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# SIX-PHASE STRATEGY TO BRING SITUATION UNDER CONTROL: JR. MINISTER SAYS

Over the last few weeks, both the Opposition and the private sector have been voicing their concerns about the effect the extended border closure has had on their businesses. In various media outlets, business owners have been complaining about the precarious state of the local economy. The comments seemed to have reached the ears of Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles who in a statement on 11 September encouraged the hurting private sector.

In a statement titled "2020 Balancing Lives and Livelihoods During COVID-19" the Junior Minister said that she is aware of how the current precautionary measures were affecting businesses: "We also appreciate that this curfew represents a significant challenge for our small business community, workforce and the general public. In combatting disease there are seldom easy roads, but as we near the end of the mandated curfew period we are hopeful for a return to normalcy supported by a largely minimized active caseload."

One of the harshest criticisms has been that the government does not have a plan to target COVID 19 economic recovery. This GREN BYI where cladents love VING and Frends love INVESTING.

(L-R) Consultant, Premier's Office, Ms. Patlian Johnson, Director of Trade, Investment Promotions and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Karia Christopher, Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development, Honourable Shereen Flax- Charles, Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office, Dr. Carolyn O'Neal- Morton and Policy Analyst, Ms. Lizette George. (GIS Photo) (More on page 8)

complaint has been widely aired by both the Opposition and persons representing the private sector. Both groups have called on the government to share any such plan urgently. Equally concerned are workers whose reduced salary and higher supermarkets prices are a major problem.

Responding to these concerns the Junior Minister assured that the government has a plan on how to support the economy and manage COVID 19, and has been implementing this very plan.

Hon. Flax-Charles announced: "As early as March 2020, the Government sat in press

conferences, and with the Leader of the Opposition and Members of the Opposition, and thereafter released its HEOC's National Action Plan against the COVID-19 Pandemic. As detailed this pandemic planning is based on a six-phase strategy."

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## SIX-PHASE STRATEGY TO BRING SITUATION

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"1) Plan For It (the planning and preparedness) phase; 2) Keep It Out (the border management) phase; 3) Stamp It Out (the cluster control) phase; 4) Manage It (the pandemic management) phase; 5) Manage It: (the Post-Peak) phase; and 6) Recover From It (the recovery) phase."

Noting that the COVID 19 pandemic is a fluid situation, Hon. Flax-Charles explained that the government was moving forward in the best way: "As the situation evolves, so too must we. We have had to re-adjust the plan to address the recent unexpected spike, while still moving forward with Phase One of the plan

Virgin Islanders, Belongers, Permanent Residents and Naturalised Citizens."

"And, as of 1 September, I am happy to report that we have steadfastly commenced Phase Two of controlled re-entry welcoming work permit holders, work permit exemption holders; those with resident immigration status; H. Lavity Stoutt Community College students; exceptional approval for persons employed by the Government of the Virgin Islands and its Statutory Bodies, Agencies and Boards; and teachers (public and private); dependents (spouses and children) of Belongers,

for the controlled re-entry of Permanent Residents, and persons desirous of conducting business in the Territory," the Junior Minister explained.

> The Legislator assured the business community that government was not insensitive to their concerns: "Local businesses and local entrepreneurs are an important part of our BVI economy. Their perseverance and innovation are the driving forces of our domestic marketplace. Your Government is ever mindful that our BVI economy will be in serious trouble if local businesses go under because if that happens they will not be able to help with employment

generation and circulation of cash in our economic system."

Further, the Junior Minister implored the business community to be understanding that government is striving to strike a balance at this time: "We have been balancing this COVID-19 experience carefully, helping to save those jobs and those businesses so that they can save our economy. We even have been urging our entrepreneurs, business managers and innovators to recognise the importance and urgency for regrouping, retooling and reorienting their operations for the new era of living and working with COVID-19."

"The business operating environment as we knew is forever changed - whether we like it or not...over the last few months, business owners and managers around the world and here in the BVI have been learning how to function efficiently and effectively with less staff and through remote working using technology such as WhatsApp and Zoom. Many businesses have gone online...Your Government recognises that COVID-19 has caused - and continues to cause - significant economic impact on workers and businesses. That is why we put forward those initiatives to help our people to get through this pandemic," Hon. Flax-Charles added.

## **Ministry To Eradicate Illegal Residents & Unapproved Workers**

Minister for Labour and Immigration Hon. Vincent Wheatley announced this week that no effort would be spared to find persons who are residing or working illegally in the Territory.

Hon. Wheatley during a live Zoom meeting on 13 September on Facebook announced that there are many illegal residents in the Territory. The Minister, who was joined on the call by senior members of his Ministry, declared that plans were adopted and will be executed now to find all of the guilty persons.

The Minister declared: "There are a lot of persons

proper status, without proper time, their times have expired, or they are here as visitors, and they are working. We are asking persons not to do that."

According to Hon. Wheatley the list of contraveners also include persons who have a work permit for one person or business but is working for another: "There are persons who came in for Mary Jane who is working for John Doe and so forth, all those things are illegal, and we are asking persons to desist from those kinds of behaviours. In about a week time, we are going to

who are here without the have another task force that is going to be set up to flush these people out."

> Noting that efforts are being made to find guilty persons, Hon. Wheatley called on persons who are non-compliant to do the right thing: "I don't want to see anybody being affected by this, so I am asking persons, please abide by the current laws that we have. We have been very, very lenient but we cannot continue to be lenient, we are a country of laws. Because of COVID-19, we have been very, very lenient but we still cannot condone illegal activities

in the country. If you know you are here illegally, make your way to Immigration so we can know when you plan to leave."

The Immigration Minister said that the task force created to search and find the illegal residents will commence operations in a few days. "In about a week's time, we are going to have another task force that is going to be set up to flush these people out," he declared.

The seriousness of the situation and the plans to deal with those found guilty was highlighted by Acting Chief Immigration



Hon. Vincent Wheatley

Officer, Ian Penn who was also on the call. He told listeners, "If you are found out there working illegally, or you are here in the country overstaying, there is a penalty. We are putting things afoot to deal with this and stamp it out altogether. It is better that you come in and we deal with you than we have to come out and find you doing these things."

## **SVG Workers Returning Home: Minister Explains** The Situation

Minister for Health and country recorded preliminary Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone said that the Government and his Ministry will not be reacting to recent reports that another two persons who travelled from the BVI to St Vincent and the Grenadines tested positive for COVID 19.

The report of the new cases was circulated by a news agency in St Vincent and the Grenadines a few days ago. These reports claim that on 11 September, that Caribbean

positive results from the two returning nationals who arrived there on 5 September from the BVI.

Weeks ago, a similar announcement was made in St Vincent and as a result, the government decided to lock down Jost Van Dyke. Therefore residents were anxious to hear the government's response to this new report.

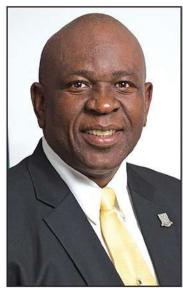
In addressing the concerns of residents the Minister for

Health that the BVI was going to take the "high road" on this one. The Minister said: "Several concerned persons have inquired about the Press Release by the Government of SVG as it is the second such "Preliminary Report" issued re: returning SVG residents from the BVI."

The Health Minister noted what happened following the previous announcement by St Vincent and explained that the BVI will act accordingly: "The first of such reports, when finalized, was reversed

when verified by CARPHA. BVI will take the high road, in the interim, until such time as this preliminary report is finalized. An official response is warranted once finalized and so too it will be. Your concerns are taken seriously," the Minister said.

In its recent announcement, the Vincentian authorities stated that the persons who arrived in that country from the BVI arrived with negative PCR results.



Hon. Carvin Malone

## Discipline Policy Is Ready: Education Minister Says

Although there is a virtual component to schooling this year, the Minister for Education Hon. Natalio Wheatley is still interested in student behaviour and announced that the promised Discipline Policy is ready.

In his outline of the plan for the 2020-2021 school year during the Professional Day ceremony held on 7 September Hon. Wheatley announced: "My mantra continues to be zero tolerance for indiscipline among students. We encourage all schools to approach discipline in a positive, student-centred manner. The overall aim of this approach is to foster disciplined students who have an internal sense of self-discipline and who are capable of self-management."

Therefore, Dr Wheatley said that educators and Ministry officials will be encouraging a new approach to discipline this year: "Procedures which encourage appropriate behaviour are central to a positive, proactive approach to discipline. Positive reinforcement or acknowledgement of appropriate behaviour is a key component of this positive behavioural management approach. It has been shown that acknowledging positive behaviour is more effective in motivating students than punishment."

Hon. Wheatley announced: "We have completed the review of the Student Code of Conduct and a new Discipline Policy which include positive and student-centred forms of discipline as well as itemized online learning protocols and behaviour management for online learning. I express thanks to UNICEF for funding these projects. The new Student Code of Conduct 2020 and the Discipline Policy will be introduced during this school year."

Last year in a statement marking the start of the new school year on 26 August 2019, it was announced by former Permanent Secretary in The Ministry of Education Dr Marcia Potter planed to formulate disciplinary measures. The then Education

Permanent Secretary disclosed that the Ministry had an immediate and longterm guide on the issue of discipline.

Dr Potter who was speaking on behalf of the Minister at the opening of the new academic year said: "Learning must take place in a disciplined environment and a clear structure is important for students. The Minister wishes to reiterate zero tolerance for indiscipline among students."

She further disclosed that in the furtherance of this vision a special committee was established, and an initial meeting was held: "Some very good suggestions were tabled at the meeting that was categorized as immediate,



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

short and long term. An action plan, inclusive of a timeline, will be developed to execute actions towards improving discipline in schools," Dr Potter disclosed.



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# Statement By His Excellency The Governor Augustus J.U. Jaspert On a personal level, my key issues facing the Territory family and I will be sad to This includes helping the sad to the sad

Good day to all,

As you know, I have served as Governor to the Virgin Islands for just over three years. A great deal has happened during that time, but one thing that has remained constant is my commitment to serving the people of BVI.

Many of you will be aware that I am due to finish my time as Governor at the end of 2020. As I approach the end of my appointment as Governor, I would like to update on the plans for my succession.

The new Governor will be John Rankin CMG, Mr Rankin has more than 30 years of experience in the public service, most recently serving as Governor to Bermuda. He will start as Governor to BVI in the new year. After discussions with Mr Rankin. I felt that a new Governor should have time to settle ahead of a new financial cycle, hurricane season and other opportunities and challenges that 2021 may bring. Mr Rankin will be an excellent Governor to the Virgin Islands.

On a personal level, my family and I will be sad to leave the people and beautiful islands that have made us feel at home. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have met and worked with so many inspiring individuals and to have served the people of BVI over the past years. I am also grateful that I was able to extend my appointment so that I could stay on to help the Territory plan and deliver our immediate response to the unprecedented circumstances we have faced this year.

In the next months, I remain firmly focussed on the

key issues facing the Territory. This includes helping the Territory to implement the next phases of the COVID-19 response; continuing hurricane preparedness work throughout the season; improving our security and justice systems so they continue to deliver for the people; and supporting good governance and public sector transformation. I will also be working to ensure a smooth transition to my successor in the New Year.

The UK and the Office of the Governor will continue to stand by the people of BVI and



His Excellency Augustus (Gus) Jaspert

I hope for the brightest future for these incredible islands and all communities who call them home

Thank you.

## **Governor Jaspert Announces BVI's Next Governor**

His Excellency the Governor has announced that Mr John Rankin CMG has been appointed as Governor to the British Virgin Islands, in succession to him.

Mr Rankin is expected to arrive in the new year when Governor Jaspert's appointment is due to conclude. This will allow time for him to settle ahead of the key priorities that the Territory expects to face in 2021. He brings with him more than 30 years of experience in the public service, most recently serving as Governor to Bermuda.

On his appointment as Governor, Mr Rankin said,

"I am very pleased to have been appointed as Governor of the Virgin Islands and I look forward to working

partnership with the Government in the new year. 2020 has not been without its challenges. But the people of the Virgin Islands have shown great strength and spirit in meeting those challenges and I promise to do all I can to support the building of further resilience against the risk of natural disasters. I look forward to contributing to life on the Islands and to carrying out my responsibilities under the Constitution in the areas of external affairs, security and good governance in service to the people of the Virgin Islands."

Governor Jaspert extended his appointment earlier this year in order to provide support and continuity throughout the Territory's initial COVID-19 response and what was expected to be an above average hurricane season. By the time of his departure at the end of the year, he will have served almost three and a half years as Governor.

His Excellency the Governor his underlined ongoing commitment to supporting the people of BVI and ensuring a smooth transition with his successor in the months ahead. He said, "I am very grateful for the opportunity to have met and worked with so many inspiring individuals and to have served the people of BVI over the past years. I know the new Governor and the UK will continue to stand by the people of BVI and work earnestly to achieve the very best for the Territory."

#### CURRICULUM VITAE

Full name: John James Rankin

2016 - present: Bermuda, Governor

2016: FCO, Acting Director, Americas Directorate

2015: Kathmandu, Acting Ambassador to Nepal



2011 – 2015: Colombo, British High Commissioner and Non-Resident High Commissioner to the Maldives

2008 – 2010: FCO, Director, Americas

2007 – 2008: FCO, Assistant Director, Human Resources (Operations)

2003 – 2007: Boston, Her Majesty's Consul General1999 – 2003: Dublin, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission

**1998 – 1999:** Dublin, First Secretary (Political)

1996 – 1998: FCO, Deputy Head, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe and Council of Europe Department

**1994 – 1996:** FCO, Senior Assistant Legal Adviser and later Legal Counsellor

1991 – 1994: Geneva, Legal Adviser, UK Mission to the United Nation and to the Conference on Disarmament

1988 – 1991: FCO, Assistant Legal Adviser and later Senior Assistant Legal Adviser

1988: Joined FCO

## 2020 SAT Administration

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture will be administering the next sitting of SATs on Saturday, December 5.

Candidates interested in testing are asked to complete their registration online using the following information: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international

Test Centre Name Test Centre Number High School Code

High School Name

- Ministry of Education & Culture

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Applicants should note however, that a free user account must first be created in order to commence the registration process and to submit the information by November 5.

SATs are administered at the Elmore Stoutt High School (Senior Campus) located at the old Clarence Thomas Building. Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. and candidates should be seated by 7:30 a.m. to receive instructions.



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## **Location:**

James Frett Building, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola Major Bay, East End/Long Look, Tortola

#### **BVI Ports Authority Announces Permission to Accept Technical Calls and Warm Layups**

September 12, 2020 –Tortola, British Virgin Islands – The BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA) today announced that permission has been granted for the acceptance of technical calls and warm layups at its seaports. The Government of the Virgin Islands has agreed on conditions to allow cruise ships to carry out short-term berthing at the BVI Ports Authority's Cruise Pier and Port Purcell dock under strict

DAY OF THE WEEK

health and safety rules.

It is important for the BVIPA to stay in line with the Government's decision to suspend cruise liner visits to the Territory during the current COVID-19 Pandemic. But the cruise business can be continued via what is known as a technical call or warm layup. This is not a cruise call, the vessel does not have any passengers on board, and it will be berthing exclusively to take on bunkers,

provisions, spare parts and other services. No crew members will be allowed to disembark from the vessel, and no attendance on board the vessel from shore based staff will be permitted during its stay in the BVI.

A technical call is usually a short duration, from several hours to a couple of days whilst a warm layup would be for an extended period of time. A technical call implies that a vessel would be allowed pratique of short duration, from several hours to three days. A technical call allows a ship to refuel or restock and would be for a short duration during which time there is no contact between people dockside and from the ship. A warm or hot layup allows a vessel to be docked for longer periods of time, in some instances up to a year. During this time the vessel is out of service, but can be mobilized into service at a short notice. Warm layup entails a reduced level of crewing and assumes a reduction in regular fuel consumption, repairs/ maintenance costs. Cruise Ships are acceptable vessels to be considered for Technical Calls or Warm Layups.

The economic benefits of extending technical calls or warm layups include ships carrying out refueling, repair and start-up activities in the Territory before they can set sail again. Deputy Managing Director, Oleanvine Maynard indicated that "Government is already looking ahead and has created an economic task force which is tasked with evaluating

and preparing the BVI to be best positioned as we reboot the economy. The Port is one of the areas which is considered critical to our economy and as such we must adapt."

The BVIPA believes that maintaining a link with and continuing to service the cruising industry in the safe manner proposed with technical calls/warm layups can be a vital part of the rebooting strategy.

"We wish to thank the Government of the Virgin Islands and our local shipping agents for its collaborative approach, and for working closely with us on this initiative. Providing supplies and fuel is of vital importance for the maritime industry," said Dean Fahie, Ag. Managing Director of the BVIPA.

Fahie went on to add that "cruise companies will appreciate the BVI's reasonable stance in providing safe shelter and berthing arrangements with respect to existing restrictions and full compliance with health and safety rules."



#### THE AM ADVANTAGE

#### **ZBVI PROGRAM GUIDE**

#### WHEN LAST HAVE YOU LISTENED?

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DAY OF THE WEEK	PROGRAM	TIME
TUESDAYS:	SPEAK OUT BVI	8 – 9:30PM
	HONESTLY SPEAKING	5 – 6PM
WEDNESDAYS	LIVING WELL 24/7	9 – 9:30AM
	HOT SEAT RE-VISITED  1st & 3rd Wednesday	8 – 9:30PM
	DYAS VOICE (Sports) 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7 -8PM
THURSDAYS	UMOJA	8 – 9:30PM
FRIDAYS	BODY & SOUL	7 – 8PM
	THREE D SHOW	8 -9:30PM
SATURDAYS	CARIBBEAN GOLD feat MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC	7:45 – 9AM
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10 – 11AM
	LET'S BE REAL	2 – 3PM
	SPORTS TALK	5 – 6:30PM
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7 – 8PM
SUNDAYS	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3 – 7PM
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# Labour Department Appointments Can Be Rescheduled

Persons who had scheduled appointments with the Department of Labour and Workforce Development prior to the recent curfew order can now contact the department to have them rescheduled.

Appointments can be made Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The department can be contacted via telephone at 468-4707, 468-4708 or by email at labour@gov.vg.

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#### OPERATION OF UNLICENSED MONEY SERVICES **BUSINESS IN THE BVI**



BVI Financial Services Commission (the "Commission") reminds members of the public that operating a Money Service Business ("MSB") is a regulated activity that requires a licence.







In this example, Shane is conducting a money services business that requires licensing.

The Financing and Money Services Act, 2009 provides for the regulation, licensing and supervision for persons carrying on financing and money services businesses.

#### PENALTY

If NOT licensed, and Shane is carrying on an unlicensed money services business, he has committed an offence. Shane may be liable to the following penalties:



- A fine of \$75,000 USD;
- 3 years imprisonment; or
- Both 3.

#### Money Services operation includes:



Money transmission services (the business of moving money between bank accounts or from one person or organisation to another)

's family can then pick up the funds in the U.S.A. from Shane's associate



Cheque cashing services;



Currency exchange services;



The issuance, sale or redemption of money orders or traveller's cheques; or



An agent or franchise holder of a person carrying on any business specified above. If you or anyone you know is aware of persons carrying out unlicensed money services business, you should report it to any of the following:

- The Commission at BankingandFiduciary@bvifsc.vg;
- The Financial Crimes Unit of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force at rvipolice@gov.vg; or
- The Financial Investigation Agency at info@fiabvi.vg.

Relevant persons may submit further queries on licensing a money services business to:

Mrs. Cindy George-Maduro, Regulator in Banking, Insolvency & Fiduciary services at 852-4772 or george-maduroc@bvifsc.vg.

## Over 1000 Small Businesses To Receive Stimulus Grant

Over 1000 small businesses have qualified for the economic stimulus grant and will begin to receive their cheques beginning this week.

The announcement was

made yesterday, September 14, by Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie during the live 'Launch of Payment of COVID-19 Small Business Stimulus Grant and UNDP

Grant'.

The Premier said that 1,039 small businesses in the Virgin Islands will receive economic stimulus.

Premier Fahie said, "At the end of the application deadline

on 21 August, 2020, some 1,423 businesses had applied and were reviewed in accordance with the set guidelines for distribution of the Grant. Of the 1,423 businesses that were reviewed, 1,039 businesses were successful and will be awarded grants ranging from \$1,592 to \$7,955."

This maximum range is to ensure that as many businesses as possible will be able to benefit, as a means to stimulate economic activity.

In giving the breakdown of the distribution of funds, the Premier and Minister of Finance said that for security purposes the names of the businesses will not be releases, but shared information based on districts as follows:

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#### **Key Responsibilities**

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- · Creating and updating training materials as required.
- Ad-hoc training requirements, including soft skills, sales training or product specific training
- Liaison with all business arears to ensure training requirements meet business needs.
- Ensure all training is up to date with current legislation

#### Skills and Experience

- Experience of large operations with international client base spanning multiple time zones.
- Must have a training delivery track record.
- Be able to produce the required materials.

#### Desirable Experience

- Knowledge of the Corporate Service Provider Industry.
- Have worked as a trainer previously.
- Experience of delivering coaching on a 1-2-1 basis or within a group.
- ICF/ EMCC or equivalent accredited certification preferred.

#### **Key Competencies**

- . The ability to work in a team.
- Prepared to push forward enabling the business to achieve business goals.
- Thrives on activity and enjoys working in a fast-paced environment
- Persuasive in approach.
- Socially outgoing and is comfortable talking about personal success and achievements.

#### Compensation

Competitive compensation will be offered, based on the successful candidate's relevant experience and overall suitability for the position.

#### How to Apply

Applications should include a complete C.V. and will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Please clearly outline the skills and attributes you would bring to the role, your availability and salary expectations. Applications should be submitted to Muriel Smith at msmith@tridentrust.com.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF BUSINESSES	GRANT AMOUNT \$
DISTRICT 1	68	399,290
DISTRICT	2 102	598,140
DISTRICT	3 91	548,825
DISTRICT	4 280	1,665,565
DISTRICT	5 68	404,063
DISTRICT	6 113	644,273
DISTRICT	7 59	354,748
DISTRICT	8 90	518,600
DISTRICT	9 169	1,005,384
Total	1039	6,138,889

The Premier said that the payments will assist business' overheads, purchases, or debt repayments will be made directly to the beneficiaries, where they would be required to sign a declaration that will ensure adherence to the terms and conditions as required for the use of the funds by providing evidence of same.

"The MSME grants are being processed and disbursed in accordance with Cabinet's decision from the approved Small Business Sector Grant Programme via the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package, in the amount of six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000.00) from the Social Security Board," he added.

The Small Business Sector Grant Programme was established for the purpose of assisting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, in meeting operational expenditure, while stimulating economic activity by facilitating the circulation of money within the Territory.



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## STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS, FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLE

## AT PROFESSIONAL DAY PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020** 

(Continue from last week)

#### Curriculum

The VI Literacy Programme has completed its second year since its implementation in 2018. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 were tested in Advent and Lent terms to determine improvement in their literacy. In spite of the challenges faced in Trinity term due to COVID-19, some schools were able to assess their students' progress. Generally, the trend in all schools indicates that there was a steady improvement in student performance. Some schools exhibited outstanding results with students reading beyond their grade level. The VI Literacy Programme will expand in the 2020/2021 academic year to include Grade 4. The focus of the programme for this year will be Comprehension and developing Critical Literacy skills.

The approach to Mathematics Education, its content and delivery is under review. Our students continue to struggle with grasping the basic concepts of the subject and its application. This year the approach of teaching Mathematics through discovery will be encouraged. Practice, practice and more practice until there is evidence of understanding before moving on to the new concept.

As a part of my remit, I fully intend to ensure that Virgin Islands' culture, cultural heritage and history are taught consistently throughout our entire education system, from the primary, secondary and through to the tertiary levels. Our children must be thoroughly immersed in our heritage and culture.

This year, the Department of Culture will be working with the Ministry of Education to administer a series of questionnaires, surveys and conduct interviews designed to investigate and gain a true picture as to the extent to which the heritage and culture of the Virgin Islands is taught throughout our entire education system. It is always good to be scientific in our methods and assess the nature of a problem before implementing solutions.

Through this method, the content resources and content specific methodologies and pedagogy for the teaching of Virgin Islands heritage, culture and the arts throughout the education sector will be assessed. The data collected will be analysed in order to organise and develop any and all forms of support needed and, in some cases, introduce new concepts.

This year we will combine efforts with the BVI Tourist Board and introduce a collaborative Culture and Tourism month in November. The first week, 2nd – 6th November will be the annual culture week of activities in the schools. The culmination of the

school's activities during that week will be an arts festival during which each school will make a presentation in one area of the arts and culture. We will also organize a "game show" style of competition event between the schools which will be based on Virgin Islands' heritage and culture.

Online education has brought some major adjustments to the pedagogical process as they were in the system. Collaboration in lesson planning and development has been across the board, an initiative for which we have been Public and private longing. school teachers worked together to formulate lessons, assessments, and activities by grade levels and by subjects at both primary and secondary levels. This has been beneficial and definitely in keeping with best practices for advancement in education at this time. I fully endorse the collaborative approach to lesson preparations that is taking place across the schools this school year. I encourage all teachers to become engaged in the process on your grade level as in the primary schools and by subject areas in the secondary schools.

Computers, laptops, Chrome books, digital textbooks, promethean boards in classrooms, and tablets will be a regular part of the teaching and learning process this year as students will be engaged in and out of the

classroom with online learning. The Loan Programme that was started last year will continue and we are also going to offer this year a "Loan to Own" programme. This means that for those who wish to do so, the Ministry will allow partial payments until the full price is paid and then the device will be officially signed over to the student. The digital textbooks, Virgin Islands Digital Education (VIDE), at the junior secondary school will continue. Students can use this as their sole device as they have been prepared with the books as well as the online access needed for classes.

To facilitate online learning, there is an option now for teachers to come to the schools and use the internet infrastructure available which was upgraded last term. We have reengaged discussions with the telecommunication providers on ways in which we can address some of the internet challenges that parents expressed informally last term and formally through the recently concluded survey on the online learning experience.

Virtual education and remote learning will continue. As I stated earlier, we have to provide ongoing reports to Cabinet. In the event that Cabinet grants approval for adjustments to be made to allow students to return to the classroom, we will utilize a somewhat hybrid situation called blended learning. With the social distancing requirements, classroom spaces will not be able to accommodate students as in the past. Various forms of blended learning will be used at schools to accommodate students in a staggered manner.

Training for the effective use of the online platforms and Google suites will take place next week and throughout the year to improve performance and develop greater levels of competence for parents, teachers and students. We wish to see the integration of technology in education in a very real way. COVID-19 forced us to make this decision and we will continue to engage this 21st century approach to Education.

An Integrated Curriculum allows students to make connections among different subject areas and to their own lives. When students make these connections and understand why they need to know certain skills or pieces of knowledge, the learning process becomes positive for the students. integrated curriculum connects different areas of study by emphasising related concepts across subject matters. There will be a concerted effort this year in moving towards integration of subject disciplines. This style of curriculum makes it easier for students to make connections and to engage in relevant activities as well as it facilitates online learning. Especially with the changes brought by COVID-19, it is important that we maximise the learning time and ensure students are learning key concepts.

#### **Special Education**

I have granted permission to the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies to pilot a Vocational Trade grade at the institution where selected students will be the first to follow a course geared specifically toward helping students get employmentready skills and knowledge for particular occupations. This proposed "Trade stream" will cater to students not academically inclined but are rather good with their hands. It will allow for a more skill oriented curriculum along with an apprenticeship programme which would see students attending school for three days per week and attached to an industry for two days. By graduation out of secondary school, the students in this programme would be work ready and able to receive certification in their chosen field as well as their secondary certification from the Virgin Islands system.

Similarly, the Alternative Secondary-Education Programme will introduce an Apprenticeship Programme. It will be a supervised work-based programme with a

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## **COMMENTARY**

## Covid 19 and the Debt Tool

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

#### September 11, 2020

In a world that was already awash with debt, before the Covid 19 Pandemic, it appears debt remains the one tool for keeping the global economy alive, until the pandemic ends

OK. The good news is that the Covid 19 Pandemic may well be over by December 2021.

A vaccine is expected to be approved and widely

distributed in 2021. There is also the development of swift testing using a basic saliva test that offers immediate results. Both of these-vaccine and swift test-will see the world return to an economic normal by early 2022.

Then the vaccine must be safe. Globally, pharmaceutical companies are in a rush to develop and market any approved vaccine in 2021.

Internationally, lockdowns to prevent the spread of Covid has placed much of the global economy on life support. The Caribbean and the Virgin Islands are not alone in their economic struggle. And catastrophic job losses from the shuttering of businesses are a worldwide phenomenon.

Consequently the one route back to normalcy is government investment and public borrowing, to keep economies on life support.

Countries with multi trillion dollar GDPs are able to borrow cash cheaply, especially in a post 2008 deflationary environment.

The USA for example has borrowed over 3 trillion dollars from investors through QE. This has kept the US economy from total collapse.

The same is true for much of Europe, where huge government borrowing is keeping people and businesses from poverty and bankruptcy.

The current economic solution to forestall widespread economic collapse is government's insuring their countries against the huge costs of the pandemic through public spending and stimulus packages.

Thankfully the world is faced with super low interest rates and deflation.

The preceding means governments can borrow cheaply and sustainably, even without limit. The reason is that interest rates over past decades have been on a declining trend. Then post the 2008 recession the deflationary environment has persisted.

Consequently, everywhere, borrowing costs are low.

Governments around the world can sustain much greater debt levels in a world of cheap debt.

Then inflation is not a worry. In past years flooding the markets with cash led to inflation which was a turn off for savers and led to boom and bust cycles.

However, when there is low inflation, investors are happy buying government debt, even though that debt earns a low rate of interest.

The fact is that in the age of Covid, the one route to a sustainable economy, short, medium, and long term, and in the midst of economic disaster, is government borrowing and huge public spending.

Thankfully, in an environment of low inflation, borrowing trillions of dollars from investors to inject into the world economy remains sustainable, even desirable.

The one caveat is that this debt will have to be repaid in the coming years. And a global debt overhang lasting well into the 2030s will have consequences yet unknown for even the most brilliant economists.

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## Customs K-9 Unit Gets Vehicles To Strengthen Border Security

Her Majesty's Customs K-9 Unit has been gifted three vehicles with high specifications from the Government of the Virgin Islands to assist with border security operations in the Territory.

were purchased to enhance the capabilities of the K-9 Unit which is a vital part of the Joint Taskforce.

The safety of our people comes first and as a Government we continue



Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie said that the vehicles

to ensure that our Customs officers have the necessary equipment to assist them with their daily responsibilities in law enforcement and border security," the Minister of Finance said.

He added the vehicles are a necessary addition to further strengthen the capability of the team as the Joint Task Force continues to work diligently and with great commitment in 'The New Regular, living and working with COVID-19'.

"I thank all the law enforcement officers of the Joint Task Force for their continued dedication to protecting lives. This joint partnership indeed allows for full engagement in the Territory's capacity and capability in strengthening and improving security upon our Territorial waters and on land throughout the islands."

Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Wade Smith said the new vehicles will be used to compliment the entire border security operations currently being conducted by the Joint Taskforce to protect the Virgin Islands from illegal entry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Commissioner described the support of the K-9 Unit as vital, stating that the K-9 handlers are experienced with expertise in detecting contraband and humans from entering the Virgin Islands through thorough inspections of containers, cargo and passengers transported via land, air or sea.

Mr. Smith who is also Chair of the Joint Taskforce expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Minister of Finance for ensuring that the finances were available to equip the Joint Taskforce with the much needed resources to protect the Territory's borders and keep the frontline officers safe during this special operation.

The Joint Task Force is a collaboration between officers of Her Majesty's Customs, the Immigration Department,

and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. The Task Force was established to increase surveillance and enforcement on sea and land during this COVID-19 era. This multiagency approach to law enforcement has taken a zero-tolerance stance to crime on land and sea and seeks to foster safer communities for legal residents.

The officers involved have expressed their commitment to remaining focused on playing their respective roles in keeping the BVI safe during this pandemic and beyond.

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to take measures to further strengthen the protection of the BVI sea borders as part of the COVID-19 24-hour mitigation strategy under the theme, 'BVILOVE: Partnering and Protecting Our Sea Borders In The New Regular'.

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duration of at least one calendar year for each cohort, after which the apprentice would have a final assessment and be certified.

#### Infrastructural Development

Since the impact of the 2017 hurricanes on various educational facilities, efforts have been ongoing to restore buildings to a useful state to facilitate a safe learning environment for teachers and students. For the upcoming school year, renovations will continue, architectural drawings will be finalized and we hope to break ground on a few buildings.

At the Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division, work started on 26th May, 2020 with general demolition of Buildings 2 and 3, Administration and Restroom Blocks. Removal of damaged roof structure was completed and preparation for steel reinforcement of metal roof composite began on Building 3. Construction of the external stairs, ramp for persons with disabilities and framing of windows and doors have commenced

Procurement of major items such as metal roof composite decking, windows and doors, flooring was completed. However, they are facing major delays with shipping to the Territory. The project was halted due to limited ferry service to and from Virgin Gorda and the recent curfew order. This project was originally scheduled to be completed by end of December, but a new completion date will be established taking into consideration the aforementioned challenges.

During a recent community meeting on Jost Van Dyke, the relevant information was gathered for the purpose of making a comparative analysis on the location of the new Jost Van Dyke Primary School. The finalisation of the funding arrangements to contract an architect and engineer is at an advanced stage, so we are moving another step closer to advancing this project.

The architect for the new Eslyn Henly Richez Learning Centre was contracted and the preliminary design was submitted. Having met with various stakeholders and cognisant of the needs of the students, the architect has now been commissioned to continue with the plans for the facility. The new school will be located directly behind of the Althea

Scatliffe Primary School on the compound of the Magistrate's Court, following Cabinet's decision for the land swap to take place.

A master plan for the Elmore Stoutt High School has been talked about for many years. I am pleased to note that through the kind assistance of the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), we are now benefiting from the kind assistance of Construction for Change, a nonprofit construction company out of the United States, who will help us with that Master plan.

Summer Institute

As you continue to participate in the Summer Institute training sessions throughout this week, please make use of the opportunities afforded you to develop yourselves professionally and participate fully.

The Advent Term for public schools will begin on 14th September and will end on 11th December 2020. Classes for students will begin on 21st September 2020. Students are not expected to report to the school for classes unless further advised. Classes will be conducted online for the most part via remote methods and when deemed safe, select groupings will have face to face sessions. Teachers are expected to take responsibility in facilitating learning using a variety of experiences all from a remote setting. School buildings are to remain open and resources must be fully available for use by teachers as required in the delivery of the curriculum and the teaching and learning process.

There will be two categories of students: those who are available in the online environment and those who are not available online. Teachers may be faced with having the two categories of students in their classroom. For those available for online learning, it is expected that teachers will utilise the curriculum guides, lessons and assessments that will be developed by each grade level. There should be at least three

live sessions per day for each student through the designated online platform. Other sessions for the online student should be in the form of seat work using textbooks and uploaded material on Google Classroom.

For those students who will not be available online, and this could be because they do not have devices or sufficient internet connectivity, teachers are then expected to prepare printed packets for them to be able to access education. Packages should be available at the schools and parents should collect them from their child's school. The completed work should be returned to the teacher, feedback received, and the parents should collect a new packet every Friday. That means work for the week should be dropped off on Friday, feedback for the student returned and a new packet is collected the same day.

Teachers are encouraged to come to school for work and this would have them using the available resources there for the most effective planning and implementation of lessons. The resources for printing such as photocopying machines for the preparation of packages can also be used. Work from home arrangements will be permitted where the teacher is better accommodated given their individual situations. This should be approved by the principals once the delivery of the curriculum is not compromised.

#### Conclusion

I wish to thank all Education Officers, principals, teachers, other education professionals as well as other staff for your hard work. Thank you for continuing to ensure that our students are set for success so that they can lead productive lives and make their contributions to the development of our Territory. I wish you a successful 2020/2021 academic school year and may God continue to bless you and keep you. May His light continue to shine on you and this Territory.

Quality education always helps to ensure security, welfare and prosperity of a nation. Therefore, let us all keep education as the first priority of this developing Territory.

## Joint Task Force Receives Equipment To Enhance Border Patrol

The Joint Task Force will be receiving a donation of critical maritime security equipment today from the Governor's Office in support of its work to protect the Territory's borders.

The first package arrived in the Territory and contains maritime binoculars and life preservers. This will be shortly followed by shipments which contain state of the art night-vision goggles and GPS devices.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. Augustus Jaspert said this support means that more law enforcement officers will be able to conduct marine patrols, where they will be equipped with the latest technology to spot and deter illegal entries into BVI. This will help protect against the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard public health.



The Governor said, "The Joint Task Force has been working extremely hard to patrol our extensive land and sea borders. This new equipment will help extend their efforts and capabilities even more. It is imperative that we do everything we can to protect the integrity of our borders and the safety of the people of BVI."

Acting Commissioner of Police Mr. Alwin James said he welcomed the additional equipment.

He said, "It is much needed equipment that will provide for the safety of officers and enhance the ability of the team to do the job more effectively especially in the COVID-19 era of protecting our borders and communities."

The maritime security equipment will be transferred to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) and the Customs Marine Team after the Joint Task Force no longer requires it.

In addition, the United Kingdom has also funded essential equipment for the RVIPF's main sea vessel, St Ursula, to get it back on the water and kitted out with high-specification navigation equipment.

The Governor said that this will increase both agencies' long-term capacity to tackle criminal activity at sea.

The Joint Task Force is a collaboration between officers of the Immigration Department, Her Majesty's Customs, and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. This task force was developed in response to COVID-19 to maintain the security and integrity of the Territory's borders and to provide effective enforcement of curfew requirements, while giving visible reassurance to communities.

The Governor's Office is committed to ensuring that law enforcement officers have the support they need to secure the Territory's border and keep the people of the BVI safe.



**GUYANA** - The Barbados-based Regional Security System (RSS) is scheduled to visit Guyana to help in the probe of the recent murders and unrest that occurred in sections of the country. This was revealed by Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo during a recent online live forum.

According to Jagdeo, the team will be dispatched to Guyana shortly, to ensure that a transparent investigation into the killings of two cousins – Joel Henry, 16 and Isiah Henry,19 along with the killings of two others-Haresh Singh,17 and Chatterpaul Harripaul, 34.

The RSS – is an international agreement for the defence and security of the eastern Caribbean region. It was created in 1982 to counter threats to the stability of the region in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"We have already contacted the RSS and they will be sending in a team of people; the regional security group to assist our police with the investigation because we want everybody to know. There's always a say that there is a coverup. We want this investigation to be done transparently with international help. They will be coming in to assist the police with the investigation," Jagdeo said.

While the RSS will be working in conjunction with the Guyana Police

Force, the Administration has taken a proactive step of contacting the United Nations to identify those who were responsible for fuelling hate and ethnic division among the people.

According to Jagdeo, the International Commission of Inquiry (Col) will look at the series of events holistically and draw muchanticipated answers.

"We are also writing the United Nations because we don't believe that people who stir up hatred and ethnic fear should go scotfree...Hopefully, the Commission of Inquiry done internationally will look at the killings but they would also look at all the subsequent events thereafter," Jagdeo said. (Caribbeannationalweekly)

POINTE BLANCHE: – A number of employees at Port St. Maarten participated in a mental health workshop titled, "Surviving the Pandemic," via Zoom that was given by Mental Health Foundation (MHF) Psychologist Tameka Lambert MS last week Friday.

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a mental health crisis in the Americas at a scale never seen before, adding that mental health support is considered a critical component of the pandemic response.

COVID-19 is not only just a physical health crisis. While people are remarkably resilient and are able to move forward despite certain impacts on their life, their capacity to cope can be stretched to a limit.

Contributing factors are fear of infection, confinement, isolation, stigma, discrimination, loss of livelihoods and uncertainty about the future, can increase mental health issues and needs among the populace.

Port St. Maarten Management: "We know these are very trying times for everybody including our staff, and many in our community are facing burnout, anxiety and depression. (SMN News)

**BEIJING, (Xinhua)** – The State Council, China's cabinet, on Sunday unveiled new rules to regulate market access of financial holding companies.

The new regulation requires nonfinancial companies or other eligible entities, which control at least two financial institutions doing business across financial sectors, to apply to and get approval from the People's Bank of China to establish financial holding companies.

The move is aimed at plugging regulatory loopholes and deepening financial reforms amid efforts to maintain market order, reduce risks and enhance support for the real economy, according to a notice released by the State Council.

The regulation, which will take effect on November 1 this year, specifies rules on a wide range of issues concerning the market access of financial holding companies,

including registered capital, shareholders, actual controllers, capital replenishment and risk management. Enditem.

MADRID - Eight million Spanish children are going back to school on a year when some regional governments have pushed back the start date to better prepare against Covid-19. While most kids started classes this week, the first day of school for Catalan children will be September 14, and for those in the Canary Islands it will be September 15.

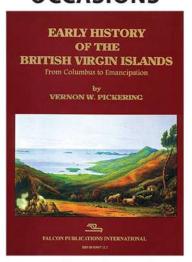
While adults continue to discuss how best to manage the situation, the students themselves are clear about their priorities and are putting forward solutions such as free play, choosing their bubble group, face masks for the older children only, outdoor classes, and guaranteed sports activities.

Among their complaints, two stand out: nobody has bothered to consult them, and the politicians have taken bewildering decisions. A group of 12 students between the ages of seven and 17 shared their thoughts on the return to school. (El Pais)

ROME, - Far right League leader Matteo Salvini was booed and pelted with tomatoes as he addressed an election rally in the town of Torre del Greco, near Naples, on Friday. "Those who throw tomatoes are not protesting, they are uncivilized," said Salvini, who was in the town as part of a tour ahead of elections in seven Italian regions this month, including Campania. Last week a young woman from Congo pushed and shoved Salvini, ripping his shirt and breaking off the rosary around his neck, as he arrived for an election rally at Pontassieve near Florence. (ANSA).

THE NETHERLANDS -At least 66 fur farm workers and their family members have been infected with coronavirus, scientists say in an investigation into the outbreak of Covid-19 at 16 Dutch fur farms up to the beginning of June. In a number of cases, the virus has been passed from mink to humans, the scientists say in an preliminary article on scientific website biorxiv.org. Farm minister Carola Schouten said earlier that the risk of animal to human transmission was not great, even though two cases were confirmed at the start of the outbreak. The team used genome sequencing to trace the spread of the virus between mink, cats and humans and found that 66 people and 11 cats all had a 'mink variety' of the virus. In one case, they found that the virus had been introduced by an infected worker, but in most cases it

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was hard to establish how the virus had spread. There is no evidence of airborne infection because neighbouring farms had different varieties of the virus, the scientists say. [DutchNews.nl]

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Euro zone governments must keep spending heavily to aid the bloc's recovery from its historic pandemic-induced recession, complementing already super-easy monetary policy, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said on Sunday.

With debt levels blowing past 100% of GDP this year, concerns are rising that politicians will struggle to push through more support and some subsidies, raising the risk that employment and income schemes could abruptly end. "Confidence in the private sector rests to a very large extent on confidence in fiscal policies," Lagarde said in a speech. "Continued expansionary fiscal policies are vital to avoid excessive job shedding and support household incomes until the economic recovery is more robust."



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# BVI's international supermodel Brionka Halbert was spotted in renowned VOGUE MAGAZINE

Territorial pride is flying high right now as BVI's international supermodel Brionka Halbert was spotted in renowned Vogue magazine. The local beauty's images in the September edition of this world famous magazine has caused excitement here in the BVI.

During a 2016 interview with models.com Brionka praised her homeland touting, "Nature's Little Secrets are known to have the best beaches throughout the world. I'm from Tortola but I love spending time in Virgin Gorda at "The Baths." Our culture and vibe as a people makes me proud to be from the British Virgin Islands."

She shared that her model career officially commenced when she was scouted by a security guard at her high school in Florida. She said that

she was first signed while in high school and the later after graduation she traveled to New York and was signed by NEXT -- the modelling agency at the top of her list.

In response to a question on what she would have done if she didn't become a model Brionka said, "I was never known to be an academic junky, but I still got good grades in school. I think I would like to have a career that I wouldn't dread having to go to everyday. I have a passionate love affair with FOOD so logically thinking I would probably be a chef."

As she continues on this beautiful journey Brionka says she tries to leave an impression on every photographer or client she works with to make every shoot memorable in it's own way.









## **Ladyburd Talks**

### Dear Readers: Here are 6 Stress Management Tips for Online Students (Part 3 of 3)

**Laugh.** Yes, laughter reduces stress. Again according to the Mayo Clinic, laughing "enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain." Laughing can actually relax you now and improve your immune system in the long run. So, when you're stressed, check out a funny movie or book, talk and laugh with your friends, or just watch some of those silly cat videos on YouTube.

**Find the relaxation technique(s) that work(s) for you.** Thanks to research in the field, we now know a lot more about the techniques that are proven to reduce stress, including: muscle relaxation, where you systematically relax each of the major muscle groups in your body

**Meditation:** Visualization, where you physically relax while imagining a calming place, sounds, and/or activity, such as watching waves break on a beach

**Yoga or tai chi**, the latter of which is an ancient Chinese form of exercise that is slow, focused, and meditative

Listening to music

**Get a fresh perspective.** Sometimes, we are simply too close to a stressful situation. To gain a different perspective, you can:

Write about the situations that stress you and the things you're grateful for. Writing about a problem can help you see it in a new way. Reflecting on the things you're grateful for puts that problem in a broader context.

**Reflect on your progress to-date.** If you're keeping a Learning Calendar, take a look back and see how much you've already accomplished.

**Talk it out. Ask for help.** Friends, parents, Learning Coaches, school counselors, and teachers can each help you see your problems in a new light, and parents, teachers, and counselors can even help you change the circumstances that stress you.

Give some of these stress management techniques a try to find the one that's right for you, and let us know what helps you to relieve school stress.

Source: https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/ resources/article/6-stress-management-tips-for-online-students TISHA GREEN RINKER





## **Ladyburd's Mail Box**

#### delseitaliburd@msn.com

**Dear Ladyburd**: I enjoy reading your column, and thought I would ask for your advise on a situation I have. My boyfriend and I are getting married soon, we are in the planning stages right now, however, from our calculation it seems that our wedding is going to put us in some serious debt, and we would really like to avoid that. We will be footing the bills ourselves, our parents cannot help us financially, so we would like to avoid plunging into too much debt. What would be the best way to approach this. **F.C.** 

Ladyburd: Dear F. C.: Congratulations!!. The first thing you both need to do is to sit down together and decide on a Budget and stick to it.

Then make a list of the things you are going to need for your wedding. Have a proposed amount of what each item will cost. Obviously, you will know what is priority: Like your dress and his suit etc. You may have to get a Wedding Planner and he or she will help to guide you as to what you need to do, you would have to give the planner an idea of what you want. The planner would want to know your Budget. I believe as long as you stick to your budget you should be able to manage any debt you incur without breaking the bank.

Remember the Wedding is not what matters, your Marriage is what's important.



### Light Bulb Moments

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving: — Albert Einstein

"Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated." — Confucius

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." — Helen Keller

## Poetry Corner

#### Just Wait For The Sun

When everything's darkness
And you feel so alone,
When the rain doesn't stop
And you can't make it home,
When it feels all is lost
And you just want to run,
It can't rain forever.
Just wait for the sun.

When family is in pain,
When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream
But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault,
And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

The storm always passes.
It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to come.
Please wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

People who need you,
People who still love you
Can warm up your soul like
the sunshine above you.
You're never alone,
No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun.
Just wait for the sun.

Dark clouds always pass. I promise you, hun. We're all waiting with you. Just wait for the sun.

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Source: https://www.familyfriend poems.com/poem/just-wait-for-the-sun

## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita





## Jesus Will Heal Him

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes." —Rachel Nichols

## Early Or Second Service

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?" —Submitted by James Powers

## Familiar Faces

Vacationing in Hawaii, two priests decide to wear casual clothes so they won't be identified as clergy. They buy Hawaiian shirts and sandals, and soon hit the beach.

They notice a gorgeous blonde in a tiny bikini. "Good afternoon, Fathers," she says as she strolls by.

The men are stunned. How does she know they're clergy? Later they buy even wilder attire: surfer shorts, tie-dyed T-shirts, and dark glasses.

The next day, they return to the beach. The same fabulous blonde, now wearing a string bikini, passes by, nods politely at them, and says, "Good morning, Fathers."

"Just a minute, young lady," says one of the priests. "We are priests and proud of it, but how in the world did you know?"

"Don't you recognize me? I'm Sister Kathryn from the convent."

## **PUH INTENDED**

"I once met a pig that did karate...
we called him Pork Chop!"

Source: https://short-funny.com/new-puns.php "

## **POLICE NEWS**

## THREE MALES CHARGED FOR LONG BUSH ROBBERY

Tuesday, September 15 – Police received and responded to a report of a Robbery in Long Bush at Ogan barber shop at approximately 10:45 am on August 10, 2020. Three males have now been charged in relation to this Robbery. On Friday, September 11, 2020, police executed a search on a residence in Main Street where a loaded firearm and a quantity of drugs were recovered.

Kawa Cornwall, 36; Rean-J Christopher, 21 and; Samuel Harris, 29 all of Main Street have been jointly charged with 2 Counts of Robbery, Keeping a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Explosives and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply.

They remain in custody pending their appearance at the Magistrate's Court.

#### ONE MALE FOUND DEAD IN SPRING GHUT

Thursday, September 10 - Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force responded to a report, received after 1:30pm on September 10, of a shooting in Spring Ghut. On arrival one male was found unresponsive with what appeared to be gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The deceased is confirmed to be Matthew Daly, a 55 year old resident of Fat Hog's Bay.

Persons with any information related to this incident are asked to contact Detective Inspector Vernon Larocque; directly on 368-9809 or via the Major Crime Investigation Team on 368-5682.

All information will be treated with discretion and confidentiality will be assured.

## Harneys commences annual free Wills drive

15 September 2020 – Harneys is pleased to announce the commencement of its annual free Wills drive offering members of the BVI public, aged 60 and over, the opportunity to have their simple Wills written or updated free of charge.

For those interested in having a Will drawn up, but who are not yet 60 years of age, Harneys is offering discounts of up to 40 per cent.

Vareen Vanterpool-Nibbs, Senior Associate and member of the Private Wealth team at Harneys, commented: "Having an up-to-date Will continues to be the best option available to make sure that all your assets are given to whomever you choose when you can no longer give those directions in person. This important step provides clear instructions in this regard to ensure that your family and other loved ones avoid legal challenges and complications."

Whatever your exact reasons for a Will, it is a positive step and provides peace of mind!

#### Requests for

#### Certificates of Earnings @bvissb www.vissb.vg

Dear Customer,

Persons who require a Certificate of Earnings for the Labour or Immigration Department, must apply one month in advance of the expiration of their work permit to ensure timely processing.

Please find the Certificate of Earnings application form here:

http://www.bvissb.vg/ bvissbwp/wpcontent/ uploads/2019/06/Certificate-Of-Earnings-Application-II. pdf

Customers are encouraged to utilise drop-boxes to submit applications. The drop-boxes are located outside the main office on Tortola, and the Virgin Gorda office. Once documents are ready to be collected, an SSB representative will make contact with clients.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## ARREST BLOTTER

#### August 23 – September 12, 2020

#### ROBBERY

- 1. On 11-09-20 at 2006hrs, Police arrested and charged Kawa Cornwall, 36 of Main Street for 2 Counts of Robbery, Keeping a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Explosives and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He remains in custody pending his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-20.
- 2. On 11-09-20 at 2006hrs, Police arrested and charged Rean-J Christopher, 21 of Main Street for 2 Counts of Robbery, Keeping a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Explosives and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He remains in custody pending his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-20.
- 3. On 11-09-20 at 2006hrs, Police arrested and charged Samuel Harris, 29 of Main Street for 2 Counts of Robbery, Keeping a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Explosives and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He remains in custody pending his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-20.

#### KEEPING A FIREARM WITHOUT A LICENSE

On 11-09-20 at 1932hrs, Police arrested and charged Prince Bambury, 25 of Main Street for Keeping a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Explosives and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He remains in custody pending his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-20.

#### BURGLARY

On 25-08-20 at 1815hrs, Police arrested and charged Rocky Haripersaud, 19 of Purcell Estate for Burglary. He was granted bail in the amount of \$10,000 with one signed surety to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 29-10-20 at 0900hrs.

#### ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 24-08-20 at 0935hrs, Police arrested and charges James Alexander, 49 of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison to reappear on 17-09-20 at 0900hrs.

#### ARMED WITH AN OFENSIVE WEAPON

On 27-08-20 at 2225hrs, Police arrested and charged Curly Smithen, 48 of Free Bottom for being Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Threatening Language and Criminal Damage. He was granted bail in the amount of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 09-10-20 at 0900hrs

#### ILLEGAL ENTRY

On 31-08-20 at 0800hrs, Police arrested and charged Aubrey Daniel, 59 of Duff's Bottom for Illegal Entry. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison to reappear on 21-09-20 at 0900hrs.

#### RESKLESS AND NEGLIGENT ACT

On 08-09-20 at 0915hrs, Police arrested and charged Brenton Penn, 37 of Sound Road for Reckless and Negligent Act, Traveling Backwards with Motor Vehicle More Than Requisite, Failure to Stop at the Sound of A Siren, Resisting Arrest, 6 counts of Prohibition of Tint and 2 counts of Failure To Stop at Request Of Police Officer. He was granted bail in the amount of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 27-10-20 at 0900hrs

## Premier Andrew A. Fahie: Government Of The Virgin Islands Extends Condolences After Fatal Shootings



Hon. Andrew A. Fahie

Good day and God's Blessings to everyone.

In the space of two we heard two fatal shootings in community. On our Wednesday, September 2, Mr. George "Shawala" Burrows was shot in his home. On Thursday, September 10, Mr. Matthew Daly was shot in the Spring Ghut. In both instances, both men were pronounced dead at the scene.

At this time, as a Government, we express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of both men. We empathise and sympathise with the families of the victims and are deeply sorry for

their loss, as it is always difficult losing a loved one. We pray that God will keep them strong and bring them comfort during this difficult time as they grapple with the realities of what has happened.

As a Government, we do not condone such senseless acts of violence as there is zero-tolerance to crime of any kind. No one must deprive another of the right to live or to live in safety. People cannot be making their own decisions on how to handle matters on their own.

Persons engaging any illegal activities will be sought after vigorously and brought to justice. Your Government will not allow the actions of a few individuals to endanger

the welfare of the BVI and our economy.

The British Virgin Islands is a place of peace where people live and also visit to enjoy what we have to offer as a destination and jurisdiction. Right now, we are faced with COVID-19, and we want to ensure that we are all concentrating all our efforts in keeping people safe and healthy in 'The New Regular.'

This is not the time, place, and country for crime. This is a place where there is BVILOVE.

As a Government, we will continue to ensure that law enforcement agencies the get resources necessary for executing their work. We will also strengthen the laws and make the penalties stiffer uncompromising and to deter anyone who thinks about or commits nefarious crimes.

Your Government is in support of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) in solving all crimes. As a Government, we join with the RVIPF to reemphasise that persons with any information related to either incident please contact Detective Inspector Vernon

Larocque directly at 368-9809 or via the Major Crime Investigation Team at 368-5682.

As a Government, we have been assured that all information provided will be treated with discretion and confidentiality.

Let us all work together to bring these matter to an end. Let us keep each other safe. Let us focus on making sure that our economy is strengthened and not weakened. Let us make sure that we focus our efforts on building up each other and not taking the lives of another.

Remember, one of our mantras in the BVI, EACH LIFE MATTERS!

Remember, we are in this together to keep the BVI a safe place.

May the peace of the Lord be over the BVI.

I thank you.



The Red Cross Shop has reopened!

Hours: 9am to 12pm (subject to change due to government restrictions)

We have restocked and reorganized the shop. New stuff on display! Stop by!



## **Premier Fahie Elected Vice Chair Of United Nations ECLAC Caribbean**

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, has been support the Chairman in advancing the elected on behalf of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) to serve as a Vice Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Premier Fahie was elected on September 10 for the BVI's third consecutive two-year term in the role at the virtually held 28th Session of the CDCC.

The BVI's reelection was based on Honourable Fahie's exceptional engagement, advocacy and leadership within ECLAC regarding the sustainable development of Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), and in particular, the 15 Associate Members of the regional commission. The Republic of Cuba and Dominica were also elected as Vice Chairs.

In his role, the Premier will support newly elected CDCC Chairman, Honourable Camillo Gonsalves who is the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information and Communications Technology of Saint very challenging times in which we as SIDS Vincent and the Grenadines.

CDCC's agenda as the region grapples with the impact of COVID-19 and calls for international support and innovative solutions to get through the crisis.

Premier Fahie will also co-chair a proposed Summit of the Associate Members of ECLAC in 2021 to discuss their challenges, progress and needed support to implement the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda that has been impacted by COVID-19 and other developments.

In a comment to the Department of Information and Public Relations following his election on the BVI's re-election as a Vice Chair of CDCC under his leadership, Premier Fahie thanked God for giving the BVI an opportunity to serve the Caribbean in this capacity.

"I am humbled by our region's confidence in me, and the BVI as an Associate Member Country of ECLAC, to serve as a Vice Chair of CDCC during these are all combatting COVID-19, facing an Premier said.

Vice Chair Honourable Fahie will active hurricane season and under intense added, "I will assist the newly elected CDCC Chairman Honourable Camillo Gonsalves in any way that I can as we respond to the ongoing crisis."

> Premier Fahie also attended the virtually held 6th meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable (CDR) on September 10 in which he made official remarks to the august body.

> In his statement, Honourable Fahie stressed the need for the Caribbean's external partners to consider the vulnerability of Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) that remain at high risk from climate change.

> "I genuinely hope that vulnerability will emerge as the leading criterion in determining assistance to SIDS, regardless of income level. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Official Development Assistance rules remain too rigid when it comes to eligibility for financial assistance after a catastrophic event such as we experienced in 2017," the

He also highlighted the importance of economic pressure," he said. The Premier the international community recognising the compliance of the BVI, and other small island jurisdictions, with international standards on tax, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing as measures are considered within the UN framework on how countries can generate more fiscal resources to repair the economic and financial damage caused by COVID-19.

> Ahead of meetings of the CDCC and CDR, Honourable Fahie in his capacity as Finance Minister, attended the United Nations virtual High-Level meeting of Finance Ministers on September 8 to discuss Financing for Development in the COVID-19 era.

> He was joined at the respective meetings by Financial Secretary Mr. Glenroy Forbes, Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Dr. Carolyn O'Neal-Morton, Deputy Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro, Director of the International Affairs Secretariat Ms. Najan Christopher and Special Envoy of the Premier Mr. Benito Wheatley.



Top row: Minister of Finance of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Hon. Camillo Gosalves; ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Barcena; Vice Chancellor of UWI Sir Hillary Beckles

#### Amber Waves



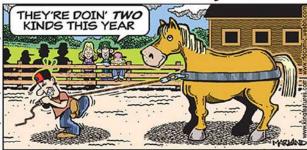






by Mike Marland





The Spats







## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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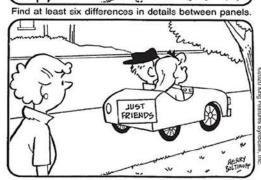
#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## **HOCUS-FOCUS**

HENRY BOLTINOFF JUST FRIENDS



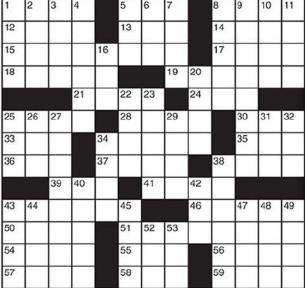
Differences: 1. Tree is larger. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Hubcaps are different. 4. Earling is different. 5. Wall has been extended.

## **King** Crossword

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- 33 Ostrich's cousin
- Small chalkboard
- 35 Work with
- 36 Suitable 37 Gasp for air
- 38 Impale
- 39 Masseuse's workplace
- Not this way!
- 43 Plot 46 Supermarket
- section Cupid's alias
- 2,000 pounds

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- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 31 NAFTA signatory

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword —

1. U.S. STATES: Where is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame located?

2. LITERATURE: Which famous novel begins with the line, "You better not never tell nobody but God"?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the nickname of Tulane University's athletic teams?

4. MUSIC: Acorn, drop, ball and barrel are all types of what?

5. MOVIES: Which animated Disney movie featured the theme song "A Whole New World"?

6. GAMES: How many strikes must one throw to achieve a perfect 300 score in bowling? 7. ANATOMY: Which human organ filters

blood, removes waste and regulates salt levels? 8. HISTORY: How many people survived the

sinking of the Titanic in 1912? 9. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Palau located?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rhinoceroses called?

**MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN** 

5. "Aladdin"; 6. 12; 7. Kidneys; 8. 706; 9. Oceania; 10. A crash or herd I. Cleveland, Ohio; 2. "The Color Purple"; 3. The Green Wave; 4. Drumsticks; Trivia Test Answerst

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- 1. Turn around full of things and get introduced to.
- 2. Turn around a food and get to stupefy.
- 3. Turn around a flood and get to refine.
- 4. Turn around toys and get a small
- 5. Turn around a measurement and get

To solve, turn around the letters in the first word to get the second. Example: Garb-brag.

4. Tops-spot. 5. Yard-dray. Answers: 1. Teem-meet. 2. Nuts-stun. 3. Tide-edit.

#### TWO QUICKIES!

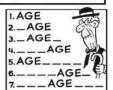
- 1. How can you add 10 to nothing and end up with a large animal?
- 2. How can you subtract one from 19 and end up with a larger number?

Answer: Both questions use Roman numerals. 1. Add "X" to "O" and you get "OX." 2. Take the "I" from "XIX" and you get "OX." 2. Take the "I" from "XIX" and you

words we are searching for contain the word "AGE." The following hints should help you to "AGE" with dignity:

- 3. Measuring instruments.
- 5. Lists of things to do.
- 7. An enclosure.

2. One who is wise.



zle, using the trial-and-error method. Try to finish before the slice of pie disappears. 4-letter words: 5-letter words: HEAT OLEO APPLE **FLOUR** PANS POTS

SPICE TREAT WAFER WHEAT

BAKING FUN! Above is a crossword puzzle

grid. Below are words pertaining to baking and

bakeries that you will need to complete the puz-

7. Yeast, 8. Pots. Answers: (Across) 1. Wafer. 3. Pans. 9. Apple. 10. Oleo. 11. Treat. 12. Tart. 13. Heat. (Down) 1. Wheat. 2. Flour. 4. Angel. 5. Salt. 6. Spice.



### "SUPER" FOODS

- 1. Sweet potatoes
- 2. Mangos
- 3. Plain (0%) Greek yogurt
- 4. Broccoli
- 5. Wild salmon
- 6. Oatmeal
- 7. Garbanzo beans
- 8. Watermelon
- 9. Butternut squash
- 10. Leafy greens

Source: Center for Science in the Public Interest

## A PROBLEM FOR THE AGES! In this puzzle, all of the

- 1. AGE (given). 4. Public respect.
  - 6. Corridors

Answets: 1. Age. 2. Sage. 3. Gages. 4. Homage. 5. Agendas. 6. Passages. 7. Menagerie



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a penchant for persuasion that would make you a fine candidate for a political career.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

SALT

by Dave T. Phipps





By Lucie Winborne

- English philosopher Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) is believed to have eaten a paste of ground pearls and lem-on juice to cure illness.
- · Speaking of pearls, the ancient Greeks believed they were the hard-ened tears of joy from Aphrodite, god-
- Facebook's theme color is blue because Mark Zuckerberg is red-green colorblind.
- Barking Sands Beach in Hawaii is famous for the "woofing" sound the dunes make when built-up sand slides.
- · In 2012, the makers of Bubble Wrap-brand cushioning conducted a survey in which respondents said that just over one minute of popping bubbles provided the stress relief equivalent to a 33-minute massage. Don't have any on hand? No worries! The manufacturer also released an iPhone app that allows you to pop virtual bubbles all day long.
- · Fear of young people is known as 'ephebiphobia.'
- · The astronomer William Henry Pickering thought that black spots on the Moon were migrating insects.
- In Ethiopia, a spot appropriately known as "The Gateway to Hell" is one of the hottest on earth, with air that's toxic to humans. Scientists have found organisms in its acid pools that are capable of surviving without oxygen.
- · Avid readers aren't normally intimidated by a hefty tome, but they might well pause at what's been called the largest book ever. Weighing more than 3,000 pounds and measuring 16.40 feet by 26.44 feet, with 429 pages, "This the Prophet Mohamed" was created in 2012 by 50 people in the United Arab Emirates.





# Green Tomatoes: Fruit of the Vegetable Patch

Every year, my small vegetable garden produces far more tomatoes than I can possibly use. As the season wanes, an abundance of green tomatoes forlornly hang on the vine looking for enough sun to turn them into red jewels. I've begun searching for unique ways to use green tomatoes as a vegetable and as a fruit in my recipes.

Scientifically, tomatoes are classified as a fruit, but since they don't contain the sweet flavor of most fruits and are typically used in savory dishes, they're legally classified as a vegetable.

Tomatoes are low in calories and a good source of vitamins C, A and K. They also are a very good source of molybdenum, potassium, manganese, dietary fiber, chromium and vitamin B-1. In addition, tomatoes contain lycopene, which has antioxidant and cancer-preventing properties.

My recipe for Green Tomato and Orange Relish uses green tomatoes like a pickled vegetable. It freezes well, and makes a delicious change from traditional cranberry relish for holiday meals.



The spices and flavors of my Green Tomato Spice Cake act as a showcase for the tomato's fruit-like qualities. Whether you decide to use your abundance of green tomatoes like a vegetable or a fruit, you can't go wrong with these recipes!

### **GREEN TOMATO AND ORANGE RELISH**

- 4 medium green tomatoes 1 large purple or Vidalia onion
- 1 cup orange marmalade 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Core the bottom of the green tomatoes and cut them into quarters. Peel
  the onion and cut it into quarters. Using a food processor, pulse the green
  tomato and onion 8 to 10 times, until the pieces become small ("picklerelish" size). Do not puree.
- Using a 4-quart, heavy-bottomed pot, put in all the ingredients at once. Cook over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring until blended and the sugar begins to dissolve.
- Turn the heat to medium and cook for 30 to 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.
   The relish should be syrupy and slightly thick. If it does not seem to have thickened enough, cook the relish 10 minutes more.
- 4. Cool for 2 hours, and then put the relish in an air-tight container and refrigerate it. The relish can be refrigerated for two weeks. You also can place the cooled relish into plastic zip-lock storage bags and freeze for up to 6 months. Makes 5 cups of relish.

#### **GREEN TOMATO SPICE CAKE**

- 1 box spice cake mix 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil 3 eggs 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- · 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour · 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup raisins (or dried cranberries, craisins or currants)
- 1 1/2 cups diced green tomatoes
- 1 large, peeled and diced, Granny Smith apple (about 3/4 to 1 cup)
- · 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup sweetened coconut, toasted, optional Whipped cream, optional
- 1. Heat oven to 350 F.
- In mixing bowl, lightly beat the water, vegetable oil, eggs and brown sugar until combined, about 2 minutes. Stir in the spice cake mix and flour, and mix until smooth. Stir in the vanilla, pecans or walnuts, raisins, tomatoes and apples. Blend well.
- 3. Spoon the batter into a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a wooden pick or cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Loosen the cake from the sides of the pan with a knife or spatula. Cool for 30 minutes.
- 4. Using a fine-mesh strainer or a sifter, sprinkle the top with powdered sugar. When serving, top each slice with a tablespoon of coconut and/or whipped cream, if desired.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian, and the author of seven cookbooks. Please join The Kitchen Diva in supporting Mattress Firms' efforts to assist foster children through the Ticket to Dream Foundation to make a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of foster children in need. They believe not everyone can be a foster parent, but anyone can help a foster child. (www.tickettodream.org)

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## **Caribbean News / Regional News**

## **Grenada's Spice Island Beach Resort Pushes** Reopening to 2021 By Caribbean Journal Staff

Grenada's Spice Island Beach Resort has pushed back its planned reopening to 2021.

The resort is now planning to reopen in October 2021, "with hope that the COVID-19 pandemic subsides," according to a statement from the property.

The resort had originally planned to reopen in November 2020.

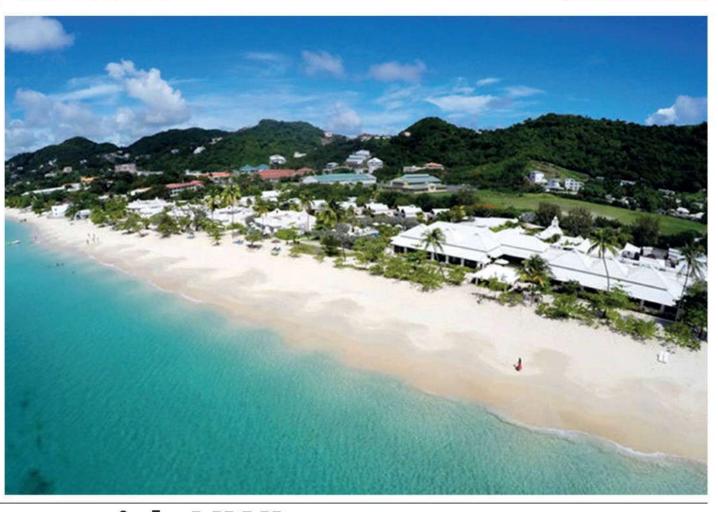
The Hopkin family, which owns the resort, said the aim of the delay was to "protect our guests, our family and our employees from the spike in infections that we have seen across the Caribbean as islands and hotels have reopened," according to Janelle Hopkin, president and managing director of the resort.

"Our employees, many of whom have been with us for years and have become our extended family, would like nothing more than to welcome guests back to Spice to relax away from the crisis," Hopkin said. "We have been watching what has been happening internationally and have made the decision to wait."

Hopkin said the property would use the time to "polish everything" at the resort.

"We will also prepare safety and health protocols to protect our guests when they do return in 2021," she said.

For more, visit the Spice Island Beach Resort.



## **CDB partners with UWItv to promote new EU Standby Facility**

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica, Monday, September 14, 2020- Regional citizens will soon have access to educational and promotional products on trade, cooperation and regional integration developed by UWItv on behalf of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). This follows the signing of an agreement between the CDB and The University of the West Indies (The UWI) which authorises UWItv—the University's public education and information asset—to provide production and multimedia support to the Bank's Standby Facility.

Over the next two years, UWItv will produce and broadcast content generated from CDB's regional co-operation and integration focused projects in 15 CARIFORUM countries supported by the CARIFORUM-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) Standby Facility for Capacity Building. The facility is funded by the 11th European Development Fund (EDF).

"CDB is pleased to deepen its collaboration with The UWI," said Daniel Best, Director, Projects Department at the CDB. "This arrangement offers an opportunity to showcase the critical support being provided by the Bank under the EU Standby Facility to strengthen trade and promote regionalism in areas such as agriculture exports, standards and port infrastructure. Trade fuels

development and this engagement will allow us to demonstrate its impact on a regional platform in a manner that is easily understood and accessible."

According to Luis Maia, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of European Union to Barbados, the agreement which took effect in August 2020, ensures the promotion of a strategic regional project which fosters cooperation, strengthens institutions and builds capacity. He noted that "this is a critical element of the EU's support to the development of the CSME and for the Caribbean region to take advantage of the trade benefits presented under the EPA."

UWItv's Managing Director, Ms. Janet Caroo welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with CDB, which has over the years provided funding and other support to the multimedia agency. This undertaking allows UWItv to demonstrate some innovative multimedia products by providing coverage to various regional projects supported by the EU Standby Facility.

Ms. Caroo stated, "Since its inception in December 2016, UWItv has been committed to serving the public education needs of the Caribbean. We've nurtured a one-of-a-kind platform and we are pleased to leverage and extend our capacity in Video, Audio and Live Streaming Production and Support Services to our wider Caribbean community through this partnership with CDB."

The Standby Facility is a EUR 8.75 million resource managed by the CDB. The Facility offers opportunities to 15 Caribbean countries to grow trade, deepen integration and economic involvement, and increase competitiveness, market access and exports by implementing targeted projects in

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# Oregon Governor Says State Has Been 'Pushed to Its Limits' by Wildfires By VOA News, September 15, 2020

Oregon Governor Kate Brown says her state has been "pushed to its limits" by the historic wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of hectares of land and wiped out entire communities.

Brown told reporters Monday night that she has asked President Donald Trump to issue a major disaster declaration for the Pacific Northwest U.S. state, which would make additional federal resources available to beleaguered firefighters and other emergency personnel. President Trump had already issued a federal emergency declaration for Oregon last week

Andrew Phelps, the director of the state's emergency management agency, said 10 people have been confirmed dead, with 22 other people reportedly missing.

Weather forecasters predict thunderstorms for Oregon on Thursday, which could help firefighters contain the fires and clear the air of smoke that has blanketed the state since the fires began. Air quality across Oregon has been characterized by state environmental officials as "hazardous" or "very unhealthy." Visibility has been less than a half-kilometer in some places, according to the National Weather Service, making it dangerous to drive.

The infernos, brought on by several weeks of record heat and dry wind, have destroyed more than a million hectares of land across Oregon, Washington state and California. A combined 35 people have been confirmed dead in the wildfires in the three states.

During a visit to California to speak with state officials about the fires, President Trump once again brushed aside concerns about climate change as a catalyst for the increasing number and intensity of such fires and reiterated his call for Western states to practice better forest management.

"When trees fall down after a short period of time, they become very dry — really like a matchstick," Trump said when he arrived. "And they can explode. Also leaves. When you have dried leaves on the ground, it's just fuel for the fires."

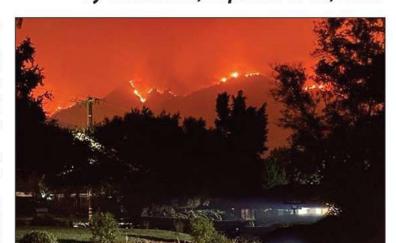
But during the briefing, Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom, a vocal critic of the president, noted that 56% of the land in California is federally owned, so the federal government has a major responsibility to improve forest management along with the state.

Newsom also challenged Trump on his open skepticism about climate change.

"We feel very strongly the hots are getting hotter, the dries are getting dryer," the governor said. "Something has happened to the plumbing of the world, and we come from a perspective, humbly, that we assert the science that climate change is real. Please respect the difference of opinion out here with respect to the fundamental issue of climate change."

Trump appeared to side with Newsom, but then predicted that the climate "will start getting cooler."

When pressed again on climate change by California Secretary for



Bobcat fire approaches Sierra Madre and Arcadia communities in California, Sept. 13, 2020 in this picture obtained from social media. (John Mirabella via Reuters)

Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot, Trump said "I don't think science knows actually."

Before the president's meeting, former vice president Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate, denounced Trump as "a climate arsonist" during a speech from his home state of Delaware.

The former vice president said Trump's approach is to ignore the facts and "deny reality," calling that a full surrender to the effects of climate change.

## Gender Reveal Events Grow in Popularity, Risk

The massive El Dorado wildfire in the U.S. state of California was reportedly started by a reveal party, a growing trend in the United States in which couples come up with increasingly elaborate ways to announce the gender of their expected child.

For some couples, the revelation of the baby's gender has become an important milestone, like a baby shower. But some are saying reveal parties have gotten out of control, as couples vie for the most dramatic reveal and the accompanying social media attention.

Jenna Karvunidis, whom the media call the inventor of the reveal party, says social media influencer clout and the money that can generate is pushing couples to extremes.

"The problem is that it's monetary," she told the Daily Beast. "The platforms are rewarding this more extravagant content because that's how you get the sponsorship opportunities.... And so, they have to up the ante with more and more spectacles."

It's not clear if Karvunidis is, in fact, the inventor of the gender reveal party, but her 2008 post to social media helped cause the trend to go viral.

Her idea was simple by today's standards: Invite a few friends and family members over, bake a modest cake with pink icing in the center to indicate the unborn baby is a girl and post some photos on a blog.

Karvunidis told the Daily Beast that her reveal party wasn't to get attention from strangers but rather to celebrate a healthy pregnancy and get her estranged mother excited.

Cakes no longer seem to cut it.

One expecting couple hollowed out a watermelon, filled it with blue jello and then had an alligator chomp on it to reveal the gender.

Another couple hired a small plane to dump small colored balls on attendees.

Another aviation-themed reveal caused a plane crash when a small aircraft that was supposed to dump

1,300 liters of pink water flew too low and crashed. Luckily, no one was injured.

Some are jumping out of planes to add to the drama. In one case, a man parachuted from a plane toward event guests with a smoke canister emitting colored smoke to reveal the gender.

Yet another couple built a complex Rube Goldberg machine to reveal the gender of their coming baby.

Some of the events have produced painful viral video, including a recent video of a Massachusetts man accidentally firing an explosive canister of blue smoke directly into his crotch.

But now, the parties may be causing massive damage like the El Dorado fire, which started east of Los Angeles and has burned around 5,600 hectares so far.

A massive 2018 fire in Arizona is also blamed on a gender reveal event gone wrong.

It's unclear if the fires will cause a pause to the gender reveal trend, but a quick online search reveals numerous By VOA News, September 15, 2020



FILE - This April 23, 2017, photo from video provided by the U.S. Forest Service shows a gender reveal event in the Santa Rita Mountain's foothills, southeast of Tucson, Ariz. The explosion from the reveal ignited the 47,000-acre Sawmill Fire. The massive El Dorado

resources for parents wanting to plan their event, and it's likely most parties don't involve gators, planes or explosive devices.

There are also signs the trend is going global with a couple recently lighting up the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, in blue to announce they were expecting a boy.

Karvunidis, however, says she has had enough.

"Stop it. Stop having these stupid parties," she wrote on Facebook.

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## Mathew "Shorty" Daly's killing shocks Football, **Cricket fraternities**

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Members of the Territory's the Management Council, and Football and Cricket fraternities, were sent into shocked and saddened after news broke that sportsman Matthew "Shorty" Daly, was found dead with gunshot wounds last Thursday afternoon Sept 10, on the Spring Ghut Road, around 1:30 p.m.

Daly has played with the Old Madrid Football Club since its 2007 inception and is a former manager of the Grenada Cricket Club. He played both striker and midfielder positions for Old Madrid, and last played in the club's 8th annual Old Madrid Masters Tournament against the Combined Stars in October. 2019. He was Vice President and Public Relations Officer on

a member of the organizing committee for the hosting of the annual Old Madrid Masters Invitational Tournament.

"Man, this is very, very shocking," Old Madrid's longtime Coach and referee Elroy "Mandraker" Mills told Island Sun Sports. "Old Madrid has a group chat and when I looked, we saw the man on the ground with his hat off his head. Everybody is in shock. This thing was done during the height of day. We know he has a little food business but I'm not sure if much is going on now."

Mills said Daly, a striker, who was the club's Vice President 2016-2018, hadn't played in the 2020 **BVI Football Association National**  League with the team because he doesn't get a lot of playing time.

"But he has played with us in the league and scored goals for us," Mills added. "He has been with our team for more than 10 years because we started in 2007. He also played with us when the team travels to masters tournaments."

Ebony Andrews told Island Sun Sports that Daly was a former manager of the Grenada Cricket Club before she assumed the role.

"He was an avid supporter and I could still count on him for anything I needed for the team," Andrews said. "When we won, he would make the most noise and when we lost, he would cuss the most. He had a special love for cricket and all the members of the Grenada Cricket Club. He was also a past board member of the Grenada Association of the BVI in 2015. He was really involved in community activities in terms of helping others."

Grenada Cricket Club Captain Derol Redhead, said it as a shock and surprise and the same thing his fellow players said when they got the news.

"It's something we have to deal with despite what happened we don't know, but it's really sad for the players and teams right now, his family as well. It's just a sad day for everybody right now," Redhead told Island Sun sports. "He was the manager of the team when we won the 2015 BVI Cricket Association League and even



Footballer Matthew "Shorty" Daly played with Old Madrid since 2007 and played in their 2019 Invitational Masters Tournament

before that. After we got Ebony on board, he was still a main person in the club. It's really, really sad for us right now."

Daly, was the second sportsman to be killed in the territory within nine days in September.

#### FOOTBALL

Two athletes from two different sports whose paths wouldn't have crossed at this time of the year, have come together to prepare for two of the world biggest sporting events—the delayed Tokyo Olympic Games 2021 and the CONCACAF qualifications for the FIFA World Cup, Qatar 2022because of COVID-19.

For the last two weeks, quarter miler and Rio Olympic Games sprinter Ashley Kelly and football forward Robby Green, have joined forces as they go through the conditioning phase of their respective programs, especially with the restrictions of the 1 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew.

When Island Sun Sports visited the football field in Greenland, apart from a series

## Kelly, Green preparing for Olympic Games, FIFA **World Cup qualifier**

of drills, they completed 5x90 seconds runs on the field.

"Robby reached out to me and asked when I was going to start my off season training because he wanted to get some work in and I thought it was a perfect opportunity because being home, not really training with anyone, it's a good motivation, a good training partner and I thought it would have been fun," told Island Sun Sports. "So he set himself up for this kind of torture."

Green said the training has been good and that he was looking forward to more of the training sessions.

"It's been tough actually," he said "Last week it was six 90 seconds runs."

Kelly said their bodies were acclimating during the second week.

"We definitely pushed ourselves a lot more than last week, because we were pacing ourselves," she noted. "This week we went for it and I think I really showed with our energy levels and feelings. But it's good to get it done and just feel like you're getting better each week."

The sessions Green said have been helping him get his endurance up which he needed coming back from a series of leg injuries.

"I'm getting my strength back up and learning new techniques, especially with the footwork in running and keeping the intensity for a long while, so it's really good," he said.

Kelly is seeking to qualify for her second Olympic Games, following up on Rio 2016. The BVI's 400m record holder, said it has been tough as COVID-19 has definitely thrown a wrench in her plans.

"But I think it's also a blessing," she said. "I'd really put in some work this year and was ready to go, so I'm really just building on that. One of the things about being home is that I missed the environment of going after goals, so with Robby, we both have a goal to attain and we push each other that way and it's really good. I'm just focusing on what I can control. I just come out here each day and I give it my all and just be ready when they open the gates."

Green said he's heading back to the UK in January, rejoining his club and getting ready to join the BVI team as they prepare to compete in the CONCACAF preliminary rounds of the FIFA World Cup, Qatar 2022.

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

"That's the goal right there and make sure I work hard enough to attain my personal goals and to help the team qualify for the World Cup," he said.



Sprinter Ashley Kelly, leads footballer Robby Green through a 90 seconds run

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Former Grenada Cricket Club manager, Matthew "Shorty" Daly, sitting left, with the team earlier this year in the BVI Cricket Association T20 League



In 2011, former Digicel employee Matthew "Shorty" Daly, left, along with Hon. Irene Penn-O'Neal, Kenny "Funny" Thomas, Coaches of the Year, Nathaniel "Nat" Malone, Verne "Bego" Turnbull and Sports Minister Hon. Andrew Fahie, dole out awards



2016 Rio Olympic Games sprinter Ashley Kelly, leads footballer Robby Green on the 4th of five 90 seconds runs



Footballer Robby Green is working himself back into shape to play in the CONCACAF World Cup qualifier, Qatar 2022



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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004

#### **BRODY CAPITAL LTD**

(the "Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. – 1004814 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th September, 2020. The liquidator is Ms. Martha Spyrides of Vyzantiou street, Spyrides Tower, Strovolos, 2064 Nicosia Cyprus. Dated: 11th day of September, 2020. (Sgd.) Ms. Martha Spyrides

Ms. Martha Spyrides Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### PRIME VIEW MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1986410

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is FANG Zhong of No.303, Door 1, Building 8, Tautiao 19 Hao Yuan, Luchang, Street, Xuanwu District, Beijing, China.

Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) FANG Zhong Voluntary Liquidator(s)

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### CABALAC LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 237559

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31st day of August, 2020. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under

#### Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. TROSTEN GLOBAL

LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1915094

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th day of August, 2020. The Liquidator is Andri Ioannou of Propilaion 25-27, Flat 202, P.C 1048, Nicosia, Cyprus. Dated 10th day of September, 2020

(Sgd.) Andri İoannou Voluntary Liquidator(s) [67/4]

#### ZHENGTIAN TRADING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1922187

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th day of August. 2020. The Liquidator is HU YANAN of No.16, Jiansuo lane, Xiguan Village, Zhengding Town, Zhengding County, Shijiazhuang, Hebei County, Shijiazhuang, Province, China. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) HU YANAN Voluntary Liquidator(s) [67/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### YILU INVESTMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1967035 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th day of August, 2020. The on 23th day of August, 2020. The Liquidator is MA XIAOMAN of No.229, Mazhuang, Yanzhuang Administrative Village, Pulianji Town, Cao County, Shandong Province, China Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) MA XIAOMAN Voluntary Liquidator(s)

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act

#### SODAWATER INVESTMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1967038

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th day of August, 2020. The No.229, Mazhuang, Yanzhuang Administrative Village, Pulianji Town, Cao County, Shandong Province, China. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) MA XIAOMAN Voluntary Liquidator(s)

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Compa

#### SFENG INVESTMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1967217

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th day of August, 2020. The Liquidator is MA XIAOMAN of No.229, Mazhuang, Yanzhuang Administrative Village, Pulianji Town, Cao County, Shandong Province, China.
Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) MA XIAOMAN

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business

#### KXIN INVESTMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1697237

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th day of August, 2020. The Liquidator is MA XIAOMAN of No.229, Mazhuang, Yanzhuang Administrative Village, Pulianji Town, Cao County, Shandong Town, Cao County, Province, China.

Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) MA XIAOMAN Voluntary Liquidator(s) [67/9]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business

#### Company Act. A TO Z APPAREL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 504984

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31st day of July, 2020. The Liquidator is CHENG, YEN-SHENG of 4F., No. 4-6, Ln. 13, Guangfu S. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.) Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) CHENG, YEN-SHENG Voluntary Liquidator(s)

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#### KRIPTONITE CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 453513

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31st day of July, 2020 The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s) [67/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

#### JZ GROUP HOLDINGS LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1970343

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) LIU Cheng Voluntary Liquidator

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. JZ GROUP LTD

> (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1970341

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) ZHANG Hongliang Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Hong Tai Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1802483

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. **BlueGrass Production Limited** 

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1922088

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020

(Sgd.) CHEN, Jiaona

Voluntary Liquidator [67/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. SUMMIT INDUSTRY

#### **GROUP LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1679817

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th day of August,

Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) SONG, Houqiang Voluntary Liquidator

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the **BVI Business Company Act.** 

#### SINCEWIN COMPANY LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1993252

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) ZHAO FENGHONG

Voluntary Liquidator [67/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

#### SERENE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2018352

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th day of August, 2020. Dated 10th day of September, 2020

(Sgd.) ZHOU YIFAN Voluntary Liquidator [67/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### COVERDALE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1510650

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7 July, 2020. The Liquidator is Christopher Simpson of Commerce House, 181 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 20 July, 2020 (Sgd.) Christopher Simpson Voluntary Liquidator(s) [67/19]

#### PARADIS CORPORATION

Company No. 320985 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that PARADIS CORPORATION is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 1st day of September, 2020 and Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd

Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 14th day of September, 2020

Sgd. OUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator [67/20]



#### MDF HOLDINGS LTD.

Company No. 565561

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MDF HOLDINGS LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7th day of September, 2020 and Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2020 Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

Voluntary Liquidator

#### ALDHAM ASSOCIATED

LTD.

Company No. 1488975 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ALDHAM ASSOCIATED LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 1st day of September 2020 and Juan Carlos Siekavica of Perez Castellanos 1492, Montevideo Uruguay, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2020 Sgd. JUAN CARLOS SIEKAVICA Voluntary Liquidator [67/22]

#### ONIX INVEST & TRADE LTD.

Company No. 1512722 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuan to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ONIX INVEST & TRADE LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31st day of August 2020 and Mariano Rodriguez of Convención 1343 Oficina 403 Montevideo, Uruguay, has been

appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 11th day of September,

Sgd. MARIANO RODRIGUEZ Voluntary Liquidator [67/23]

#### **S&L BUSINESS SERVICES** LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that the voluntary liquidation and dissolution of S&L BUSINESS SERVICES LIMITED commenced on September 4, 2020 and that Christopher Simpson of 2nd Floor, Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road

Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

has been appointed voluntary liquidator

of the Company. Dated: September 4, 2020 Christopher Simpson

Liquidator [67/24]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Ac

#### **ZORKYS HOLDINGS LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2026620

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 11th, 2020. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: September 14th, 2020 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### HAZEL ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1645989

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 10th 2020. The Liquidator is, Betty Samia Mougal, with an address at House No. S9-19-1, Ile Perseverance, Mahe Seychelles.

Dated: September 14th, 2020 (Sgd.) Betty Samia Mougal Voluntary Liquidator

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

RAMALLIC LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1829851

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from September 7th, 2020.

Dated: September 14th, 2020

(Sgd.) Yiota Demetriou

Voluntary Liquidator

#### FERRATI INVESTMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1716343

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 14th day of September, 2020. Dated this 14th day of September, 2020 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### ELEANA, LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11 September 2020. The Liquidator is Mr. Daniel Antonio Azevedo Ribeiro with address at La Rotunda Avenue, Building Parque del Mar I, Apartment 35B, Costa Del Este. Panama.

Dated: 14 September 2020. (Sgd.) Mr. Daniel Antonio Azevedo Ribeiro

Voluntary Liquidator [67/29]

#### ALLIED SKY INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1934814

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 11th day of September, 2020. Dated this 14th day of September, 2020 Sgd. Andrey Predtechenskiy

Andrey Predtechenskiy Voluntary Liquidator [67/30]

#### NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### LOGWOODEN INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is :-

Robin Walser of 600 North Bridge Road #12-09/10 Parkview Square Singapore 188778 [67/31]

#### NOTICE **BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES**

ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Eastway Assets Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th July, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the

The Liquidator is :-LEUNG Kwok Kai, of 22nd Floor, 102 Austin Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong Eastway Assets Ltd.

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#### BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT Augentius (BVI) Limited

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th September, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-Kiran Sinharov Of Amerika Building Hoogoorddreef 15, 1101 BA Netherlands [67/33]

#### PACE TERMINAL ASSETS LTD.

Company No. 658161 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that PACE TERMINAL ASSETS LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th day of September, 2020 and RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO of Ruta 8 km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay, has

been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2020

Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO

Voluntary Liquidator [67/34]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004 YOURIDE.AI LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

Jing WANG of 4003 Marcelli Circle Los Altos, CA 94002 United States of America

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### SURREY WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

YUAN Wen of

No.622, Unit 6, 2/F,

Building 1, Jia Yun Yuan,

Dongxiaokou Town,

Changping District, Beijing, China

[67/36]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

#### (NO. 16 OF 2004) PREMIER GIANT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidationThe Liquidator is:-

YUAN Wen of No.622, Unit 6, 2/F. Building 1, Jia Yun Yuan, Dongxiaokou Town, Changping District, Beijing, China [67/37]

#### NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Number Medicine Group **Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-Jilian OU of Room 702, Block 3, Dong Fang Wen Hui Yuan, Gong Ye Yuan Qu, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province,

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

#### (NO. 16 OF 2004) **Driving Medicine Group Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is: Jilian OU of Room 702, Block 3, Dong Fang Wen Hui Yuan, Gong Ye Yuan Qu, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, China [67/39]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Panli Medicine Group **Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-Jilian OU of Room 702, Block 3, Dong Fang Wen Hui Yuan, Gong Ye Yuan Qu, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province,

China [67/40]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) VIVAN TECHNOLOGY

LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the

The Liquidator is:-

DAI Hong of

No. 23, Group 11,

Luohong Village, Wantang Township, Xinning County, Hunan Province,

[67/41]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Moving Asteroid Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has een dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Qing ZHAO of 2-2H Beijing International Friendship Garden, A2 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing,

#### NOTICE

#### BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Opp HY Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-LIN Meixia of

Fu No.3, No.9,

Yuhua West Road, Oiaoxi District. Shijiazhuang, Hebei,

[67/43]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.

#### Manor Garden Holdings Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1789886

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 4th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin

Dated this 15th day of September, 2020 Ray A. George

Voluntary Liquidator

[67/44]

#### MAGLY PARTICIPATION CORP.

Company No. 1484458

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MAGLY PARTICIPATION CORP. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7th September, 2020 and Felix Fischer of Limmatquai 94, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2020 Sad. Felix Fischer Voluntary Liquidator

[67/45]

#### **PLENTIMAN** CORPORATION

Company No. 1763479 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that PLENTIMAN CORPORATION is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9th day September, 2020 and Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2020 Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act

#### **Upsprate Investments Ltd.**

(În Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11 September 2020. The Liquidator Ms. Lizeika Fernandez de Tomlinson with address at Credicorp Bank Plaza, 26th Floor, Nicanor de Obarrio Avenue, 50th Street, Panama City, Republic of Panama

Dated: 16 September 2020.

(Sgd.) Ms. Lizeika Fernandez de To Voluntary Liquidator [67/47]

#### Notice of Appointment of a Liquidat under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

ALASSIO MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2012456 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to

Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 9, 2020. The Liquidator Mariska Supra with at 18 Anaboom Crescent Melody Hartbeespoort, 0216, South Africa. Dated: September 16, 2020.

(Sgd.) Mariska Supra

Voluntary Liquidator

[67/48]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### ZIRICON INTERNATIONAL

LTD. (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1379403

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 10, 2020. The Liquidator is David Sofir with address at Hanamer 23, Jerusalem (apartment 7), Israel.

Dated: September 16, 2020. (Sgd.) David Sofir

Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### SPANDEZ LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1768120

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 8, 2020. The Liquidator is Phani Schiza Antoniou with address at 16, Krinon Street, 3110, Limassol Cyprus.

Dated: September 16, 2020. (Sgd.) Phani Schiza Antoniou Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidato under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### WOODCLIFF

#### INVESTMENTS LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 91869

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 8, 2020. The Liquidator is Alon Shine with address at 11 Hasadnaot St., Herzliva Pituach, Sea View Building, ZIP:4612001, Israel.

Dated: September 16, 2020. (Sgd.) Alon Shine Voluntary Liquidator [67/51]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### TRELADE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1059275 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 11, 2020. The Liquidator is Delio Jose de Leon Mela with address at Salduba Building, 3rd Floor, 53rd East Street, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: September 16, 2020. (Sgd.) Delio Jose de Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### **BIMLIB LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1994284

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 11, 2020. The Liquidator is Delio Jose de Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: September 16, 2020. (Sgd.) Delio Jose de Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 FRONTONS

INVESTMENTS LTD (the "Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. - 1542995

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th September, 2020.

Dated: 16th day of September, 2020. (Sgd.) Mrs. Chanelle Latoya Sturge-

Mrs. Chanelle Latoya Sturge-Woods

## Liquidator

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT **Billion Ascent Enterprises**

Corp.

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th September, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-

Parimal Kantibhai Patel Of Flat 902 4 Bridge Place

London SW1V 1AF UK

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT **Bower Property Limited**

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th September, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-

Parimal Kantibhai Patel

Of Flat 902

4 Bridge Place London SW1V 1AF UK

#### ANOISON ELECTRONICS LIMITED

Company No. 677118 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ANOISON ELECTRONICS LIMITED, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th September, 2020 and Yang Li, of No.96, Zhongshan West Road. Runzhou District, Zhenjiang City, Jiangsu Province, China has been

appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 16th day of September,

2020 Sgd. Yang Li Voluntary Liquidator [67/57]

#### JEBB LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) (BC No. 7833)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.

JOSE AYBAR Voluntary Liquidator

> Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator Pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Company Act, 204 (as amended) for

#### Orion Holding Group Limited

(the "Company") BVI Business Company No. 1653432 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th September, 2020. The Liquidator is Andreas Aristidou of 10A Giannaki Giannikou, 7100 Aradippou, Larnaca, Cyprus. Dated 15th September, 2020 (Sgd.) Andreas Aristidou Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 AFRICA AIR FILTER LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No: 1710760

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16th day of September, 2020. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 16th day of September, 2020 (Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan Liquidator

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### LABOUCHE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1416628

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 16th, 2020. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama

Dated: September 17th, 2020 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator [67/61]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company

#### **Digital Assets International** Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1978684

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 15th, 2020. The Liquidator is Andrey Goncharenko with an address at Kalavriton str., Flat No 302 Lilly Court, Agios Antonios, 1070, Nicosia, Cyprus. Dated: September 17th, 2020 (Sgd.) LAW Wai Sze Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business

#### KORRIS INVESTMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 129346

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 16th, 2020. The Liquidator is LAW Wai Sze with an address at Unit F, 7 Floor, CNT Tower, 338 Hennessy Road, Wanchai,

Hong Kong. Dated: September 17th, 2020 (Sgd.) LAW Wai Sze Voluntary Liquidator [67/63]

#### VISTACE LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1734697

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is LEE KIAN TIONG of 35 PUNGGOL FIELD, #12-24 PRIVE, SINGAPORE 828818.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2020 Sgd. LEE KIAN TIONG

LEE KIAN TIONG

[67/64] Voluntary Liquidator

#### GLOBAL ALPHA AIRCRAFT INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1811725

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th August, 2020. Dated 9th September, 2020 Sgd. PETRA KRESSIERER Voluntary Liquidator

#### Sheepcote Investments Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1730704

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28th August, 2020

Dated 9th September, 2020 Sgd. ENGELBERT SCHREIBER IIIN

Voluntary Liquidator [67/66]

[67/65]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### BEOLA ENTERPRISES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16 September 2020. The Liquidator is Ms. Valentina Escuder with address at 18 de julio 567, Las Piedras, Canelones, Uruguay. Dated: 17 September 2020. (Sgd.) Ms. Valentina Escuder Voluntary Liquidator

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### FINAGLE & REID LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is :-

INKA FARHANA BINTE JEFFERY of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12 #09-346

Singapore, 521145

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

[67/68]

#### GX Virile Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
10th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

ZHANG Tao of Suite C, 13F, No. 918,

Middle Huaihai Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai,

[67/69]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### RobertYang Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

No. 1504, Building 2, No. 5, Xicui Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China

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#### NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004

#### JarekTan Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-YANG, Yi of

No. 1504, Building 2, No. 5, Xicui Road, Haidian District, Beijing,

[67/71]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### **JAJIF LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

LIU ZHENXIN of

No. 36 Beiliu Village, Huji Town, Huimin County, Shandong Province,

> NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Tz Cloud Tech Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

HUANG Cuixian of 301, Building 17, Yukang Garden, No. 14 Xuefu Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, [67/73] China

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### **BLW Cloud Tech Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

HUANG Cuixian of 301, Building 17, Yukang Garden, No. 14 Xuefu Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

#### THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

#### IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA JOSÉ LORENZETTI, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of MÁRIA JOSÉ LORENZETTI, late of Rua Borba Gato, 752, Jardim Ubirama, Lençóis Paulista - SP, São Paulo, Brazil, who died on the 29th day of November 2018 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for Giovanna Lorenzetti Zillo, the Executor of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 14th day of October 2020 after which date the said Executor will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

#### THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE) PROBATE NO. BVIHPB

IN THE ESTATE OF Bahjat Nader Bucaram Late of Samborondón, Guayaquil, Ecuador, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by REBECA GARZOZI BUCARAM of Samborondón, Guayaquil, Ecuador for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the estate of BAHJAT NADER BUCARAM, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of April, 2020.

The Applicant is the surviving spouse of the deceased and as such entitled to administer his estate.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin

Dated the 9th day of September, 2020

Filed by SimonetteLewis, Attorneys and Notaries whose address for service is 23 Mill Mall, Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. [68]

#### THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE)

Claim No. BVIHPB 2020

#### IN THE ESTATE OF ALLAN LAWRENCE HODGE DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Harriet Therese Hodge, originally of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, who now currently resides in Florida, USA, intends to apply to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the Territory of the Virgin Islands for Letters of Administration of the estate of ALLAN LAWRENCE HODGE, deceased, late of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands who died on the 18th day of September, 2008.

ANY PERSON having objections to a grant of representation to the Intended Applicant shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a document setting out the said objections

DATED: this the 16th day of September, 2020.

Alliance Law Partnership, Ltd Solicitors for the Applicants

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In the matter of the BVI Insolvency Act, 2003 (the "Act")

#### CIREF CRAWLEY INVESTMENTS LIMITED

in Liquidation (the "Company") Company No. 1466467

#### Notice of Appointment of Liquidators and Meeting of Creditors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 178(1) of the Act, that on 4th September 2020 John Nicholas Greenwood of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, PO Box 34, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110 was appointed as Liquidator of the Company by a qualifying resolution passed by the member of the Company, in accordance with Section 159(2) of the Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 179(1) of the Act, that the first meeting of the creditors of the Company will be held at Coastal Buildings Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110 on 23 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. BVI time for the purposes provided for in Sections 179(3) and (4) of the Act. Arrangements can be made for creditors or their representatives to attend the meeting by telephone.

Creditors should lodge particulars of their claims for voting purposes before the meeting. Claims may be lodged by e-mail at the address below. Secured creditors (unless they surrender their security) should also include a statement giving details of their security, the date(s) on which it was given and the estimated value at which it is assessed.

Any creditor entitled to attend the vote at the meeting is entitled to do so either in person or by proxy. Completed proxy forms must be lodged with the Liquidator at Coastal Buildings Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110 by no later than 12 noon BVI time on the business day before the meeting.

The resolutions to be tables at the meeting may include a resolution to appoint a creditors' committee of the Company. The meeting attendees will also receive an explanation of the current circumstances of the Company, including the actions taken by the Liquidator since his appointment. The majority required to pass a resolution at the meeting is not less than 50% in value of the claims of those attending in person or by proxy.

Before the date of the meeting of creditors, any creditor may request a list of the Company's creditors and such other information concerning the affairs of the Company as is available and this may be requested from the contact below

Dated 8 September 2020

John Nicholas Greenwood Liquidator

Contact details:-

Contact name: John N. Greenwood Telephone: +44 7949699710 Email: john.greenwood@bdo.vg THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB /2020

IN THE ESTATE OF Bahjat Nader Bucaram Late of Samborondón, Guayaquil, Ecuador, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by REBECA GARZOZI BUCARAM of Samborondón, Guayaquil, Ecuador for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the estate of BAHJAT NADER BUCARAM, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of April, 2020.

The Applicant is the surviving spouse of the deceased and as such entitled to administer his estate.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated the 9th day of September, 2020

Filed by SimonetteLewis, Attorneys and Notaries whose address for service is 23 Mill Mall, Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
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# THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE)

Claim No. BVIHPB 2020

IN THE ESTATE OF VANCETO AUGUSTUS GEORGE

#### DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Virginia George, of Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands, intends to apply to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the Territory of the Virgin Islands for Letters of Administration of the estate of VANCETO AUGUSTUS GEORGE, deceased, late of Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands who died on the 14th day of May, 2019.

ANY PERSON having objections to a grant of representation to the Intended Applicant shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this the 25th day of August, 2020.

Alliance Law Partnership, Ltd Solicitors for the Applicants

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#### STANDARD FEDERAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1960131

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 14th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is LIU Hui of 7-7, Jing Gong Fu Zhong Su She, Che Dao Gou, Hai Dian District, Beijing, China.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2020 Sgd. LIU Hui

LIU Hui

Voluntary Liquidator

[67/75]

#### ZOUPING MINGXING CHEMICAL CO LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1737335

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 15th day of September, 2020. Dated this 15th day of September, 2020 Sgd. SONG ZUNXUE

SONG ZUNXUE Voluntary Liquidator [67/76]

#### WISE GLORY OVERSEAS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1673013

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is Mr. Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnsons' Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2020 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator

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# Internal strife making Guyana a continuing regional problem

By Sir Ronald Sanders

Once again, Guyana is causing regional and international worry following two sets of killings of young men (two of African origin and two of Indian origin) that

have sparked the flames of communal violence and threaten to engulf the country.

The facts of these killings are yet unknown and unestablished. As this commentary is being written, the Police are still in the process of investigating the crimes. What should be a period of national support to find the perpetrators and deliver justice, has been misused to promote violence and civil disturbance.

Justice for the four persons who have been killed is necessary, but justice is not about assuming facts, acting lawlessly and exploiting emotional sentiment to further the ambitions of a few politicians.

Following the first killings of the African-Guyanese teenagers, Isaiah and Joel Henry, supporters of the opposition, APNU-AFC, blocked main highways and confronted Police. Hooligans took advantage of the protests to commit atrocities which included beatings. The following day, two Indo-Guyanese were killed – one of them a 17-year old, Hareshi Singh, and the other Prettipaul Hargobon who was beaten to death by a crowd.

Commendably, Volda Lawrence, the Chairman of the People's National Congress Reform (PNCR), the main party in the opposition APNU, made a public statement, saying: "I am calling on every single member of the People's National Congress Reform, irrespective of your status, I am saying that we cannot continue. This carnage must stop." Similar strong statements from the Opposition leader in Parliament, Mr Joseph Harmon, and former President David Granger, would be the responsible thing for them to do.

Guyanese, who lived through Guyana's destructive and haunting racial violence between 1962 and 1964, worry that a similar disaster is being promoted, which could not be controlled or stopped without foreign military intervention. In the 1962-64 period, Guyana was a British Colony and British troops intervened. Nonetheless, the considerable loss of life and property wounded the country and scarred the society.

Addressing the present situation, Guyana's President, Irfaan Ali, assured the Guyanese people that his government "will work to bring justice to every single person who has been affected in these circumstances". He announced that he would be approaching the British Government and the Caribbean Regional Security System for help in investigating the killings. He should include a forensic investigator in his request. An external qualified investigator would help to give confidence to the thoroughness of investigations.

President Ali also said that he is "exploring the commissioning of an International Commission of Inquiry to look at every aspect of this situation". However, he should also consider how, as a nation, Guyana will, internally, address the racial issue that has been exploited for so long. International Commissions might be helpful, but as in South Africa and Northern Ireland, it is in Guyana that

solutions to communal strife must be found

In this, he should follow the lead of a remarkable Guyanese – Mr. Gladstone Henry, the father of one of the murdered boys. Mr. Henry has publicly declared, "I am not supporting immoral protesting. As a family we want justice (but) we as a nation cannot be fighting each other".

Therefore, consideration might be given to the creation of a "One Guyana Commission", to explore practical steps that can be taken to cement Guyana's one society. The work of the Commission should be countrywide, listening to the free contention of all voices, concerning ways in which every Guyanese can honour the strands of their ancestral heritage while celebrating their uniquely blended Guyanese civilization, with equal opportunities for all.

An observation made by Joshua Hyles in his book, 'Guiana and the Shadows of Empire' is compelling: "Country studies of Guyana point out that the country's disparate ethnic groups have come to resemble one another culturally and physically more than those of their (racial) countries of origin". In other words, what Hyles is saying is that a person of Indian or African origin living in Guyana often exhibits more cultural and physical similarities to a person of Indian or African origin in Guyana than another Indian or African abroad.

This is a truism for any Guyanese of Indian or African origin who has travelled to India or Africa. Those, who have visited the lands of their ancestors, recognize that their visceral homeland is Guyana. The challenges of language of tribe, of cast, of culture set aside Guyanese, except Amerindians, from the distant lands of their ancestors.

Guyanese – of all races – have resided together for almost two centuries. In doing so, a Guyanese civilization has been woven from strands that originated in other lands – in India, Africa, Europe, China and in Guyana itself. What has been created is a unique blend that is Guyanese.

Together, the two main groups in Guyana – people whose ancestors came from Africa and India – are a formidable force. The British colonizers and plantation owners knew that very well, which is why they employed the strategy of divide and rule; a strategy continued by self-serving local politicians. In the words of Lord Varys in the television series, Game of Thrones: "He would see this country burn if he could be King of the ashes."

Guyanese should free themselves from the 'race' trap if they are to avoid despoiling their country and robbing themselves of the very high quality of life that their recent oil and gas production offers.

In the past, violence in Guyana has led to refugees, migration, and instability in the region. Neither the countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) nor the nations of the Americas would sit-by and watch Guyana descend into civil strife and violence now. Such a development would have consequences for them, and they will undoubtedly act if circumstances demand it.

For the time being neighbouring states will keep a watchful eye, hoping that good sense will prevail among all the politicians in Guyana to calm emotions and maintain stability.

Guyana must become part of the solution to the region's challenges, not continually be part of its problems.



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