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# RIDESHARE DRIVER, AUA STUDENT DISPUTE GOES VIRAL

## *FIGHT!*



**AUA  
Student**



**Rideshare  
Driver**

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## AUA student and local driver brawl over \$25

A confrontation between a driver and an American University of Antigua student has gone viral with police yet to comment on the incident.

The details of what transpired leading up to the incident are unknown, but the video recorded by the student has gone viral, sparking debate over the use of excessive force in disputes and whether some medical students take nationals and residents for granted.

The 2 minute 43 second long video of the incident that took place on Friday evening, begins in what appears to be a residential compound with the male student asking the driver who he [expletive] thinks he is. The student continued, "I can hand you your life right now!"

The driver of the vehicle, which

bore commercial license plates, is seen swinging a stick with nails protruding from it.

He goes on to deal the student several blows, while shouting, "Behave yourself boy!"

As the video rolls on, the driver attempts to leave the compound, but the student continues to advance on him while waving an object that could not be identified in the footage.

In the background, a female voice calls out to the student asking what he is doing.

Based on available information, the incident was triggered by a dispute over EC\$25, the driver's fare for the service he provided.

It is not known if his passengers refused payment or came up short.



*The driver involved in the fight wielded a large wooden club that had been modified with nails.*

The student, who sustained injuries during the fracas, had clearly visible bloody hands.

The driver also appeared to be injured.

## Quarantine for unvaccinated remains until COVID numbers reduce

The quarantine requirement for unvaccinated citizens returning home from abroad may be removed if epidemiological conditions improve further.

Last week, Cabinet announced that unvaccinated returning Antiguan and Barbudan nationals will be required to produce a negative PCR or Rapid Test on arrival and spend 7 to 10 days in quarantine with a tracking bracelet. A final COVID-19 test must be done before they are allowed to move around freely.

During his radio show on the weekend, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said for now, the prereq-



*Prime Minister Gaston Browne* usite will remain in place, but can be eliminated if positive numbers keep trending

downwards and vaccination increases.

"Assuming that COVID

continues to retreat, then we may decide you know there is no need to quarantine, and then we're likely to have an increase in the percentage of vaccinated persons, so let's say we get up to 70-80 percent of the population fully vaccinated within the next few months, you know we can further relax the policy."

However, for now Mr. Browne said a complete removal of the requirement is unlikely.

He stated his Cabinet will continue to monitor the figures nationally, and once there are marked improvements, changes will be an-

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## 2022 Routes Americas a success, MP Fernandez

Antigua and Barbuda's Tourism Minister, Charles Fernandez, accompanied by a local delegation of key senior tourism players, recently concluded attendance at Routes Americas 2022.

Held this year in San Antonio, Texas, from 15th to 18th February, the forum provides a platform for senior decision makers to meet and discuss air services in the Americas.

According to Routes Americas organisers, the annual three day event "brings together senior industry professionals from airlines, airports and destinations" and is intended to provide participants "with an efficient platform to build high-value relationships with a qualified audience of air service development decision-makers from across the region and beyond."

Speaking between meetings, Minister Fernandez said while he'd hoped for greater representation from the Caribbean, he was happy to represent Antigua



*Tourism Minister, Charles Fernandez*

and Barbuda as the forum provides unique opportunities for networking with key players in the airline industry.

"I think there are about 800 persons here, between people exhibiting and also people attending. It is the first rebound [for airline industry partners to meet] since the pandemic, so it was very important for us to be here," said Minister

Fernandez.

He added that the present unrest in Ukraine was also a topic at this year's meeting, as war in the region will likely result in rising oil prices. This, in turn, will have a negative impact on the cost of air travel.

Notwithstanding the unfolding crisis in eastern Europe, the tourism minister said the Caribbean remains

a zone of safety and noted Antigua and Barbuda's important role as the gateway to the region.

"The Caribbean is still considered a zone of safety and as a result of that our aim is, yes we're selling Antigua and Barbuda, but we're selling it as a gateway to the Caribbean. That's very important, I think.

"Of course, the Caribbean is easy to sell. We're doing very well, we're rebounding very positively, it's been one of the fastest regions to rebound.

"So that's good news that we bring. People are very interested to come back to the Caribbean," Fernandez stated.

The minister said this year's Routes Americas proved highly successful for Antigua and Barbuda as a number of new flights into the country have been negotiated.

The announcement of the new flights, and possibly, the new airlines that will be visiting the country, will be made public in the coming weeks.

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announced. He continued, however, that Cabinet cannot remove requirements that will discourage people from becoming vaccinated.

The prime minister is hopeful that unvaccinated nationals who have not been able to return home since the

start of the pandemic will see the importance of being inoculated against the virus.

"If you're unvaccinated, we're saying here that you have to quarantine for 7 to 10 days and that is a protective mechanism, and at the same time it should serve as a disincentive

to encourage people to get vaccinated," Prime Minister Browne contended.

With approximately two-thirds of the population fully vaccinated, Antigua and Barbuda is viewed as one of the safest destinations in the Caribbean.

## Electronic security systems for school plants as burglaries continue

Government is pledging to do more to protect public schools as burglaries continue to plague some institutions.

A series of recent break-ins have resulted in stolen items and damage to property.

While security guards are present during school hours, at night, the plants are left largely unattended.

Cabinet Spokesman Melford Nicholas said over the years, contracting security firms to protect public schools has proven quite expensive for the government. While he did not attribute this expense to the ab-

sence of night time security guards, there are reports that suggest some security companies may be withholding their services due to overdue payments.

With security concerns growing however, Mr. Nicholas said attention is being placed on installing electronic security systems which will hopefully curb the problems of theft and vandalism.

“The idea of having now CCTV monitoring systems within the school plants is a matter that is at hand. But again, we are putting in place the IT network in many of the primary



Cabinet Spokesman Melford Nicholas

schools at the moment, and I suppose at the end of it all, we would have another layer of development to do in the secondary and primary schools - the public schools - to be able to ensure that we can get CCTV systems in place,” the technology minister detailed.

Last week, burglars targeted the Ottos Comprehensive School and Mary E. Pigott Primary School, causing damage to the school plants and stealing items.

Just days after these incidents, Clare Hall Secondary School was broken into. According to reports, the burglars tore the school’s safe from the wall and managed to open it, retrieving the petty cash pan. However, only \$60 was stolen, a source revealed.

It was the second break-in at Clare Hall Secondary

School in less than three weeks. On the previous occasion, the principal’s desktop’s Central Processing Unit (CPU) was stolen.

The Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Information Technology has begun discussions with service providers, with the aim of contracting their services.

“I’m working with several suppliers. One such person came and made a presentation to me more recently and it’s something that I’m obliged to work along with the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Education, to ensure that we can provide that level of unmanned security for the school environment.

“But it’s a little delayed down the road. Certainly, it’s gonna come after the budget,” the cabinet spokesman assured.

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GOING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS



# IMF predicts 7% growth for Antigua and Barbuda

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says the economy in Antigua and Barbuda is “rebounding” from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and is projecting economic growth of seven per cent this year.

Real GDP (gross domestic product) growth is estimated at 4.8 per cent in 2021, following a sharp contraction of 20.2 per cent in 2020,” according to Varapat Chensavasdijai, the Deputy IMF Division Chief, who led a virtual delegation to the island.

In a statement following the visit, Chensavasdijai said that a sustained recovery in tourism and construction activity is expected to underpin real output growth of seven per cent this year.

“Two-thirds of the population have been fully vaccinated, which is among the highest rates in the Caribbean. However, a prolonged pandemic, due to the emergence of new virus variants, and supply chain disruptions could put a drag on the recovery at the same time as wage and price pressures build.”

The IMF official said that the Gaston Browne government is determined to meet the targets under its medium-term fiscal strategy to bring public debt-to-GDP to under 70 per cent by

2030.

“Despite the pandemic, fiscal consolidation resumed in 2021 and the primary deficit narrowed to 1.8 per cent of GDP, from 3.8 percent in 2020, reflecting domestic revenue mobilization, external grants, and the reprioritization of spending.”

Chensavasdijai said the 2022 budget envisages a zero primary balance, with an ambitious capital spending plan financed by higher revenues, grants and borrowing.

“The uncertain revenue outlook underscores the need to streamline tax exemptions, strengthen tax compliance, and fully implement tax and customs administration reforms. It will also be important to assess the costs and benefits of the current energy pricing mechanisms given rising international oil prices.

“Containing spending on wages and transfers and



improving public financial management will be essential. In addition, the authorities should prioritize clearing arrears to suppliers and creditors while avoiding the accumulation of new arrears.”

Chensavasdijai said that the financial sector is showing signs of recovery. He said banks are well-capitalized and liquid, but credit growth has been slow, particularly to the household sector.

“Loans under moratoria at banks and credit unions

have declined significantly in 2021 and nonperforming loan ratios have remained stable.

“Nonetheless, supervisors should closely monitor asset quality and ensure that loan loss provisioning is proportional to credit quality risks, especially at credit unions.”

The IMF’s prediction falls in line with the ambitious goal of 8 percent growth set by Prime Minister Gaston Browne during his 2022 Budget presentation earlier this month.

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<p>🌅 Sunrise <b>6:30 am</b></p>	<p>🌇 Sunset <b>6:11 pm</b></p>	<p>🌕 Moonrise <b>10:48 pm</b></p>	<p>🌑 Moonset <b>9:52 am</b></p> <p>🌕 Waning Gibbous</p>

# How grate thou art

By **Tony Deyal**

Jane Austen and her books, Anne Frank with her diary, Maya Angelou the poet who fought for civil rights, Elizabeth “The Virgin Queen” of England, and Marie Curie, the first female to win a Nobel prize, are among the greatest women of all time.

However, here in the Caribbean, in Trinidad of all places, we have the “gratest” woman of them all who deserves our praise and recognition, not just in the media but also in the churches and synagogues with the song, “How grate thou art! How great thou art.”

The words “great” and “grate” are “homophones”. They sound the same but have different meanings. “Great” as an adjective means “much more than average or ordinary in size, extent, volume, value or importance”.

As a noun, “grate” means a “fireplace” or a “framework of crossed bars.” As a verb it means to “grind, scrape or irritate”. The Definitive Professional Writer’s Guide gave an example of the usage of the two words: “I toasted the grated cheese besides the great grate on the great fire that was in the great hall at my great-grandfather’s mansion.”

In terms of greatness, Shakespeare is our best guide. He writes in the play “Twelfth Night”, “Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.”

But what about grateness? How does that work? More important how can the two homonyms join together in a homo-hymn?

The answer lies in an article posted by journalist Shane Superville on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 in the Trinidad “Newsday” paper. The headline immediately caught my attention: “Mayaro woman, 71, beats bandit with

cheese grater”. The story was incredibly simple but, at the same time, simply incredible.

In Radix Village in Mayaro, a seaside town on the south east or Atlantic coast of Trinidad, the 71-year-old woman was in her kitchen preparing dinner when she saw a man in her house holding a cutlass.

For those of us who grew up with stories about the real Pirates of the Caribbean like Jean Lafitte, Sir Henry Morgan, Blackbeard and Calico Jack, and long before one of the most famous of the lot, John Ward, became Jack Sparrow, the cutlass was the pirates’ weapon of choice.

A cutlass is the ultimate bladed weapon associated with pirates because as a shorter sword, made of forged steel, it was better suited to fighting on deck or in the closed quarters of a ship. It was clear that the man, although armed with a cutlass, was definitely not a pirate but may have been a radio newscaster.

In the jargon of the Trinidad police, the man “announced” a robbery. Clearly, he must have been a loud speaker. None of the jargon of the old highwaymen like “Your money or your life”, “Stand and deliver” or, as I was told by bandits when I was held at gunpoint, “Give me the effing money otherwise we will kill your mother so-and-so (or its equivalent in Trini dialect).”

It reminds me of one of my colleagues who wanted a job at a radio station and as a test they gave him the death announcement to read. He started well with the first line, “We have been asked to announce the death...” It is when he reached the last line that he died.

The announcements all ended the same way with the same words, “Friends and relations are kindly asked



*Tony Deyal*

to accept these intimations.” Unfortunately for him, seeing that all the announcers knew the words, they used an abbreviation which, my colleague saw, had no idea what it was, and so in his best English accent and voice ended with “FARAKATATI”.

What happened in this Mayaro matter was that while the man was announcing, the woman was screaming for help but at the same time she took action. According to the article, “As the bandit grabbed her, the woman began beating the man with a nearby cheese grater.”

Despite this happening in the day and not a twelfth night, the lady was obviously born great. She must have been very grateful to have the greater so close at hand because she made certain that the bandit had “grateness” thrust upon him so frequently and with such ferocity that, according to the police, “The bandit ran away with the cutlass”. What he thought would be a great day for him turned out to be a grate day instead.

Regardless of where he was struck, or whatever part of his anatomy was being attacked, the bandit got such a “cut-ass” (as Trinis would call it) that he cut his losses and fled the scene in terror.

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In fact, it is like Stevie Wonder's response when he got a cheese grater for his birthday. He said it was the most violent book he ever read.

When the police eventually caught up with him the 39-year-old man was hiding in a shack. In other words, after grater problems the man had even greater problems.

I was more struck than the bandit. Here is a woman of 71, by herself in her home, who grabs a grater, defeats a bandit who was armed with a cutlass, chases him out of her house and then calls the police.

I wondered where she fitted in history and taking up my copy of "What's In

An Age?", I found out that among the "famous" people of that age, French designer, Coco Chanel, introduced the "Chanel" suit; Nelson Mandela was released from prison in South Africa; Winston Churchill coined the term "Iron Curtain"; Buckminster Fuller built his largest geodesic dome; and Katsusuke Yanagisawa, a retired Japanese schoolteacher became the oldest person to climb Mt. Everest.

However, none of them, at that age, was attacked by a man with a cutlass and beat the heck out of him with a grater to the extent that he ran away. What she did is what, I am sure, all of us would consider true heroism, not just a response to fear or desperation but one

of sheer guts and determination.

I would be an ingrate if I did not say how grateful I am to that lady and would be even more ungrateful if I did not feature her full story and recommend her, not just for a national award, but for global recognition.

Many of us, facing a man with a cutlass, would disintegrate. Because of the inability of the police to deal with the criminals and the increasing number of murders, many people in Trinidad and other Caribbean countries have started to migrate.

However, in this lady we have a hero and a lesson. Even if she does not want her name used, her story is an inspiration to the rest of

us and a lesson for our children.

The police and the media ended the article with, "The woman was taken to the hospital, but officers said she only received a scratch on her left arm."

I believe we should start from scratch, find the lady and celebrate her courage and determination. In countries where the police are relatively useless and our media not just one-sided but near-sighted, we have a genuine heroine with a message for all.

*\*Tony Deyal was last seen saying that the Mayaro lady should have replaced Donald Trump as President of the United States. She would have made America grate again.*

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022**

**BUCKLE UP PHONE DOWN**

**WE STRIVE WE THRIVE**

Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards KNH, OBE  
"The Greatest Batsman of all time"

The **Antiguan Born Cricketer** dominated the sport, having made his test debut in 1974 against India. You knew when he was coming. The outgoing batsman would already have disappeared into the pavilion, and the expectation of what was to follow filled the air. His best years were between 1976 and 1983 where he averaged a remarkable 66.51 with the bat. His name is often associated with his destructive batting style which rightly earned him the tag name **'Master Blaster'**.

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A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

## National Parks Authority launches visitor passes

The National Parks Authority is bringing a new level of convenience and access to the services and attractions of the country's first UNESCO World Heritage Site by making Visitor Passes available to all members of the public.

As part of a special offer to coincide with the ongoing celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Antigua Naval Dockyard, the passes are being made available to visitors to the National Park at a special rate.

The passes come in various categories based on the purposes for which a visitor or resident requires entry into the yachting facilities of the Dockyard, or to the main attractions throughout the National Park.

As part of the special one-time anniversary deal, residents are being offered a one year pass for only



EC\$50.00 while a Family Pass for up to six persons is going for EC\$200.

The special will run for the duration of the 60th anniversary celebrations.

A season pass has been created for visitors that expires at the end of the yachting season. It goes for US\$100 while a daily pass for visitors is US\$15.

The initiative brings major benefits to the holder of the pass as it will help to reduce wait times on high traffic days and bring convenience to anyone who visits the national park on a regular basis for pleasure or business.

Business clients will find it particularly convenient as a quick turnaround time may be all they require in achieving the purpose for their visit.

The Passes are now available and can be purchased from Guest Services at the entrance of the Dockyard. A valid ID must be presented at the time of purchase.



### APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

These planned outages are necessary for our continuous upgrade and maintenance programme to provide reliable and consistent service to our customers.

Monday, 21st February 2022	Tuesday, 22nd February 2022	Wednesday, 23rd February 2022	Thursday, 24th February 2022	Friday, 25th February 2022
Section of Patterson near the Horse Stable 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Section of Urlings west of the Primary School 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Section of All Saints east of the Anglican Church 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Section of Villa west of the Clinic, Bay Street, Fort James and Dry Hill 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Section of Jennings, Yorks Jennings, Jolly Harbour and Hermitage 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Section of Coolidge near Henderson, Barnes Service Station and ECAB Bank 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	—	—	—	—

Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page. Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.



## ABAPD receives funding, training in agriculture

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has provided funding for training in agriculture for members of the Antigua and Barbuda Association for Persons with Disabilities (ABAPD).

Under the theme, “The use of climate smart techniques to increase food production and improve food security for persons with disabilities living in Antigua and Barbuda”, the programme is intended to give persons with disabilities the platform to learn agriculture and use Climate smart and Climate Resilient technology to feed themselves and others.

President of ABAPD, Bernard Warner, said the initiative is an important one as it is vitally important that disabled persons become equipped with the knowledge required to lead healthy lives.

The association has already launched a hydroponics farm with the aid of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs and support from Acting Extension Officer, Ika Fergus

President Warner said the ABAPD hopes that the farm will eventually be able to support the needs of disabled members of the community and eventually expand its reach to serve a wider market.

“It has really opened our eyes in a way we would’ve

never imagined and this would have been the backbone of what caused us to write to GEF and get the funding to expand not just the Horticulture Therapy but to expand their hydroponics programme,” said Warner.

Acting Extension Officer, Ika Fergus, explained that the Ministry of Agriculture has been on a quest to encourage persons to adopt climate smart and climate resilient practices to boost local production of fruits and vegetables, especially since hydroponics in particular affords the opportunity to grow food with less land and an estimated 70-80% less water than traditional farming.



*ABAPD president, Bernard Warner*

### TAKE ME HOME



This beautiful Rottweiler Mix named Susie is available for adoption at the Humane Society’s Animal Shelter in Bethesda. She is about 7 years old, very healthy, very well behaved and should still have a good number of years ahead of her to be a part of your family. The \$100 adoption fee includes vaccination and treating for parasites. We are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. For further details call 461-4957.

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Claim No. ANUHCV2021/0350  
BETWEEN:

Submitted Date: 05/10/2021  
Filed Date: 06/10/2021 08:30  
Fees Paid: 52.00

**WILLIAM THIBOU**  
Administrator of the Estate of Mildred Thibou, Deceased  
Claimant

And

**DERRICK WARNER**  
Personal Representative of Clifton Warner, Deceased  
Defendant

**FIXED DATE CLAIM FORM**

The Claimant WILLIAM THIBOU of Upper Gambles in the Parish of Saint John in the State of Antigua and Barbuda is seeking an Order for possession of a parcel of land in the possession of the Defendant as Personal Representative and sole beneficiary of the Estate of Clifton Warner, Deceased, such land having been let to Clifton Warner by the Claimant. The Claimant further seeks payment of rent arrears and such further or other relief as this Honourable Court deems fit.

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Octm, 2021



**CORT & CORT**  
Solicitors for the Claimant

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT -**

The First Hearing of this Claim will take place at High Court of Justice on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 at 9:00 am/pm.

If you do not attend at that hearing, judgement may be entered against you in accordance with the Claim.

If you attend, the judge may -  
(a) deal with the claim; or  
(b) give directions for the preparation of the case for a further hearing

A Statement of Claim of an affidavit giving full details of the Claimants' claim should be served on you with this Claim Form. If not and there is no order permitting the Claimant not to serve the Statement of Claim of Affidavit you should contact the court office immediately.

You should complete the form of acknowledgment of service served on you with this Claim Form and deliver or send it to the court office (address below) so that they receive it within FOURTEEN/TWENTY-EIGHT days of service of this Claim Form on you. The form of acknowledgment of service may be complete by you or a solicitor acting for you.

You should consider obtaining legal advice with regard to this claim. See the notes on the back of this form or on the next page.

This Claim Form has no validity if it is not served within six months of the date below unless it is accompanied by an order extending that time.

The Court office is at Parliament Drive, St. John's Antigua Telephone number 462-3744, Fax No. 462-0609. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays and court holidays.

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

The Claimant's address for service is:  
Cort & Cort  
Attorneys-at-Law  
44 Church Street  
St John's  
Antigua

**NOTES FOR DEFENDANTS (FIXED DATE CLAIM)**

The Claimant is seeking an order from the Court as set out in the Claim Form on the basis of the facts or evidence set out in the Statement of Claim or Affidavit served with it. The Claimant will not be entitled to enter judgment against you without a hearing.

You may:  
**A. Admit the Claim**

If so, you should complete and return the form of acknowledgement of service to the court office within FOURTEEN/TWENTY-EIGHT days stating this. You may attend the first hearing if you wish to do so.

**B. Dispute the Claim**

If so, you should complete and return the form of acknowledgment of service as under A. You should also file at the court office and serve on the Claimant's solicitor (or the Claimant if he has no solicitor):

(a) A defence if the Claim Form has accompanied by the Claimant's Statement of Claim, OR  
(b) An Affidavit in answer if the Claim Form is accompanied by an Affidavit sworn by or on behalf of the Claimant,  
within TWENTY-EIGHT/FORTY-TWO days of the day on which the Claim Form was served on you. Your defence or affidavit must set out briefly ALL the facts on which you will rely to dispute the claim made against you.

You should also attend the first hearing. If you do not the judge may deal with the claim in your absence.

**C. Make a Claim against the Claimant**

If so, you should complete and return the form of acknowledgment of service as under A. You must file a statement of claim (a counterclaim) setting out full details of what you claim against the Claimant and the facts on which you will rely, this must be done within TWENTY-EIGHT/FORTY-TWO days of the date on which the Claim Form was served on you. The statement of claim should set out ALL the facts on which you rely in disputing any part of the Claimant's claim against you.

You should also attend the first hearing. If you do not the judge may deal with the claim in your absence.

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

1. The Claimant is and was at all material times the lawful Administrator of the Estate of Mildred Thibou, deceased, the registered proprietor of that parcel of land located at Swetes village, Antigua and more particularly described as Registration Section: South Central; Block No.: 15-2185E; Parcel No. 163 (hereinafter called "the Land").
2. The Defendant is the personal representative and sole beneficiary of the estate of Clifton Warner, deceased who died in or around December 2010.
3. In or around January, 2010 the Claimant entered into an oral agreement with Clifton Warner of Swetes Village, now deceased, to rent the Land to the said Clifton Warner at an annual rent of EC\$1,200.00. The said Clifton Warner made payment of the agreed rent for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.
4. Prior to his death, the said Clifton Warner remained in possession of the Land, and in control of a chattel house on the Land which was let to a tenant. The chattel house remains on the Land to date with the Defendant being the sole beneficiary of the said chattel house.
5. The Claimant made demand for payment of outstanding rent of the Land via letters to the Defendant dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 and 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.
6. Despite demands of the Claimant for payment of the outstanding rent due in respect of the Land, the Defendant has failed, refused or neglected to make payment thereof and to remove the said chattel house from the Land and remains in occupation of the Land.
7. By letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 together with a Notice to Quit of the same date, the Claimant's Solicitors again wrote to the Defendant on the Claimant's instructions demanding payment of the aforementioned rent arrears and requiring vacant possession of the Land on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
8. The Defendant has failed to make payment as requested or at all, and the Defendant has also failed to give possession of the Land to the Claimant.
9. By virtue of the foregoing, the Claimant has suffered loss and damage.

**PARTICULARS OF LOSS & DAMAGE**

Rent for the years 2011 to present @ EC\$1,200 per annum  
( $\$1,200 \times 10$ ) EC\$12,000.00

**AND THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS:**

- (i) An order that the Defendant give up possession of the said Land to the Claimant;
- (ii) The sum of EC\$12,000.00;
- (iii) All mesne profits accruing to the Claimant in respect of the Land until possession is restored to the Claimant;
- (iv) Further of other relief;
- (v) Costs.

Dated the 16 day of August, 2021

**CERTIFICATE OF TRUTH**

I, William Thibou, certify that I believe that the facts stated in this Statement of Claim are true.

Signed: 

Dated: 16.8.2021



Sharon Cort-Thibou  
Legal Practitioner for the Claimant

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## The taboo of ‘selling out’ for a better-paying job

By Bryan Lufkin

*These days, swapping a passion role for a less-interesting job with better pay and benefits could well make sense. Is it time to end the stigma of ‘selling your soul’?*

Molly, a US tech worker in her 30s, used to work at a company whose mission she was deeply invested in.

“It was part of my identity,” she says. But when the pandemic hit, bringing rolling redundancies, uncertainty, long hours and burnout, Molly decided it was time to change jobs.

The move came with trade-offs; while her new role paid better and offered more remote work, Molly didn’t click with the company’s mission, and she wasn’t particularly interested in the sector.

Though she initiated the move, she felt conflicted.

“I felt like I was selling out,” says Molly, whose full name is being withheld for job-security concerns.

Even though she was burnt out, it “felt like I was very at war with my inner values”.

In an age in which workers have been conditioned to follow their passions and find roles that are meaningful, the idea of pivoting from a fulfill-



*We often stigmatise ‘selling out’ for a job we’re not passionate about for better perks or pay – a misguided belief, experts say [Photo credit: Getty Images]*

ing job to a boring one with better conditions is, to some, practically taboo.

This dilemma can be particularly acute for younger workers; studies show that nearly half of millennial and Gen Z workers want a role at a company that aligns with their personal ethics; 15% reported they made values-based career decisions during the pandemic.

It’s clear, however, that the global pandemic has left employees questioning every aspect of work – from pay levels to flexibility to those all-important work-life boundaries. Many people want to change how they work, to find better ways

of accommodating professional duties and personal lives. After so much uncertainty over the last two years, some workers are also more conscious of how precarious financial stability can be.

For some, swapping a lower-paid, potentially long-hours passion role for a less-interesting job with better pay and benefits could well make sense.

And, with salaries rising across sectors, companies offering new work models and awareness of work-related mental health issues at an all-time high, now might just be a good time for people to seek out a role that sets them up for the life they want to lead.

Perhaps calling this kind of transition ‘selling out’ isn’t quite right anymore.

**‘Going to the dark side’**

Multiple factors triggered Molly’s decision to switch roles, including wanting more stability amid a wave of pandemic redundancies, a desire to protect her mental wellbeing and better pay.

A crucial factor was her wish to continue working remotely; her previous employer was pushing staff to come to the office as much as possible.

Yet, despite her valid reasons for leaving, Molly says her colleagues judged

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her when she disclosed her new role; there was a sense she was “going to the dark side”, she says.

“There’s some expectation of what is a ‘good switch’; [for example], if you’re going to a very mission-driven company or starting your own business.

It kind of bummed me out that I wasn’t able to be like, ‘I’m going here’, and have people be like, ‘Oh, I’m so proud of you, that’s amazing’.”

There’s no need for judgmental views ever, and surely not when one is taking care of their needs and commitments, financial and any other – Anat Lechner

At issue is the fact that many workers, especially millennials like Molly, have absorbed the idea they should be in ‘dream jobs’ that align with their values.

Catherine Shea, assistant professor of organisational behaviour and theory at Carnegie Mellon University, US, says this is a long-standing dilemma: do you want “a job where you find meaning, or do you find meaning somewhere else and a job funds that?”

Work people are passionate about, she points out, often comes with a penalty; a 2019 study showed that many organisations exploit workers’ passion to pay them less or allocate them menial tasks.

So-called dream jobs can also feed into toxic ‘hustle culture’ that convinces workers they need to work all hours to prove their passion and commitment to others as well as themselves.

Yet, it’s still seen as a badge of honour to choose a passion-based job – it’s a sign that a worker has stayed true to their values despite obstacles; opting for a less interesting, potentially higher-paid role means they sold their soul to take the easy way

out.

But Shea suggests that the pandemic may have caused some ‘passion workers’ to feel disenchanted with their roles.

Workers, she suggests, may see “the limits of the feel-good emotions that their organisations can give them, particularly when working remotely.

A passion job may have been fun in an interactive office setting, which could have compensated for the lower pay. Now that everything is on Zoom, why not get paid more?”

“It’s not so much selling your soul, I think,” adds Shea. “It’s now flipping passion on its head and seeing the negative aspects” of a job you otherwise care about.

**‘It’s very easy for me to let go’**

Experts say there’s no data yet to suggest that more people are ‘selling out’ in the pandemic.

But, says Anat Lechner, clinical associate professor of management and organisations at New York University, any time of great uncertainty makes people say to themselves, “‘I need to maximise the opportunities that I can get, because God knows what tomorrow will look like’.”

Repeated trauma over the last couple of years, add Lechner and Shea, has led workers to seize the opportunity to go for higher salaries and more flexible perks – jumping for the better deal on the table right now – since the future is generally uncertain.

It’s not just insecurity driving workers to assess their employment options, however.

During the pandemic, many workers have had an opportunity to take stock of priorities and decide what they want from their jobs, whether work flexibility, more money or an ability to draw firm boundaries between professional and personal lives.

While every job has its stressors, taking that step to match a role to your particular priorities can pay off. “I’m not selling my soul – I’m actually repositioning myself so I can have a better life’,” says Lechner.

In Molly’s case, prioritising comfort and wellbeing over passion in her employment has been rather freeing.

“One of the pros is since you don’t care about that industry, you’re not going to take it home with you. It’s very easy for me to let go, and let things roll off of me,” she explains.

And for workers later in their careers, the money and stability that comes with swapping passion for a less inspiring role may be less about ‘going to the dark side’, and rather just a case of pragmatism.

Workers might have kids, want to buy a house or review their pension and realise, quite simply, that they need to earn more.

“Reality can hit you with a brisk wind,” says Lechner.

“It’s one thing to pursue beautiful ideals when one is a relatively agent, and a whole different game to continue with that pursuit when you have a couple of little ones needing to be fed.”

These days, the experts suggest, judging a former colleague for ‘selling out’ is unwarranted.

“There’s no need for judgmental views ever, and surely not when one is taking care of their needs and commitments, financial and any other,” says Lechner.

Since moving jobs, Molly hasn’t looked back.

“The energy [at the new job] is much more positive – it’s not bleak. I actually am very content. I’m not burnt out anymore,” she says.

In her career, she says, she’s always wanted to go for the sexier companies. But now? “I’ve learned that’s not a requirement.”

# Sleep apnea and snoring: 8 warning signs to look for

By Sandee LaMotte

Obstructive sleep apnea is a serious sleep disorder in which people stop breathing for 10 seconds or more at a time.

The condition caused the death of Indian singer and composer Bappi Lahiri, who died on Tuesday in Mumbai, according to a statement from his doctor. He was 69.

What are the warning signs of obstructive sleep apnea and what can you do about it? We asked sleep experts to explain.

Snoring can be a key sign of obstructive sleep apnea -- but at some point in our lives, we all snore. A cold or allergy can block nasal passages, a few drinks too close to bed will automatically relax tongue, palate and throat muscles -- and before we know it, we're unconsciously forcing air past soft tissues, causing vibrations that escape as a snore.

"Snoring can be normal and not something to worry about," said sleep specialist Rebecca Robbins, an instructor in the division of sleep medicine for Harvard Medical School.

"When it's loud, raucous snoring, or it's interrupted by pauses in breathing, that's where we start to get concerned," Robbins said.

It's estimated that at least 25 million Americans and 936 million people



*If your partner's snores can be heard through a closed door, it's time to see a sleep specialist.*

worldwide may suffer from obstructive sleep apnea, with many more undiagnosed.

**'It can be very, very scary'**

It's called "obstructive" sleep apnea because unlike central sleep apnea -- in which the brain occasionally skips telling the body to breathe -- obstructive sleep apnea is due to a blockage of the airways by weak, heavy or relaxed soft tissues.

"You're making the effort with your belly and your chest to try to get the air in and out, but because of the obstruction in the upper airway, you can't. Often you aren't aware of this struggle, but it can be very, very scary for anyone watching," said sleep specialist Dr. Raj Dasgupta, an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

If left untreated, obstructive sleep apnea puts you at high risk for hypertension,

heart disease, Type 2 diabetes or depression, even an early death, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

How can you tell when your snoring has become dangerous to your health? Sleep experts use a sleep questionnaire with an easy-to-follow acronym: STOP BANG.

**S stands for snoring**

Snoring is a key indicator, so it's a no-duh that it leads the list of potential warnings signs. But this is no pitiful, whimpy snore, and certainly not a snore that anyone could ever call "cute."

"We're talking loud, obnoxious snoring, the type that would drown out conversations or be heard through closed doors," Dasgupta said.

"Some of the very descriptive bed partners of my patients with obstructive sleep apnea describe their partners' snores as listening to a 'dying bear' or a scene from 'Jurassic Park,'" he added.

**T stands for tired**

Being really tired during the day is a prime indicator of poor sleep. Combined with snoring, it can be a telltale symptom of sleep apnea.

"Daytime sleepiness is one of the strong predictors of sleep apnea," Robbins said.

"Falling asleep anytime you have a moment -- sitting down for a break after lunch, in a movie theater -- those are all hallmark symptoms along with fatigue and taking the house down with your snores," said Robbins, who coauthored the book *Sleep for Success! Everything You Must Know About Sleep But are Too Tired to Ask*.

**O stands for 'observed'**

Many people -- if not most -- have no idea that they snore at night. Nor do they know they stop breathing during the night -- unless the blockage is so bad that they wake up gasping and choking.

"The O stands for observed apnea, and that's actually worse than just snoring," Dasgupta said. "An apnea means no flow of air -- no air coming in no air going out. You're not breathing. Observed apnea is really a red flag."

Bed partners are often key to the identification of obstructive sleep apnea.

"Watching your partner stop breathing, snore, cough or gasp for air are all signs the

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snoring might not be normal, and then it is something that deserves attention from a sleep specialist,” Robbins said.

### **P stands for pressure -- high blood pressure**

Obstructive sleep apnea can lead to hypertension. Every time a person stops breathing for a few seconds, the body's sympathetic nervous system goes into action and raises blood pressure. In addition, the body releases stress hormones called catecholamines, which can also raise blood pressure over time.

While having hypertension by itself is not a sign of a sleep disorder, it can be a warning sign when combined with other telltale signals. Fortunately, treatments for obstructive sleep apnea, like continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP, have not only been shown to help with sleep apnea, but they also lower blood pressure.

### **B stands for BMI**

Body mass index is a score commonly used to indicate levels of weight. To measure BMI, health professionals use height and weight data to track changes in weight relative to height. Your weight is considered normal if your BMI falls between 18.5 and 24.9. You are deemed overweight when your BMI is between 25 and 29.9 -- and a BMI of 30 or more indicates you are obese.

People who are obese or extremely obese -- with a BMI of 35 and above -- are frequently found to suffer from obstructive sleep apnea because the extra weight in the mouth, tongue and neck collapses those soft tissues, making it more difficult to easily breathe without snoring.

“Weight loss can be a big part of the recommendation from a health care provider for addressing sleep apnea,” Robbins said.

Obstructive sleep apnea has been on the rise around the world as obesity has reached epidemic proportions, but it wasn't seen as frequently before the 1970s, she added.

“In sleep medicine we joke that Humpty Dumpty was one of the first cases of obstructive sleep apnea because he had a big belly and probably extra tissue around the soft palate. He was at risk for falling asleep all the time and falling off the wall,” Robbins said.

“That was a nursery rhyme and at the time, an anomaly. But now, unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly common with the increased body mass index we're seeing across the country and the world,” she added.

### **A is for age**

Muscle tone weakens as we age, including in our soft palate and neck. So being over age 50 is another potential signal that your snoring may be -- or turn into -- obstructive sleep apnea.

There is some good news -- studies are beginning to find that sleep apnea in the elderly tends to be of a mild to moderate kind, with the more severe cases occurring at younger ages.

### **N is for neck**

Having a large neck circumference, either from being overweight or genetics, is also a key indicator of potential obstructive sleep apnea.

“Now you don't want to be a weirdo and start measuring your loved one's neck build at night,” Dasgupta said. “The rule of thumb is always going to be a collar size of greater than 17 inches (43 centimetres) for a male, and greater than 16 inches (40.6 centimetres) for a female will put you at a higher risk for sleep apnea.”

### **G is for gender**

Are you a man? Then unfortunately, that, too, makes you at increased risk for obstructive sleep apnea. Some of the reasons may be that men tend to have fatter tongues and carry more fat in their upper bodies than women, especially in the neck. Men also tend to have more «belly fat,» which can make breathing in general more difficult.

“However, we definitely see a lot more obstructive sleep apnea in women after menopause,” Dasgupta said.

### **High-risk needs evaluation**

Now it's time to score your risk. Give yourself a point for every “yes” answer. If you scored between 5 and 8, you are at high risk of having obstructive sleep apnea and should be evaluated by a sleep specialist.

“Sleep tests nowadays are much, much easier to get than in prior years when you could only go to a sleep lab,” Dasgupta said. “You don't have to be stuck in the lab with all these wires on you, looking like Frankenstein. You can do an at-home sleep test in your own bed, which is nice.”

But don't ignore your symptoms, as the negative effects on health should not be ignored, says the American Academy of Sleep Medicine: “Like a fire alarm, snoring is a warning of danger that demands your attention.”

Sign up for the Sleep, But Better newsletter series. Our seven-part guide has helpful hints to achieve better sleep.

If your score is between 0 and 2, your risk is obviously low, so snoring isn't likely to be a big concern for your health. A score of 3 to 4 puts you at an intermediate risk, but that doesn't mean you should ignore your symptoms, especially if you share your bed with a loved one, Dasgupta said.

“It's always good to be a nice person, and if it affects your bed partner, I think it's worthwhile getting evaluated,” he said. “If your bed partner is wakened multiple times during the night by your snoring or can't fall asleep because of your snores, then that bed partner is going to be sleep deprived, and that is not good for their health. So it's not always about yourself.”

### **Treatments**

The treatment of choice for sleep apnea is the use of a continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP. By pushing air into the lungs through a nose mask, the device helps keep the airway unobstructed throughout the night.

Weight loss can significantly de-

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## Five Caribbean countries each receive US\$2m for Sargassum fight

CMC – Five countries in the Eastern Caribbean have received US\$2 million each in the battle against the Sargassum seaweed. Last Friday, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Lucia gained access to a US\$12 million three-year grant-aid project entitled: The Project for Improving National Sargassum Management Capacities in the Caribbean.

The project is being funded by the Government of Japan and executed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The signing of the official Exchange of Notes between Japan and the UNDP for the partnership took place at the United Nations (UN) House.

Speaking during the event on behalf of the recipient countries, Barbados' Minister of the Environment and National Beautification, Adrian Forde, expressed thanks and welcomed any intervention to assist Barbados and its Caribbean neighbours in the fight against the Sargassum seaweed.

“That has been our chal-



*Sargassum seaweed washed up on a beach*

lenge over the last couple of years with an abnormal influx [of Sargassum seaweed] due to the vagaries of climate change,” he said, noting that the presence of the algae also created problems for marine life and the country's biodiversity.

Forde said while the seaweed was primarily used for composting, it was believed that there was a greater value chain after it was harvested, and could therefore become a viable industry.

He added that the Government remained committed to looking at ways of getting biofuel from Sargassum, while there was also a new thrust to ensure that it became part of the feedstock in

the agricultural and livestock sectors.

“We will see how we can get a profit or value chain and ensure that there is commercial activity from the Sargassum seaweed,” the Minister assured.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Barbados, Teruhiko Shinada, outlined that the equipment would include an aquatic conveyor belt, workboats or barges, machine surface beach rakes, walk behind beach surface rakes, lightweight tractors, dump trucks, and float booms and barriers.

And, while the equipment is set to cost US\$2 million per country, the project

will also see the countries benefiting from a transfer of expertise and technical building knowledge to collect, remove, transport and dispose of the algae in a sustainable way.

It will also explore scientific monitoring technologies, such as UAS drones and Geographical Information Systems, which are spatial mapping tools to evaluate the quantum of Sargassum influx.

Ambassador Teruhiko said Japan understood the challenges caused by the Sargassum seaweed, and recognised the importance of such a partnership.

Resident Representative with the UNDP for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Valerie Cliff, stated that the project aimed to support national capacity for the removal and disposal of the seaweed in each of the five countries.

Cliff explained that it was also designed to build coastal resilience and mitigate the negative impacts on the economically sensitive areas like fisheries, public health and tourism in the recipient countries.

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crease -- or even eliminate obstructive sleep apnea, as the loss of tissue mass in the mouth, tongue and neck eases pressure on the airway. Doctors can also prescribe an oral appliance designed to enlarge the airway by moving the tongue or jaw forward.

If anatomical issues, such as nasal

polyps, enlarged tonsils or adenoids or a deviated septum, are contributing to the apnea, surgery may be recommended.

Mild cases of sleep apnea may respond to “positional therapy,” a fancy way of saying keeping sleepers on their sides instead of back during sleep, which can improve airway flow and reduce snoring.

“I’m a big fan of simple, homemade solutions, such as sewing tennis balls into the back of pyjamas to keep people from turning onto their backs,” Dasgupta said.

“You can get even more creative by putting a bra on someone in reverse and then putting tennis balls in in the cups,” Robbins suggested.

# Haiti remains in 'acute political and institutional crisis', says UN Special Envoy

CMC – The United Nations (UN) Special Representative in Haiti, Helen La Lime, says that despite some signs of progress in ending the political, economic and humanitarian crisis that has worsened across Haiti since the assassination of its president last year, the situation there remains “fraught and highly polarized.”

La Lime, who also heads the UN Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), told the UN Security Council on Friday that there is a need for structural reforms to tackle gang violence, address impunity and corruption, strengthen the justice system and sustainably transform the Haitian economy.

“The contours of a common vision shared by all, will ultimately depend on Haitian stakeholders placing the national interest above their own aspirations,” she said. “Success will be determined by their collective willingness to compromise”.

The Special Envoy said the relative calm observed on February 7 – the date on which late President Jovenel Moïse's term would have officially ended – was a good sign, telling ambassadors that the new government, unveiled on November 24, appears to have appeased tensions.

And while awaiting a revised electoral calendar, the BINUH chief noted that momentum seems to be building around “an inclusive, credible and effective Provisional Electoral Council”.

Meanwhile, La Lime said gang violence “continues to plunge major urban centres into lawlessness and grief.”

“Criminal armed groups have a



*The United Nations (UN) Special Representative in Haiti, Helen La Lime*

strong hold on the economic and social lives of millions,” she said. “Their indiscriminate use of abduction, murder, as well as sexual and gender-based violence, as a means to terrorize local populations in the fight to extend their territorial control is particularly abhorrent.”

La Lime said that although the Haitian National Police have tried to stem the wave of violent crime, the “over-stretched, understaffed, and under-resourced police force, cannot on its own curtail the alarming rise in gang-generated insecurity.”

Against this backdrop, the UN and Haitian Government have jointly resolved to strengthen international support, epitomised by the imminent creation of a multi-donor basket fund.

“The gang phenomenon cannot be addressed through policing alone”, said La Lime, elaborating on the need for a law-enforcement approach that incorporates greater control of illegal weapons, and is complemented by socio-economic projects and reintegration activities “aimed at generating employment and revenue in the neighbourhoods most affected by the

scourge of gang violence.”

The UN official commended the Haitian authorities on a national community violence reduction strategy that has, after years of closures, resulted in the reopening of several schools in the Port-au-Prince neighbourhoods of Cité Soleil and La Saline.

“These successes offer hope that resolute and coordinated government actions will lead to the provision of additional basic services in these communities, as well as to their extension to other areas,” she said. “Our continued support is crucial to the success of this effort”.

La Lime said Haiti also needs to urgently address the intractable phenomenon of impunity.

She cited the 2020 assassination of Monferrier Dorval, the 2018 massacre in La Saline, and the “ghastly assassination” of President Moïse, whose stalled murder investigation has exacerbated “both suspicion and mistrust within the country”.

The Haitian judicial system suffers from “grave structural weaknesses,” she said, that cripple the courts' ability to “investigate, process and try cases”.

La Lime said while modest signs of progress are encouraging, more action is needed for new penal and criminal codes, and to ensure that judicial reform can be sustained over the longer-term.

She said the devastating earthquake of last August, which destroyed parts of the Southern Peninsula and killed 2,248 people, has added another layer of difficulty to an already dire humanitarian situation.

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## School mask wearing rules to be relaxed, says Bermuda's education minister

Royal Gazette - Younger school children in Bermuda will no longer have to wear masks in classes from today.

Diallo Rabain, the Minister of Education, said that only pupils from Primary 4 up will be asked to wear the face coverings.

In a recent meeting of the House of Assembly he told MPs: "I can announce that while we are in the midst of reviewing the mask-wearing guidelines, as of Monday, February 21, all schools will be able to revert to the mask-wearing policy of Phase 2.

"That is, only students from P4 up will be required to wear masks in classrooms.

"Some will ask why only those younger grades and not everyone else.

"It was recognised the critical nature of our younger students learning requiring them to see mouth movement."

He added: "As I stated, the mask-wearing mandate is currently being reviewed and will be revised as necessary moving forward which should lead to less mask-wearing in



Bermuda's Minister of Education, Diallo Rabain

certain situations.

"Additionally, we will continue to listen to suggestions from our parents and incorporate those into moving forward."

Mr. Rabain said that it was possible to search the internet and find a study that supported any view on mask-wearing.

He added: "The facts remain, the use of masks limits the spread of coronavirus.

"Our goal to keep schools open not only aids our students in their learning but also aids our parents in

their ability to work."

The minister said that a "delicate balance" must be struck.

He added that he was "sorry to disappoint those who sent the e-mails claiming '... most private school students are expats ...' as if these facts do not apply to them".

Mr. Rabain said: "If teachers are positive, they will have to quarantine.

"If enough teachers are positive and on quarantine, schools cannot open. Then we are back to square one.

"Regardless of if the school is public or private, these facts remain."

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"It is now estimated that 4.9 million people, or 43 per cent of the country's population, will be in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022," La Lime said.

Pointing to Wednesday's international donors' conference, she expressed her deep gratitude for US\$600 million in pledges for the Integrated Reconstruction Plan to rebuild the heavily damaged areas.

The Special Envoy also

said that this month marked three consecutive years without a laboratory-confirmed case of cholera in Haiti, a "watershed moment" representing "a significant step" towards eliminating the disease in the French-speaking Caribbean country.

She credited the "unwavering dedication" of the country's frontline workers along with UN, bilateral and multilateral organisations partnerships.

"While these collective efforts have succeeded, the lack of impact and effectiveness of development aid requires us to collectively formulate a new approach, one premised on a deeper coordination of international efforts and a real partnership with Haitian authorities and Haitian actors", La Lime said.

She urged all Haitian leaders to engage constructively with one another to steer the country towards

elections and emerge from the "acute political and institutional crisis" in which it has been plunged.

In addition, the envoy urged the international community to continue to engage with the Haitian Government and others to create security and political conditions to hold national elections, and ensure structural reforms.

"Now is not the time to let Haiti fall off the agenda," she stressed.

## Russia extends troop drills; Ukraine appeals for cease-fire

AP — Russia extended military drills near Ukraine’s northern borders Sunday amid increased fears that two days of sustained shelling along the contact line between soldiers and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine could spark an invasion. Ukraine’s president appealed for a cease-fire.

The exercises were originally set to end Sunday and brought a sizable contingent of Russian forces to Belarus. The presence of the Russian troops raised concern that they could be used to sweep down on the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, a city of about 3 million people less than a three-hour

drive away. Western leaders warned that Russia was poised to attack its neighbour, which is surrounded on three sides by about 150,000 Russian soldiers, warplanes and equipment. Russia held nuclear drills Saturday as well as the conventional exercises in Belarus, and has ongoing naval drills off the coast in the Black Sea.

The United States and many European countries have alleged for months that Russia is trying to create pretexts to invade. They have threatened massive, immediate sanctions if it does.

“We’re talking about



Demonstrators sing the national anthem during a protest in Odessa, Ukraine, Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022. [Photo credit: AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti]

the potential for war in Europe,” U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris said Sunday at a security conference in Munich, Germany. “It’s been over 70 years, and through those 70 years ... there has been peace and security.”

A top European Union official, Charles Michel, said: “The big question remains: does the Kremlin want dialogue?”

“We cannot forever offer an olive branch while Russia conducts missile tests and continues to amass troops,” said Michel, the president of the European Council.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called Saturday on Russian President Vladimir Putin to choose a place where the two leaders could meet

to try to resolve the crisis and on Sunday appealed for a cease-fire on Twitter. Russia has denied plans to invade, but the Kremlin had not responded to Zelenskyy’s offer to meet by Sunday, and it was Belarus — not Russia — that announced the extension of the drills.

NATO has estimated there are 30,000 Russian troops in Belarus.

After a call with French President Emmanuel Macron, Putin blamed Ukraine for the escalation at the contact line and NATO for “pumping modern weapons and ammunition” into Ukraine. The Kremlin statement mentioned a cease-fire only in passing and made no mention of Zelenskyy’s call for a meeting.

### Weekend Puzzle Solution

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## UN court hearings set to resume into Rohingya genocide case

AP — An international case accusing Myanmar of genocide against the Rohingya ethnic minority returns to the United Nations' highest court Monday amid questions over whether the country's military rulers should even be allowed to represent the Southeast Asian nation.

Four days of public hearings at the International Court of Justice start Monday into Myanmar's preliminary objections to the case that was brought by Gambia, an African nation acting on behalf of an organization of Muslim nations that accuses Myanmar of genocide in its crackdown on the Rohingya.

In August 2017, Myanmar's military launched what it called a clearance campaign in Rakhine state in the country's west in response to an attack by a Rohingya insurgent group. The campaign forced more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee to neighboring Bangladesh and led to accusations that security forces committed mass rapes and killings and burned thousands of homes.

Gambia argues that the campaign amounted to a breach of the genocide convention and wants the court to hold the country responsible.

The figurehead who led Myanmar's legal team in court last time there were



*Rohingya refugees gather near a fence during a government organised media tour, to a no-man's land between Myanmar and Bangladesh, near Taungpyolatyar village, Maung Daw, northern Rakhine State, Myanmar, June 29, 2018. [Photo credit: AP Photo/Min Kyi Thein, File]*

public hearings in the case — the nation's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi — is in prison after being convicted on what supporters call trumped up charges.

Opponents of Myanmar's military rulers say they have appointed two officials to the country's legal team at the U.N. top court who are the subject of international sanctions.

Critics of the military rulers say that the National Unity Government — a shadow civilian administration — should be representing the country at hearings in The Hague. The group says it has appointed an "acting alternate agent," U.N. Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, and says it's withdrawing

the country's preliminary objections.

"This is a shameful double-whammy. Myanmar is being represented at the ICJ by people sanctioned for gross human rights abuses and violating the rule of law," said Chris Gunness, director of the Myanmar Accountability Project. "But in any case, this illegal junta should not be representing Myanmar, it should be the NUG."

The court didn't respond to a request for comment on Myanmar's representation at the hearings.

"What's really important here is that ... if it is the junta that's in court, this is not something that should be taken to confer legitima-

cy on the junta," said Akila Radhakrishnan, president of the Global Justice Center.

At public hearings in late 2019, lawyers representing Gambia showed judges maps, satellite images and graphic photos to detail what they called a campaign of murder, rape and destruction amounting to genocide perpetrated by Myanmar's military.

That led the court to order Myanmar to do all it can to prevent genocide against the Rohingya. The interim ruling was intended to protect the minority while the case is decided in The Hague, a process likely to take years.

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## The Queen tests positive for COVID

BBC - The Queen has tested positive for COVID-19, Buckingham Palace has said.

The monarch is experiencing “mild cold-like symptoms” but expects to continue “light duties” at Windsor over the coming week, the palace said.

“She will continue to receive medical attention and will follow all the appropriate guidelines,” it added in a statement.

The Queen, 95, had been in contact with her eldest son and heir, the Prince of Wales, who tested positive last week.

It is understood a number of people have tested positive at Windsor Castle, where the Queen resides.

Following the announcement, the Palace issued a congratulatory message from the Queen to the Team GB Curling teams.

She heralded the teams’ “outstanding performance” at the Winter Olympics, which led to the women securing a gold medal and the men silver.



Queen Elizabeth II [Photo credit: BBC]

She added: “I know that your local communities and people throughout the United Kingdom will join me in sending our good wishes to you, your coaches and the friends and family who have supported you in your great success.”

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was “sure I speak for everyone in wishing Her Majesty The Queen

a swift recovery from Covid and a rapid return to vibrant good health”.

Leader of the Opposition, Labour’s Sir Keir Starmer, also wished the monarch “good health and a speedy recovery”, adding: “Get well soon, Ma’am.”

The positive test comes days before England is expected to drop the legal requirement to self-isolate for

those who catch Covid, as the last virus restrictions are set to be removed.

Outlining the thinking behind the government’s upcoming “living with Covid” plans, Mr Johnson told the BBC it was time to “shift the balance away from state mandation” and said the public can “get their confidence back”.

On the eve of her Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years on the throne on 6 February, the Queen carried out her first major public engagement for more than three months, meeting charity workers at Sandringham House.

The Queen, who will be 96 in April, had her first vaccine in January 2021 and is believed to have had all her follow-up jabs after that.

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military has seized control of the nation.

The takeover prompted widespread peaceful protests and civil disobedience that security forces suppressed with lethal force. About 1,500 civilians have been killed, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.

Earlier this month, the U.N. Security Council called for an immediate halt to violence throughout Myanmar and reaffirmed support for the country’s democratic

transition and democratic institutions.

The U.N.’s most powerful body also reiterated its call for the release of “all those who remain arbitrarily detained,” including Suu Kyi, whose elected government was ousted by the military on Feb. 1, 2021.

Radhakrishnan said the hearings should “are laying the groundwork for accountability in Myanmar — not only for the Rohingya, but for all others who have suffered at the hands of the military.”

## Wasim Akram inducted into PCB Hall of Fame

1992 World Cup winner and former captain Wasim Akram, who took a total of 916 wickets and scored 6,615 runs in an international career from 1984 to 2003, was formally inducted into the Pakistan Cricket Board Hall of Fame.

Sir Vivian Richards, one of the all-time greats and an ICC Cricket Hall of Famer, inducted Wasim Akram into the exclusive group by presenting him a commemorative cap and plaque before the start of 28th match in the HBL Pakistan Super League between Karachi Kings and Quetta Gladiators.

Akram is one of the eight Pakistan stalwarts who are members of the PCB Hall of Fame. The others include Imran Khan, Abdu Qadir, Fazal Mahmood, Hanif Mohammed, Javid Miandad, Waqar Younis and Zaheer Abbas who will be formally inducted into the prestigious group in the coming days.



Sir Vivian Richards with Wasim Akram

Wasim Akram said he felt privileged to have received the great honour from Sir Vivian Richards, one of the most iconic figures in cricket.

The former all-rounder complimented PCB for launching the initiative to recognise and acknowledge the contributions of former cricketers.

## West Indies to tour Netherlands

Cricket West Indies (KNCB) have announced the match schedule for the ever One-Day International (ODI) tour of the Netherlands Cricket Board West Indies Men's first

The tour will be the first ever ODI series between the two teams featuring three One-Day Internationals from May 31 to June 4 at the VRA Cricket Ground, Amstelveen.

The three matches form part of the ICC ODI Super League where West Indies and the Netherlands will have an opportunity to secure points and try and secure one of the top seven places, excluding host India, to gain automatic qualification for the 2023 ICC Men's World Cup.

The last time West Indies visited the Netherlands was in 1991 for two 55-over friendly matches.



# India beat West Indies by 17 runs, win series 3-0

Indian seamers fired in unison after Suryakumar Yadav's belligerent fifty as the hosts coasted to a series-sweeping 17-run win over the West Indies in the third and final T20I here on Sunday.

After Deepak Chahar limped off

the field after failing to complete the third over due to a hamstring injury, Harshal Patel (3/22), Venkatesh Iyer (2/23 from 2.1 overs) and Shardul Thakur (2/33) performed their tasks impressively to defend India's 184/5.

Wicket-keeper batter Nicho-

las Pooran continued his fine form slamming a third successive fifty (61 off 47 balls; 8x4, 1x6) but it was not enough as West Indies managed just 167 for nine.

The Windies spin duo of Hayden Walsh Junior (4-0-30-1) and Roston Chase (4-0-23-1) bowled brilliantly in the middle overs.

For Rohit, it was his third successive clean sweep as full time skipper, having earlier defeated New Zealand (0-3) in T20Is and West Indies (0-3) in ODIs. The win also matched their 2020 record of nine successive victories on the trot.

For the West Indies, this was their third successive bilateral series defeats away from home -- 0-2 to New Zealand in 2020-21 and 0-3 to Pakistan 2021-22 -- as they capped a forgettable India sojourn losing six matches on the trot (including three in the ODI leg).



India players celebrating.

## Richard Kilty says he will never forgive CJ Ujah

Richard Kilty says he will never forgive CJ Ujah after the Team Great Britain men's 4x100m relay team were stripped of their silver medals.

Only six months after winning sprint silver in the relay at the Tokyo Games, it was confirmed Team GB would be stripped of their medals after Ujah's doping violation.

The team was also made up of Zharnel Hughes, Richard Kilty and Neehaneel Mitchel-Blake. But all four runners will now lose their medals after Ujah tested positive for prohibited sub-



stances - ostarine and S-23 - after the race.

Kilty said it's officially gone and it's utterly devas-

tating.

"As a teammate I feel let down. My dream was always to give my son an

Olympic medal to take and show all the other kids at school. I don't think I'll ever be able to forgive him."



St. Vincent and the Grenadines captured the OECS & ECCB International Netball Series at Windsor Park in Dominica on Friday, 18 February, 2022. (Photo courtesy Dominican Netball Association)

## SVG captures 2022 OECS netball series title

St Vincent and the Grenadines are the new queens of netball in the sub-region as they emerged the top team after 6 days of intense competition at the OECS ECCB International Netball Series at Windsor Park in Dominica on Friday night.

St. Vincent entered the final day with St. Lucia locked on 16 points each, and it was winner take all in the final match of the competition.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines were leading 39-17 at the end of the 3rd quarter when rain brought a premature end to the match. A decision was then made to call off the match to avoid the risk of any injury to the players due to the slippery court.

Mary-Ann Frederick led all scorers with 32 points from 48 attempts for St. Vincent, while Shellisa Davis secured 5 from 9 tries and Zanique Vincent 2 from 5 shots.

For St Lucia, Roxanne Snyder

scored 11 from 13 attempts, Aailyah Estephor 4 from 8 and Safiya Paul 2 from 4 tries.

The overall results: St Vincent and the Grenadines were crowned champions, with St Lucia second, Antigua and Barbuda third, Dominica 4th and St. Kitts and Nevis 5th.

Barbados, who also participated in the tournament as an invitational team, won all of their five matches to top the standings with 25 points.

Awards were also handed out to deserving players and teams during Friday night's closing ceremony to mark the conclusion of the 12 to 18 February tournament.

Best Team on Parade - Dominica  
 Most Disciplined Team - Barbados  
 Shooter of the most goals - Mary Ann Frederick - St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
 Most Accurate Shooter - Latonia Blackman - Barbados  
 Best Defending Player - Shania Pompey

- St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
 Best Centre Court Player - Shania Pompey - St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
 Player of the Tournament - Shania Pompey - St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
 MVP Antigua and Barbuda - Rayana Regis (GS)  
 MVP Barbados - Shonette Azore-Bruce (WD)  
 MVP Dominica - Makerah George (WD)  
 MVP St. Kitts and Nevis - Rochella Challenger (GA)  
 MVP St. Lucia - Makeba Alcide (WD)  
 MVP St. Vincent and the Grenadines - Shania Pompey (WA)  
 Best Shooting Team - St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
 Best Defending Team - St. Lucia  
 3rd Place Antigua & Barbuda  
 2nd Place St. Lucia  
 1st Place/ Champions  
 Winners of the Gloria Ballantyne Trophy - St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

# Antigua and Barbuda claim third place at regional netball tournament

Antigua and Barbuda prevailed 45-42 over St. Kitts and Nevis in their final encounter to finish third in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) & Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series at Windsor Park in Dominica.

Goal shoot, Reyana Regis, sank 37 of her 50 attempts while team-mate Amey Lake converted 7 of her 10 shots for team Antigua/Barbuda.

Goal shoot, Aaliyah Gibson, scored 28 of 39 tries and goal attack Rochella Challenger converted 14 of her 16 attempts for St. Kitts and Nevis.

Their second victory of the tournament allowed Antigua and Barbuda to finish above host Dominica and St. Kitts and Nevis in the six team round robin tournament.

Guest team Barbados, who was not eligible for title honours as it is not a member of the OECS, prevailed 48-42 over St. Vincent and the Grenadines to finish the tournament unbeaten having won each of their five matches.

Goal shoot, Faye Agard, scored 23 of her 29 attempts and Latonia Blackman sank 16 of her 24 shots for Barbados while Vincentian goal shoot Mary-Ann Frederick converted 39 of 48 tries.



The Antigua and Barbuda team on parade during the opening ceremony of the second OECS & ECCB International Netball Series at Windsor Park Stadium in Dominica on Sunday 12 February, 2022. (Photo courtesy DNA)

St. Lucia beat Dominica 43-26 to set up a meeting with St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the championship.

Roxanne Snyder scored 29 of her 38 attempts and goal shoot Safiya Paul converted 11 of her 18 tries for the St. Lucians while Celena Langlais sank 18 of her 22 shots for the Dominicans.

Dominica claimed their first win of the tournament by recording a 68-46 victory over St. Kitts and Nevis, saw them finish the tournament in the cellar position having lost all of their matches.

The match marked the return of

goal shoot Anna Xavier Panthier and goal attack Galeine Serephine for Dominica.

The duo missed the first four games of the tournament due to illness, but they made their presence felt as they led Dominica to the comfortable 68-46 win.

Seraphine sank 44 of her 53 tries and Xavier-Panthier converted 24 of her 32 attempts for Dominica.

Aaliyah Gibson scored 24 of 32 tries and goal attack Rochella Challenger converted 18 of her 21 attempts for St. Kitts and Nevis.

# India name new Test captain

Rohit Sharma has been named captain of the Indian men's cricket team following Virat Kohli's exit.

The 34-year-old has been a regular since he opened the batting for the Test side in October 2019.

Rohit has already replaced Kohli as captain of the white-balls sides and he will now lead the Test

team in their two-match series against Sri Lanka,

Kohli quit as India's Test captain in January having resigned from the T20 leadership last year and was sacked as ODI skipper.

Rohit has scored 3,047 runs including eight centuries in 43 Tests since making his debut in 2013.



Rohit Sharma



## ABAA to elect new executive at AGM this week

The long overdue Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect a new executive to administer the affairs of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA) for the next four years will be held later this week.

Last Thursday night, incumbent president of the ABAA Everton Cornelius disclosed to Pointe FM's Sport Overflow that he will be seeking reelection at the body's AGM on 24th February, 2022.

Cornelius, who took over presidency of the ABAA in 2014, was reelected in 2016 in what should have been a four year term, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ABAA's AGM was deferred until this week.

"Seven clubs will participate in the elections and approximately twenty-two individual members. The clubs are Phoenix, Panthers, CPSA Wings, Antigua Pioneers Sports Club, Supernova Athletics and Fitness Club and Roots Athletics Club.

"Each club has a total of three votes and each individual member has one vote," Cornelius said.

"A candidate must be nominated by members who are in good standing and have no outstanding issues

with the association financially. They must be up to date with their finances and everything with the association. They are registered members of the association and they can nominate. A club can nominate and individual members can nominate as well. Those are the people who are eligible to participate in the election on February 24th," Cornelius explained.

Commenting on the leadership of the association, Cornelius said he has not been officially informed who his challengers will be.

All potential candidates have until tomorrow Tuesday 22nd February, to declare their intention to stand for posts in the organisation.

"I am running still, but the information of who all will be contesting the various seats, we should have all that information no later than February 22nd," Cornelius said.

"I have heard things, but I haven't yet seen anything in writing to say yes or no or what's going on. I think I saw something on social media that my friend Cleofoster Harris, will be vying for the presidency, which I think he has all right to do.

"I have heard rumours about Dr. (Philmore) Benjamin. I haven't seen anything in confirmation as yet.



*Everton Cornelius will seek reelection as president of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association during the organisation's Annual General Meeting on 24th February, 2022. (Photo Courtesy ABAA Facebook)*

"So you can say for now - just by listening to what is going on out there - three of us are vying for the position," Cornelius stated.

During the elections, the membership will select representatives to fill the posts of president, treasurer, assistant treasurer and four ordinary members.

The secretary and the assistant secretary are appointed by the president.

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and I think, for instance, if you are getting US\$15,000, US\$5,000 of that sum can be broken down and given to the clubs to help them to buy nutrition for their athletes."

Harris said member clubs must be allowed to host their own events which should be sanctioned by the national athletics association. Harris also said

he is establishing a scholarship to help develop young coaches and athletes.

Harris said coach Keswin Anthony, who will enroll at the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus (UWIFIC) to begin studies in marketing, will be the first recipient of his scholarship initiative.

"Also we must allow the individual clubs to host events under the ABAA cal-

endar and I will also have a scholarship programme.

"I want to announce that Keswin Anthony, a coach at YASCO, will be receiving my first scholarship at the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus," Harris said.

"He will not be able to study his preferred subject of Sports Management because UWI Five Islands does not offer that.

"However, he has opted to study marketing and with that, he will be better able to market his club, his athletes and build from there. As things progress, he will be able to do what he really wants to do.

"I am not only producing a flyer and talking, but I am going to do the job and ensure that I execute what I said I am going to do," Harris added.

## Harris makes bid for ABAA presidency

Improving communication among stakeholders and ensuring benefits for athletes in the twin island state are among the plans of Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association's (ABAA) presidential candidate Cleofoster Harris.

During an appearance on Sports Overflow on Pointe FM last Thursday, Harris announced his intention to challenge the incumbent, Everton Cornelius, for the ABAA presidency when the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) convenes at the St. Joseph's Academy on Thursday, 24th February, 2022, at 7pm.

Harris, a member of the ABAA and one of its affiliate clubs, Panthers Sports Club, said he feels now is the opportune time to contest the leadership of the organisation to which he will bring fresh ideas.

"At this young age, I think it is time for new ideas, fresher, young blood. As somebody who has connectivity, I think that the time is right. I had it on my mind during the pandemic lockdown period so I think

that, coming out of the pandemic and we are looking to open up more, it's time for me to bring these fresh ideas and a breath of fresh air," Harris said.

"I had been to several meetings last year when we were trying to make changes to the constitution. At those meetings some persons were trying to make sure the elections go one way, and both times I went to the meetings, there were tensions, hostility and the feelings in the room gave me that extra push to run," Harris added.

Harris said while campaigning for the elections, he realised the clubs affiliated with the ABAA are in need of financial and technical support, which he promised to provide if he is successful in attaining the top leadership post.

"I heard the incumbent speaking of two of my plans coming into this election. He spoke about coaching education and communication and that's on my flyer that I shared so I am not certain that he really has a plan.

"However, in cam-



Cleofoster Harris has announced he will be vying for the presidency of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association during the ABAA's Annual General Meeting on Thursday. (Photo courtesy Cleofoster Harris Facebook)

paiging and talking to the clubs and hearing their cries, I think that me and my slate will be able to get a better grasp of their situations.

"In my canvassing, I realised that the clubs need support. I heard Mr. Cornelius talking about getting

support from the government, which as you rightly said, the government cannot do everything.

"I think the national association receives a grant from the World Athletics Federation once we host a national championships

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