

# LITTLE CREEK BRIDGE BACK IN BUSINESS!

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*Yes, it may have felt like forever: the bridge being down and having to endure an irritating, bumpy, often dusty, and feeling clumsy bypass that made 'interim' and 'eternity' sound like synonyms. But it's over now and Little Creek Bridge is back to its max and more with the additional hum and buzz of greater resilience and durability. And that's just the takeoff for "plenty" more major highways and community roads of high international standard to be churned out in 2022 – a year that will be filled with road expansion, modernization and flat-out excellence.*

# Haitian president was working on list of powerful people involved in the drug trade before his assassination, report says

A new report suggests that the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse of Haiti was meant to stop him from implicating powerful people as participants and beneficiaries in the world of drug trafficking.

In July, armed cartel hitmen burst into Mr. Moïse's residence and gunned him down in his bedroom, leaving his wife wounded and bleeding out. Fearing that the hitmen might execute her as well, Martine Moïse pretended to be dead. That's when she heard the hitmen searching frantically for something in her and her husband's bedroom.

"That's it!" one of the hitmen yelled out before the group fled the scene.

First reported in The New York Times, new information has come to light in Mr. Moïse's assassination, including a potential motive. The "thing" Mrs. Moïse heard

the hitmen celebrate finding may have been a "little black book" of powerful politicians, business leaders, power brokers and other figures of influence with alleged ties to Haiti's drug trade.

During his time in office, Mr. Moïse crusaded against corruption and its ties to his government, at one point destroying an airstrip used by drug traffickers and launching an inquiry into the eel trade, which is often used for money laundering. The former president also rooted out corrupt officials with ties to the drug trade from his customs department and moved to nationalise a seaport that turned a blind eye to smugglers.

Daniel Foote, a former US special envoy to Haiti who stepped down last month, said there was no question in his mind that drug traffickers were involved in the assassination.

"I would be a fool to think that narco-trafficking and arms trafficking didn't play a role in the assassination," he told the Times. "Anyone who understands Haiti's politics or economics understands this."

According to the Times, one of the central names on Mr. Moïse's list of individuals allegedly tied to drug trafficking was Charles Saint-Rémy. Mr. Saint-Rémy, aka Kiko, is a Haitian businessman who has been on the US Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) radar for alleged involvement in the drug trade.

But Mr. Saint-Rémy is not just a prominent businessman. He is also the brother-in-law of the nation's former president Michel Martelly who helped shape Mr. Moïse's political career, even signalling to the supporters that he wanted Mr. Moïse to succeed him.



Both Mr. Martelly and his brother-in-law, Mr. Saint-Rémy, wielded power in Mr. Moïse's government. According to the Times' report, the men had influence over the awarding of public contracts and ministerial appointments. In 2015, Mr. Saint-Rémy reportedly assaulted an agriculture minister who issued a contract without his consent. Mr. Moïse's aides claimed that the former president began feeling stifled by the gang of oligarchs guiding his hand and moved to root those influences out of his administration, which may have been a motivating force in his anti-drug crusade.

This was a problem, as Mr. Martelly reportedly viewed Mr. Moïse as something of a puppet, according to some accounts. Esther Antoine, one of Mr. Moïse's campaign managers, told the Times that Mr. Martelly would often use campaign stops

ostensibly meant to promote Mr. Moïse as publicity events for himself. She recalled voicing her concerns that Mr. Martelly was "drowning" her candidate and suggested that Mr. Moïse campaign alone. The suggestion was rejected outright, and Ms. Antoine was called to Mr. Martelly's home in the middle of the night to have a talk with his wife, Sophia. During their confrontation, Mrs. Martelly chastised Ms. Antoine for not feeding them

information on Mr. Moïse's movements. She shot back that she worked for Mr. Moïse, not for the Martelly family. That defiance earned her a shockingly blunt response allegedly made by the then-first lady of Haiti. "That's when the wife looks at me and says, 'Jovenel is a property. You don't seem to understand that'," Ms Antoine said. "I was shocked. When I asked her to repeat it, she then switched to French: 'Jovenel est une propriété'."

American authorities believe Mr. Moïse's move to free himself from the influence of Mr. Martelly and others included in his list likely made him a target. The assassination – and the fact that it remains unsolved and its perpetrators unchained – acts as a demoralising sign that the drug traffickers and corrupt officials are tightening their grip on the nation.

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# Dr. Jose Humphreys named a 2021 Montegut Scholar

Recently, Antigua and Barbuda's very own award-winning, peer-reviewed author, scholar, scientist, clinician and academician has done it again. Dr. Jose Humphreys is the recipient of the 2021 Montegut Global Scholarship award as part of the Montegut Global Scholars Program (MGSP). Between November 24th and 27th, Dr. Humphreys was among hundreds of



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### ***Dr. Jose Humphreys***

physicians and renowned world sharing innovative specialists from around the perspective and scientific

data as it relates to the practice of family medicine.

As a Montegut Scholar, Dr. Humphreys is charged with developing programs of inclusion that will help to foster international medical education, research and collaboration in the specialty of family medicine.

Dr. Humphreys is to produce a report to the president of the American Board of Family Medicine Foundation outlining two or three action items that he envisions as useful programs for this region.

Dr. Humphreys is keen on seeing family medicine formally recognized as a practice specialty throughout CARICOM and is eager to make representation to the necessary regional bodies to advance this goal.



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In an exclusive interview with the good doctor, he stated that universal health coverage has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. He recommends that – as responsible public health systems – we must re-calibrate, unify and refocus efforts towards providing universal access to affordable primary healthcare.

Until this is done, he warns, we have not optimized equitable healthcare delivery.

He further cautioned that we must tackle the challenges from local, regional and international levels; empowering family physicians at all levels, while providing pathways for primary care to improve health delivery, and provide critical access to primary healthcare.

In making a strong case for family medicine, Dr. Humphreys explains that a high performing primary healthcare system must be comprehensive, coordinated, people-centered,

contextualized (offered within people's communities), affordable, continuous, and accessible.

He explained: "It is the entry point into the healthcare system and the first source of care for most health needs; managing care across various levels of the health system, and becoming that referral unit for patients to specialists as needed. It delivers a broad spectrum of preventative, promotive, curative and palliative care organized around the health needs and expectations of people rather than diseases."

Elaborating further, he noted that, "In so doing, it connects people with trusted providers who address their ongoing health needs throughout their lives while effectively following up to ensure improvement."

Dr. Humphreys emphasized that the dynamics of formalizing an internationally-recognized and, more specifically, a regionally-recognized and stan-

dardized family medicine system, must promote health equity among racially, socio-economically and ethnically diverse people.

This necessitates a participatory process that is championed by top-level advocacy; inclusive of the political, social, professional, and community engagement and accountability mechanisms.

He added that it must be sustainable, diverse and competently aware of systemic biases, while fostering tolerance for ethnic, racial and socioeconomic identity; in addition to welcoming protection, gender, and inclusion standards – particularly for these vulnerable groups.

The Montegut Scholarship was established in 2010 by the American Board of Family Medicine Foundation in honor of Alain Montegut, M.D. – a member of the board of directors of the American Board of Family Medicine from

2006-2010 – whose career has been devoted to developing high quality family medicine practice internationally, especially in underserved areas.

The Montegut Scholarship award is done in partnership with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), the WHO-recognized authoritative accrediting and academic voice of primary care medicine globally.

Dr. Humphreys was the WONCA-featured doctor in 2012 and was awarded the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh plaque award on behalf of his practice for his hard work and dedication towards providing continuing professional development as a

CME coordinator for the College.

He is member of a number of recognized regional and international bodies, including holding accredited membership with the Caribbean College of Family Physicians (CCFP) – the Caribbean equivalent of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), United Kingdom.

Dr. Humphreys is a CCFP Triennial Award recipient for two consecutive triennial periods.

In 2004, Dr. Humphreys received the UNESCO/Government of Antigua and Barbuda-Ministry of Education honor award for outstanding contribution to the improvement of literacy and the de-

velopment of the literary arts in Antigua & Barbuda.

In 2010, he received the COG Honor Award for humanitarian work done in Haiti during the devastating earthquake.

In 2011, Dr. Humphreys was the recipient of the Dr. Otis Samuel Powell Jr Clinical Science

Award for demonstrating outstanding clinical skills and knowledge, and exhibition of the ideals of professionalism and excellence in patient care.

Later in 2013, he received the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Scholarship Award.

Well done, Dr. Humphreys!

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# Lions District Governor official visit and audit of the Lions Club of Antigua

Lions District Governor Claudio Buncamper, PMJE, made an official visit and audit on the Lions Club of Antigua.

The District Governor arrived in Antigua on Thursday 9th December 2021, where he was welcomed by members of the executive board of the Lions Club of Antigua,

current Lions district officers, past region chairperson, and the past District Governor. The arrival of the District Governor is one of the highlights of the Lions Service Year.

District Governor Buncamper and Lion Davey Woods, MJF, Cabinet Secretary, made official visits to the Governor General of

Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams (Honorary Lion), and also to the Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez who is a member of the Antigua Lions Club.

Although a very brief visit, the Lions District Governor and Cabinet Secretary had an opportunity to visit the new Lion Leroy Warren, GOH, MJF Community Garden located in St. John's.

With much pride, both the Lions' District Governor and Cabinet Secretary were able to see firsthand this new sustainable food and environmental project of the Lions Club of Antigua.

They also had an opportunity to use their green thumbs by planting and watering some seedlings, alongside the president of the Lions Club of Antigua, David Matthias. In keeping with the legacy of service that Lions are known for, the next venture on the District Governor's

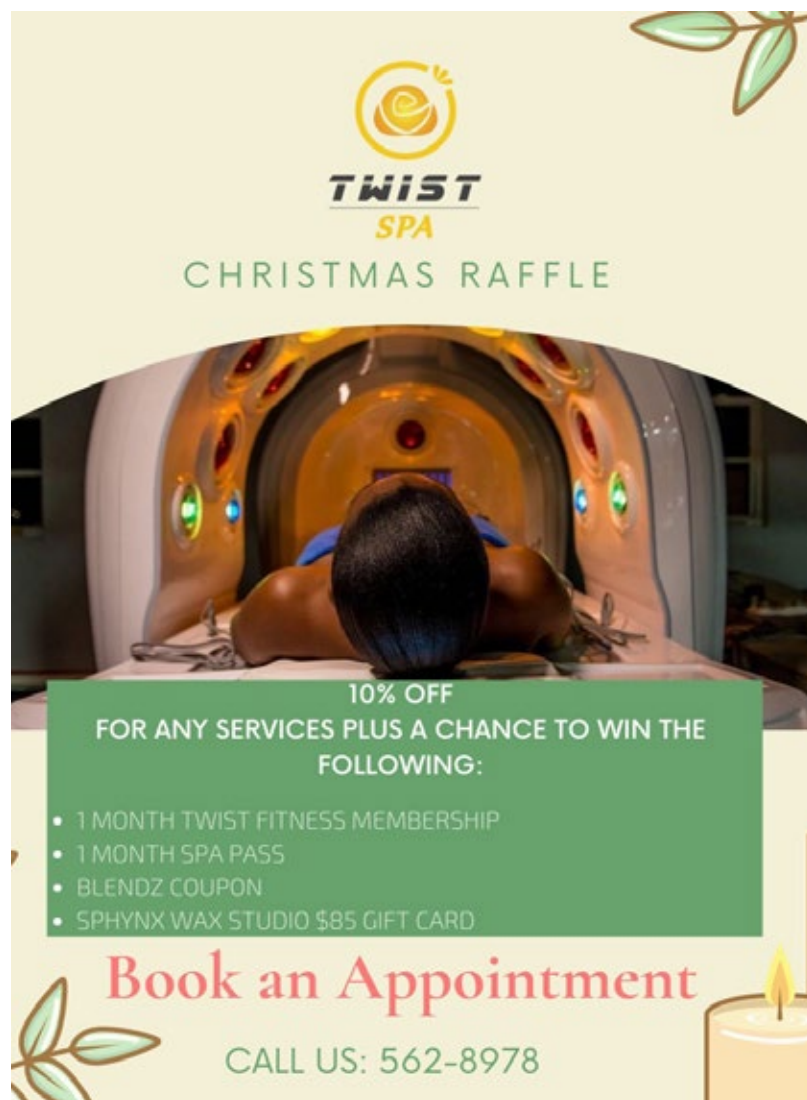
tight schedule was a visit into the community of Liberta.

This visit allowed the District Governor to interact and deliver food packages to individuals who needed it most.

The Antigua Lions have stepped up to assist with meeting the needs of vulnerable persons, especially during this pandemic. It was a pleasure to have the District Governor get a feel of how hunger service projects of the local club have impacted and met the needs of the communities in which the Antigua Lions serve.

This visit could not have been complete without a visit to Lion Robert Reis, PMJE. During this visit, the District Governor presented Lion Bobby with his Life Membership.

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Robert Reis, PMJE, has made significant contributions to the Lions Club of Antigua and has definitely made a service mark among the communities of Antigua and Barbuda.

A membership key award was also presented to Lion Reginald Peterson, MJF, by the Lions District Governor. This membership key award represents Lions who have sponsored individuals who have remained a Lion for over a year. The official visit ended with an audit of the Lions and Leo Clubs of Antigua and Barbuda. During this interactive conversation between the District Governor and the Leos and Lions alike, he was able to bring much perspective on keeping the clubs' membership in good health, building up the Leo and Lions relations, as well as how to keep service projects alive and relevant.

District Governor Buncamper, a former Leo, showed much passion about Lions investing in the development of youth and young members of both the Lions and Leo movement. He reiterated that even though the pandemic has impacted the Lions movement across the sub-district, clubs should continue to "think outside the box" and utilize new and innovative ways to raise funds in order to meet the needs of our communities.

The Lions District Governor departed Antigua on Saturday 11th December 2021.



***Tourism & Investment Minister Charles Henry Fernandez (center) with Lions' District Governor Claudio Buncamper (left) and Lions' Cabinet Secretary Davey Woods***



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### SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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- A minimum of five (5) years experience in a senior or managerial accounting position
- Chartered Accountant, Certified General Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is an asset.

### OPERATIONS MANAGER

#### JOB SUMMARY

*To administer the operations, ensure safety and compliance in accordance with various aviation standards and participate in strategic management*

#### QUALIFICATIONS

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- Certification in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) authorized skill sets, an asset
- Disaster Preparedness Management, an asset
- Logistics Management, an asset
- Project Management, an asset



## MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday December 15, 2021

# BE THERE' – FREE ENTRY TO ICC U19 MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2022 MATCHES!

There will be free entry to watch cricket's future stars in the ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022, starting on January 14.

This big news accompanied last Friday's marketing-campaign launch for the global tournament, with the rallying tagline and jingle 'Be There' being rolled out across the host nations – Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago – and globally via social media and other digital platforms.

However, in the wake of COVID-19, Cricket West Indies has stipulated fans should **visit [www.u19cwc.com/tickets](http://www.u19cwc.com/tickets)** to get FREE tickets. This process will allow organisers to control the number of spectators attending.

"While there will be free entry, fans must get their tickets prior to match day and adhere to the relevant protocols," stressed Tournament Director, Fawwaz Baksh.

"Regarding COVID-19, we will observe the national protocols when it comes to people attending large-scale events. If the Government and Ministry of Health officials say fans must be vaccinated, then so be it. If fans must have registered a negative test within a certain time period, before the match, then so be it. We are working with all four host governments to ensure a safe environment."

Meanwhile, Regional Marketing Manager for the tournament, Chalita Rose, urged West Indians to heed the clarion call to 'Be There' for the 16-team cricketing blockbuster, featuring 48 matches in 23 days. He noted the key elements of the marketing campaign are designed to attract "the Caribbean public, and the world, to watch and support the future stars of cricket".

"Headlined by an infectious, West Indian-flavoured jingle by Voice – a young, popular soca artiste from Trinidad – the 'Be There' campaign has strong visuals. We are highlighting former West Indies under-19 players who have evolved into international stars," he revealed.

"We have Alzarri Joseph from Antigua and Shimron Hetmyer from Guyana; both members of the West Indies victorious Under-19 World Cup team in 2016, with Hetmyer as captain. We also feature Jayden Seales from Trinidad who was in the Under-19 Team of the Tournament in 2020 and is now playing Test cricket. So, our campaign shows Under-19 cricket as the pathway to success."



The marketing blitz, spearheaded by Trinidad-based advertising agency, Lonsdale Saatchi & Saatchi, will see advertisements across all media, billboards and giant cricket bats sprinkled across host countries; wide-ranging digital promotions, as well as social-media endorsements by regional influencers in the coming weeks. There will also be interviews with key tournament officials by diverse media. Last Friday's highlight was a four-hour launch party in Judgement Square, St. John's, Antigua, entitled 'Be There! The Road to the U-19 CWC!' This event featured various DJs, local artistes and climaxed with a live broadcast on **Vibz FM** during which time there was a cultural presentation, including dancers and moko jumbies.

"We're excited about this campaign because it really puts our culture, our people, our West Indian vibe out to the world. It underlines the vibrance, the energy and passion of our region and how we play and enjoy cricket," said Rose, adding that the 'Be There' campaign would also be showcased on the social-media platforms of Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the International Cricket Council (ICC).

In the coming weeks, fans will see more of the 'Be There' momentum, with activations throughout the host nations, including a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative geared to youth, promotional giveaways and the unveiling of match-day sportainment plans to enhance this exciting tournament.







## ABBA rolls out Christmas Cheer at the Adele School

**St. Johns, Antigua, December 7th, 2021:** The Antigua & Barbuda Bankers Association (ABBA) treated the students and Faculty at the Adele School for Special Children to a Christmas Celebration at the school on December 7th 2021.

President of the ABBA, Mrs. Ladesa James-Williams congratulated the Principal of the school, Mrs. Andrea Richards-Tonge, along with the faculty of the institution for their ongoing service: "The ABBA thanks you for the work you do here at the Adele School. Your motto; **With Patience, Understanding and Caring, We will endeavor to achieve our Goal**, are words we should all live by, and your example shines bright in our community. It is the ABBA's pleasure to be here today to show our appreciation and celebrate the spirit of the season with you".

Founded in 1970 in St. John's Antigua, the school currently has a student population of 54 Special Needs students between the ages of 5 to 19, and is committed to providing Special Education to bring out the full potential of each student.

Representatives from the Banking community in Antigua & Barbuda spent time at the school distributing gifts amidst the Christmas décor and delectable treats.





## Press Release

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# Merry Christmas.

# Little Creek Bridge open again after lengthy rebuild

by Shelton Daniel

Works Minister Lennox Weston has announced the reopening of Little Creek Bridge after a protracted period out of use while extensive reconstruction was carried out. According to the Minister, the newly restored bridge has been “built well and made strong” and he thinks it is capable of lasting “another 100 years”. “We are pleased that Lit-

tle Creek Bridge is finally reopened and we want to thank ‘Cow’ Williams [C.O. Williams Construction Company] for their perseverance in view of the grave difficulties and complications caused by COVID and the new requirements for building sustainable bridges in this era of global warming and climate change,” Minister Weston said in a statement.

He added that, “This bridge is the first [to be]

built under those new criteria.”

Minister Weston also thanked “the people of the south and those who work in the south, and all the tourists, all the people Antigua and Barbuda who persevered with us during the time of construction”.

He went on to announce that, “The building of a southern corridor highway will start in the first quarter of next year as ‘Cow’ Williams com-

pletes the eastern corridor – which is close to completion. And so, by the end of 2022, a brand new highway will be built from St. John’s all the way through the valley, out to Darkwood and beyond.” Weston continued: “We will also be building a new road going to Sandals and we will be doing the Old Parham Road, and we will also be doing a new road between Cedar Grove and Jabberwock.”

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The Works Minister is projecting that, “By the end of 2022 most of our major highways would have been rebuilt from scratch, giving us a brand new system of high quality international roads. Antigua and Barbuda will no longer be satisfied with sub-standard highways.”

Minister Weston said road upgrades would also be effected within the nation’s residential communities, “so that all of us can live in what we expect to be a modern 21st Century country where infrastructure is of an international standard”.



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# Launch of GCF project for resilience of buildings to hurricanes

The Department of Environment's (DOE) funding proposal titled Resilience to Hurricanes in the Building Sector in Antigua and Barbuda (GCF Build) approved by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board in August 2020 for implementation over a 6-year period.

The project was approved at the total cost of USD 46.1 million; USD 32.7 million of which will be contributed by the Green Climate Fund and USD 13.4 million through co-financing from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

In a Cabinet Decision dated September 23, 2020, the Cabinet of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda agreed to the establishment of a project management unit within the Ministry of Finance as the executing entity (EE) for the GCF Build.

This project will significantly boost the integration of fundamental climate change

response mechanisms in Government's existing physical infrastructure, and build public and private sector capacity (thorough certified training at the UWI Five Islands and ABICE) to install, maintain and operate climate change adaptation technologies across Antigua and Barbuda and beyond (as marketable export skills).

In a more specific sense, the project will see the implementation of climate proofing interventions in critical public service buildings to improve resilience to and, by extension, reduce periods of economic disruption brought on by extreme climate events.

These interventions include renewable energy technologies, water harvesting and water storage technologies, and storm water drainage for schools in inundation zones.

The project will also:

1. transform five clinics

into climate resilient hurricane shelters; 2. construct or repair and renovate a building into a purpose-built climate-resilient bunker to store emergency supplies for the health, energy, building and welfare sectors; 3. address mainstreaming of climate adaptation in the building sector and into public and private financial, insurance and bank-

ing sectors; and 4. strengthen climate information services to facilitate early action in the building sector to respond to extreme climate events.

## GCF BUILD PROJECT DETAILS

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Implementing climate-proofing interventions in critical public service and community buildings to improve resilience to and recovery from extreme climate events (Ministry of Works; Ministry of Health, Wellness & the Environment; Ministry of Social Transformation; National Office of Disaster Services (NODS); Department of Environment).

Activities in this component include: 1. Implementing climate-proofing measures (including improving the structural integrity of the buildings, installation of RE systems (including battery packs for back-up energy), installing climate resilient water harvesting equipment (including solar pumps), and installing storm-water drainage solutions on 14 buildings located within the inundation zones in Antigua); 2. Constructing climate-resilient storm shelters attached to five public clinics; 3. Constructing a climate-resilient bunker to store emergency supplies for the health, energy, building and welfare sec-

tors; 4. Implementing measures within public institutions to effectively and efficiently back-up and preserve vital information/data.

Here is a list of the buildings that have been earmarked for these interventions: Freetown Primary School, MET Office, Bendals Primary School, Ministry of Finance, Bolans Primary School; Ministry of Tourism; Jennings Primary School; National Archives, Urlings Primary School, Barbuda Council Hall, Liberta Primary School, Department of Environment Building Antigua 1, Department of Environment Building Antigua 2, Willikies Primary School, Department of Environment Barbuda, Cedar Grove Primary School, Governor General Official Buildings, Cobbs Cross Primary School, Audit Department, Antigua State College Building 1, Antigua State College Building 2, Public Works Building 1, Public Works Building 2, Her Majesty's Prison, All Saints Health Clinic, Bendals Health Clinic, Bolans Health Clinic, Clarevue Psychiatric Clinic Building

1, Clarevue Psychiatric Clinic Building 2, Clarevue Psychiatric Clinic Building 3, Clarevue Psychiatric Clinic Building 4, Parham Health Clinic, Potters Health Clinic, Swetes Health Clinic, Pigotts Health Clinic, Cedar Grove Health Clinic, Old Road Health Clinic, Emergency Medical Services, Grays Farm Health Clinic, Red Cross, Bethesda Health Clinic, National Vocational & Rehabilitation Centre for Persons with Disabilities, All Saints Fire Station, All Saints Police Station, High Court of Justice, De-

fense Force Building 1, Defense Force Building 2, Police Headquarters, St. John's Fire Station, Liberta Police Station, Gray's Farm Police Station, Barbuda Police Station



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# COVID Dashboard Update for December 12, 2021

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness & the Environment revealed 13 new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Friday 10th December 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Two hundred and forty-two (242) samples were processed.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory con-

firmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is 4,175; which is inclusive of 26 active cases.

There are no hospitalized cases.

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda has fully vaccinated 57,888 individuals, while 4,033 have only received their first dose.

The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes.

## PROBATE

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FORM P7  
Rule 15

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

In the Estate of WINCHESTER MEADE late of  
All Saints Village, St. John's, Antigua, Deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
SECOND PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARSHA MEADE of 238 Walker Street, Apt. 40, Atlanta, Georgia, USA 30313 for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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

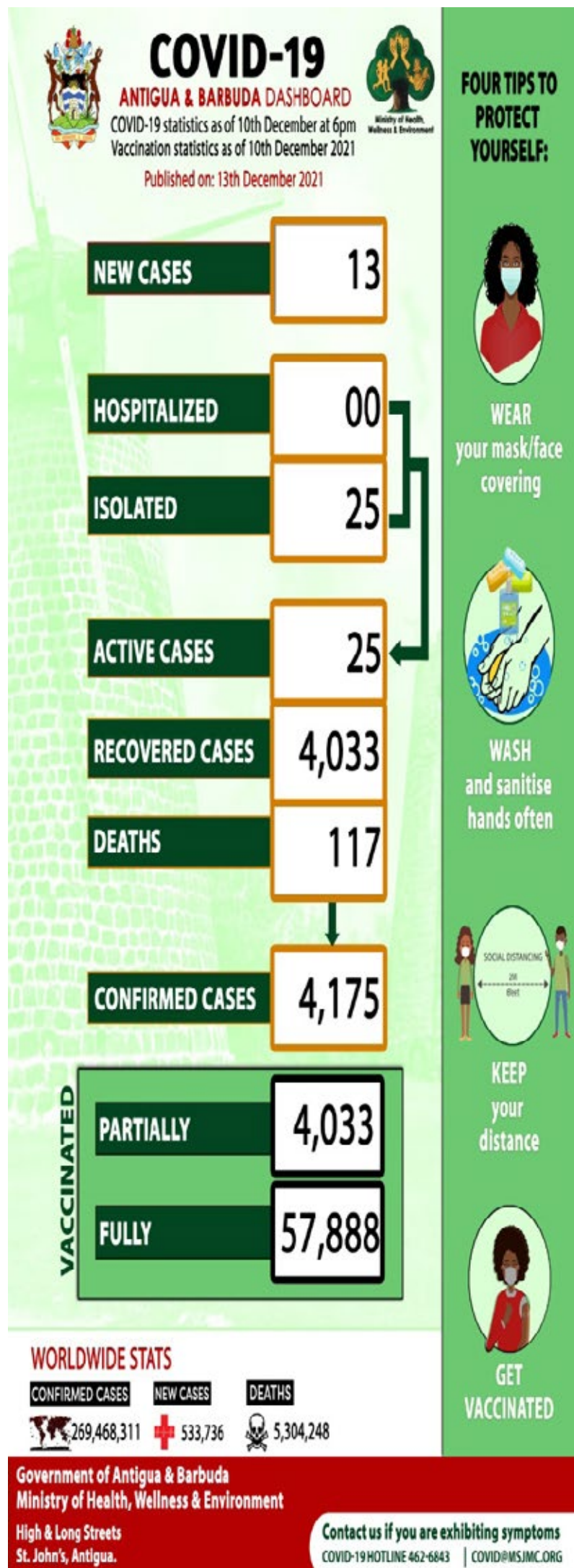
Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2021.

*Denise Parillon*  
Denise Parillon

Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc.

Attorney at Law of the Applicant

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# Over 500 Bahamians subscribe to cruise port IPO; \$11 million raised thus far



*The Bahamas Investment Fund aims to give economic opportunities to thousands of Bahamians.*

**EW News** - The Nassau Cruise Port (NCP) has attracted in excess of 500 subscriptions to its Bahamas Investment Fund (BIF) offering thus far, with a total value exceeding \$11 million. Angelo Butler – senior analyst at CFAL, the book runner for the BIF offering – told Eyewitness News: “It’s been going well, as expected. We have in excess of 500 subscriptions so far. That is in excess of \$11 million.”

The \$25 million IPO (initial public offering) that allows Bahamians to invest in the redevelopment of Nassau’s cruise port launched last Wednesday and the offering closes on December 17. The cruise port operator has a

25-year concession to operate and manage Prince George Wharf, which starts when construction ends in 2022-2023 with an extension period of 15 years. The board of directors of the fund is comprised of Anthony Ferguson, Antoine Bastian, and Owen Wells.

According to BIF documents, Bahamian citizens over the age of 18 are eligible to invest as the retail fund “aims to provide economic opportunity to tens of thousands of Bahamians by providing a pathway to share ownership in the port through NCP”.

“It is intended that the vast majority of shareholders will be small investors,” the BIF doc-

uments state.

“In order to ensure wide local participation, NCP will also provide financing to Bahamians so that the ownership base is as widely distributed as possible.

“The fund minimum investment for equity is B\$1,000 to facilitate small investors.”

Work being carried out at the port includes dredging of a new Oasis-class berth on the northeastern cruise pier extension; the creation of a new me-

ga-yacht berth, also on the northeastern pier; maintenance dredging to accommodate Quantum-class vessels on the passenger pier; and dredging at the rehabilitated Prince George Wharf pier, which is also being extended, to move from accommodating Dream-class vessels to providing space for the much larger Oasis-class ships.

Those interested in investing should contact CFAL directly at [bif@cfal.com](mailto:bif@cfal.com) or (242) 502-7010.



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Welch Supermarket	Pares Main Road
Christian Union Church	Wireless Road
Gloria's Supermarket	Whenner Road
Board of Education	Popeshead Street
Public Works	St. John's Street
APUA	Cassada Gardens
North Coast Hardware	Blue Waters Main road
Lingies Lights & Windows	Utility Drive
V.E.G. International	Herberts Main Road
Kennedy's Enterprises	All Saints Road
Quality electrical sales & services	Hawkins Drive
Nunes Hardware	Church Street
Townhouse Mega Store	All Saints Road
Lighting Expo	Sir Georges Walter High Way
ACT-Online	Cassada Gardens
Electrall Sales and Services	Upr Newgate & Goodwin St,





# Guyana police can now respond with stun guns instead of real guns

**Guyana Chronicle** - AMENDMENTS to the Police Act have now paved the way for members of the Guyana Police Force to use less lethal weapons such as pepper spray, tasers and stun guns when responding to certain cases where civilians physically and forcibly resist arrest.

The amendments – piloted on Monday by Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn – received support from members of the opposition, including former public security minister Khemraj Ramjattan.

The amended law also allows for ranks to be armed with other weapons such as nightsticks, batons, clubs and tear gas, as well as rubber-coated bullets and water cannons.

These were all approved as part of ensuring a more staged response to crime, where lethal weapons would only be used in extreme life-threatening situations.

“We have seen these instances on Facebook and other places where persons have taken the re-

sort of scuffling and even fighting with the police, resisting arrest,” Minister Benn highlighted during his presentation to the National Assembly.

He said the amended law will provide police officers with less lethal means of restraining civilians displaying such levels of aggression.

“We want to avoid the resort of having to go to the use of firearms,” Benn said, reminding that such provisions for use of less lethal weapons are not unique to Guyana.

“These insertions were long in coming,” the minister noted.

Added to that, the 2021 Bill sought to delete an earlier amendment which empowered the Guyana Police Force to extract the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) information of a person kept in lawful police custody as yet another means of identification.

This was in addition to the police having approval to record a person’s measurements, their photograph and fingerprints as legitimate forms of identification.



Minister Benn said that even though the law was previously amended, it has now been found to be unnecessary. He said the decision was taken after some “due consideration” and “perhaps some criticisms too”.

In rising to make her contributions to the amendment bill, Opposition Member of Parliament Dawn Hastings-Williams said she and her colleagues on the opposing side of the House are in full support of the long-awaited amendments to the Police Act.

The former minister of State also agreed with Minister Benn that police officers need to be properly equipped to execute their functions.

“We need our police officers to do their jobs in

a peaceful manner, and that whatever is done to do arresting will be done with less harm, and to avoid the use of firearms,” Hastings-Williams said, as she acknowledged the fact that police officers are sometimes victims of harassment and abuse by civilians resisting arrest.

Similar support for the amendments were offered by former minister of public security, Khemraj Ramjattan and government Member of Parliament Sanjeev Datadin, both attorneys-at-law.

Nonetheless, now that the Bill to amend the Police Act has been passed in the National Assembly, it must now be assented to by President Dr. Irfaan Ali, so as to be effectively brought into the law.

# Gasoline truck explodes in northern Haiti, dozens killed

(AP) — A truck carrying gasoline exploded in northern Haiti, killing more than 50 people and injuring dozens of others in the latest disaster to hit a country whose troubles deepened greatly this year.

The blast occurred late Monday in the city of Cap-Haitien, Prime Minister Ariel Henry said, adding that he was devastated.

“Three days of national mourning will be decreed throughout the territory in memory of the victims of this tragedy that the entire Haitian nation is grieving,” he tweeted.

As dozens of bodies lay near the explosion site, people in the area used buckets to scoop up gasoline from the truck and the street to take back to their homes, Dave Larose — a civil engineer who works in Cap-Haitien — told The Associated Press.

The explosion occurred as Haiti struggles with a severe shortage of fuel and spiralling gas prices that recently forced hospitals to turn away patients, temporarily shut down schools and businesses, and prompted the governments of the US and Canada to urge their citizens to leave while they still could.

“It’s terrible what our country has to go through,” Larose said.

Haiti is still trying to recover from the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moise and a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck in mid-August, killing more than 2,200 people and destroying tens of thousands of homes.

The country of more than 11 million people also has been hit by a



*Haiti's Prime Minister, Dr. Ariel Henry*

spike in gang-related kidnappings, including 17 missionaries with a US religious organization who were abducted in mid-October.

Five of them have been released but another 12 are still being held.

Haitians now find themselves mourning the victims of the explosion which officials believe occurred when the gas truck overturned after apparently trying to avoid hitting a motorcycle, Patrick Almonor — deputy mayor of Cap-Haitien — told The Associated Press.

He said at least 53 deaths and more than 100 injured have been reported following the explosion that burned around 20 homes near the site.

He said he expects the number of deaths to keep rising because people who died in their homes have not yet been counted.

“It’s horrible what happened,” he said. “We lost so many lives.”

Almonor said a local hospital is in dire need of more nurses, doctors and basic medical supplies to help those injured.

“We are overwhelmed,” a person identified as Dr. Calhil Turenne told Le Nouvelliste newspaper.

Haiti’s prime minister said his administration was deploying field hospitals to the area to help those affected.

Former prime minister Claude Joseph also mourned the victims, tweeting, “I share the pain and sorrow of all the people.”



# Government introduces legislation to outlaw Ponzi and other pyramid schemes



## *Finance Minister Colm Imbert*

**CMC** - The Trinidad and Tobago government has tabled legislation in Parliament providing for a TT\$10 million (One TT dollar=US\$0.16 cents) and 10 years in jail for anyone who establishes or operates a Ponzi or pyramid scheme.

Finance Minister Colm Imbert tabled the Finance Bill No 2 which also provides for a five million dollar fine and five years' imprisonment for anyone who participates in a Ponzi scheme, or a "prohibited scheme".

Imbert told legislators on Monday that there is no specific legislation in Trinidad and Tobago which criminalises Ponzi and pyramid schemes

and schemes of that nature, though there are various provisions in pieces of legislation that would allow the authorities to act once the scheme falls within certain definitions within the Securities Act.

"Some of these operators are quite clever and are fairly familiar with the grey areas in the law, and therefore have attempted to get around the areas of the law with their Ponzi schemes and pyramid schemes," he said.

Imbert said Clauses 3 and 13 of the Finance Act address the criminalisation of these schemes under the Proceeds of Crime and Securities Acts, adding that the traditional "Sou Sou" ar-

rangement was not being prohibited or outlawed because it had none of the features of the "prohibited scheme" or Ponzi scheme.

Attorney General Faris Al-Rawi said the new legislation would deal specifically with fraudulent investments and financial transactions, and separate them from legitimate systems of finance.

He said the amendments would strengthen and broaden the ability of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in the use of administrative sanctions which could protect the public who may be swindled out of their money.

He told legislators that while under the existing Securities Act, fraudsters could use shortfalls in the law's definition of an investment contract to justify their schemes in court, the amendments would close these gaps using case law to tackle criminals.

"Ponzi schemes and pyramid schemes weren't a part of Trinidadian landscape today or last year. They have been around for a while. But when you look the fact that these investment, too-good-

to-be-true schemes can fall outside of the definition of an investment contract, we came up with this particular definition so we can capture two very important aspects of case law ... In our definition of a prohibited scheme, we are making sure to capture where last incoming money is used to pay for investments that have been put in already.

"In other words, if you put in your TT\$3,000 and they promise you TT\$28,000, you don't want to use other people's TT\$3,000 to come and pay for your TT\$28,000," Al-Rawi said, adding that the amendments of the Proceeds of Crime Act would also seek to raise fines and deal with shortfalls in the legislation and widen the net to deal with white collar crime.

Imbert reminded the Parliament that in September last year, in the public domain, "There were many reports in the local media suggesting the operation of a well-organised money laundering scheme under the guise of a pyramid scheme in Trinidad and Tobago."

# Record temperature in Arctic sounds 'alarm bells'

**BBC News** - The highest temperature ever recorded in the Arctic - 38C (100F) - has been officially confirmed, sounding "alarm bells" over Earth's changing climate.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on Tuesday verified the record, reported in the Siberian town of Verkhoyansk on 20 June last year.

The temperature was 18C higher than the area's average daily maximum for June.

It is the first time the WMO has included the Arctic Circle in its archive of extreme weather reports.

The UN agency said the 38C temperature was reported at a meteorological station during "an exceptional and prolonged Siberian heatwave" which it said was "more befitting the Mediterranean than the Arctic".

Last year's extreme heat in the region contributed to the

spread of wildfires, which swept across the forests and peatlands of northern Russia releasing record amounts of carbon.

While relatively common in summer months, high temperatures and strong winds made the fires unusually severe.

The high temperatures across Siberia led to "massive sea ice loss" and played a major role in 2020 being one of the three warmest years on record, the WMO said.

The WMO said its verification of the Verkhoyansk record highlighted how temperatures were increasing in a climatically important region of the world.

"This new Arctic record is one of a series of observations reported to the WMO Archive of Weather and Climate Extremes that sound the alarm bells about our changing climate," said WMO Secretary-General Petteri



*Wildfires have been made more severe by high temperatures and strong winds in the Arctic.*

Taalas. The agency said it had added the Arctic Circle to its World Weather and Climate Extremes archive under a new category for high temperatures in the region.

The Arctic is one of the fastest warming regions in the world, heating at more than twice the global average, the WMO said.

Warming in the Arctic is leading to the thawing of once permanently frozen permafrost below

ground.

This is alarming scientists because as permafrost thaws, carbon dioxide and methane previously locked up below ground is released.

These greenhouse gases can cause further warming, and further thawing of the permafrost, in a vicious cycle known as positive feedback.

The higher temperatures also cause land ice in the Arctic to melt at a fast-

er rate, leading to greater run-off into the ocean where it contributes to sea-level rise.

Human activity is contributing to a rise in world temperatures, and climate change now threatens every aspect of human life.

Left unchecked, humans and nature will experience catastrophic warming, with worsening droughts, greater sea level rise and mass extinction of species.



# Why Europe's fight against the pandemic is about to get much more dangerous



(CNN) - "Despite months of persuasion, despite intensive media campaigns, despite discussions in various media we have not succeeded in convincing enough people to get vaccinated."

Those were the words of former Austrian Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg last month as he announced the first nationwide vaccine mandate in Europe.

Now, Germany looks set to follow where Austria has led.

Others have made vaccines mandatory for parts of the population and imposed restrictions that increasingly explicitly target the unvaccinated as Europe battles the twin challenges of sharply rising COVID figures and plateauing vaccination rates.

Nearly one year into the EU's vaccination campaign, and with around one-in-three Europeans still unvaccinated, it is not

so much hesitancy that European governments are now facing as outright opposition, with the danger that as governments get tougher so too will popular anger towards them.

Only 19% of Europeans include their government among their most trusted sources of reliable information on COVID-19 vaccines, according to a survey conducted in May 2021 by the European Barometer, a collection of cross-country public opinion surveys conducted regularly on behalf of the EU's institutions.

Even before the pandemic, vaccine hesitancy in Europe was strongly correlated to a populist distrust of mainstream parties and governments.

One study published in the European Journal of Public Health in 2019 found "a highly significant positive association between the percentage of

people in a country who voted for populist parties and the percentage who believe that vaccines are not important and not effective". What the pandemic has provided is a Europe-wide real-time test of that correlation. Nearly two years in and with most countries having exhausted what means they had of encouraging people to get vaccinated, the map of those who remain unvaccinated shows that where there is distrust in government and traditional political parties -- as measured by the strength of populist movements -- many people have yet to get vaccinated. Essentially, people who trust institutions need no convincing in the face of a pandemic; people who don't are unlikely to be influenced at all. Eastern Europe is where vaccination rates are the lowest. Bulgaria has the lowest rate of all, with just 26.6% of the total population vaccinated, according to government data. The country has also been going through a major political crisis with three parliamentary elections held this year. Difficulties with vaccine roll-outs and in reaching more remote and elderly rural populations are also to blame in Eastern Europe, but in some of the countries where vaccine take-

up has been lowest, populist parties are either in power or strong electorally. Further west, lower vaccination rates are also to be found in countries and regions with either popular or volatile populist or extremist movements, as in Germany, Austria and Northern Italy. In a paper published by the journal Psychological Medicine in October, Michele Roccatto and Silvia Russo from the University of Turin argue that their study shows "people with a populist orientation tend to refuse the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with previous research showing that vaccine refusal is often politicized, but that its politicization is not limited to the traditional left-right cleavage."

Sophie Tissier, who organizes protests against COVID-19 restrictions and vaccines in France, says that these protests have created a new political force that is radical but goes beyond party political lines. She says her group seeks to "create a citizens' opposition which is beyond electoral considerations and much more like a watchdog that sits outside the world of politics to be able to tell it: 'Look here, you are no longer protecting our rights, you are no longer protecting our rights under the law.'"

# Malta becomes first European nation to approve cannabis for personal use

(Reuters) – Malta became the first European country to allow limited cultivation and possession of cannabis for personal use, following a vote in parliament on Tuesday.

Luxembourg announced similar plans in October but its parliament has yet to give its green light to the measure.

The law, which was approved by 36 votes to 27, allows adults in Malta to possess up to seven grams (0.25 oz) of cannabis and grow up to four plants.

The bill was promoted by Equality Minister Owen Bonnici who says Malta has adopted a “harm-reduction approach” with the establishment of an authority to regulate the sale of cannabis for personal use by adults from non-profit associations.

Smoking cannabis in public will remain against the law and anyone caught consuming cannabis in front of a child will be liable for fines of between 300 and 500 euros (\$340-\$564).

The legislation was rushed through parliament in the face of fierce criticism from the centre-right opposition, medical associations and the church, who complained that their requests to water down the proposals were ignored.

Bonnici has rejected suggestions that the law will increase drug abuse on the Mediterranean island. “The government is in no way urging adults to resort to cannabis use or promoting a cannabis culture. The government always urges people to make healthier choices,”



*Supporters of the bill to legalise cannabis for personal use celebrate outside Parliament House after the bill was passed, in Valletta, Malta, December 14, 2021.*

es,” the minister wrote in an op-ed in the Sunday Times of Malta newspaper. Malta is also seeking to position itself as a European leader in the production of medical cannabis, having approved legislation in 2018 to permit the production

of such cannabis for medicinal and research purposes. The Netherlands also has a liberal attitude towards cannabis, allowing the sale of small quantities in a policy aimed at managing crime and health risks, though officially it is illegal.

## In Turkey, bread lines grow longer as inflation soars

**Al Jazeera** - On a sunny afternoon this week in Istanbul’s Uskudar neighbourhood, retiree Niazi Toprak sat on a bench reading the newspaper as he waited for a fresh delivery of bread to arrive. Joining him were dozens of other people who had also lined up at the nearby kiosk belonging to the city’s subsidi-

dised bread programme.

Istanbul Halk Ekmek, or “Public Bread”, sells a 250g (8.8 oz) baguette for 1.25 Turkish liras (\$0.09) – cheaper than at nearby bakeries where prices start at 2.50 liras (\$0.18).

Though the difference is measured in pennies, the savings add

up for Toprak and many other Istanbulites who queue at more than 1,500 such kiosks across the city each day.

“Everything is getting expensive, from your food to your bread, from your shirt down to the socks you wear,” the 71-year-old Toprak told Al Jazeera.



A former truck driver and produce wholesaler who retired five years ago, he recently moved in with his children because money is tight.

“My retirement social security only brings in 800 liras (\$56) a month, so that’s not enough these days to live alone on,” Toprak said. “We are four people in the house and our rent is 2,000 liras (\$140 a month). Each of us eats at least one loaf a day, so I plan on buying four loaves from here. You need to save every bit of money you can these days.”

The Turkish lira has lost roughly 48 percent of its value against the United States dollar this year, experiencing an all-out crash in November.

That same month, Turkey’s annual inflation rate jumped to 21.3 percent, according to government statistics.

But critics of the government doubt even that eye-watering calculation, pointing to what appear to be far larger increases in the prices of food, rent and energy.

The Istanbul municipality, currently headed by the opposition Republican People’s Party’s (CHP) Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, has put out its own figures showing the cost of living in the city has increased more than 50 percent in a year.

According to the Istanbul Statistics Office, the price of wheat has gone up 109 percent, sunflower oil 137 percent, toilet paper 90 percent, sugar 90 percent, and natural gas 102 percent.

For many, the price of bread is the pulse of the Turkish street. The country’s Bread Industry Employers’ Union estimates 200-300kg (440-660 pounds) of bread is consumed per person per year in Tur-



key. It’s most often a soft baguette, sliced up like toast and used to scoop up eggs, cheeses, olives, jams, and other breakfast foods.

In thousands of Istanbul’s cafeteria-style restaurants called “esnaf lokantasi” that cater to workers craving home-cooked options, the slices are presented alongside beans or soup or other dishes. On Istanbul’s sidewalks, a baguette is sliced in half and used to make a sandwich of chicken or ground beef or fish.

Bread is such an important staple that during the height of strict lockdowns during the coronavirus pandemic, Turks were allowed to leave their homes for two things: visits to the pharmacy or visits to the bakery.

“Bread is an essential item in Turkish cuisine and it’s frequently consumed, especially if you are a poor family,” said Berk Esen, an

IPC-Stiftung Mercator fellow at the Center for Applied Turkey Studies and an assistant professor at Sabancı University.

“For a family of five or six people, for instance, where parents and children and elderly live together, maybe at least two pieces of bread are eaten every day. So even if the Halk Ekmek bread is just a few liras cheaper, over a month that adds up to a substantial amount for a low-income family, and the price gap between that bread and what is in the markets is only going to widen as inflation goes up.”

Inflation has become the political hot-button issue in Turkey, with opposition parties even calling for early elections, alleging that the governing Justice & Development Party, or AKP, and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, seem oblivious to the hardship being faced by many in Turkey.

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**COOK (RESTAURANT)**

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

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## YOU THINK IT WE PRINT IT



# LeBron James wins Western Conference Player of the Week, extends record streaks

Zero executives picked him as the best player in the NBA prior to the 2021-22 season. The Athletic wrote that he “just isn’t That Guy” anymore.

But LeBron James has, once again, proved all those haters and doubters wrong, because the NBA just named the Lakers star as the Western Conference player-of-the-week for games played from Dec. 06-12.

OK, so maybe I’m being slightly facetious, but this week did prove that any reports of James’ demise have been greatly exaggerated. On any given night he can still be a force to be reckoned with – best player in the league or not.

For at least one week, he was at the very least the best player in the Western Conference. Whether you have him over Domantas Sabonis for the entire league is in the eye of the beholder, I guess.

The week that was saw James average 28.3 points on 60.8% shooting while knocking down 41.7% of his threes to go along with 8 assists, 7.5 rebounds, 1.8 steals and 1.8 blocks while helping the Lakers go 3-1.

The Lakers rounded up a few more impressive stats — including James’ extension of a few of his own NBA records — in their press release announcing the honor:

James finished with 30 points (13-19 FG), four rebounds and five assists on December 7 to lead the Lakers to a 15-point win over



*LeBron James is not washed. The Lakers star showed that he's still got quite a bit of juice left in the tank while winning Western Conference player-of-the-week just weeks before his 37th birthday.*

the Celtics. On December 9, James became the fifth player in NBA history to record 100 career triple-doubles as he finished with 20 points, 10 rebounds, 11 assists, four steals and two blocks against the Grizzlies. He recorded 33 points (13-20 FG), five rebounds, six assists, three steals and two blocks in a 21-point win over Oklahoma City. James closed out the week with his second triple-double of the season, tallying 30 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists and a season-best three blocks in a win over Orlando.

James has extended his NBA-record double-digit scoring streak to 1,056 games and is averaging a team-best 26.3 points in his 19th season. The 17-time NBA All-Star owns an NBA-record 65 career weekly awards, in-

cluding four weekly honors since joining the Lakers.

In short: James was really good for the last four games. And while he might not be THIS good for the whole rest of the season, he still showed the Lakers that he has quite a bit of gas left in the tank when he needs it. And during a season that has offered few signs of hope, James’ past four games that have left him feeling “healthier and healthier” has provided a genuine reason for optimism.

Take that, anonymous NBA GMs. *(by Harrison Faigen, silverscreenandroll.com)*

# Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang stripped of Arsenal captaincy

Arsenal stripped Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of the captaincy to “defend the interests” of the club, says manager Mikel Arteta.

Aubameyang, 32, was removed as skipper after his “latest disciplinary breach”.

The Gabon striker, who was dropped for Saturday’s 3-0 Premier League win over Southampton, will not be considered for Wednesday’s game against West Ham.

“We have made this decision that unfortunately is a really tough one,” said Arteta.

“If I had to choose I wouldn’t like to be sitting here talking about it, but we had to do it.

“When we have to make that decision, it’s because it’s the right one to defend the interests of the football club.”

Arteta has not disclosed how Aubameyang broke the rules, but The Athletic reported that he returned late from an authorised trip abroad. Aubameyang was dropped for disciplinary reasons in March, missing the win over rivals Tottenham for a “breach of pre-match protocol”.

Asked when Aubameyang might return to the squad, Arteta said: “For now, it’s been a lot to digest and a really difficult decision to make, so we need a bit of time.

“It was really hurting and he needs a bit of time to heal.”

On his relationship with Aubameyang, Arteta said: “Since I have been here, really good - that’s what is painful.”

Aubameyang took over as captain in November 2019 after midfielder Granit Xhaka was relieved of the job



by then boss Unai Emery.

In a statement Arsenal said: “We expect all our players, particularly our captain, to work to the rules and standards we have all set and agreed.”

Aubameyang, who joined Arsenal for £56m from Borussia Dortmund in 2018, signed a new three-year contract last year.

This season he has scored only four goals in 14 league games and none since 22 October.

Arsenal are sixth in the table, 12 points behind leaders Manchester City.

Arteta said he told Aubameyang “face-to-face” about the decision, but the Spaniard did not say who would replace him.

“We have the leadership group and the different players nominated to be captain - we will follow that,” he said.

“It is a really unpleasant situation and it is not the moment to make any rash decision.

“They (the dressing room) have accepted the decision. They know be-

cause they have committed to it and they have demanded that we want to take our culture, our demands, who we want to be as a club and how we want to represent this football club, to a different level.

“When those standards are not met you know that you cannot participate in our daily basics.”

This is very a big call from Arteta. He has always talked of “non-negotiables” and he must feel Aubameyang has crossed the line turning up late twice in a year.

Last Thursday Arteta said there was no desire to sell Aubameyang in January: “We have never discussed something like this. When players are having difficult periods what we have to give is support.”

Since then, Aubameyang has been stripped of the captaincy and dropped from two Premier League matches. Having lost the captaincy and his place in the starting XI, there’s every chance Aubameyang might want to leave and Arteta will not stand in his way next month.



# Dick Pound defends IOC's decision to award Olympics to China

*IOC member Dick Pound gestures during a press briefing at the 119th Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).*

Longtime Canadian IOC member Dick Pound is defending his organization's decision to stage the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, despite heavy criticism of China's human-rights record.

In an interview with Germany's Deutschlandfunk radio, the Montreal lawyer said China is a capable host.

"In the sense of having a host country that could organize and put on excellent Games from a Games perspective, there is absolutely nothing wrong with China," Pound said. "It's a very good and very organized country."

Pound said there were only two bidders for the 2022 Games in 2015 -- Beijing and Almaty, Kazakhstan -- after several European possibilities dropped out.

"When we award the Games to a country, we don't do it as an indication we support the political objectives of that country," Pound said. "It's done on the basis of the importance of the country as a sporting nation and its ability to organize the Games at the level the world now expects for an Olympic Games."

Several countries, including Canada, have announced they will stage a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Olympics.

"The Olympic values it's a complicated situation as you know because the IOC has no power, it has no mandate, it has no role to play in bringing about political change," Pound said. "What it tries to do is walk between the traps and focus on young people getting together for sport."

Pound was asked what would happen if an Olympic athlete, during the Games, posted on social media about reported genocide against Uyghurs.

"I don't know enough of the facts about this," he said. "I hear them, see them in the media, but you know enough about your own media to know that sometimes what is asserted as a fact is not necessarily so. It would be helpful if there was an independent review of what was going on and so forth. Maybe that's a step the Chinese would be prepared to consider."

The IOC also has been criticized for its handling of the Peng Shuai

situation.

After five weeks of concern about the safety of the tennis player, the International Olympic Committee said last week it cannot give any certainties about her case.

The IOC's two video calls with the Grand Slam doubles champion are the only reported contacts Peng has had with people outside China since Nov. 2 when she sent a social media post alleging she was sexually assaulted by a former top Communist Party official.

The WTA Tour has taken a harder line, suspending women's tennis tournaments in China because of concerns over Peng's safety.

Pound previously told CNN he didn't understand the criticism of the IOC for the video calls. "I must say I'm really puzzled by that assessment of it," Pound told Amanpour when asked what he said to those who felt it was an unsatisfactory intervention. "Basically, lots of people around the world were looking to see what happened to Peng. Nobody was able to establish contact. Only the IOC was able to do so."

## SRI LANKA CRICKET APPOINTS MAHELA JAYAWARDENE AS NATIONAL TEAM CONSULTANT

*Mahela Jayawardene*

Former Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene will be the consultant coach of the national teams starting next year, the country's cricket board announced on Monday.

Jayawardene was appointed to the latest role by Sri Lanka Cricket's (SLC) executive committee in consultation with the technical advisory committee of the Board.

In his new role, effective for one year, Mumbai Indians coach Jayawardene will be in charge of the overall cricketing matters of the national teams and will provide strategic support to the players and management teams at the High-Performance Center.

"We are extremely happy that Ma-

hela is joining the national team for an extended role, especially given the context that Sri Lanka has a heavy international calendar during the year 2022," said Sri Lanka Cricket CEO Ashley de Silva.

"Mahela's contributions during the first round of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup became invaluable for the overall performances of our team in the concluded event," de Silva added. Despite the new appointment, Jayawardene will continue in his role with the Under-19 team as it prepares for next year's ICC U-19 World Cup to be held in West Indies.

"This is an exciting opportunity to work with the national cricketers and coaches in our various develop-

ment squads, including the U19 and A-Team teams, to help us do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and potential in Sri Lanka," said Jayawardene.

"I am very passionate about Sri Lankan cricket and believe that with a coordinated and focused team effort, taking a holistic approach working across all age groups, we can achieve consistent success in the future," he added.

He said his main role will be supporting the team of national coaches and support staff in terms of preparation and strategic thinking during the coming year.

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