

MORE SUCCESS FOR LIAT COMEBACK!

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The Winter Cruise Tourism Season – November to May – kicked off on schedule Monday as Antigua and Barbuda welcomed the first dual-call since cruise operations at the St. John's Harbour resumed in July following its forced shutdown for more than a year by the COVID-19 pandemic. This celebration of the return of cruising to our destination is of course being done with prayers and crossed fingers for full duration and no further disruptions by the unforeseen and unavoidable. It was a fittingly grand reception for the Celebrity Apex and the Aida Luna pictured in excellent photos here and with the FULL STORY ON PAGE 10

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Opposition to vaccines has existed long before COVID, but the reasons mostly remain the same.

by Amy Boulanger

Health and medical experts have hailed vaccines as being one of the major achievements in the 20th century, but

not everyone agrees. In the past few years, opposition to vaccinations has been discussed more frequently in the news. Concerned parents are

opting to forgo vaccinations for their children for many different reasons. This has resulted in a surge of infectious diseases that had been previously

or nearly eradicated. *Is vaccination opposition new?* Vaccination opposition isn't a new concept. As long as there have been vaccines, there have

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been people who objected to them.

Refusing vaccines started back in the early 1800s when the smallpox vaccine started being used in large numbers. The idea of injecting someone with a part of a cowpox blister to protect them from smallpox faced a lot of criticism. The criticism was based on sanitary, religious, and political objections. Some clergy believed that the vaccine went against their religion.

In the 1970s, the DTP vaccine received a wave

of opposition when it was linked to neurological disorders. Studies have found that the risks are very low.

To combat vaccination opposition, laws have been passed that require vaccinations as a measure of public health.

Common reasons behind vaccine opposition

There are a variety of reasons behind vaccine opposition. Some people have to forgo different vaccinations due to a high risk of potential allergic reactions. But for most who refuse vaccines, it

should be known that there is little risk.

There are some common reasons that lead to vaccine opposition. Some cite religious beliefs as the reason behind their refusal to get vaccinated, though most mainstream religions do not condemn vaccines.

There was a belief that diseases were disappearing due to better sanitation and hygiene, not vaccines. This has been proven false by the resurgence of previously eradicated infectious diseases.

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It was also believed that a vaccine wouldn't protect you. Those who are vaccinated can still get sick, but they will experience mild symptoms.

People also think the risks outweigh the benefits. This is currently the biggest objection in the United States. Parents cite many medical risks, including autism, as potential consequences of being vaccinated.

There is the common belief that since these diseases have been eliminated, there's no need for vaccinations. Diseases will only stay eradicated as long as vaccines are still used to prevent them.

And many think that pharmaceutical companies can't be trusted. They believe that pharmaceutical companies only want to sell their products, regardless of the impact on the people who use them.

The most common reasons that parents oppose vaccinations are medically unfounded. These include:

Autism

The belief that vaccines can cause autism has become widespread in the past few years. Parents seem to be most concerned about

the MMR vaccine, which is used to prevent measles, mumps, and rubella.

Multiple studies have shown that the MMR vaccine does not cause autism. Most of these studies had large sample sizes.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) also states that vaccines are very safe in all but a few cases. The CDC also clarified that vaccine ingredients do not cause autism.

Thimerosal, an ingredient that has been used in some vaccines, also raises concerns. It is a mercury-based preservative that was thought to cause autism. It is now only used in some flu vaccines.

There are also thimerosal-free flu vaccinations available. Even so, the CDC states that thimerosal does not cause autism.

Flu vaccines

Some people don't get flu vaccines for themselves or for their children. There are several reasons for this, including:

- The flu vaccine doesn't protect against all strains of the flu;
- The vaccination needs to be given every year;

- The vaccination could make them sick, which is false.

The flu vaccine is recommended for almost everyone who is six months of age or older. There are both shot and nasal spray vaccinations available, which can be used by different people. Some people with different allergies can use one type, but not the other. It's important that you check what type of flu vaccine you should get.

Most side effects from the flu vaccine are mild and go away within 1 to 2 days.

Mistrust of science

Some opposition to vaccines comes directly from a mistrust of science, or mistrust of the government. Some people believe that pharmaceutical companies and scientists want to sell a product regardless of harmful consequences.

Others are skeptical of science that they don't understand, or the chemicals they don't know that go into vaccines. This distrust grows, as laws require children to be vaccinated in order to attend public schools.

Some parents prefer "natural" or homeopathic treatments instead. These treat-

ments can aid in relieving the symptoms of some conditions, but are not as effective in preventing disease.

When people mistrust science, they're less likely to vaccinate. They're also less likely to trust the doctors who recommend vaccines.

Results of vaccination opposition

While some people need to forgo vaccinations due to potential allergic reactions, others refuse vaccinations for themselves or their children for many reasons. Most of the concerns that create opposition to vaccination are nothing more than mis-

conceptions. Unfortunately, the decision not to vaccinate oneself or one's children doesn't just affect them. The large number of people refusing vaccines has led to the re-emergence of infectious diseases in areas where they had been eradicated or nearly gone. Measles was declared eradicated in the United States in 2002. But in 2014 there were over 600 reported cases. Measles is a potentially deadly disease, and health experts explain that parents refusing to vaccinate their children are the cause behind its resurgence.

Pertusis, or whooping

cough, has also seen a dramatic increase in reported cases attributed to a lack of vaccinations.

If you have concerns about a vaccination for you or your child, talk with a doctor that you trust and get their opinion. In almost all cases, the potential risk of a vaccine is much smaller than the risk of developing the disease it was created to prevent.

[Editor's note: The above has been reprinted from www.healthline.com. It was medically reviewed on 27 June 2016 and updated on 15 September 2017 – long before the emergence of COVID-19]

NOTICE

**TO: HER WORSHIP
Magistrate for District "A"
Magistrate's Court
Gray's Farm
St. John's
Antigua**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENCE
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I, **Michael Josiah**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 6th January, 2022 next ensuing for a Tavern license in respect of premises known as "**SHELL BEACH MARINA LTD**" situated Shell Beach, Coolidge in the Parish of St. George's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 29th day of October, 2021
Michael Josiah

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Rule 15

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
(Probate)

In the Estate of Bridget Evangeline Faustina Samuel also known as Bridget Evangeline Faustina Adams late of Buckleys Village, St. John's, Antigua, Deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
SECOND PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TREVOR ADAMS of 4392 Annas Retreat, St. Thomas, USVI 00802 for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of August, 2020.

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

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.


Denise Parillon
Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc.
Attorney at Law of the Applicant

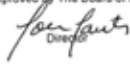
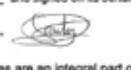
Filed by Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc., Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Sir Sydney Walling Highway, St. John's, Antigua, e-mail: deniscpar@yahoo.com and telephone number: (268) 562-6530.

BOL BANK CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents, net (Note 7, 23, 27)	33,412,613	34,110,526
Loans, net (Note 8, 23, 26, 27)	6,338,292	21,745,873
Investment securities, net (Note 9, 23, 26)	1,204,511,789	1,140,690,063
Restricted deposits with banks, net (Note 10)	5,964,630	5,964,630
	<u>1,250,227,324</u>	<u>1,202,511,092</u>
Other assets		
Asset by right of use, net (Note 11)	152,494	193,160
Other assets (Note 12)	149,116	214,421
	<u>301,610</u>	<u>407,581</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,250,528,934</u>	<u>1,202,918,673</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Due to depositors (Note 13, 23, 27)	881,674,005	841,091,297
Securities sold under repurchase agreement (Note 14, 23)	-	7,300,000
Borrowings (Note 15, 23, 27)	250,781	326,911
	<u>881,924,786</u>	<u>848,718,208</u>
Other liabilities		
Customer deposits pending of document (Note 16)	3,821,332	3,528,894
Other liabilities (Note 17, 27)	2,320,284	1,690,668
	<u>6,141,616</u>	<u>5,219,562</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>888,066,402</u>	<u>853,937,770</u>
EQUITY		
Common stock (Note 18)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Legal reserve (Note 19)	5,500,000	5,500,000
Fair value reserve	23,593,076	23,087,700
Retained earnings	328,369,456	315,393,203
Total Equity	<u>362,462,532</u>	<u>348,980,903</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>1,250,528,934</u>	<u>1,202,918,673</u>

*Approved by The Board of Directors on 10/03/21 and signed on its behalf by

 Director 



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

BOL BANK CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	2020	2019
INTEREST INCOME		
Securities	44,111,331	49,279,789
Loans	512,483	935,735
Due from banks	1,910	332,055
Total interest income	<u>44,625,724</u>	<u>50,547,579</u>
INTEREST EXPENSES		
Deposits	(24,647,027)	(25,683,067)
Financial interest	-	-
Borrowings (Note 15)	(24,138)	(29,509)
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	(260,754)	(58,499)
Total interest expenses	<u>(25,031,919)</u>	<u>(25,771,075)</u>
Net Interest Income	<u>19,593,805</u>	<u>24,776,504</u>
IMPAIRMENT ON AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES		
Provision for deposits	(479)	(39,247)
Income recovery (provision for loan losses)	213,394	276,711
Income recovery (provision for losses on securities held until maturity)	(1,873,232)	2,574,283
Provision for investments at FVOCI	(2,950,890)	(670,010)
Net interest income (loss) after impairment loss on financial assets	<u>15,882,598</u>	<u>26,918,221</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Net realized gain on sale of investment at FVOCI (Note 8)	10,167,760	30,043,861
Gain (loss) on foreign currency exchange	(7,567,197)	1,544,649
Commissions from banking services	134,684	122,890
Commissions expense	(94,936)	(145,983)
Total other income (expenses)	<u>2,640,311</u>	<u>31,565,417</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Salaries and other benefits	(317,791)	(571,935)
Depreciation and Amortization (Note 12)	(51,406)	(42,882)
Other operating expenses (Note 20, 21)	(4,861,614)	(5,276,538)
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>(5,230,811)</u>	<u>(5,891,355)</u>
Net income before tax	<u>13,292,098</u>	<u>52,592,283</u>
Tax on profits (Note 22)	(315,845)	(975,924)
Net income for the year ended	<u>12,976,253</u>	<u>51,616,359</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		
Items that are or may be reclassified to the statements of income		
Fair value reserves:		
Debt investment - Net change in fair value	10,673,136	76,962,262
Debt investment - Net amount transferred to profit or loss	(10,167,760)	(30,043,861)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year	<u>505,376</u>	<u>46,918,401</u>
Total comprehensive income	<u>13,481,629</u>	<u>98,534,760</u>



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 Director 

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2021
(Amounts in US Dollars)

	2021	2020
Assets		
Deposits with banks (Notes 3, 5 and 10)		
Due from banks	1,795,362	3,797,998
Interest bearing deposits with banks	6,110,400	6,150,291
Total deposits with banks	<u>7,905,762</u>	<u>9,948,289</u>
Loans (Notes 3, 6 and 10)	69,084,627	79,668,117
Investment securities, net (Notes 3, 7 and 10)	41,828,397	39,324,835
Investment in associates (Notes 3, 8 and 10)	43,670,220	38,215,354
Computer equipment, net	2,666	4,380
Right-of-use assets (Note 16)	10,183	19,039
Other assets (Notes 3 and 10)		
Other accounts receivable	1,575,517	1,568,158
Prepaid expenses	46,233	59,057
Total other assets	<u>1,621,750</u>	<u>1,627,215</u>
Total assets	<u>164,123,605</u>	<u>168,807,229</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits (Notes 3 and 10)		
Demand	31,131,520	26,258,850
Time	86,878,718	100,190,598
Total deposits	<u>118,010,238</u>	<u>126,449,448</u>
Other liabilities (Note 10)	770,800	607,494
Lease liabilities (Note 17)	10,603	19,499
Total liabilities	<u>118,791,641</u>	<u>127,076,441</u>
Equity (Notes 3 and 10)		
Common stock (Note 9)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Retained earnings	39,365,553	36,000,037
Revaluation reserve for investments	966,411	730,751
Total equity	<u>45,331,964</u>	<u>41,730,788</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>164,123,605</u>	<u>168,807,229</u>

 Director 

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Unicorp Bank Overseas, Ltd.

Statement of Profit or Loss
For the year ended June 30, 2021
(Amounts in US Dollars)

	2021	2020
Interest Income (Note 10)		
Interest on loans	455,887	1,797,027
Interest on deposits	256,938	632,160
Interest on investments	1,258,362	1,271,371
Total interest income	<u>1,971,187</u>	<u>3,700,558</u>
Interest expense (Note 10)	(3,498,588)	(4,798,977)
Net interest expense before provision	<u>(1,527,401)</u>	<u>(1,098,419)</u>
Reversal of provision for deposits	55	56
Reversal of provision for possible loans losses	131	214
Reversal (provision) for impairment of investments	4,048	(8,317)
Net interest expense after provision	<u>(1,523,167)</u>	<u>(1,106,466)</u>
Other Income (Expense), Net		
Commission income (Note 15)	2,305,145	1,915,022
Commission expense	(27,541)	(24,004)
Gain (loss) on investment at fair value through profit or loss	152,114	(62,734)
Other income	1,820	1,820
Other income, net	<u>2,431,538</u>	<u>1,830,104</u>
General and administrative expenses (Notes 10, 11 and 14)	<u>555,684</u>	<u>539,283</u>
Income before share in profit of associates	<u>352,687</u>	<u>184,355</u>
Share in profit of associates (Notes 8 and 10)	6,381,176	3,964,389
Income before income tax	<u>6,733,863</u>	<u>4,148,744</u>
Income tax (Note 12)	(168,347)	(103,719)
Net income	<u>6,565,516</u>	<u>4,045,025</u>

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Geo-mapping of Cooks Landfill under Vetiver Grass Project

Ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) is a strategy for adapting to climate change that harnesses nature-based solutions and ecosystem services.

Vetiver grass and the Vetiver System (VS) is a nature-based solution. This serves as a tool to stabilize land, reduce erosion, slow down runoff, and recharge groundwater – thus working with both people and environment, as it helps to protect infrastructure and property, regenerate top soil, and reduce sedimentation affecting downstream river and marine environments in coastal areas.

The Vetiver Education & Empowerment Project (VEEP) models as an Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approach to take knowledge, education and training to communities about Vetiver grass and the Vetiver System (VS) as a low-cost green infrastructure tool to solve a wide range of soil and water-related

challenges across Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago.

In Antigua, the Vetiver grass has been planted at two locations: the Cooks Landfill and the Gilbert Agricultural & Rural Development Center (GARDC).

A component of the project at the Cooks Landfill included geo-mapping of the area through the use of Drone Technology which was done by Eben Broadbent, a professor at the University of Florida who co-directs the special ecology and conversation lab at the university.

Mr. Broadbent has been involved in the project from the beginning as it pertains to environmental monitoring and the socio-economic component with focus on biology, ecology and remote sensing.

A key component of the remote sensing is the use of drone technology with high-resolution cameras similar

Unicorp Bank Overseas, Ltd.		
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
For the year ended June 30, 2021		
<i>Amounts in US Dollars</i>		
	2021	2020
Net income	6,565,516	4,045,025
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to statement of income:		
Net gain transferred to income (Note 7)	(10,283)	(16,759)
Net change in fair value of securities through other comprehensive income (Note 7)	101,161	99,822
Other comprehensive income - associates (Note 8)	144,782	(285,909)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	235,660	(202,846)
Total comprehensive income of the year	6,801,176	3,842,179

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to other cameras and a light sensor camera that shoots hundreds of thousands of lasers per second. This feature on the drone allows for development of a very detailed topographic map of the area.

Mr. Broadbent explained that within a year he would return, using the same system to collect additional data which will enable them to get an understanding of erosion rates, changes, growth of the landfill, and how things might be changing in the natural environment.

Different countries have different case studies, depending on the natural topography and land cover

of the region, whereas in Dominica they are focused on communities and the very steep topography; and in Antigua it is focused on a landfill.

Mr. Broadbent pointed out that, “Unique issues with this landfill are – though not naturally created – it does have problems with erosion and runoff which can have very high quantities of contaminated material, obviously, because it is a giant human-made mountain of trash.

“To limit contamination of the landfill through surface water flow and groundwater flow to the surrounding bays and natural ecosystems, the concept

here is to have multiple rows of Vetiver which will allow for noticeable positive reduction in surface groundwater flow and also reducing erosion rates,” explained Mr. Broadbent.

Through the initial scouting with drone photography, it was revealed that there were very fast rates of erosion in the surrounding landfill. This is expected because it is a newly created surface with a mixture of dirt and trash, so any amount of rainfall – particularly in areas that are subject to climate change and fast, high volumes of precipitation – will result in erosion.




Eben Broadbent of the University of Florida at the Cooks landfill with special geo-mapping drone.

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A taste of Antigua with Wadadli Kitchen

Andi Oliver and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority bring a taste of the Caribbean to London



The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) kicked off a week of Independence celebrations in London with a culinary event at Andi Oliver’s Hackney Wick restaurant, *Wadadli Kitchen*.

Welcoming influential British journalists alongside important ministers, dignitaries, the High Commissioner of Antigua and Barbuda, and Hon. E.P. Chet Greene – Antigua and Barbuda’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade & Immigration – Andi served an immersive dining experience on Sunday evening that combined the iconic flavours of Antigua with poetry, music from Khan Cordice, and a sneak peek into her BBC series that will be launched later this year. Colin James, CEO of ABTA said: “The culinary event

with Andi Oliver at Wadadli Kitchen was a wonderful start to a busy week of networking events, broadcast interviews, and meetings. This experiential evening of quintessentially Caribbean flavours and sounds, truly brought the taste of Antigua to London – a superb way to celebrate the twin-island nation’s Anniversary of Independence.”

The Antiguan restaurant, based in East London, recently opened its doors with great success. Split into two sections, the first is the Wadadli Kitchen, a 50-cover restaurant that offers communal dining with table service. The second section is the Wadadli Roadside – a more casual takeaway service [reminiscent of] the amazing roadside eateries across the Carib-

bean. Diners can expect iconic dishes such as seafood boils and vegan Ital.

The evening event on Sunday 7th November offered a mouth-watering taste of Antigua with a seven-course menu that included saltfish fritters, pepperpot and dumplings, and sweet potato pudding – all washed down with Cavalier rum punch.

Kicking off with the Wadadli Kitchen event, the ABTA geared up for an important series of events this week in London. For more related information, also see the article *Good Morning Britain welcomes Antigua cricketing knights for prime time interview* in our SPORTS section of this issue of Pointe Xpress.

Another major milestone marked with arrival of Celebrity Apex and Aida Luna



Monday marked Celebrity Apex's maiden voyage to Antigua and the return of Aida Luna – the first of the Aida's fleet – to return since the pandemic. (Photo Credits: The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority)

Monday 8th November marked another major milestone when St. John's Harbour welcomed two cruise ships into the port.

The *Celebrity Apex* of Celebrity Cruises and AIDA Luna of AIDA Cruises arrived to a resounding reception from Hon. Charles Fernandez, Minister of Tourism & Investment; Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper, General Manager of Antigua Cruise Port; team members Ms. Maria Blackman and Mr. Shamo Richards of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA); representatives of Bryson's Shipping; and the lo-

cal media, respectively.

The *Celebrity Apex* – part of the Celebrity Cruise Line fleet – is on her maiden voyage to the Caribbean, with Antigua being one of its first ports of call.

AIDA Luna – a German-based brand and part of the Carnival Group – has called at St. John's Harbour numerous times, but made its first call to Antigua since the restart of the cruising industry. Both vessels showcased the continuation of premium cruise vessels to the island despite the challenges of the pandemic.

"We are so happy to welcome these cruise vessels to Antigua,"

Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper said. "We are confident that the comeback will be much greater than the setback."

Regis-Prosper further expressed how much it meant to see the return of cruising and the benefits that the arrival of these vessels would bestow upon Antigua and Barbuda.

The captains and crew of both ships were highly receptive to the warm welcome to the island that they received. The combined 2,700 passengers were greeted with steel pan music as the cruise vessels berthed at the Heritage Quay pier.

LIAT to resume services to St. Thomas on November 21



LIAT will resume services to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands (USVI), on November 21st 2021.

The airline – which has been working to resume services since its restart in November 2020 – will add St. Thomas as its 10th destination.

LIAT will operate a weekly service into the Cyril E. King International Airport.

The flight will operate every Sunday.

LI 360 will depart the V.C. Bird International (VCBIA) at 12:45 p.m. and arrive in St. Thomas at 1:45 p.m. The return leg will leave St. Thomas at 2:45 p.m. and arrive in Antigua at 3:45 p.m. The route will be operated using

the ATR-42 aircraft.

Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday November 9 via the LIAT website (www.liat.com) and its Reservations Call Centre (1-268-480-5601).

LIAT will also, for the Christmas season, operate three special flights to connect St. Croix.

The return flights from Antigua to St. Croix will operate on December 4, December 18 and December 31. These special flights can only be booked via the Reservations Call Centre.

LIAT is also continuing discussions to restart service to other destinations across the region.

The airline – which is currently under Ad-

ministration – operates with its hub and home to nine destinations across the Caribbean, base located in Antigua.

DISCONNECTION NOTICE

APUA Telecommunications would like to advise that disconnections will commence from November 15th, 2021 for all customers whose accounts are overdue by 45 days or more. This applies to all inet Mobile, Home and Business Customers.

Customers with outstanding balances are requested to settle their accounts before November 15th to avoid suppression of services.

Customers may utilize the following payment options:

- Our convenient online payment portal at www.apua.ag or www.apuainet.ag to pay their telecoms bills.
- Paying via online banking with any of our banking partners, as well as the Community First Credit Union and the St. John's Co-operative Credit Union.
- Utilizing our convenient payment centers located at Village Walk, South Mall, Old Parham Road, Independence Avenue and our Mobile Bus.

Kindly be advised that online payments may take up to two (2) business days for processing.



GOING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Road Closure and Traffic Management Plan



The closure will now take place from Thursday 10th November 2021 and Friday 12th November 2021.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT NOTICE

Date: Tuesday 9th November 2021.

Over the next two weeks, road users will experience traffic interventions with work under the Government of Antigua and Barbuda Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

The flow of traffic will be affected on Sir Sydney Walling Highway and Valley Road North:

NIGHT WORKS ON A SECTION OF VALLEY ROAD NORTH – Road Closure from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- Continued diversion at Little Creek Bridge.

- A partial closure will take place on Valley Road North at night from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- This will affect the movement of vehicles between the Nut Grove playing field and the Big Creek on Thursday 10th November 2021 and Friday 12th November 2021.

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- Single Lane traffic will be in place on a section of SSWH from

the Sugar Factory to the Transport Board Office, controlled by flag persons during the day and traffic lights at night.

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Road users are advised to proceed with extreme caution through the roadworks construction zones and look out for signage.

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Learning to Cope in a Pandemic



It has been 19 months since we have been confronting the challenges of this pandemic. It is safe to say that by now we are all experiencing COVID-fatigue. It has been a time of constant change and adjustments to policies, guidelines and procedures to navigate the uncertainty of this disease and the accompanying health protocols.

For HR practitioners, we have been at the forefront and became all things to all men to protect the wellbeing of our staff and clients, as well as the performance

of our organizations. We have had to empathize with those struggling to cope and sympathize with others who lost loved ones or their livelihoods.

It continues to be a tough time! So, in the spirit of the adage 'you can't pour from an empty cup', HRPAB recently invited Claudine Knox, lead therapist at the Crossroads Centre, to share with our membership on how to identify triggers and cope with loss and stress in the pandemic. Today we share with you some of the highlights of this ses-

sion. Personal triggers are unique. They are based on a combination of personal history, current life stressors and medical issues. How we respond to situations are based on these personal triggers and that's why certain persons would react differently to the same situation. It is therefore important for us to be aware of this when dealing with each other, especially at this time when most persons might be more on edge or more sensitive to certain issues.

Grief is as individual as a snowflake.

Also, just like snowflakes, grief can come at us one at a time or as a blizzard. Grief is a natural part of life and it is a normal reaction to losing a loved one or something such as a job or a usual way of life. Each of us is different and would grieve in our own way. So, although it's a process, there is no timeline to grief and each of the five recognized stages of this process – denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance – may be experienced in a different order for each of us.

Thoughts matter.

How we process information in our minds has a correlation with how we feel and then this is manifested in our behaviour. Don't believe everything you think. Try to transform your assumptions and exaggerations into clear realistic thoughts. For example, instead of seeing mask wearing as something awful, recognize that even though it is inconvenient, it is necessary and possible for you to do, even though it is uncomfortable. Thinking clearly is a choice; so you can choose to transform, immobilizing fear and anxiety into realistic concern. Be aware of your self-talk, notice exaggerations, and replace them with evidence-based thinking.

Self-care is important. Managing stress and coping with grief and loss require a combination of cognitive, relaxation, and social skills. Most of us know the signs of stress and fatigue – sleeplessness, depression, anger, low energy - but many times we ignore these signs and just push through to the next thing. This must change for

us to be able to function at a high level in our roles and be an even more valuable resource for those who depend on us. We need to not only recognize the signs, but also practice those things necessary to reset and reenergize.

How do you rebuild yourself emotionally? How do you recharge? There are many options based on the individual. Sometimes we need to hit that off switch on our thoughts and respect the body when it asks for a break. Do not be afraid to unplug and seek solace and relaxation.

For some it is through breathing exercises and quiet meditation. Others take to the outdoors and hike or exercise. Many utilize the sober support of friends or relatives to talk and connect, while others use their spiritual practices to fill them spiritually and foster that type of connection. There are others who feel so overwhelmed that they need to seek professional help from a therapist or counsellor. Whatever method you choose, learn to be mindful and stay in the moment.

As we continue to listen to the experts and find ways to cope and transition into a new normal post-pandemic, let us remember to stay positive and remain calm. COVID is going to be with us for some time and it is instructive for us to find healthy ways to cope and encourage those around us to do the same.

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Belize takes T&T to court over alleged illegal brown sugar imports

Loop- The Sugar Association of the Caribbean (SAC) has commended the Belize government for its decision to go before the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) alleging that Trinidad and Tobago failed to comply with its obligations under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) that governs the regional integration movement (CARICOM).

“This case was not primarily about compensation. It is about ensuring that protections set out in the Treaty – and reinforced by numerous decisions of COTED (the CARICOM Council for Trade & Economic Development) – are abided by. Otherwise, the CSME (CARICOM Single Market & Economy) would have very little relative value for any of its members,” said SAC chairman R. Karl James.

Under the RTC, CARICOM states are required to impose a 40 percent Common External Tariff (CET) on brown sugar imported from sources outside the Caribbean region.

Belize contends that it has evidence to demonstrate that, between November 2018 [and] June 2020, brown sugar which was produced outside the Caribbe-



an region, entered the Trinidad and Tobago market without the 40 percent CET being imposed.

Trinidad and Tobago deny that it has permitted the importation of extra-regional brown sugar ... without the imposition of the 40 percent CET.

Last week, the CCJ – sitting in its Original Jurisdiction as an international court with exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and apply the rules set out in the RTC, and to decide disputes arising under it – heard the arguments on the matter and reserved its judgement to a later date.

The SAC said that over the last three years, it has “repeatedly raised its concerns about this practice that has drastically diluted the val-

ue and demand of the CARICOM market for regional sugar producers”.

It said attorneys representing the Belize government provided evidence of more than 4,000 metric tonnes of sugar imported without any record of CET being paid.

“This evidence was underscored by a dramatic fall-off in prices for brown sugar during the same period. SAC has long contended that the level of pricing demanded by sugar importers to Trinidad and Tobago as well as some other CARICOM member states, could not be supportive of full implementation of the CET, which is set at 40 percent of the CIF value of sugar entering from extra-regional sources.”

The SAC also indicat-

ed that the CCJ heard that as the governments focus on the serious issues confronting the world on dangerous climate increases at the COP26 meeting in Glasgow, it is fitting to focus on sugar cane, a regenerative agricultural crop that not only is a significant sequester of carbon, but also the source for the production of green, renewable electricity across the region.

“Most global industries enjoy the benefits of protected domestic and regional markets. Protection of the brown sugar market as set out in the RTC is one small contribution to maintaining this industry’s viability and one that SAC believes should be strictly maintained and enforced,” the SAC added.

Tourism Ministry: Grenada could lose opportunities due to the unvaccinated

Loop Caribbean - All persons involved in Grenada's tourism sector will have to be vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19) if the country wants to attract more international travellers.

This was revealed by Tourism Minister Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen on Monday as she noted that Grenada was considered an unsafe destination for visitors because of the low vaccination level of just over 31 percent of the eligible population.

"One of the key priorities for visitors is their health, and so they are asking: 'You are asking us to be vaccinated; are the persons we are going to for service in the various destinations also vaccinated?' And we have had say that we would endeavour to ensure that everyone is," she said.

"As with any service, the person who wants the service makes demands and the person who provides the service either meets it and gets the customer or loses the customer.

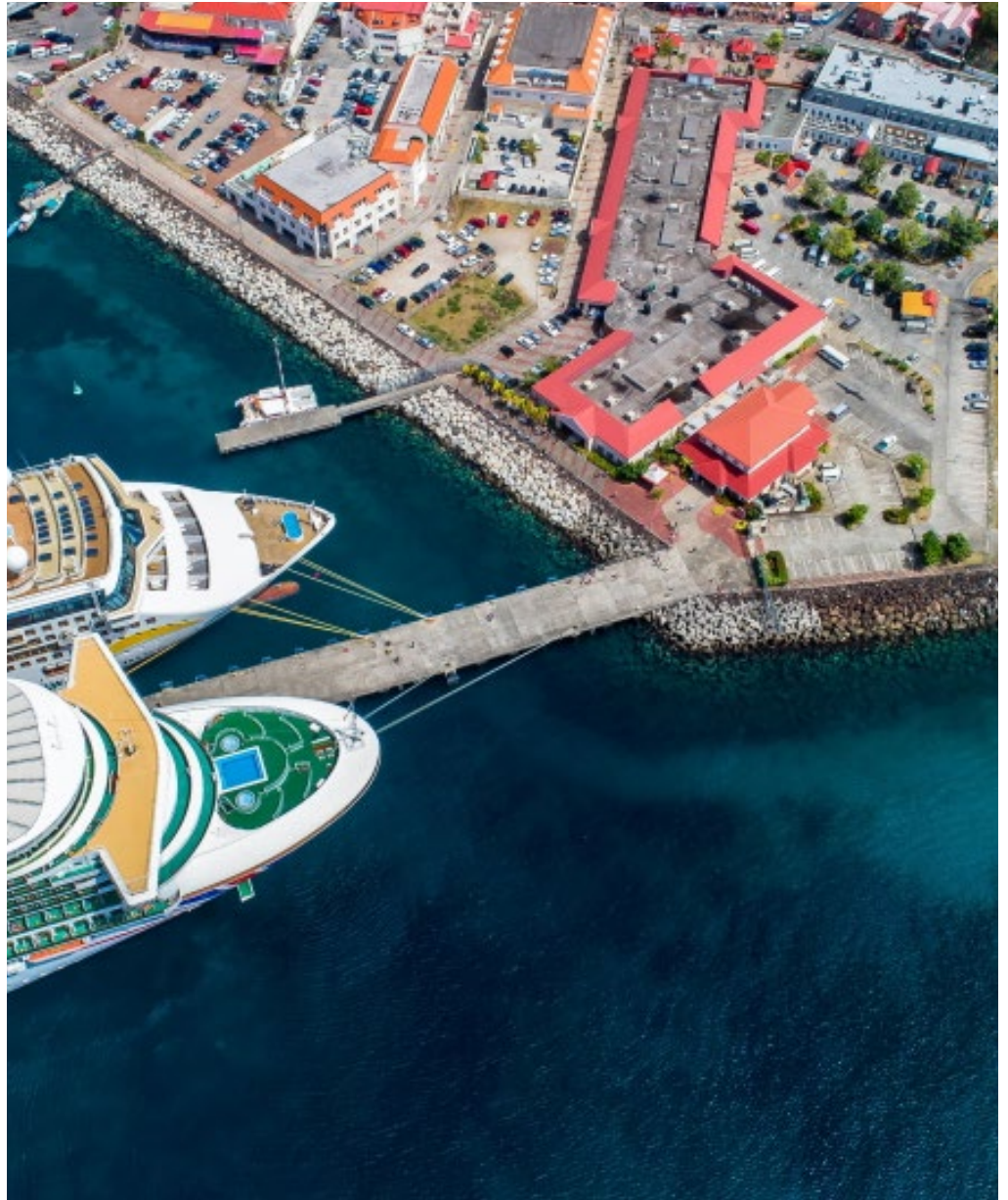
"Our government has said it is not making vaccines mandatory and we continue to observe that."

Over 5,000 people are directly employed in Grenada's tourism sector.

Discussions have already been held with stakeholders regarding the vaccination requirement from cruise lines and their passengers.

The tourism minister said businesses have already started losing out on opportunities, as most cruise lines are only booking tours with companies that can assure the safety of their guests.

Modeste-Curwen highlighted that Grenada had to turn down the



Vessels docked at cruise ship terminal in Saint George's, Grenada.

restart of its summer cruise season due to low levels of vaccination and natural immunity in the population.

She noted that the tourism sector is "very competitive" and destinations have to "pander" to the likes of their customers "or stay out of the industry".

Grenada is expected to receive 65 cruise lines during the 2021/2022

season.

"Our fear is, if we do not take up all of these over 200 calls that are being offered to us, there are other persons [who] will take it," she stated.

The Royal Clipper arrived on the island November 9 with over 150 passengers and crew. This vessel is expected to make at least 10 trips to Grenada.

Guyana says only fully vaccinated passengers will be allowed into the country



Health Minister Dr. Frank Anthony.

CMC - The government of Guyana has announced that only fully vaccinated people will be allowed into the country.

"After the end of November, the mandate will be fully implemented ... Unless you're fully vaccinated, you're not going to be allowed. So, people have a chance to get themselves in compliance and once they do that, then they will be able to travel freely," said Health Minister Dr. Frank Anthony.

In the updated COVID-19 guidelines for November, only fully vaccinated persons will be allowed to enter Guyana. But there have been objections from sections of society, requesting time to be fully vaxxed.

Dr. Anthony said the government realised that many Guyanese would be barred from returning to the country and, as such, lifted the policy until the end of November.

"The challenge when we did that is that we discovered very quickly that there are some Guyanese who only took one of the doses, and some of them took the dose and they have travelled abroad, and to get back into the country would have caused that difficulty.

"So we have given them a limited period by which time, if they only have one dose, they have up to the end of November that they'll be allowed to return to Guyana," Dr. Anthony said, adding this will further protect Guyana from imported cases. He said that as there are no vaccination sites at the two international airports, passengers desirous of being vaccinated can visit any of the 100 vaccination sites countrywide.

He is urging the population to be vaccinated, as it will slow down the infection and death rates.

Meanwhile, the country's

COVID-19 death toll climbed to 945 after three people died from the virus, the Ministry of Health reported on Monday.

It said the two men and a woman were all unvaccinated and that, so far this month, 18 people have succumbed to the virus.

According to the authorities, a total of 77 individuals became infected with the virus over 24 hours and these new cases were recorded after 471 tests were conducted.

The overall number of confirmed cases in Guyana has increased to 36,257.

There are also 12 patients in the COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit (ICU); 73 people are in institutional isolation; five are in institutional quarantine; and 2,514 are in home isolation.

The Ministry said a total of 32,713 people have recovered from COVID-19 infection.

Jamaica: Transsexuals want greater public acceptance of their gender choice



Renae Green, executive director of Transwave Jamaica.

Jamaica Gleaner - Members of the island's LGBTQ+ community are pushing for a Jamaica where transsexuals are allowed to "affirm" their gender choice [countrywide] and without reproach.

Affirmation for men who have transitioned into women means wearing heels, dresses, and generally taking on female personas in public spaces; and the alternative for women who identify as men – the two groups reportedly fighting the hardest battles in the local LGBTQ+ community.

According to transwoman Renae Green, executive director of rights group Transwave Jamaica, it is ridiculous that any Jamaican would be affected by such displays.

"I would like to see, for Jamaica, a space where trans-people can be affirmed and allowed to exist without fear or discrimination and stigma," argued the 30-year-old who has been donning dresses, eye shadow and lipstick since age 21.

"I've always been transgendered," Green said last Wednesday.

"Us affirming doesn't stop any member of the general population from eating, existing, working or surviving. But, for us, affirming is literally a matter of life and death," argued Green, citing widespread fear of being attacked in public while dressed as a woman.

"When I affirm, it is for myself and I am not a danger to anyone else. I'm not trying to influence anyone. I'm just trying to exist," he continued in a matter-of-fact manner.

"Being trans is new to people, but new doesn't mean that it is bad or harmful," Green argued. "This idea that my existence will inflict some form of mental trauma on someone makes no sense ... To even insinuate that my existence provides trauma is ridiculous and preposterous at best."

Green and Glenroy Murray, interim executive director of Equality for All Foundation Jamaica – for-

merly Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays (J-FLAG) – were among panellists at a Gleaner Editors' Forum looking at the impact of mental illness on the LGBT community and the physical and psychological trauma inflicted on them by Jamaicans who are not in support of their lifestyles.

Murray said persons who feel oppressed by such open displays of transsexual activity need religious intervention.

Opposing Jamaicans need to find themselves safe spaces, he recommended.

"We have talked about safe spaces that are not inclusive to LGBT people. They (opposing Jamaicans) can always go there," he said. "Whether it is a gay man or woman walking in heels, you can always go to your pastor and let him know how you feel about it."

"I don't think it is the responsibility of the LGBT community to assuage your own feelings based on your own upbringing," explained Murray who, at the forum, graphically outlined the mental implications from public isolation and discrimination for the LGBTQ+ community, especially trans-people.

The forum highlighted a study by clinical psychologists Dr. Kai Morgan and Tiffany Palmer, released earlier this year, that reported that 69 percent of respondents said they felt anxious and depressed; 40 percent reported having trauma symptoms; 27 percent attempted suicides; and 23 and 21 percent, respectively, resorted to alcohol and drug use or to cutting and burning themselves as ways of coping with mental issues.

EU accuses Belarus of gangster-style abuse

BBC - The European Commission has accused Belarus's authoritarian leader of luring migrants with the false promise of easy entry to the EU as part of an "inhuman, gangster-style approach".

At least 2,000 migrants are now at the Belarus border with Poland.

"Upon arrival they are being pushed to the border and forced to make an illegal entry into the European Union," said Commission spokesman Peter Stano.

Belarus's leader Alexander Lukashenko denies orchestrating the problem.

EU and NATO members Poland, Lithuania and Latvia have all seen a surge in the number of people trying to enter their countries illegally from Belarus in recent months. Many are young men, but they include women and children, largely from the Middle East and Asia.

Poland has seen the most arrivals, especially around its major border crossing at Kuznica.

Migrants have described how Belarusian authorities seized their phones and pushed them towards the border fence. Overnight temperatures at the border have slumped below zero and several people have already died in recent weeks.

"Nobody is letting us get in anywhere, Belarus or Poland," 33-year-old Shwan Kurd from Iraq told the BBC by video-call.

He described how he had arrived in Minsk from Baghdad at the start of November and was now in a makeshift camp metres from Poland's barbed-wire fence.

"There's no way to escape," he



said. "Poland won't let us in. Every night they fly helicopters. They don't let us sleep. We are so hungry. There's no water or food here. There are little children, old men and women, and families."

Poland has deployed extra troops after desperate crowds tried to cut the border fence on Monday. The border guard said more than 300 attempts had been made to cross illegally. The government warned of a possible "armed" escalation on its border with Belarus, fearing its neighbour might try to provoke an incident.

The head of Poland's national security department, Stanislaw Zaryn, said the migrants were under the control of Belarusian armed units. "Belarus wants to cause a major incident, preferably with shots fired and casualties," deputy foreign minister Piotr Wawrzyk said on Monday.

The EU, NATO and the US all say Belarus is orchestrating the problem. Brussels accuses Belarus's disputed leader, Mr. Lukashenko, of provoking the influx in retalia-

tion against EU sanctions.

Those sanctions were imposed after Mr. Lukashenko's widely discredited re-election in August last year and his subsequent crackdown on mass protests.

Addressing parliament on Tuesday, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki suggested Russian leader Vladimir Putin – a close ally of Mr. Lukashenko – had a hand in orchestrating the wave of migrants.

In an interview with the Belarusian state news agency, Mr. Lukashenko said he wanted to avoid any military escalation on the border which could draw Russia into a conflict.

He said he was "not a madman" but he remained defiant, saying "we will not kneel down".

The Belarus defence ministry rejected the Polish statements as unfounded and unsubstantiated, and accused Warsaw of violating agreements by moving thousands of troops to the border.

Denmark ditched its COVID rules two months ago; now it has joined other EU nations to consider new restrictions

(CNN) - Two months ago, Denmark was riding high. The European nation lifted all remaining domestic coronavirus restrictions as the government declared COVID-19 was no longer “an illness which is a critical threat to society”.

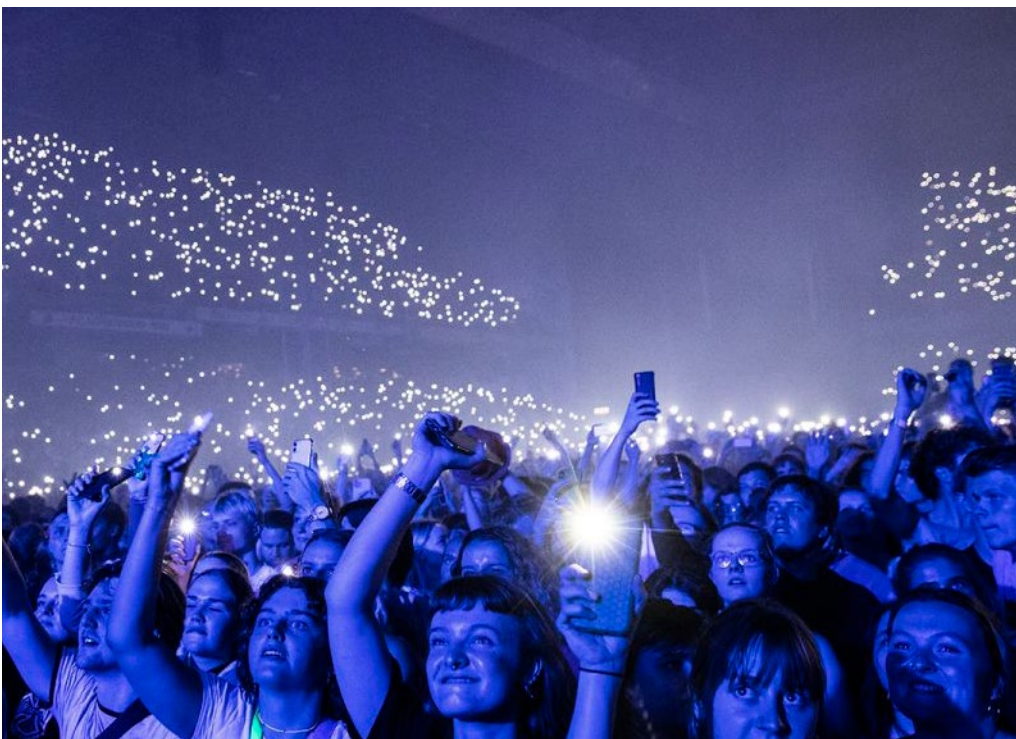
With a successful vaccine roll-out in their back pocket, Danes essentially returned to pre-pandemic daily life. They visited nightclubs and restaurants without showing a “COVID passport”, used public transport without having to wear a mask, and met in large numbers without restrictions.

The optimism of mid-September has been short-lived.

Denmark, like many countries across Europe, is now considering whether to reinstate restrictions as the continent battles a surge of COVID-19 cases that has pushed the region back into the epicenter of the pandemic.

Large swathes of Europe are battling to beat back surges of the Delta variant amid the relaxation of restrictions and stuttering vaccine rollouts in some countries, with the WHO warning that half-a-million Europeans could die of COVID-19 in a potentially devastating winter.

In the space of a few months, Europe’s COVID-19 fortunes have shifted dramatically. By the end of the summer, many countries had done away with tough restrictions after nations – particularly in the west of the bloc – charged ahead



with vaccination programs and cases plummeted.

Now, as other parts of the world reopen, Europe could again be facing a winter of renewed clamp-downs.

On Monday the Danish government proposed reintroducing a digital “corona pass” – used as proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test – for entering bars and restaurants as the country faces a third wave of infections, Reuters reported.

The measure will be subject to parliamentary approval. But it comes against the urgent new backdrop of steadily rising cases – from a low of just over 200 daily infections in mid-September to around 2,300 in recent days.

Denmark is not alone. Austria this week banned unvaccinated people from restaurants and ho-

tels amid a surge in cases. And Iceland reintroduced masks and social-distancing rules following a rise.

Elsewhere, Germany’s incidence rate is breaking records on a daily basis. On Tuesday the country recorded its highest seven-day infection rate since the pandemic began, with 213.7 cases per 100,000 people, according to the country’s Robert Koch Institute of infectious diseases (RKI).

In some eastern German states like Saxony and Thuringia, the incident rate has been more than double that, at over 400.

And, on Tuesday, French President Emmanuel Macron was set to address the nation amid a surge in cases – his first major TV speech since July when he announced mandatory vaccinations for all health workers.

Facebook gives estimate of bullying, harassment on its platforms for first time



A 3D-printed Facebook new rebrand logo, Meta, and Facebook logo are placed on laptop keyboard in this illustration on November 2, 2021.

(Reuters) - Facebook for the first time on Tuesday disclosed the prevalence of bullying and harassment on its platform, saying such content was seen between 14 and 15 times per every 10,000 views on the site in the third quarter.

The company, which recently changed its name to Meta, also said in its quarterly content moderation report that bullying and harassment content was seen between 5 and 6 times per 10,000 views of content on Instagram.

The social media giant – long under scrutiny over its handling of abuses on its services – has been in the spotlight after a former employee and whistleblower, Frances Haugen, leaked internal

documents that include research and discussions about Instagram’s effects on the mental health of teens, and on whether Facebook’s platforms stoke divisions.

Haugen has said the documents show the company picked profits over user safety.

Facebook disputed this characterization, saying the documents were being used to paint a “false picture”.

The documents – first reported by the Wall Street Journal – have spurred calls for Facebook to be more transparent, and have raised questions over whether metrics such as prevalence give the full picture of how the company handles abuses.

Facebook said its bullying and harassment numbers only captured instances where the company did not need additional information, such as a report from a user, to decide if the content broke its rules.

They said that of the 9.2 million pieces of content the company removed from Facebook for breaking its bullying and harassment rules, it found 59.4% proactively.

“Bullying and harassment is a unique challenge and one of the most complex issues to address because context is critical,” the company’s global head of safety, Antigone Davis, and product management director Amit Bhat-tacharyya said in a blog post.

France returns 26 treasures looted from Benin

Al Jazeera - France has handed back 26 treasures that were looted from Benin during the colonial period, fulfilling a promise made by President Emmanuel Macron to restore a lost part of Africa's heritage.

Benin President Patrice Talon and Culture Minister Jean-Michel Abimbola travelled to Paris to bring home the artefacts that were snatched by French forces 130 years ago.

Talon said he felt "overwhelming emotion" at recovering the objects taken during the ransacking of the Kingdom of Dahomey in the south of present-day Benin, including a royal throne.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday at the presidential palace in Paris, where France signed over the artefacts to Benin, Talon said the treasures were much more than cultural goods – the term used by France to describe them.

"This is our soul, Mr. President," he said, flanked by Macron.

The French leader hailed "a symbolic, moving and historic moment" which had been long-awaited by Africans.

The return of the pieces taken from the Royal Palaces of Abomey, which also include three totemic statues, comes as calls mount in Africa for European countries to return the colonial spoils lining their museum shelves.

In France, most are held by the Quai Branly museum, which has begun a major review of its collection to identify works believed to have been acquired through violence or coercion.

French legislators last year



French President Emmanuel Macron (right) and Benin's President Patrice Talon at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

passed a bill allowing Paris to return artefacts to Benin and Senegal, another former French colony in West Africa.

Talon made clear that he saw Tuesday's handover as the first step in a large-scale restitution process, asking "how do you expect my enthusiasm to be complete" when France still holds other key artefacts.

But he added he was "confident" that further restitutions would follow.

"Beyond this handover, we will continue the work," Macron promised.

Al Jazeera's Natacha Butler, reporting from Paris, said the scenes at the Elysee Palace were moving.

"The president of Benin said this was not just about the restoration of artworks to Benin. This was about Benin regaining some

of its soul ... This ends a very long process which started several years ago," Butler said.

In Benin's capital, Cotonou, the return of the prized works was hotly anticipated.

"I get goosebumps at the prospect of being able to see these royal treasures up close, particularly our ancestors' thrones. It's unbelievable," an elder of the Dah Adouhouannon community told AFP news agency.

"At 72 years, I can die in peace once I have seen them," the elder added.

The restitution is part of a drive by Macron to improve his country's image in Africa, especially among young people.

Before being packed up for the long journey home, the works were shown at the Quai Branly for one last time in late October.

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Friday 5th November	- Sir Novelle Richards Academy
Monday 8th November	- Antigua Grammar School
Tuesday 9th November	- Antigua Girls High School
Wednesday 10th November	- Princess Margaret School
Thursday 11th November	- Glanvilles Secondary School (9:00 am) Pares Secondary School (11:30 am)

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE VILLAGE CLINICS DURING THEIR OFF DAYS AND AFTER SCHOOL FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION:

Saints Clinic	- All Saints Secondary, Irene B Williams Secondary and Island Academy
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Clare Hall Clinic	- Clare Hall Secondary School, Divine Academy, St Joseph's Academy, St. Anthony's Secondary and Christ the King High School
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Good Morning Britain welcomes Antigua cricketing knights for prime time interview

Good Morning Britain, one of the UK's leading news and entertainment shows, welcomed cricketing legends Sir Curtly Ambrose, Sir Richie Richardson and Sir Andy Roberts on Monday 8th November for a prime-time interview slot.

Discussing everything from Independence Day to their thoughts on the current T20 tournament, the three cricketing icons were interviewed by presenters Susanna Reid and Martin Lewis.

Reid started the interview, describing it as an "honour and a privilege" to be speaking with the three West Indies legends.

Sir Curtly told Ms. Reid she "didn't know what she was missing", in response to learning that she has never visited Antigua and Barbuda. This formed the basis for discussing the tourism credentials of the twin-island State, and what the Independence Day celebrations mean to them.

The impact of the interview with the three sporting icons had a lasting effect as the presenters continued to discuss Antigua and Barbuda



Sir Curtly Ambrose, Sir Richie Richardson and Sir Andy Roberts join Susanna Reid and Martin Lewis.

and their desire to travel to the luxury winter-sunshine destination with other members of the Good Morning Britain broadcast team. A suggestion was even made to broadcast the show live from the twin-island nation. Good Morning Britain is one of the UK's leading daytime television shows offering the latest information in areas such as breaking news, entertainment, sports, health, and money. A typical morning news and talk show, the programme reaches ap-

proximately 1.6 million viewers per day, making it one of the leading platforms for interview opportunities.

Following the morning of broadcast interviews, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) geared up for an important series of events this week in London. The ABTA was due to host a Meet the Media event on Tuesday 9th November. This networking event was carded to welcome approximately 50 top tier journalists to the Royal Overseas League in

St. James's to meet with key hotel partners; learn about the music and culture of the twin-island nation; and a chance to tune-in to a Q&A with cricketing legends Sir Curtly Ambrose, Sir Richie Richardson and Sir Andy Roberts.

The Tourism Authority has also been scheduled this week to hold an Independence Day Celebration Banquet, in addition to welcoming regional media and diaspora to a day of presentations and panel discussions in Leicester.

Joel Embiid: Cameroon basketball star 'struggling' with COVID

Cameroonian basketball star Joel Embiid is struggling after testing positive for COVID-19, according to Philadelphia 76ers head coach Doc Rivers.

The 27-year-old was set to be rested for Monday's 103-96 loss to the New York Knicks, but is now likely to miss more games in line with the NBA's health and safety protocols.

One of the games Embiid would miss is Tuesday's showdown against defending champions the Milwaukee Bucks.

"He's not doing great - he's struggling," Rivers said before the loss to the Knicks.

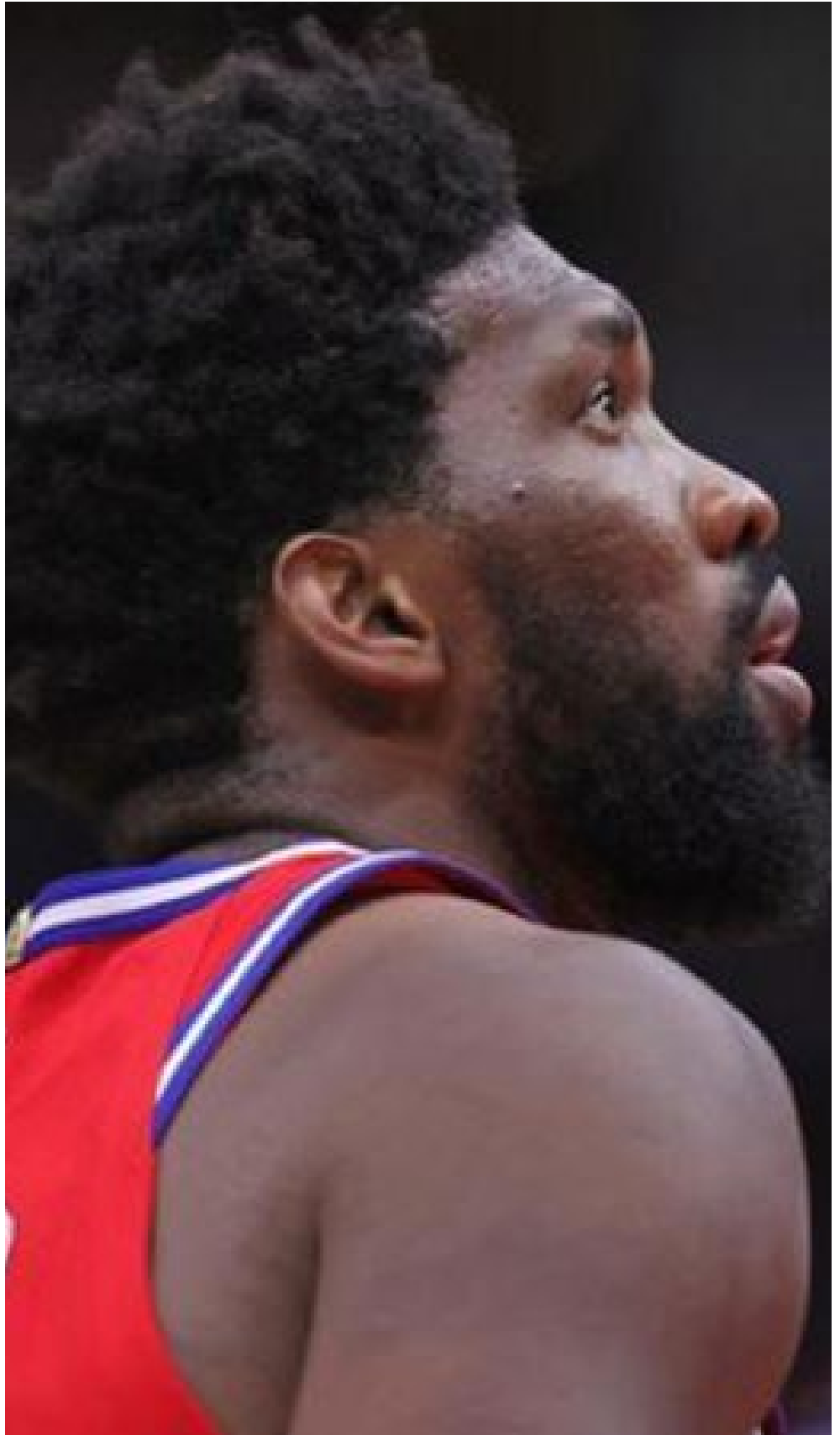
Embiid has been a key figure in the Sixers' impressive start to the season, with an average of 21.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game so far.

Power forward Embiid is the latest member of the 76ers team to test positive for coronavirus.

"It's a concern, obviously, because what is it - four guys now? And a staff member. It clearly is a concern," Rivers added.

"We have to just keep trying to find ways to play to win, to score and do whatever we have to, and we've done that this far. We're going to play. We're going to compete."

The 76ers' defeat by the Knicks on Monday was just their third of the season, with eight wins so far in the Eastern Conference which they currently lead.



Cameroonian basketball star Joel Embiid has reportedly tested positive for COVID-19.

Dottin's career-best 132 seals West Indies victory

West Indies 253 for 8 (Dottin 132, Matthews 57, Amin 5-35) beat Pakistan 208 for 9 (Riaz 46, Matthews 3-31) by 46 runs. Hayley Matthews chipped in with a 50 and three wickets as Pakistan fell 46 runs short of their target

A 146-ball 132 from Deandra Dottin and an all-round display from Hayley Matthews helped West Indies open their tour of Pakistan with a win.

The duo's 119-run stand took West Indies to 253 in the first ODI in Karachi, after which their bowlers struck at regular intervals to restrict the hosts to 208 for 9.

After being put in to bat, openers Dottin and Rashada Williams got off to a good start before the latter departed in the 12th over.

Kyshona Knight, coming in at 3, then retired hurt in the 13th over without scoring a run.

Captain Stafanie Taylor, the next batter, did not stay much longer at the crease, making an 11-ball 6.

Matthews then joined Dottin in the middle. They kept the runs flowing, hitting boundaries regularly as Matthews brought up her half-century in 58 balls. It was soon Dottin's turn to bring up her big milestone, as she got to her century off 124 balls.

"My plan was to occupy the



Hayley Matthews and Deandra Dottin put together a century stand

crease long, watch the bowlers ... see how the pitch was playing and just go from there," Dottin said after the match. "Going through my mind was that I had to bat through the 50 overs or at least 40-45 overs in order for us to have a good total on the board after the two quick wickets fell ... To be honest, when I got to the half-century it was just to start fresh again (to get to the century) and get a high total for the team."

It was Anam Amin who finally got the breakthrough, first removing Matthews in the 42nd over and then returning to send Dottin back in the 47th over. Amin and Fatima Sana did not allow the West Indies to score much in their last four overs. Amin then went on to dismiss Kycia Knight and Shemaine

Campbelle - who contributed a 23-ball 20 - as she finished with 5-35, her best figures in the format. Fatima, meanwhile, dismissed Qiana Joseph and the returning Kyshona.

In reply, Pakistan lost their first wicket in the second over, with Sidra Ameen falling to Shakera Selman for 2. West Indies bowlers kept the top four quiet, making sure none of them crossed 30.

Iram Javed (40 off 34) and Kainat Imtiaz stabilised things a bit with their half-century partnership for the fourth wicket, but both fell to Matthews. Aliya Riaz at No. 6 then made a 61-ball 46 but found no support from the other end.

With the asking rate soaring, Pakistan eventually fell short by 46 runs.



Jamaica's Kimone Shaw powers home to victory in the Under-18 4x100m relays inside the Kim Collins Stadium in Basseterre, St Kitts, at the 2015 Carifta Games.

JAMAICA TO HOST 2022 CARIFTA GAMES

KINGSTON, Jamaica – The 49th staging of the CARIFTA Games will be hosted by Jamaica, after the government gave its approval for the three-day junior track and field championships to be held April 16-18, 2022.

Garth Gayle, president of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA) made the announcement at Saturday's NACAC Special

Congress that was held virtually. The event – one of the premier junior track and field championships in the world – has not been held in the last two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guyana were originally scheduled to host the 2022 staging after Bermuda were denied the chance on two occasions, 2020 and 2021, when the coronavirus forced the

championships to be cancelled.

Gayle told OBSERVER ONLINE that the JAAA is confident in its ability to deliver a top class event.

“We at the JAAA are confident in our own abilities. Once the opportunity came up and we sat as an executive, we thought it would be a great decision to take on the challenge,” he said.

To this end, he said,

they had assembled “a team of professionals who we believe will deliver from start to finish, and our meetings have already started”.

He added, “We still have a few more arrangements to complete with Government agencies [in order] to finalise the successful staging of the games.”

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