Loop SLU - The Ministry of Education has come under fire for deciding to return to the physical classroom.

As of Monday, October 25, key grade levels – including Kindergarten, Grade Six, and Forms 4 and 5 – will return to the physical classroom, the Ministry of Education said in a statement.

However, Behavior & Communication Specialist Bennet Charles is questioning whether the decision on the part of the Government to return to the physical classroom now is a wise one. “The government is certainly not following the science,” Charles said. “According to a previous statement by the education officials, if the decline continued, then schools would have been reopened. But we have to be serious about this in terms of when you make decisions that we don’t make decisions to please people, and I suspect this is a decision to please the parents,” Charles declared.

He believes with the current rate of COVID-19 infection and the end of the first school term soon, it makes no sense to return to the physical



Education Minister Shawn Edward (right) and Behaviour & Communication Specialist Bennet Charles.

setting at this point.

“Christmas is less than two months away; New Year’s just [a little more] than two months away. These are festive seasons for Saint Lucians, and we know that. We’ve seen the issues about persons not following the protocols. We saw it during election time where the campaigning turned into a carnival, where people took advantage of that.

“The last time we had an issue where schools reopened only to be shut again after two weeks because of the spike in COVID-19 cases. So

when you go ahead and open school with less than a month ... remaining for the term to end, usually the last week of school, nothing happens. School usually closes very early in December, so you’re opening school just for about a month. Why?”

However, Education Minister Shawn Edward has defended the decision to return to the face-to-face setting, noting the decision was made after consultation with all stakeholders.

“We are not entirely out of the woods as yet as COVID management is

concerned. We still have a few active cases. The rate of transmission has gone down sufficiently to allow for us to bring in our kindergarteners, our grade sixes at the primary level, and also forms four and five at the secondary level. So, arriving at a decision was predicated on a lot of consultation,” Edward stated.

The Ministry of Health, the Department of education, the Principals Association and the Saint Lucia Teachers Union were among several stakeholders involved in the decision making.

High-level Barbados team exploring investments in Guyana

Guyana Chronicle - FOLLOWING a recent visit to Barbados by President Dr. Irfaan Ali, a high-level Barbadian team has returned the favour by coming here to seek investment opportunities and to strengthen collaborative efforts between the two Caribbean Community (CARICOM) nations.

The visiting delegation is headed by Barbadian Minister of Transport, Works & Maintenance Dr. William Duguid, and will be exploring opportunities in Guyana's housing and construction sectors, facilitated by discussions with the government and private sector during their three-day stay.

As part of the visit, the Barbados Housing & Investment team met on Saturday with officials from the Ministry of Housing & Water, and the Central Housing & Planning Authority (CHPA) at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre at Liliendaal, Greater Georgetown.

During a familiarisation session, the Barbadian team was briefed on Guyana's housing policies and the functions of the CHPA, and both counterparts shared information on the operations of their respective housing sectors.

Minister of Housing & Water Collin Croal talked about Guyana being on the cusp of rapid development, noting that in the first half of 2021 it has already recorded a 25 per cent growth in the construction sector, which is testimony to the work being done in the housing sector.

According to the press release on the visit, Minister Croal promoted partnership between the two nations and extended an invitation for investment, highlighting that Guyana has huge potential and is seeking to expand its housing drive.

He also touched briefly on the changes in legislation such as the Condominium Act and the strides being made with the ongoing process for the Single Window Processing System, all of which will pave the way for ease of access for investors venturing into business with Guyana.

According to the release, Dr. Duguid was impressed by Guyana's comprehensive housing policies which seek to meet the needs of people from all walks of life, specifically the Mortgage Interest Relief Programme and the Young Professional Housing initiative.



Guyana's Minister of Housing & Water Collin Croal (left) with the Barbados Minister of Housing, Land & Maintenance, Dr. William Duguid (right), and other officials during a tour of some housing developments in Georgetown.

He committed to working with the local authorities in the housing and construction sectors, and called for more publicity of the investment opportunities within the sectors, as well as for more platforms to exchange skills and knowledge in the construction sector.

Minister within the Ministry of Housing & Water Susan Rodrigues highlighted that the delegation is visiting at an exciting time for Guyana when economic growth is skyrocketing and it is being touted as one of the most attractive destinations for investment.

Highlighting that the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) administration allocated close to 10,000 house lots in their first year in office, Minister Rodrigues said it is evi-

dence of the government's ability to deliver on its promises.

The Barbadian team included Timothy Maynard, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing, Lands & Rural Development; Kelly Hunte, Senior Housing Planner; Ian Gill, General Manager of the National Housing Corporation; and Ian Foster, Chief Technical Officer.

A team from the Barbados Investment & Development Corporation, including Mark Hill, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Paul Waithe, Manager Bio-economy; Marina Taitt, Director of Quality; and Sharon Walton, Director of Quality Guyana, also forms part of the visiting delegation.

Jamaica health ministry begins house-to-house vaccination in nine parishes



The Health Ministry has been encouraging Jamaicans to get vaccinated to prevent serious illness, hospitalisation and/or death associated with COVID-19.

Jamaica Gleaner - The Health Ministry says it has now started house-to-house COVID vaccination in nine parishes.

Healthcare teams – including public health nurses and community health aides from Hanover, Manchester, St. Elizabeth, Trelawny, Westmoreland, St. Ann, St. Mary, Portland and St. Thomas – have

been deployed to communities to administer the COVID-19 vaccines to shut-ins, the disabled and the elderly.

According to Health Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton, this represents another phase in the national vaccination efforts.

“I want to salute our public health workers who continue to show com-

mitment to the COVID efforts, walking the hills and valleys to reach our most vulnerable citizens,” said Tufton.

The ministry has been encouraging Jamaicans to get vaccinated to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and/or death associated with COVID-19.

Jamaica is now administering the two-dose

AstraZeneca and the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Up to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, a total of 893,696 doses of vaccines had been administered.

Of that number, 533,967 were first doses; 315,036 were second doses; and 44,693 were single doses.

Trinidad & Tobago vaccination rates have plummeted 'dangerously'; ICU admissions rising

Loop TT - Health Minister Terrence Deyalsingh has expressed concern that COVID-19 vaccination rates have fallen "dangerously".

Deyalsingh made the disclosure at the Ministry of Health's virtual media briefing on Saturday.

He said: "In the past week, we have been averaging 1,614 shots as compared to the previous three weeks of 2,939. Our vaccination rates have plummeted dangerously by about 55%."

He added: "We need to inject a sense of urgency again into our population to get vaccinated. (Because) the level of care at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependency Unit (HDU) setting that the unvaccinated may expect may not be there."

Additionally, Deyalsingh announced that National Care Fairs will be held at six locations across Trinidad and Tobago from next Friday. People can also be vaccinated at these sites.

Meanwhile, Principal Medical Officer Dr. Maryam Abdool-Richards revealed that ICU admissions have been increasing on a daily basis. She noted that the majority of ICU beds in the parallel healthcare system are filled.



Trinidad and Tobago's Health Minister, Dr. Terrence Deyalsingh.

"The ICU occupancy over the last week has been increasing, and this has been noted on a daily basis from last week Saturday to present. Yesterday,

at a meeting with all medical chiefs-of-staff from the traditional and parallel healthcare system, we confirmed that there has been an increasing num-

ber of severely and critically ill patients presenting to the Accident & Emergency," Abdool-Richards disclosed.

CNN Investigation: Tens of millions of filthy, used medical gloves imported into the US

(CNN) - Trash bags stuffed full of used medical gloves, some visibly soiled, some even blood-stained, litter the floor of a warehouse on the outskirts of Bangkok.

Nearby is a plastic bowl filled with blue dye and a few gloves. Thai officials say migrant laborers had been trying to make the gloves look new again when Thai health authorities raided the facility in December.

There are many more warehouses just like it still in operation today in Thailand – trying to cash in on the demand for medical-grade nitrile gloves which exploded with the coronavirus pandemic. And they're boxing up millions of these sub-standard gloves for export to the United States and countries around the world, amid a global shortage that will take years to ease.

A months-long CNN investigation has found that tens of millions of counterfeit and second-hand nitrile gloves have reached the United States, according to import records and distributors who bought the gloves. And that's



Piles of dirty, suspected second-hand nitrile gloves were found in a raid on a warehouse in Bangkok, December 2020. The Thai FDA said fraudulent companies package gloves like these for resale around the world.

just the tip of the iceberg. Criminal investigations are underway by the authorities in the US and Thailand.

Experts describe an industry riddled with fraud, with one of them – Douglas Stein – telling CNN that nitrile gloves are the “most dangerous commodity on Earth right now”.

“There’s an enormous amount of bad product coming in,” Stein says, “an endless stream of filthy, second-hand and substandard gloves coming into the US of which federal authorities, it seems, are only now beginning to understand the enormous scale”.

Yet, despite the potential risk to frontline healthcare workers and patients, US authorities have struggled to get a handle on the illicit

trade – in part because import regulations for protective medical equipment were temporarily suspended at the height of the pandemic, and remain suspended today.

In February and March this year, one US company warned two Federal agencies – Customs & Border Protection and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) – that it had received shipments filled with substandard and visibly soiled gloves from one company in Thailand.

And yet the Thai company managed to ship tens of millions more gloves in the following months, some arriving as recently as July.

The FDA told CNN it could not comment on individual cases

but said it has taken “a number of steps to find and stop those selling unapproved products by leveraging our experience investigating, examining and reviewing medical products, both at the border and within domestic commerce”. In early 2020, demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) shot through the roof as the coronavirus pandemic took hold around the world. And prices for nitrile gloves stayed high. Medical grade nitrile gloves are commonly used by doctors and healthcare professionals in patient examinations. The FDA bans powdered latex from being used in healthcare, while lower-quality vinyl gloves are more common in industrial settings and food handling.

The gloves – produced almost entirely in south and east Asia – rely on a finite supply of natural rubber, highly-specialized factories, and niche manufacturing expertise. Ramping up supply couldn't happen quickly, and production from trusted, established brands was spoken for years in advance.

Gunmen attack Nigeria prison, free dozens of inmates

Al Jazeera - Gunmen have attacked a prison in southwestern Nigeria, freeing dozens of inmates, according to an official.

Olanrewaju Anjorin, a spokesman of the Oyo Correctional Centre in Oyo State, told *The Associated Press* news agency on Saturday that the gunmen attacked the facility late on Friday night.

"I can't ascertain the number of people that escaped or that were recaptured, but I am telling you that the security has been beefed up around the custodial centre and the town," he said, adding that an investigation had been opened.

Francis Enobore of the Nigerian Prisons Service also confirmed the incident and said he was on his way to the attacked facility.

Friday's attack is the third this year in Nigeria where jailbreaks are becoming more frequent and police

only capture a fraction of those who escape. Lagos-based online newspaper *The Cable* reported in July this year that at least 4,307 inmates had escaped from prisons since 2017, based on compiled media reports.

In 2021 alone, more than 2,000 inmates were freed in two earlier jailbreaks: on September 13 when 240 inmates were freed after gunmen attacked a detention facility in north-central Kogi State with explosives; and on April 5 when at least 1,800 were freed in the southeast Imo State when another facility was also blown up.

Most of the recent jailbreaks in Nigeria seem not to be connected, although the attacks are carried out in a similar manner with the use of explosives. Authorities have managed to re-arrest some escaped inmates, sometimes in



The jailbreak at Oyo Correctional Centre in the country's southwest is the third to occur this year.

neighbouring states, 70,000 inmates but while others return willingly.

A good number of those who have escaped in such attacks are yet to be convicted and still awaiting trial. Nigerian prisons hold convicted, according to government data. Human rights groups say prisons are often overcrowded and legal procedures inefficient.

Moscow decries US move to call Russians 'homeless' for visa purposes

(Reuters) – Russia on Sunday condemned a decision by the United States to add Russians seeking US visas to a list of “homeless nationals” who can apply for visas in third countries.

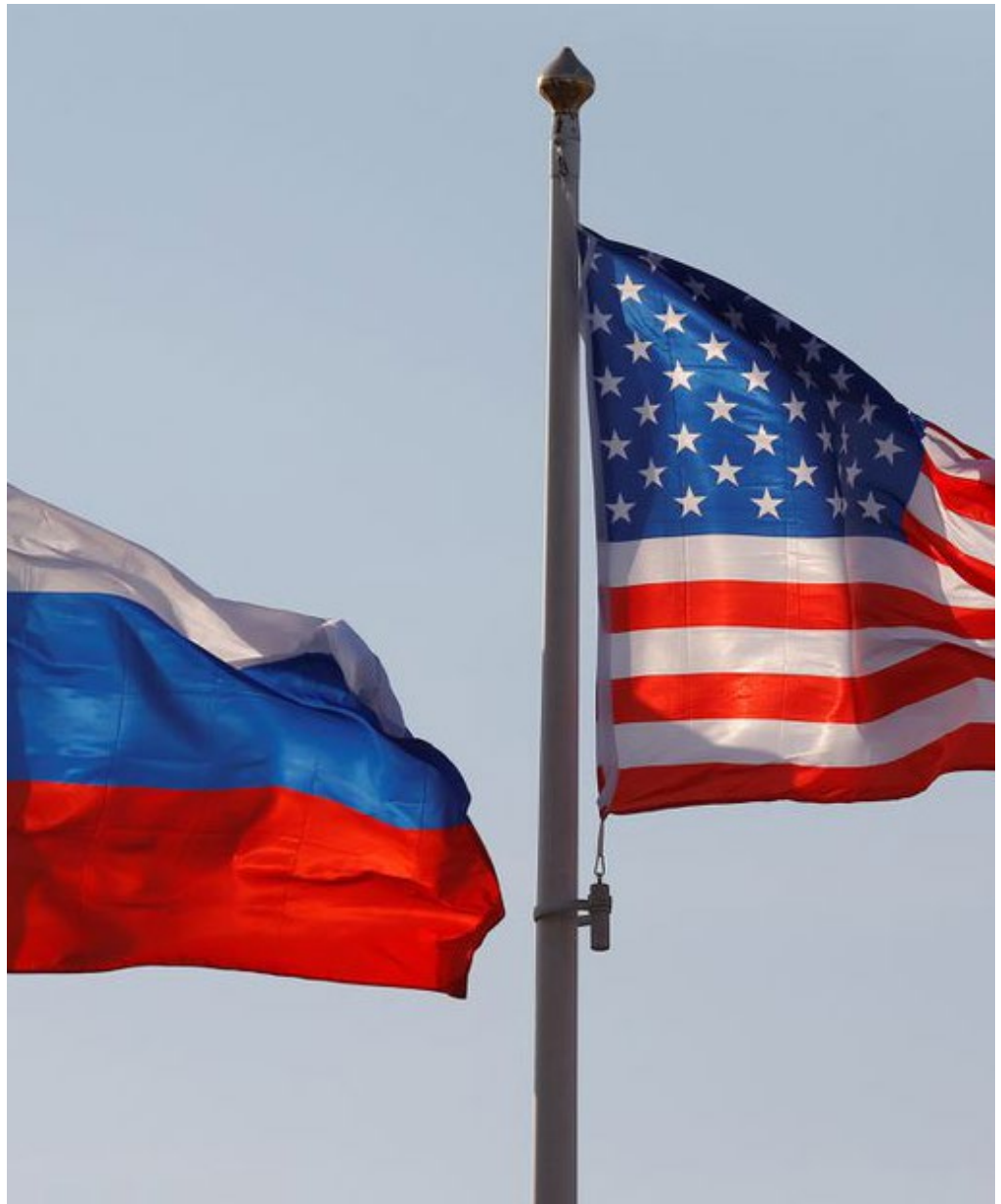
The move allowed Russians to apply for US visas in Warsaw instead of their home country after the American Embassy stopped processing most visa applications in May due to Moscow's ban on employing embassy staff in Russia.

The US State Department lists as “homeless” applicants from countries in which the United States has no consular representation, or where consular staff cannot issue visas due to the political or security situation.

Russia became the 10th nation on the list after Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen.

“American diplomats have for many years been destroying the system of consular services in Russia ...,” foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on social media. “They have turned a technical procedure, a routine one for the 21st century, into a real hell.”

With ties already at post-Cold War lows, Russia and the United States are in a dispute over the number of diplomats they can post to each other's capitals,



National flags of Russia and the US fly at Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow, Russia April 11, 2017.

and failed to make progress at talks this month.

In addition, Russia has placed the United States on a list of “unfriendly” countries who must seek approval to employ Russian nationals - and has set the US quota at zero.

At the talks, Moscow said it was willing to lift all the restrictions imposed in recent years, and Washington said it wanted parity on diplomatic staff numbers and visa reciprocity.

Opposition calls for COVID restrictions in England

BBC - Labour is calling on the government to bring in its Plan B measures to tackle COVID in England, including advice to work from home and compulsory masks.

Shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves also told the BBC the vaccine programme was "stalling" and needed to work better.

But Chancellor Rishi Sunak said the data did not currently suggest "immediately moving to Plan B".

The measures, which aim to protect the NHS from "unsustainable pressure", also includes mandatory COVID passports.

Plan A, which is currently in place, involves offering booster jabs to the most vulnerable, a single dose to healthy 12- to 15-year-olds, and encouraging unvaccinated people to get jabbed.

The NHS Confederation and the British Medical Association are among the groups who have called for some restrictions to be reintroduced in England, amid rising cases.

Meanwhile in Wales, ministers are to consider whether to extend the use of Covid passes for a wider range of venues.

Ms. Reeves told BBC One's Andrew Marr Show: "I think the first thing is the government have got to do more to make Plan A work.

"If the scientists are saying work from home and masks, we should do that. So get A working better because the vaccination programme has been stalling, and introduce those parts of Plan B.

"But there are also things not in A or B that need to be done, like paying statutory sick pay from day one and also better ventilation in public spaces."

Asked whether Plan B should be introduced now, she said: "Yes, but let's not let the government off the hook with Plan A either."

A Conservative Party spokesman said it was the third time Labour had changed its position on Plan B in four days.

Appearing on the same programme, Mr. Sunak was also asked whether it was time to bring in the government's back-up plan.

"We're monitoring everything, but at the moment the data does not suggest that we should be immediately moving to Plan B, but of course we will keep an eye on that and the plans are ready," he said.

The chancellor also said reintroducing the furlough scheme was "not on the cards because we don't envisage having to impose significant economic restrictions in the way that we had to over the last year".

He added that the vaccine roll-out was the "first line of defence" and the booster campaign was the best way to protect people through the winter.

More than 325,000 booster jabs were given in England on Saturday - the biggest daily figure for boosters yet, NHS England chief executive Amanda Pritchard tweeted.

Prof. Adam Finn, a member of the government's Joint Committee on Vaccination & Immunisation (JCVI), said the vaccination programme by itself was not enough "to bring things under control".

"We do need to have people using lateral flow tests, avoiding contact with large numbers of people in enclosed spaces, using masks, all of those things now need to happen if we're going to stop this rise and get things under control



UK shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves

soon enough to stop a real meltdown in the middle of the winter," he told Sky News' Trevor Phillips on Sunday.

Asked if the government should move to Plan B now, he said: "Well, some kind of Plan B."

The Liberal Democrats said it looked "increasingly likely" that COVID restrictions would have to be reintroduced because of the "government's bungling and inaction".

Dr. Katherine Henderson, president of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, told the programme that emergency departments were "already struggling to cope", with large queues of ambulances waiting outside hospitals.

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 Time-management, prioritization and organization skills

INDIAN COOK

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 Food Safety & Hygiene qualifications (e.g. HAACP or OSHA etc.)
 Good communication skills | Good organization and execution skills

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

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Ability to work independently and as a member of a multidisciplinary team

Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills

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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

Minimum 1 year working experience as a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor
Must have issued at least 50 certifications & logged at least 1000 dives
Boatmaster 3 License required | Higher Level Boating & TEC Diving Qualifications is an asset

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Minimum 3-5 years' experience working in the Plumbing industry
5 CXC Passes (including English & Mathematics) or Tertiary Level Completion
Technical Diploma and/or Certification in Construction trade

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER

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

RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR

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

Minimum 2 years' experience | Secondary School Completion | Excellent customer-service skills

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Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar role

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

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Minimum 5 years' experience in international residential or commercial property sales or management

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

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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

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

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

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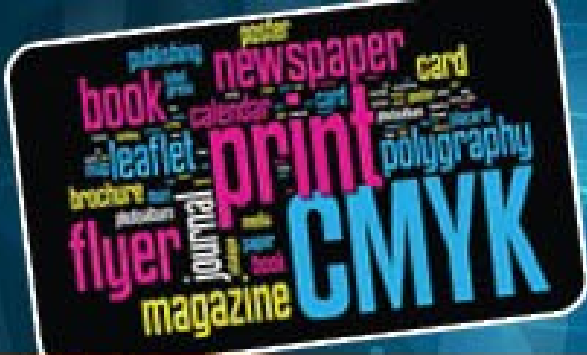
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Jamaica's first gold medallist Arthur Wint remembered



The statue of Arthur Wint outside the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica, is based on this photograph.

Jamaica's first Olympic gold medallist was a life-long learner and an establishment rebel, his daughter has said.

Dr. Arthur Wint was 28 when he won gold in the 400-metre dash at the 1948 London Olympics.

Dr. Alison Wint said: "He always wanted to better himself, expand his mind and use that to better other people's lives, that's his legacy."

Aside from running, he was also a World War Two pilot, surgeon, and diplomat.

The NHS doctor from Bristol, who is now approaching retirement, said she wanted people to remember her father's achievements - not just on the athletics track, but his life as a whole - during this year's Black History Month.

"His hallmark will always be that gold medal. But the rest of his life - the fact that he had three or four different careers - demonstrates that he could be flexible and move with the times, and take the opportunities that were presented to him," she added.

Known as the Gentle Giant, 6ft 5ins (1.95m) Dr. Wint was born in May 1920 in Jamaica.

He is perhaps best known for equalling the world record of 46.2 seconds in the 400m final at Wembley Stadium. "In Jamaica he remains a national hero," his daughter said. "Streets are named after him and a statue stands proudly outside the national stadium, based on a photograph of him."

When he won that historic gold,

he had already seen active combat as a Royal Air Force pilot during World War Two. "I recall many hilarious stories of the difficulty he had getting his 6ft 5in frame into the small cockpit of the [Spitfire] planes."

The family moved from Jamaica to the UK in 1973 when Dr. Wint was offered the role of Jamaican High Commissioner. Dr. Wint was High Commissioner of Jamaica in London from 1974-78.

"When he became high commissioner to the court of St James the tradition was that a knighthood would be offered and he turned down the knighthood. He didn't want that sort of honour."

Dr. Wint died in Jamaica in 1992 at the age of 72.

Muhammad Ali's grandson, Nico Ali Walsh, defeats opponent by stoppage in second pro fight

Muhammad Ali's grandson, Nico Ali Walsh (left), shone again.



Nico Ali Walsh, the grandson of Muhammad Ali, twice knocked down James Westley II to again win by knockout on Saturday night in Atlanta. Ali Walsh was taken 30 seconds into the third round of his second professional fight after ending his debut inside the opener.

But he ended Saturday's fight with the same aplomb – his right hand doing the damage – although he first had to withstand a decent shot, the first of his career.

He stung Westley II – who was also

in his second fight – inside the first round with a straight, sharp right.

Ali Walsh turned up the heat with the same punch in the second round, cracking his opponent down the centre and dropping him to the canvas.

He came out for the third round hunting the stoppage and quickly landed his straight right hand again, forcing Westley II onto a knee.

The towel came in to save Westley II from further punishment, extending the unbeaten start for the

grandson of the greatest boxer of all time. His mother – Muhammad Ali's daughter, Rasheda Ali – watched emotionally from ringside.

"I know the crowd got excited seeing him hit me with a punch, but I truly didn't feel it," said Ali Walsh.

"I'm blessed that I am following the legacy of my grandfather. Everyone who loved my grandfather is now watching me.

"I'm happy this fight went the way I did. There is stuff I need to work on."

Pollard bemoans 'unacceptable' collapse: 'There are no words to explain it'

Kieron Pollard said it was "unacceptable" for an international team to be bowled out for 55 like his West Indies side were in their T20 World Cup opener against England in Dubai on Saturday night, but stressed that they would "bin it and move on" rather than making wholesale changes to their side or strategy.

West Indies, defending champions following their triumph against the same opponents in the 2016 edition, were bundled out for the third-lowest score in men's T20 World Cup history on a blameless surface, which Pollard described as "a good wicket to bat on".

It was their third successive defeat since they arrived in the UAE, following losses in warm-up matches against Pakistan and Afghanistan, but Pollard insisted that the best attitude for his side would be to forget about the game rather than over-analysing their collapse.

"There's no words to explain it," he said. "Being bundled out for 55 is unacceptable. We accept that - we accept the responsibility. These sorts of games, we just have to bin it and move on. I don't think any sort of panic will come into the camp. We just need to accept it - we have to take it on our chests as big men and move on, because this is international sport.

"In the warm-up games, sometimes the intensity is a bit down with all the teams. Even though Afghanistan and Pakistan won, the intensity wasn't still that great.



West Indies T20 captain Kieron Pollard.

For us it's a matter of finding our straps. We haven't batted well in the three games so far and we have to find a way to get a competitive total on the board. "Just because we've been demolished in eight-point-something overs and made 50-odd, doesn't mean there's going to be wholesale changes because, as we know, when you're not playing and you're on the bench, your stock tends to go up a lot higher. We just need to bin it and try to come back stronger.

"We lost a couple of wickets early on and expected the guys to bat a couple of overs, just knock it around and see if we could set it up for the back end but we kept losing wickets, hence the reason Bravo went up to break the trend of the left-handers, just to knock

it around a bit more. It didn't work today and these things happen. We have a plan for how we want to play this game. It didn't come off today.

"Obviously, we play a lot of cricket around the world, and this is not the first time something like this would have happened in any team or any environment. This is not something that's new to any of us, because you would have had it as you play a lot of cricket. With the experienced guys, in a situation like this, it's easy for us to move on. We have another game in three days' time and with this group, each game is important. It boils down to a four-game mini-tournament and we'll take that and move on."

Former South Africa cricket captain Hashim Amla.



FOUR PROTEAS NAMED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AT LORD'S

Four former Proteas have been named as honorary life members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). Jacques Kallis, Morne Morkel, Hashim Amla and Herschelle Gibbs were among the 18 former players named last week. They join an elite group that includes Sir Alastair Cook, Damien Martyn, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Grant Flower, Harbhajan Singh and Sarah Taylor, among others.

Kallis, who retired from Test cricket in 2013 and all international cricket a year later, played 166

Tests, 328 one-day internationals and 25 T20 internationals. He scored over 25,000 runs with 13,289 coming in the longer format of the game.

Amla, too, had a long distinguished career for South Africa, playing in well over 300 games for the Proteas. He is the holder of the highest Test score by a South African (311*). Herschelle Gibbs is famously remembered for his impressive innings of 175 off 142 balls against Australia in the famous "438" one day international in 2006. Gibbs also smashed six

sixes in an over against the Netherlands at the 2007 World Cup and scored over 14,000 international runs during his time with the national team.

Morkel was a critical part of the Proteas' much-vaunted Test pace attack from 2006 to 2018. He took 309 wickets in Tests and over 500 for South Africa in all formats.

Full list of honorary life members of the MCC for 2021: Hashim Amla (South Africa); Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa); Jacques Kallis (South

Africa); Morne Morkel (South Africa); Ian Bell (England); Ian Bishop (West Indies); Shivnarine Chanderpaul (West Indies); Ramnaresh Sarwan (West Indies); Sir Alastair Cook (England); Marcus Trescothick (England); Sarah Taylor (England); Damien Martyn (Australia); Alex Blackwell (Australia); Harbhajan Singh (India); Javagal Srinath (India); Grant Flower (Zimbabwe); Sara McGlashan (New Zealand); Rangana Herath (Sri Lanka).

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