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NEW & SCARY COVID VARIANT ARISES!

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We'll grant that after a couple days making the rounds—with even a splash—it's no longer the freshest of fresh news. But its import and significance should keep the lamp of national excitement fueled and flaming for a long, long time. The face is obviously of a woman—living, thriving, effusively smiling—not a leftover image of one dispatched to the afterlife by domestic violence. Keisha the stratospheric pathfinder is Antigua and Barbuda's soon-to-be first space traveler: Yes, as in ASTRONAUT! The story of how this mother got picked for such astounding, pioneering heights and her desire to bring along her daughter—an aspiring astro-physicist—is detailed on PAGES 10-11

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- Less than 25 active COVID cases; only 3 hospitalized!
- Parham Clinic gets donation from community group
- More kudos for YEEP Learning Center and Director Troy Allen

Will new variants of the coronavirus keep appearing?

Can new variants of the coronavirus keep emerging? Yes, as long as the virus that caused the pandemic keeps infecting people. But that doesn't mean new variants will keep emerging as regularly, or that they'll be more dangerous.

With more than half the world still not vaccinated, the virus will likely keep finding people to infect and replicating inside them for several months or years to come. And each time a virus makes a copy of itself, a small mutation could occur. Those

changes could help the virus survive, becoming new variants.

But that doesn't mean the virus will keep evolving in the same way since it emerged in late 2019.

When a virus infects a new species, it needs to adapt



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to the new host to spread more widely, says Andrew Read, a virus expert at Pennsylvania State University.

According to the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the Delta variant is twice as contagious as earlier versions of the virus. And while it could still mutate to become more infectious, it probably won't double its transmission rate again, says Dr. Adam Luring, a virus and infectious disease expert at the University of Michigan.

"We've seen a stage of rapid evolution for the virus. It's been harvesting the low-hanging fruit, but there's not an infinite number of things it can do," Luring says.

It's possible that the virus could become more deadly, but there isn't an evolutionary reason for that to happen. Extremely sick people are also less likely to socialize and spread the virus to others.

Experts are watching to see whether emerging variants could be better at evading the protection people develop from vaccination and infections. As more

people get the shots, the virus would have to be able to spread through people who have some immunity for it to survive, says Dr. Joshua Schiffer, a virus expert at the

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

"The virus could take on a mutation that makes the immune response less effective," he says.

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Meanwhile, UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid has warned of the potential threat of future coronavirus variants as he urged people to get vaccinated and take up the offer of a booster jab.

“We need to be ready for what lies around the corner. This means our ongoing programme of booster jabs is so important, and this winter we’re prioritising those most in need. We’ve got the jabs, we just need the arms to put them in.”

[REPRINTED; see our INTERNATIONAL story South African scientists detect new virus variant amid spike in this issue]

Only curfew ends when SOE lifted next month; one suspended in fake vaccination certificates racket!

by Shelton Daniel

All health protocols imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are to remain in place even after the 21-month-old state of emergency (SOE) is lifted on December 23rd 2021.

This is one of the decisions coming out of Wednesday’s weekly Cabinet meeting, as communicated via the briefing notes circulated by the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff, and the subsequent live media briefing by the Minister for Information on Thursday morning.

Cabinet had announced last week that the SOE would be lifted before De-

cember 27th 2021 (when its current 90-day cycle was set to expire) and has now provided an exact date.

Many had been asking whether revocation of the SOE would – apart from ending the curfews – also mean a dispensing of the need to wear face masks or continue other associated measures such as social distancing and limitations on the number of persons permitted to gather at single locations. “Cabinet repeats that all health protocols are to remain in place even during the New Year. All citizens and residents are to continue to wear face masks; they are to continue

to engage in sanitizing the hands; and to engage in social distancing, as far as is possible. All bars and clubs and private parties over the Christmas holidays are to continue to request vaccine ID cards for entry ...

“The State of Emergency and Curfew will end on 23rd December 2021. Nevertheless, the retention of the established COVID-19 protocols shall still govern. The Central Board of Health (CBH) and Law Enforcement will monitor behaviours on the beach and at the bars and clubs, should it appear that the rules are being disregarded ...

“There shall be no

Cabinet heaps more praise on YEEP and Allen

by Shelton Daniel



Mr. Troy Allen

For the second time in as many weeks, the Cabinet of Prime Minister Gaston Browne has heaped praises on the Youth Education & Empowerment Programme (YEEP) Learning Center and its Director, the notably affable Troy Allen.

He was invited before the Cabinet of Ministers during its weekly meeting on Wednesday, along with the Permanent Secretary and four other officials from the Ministry of Social Transformation to which the YEEP Learning Center is administratively attached.

According to the post-Cabinet briefing notes, "Each had an opportunity to speak and to present their views of the programme and its Director." The YEEP programme is almost entirely the brainchild of Allen, a trained educator and former schoolteacher who also serves as co-host of Pointe FM's early morning talk show,

Starting Pointe.

During Wednesday's Cabinet interaction with Allen and the other invitees, YEEP was described as "a successful programme that has drawn hundreds of men and women who deserved a second chance" to access high (secondary) school educational opportunities.

YEEP students have achieved CSEC passes – including multiple distinctions – in numerous subject areas.

Several YEEP graduates have gone on to enroll at tertiary institutions such as the Antigua State College (ASC), The University of the West Indies (UWI), the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI) and the Antigua and Barbuda International Institute of Technology (ABIIT).



clustering, no consumption of liquor, no music and no picnicking on the beaches even after the state of emergency has been lifted ... COVAXIN, manufactured in India, is now among the list of vaccines approved for use in Antigua and Barbuda.

Effective December 15th, all passengers arriving in Antigua and Barbuda shall be fully vaccinated and shall also have a negative PCR Test or a negative Rapid Antigen Test no more than 4 days old. Concerning the nurse who allegedly provided vaccination certificates to unvaccinated persons in exchange for money, the notes stated that, "The Cabinet was also informed that a single medical personnel has been suspended while investigations into the alleged fraudulent issuance of the vaccine booklet continues. At least 40 individuals had received the booklets and the Cabinet has insisted that they proceed to having themselves vaccinated."

"The Technical Working Group (TWG)," according to the Hurst notes, "has ... published a list of category of persons who are eligible for booster shots. The Cabinet will prioritize the list of men and women who are eligible for a booster shot."

COVID Dashboard Update for November 25, 2021

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness & the Environment revealed two new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

One hundred and sixty-one (161) samples were processed.

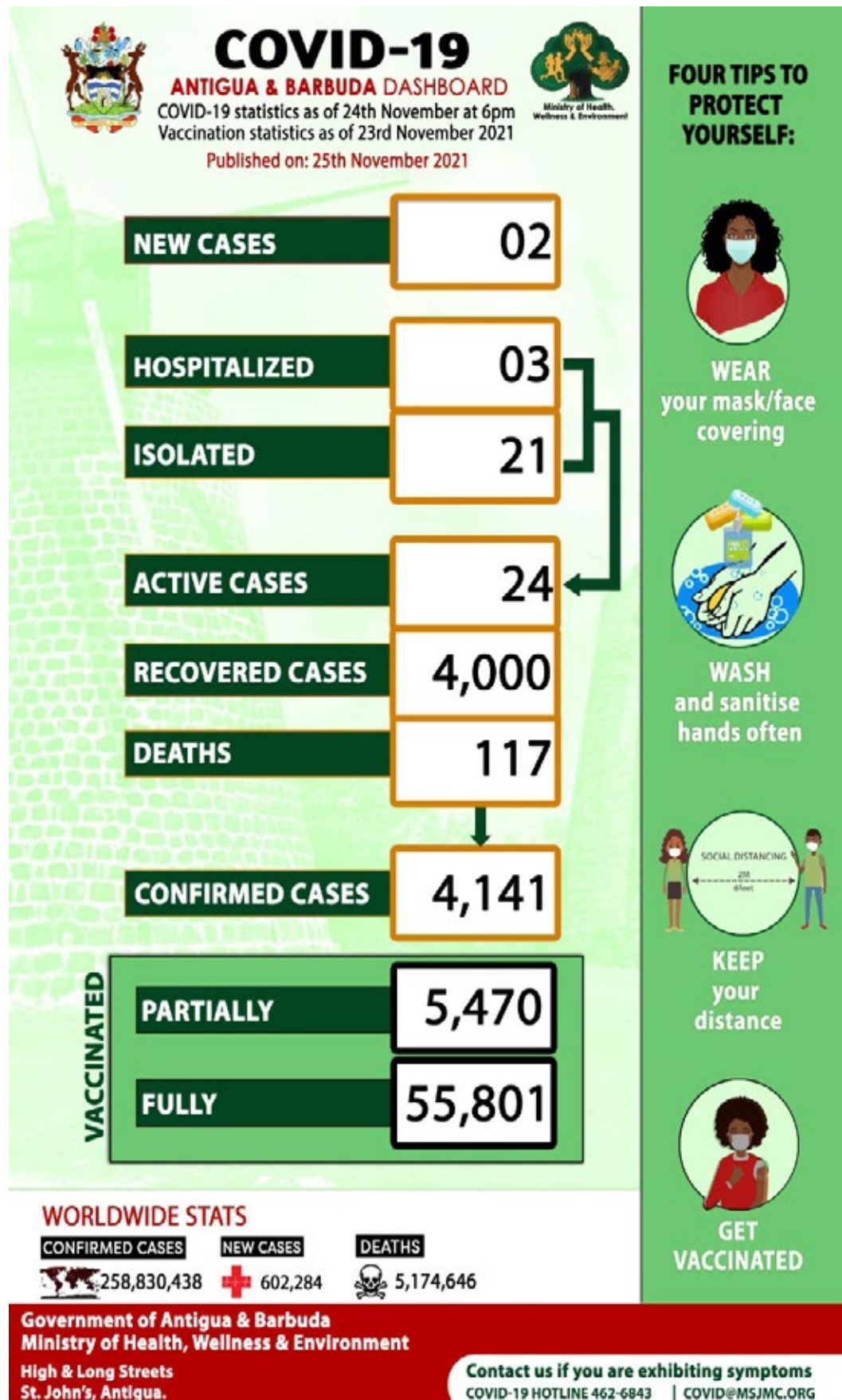
One recovered case was recorded, increasing the total to 4,000.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is 4,141. This is inclusive of 24 active cases.

There are three (3) hospitalized cases; two mild and one severe.

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda has fully vaccinated 55,801 individuals, while 5,470 have only received their first dose.

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Antiguan mom wins trip to space on Virgin Galactic flight; hopes to bring daughter as her guest!



Sir Richard Branson (left) had the honor of personally telling Keisha Schahaff of Antigua that she won the spaceflight sweepstakes.

YAHOO NEWS - One lucky mom is in for the experience of a lifetime.

Keisha Schahaff – a health and energy coach from Antigua and Barbuda – is the proud winner of two seats aboard one of Virgin Galactic's first commercial flights to space, thanks to Virgin Galactic and Sir Richard Branson's *Omaze* sweepstakes.

Making the experience even more exciting, Keisha hopes to be able to bring her daughter –

an astrophysics student – along for the trip.

"I barely have the words to capture my excitement," Keisha told PEOPLE in a statement.

"I entered the sweepstakes after I saw an ad when I was taking my daughter to school. But who would have thought that I'd actually win. My daughter is studying STEM [science, technology, engineering & mathematics] and wants to work at NASA ... I hope to share this experience with her

because it would be an incredible dream come true for both of us, for our entire family.

"To be the first astronaut right now from the Caribbean islands is such an honor," she added. "I want to bring the flag of Antigua and Barbuda to space with me! Right now I'm trying to live in the moment, take it all in, and I hope my daughter and I — as a future astronaut! — can be an inspiration for women and girls everywhere."

The sweepstakes kicked off in July after Branson, along with five other team members, embarked on the company's first fully crewed flight test.

Over eight weeks, the sweepstakes drew donations from 164,338 people around the world — and raised a projected \$1.7 million in grants for Charities Aid Foundation America, which will grant all funds to *Space for Humanity* and its Citizen Astronaut Program.

The company says Keisha is the first person from the Caribbean is-

lands to join its "Future Astronaut community" of 700 people. As a part of her experience, Keisha will also receive a tour of Virgin Galactic's spaceport in New Mexico, guided by the Virgin Galactic team and Branson, the company's founder.

Branson had the honor of personally telling Keisha that she won the sweepstakes, and the moment, he says, was a "moving" one.

"We founded Virgin Galactic almost two decades ago out of the dream that space travel could be accessible to

everyone, and it was so inspiring to hear about Keisha's lifelong dream of going to space and to see her share this experience with her daughter," he tells PEOPLE.

"It's in moments like these where I couldn't be happier to see the mission of Virgin Galactic come to life, and I'm so thrilled to welcome such a remarkable person like Keisha into Virgin Galactic's Future Astronaut family," he adds.

Omaze CEO and co-founder Matt Pohlson — who also surprised Keisha with the good news alongside

Branson and *Space For Humanity* executive director Rachel Lyons — said they "couldn't be more thrilled" for Keisha.

"Omaze exists to dream the world better. Not only will a lifelong stargazer get to experience space, but this also helps *Space for Humanity* open up that opportunity to even more people. Because of that, the partnership with Virgin Galactic and Space for Humanity was a dream come true for Omaze too," Pohlson said in a press release.

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Flow promotes digital access and online learning as part of 2021 'Mission Week'



Flow Antigua and Barbuda continues to promote one of its core mandates of providing greater online access with the do-

nation of 75 tablets to the Ministry of Education as part of its annual Mission Week activities.

The tablets were presented to the Golden Grove and Seaview Farm schools to help foster easier access to the digital world and provide the children of these communities with an improved online learning experience. The Amazon Fire tablets are equipped with durable cases to extend the life of each device for maximum use by the students. They were funded through the Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation (CWCF), a non-profit organization that serves as C&W Communications' corporate social responsibility arm.

C&W Communications, the operator of the Flow brands in the Caribbean, set up the Foundation to support charitable and community causes in the company's markets.

"As the country's leading communications and entertainment provider, we chose to further enhance our Mission Week activities with this great initiative", said the company's country manager Joe Mathieson. "Through this company-wide project, we will make a significant difference in the educational lives of the

students for whom access to technology and online facilities are critical to their educational success. This is even more so for those students whose parents may not be able to afford these much-needed tablets."

The tablets were handed over to the Minister of Education, Hon. Daryl Matthew, on 22nd November 2021. The Minister was delighted and grateful for the timely donation.

"These tablets will be put to good use by the students who, with the help of the dedicated teachers, have always risen to the occasion as high achievers regardless of their economic status. The availability of online access is truly a catalyst for positive change as they mature in their educational journey," said Minister Matthew.

As demand for electronic devices and connectivity remains high, Flow remains committed in its efforts to support educational initiatives that seek to provide better access to the digital space for students throughout Antigua and Barbuda.

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Parham Alliance Beautification & Revitalization Organization (PABRO) donates to Parham Clinic

The Parham Clinic on Sunday received a generous and timely donation of some much-needed resources from the Parham Alliance Beautification & Revitalization Organization (PABRO).

The donation is the most recent in a series of projects on PABRO's agenda.

Other successful projects conducted by the group in recent weeks included a community clean-up with the help of government and private sector contractors, and an art competition involving the youth of the community.

"It is indeed a privilege for ... PABRO and its affiliates to be able to give back meaningfully to our community and to our townsfolk. It is the charge that we have pledged to and we will continue to do all we can to restore, revitalize and improve Parham Town and St. Peter," said Dr. Courtney Lewis, president of PABRO.

Present with Dr. Lewis at the handing-over were PABRO's treasurer Rhea Spencer and trustee Cheryl Whyte, while nurses Kaye Tomlinson and April King-Francis received the

donation on behalf of the Parham Clinic, before a small gathering of local townsfolk.

The donation comes just in time for the clinic, which serves a wide area that includes Parham, Pares, Fitches Creek, Lightfoot, Glanvilles, Seaton, and Willikies. This makes caring for these communities very resource-intensive, and at times certain services have had to be suspended.

The donated items include foetal Dopplers, paediatric scales, pulse



PABRO president Dr. Courtenay Lewis (left) presents the donated items to Nurse Kaye Tomlinson of the Parham Clinic during Sunday's handing-over.

oximeters, otoscopes, sanitizers and more.

"We gratefully accept this very generous gift and look forward to putting

them to good use," said Nurse Tomlinson as she received the official handover from Dr. Lewis.

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Barbados' Republican status is not a yen for pieces of silver



By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

Among the most nonsensical statements uttered by a British Parliamentarian and repeated in the British newspaper, The Sunday Times, is that Barbados will become a Republic at the dictation of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The unvarnished truth is that within the next decade all of the independent English-speaking Caribbean countries will likely become Republics. On November 30, Barbados will become the fourth, following Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Dominica.

The move to Republican status will probably also be taken by Australia and other Commonwealth countries where the Queen remains the symbolic Head of State. After Barbados becomes a Republic, the Queen's realms, other than Britain, will be reduced to 14, the majority of them (eight) being in the Ca-

ribbean. It should be noted that when Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in June 1953, she also became Head of State of 67 other countries, then either colonies or dominions of Britain. Over the last 68 years, 52 of those countries opted to become Republics. Barbados will become the 53rd.

None of the countries that chose to become Republics did so because of pressure from China or any other country. They became republics because—even though the Queen's role was only symbolic, exercising no real executive authority—it was simply not acceptable that a foreign person, residing thousands of miles away with no daily experience of life in a country, could credibly be its Head of State.

Indeed, breaking the link with the Queen as Head of State also completed the process of national sovereignty and independence from Britain as the former colonial power.

There are two reasons why the remaining eight independent English-speaking Caribbean countries have not already moved to Republican status. The first is that, for many of them, a Constitutional amendment will be required. Political parties in government know well that this would become a political football for their political opponents, with allegations that governing parties want a republic so they can assume greater powers and control. Notwithstanding the examples of Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago where Presidents have little more than symbolic roles, this argument will have its supporters.

The second reason is a residual and deserving respect for Queen Elizabeth who, in the almost seven decades as Head of State, has been an example of rectitude, particularly on matters of race. Her stance against apartheid in South Africa and the end to white rule in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) are enduring qualities of her reign.

But the high regard for the Queen will not transfer to her successor. Prince Charles has already been selected to succeed the Queen as the Head of the Commonwealth of Nations that includes the countries of the English-Speaking Caribbean. This transition will be regarded as important and satisfactory.

The notion that Barbados is becoming a Republic because the Queen's symbolic headship of the country stands in the way of Chinese ambition, is nothing but utter foolishness. It started in September this year when the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British House of Commons, Tom Tugendhat, said: "China has been using infrastructure investment and debt diplomacy as a means of control for a while and it's coming closer to home for us. British partners have long faced challenges from rivals seeking to undermine our alliance. Today we're seeing it in the Caribbean. Some islands seem to be close to swapping a symbolic Queen in Windsor for a real and demanding emperor in Beijing".

We should note that Mr. Tugendhat has long adopted an anti-China position that has nothing

to do with Barbados. His remark about Barbados "swapping" the Queen for "a demanding" Chinese Emperor is less about Barbados and more about his taking every opportunity to criticize what he calls "the rise of China".

As I remarked in a commentary, when Mr. Tugendhat first tried to align Barbados' decision to become a Republic with China's influence – given the fact that he is the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Parliament – he should have been better informed. But clearly, he was more interested in accusing China of seeking world control than he was with the truth of the Barbados decision.

On November 20, the Sunday Times carried a story, written by journalist Matthew Campbell, which had the appearance of carrying the views of many persons in Barbados but which was more selective in its reporting. The story was evidently meant to justify its headline: "Awash with cash from Beijing, the island is ditching the Queen. Some fear it is simply swapping one colonial master for another."

Again, the truth – that will not acknowledge its name – is that the persons who peddle the

fears of "the Chinese will end up in control" are the same people who would have preferred that Barbados remain 'little England' which bestowed upon them perceived rights that they feel they have lost.

Mr. Tugendhat's assertion – supported by like-minded persons in Barbados and elsewhere – of the threat of Chinese dominance, fails to understand the mettle of Caribbean leadership, and especially of the fierce nationalist and regionalist disposition of Mia Mottley. His judgment, and theirs, are rooted in the condescending colonial mindset that our people can-

not think for themselves. Caribbean countries need economic assistance because of their vulnerability and the legacies of colonialism that underlay their structures of economic weakness. Their leaders and their people want to advance their countries' social and economic development. To achieve this, they engage in economic and financial cooperation with all in a fair and just way. But they will not surrender hard won sovereignty because of a yen for pieces of silver.

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China and Dominica sign visa waiver agreement

Dominica GIS - The bilateral relations between Dominica and China have produced another historical moment as the Government of Dominica signed an agreement on Mutual Visa Exemption between the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The waiver was signed on Monday 22 November 2021 by Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit and the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Commonwealth of Dominica, His Excellency Lin Xianjiang.

Prime Minister Skerrit stated that this is indeed a great and important milestone in the bilateral relations between Dominica and the People's Republic of China. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Government and people of Dominica for this significant agreement.

"The signing of this visa-free agreement between our two countries will now enhance the relationship and will allow our people to



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit and the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Commonwealth of Dominica, His Excellency Lin Xianjiang.

move into each other's [countries] without the requirement of a visa. This clearly is a special dispensation and special consideration which China is granting, especially in this pandemic period. These are not agreements that they will normally enter and so we are even more grateful for the signing of this agreement," PM Skerrit stated.

He went on to add that, "We strongly recognize the One China Policy which is international

law, and we all have to conform to international law and international treaties," pledging Dominica's support to the reunification of China.

His Excellency Lin Xianjiang explained that the agreement was being signed with the hope of increasing travel from country to country.

"Usually in a pandemic, China doesn't give such privileges with the visa free agreement. But we make this special arrangement for Dominica because we see

Dominica as a very important friend to us and we want to push our bilateral relations to a new height, and facilitate international travel between the two peoples. It's a pleasure for me to sign this agreement today and I wish that with this agreement coming into effect, the bilateral relations can be heightened further, the people-to-people exchange can be made closer, and we can bring our friendship to a new level," H.E. Lin Xianjiang noted.

Guyanese unions reject proposed salary increase for public servants



Loop Caribbean - The Guyana Trades Union Congress (GTUC) has called on the government to commit to paying the entire GYD\$10 billion approved by the National Assembly earlier this year for a salary increase to public servants.

Last Thursday, the Irfaan Ali administration announced a 7% salary increase for public servants, retroactive to January 1 this year.

"I am pleased to announce now, that your government will be paying an across-the-board increase of 7% to public servants, teachers, members of the disciplined services, constitutional office holders, as well as government pensioners," Senior Min-

ister in the Office of the President with responsibility for finance, Dr. Ashni Singh said.

He said work will start immediately to ensure the money is processed and paid to eligible employees together with their December salary and in time for the festive Christmas season.

But in a letter to President Ali, the GTUC noted that although GY\$10 billion had been budgeted and passed for the 2021 increases, the recent 7% salary increase only amounts to GYD\$4.2 billion, leaving the remaining GYD\$5.8 billion unaccounted.

"The 7% proposal amounts to about \$4.2 billion (gross) cost to the Treasury. This amount is taxed,

so the Treasury claws back some of this money. In the circumstances, and based [on] consultations within our unions, we now urgently request a meeting with you to discuss the way forward," GTUC president Lincoln Lewis wrote in the November 23 letter.

"It is not unreasonable to demand that the monies approved by the National Assembly be paid for the purpose so directed, which would be slightly above 14 percent," Lewis added.

In the letter, Lewis told President Ali that the GTUC had held discussions with the main unions representing public servants, the Guyana Teachers' Union (GTU) and the Guyana Public

Service Union (GPSU) on the recently announced salary increase, and that they had also rejected the pay hike.

"The principal unions reject the decision of the Government. They do this in light of the rampant inflation affecting workers and the sharp increase in the cost of living," said Lewis, adding that with Guyana now an oil-producing country, the government could not reasonably argue that it does not have sufficient money to pay increased wages and salaries.

"You are also aware that Guyana is now an oil economy and the traditional economy is no longer an argument, and the low wage structure must now be a thing of the past," he said. The GTUC has also asked Ali to facilitate a return to collective bargaining as required by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions.

The Guyana government has refused to negotiate salary increases with unions that are representing public sector workers.

Haiti: PM Henry swears-in new Cabinet amid ongoing unrest



Haitian Prime Minister Dr. Ariel Henry remotely addressing the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly in a pre-recorded message on Saturday Sept. 25th 2021.

St. Kitts Observer - Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry swore in a new Cabinet on Wednesday amid ongoing disorder in the country, with gangs wreaking havoc through abductions and fuel blockages.

As the Miami Herald reported, Henry said at the initiation ceremony that apart from restoring security in Haiti and reinstating the government's authority, the

new Cabinet members will also have to help with adopting a new constitution and electing a new president, parliament and local mayors.

"It is an ambitious and difficult challenge, given the climate of insecurity that some have chosen to reign in various corners of the territory," Henry said, according to the Herald.

"Our country is ex-

periencing a difficult situation. By saying this I don't want to panic anyone. But it is up to us to understand the complexity of the situation if we want to make the right decisions together," he added.

Henry became the new prime minister after former Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Claude Joseph agreed to step down in July. Henry had been tapped to be prime

minister by President Jovenel Moïse shortly before he was assassinated in his home earlier that month.

As the Haitian government takes steps to restore order, it must contend with gangs that have abducted US missionaries and attacked neighborhoods. On Sunday, two of 17 hostages who were kidnapped last month were released.

St. Vincent PM on vaccination: *'Let us don't continue this fight nah'*



Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves.

Loop Caribbean - Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Dr. Ralph Gonsalves had made a final plea for those categories of workers who are required to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so, as he does not want to see anybody without a job.

Speaking during his Face-to-Face programme on Wednesday, Gonsalves said since the November 19 vaccine deadline (for a scheduled list of Central government employees and some in State entities to take the vaccine as a standard or qualification to work), the COVID vaccination requirement is going well.

However, he is aware there are some persons yet to decide

whether they are going to take the vaccine during this 10-day grace period. The prime minister says he does not want any to lose their employment by abandoning their jobs.

"Let us don't continue this fight nah. Let's work together. Take the vaccine and move on," said Gonsalves.

He said since the vaccine requirement went into effect, a number of persons who returned to work unvaccinated ... were told they could not stay on the compound and, as far as he was informed, they accepted that and left.

Turning to the leaders of the trade unions, the prime minister

made a plea for everyone to work together with the issues at hand, as the situation is about saving lives and livelihoods.

Gonsalves also appealed to leaders of the Christian community to consider little St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and protect its health.

Some churches have expressed concern over mandatory vaccination.

The prime minister said: "We continue to need good, sound guidance; but it has to be based on reasonableness and clearly and properly understood theological principles."

Germany is giving nearly two million workers a 25% pay rise



UBS economist Felix Huefner

CNN Business - Almost 2 million workers in Europe's biggest economy are set for a big pay rise.

Three German political parties agreed to form a new government on Wednesday, with left-leaning Social Democrat Olaf Scholz set to succeed Angela Merkel as chancellor following lengthy coalition negotiations.

As part of the coalition agreement, the country plans to raise its minimum wage to €12 (\$13.46) an hour from the current rate of €9.60 (\$10.77) an hour.

The move could boost the income of nearly 2 million people

in Germany who earn minimum wage salaries, or about 5% of workers, according to Carsten Brzeski, an economist at ING. He said the move was "clearly significant".

The minimum wage was already set to rise to €10.45 (\$11.72) in July 2022. The text of the coalition deal did not state when the bigger one-off increase will take effect.

UBS economist Felix Huefner said the move should "boost overall wage growth" across the German economy, while warning it could "contribute to broader

wage pressures".

Germany's hawkish central bank took the unusual step of publicly criticizing the measure this week, calling it "worrying". It said it would have a knock-on effect on wages for higher earners.

Economists and policymakers around the world have been closely watching rising wages as a key component of inflation. In Germany, inflation in October stood at 4.5%, the highest measure in almost three decades, as energy prices shot up and the cost of food climbed.

Germany first introduced a national minimum wage of €8.50 (\$9.54) in 2015.

Support for minimum wages in Europe has grown as the power of labor unions has declined. The European Commission says there was a drop in the proportion of EU workers covered by collective bargaining agreements between 2000 and 2015, with particularly strong declines seen in central and eastern Europe.

A new draft EU law announced earlier this month looks to bolster minimum wages across the bloc with new requirements.

"During the previous crisis, lowering minimum wages and dismantling sectoral collective bargaining was the harsh medicine prescribed to many member states," EU Parliament member Agnes Jongerius, who sponsored the measure, said in a statement.

"Now, we are fighting to increase statutory minimum wages and to strengthen collective bargaining in Europe."

Germany's minimum wage is already among the highest in the European Union.

South African scientists detect new virus variant amid spike

(AP) — A new coronavirus variant has been detected in South Africa that scientists say is a concern because of its high number of mutations and rapid spread among young people in Gauteng, the country's most populous province, Health Minister Joe Phaahla announced Thursday.

The coronavirus evolves as it spreads and many new variants, including those with worrying mutations, often just die out. Scientists monitor for possible changes that could be more transmissible or deadly, but sorting out whether new variants will have a public health impact can take time.

South Africa has seen a dramatic rise in new infections, Phaahla said at an online press briefing.

"Over the last four or five days, there has been more of an exponential rise," he said, adding that the new variant appears to be driving the spike in cases. Scientists in South Africa are working to determine what percentage of the new cases have been caused by the new variant.

Currently identified as B.1.1.529, the new variant has also been found in Botswana and Hong Kong in travelers from South Africa, he said.

The World Health Organization's technical working group is to meet Friday to assess the new variant and may decide whether or not to give it a name from the Greek alphabet.

The British government announced that it was banning flights from South Africa and five other southern African countries effective at noon (1200GMT) on Friday, and that anyone who had recently arrived from those countries would be asked to take a coronavirus test.

UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid said there were concerns the new variant "may be more transmissible" than the dominant delta strain, and "the vaccines that we currently have may be less effective" against it.

The new variant has a "constellation" of new mutations, said Tulio de Oliveira from the Network for Genomic Surveillance in South Africa, who has tracked the spread of the delta variant in the country.

The "very high number of mutations is a concern for predicted immune evasion and transmissibility", said de Oliveira.

"This new variant has many, many more mutations," including more than 30 to the spike pro-



tein that affects transmissibility, he said. "We can see that the variant is potentially spreading very fast. We do expect to start seeing pressure in the healthcare system in the next few days and weeks."

De Oliveira said a team of scientists from seven South African universities is studying the vari-

ant. They have 100 whole genomes of it and expect to have many more in the next few days, he said.

"We are concerned by the jump in evolution [of] this variant," he said. The one piece of good news is that it can be detected by a PCR test, he said.

Sweden's first female PM resigns hours after appointment

BBC - Sweden's first ever female prime minister has resigned just hours after she was appointed.

Magdalena Andersson was announced as leader on Wednesday but resigned after her coalition partner quit the government and her budget failed to pass.

Instead, parliament voted for a budget drawn-up by the opposition which includes the anti-immigrant far right.

"I have told the speaker that I wish to resign," Ms. Andersson told reporters.

Her coalition partner, the Greens Party said it could not accept a budget "drafted for the first time with the far-right".

Ms. Andersson said she hoped to try to become prime minister again as a single party government leader.

"There is a constitutional practice that a coalition government should resign when one party quits," the Social Democrat said on Wednesday. "I don't want to lead a government whose legitimacy will be questioned.

The Speaker of parlia-

ment said he would contact party leaders on the next move.

Ms. Andersson was elected as prime minister earlier on Wednesday because under Swedish law she only needed a majority of MPs not to vote against her.

A hundred years after Swedish women were given the vote, the 54-year-old Social Democrat leader was given a standing ovation by sections of the parliament, or Riksdag.

Her election at the head of a minority government followed an 11th-hour deal with the opposition Left party in exchange for higher pensions for many Swedes. She also secured the support of coalition partner the Greens.

Of the 349 members of the Riksdag, 174 voted against her. But on top of the 117 MPs who backed Ms. Andersson, a further 57 abstained, giving her victory by a single vote.

A former junior swimming champion from the university city of Uppsala, she began her political career in 1996 as political adviser to then-Prime Minister Goran Persson.

She has spent the past seven years as finance minister.

Before MPs backed Magdalena Andersson, Sweden was the only Nordic state never to have a woman as PM.

Becoming the first woman prime minister in Swedish history should have been cause for a night of celebration for Magdalena Andersson, yet the sun had barely set when she handed in her notice.

The complexities of Swedish politics mean we can't assume we've seen the last of her, though. If there's another prime ministerial vote, Ms Andersson will probably

get voted in again. This is because the Green party has promised to support her despite quitting as a formal coalition partner. But she'd end up in a vulnerable position at the helm of a fragile minority government and would still have to stick to the right-wing budget already voted on by parliament.

What all this political chaos has underlined is just how divided Swedish politics is right now. We'll have to wait and see whether voters break the deadlock with a significant shift to the right or the left in next year's elections.



UAE air bridge provides military support to Ethiopia gov't

Al Jazeera - Satellite imagery obtained by Al Jazeera has revealed that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has opened an air bridge to provide extensive military support to the Ethiopian government in its fight against forces from the northern Tigray region.

The investigation found that between September and November, there were more than 90 flights between the UAE and Ethiopia, with many intentionally concealing from where they took off and where they landed.

The UAE has carried out the extensive operation with the support of two private shipping companies: a Spanish firm which organised 54 military-support flights between the UAE and Ethiopia in less than a month, and a Ukrainian one which organised 39 military cargo flights in two months.

Flight charts and satellite images show aircraft recently arriving from Sweihan Base in Abu Dhabi, UAE to Harar Meda base just south of Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa.

The images show a Chinese-made Wing Loong drone, the first ever documented in Ethiopian military bases. They also show the off-

loading of military cargo from Ilyushin cargo aircraft.

The imagery also reveals that the Samara and Axum bases were inoperative following clashes with the Tigrayan forces who said this week that they were some 200km from Addis Ababa.

Much of northern Ethiopia is under a communications blackout and access for journalists is severely restricted, making battlefield claims difficult to verify.

Ethiopian state media said on Wednesday that Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had gone to the front lines to lead the Ethiopian army against the Tigrayan forces.

After months of tension, Abiy in November 2020 sent troops to Tigray to remove the region's governing party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). The TPLF dominated the federal government for nearly three decades until Abiy took office in 2018.

The prime minister, a 2019 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, promised a swift victory. His troops seized Tigray's capital Mekelle in late November, but by June the Tigrayan forces had retaken most of the region and pushed into the neighbouring Amha-



ra and Afar regions.

In recent weeks, the Ethiopian government has intensified a mass army recruitment drive amid hopes that a reported shopping-spree acquisition of an arsenal of drones and other weapons would give it an edge.

Ethiopia's government signed a military cooperation agreement with Turkey in August, amid reports it wanted to deploy drones in the war.

"There have already been a number of claims of the Chinese arming

the Ethiopians with Wing Loong drones, and the Turks have also been providing drones for the Ethiopians," Martin Plaut, senior research fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London, told Al Jazeera.

"I think they [the UAE] are, in a sense, a staging post for these weapons supplies. Some of them come directly, some of them go through the UAE; but the UAE is clearly underwriting what is happening."

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Technical Diploma and/or Certification in Construction trade

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Minimum 1-2 years' experience | High School Completion | **MUST** be fully vaccinated

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Minimum 3-5 years' experience

Must have a friendly personality with excellent customer service skills

High level of Professionalism & Confidentiality required

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Sir Curtly to visit Berbice for fast bowling clinic



The Berbice Cricket Board (BCB) has announced that former West Indies fast bowler Sir Curtly Ambrose will be in the county for a four-day working visit in 2022.

The legendary cricketer's visit is being facilitated by overseas-based Guyanese Dr. Frank Denbow who has provided sponsorship to the tune of G\$1.3 million to make a two-day fast bowling clinic a reality.

Dr. Denbow had contacted BCB president Hilbert Foster, to state that he was impressed by West Indies Under-19

fast bowler Isai Thorne and recommended that efforts be made to have Sir Curtly conduct a fast bowling clinic in the county.

Thorne, a Berbician, is currently part of the West Indies Under-19 squad training in preparation for the ICC Under-19 World Cup to be hosted in the Caribbean in early 2022.

Sir Curtly had spoken publicly about Thorne's ability, stating that he was impressed with the youngster, who was the West Indies Under-19 leading wicket-taker on the tour of England earlier

this year.

Sir Curtly, who picked up 405 wickets in 98 Tests and 225 scalps in 176 ODIs, was the West Indies bowling coach on that tour.

The BCB said Sir Curtly would be available to conduct the clinic after the Under-19 World Cup and the senior England men's tour of the Caribbean in 2022.

While here – presumably in late March or early April – the Antiguan would spearhead a two-day clinic, facilitate a question and answer session with youth players, and visit Upper Coren-

tyne, the BCB said.

The BCB added: "Dr. Denbow's sponsorship will cover stipend, local transportation, accommodation, security, meals, refreshment, among others. We are also expecting former West Indies captain Darren Sammy and two English internationals to visit in the new year as efforts continue to make a difference. The President is in contact with those players via email. The BCB would like to express thanks to Dr. Denbow for his support which would be handed over next year."

Africa expected to endorse plans for World Cup every two years

African member countries are expected to overwhelmingly support plans to increase the frequency of the hosting of the World Cup to every two years -- and back the creation of a Super League when the Confederation of African Football (CAF) holds an extraordinary congress in Cairo on Friday.

Support for holding the World Cup every two years in place of the current four-year cycle has already been expressed by CAF president Patrice Motsepe, and the usually compliant congress is expected to endorse FIFA president Gianni Infantino's plans.

"One of the biggest beneficiaries of a World Cup every two years is the developing countries," Motsepe said at a news conference last month; and he will, reportedly, advance the argument that additional World Cup revenue will trickle down to African members and boost their coffers.

This comes despite the threat to the continent's flagship event -- the African Cup of Nations. It is held every two years because it used to bring in 80% of CAF's revenue before the confederation starting receiving financial grants from FIFA.

Motsepe has become a close ally of Infantino, who has pushed hard in recent months for acceptance of his plan to increase the frequency of the World Cup but has met with considerable opposition from Europe and South America.

CAF is also expected to ask for the formal approval of plans for a Super League -- another Infantino idea -- that will see a permanent roster of some 20 teams with one or two changes every season.

"The super league for Africa is a new competition because all of those other competitions are locked into agreements and the money they get is not enough," Motsepe said.



Similar plans for a Super League in Europe failed spectacularly but, despite this, Africa has pressed forward with its own version. Friday's gathering is an extraor-

inary congress and the second this year for CAF's 54 members after Motsepe was elected president in Rabat in March.

Emma Raducanu named Sunday Times Sportswoman of the Year after US Open triumph

US Open champion Emma Raducanu has continued a memorable 2021 by being voted Sunday Times Sportswoman of the Year.

The teenager, who turned 19 earlier this month, ended Britain's 44-year wait for a women's Grand Slam singles winner with victory in New York.

She had entered the tournament as a qualifier and the world number 150.

Raducanu follows last year's winner, jockey Hollie Doyle and sprinter Dina Asher-Smith who won in 2019 and 2018.

Raducanu's win at Flushing Meadows in September came after she reached the last 16 at Wimbledon two months earlier as a wildcard.

There she beat two top-50 players but had to retire from her fourth-round match against Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic with breathing difficulties and dizziness.

But Raducanu was brilliant in New York, beating fellow teenager Leylah Fernandez of Canada in the final to become the first qualifier and youngest British player to win a Grand Slam title at the tournament.

Elsewhere, Olympic gold medal-winning BMX rider Bethany Shriever, 21, took the Young Sportswoman honour while the Disability Sportswoman award went to 29-year-old wheelchair racer Hannah Cockcroft who won two Paralympic golds in Tokyo.

Other award winners included cyclists Laura Kenny and Katie Archibald (Team of the Year) while

jockey Rachael Blackmore, 32, was given a special Editor's Choice award after she created history in

April by becoming the first female jockey to win the Grand National on Minella Times.



Raducanu's victory marked a massive moment for British women's tennis.



LA Lakers forward LeBron James reacts after getting ejected from the game during the 3rd quarter against the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena on Sunday.

LEBRON JAMES SAYS ALTERCATION WITH PISTONS DID NOT WARRANT SUSPENSION, WAS 'DEFINITELY ACCIDENTAL'

"There was a boxout on the free throw line," James recalled after the Lakers' 124-116 win in overtime against the Indiana Pacers.

"His elbow got kind of high, it got me – if you look, if you watch the film – it got me off balanced a little bit, and his elbow lifted my arm, and I basically tried to swim move,

swim down on him, on his arm, and when I swung down on his arm, he got off balance and the left side of my hand grazed his face. And I knew right away. I knew right away I had caught some part of his head. So, I went over to apologize to him, and obviously, you guys saw what happened after that. But definitely accidental."

James understood why he was ejected, but believes the suspension was over the top.

"I hate to see that, what escalated after that," James continued. "I didn't think it warranted (a suspension). I thought it warranted an ejection because of what happened after that. Having me, probably, still in the game and the excitement

from the fans and what could possibly happen after that, obviously. But a suspension, I didn't think it was warranted. But the league made that call, and we're here today."

The Pistons and Lakers will meet again in Los Angeles on Nov. 28.

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