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Next time we'll be sure to equip ourselves with a prize to ask you whether a simultaneous triple visit to Antigua by such massive cruise ships is rare – or unprecedented? Whichever, there can be no denying the significance and magnificence of this occasion on Sunday. Long and short: our cruise tourism sector has re-awakened and is already roaring with lion-like life and vigour. The full story is nestled in a harbor of interest within our pages.

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- PM warns against opposition deceit over petrol prices
 - Vaccination uptake among students picks up again
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Why China is still trying to achieve zero COVID

Around the world where the pandemic first began. A person walks into a five-star hotel to ask briefly for directions and ends up in two weeks quarantine because a guest had some coronavirus contact. One crew member on a high-speed train has close contact with an infected person, and a trainload of passengers is sent to quarantine for mass testing. In Shanghai Disneyland, 33,863 visitors suddenly have to undergo mass testing because a visitor the day before got infected. China was the first country to impose restrictions to combat this pandemic and it will be one of the last to ease them.

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KEEP ANTICU CLEAN

When you speak to ordinary Chinese people in the street, you will find that many do not seem to mind the continued strict anti-virus measures as long as they are kept safe.

I asked one woman whether China should open faster and she said it would be best to wait until the pandemic is sorted out properly because safety is number one.

Another woman heading home from work told me the virus is not completely understood, that vaccines would improve and – so, for the sake of social stability – it would be best to hold off opening up.

Not so long ago, other countries like Australia, New Zealand and Singapore were also approaching each outbreak of the coronavirus as something that had to be completely stamped out in the community, sending cities into lockdown until the virus stopped spreading. The goal was to reach zero local transmissions.

The two things that changed this approach were the emergence of the much tougher to control Delta

variant of the disease and, more crucially, reaching high vaccination levels.

High vaccination rates meant people might still contract COVID-19, but not have to go to hospital.

As a result, borders elsewhere are opening to international travel.

In China, however, visas for foreigners remain hard to come by and Chinese people are still not having their passports renewed after they expire.

Elsewhere, people are “living with the virus”. Not in China, where yet another Delta outbreak is being attacked with the same zeal as before the vaccine.

If the official figures are accurate, over 1,000 local transmissions have been recorded since October. The figure is not that high, but the spread is significant, hitting 21 provinces. This matters because even a couple of cases in China will trigger the same strict measures as hundreds or thousands of new infections.

‘Not a single infection is acceptable’

The authorities have shown no inclination to alter this approach, even as some Chinese scientists urge a re-think.

Professor Guan Yi, a virologist from Hong Kong University and advisor to the government, has called for a switch from mass nucleic acid tests (which find infections) to mass antibody tests (which might help scientists understand the effectiveness of vaccines).

In an interview with Phoenix TV he said that in the long run, there is no chance that a zero-COVID strategy could work in terms of achieving complete elimination.

“The virus is permanent now,” he said. “It’s the same as influenza, which will circulate in humans for a long time”.

This concept will not come as a surprise to people in other countries. In China, however, the government has drilled the population to mobilise to get back to zero cases with each new surge of the virus. Changing this message will be hard.

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Royal Commonwealth Society A&B encourages environmental focus

The Antigua and Barbuda Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) recently expressed support of the need for global impact reduction as a result of damaging climate change.

“Like many people, I never took much notice of environmental issues beyond being annoyed by people throwing rubbish out of their car windows rather than taking it home,” commented Board Director John Duffy.

“As the vast majority of greenhouse gases produced by Antigua and Barbuda come from vehicle engines and electricity production, the decrease in the use of diesel generators and the introduction of electric vehicles could massively reduce the carbon footprint on this island,” Duffy added.

Joanne Newell, Board Director, said: “As members of the Royal Commonwealth Society Antigua and Barbuda, we are dedicated to spreading the message and raising awareness of helping to keep our beautiful islands clean



President of the Royal Commonwealth Society – Antigua and Barbuda branch – Mrs. Sandra, Lady Williams.

and litter free – maintaining pristine and serene surroundings, but at the same time reducing the impact of what so much unwanted littering can do to the environment, to our beaches and oceans and their inhabitants.”

According to Board Director Patrice Skerritt: “The environment is one of the key focus points for RCS Antigua and Barbuda. We will be exploring meaningful ways in which we can contribute towards a

cleaner, greener space.”

President of the RCS Antigua-Barbuda Branch, H.E. Lady Williams emphasized that the Royal Commonwealth Society campaign theme (in conjunction with the Halo Foundation) ‘Lend a hand to clean our land’, is meant to remind us all that the protection and preservation of our environment is a collective effort.

“It’s not a matter of wholly expecting some other entity

to bear total responsibility for the protection of our planet. While policies set by nations heavily affect the path of environmental preservation, there are simple steps that we can each take in the right direction – such as recycling, tree planting, and the conservation of energy. Switching off lights when not in use and utilizing LED bulbs is a reasonable start. These actions may sound simple – but in the long run, what we are aiming for is a protected world that will still exist for future generations to enjoy,” said Lady Williams.

About the Royal Common-

wealth Society

The Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) is a network of individuals and organisations committed to improving the lives and prospects of Commonwealth citizens across the world.

Through youth empowerment, education, and high-level advocacy, the Society champions the importance of literacy, equality and inclusion, the environment and connected communities across the Commonwealth’s 54 member nations.

The Society’s unique position within the Common-

wealth family allows it to play a pivotal role in convening and connecting the Commonwealth’s political and diplomatic representatives, as well as industry, civil society, academic and business leaders, on a wide range of issues.

Founded in 1868, the RCS is non-partisan, independent of governments, and relies on public generosity to achieve its mission.

Other RCS branches in the Caribbean are Barbados (registered in 1985), Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands.



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RCA collaborates with Diabetes Association for annual awareness walk



Over 100 persons turned out for the 2021 *Diabetes Awareness Walk* on Saturday.

The event was a collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Antigua (RCA) and the Diabetes Association.

President of the Rotary Club, Joanna Spencer said the philanthropic organization is happy to partner with the Diabetes Association to raise further awareness about efforts to manage and prevent the disease.

President of the Diabetes Association, Juanita James echoed similar sentiments and thanked the Club for its unwavering support over the years.

The Rotary Club made a presentation of six blood pressure monitors to the diabetes Association, fulfilling a request for assistance in that regard.

James said the gesture will go a long way in assisting persons suffering from diabetes.

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GOING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS



Nine young people capture JCI Antigua Youth Empowerment Awards

Honoring resilience, dynamism, and purpose was the theme for last evening's annual Youth Empowerment Awards hosted by JCI Antigua Youth Empowerment Program (YEP).

The awards ceremony saw nine young Antiguan and Barbudans being celebrated for their work in a variety of fields, and recognized for their outstanding contributions.

The inaugural YEP awards first took place in 2016 when it was thought to honor the youth in various fields that are often overlooked.

This has been ongoing for the last five years and has seen approximately 60 awardees.

According to the president of JCI Antigua, Ms. Leycia Samuels, "For the 2021 YEP awards, we found it prudent to update our categories to reflect the times and highlight youth who

were doing marvelous work to include mental health, agriculture, and education – all new categories to these awards."

The NGO's president went on to explain that it is vitally important for the organization to find ways of celebrating young people within the society.

"For any nation to achieve greatness, it must place a high value

on its youth. Our nation's future depends on the strength of our young people, who are also our greatest hope for the present. With this in mind, we saw the need to honor our youth so they may be motivated to continue on this path and inspire future generations," Samuels said.

According to Mr. Neilson Duberry and Ms. Renata Thomas, co-chairs

for the YEP Committee, "The Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) has been a flagship project for JCI Antigua for over 10 years. Its focus remains the same and that is to empower the youth of Antigua and Barbuda.

"Over the years, the project has seen many different facets. Some of these include career placement; effective





speaking workshop and competition; youth symposium; adopt-a-school; debating competition; essay writing competition; youth health walk/fitness competition; and general training on leaving school.

“This year ... we included projects such as Edutainment, which focuses on various PSAs [public service announcements] on topical issues such as COVID-19; and Read-A-Loud reading sessions where we ventured to T.N. Kirnon and St. John’s Catholic to read to students from Grade 2-5.”

The co-chairs indicated they applaud the awardees, who have been recognized as outstanding professionals in their respective fields.

According to Renata Thomas, “In choosing the theme ‘Honoring Resilience, Dynamism, and

Purpose’, we as an organization would understand that holding conversations about the impacts of the pandemic isn’t easy. People are experiencing fear, insecurity with their livelihoods, and complex social challenges are being amplified. However, our active citizens found ways to overcome adversaries and to execute their daily tasks successfully.”

Neilson Duberry stated that, “For the awardees, the plan may have shifted slightly since the pandemic, but the work has suddenly taken on a new level of richness where we see the importance of holding space for deep conversations.”

The 2021 JCI Antigua Youth awardees included Daniella Mohamed for Humanitarian; Kwesi Jarvis for Entrepreneurship; Ambassador Kimberly Percival

for Sports; Jamaul Phillip for Agriculture; Jahfari Joseph-Hazelwood for Music; Tiffany Azille for Education; Regina A. Aparicio for Mental Health Activism; Kamalie Mannix for Leadership; and Alfonsina Olmos for Culture.

The organization’s president stated that the YEP awards continue to tie into the overall goals and mission of JCI Antigua.

“Our mission is to provide developmental opportunities that empower young people to create positive change. This ties in perfectly with the YEP Awards as we give a platform to youth who can utilize it to network and hone their skills. It is also an opportunity to inspire fellow youths to aspire to excel in whatever they do and that they are never too young to do so,” Samuel stated.

ACP welcomes three cruise ships in further milestone



Sunday 14 November 2021 has been described as “another momentous day to behold”. Reason? The arrival of Silver Whisper of Silversea Cruises, *Sky Princess* of Princess Cruises, and Britannia of P&O International. Yesterday marked the simultaneous berthing of these three cruise ships in the St. John’s

Harbour. The *Sky Princess*, a brand-new cruise vessel, made its inaugural call to Antigua; while the *Silver Whisper*, berthed at the Nevis Pier, made its first return to the Caribbean with Antigua being one of its ports of call as part of a special charter.

Hon. Charles Fernandez, Minister of Tourism & Invest-

ment, gave a warm reception to the captains and crews of these vessels visiting the island.

Minister Fernandez noted the welcome return of cruising to Antigua and Barbuda, and said he looked forward to seeing many more return visits by the ships to the port.

Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper,

general manager of Antigua Cruise Port (ACP) and her management team; executive members of the Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA); and the local media, were also in attendance to warmly welcome the cruise vessels to the St. John's Port.

"Sky Princess's inaugural call to the Caribbean and making Antigua its first call of choice shows the confidence that the cruise line has in Antigua's protocols and methods of operation," said Mr. Rawle Reynolds, ACP's operations manager for pier services. He added: "This

has been our first 3-vessel day since the start of the pandemic, and we are pleased with the high disembarkation rate, which will in turn greatly benefit merchants at Heritage [Quay] and Redcliffe Quay, vendors, taxi drivers and tour operators, as well as other businesses. Sky Princess, for instance, departed at 10:00 pm, which allowed for evening dining at the various restaurants in and around the port area."

It was originally earmarked as a "day-at-sea" for the Britannia, which was scheduled to arrive in Antigua on

Tuesday 16th November 2021. But the vessel instead requested to be in port today due to weather conditions in the region.

"The fact that the Britannia could make this request on short notice and be so ably accommodated shows the flexibility of Antigua as a cruise destination," Mr. Reynolds further noted.

The three ships in port totaled a combination of approximately 2,700 passengers with numerous groups leaving the port for shopping, dining, and tour excursions.

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Housing renewal in City East and plans for new credit union advancing

by Shelton Daniel

The MP for St. John's City West has provided an update on plans to establish a credit union for the further developmental benefit of that constituency.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne was quizzed about this on Saturday during his weekly radio program by the host, Senator Colin O'Neal Browne.

"Obviously it's taking some time," the former banker explained. "It's quite a large building, so it may take another six months before that building is completed; and then I have the task of getting investors to invest the cash ... so that they can on-lend to needy persons – but also to ... encourage savings."

He went on to disclose the primary purpose intended for this planned community financial institution.

"It's a credit union that is designed to assist individuals to repair their homes. We recognize that in certain communities –



Information Minister and MP for St. John's City East, Hon. Melford Nicholas.

in Point, Villa, Fort Road, Grays Farm, Ottos, and so on – the housing stock is not the best and we want to provide an avenue for individuals to borrow funds to repair their homes.

"The focus, obviously, is on my area [St. John's City West], but we decided to broaden the scope," he stated, projecting that the new credit union would be established sometime next year.

"We're making some progress

with the building and the most difficult part is to get the investors to invest monies, and also to get depositors so that we can raise a few million dollars and kick-off this credit union as soon as possible."

Prime Minister Browne took the opportunity to announce that his government is now looking to "make a start with the housing renewal in [the adjoining constituency of St. John's] City East" whose elected MP is Information Minister Melford Nicholas.

Browne said his colleague "would be identifying five or six families in the first instance and we will assist them in rebuilding their properties – or maybe just rebuild the properties if we can get at least five or six parcels of land to start with."

He described the area targeted for renewal as one that had deteriorated significantly over the years, and blamed the rundown residential conditions on protracted neglect by the previous administration.



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PM puts nation on guard against political deceit over petrol pricing

by *Shelton Daniel*

Despite a 68 percent rise in the international price of petrol – from US\$40 a barrel one year ago to US\$67 at present – the cost at the pump to consumers here in Antigua and Barbuda has not increased.

This was pointed out on Saturday by Prime Minister Gaston Browne during his weekly radio program, *The Browne & Browne Show*, on **Pointe FM 99.1**.

“That is because we have this Price Neutralization Mechanism in place ... Whenever there is an increase in [the price] of petroleum, we reduce our Consumption Tax; so our Consumption Tax would have fallen from about \$7 million in 2020 down to about \$3 million, monthly.”

He said opponents of the government were continuing to play a “deceptive game, in

that when petroleum prices are low they say to us that we should reduce petroleum pricing, when they [know] that when petroleum prices are high we subsidize the prices.”

According to PM Browne, who is also Antigua and Barbuda’s Finance Minister, “When you look at [petroleum] prices in the region at this time; in Barbados, for example, the price of a gallon of gas is about \$21. In Antigua it is \$12.50; Grenada \$14.24; Jamaica \$14.76; St. Lucia is just about the same. But again they [the opposition] continue to give the impression that there is some sort of price gouging here and the government is benefiting excessively.” **[EDITOR’S NOTE: The Prime Minister’s regional price comparison was done using the equivalency of EC dollars.]**

Prime Minister Browne said he was



Prime Minister & Minister for Finance, Hon. Gaston Browne.

raising the issue so that in the event of a dip in international petroleum prices (something he expects could happen as early as this week), “This notion that we should be passing on the increase in taxes ... will not arise; because you can’t expect the government will

subsidize when prices are high, and then when prices are low that you still benefit from a reduction ... This mechanism is intended to be a price stabilization mechanism. Consumers have predictability, your price remains the same ... so it’s a fair process.”

Student vaccination on the up again – PM



by *Shelton Daniel*

There has been a major uptake in COVID-19 vaccinations among eligible students in the 12-17 year age group, according to Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

He said this development, in the last few days, was in contrast to a previous three-week period in which “the vaccination program had come to a trickle” with only “about 70 individuals for the last couple of weeks after ... we had a fall-off in the Pfizer vaccines.” The Pfizer vaccine is so far the only one certified for use

in minors – those younger than 18, the legal age of adulthood – and is so far being administered to the 12-17 bracket which accounts for most students within the secondary schools.

He said the daily vaccination figures have recently shot “up to 700 a day”, adding, “I hope that this continues as we seek to get to herd immunity.

“We have now surpassed 60 percent of the population that would have had at least a first [dose of] vaccination, and close to ... 54 percent is now fully vaccinated.”

Notwithstanding this commendable progress, Prime Minister Browne lamented that there is “still a large cadre of adults who remain unvaccinated”.

He believes the resurgence of vaccination uptake among the eligible minors is in large measure owing to Government’s recent amendment of the Education Act to make vaccination compulsory for school attendance, a measure that came into effect of last Thursday, 11th November 2014.

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Barbados: Economic crisis worse than 9/11, 2008 shocks

Barbados Today - The coronavirus pandemic knocked the Barbados economy back 24 years, the Prime Minister's chief economic advisor, Ambassador Dr. Clyde Mascoll, revealed on Friday.

This would mean the economy is worse off now than it was after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001 and the global financial meltdown of 2008.

The estimate also places the COVID economic crisis among the handful of major shocks to the economy since independence in 1966, including the 1973 oil crisis, the 1982 global recession, and the 1991 depression.

The crisis in tourism and mass unemployment triggered by the lockdowns sent Barbados' economic output – or Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – crashing back to its level in 1997, according to Dr. Mascoll.

He stressed that even before the pandemic hit, very few countries in the region – including Barbados – were achieving economic growth.

He said: "Based on what we are observing in the region, we are not achieving the kind of economic growth rates that can allow us



Dr. Clyde Mascoll.

to feel good that we are on the path to sustainable development. In fact, COVID has not been kind to the region; but even prior to COVID, the region has been growing by less than one percent over the last few years prior to COVID.

"In fact, in 2016 we had 0.3 percent; 2017 just half of one percent; 2018, 1.8 percent; and we have seen that as a result of COVID there has been a dramatic decline in our economies. Let me say here that Barbados in 2020 is the same size that it was in world GDP terms as in 1997... 24 years ago."

In the feature address to the annual general conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados' (ICAB), Dr. Mascoll maintained that had it not been for COVID-19, Government would not have been forced to look for almost \$100 million to pump into healthcare.

Dr. Mascoll argued that this money could have been utilized to develop other areas of the economy.

He acknowledged that for some time Barbados has had the highest public net GDP ratio in the Caribbean.

He maintained there was a need for the

country to have a sustainable public policy framework.

"The thing is we now have to pursue a path that is going to restrain the Government because the Government has to obtain surpluses in order to reverse the debt that we described as 146 percent of GDP," he explained.

Dr. Mascoll said this was necessary regardless of which political party was in power.

He said even though elections were due every five years, there ought not to be any significant deviations from the plans outlined.

Guyana to impose 'highest penalty' for illegal guns

Guyana Chronicle - PRESIDENT Dr. Irfaan Ali has announced that his government will be amending the law governing possession of unregistered firearms to apply the "highest penalty" for persons caught with them.

His disclosure comes amid the backdrop that most crimes are gun-related.

The Head of State is looking to implement this and a slew of other measures to further combat crime in the country, even though there has been a 19.4 percent reduction in crime up to November 8th 2021 when compared [with] the same period last year.

President Ali has already engaged Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs, Anil Nandlall, SC, to propose an amendment of the legislation pertaining to possession of unlicensed firearms so that the "highest penalty" may be imposed. Illegal weapons are one of the major contributing factors to crime locally.

"We're going to give a period for all those persons with illegal weapons to deposit those weapons, after which the law will be amended to give you the greatest penalty," President Ali said on Monday while delivering a statement on issues affecting the country.

According to Section 16 (2) of the Firearms Act, if a person is



Guyana's President Dr. Mohammed Irfaan Ali.

found with a firearm in his possession without holding a firearm licence, they shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$3,000, nor more than \$15,000, together with imprisonment for not less than one year, nor more than three years, and, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for seven years.

While discussing the issue of crime, the President perused a detailed report from the Guyana Police Force, which presented a breakdown of critical data; such as, on what days crime is more prevalent, at what time during the day, and the locations where the occurrence of crime is predominant, among other factors.

"Crime has been decreasing but we're still not satisfied," President Ali said, noting that investments will be made in the Police Force's training and develop-

ment, to improve working conditions and welfare for service men and women, and to hold them more accountable – all in a bid to strengthen crime-fighting. The police report highlighted that in terms of locality, Region One has seen the largest increase in crime with a 132.4 percent increase for the reported period. On the other hand, Region Four A (Agricola – Cummings Lodge) has seen a 43.4 percent decrease, and Region Five (Mahaica-Berbice) a 52.1 percent decrease.

"What is there in Region One that is different? We know that there is an increased migrant population, there is displacement, and of course this is causing social and economic issues, and a resulting factor is crime," President Ali said, noting that statistics such as these shape policy decisions.

Jamaica: PM says crime now almost a competition for cruelty

Jamaica Gleaner -

Prime Minister Andrew Holness has described the country's current crime calamity as barbaric and savage.

Holness was speaking during a press briefing on Sunday following the declaration of States of Public Emergency (SOE) in seven police divisions.

They are St. James, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. Andrew South, Kingston Western, Kingston Central, and Kingston East.

"It is almost a competition for cruelty, the worst of the worst, and it appears to be designed, properly calculated to drive fear into the citizens of the country and panic in communities," said Holness.

He stressed that Government cannot see these things happening and not take action.

As at Friday, Jamaica had recorded a total of 1,240 murders. That figure does not include the 11 killings recorded within the past 24 hours.

Nine of the 11 murders committed within the last 24-hours were recorded in the western sections currently under the SOE. The four divisions across Kingston account for 392 (or 32 percent) of the national murder figure.



As at Friday, according to Prime Minister Andrew Holness, Jamaica had recorded a total of 1,240 murders. The figure does not include the 11 killings recorded within the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, of the 1,100 people shot and injured across the country, 391 or 36 percent were recorded across the divisions.

Two hundred and seventy two (272) murders were recorded in St James, Westmoreland, and Hanover.

Police Commissioner, Major General Antony Anderson – who described Jamaica's crime

situation as an epidemic – said about 70 percent of murders are committed by members of criminal gangs.

He added that the said criminal networks are being funded through extortion, scamming, and the drugs-for-guns trade.

The commissioner stressed that the country's murder rate persists at a level of three times

the regional average and eight times the global average.

Murders this year have increased by 10 percent.

"This 10 percent is 10 percent of a persistently, unacceptably high number, which means Jamaica's homicide rate remains within the top five countries in the world," Anderson said.

Trinidad and Tobago: State of Emergency to be revoked



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley

Loop TT - Government will go to the Parliament on Wednesday to revoke the State of Emergency.

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley made the announcement on Saturday during a media conference at the Diplomatic Centre, St Ann's.

However, Dr. Rowley noted that the Public Health Ordinance will continue to be enforced including mandatory mask-wearing in public spaces.

He said: "On Wednesday, the Parliament will meet and we will discontinue the State of Emergency ... We will continue to manage the vaccinated population and the unvaccinated population un-

der the Public Health Ordinance."

Public gatherings, he said, will remain [limited to] 10 [persons].

Public fetes and parties – in all forms – will remain prohibited, while party boats and night clubs will remain closed.

The consumption of alcohol in public spaces will also remain banned.

The current arrangements for schools, he added, will remain in place. Additionally, Dr. Rowley announced that public pools will be opened to fully vaccinated persons as safe zones.

Furthermore, religious services will remain at 90 minutes; however, capacity will increase to 50

percent.

These capacity rules, the prime minister said, apply to funerals, weddings, and christening services.

Gravesites, however, will be limited to 25 people.

Beaches and rivers will remain closed at this time.

The prime minister further urged citizens to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

"We will not open up further, but we will not roll back to any co-con," he added.

On Saturday, T&T recorded 22 new COVID-19 fatalities, pushing the death toll to 1,850.

Austria orders nationwide lockdown for the unvaccinated

Washington Post - The Austrian government has ordered a nationwide lockdown for unvaccinated people starting at midnight on Sunday to combat rising coronavirus infections and deaths.

The move prohibits unvaccinated people 12 and older from leaving their homes except for basic activities such as working, grocery shopping, going for a walk — or getting vaccinated.

Authorities are concerned about rising infections and deaths and that, soon, hospital staff will no longer be able to handle the growing influx of COVID-19 patients.

“It’s our job as the government of Austria to protect the people,” Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg told reporters in Vienna on Sunday. “Therefore we decided that starting Monday ... there will be a lockdown for the unvaccinated.”

The lockdown affects about 2 million people in the Alpine country of 8.9 million, the APA news agency reported. It doesn’t apply to children under 12 because they cannot yet officially get vaccinated.

The lockdown will initially last for 10 days and police will go on patrol to check people outside to make sure they are vaccinated, Schallenberg said, adding that additional forces will be assigned to the patrols.

Unvaccinated people can be fined up to 1,450 euros (\$1,660) if they violate the lockdown.

Austria has one of the lowest vaccination rates in Western Europe: only around 65% of the total population is fully vaccinated.



A doctor administers the Pfizer vaccine against COVID-19 to a patient at a vaccination center in Vienna, Austria, April 10, 2021.

In recent weeks, Austria has faced a worrying rise in infections. Authorities reported 11,552 new cases on Sunday; a week ago there were 8,554 new daily infections.

Deaths have also been increasing in recent weeks. On Sunday, 17 new deaths were reported. Overall, Austria’s pandemic death toll stands at 11,706, APA reported.

The seven-day infection rate stands at 775.5 new cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

In comparison, the rate is at 289 in neighboring Germany which has already also sounded the alarm over the rising numbers.

Schallenberg pointed out that while the seven-day infection rate for vaccinated people has been falling in recent days, the rate is rising quickly for the unvaccinated.

“The rate for the unvaccinated is at over 1,700, while for the vaccinated it is at 383,” the chancellor said.

Schallenberg also called on people who have been vaccinated to get their booster shot, saying that otherwise, “We will never get out of this vicious circle.”

Climate deal sounds death knell for coal power – PM Johnson

BBC - The Glasgow climate deal is a “game-changing agreement” which sounds “the death knell for coal power”, says UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Although countries only agreed to “phase down” rather than “phase out” coal, the prime minister said this was a fantastic achievement.

The wording change was made after a late intervention by China and India, but it remains the first time plans to reduce coal have been mentioned in such a climate deal.

The agreement was reached after the two-week Glasgow COP26 summit went into overtime on Saturday.

Critics have said the deal does not go far enough and will not meet the key summit goal of limiting global warming to 1.5C by the end of the century.

Scientists say this would limit the worst impacts of climate change.

Mr. Johnson said that despite the achievements of the summit, his reaction was “tinged with disappointment”.

He said there had been a high level of ambition - especially from countries where climate change was already “a matter of life and death”.

And “while many of us were willing to go there, that wasn’t true of everybody”, he admitted.

But he added the UK could not compel nations to act. “It’s ultimately their decision to make and they must stand by it.”



UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Mr. Johnson also said he thought the watered-down language on coal did not “make that much of a difference”, adding that the direction of travel was “pretty much the same”.

He said most of Western Europe and North America had been persuaded to pull the plug on financial support for overseas fossil fuel projects by this time next year.

“And when you add all that together, it is beyond question, Glasgow has sounded the death knell for coal power,” he said.

Speaking alongside the PM, COP26 president Alok Sharma revealed that at one point during the final negotiations he had feared the agreement was in jeopardy. “There was an hour where really we weren’t going to get a deal,” he said.

Mr. Sharma, who fought back tears as he closed the summit following the late intervention, said: “I can tell you there was one really tense hour where I did feel the weight of the world on my shoulders ... This deal was absolutely in jeopardy. We got it over the line.”

Earlier he said that “China and India will have to explain themselves” to climate-vulnerable nations.

One of the main goals set out by COP26 was to ensure global warming does not go above 1.5C by 2100. But a report by the Climate Action Tracker group has calculated that, at the current rate, the world is heading for 2.4C warming by that date.

As part of the agreement struck in Glasgow, countries will meet next year to pledge further major carbon cuts with the aim of reaching the 1.5C goal.

The UN’s climate change chief Patricia Espinosa described the mention of fossil fuels as a “huge step forward”, but added there was a need to “balance out the social consequences” for people of cutting coal power – particularly in poor countries.

She said the 1.5C target was “definitely alive”; but, earlier, Labour’s shadow business and energy secretary Ed Miliband said the goal was “in intensive care”.

Prosecutors want jury to consider lesser charges in US teen Rittenhouse's murder trial

Al Jazeera - Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, son of Libya's former leader Muammar Gaddafi, has registered as a presidential candidate for the country's December election, an official from the electoral commission said.

"Saif al-Islam al-Gaddafi submitted ... his candidacy for the presidential election to the High National Electoral Commission office in the [southern] city of Sebha," a statement by the commission said on Sunday.

Gaddafi is one of the most prominent figures expected to run for president – a list that also includes renegade eastern commander Khalifa Haftar, Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, and parliament Speaker Aguila Saleh.

Photographs distributed on social media showed Gaddafi – with a grey beard and wearing glasses, and a traditional brown robe and turban – signing documents at the registration centre in the southern town of Sebha on Sunday.

Despite the public backing of most Libyan factions and foreign powers for elections on December 24, the vote is still in doubt as rival entities squabble over the rules and schedule.

A major conference in Paris on Friday agreed to sanction those who disrupt or prevent the vote, but there is still no agreement on rules to govern who should be able to run.

The elections are envisaged as a key moment in a United Nations-backed peace process to end



While Saif al-Islam al-Gaddafi is likely to play on nostalgia for the era before the 2011 uprising that swept his father from power, analysts say he may not be a front runner.

a decade of violent chaos that has drawn in regional powers since the 2011 NATO-backed uprising against Muammar Gaddafi.

Wrangling over the election threatens to unravel the wider peace process which also includes efforts to unify long-divided state institutions and to pull out foreign mercenaries who remain entrenched along front lines despite a ceasefire.

The Gaddafi era is still remembered by many Libyans as one of harsh autocracy, while Saif al-Islam Gaddafi and other former regime figures have been out of power for so long, they may find it difficult to mobilise as much support as major rivals.

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi remains something of a cypher to many Libyans, having spent the past decade out of public sight since his capture in 2011 by fighters from the mountain region of Zintan.

He gave an interview to the New York Times earlier this year, but has not yet made any public appearance speaking directly to Libyans.

Complicating his presidential ambitions, Gaddafi was tried in absentia in 2015 by a Tripoli court at which he appeared via videolink from Zintan. He was sentenced to death for war crimes, including the killing of protesters during the uprising a decade ago, but was later pardoned. He is also wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged crimes against humanity.

Ibrahim Fraihat, an associate professor of conflict resolution at the Doha Institute, said Saif al-Islam Gaddafi "has some support among the former regime loyalists, and also within certain tribal forces".

Pope thanks journalists for helping to expose Church sex scandals



Pope Francis thanked reporters for helping expose clerical sexual abuse scandals, during a ceremony on Saturday at Santa Maria degli Angeli Basilica in Assisi, Italy.

(Reuters) - Pope Francis on Saturday thanked journalists for helping to uncover the clerical sexual abuse scandals that the Roman Catholic Church initially tried to cover up.

The Pope praised what he called the “mission” of journalism and said it was vital for reporters to get out of their newsrooms and discover what was happening in the outside world to counter misinformation often found online.

“(I) thank you for what you tell us about what is wrong in

the Church, for helping us not to sweep it under the carpet, and for the voice you have given to the abuse victims,” the Pope said.

Francis was speaking at a ceremony to honor two veteran correspondents -- Philip Pullella of Reuters and Valentina Alazraki of Mexico’s Noticieros Televisa -- for their long careers spent covering the Vatican.

The sexual abuse scandals hit the headlines in 2002 when US daily The Boston Globe wrote a series of articles ex-

posing a pattern of abuse of minors by clerics and a widespread culture of concealment within the Church.

Since then, scandals have rocked the Church in myriad countries, most recently France where a major investigation found in October that French clerics had sexually abused more than 200,000 children over the past 70 years.

Critics accused Francis of responding too slowly to the scandals after he became Pontiff in 2013 and of believing the word of his fellow clergy over that of the abuse victims.

But in 2018 he tried to address past mistakes, publicly admitting he was wrong about a case in Chile and vowing that the Church would never again seek to cover up such wrongdoing.

In 2019 he called for an “all-out battle” against a crime that should be “erased from the face of the earth”.

on Saturday said journalists had a mission “to explain the world, to make it less obscure, to make those who live in it less fear it”.

To do that, he said, reporters need to “escape the tyranny” of always being online. “Not everything can be told through email, the phone, or a screen,” he said.

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Effective communication skills | Leadership/People Management skills

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5 CXC Passes (including English & Mathematics) or Tertiary Level Completion
Knowledge of career and technology skills and competencies in Auto Mechanics
Experience in teaching in a classroom setting with diverse students is a plus

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Associate degree in instructional media and technology or related field in addition to a minimum of two years' professional audio-visual experience | InfoComm CTS certification highly desirable
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Strong working knowledge of AV switching control systems (e.g. Extron, Crestron)
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Excellent verbal and written communication skills | Must be available to work evening and weekend hours
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Minimum 4 years' experience in a similar role | High School Completion

Artistic and creative in decorating cakes and other confections including chocolate and sugar art decorations |

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General computer skills including Microsoft Suite & Google Docs

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Minimum 2 years' experience in Desktop Engineering

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Must be competent in Microsoft Excel | Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Ability to prioritize projects | Good time-management, multi-tasking & organizational skills

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Minimum 2 years' experience | MUST be fully vaccinated | Must have reliable transportation

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Experience in accounts payable, accounts receivable, bank reconciliations

Positive attitude and wiliness to grow and learn | Organized and can work with tight deadlines

Ability to be extremely flexible, efficient and punctual

Analytical and critical thinker with strong verbal and written skills

Must be able to work independently as well as part of a team

Proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel is a must)

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Minimum 2 years' experience | Flexible schedule is a must

High School & College Completion necessary | Excellent management of customer service skills

Knowledge of financial-management principles, policies, and procedures is an asset

Must be self-motivated, innovative, with strong interpersonal skills, and possess the ability to work effectively with limited supervision

Ability to work autonomously or in a team environment | Strong proven verbal and written skills

Exceptional attention to detail to ensure high level of accuracy on all activities

Technologically self-sufficient on MS Office applications, specifically Excel, with the ability to learn new software, as required

Customer Service, Analytical, computer skills, attention to details, strong interpersonal skills

FINANCIAL RISK OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

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High School & College Completion necessary

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Proven track record in communicating and influencing senior leadership

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Minimum 2 years' experience as a Floor Supervisor | Minimum 3-5 CXC subjects including English

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Minimum 2-5 years' experience | Secondary School Completion

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Minimum 1-3 years' experience in a similar role | High School Completion

Must be computer literate and computer savvy | Good customer service skills

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Minimum 5 years' experience in a similar role | Must be certified in Food & Beverage |
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Minimum 5 years' experience as a Head Chef in a Fine Dining restaurant, including 3 years in French gastronomy
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Inventory & Cost control certificate | Health & Safety Certificate
Must be punctual, motivated, passionate & disciplined | Able to work under pressure

INDIAN COOK

Minimum 10 years' experience

ITALIAN PASTA BAKER

Minimum 3 years' experience | High School Completion

KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Minimum 1-2 years' experience in a similar role | MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED

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

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Minimum 7-10 years' experience in working with a Carpenter
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Must be honest, skilled and fluent in the English Language

LINE CHEF (FINE DINING RESTAURANT)

Minimum 3 years' experience in a similar role | Food Handlers Certificate required
Certificate from a Reputable Culinary School OR 5 years in Reputable restaurant
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LINE SERVER/GRILL ATTENDANT

Minimum 2 years' experience within the Food industry
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Minimum 5 years' experience | BA/BS Degree in Marketing required

Analytical skills with a strong attention to detail

Excellent written & verbal communication skills | Must be good at multi-tasking

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Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite & Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, After Effects etc.) | Web design preferable

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Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management, Business Management or any related field
Experience in a Night Manager role within the hospitality industry
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Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
Proven experience with front office management systems

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Minimum 3 years' experience in a similar role | Associates' Degree or equivalent
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Must be good at multi-tasking

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A proven track of food preparation and preservation knowledge is essential

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Minimum 5 years' experience in a similar role

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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

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

Minimum 2 years' experience | High School Completion | MUST be Early Childhood Certified

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High School Diploma | Certificate in Hotel/Restaurant Management

Must have computer knowledge in Word & Excel | Experience using a P.O.S. system

Experience in inventory controls required

RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR

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

RETENTION MANAGER (MARKETING)

Minimum 7+ years' experience | BA/BS Degree in Marketing require

Must be competent in Microsoft Excel | Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Ability to prioritize projects | Good time-management, multi-tasking & organizational skills

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Excellent customer service skills | Positive attitude

Computer literate with Microsoft Office experience | Great oral and written communication skills

STAFF ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE ASSISTANT (MARKETING)

Minimum 3 years' experience in Finance | Associates' Degree in Finance required

Strong verbal and written communication skills | Ability to multi-task, prioritize and organize efficiently

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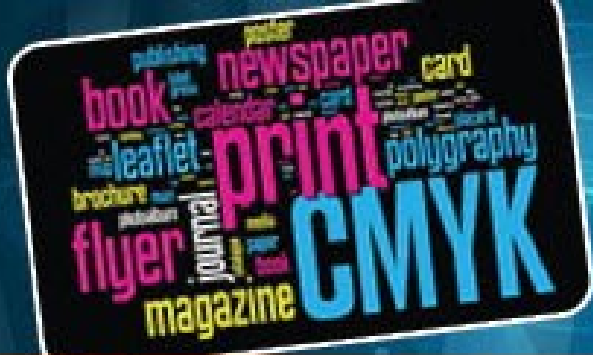
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ANOC decision to overlook Thompson-Herah for best female athlete of Tokyo 2020 criticised



Canadian swimmer Maggie MacNeil (right) was voted the best female athlete of Tokyo 2020 after winning three medals - a gold, silver and bronze - at Tokyo 2020

A decision by the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) to award Canada's Maggie MacNeil best female athlete of Tokyo 2020 has been criticised by the North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletics Association (NACAC). NACAC general secretary Keith Vincent claimed they were "shocked" that the swimmer was chosen instead of Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah. Thompson-Herah won three Olympic gold medals at Tokyo 2020 in the 100 metres, 200m and 4x100m relay.

It followed her performance at Rio 2016 where she had won gold medals in the 100m and 200m, and silver in the 4x100m relay.

MacNeil won three medals at Tokyo 2020, including a memorable

victory in the women's 100m butterfly event where she came from seventh place at the halfway mark to eventually clinch gold.

The 21-year-old also won a silver medal in the 4x100m freestyle and bronze in the 4x100m medley.

"For the several NACAC member countries in attendance at the Awards Ceremony held on the evening of Sunday, 24 October, in the city of Heraklion on the island of Crete, Greece, it came as a shock that Jamaica's Elaine Thompson was not the eventual winner," said Joseph, who is also general secretary of the Saint Vincent and The Grenadines Olympic Committee.

Thompson-Herah also ran 10.54sec for 100m during the season, the second fastest time in history behind American Florence

Griffith Joyner's 33-year-old world record of 10.49.

At Tokyo 2020, when winning the 200m, Thompson-Herah's time of 21.53 was also the second fastest in history behind the world record 21.34 run by Griffith Joyner, also set in 1988.

Earlier this week, NACAC announced that Thompson-Herah had been voted its Female Athlete of the Year.

The United States' Ryan Crouser, winner of the shot put at Tokyo 2020, was voted the Male Athlete of the Year.

Thompson-Herah is expected to be among the favourites for the World Athletics Female Athlete of the Year Award due to be announced in Monte Carlo on December 1.

Nine years later, the US has another Olympic gold



American high jumper Erik Kynard will finally get his gold medal from the 2012 London Olympics after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Friday approved re-allocating some results from those games because of doping cases.

Kynard's leap of 2.33 meters placed second in London behind Ivan Ukhov who was proven years later to have taken part in the Russian state-backed steroid doping program.

Ukhov was banned for four years in 2019 at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). He went back to the same court last year for an appeal hearing but failed to overturn the ruling.

The International Olympic Committee executive board on Friday signed off on re-allocating the medals and final results for five events from the London Olympics, including men's and women's high jump.

With Kynard upgraded to men's

gold, the three bronze medalists in 2012 will each now get silver medals: Derek Drouin of Canada, Robbie Grabarz of Britain, and Mutaz Essa Barshim of Qatar. Barshim also tied for gold at the Tokyo Olympics in August.

The IOC also re-allocated the bronze medal in women's high jump from a Russian athlete. Svetlana Shkolina was disqualified for doping and Spain's Ruth Beitia will get the bronze.

Bermuda players await possible charges for indiscipline in Antigua

As many as five Bermuda players could face disciplinary charges for their conduct in ICC T20 World Cup Americas qualifier matches in Antigua, team manager Russell Richardson revealed yesterday.

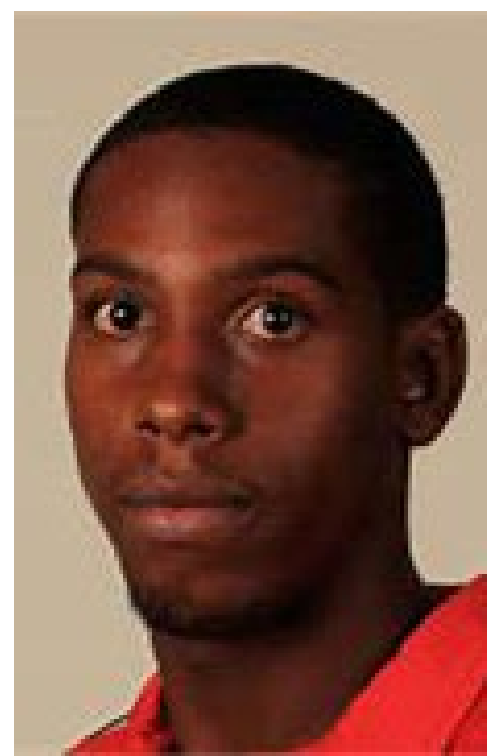
Four could be charged for their conduct in the ill-tempered opening loss to the United States on Monday when Bermuda's opening batsmen Tre Manders and Allan Douglas Jr were allegedly subjected to sledging from US players Ali Khan and Xavier Marshall during Bermuda's 23-run loss.

Richardson also hinted another Bermuda player could face disciplinary action for his conduct in Thursday's victory over Panama, which followed Bermuda's second loss earlier in the day to Canada.

"I'm not putting it out there yet," said Richardson, who declined to name the players involved. "There may be a fifth one from yesterday's match [against Panama] but I haven't got the paperwork yet.

"I'll probably get that paperwork this afternoon or tomorrow. At the end of the tour, I'm more than willing to give the names of the players. I have to send a report to the [Bermuda Cricket] Board, as they need to get it first."

Richardson stayed back at the hotel yesterday doing paperwork while the team went on a bus tour on their rest day. Bermuda close out their six-game schedule



Xavier Marshall of the US (left) and Allan Douglas of Bermuda were two of the players involved in confrontations during a heated cricket match in Antigua, which the Americans won.

with matches today and tomorrow against Belize and Argentina respectively.

Going into the tournament, it was expected that Bermuda would be competing against the US and Canada for one of the two spots for the next round of qualifying. Losses to those teams have virtually ended Bermuda's hopes of advancing to the next qualifying stage ahead of the 2022 ICC T20 World Cup in Australia.

The US has already secured one spot with five straight victories. Bermuda's slim hopes rest with Canada losing at least one of their last two matches, while climbing above them on net run-rate.

"The team is in high spirits, but I can put it down to them not pulling their weight when they

had to," Richardson said of the two defeats. "We have lost the two most important games, Canada and the United States, and we will probably win the rest. We just have to hope that one of the lower teams beat Canada or the United States. They had the better schedule, they played the weaker teams first and the stronger teams last."

Richardson had praise for the quality of the playing fields in Antigua. "The wickets are good, playing well, and the fields are in good shape," he said. "We played Panama yesterday, a great fielding team. They can't bat but they can field like heck! We just failed against the two teams we needed to beat."



USA 2-0 WORLD CUP QUALIFIER WIN OVER MEXICO

The US men's national team beat Mexico 2-0 to go to the top of the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying table on Friday night.

After a scoreless first half, Christian Pulisic came off the bench to

score the match's opening goal with his first touch and Weston McKennie capped it off with a goal of his own.

This was the US's third win over Mexico in 2021. Both teams now have 14 points through seven

matches in World Cup qualifying, with the US claiming the top spot on goal difference (+7 to Mexico's +five).

It wasn't all good news for the US on the night, as McKennie was shown a yellow card that will

keep him out of their next match against Jamaica for accumulation.

Miles Robinson was sent off in the final minutes, eliminating him from that next match as well.

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