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## DISTRICT 6 INCUMBENT HITS BACK AT ALLEGED PLAGIARISM

Incumbent Sixth District Representative, Alvera Maduro-Caines, has hit back at accusations that the District plans she rolled out at her campaign launch on were copied from documents that were previously circulated by her National Democratic Party (NDP) opponent, Myron Walwyn. In a statement released on Monday, 27 March, Maduro-Caines addressed those accusations and denied the allegations that the information she presented to her constituents was plagiarized.

The presentation in question was made by Maduro-Caines' during the launch of her re-election campaign at the Omar Hodge Fisherman's Wharf and Park. In the presentation the incumbent outlined her plans for the District and asked the people of District Six to give her another

chance. However, while she gave her outline, rumors of her alleged plagiarism began circulating on social media. Residents who were watching the launch on Facebook began commenting under the Facebook Live video that the information that was being shared by Maduro-Caines was allegedly lifted from flyers and other promotional materials that were circulated in early March by the Committee to elect Mr. Walwyn.

To date, Walwyn has not officially made any such claim or even made a public statement on the matter. However, seven videos were shared on Whatsapp showing clips from Hon. Maduro-Caines' speech and then the area on Walwyn's campaign material that was allegedly plagiarized.

The conversation on the matter of alleged plagiarism was even addressed on



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popular radio programme Morning Braff on Tola Radio. However, Hon. Maduro-Caines' team has denied the allegation and laid the plagiarism claims at the feet of Walwyn calling it petty.

Hon. Maduro-Caines defended her announcement and made it clear that her plans were not adopted from Walwyn's flyer's as is being alleged.

In her statement the Sixth District Representative also

referred to her campaign speech and lashed out at the NDP. Maduro-Caines noted that while she was a member of the National Democratic Party she tried to get things done but was only able to do

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## DISTRICT 6 INCUMBENT...*from page 1*



*Hon. Alvera Maduro-Caines*

much for her District when she crossed over to the Virgin Islands Party.

As such the Representative

pointed out that she intended to continue the good works if re-elected; and outlined her plans for the District over the next four years. As it relates to the plagiarism claims she explained that her proposals were based on conversations with residents and an analysis of existing plans that she had been working on.

Such plans she noted included a beautification and cleaning project, a monitoring program for students, and measures to decrease unemployment in the district.

She further dismissed the plagiarism claims calling them "trite and childish". While blaming Walwyn for the public accusation, Maduro-Caines stated that her opponent was trying to distract voters from the real issues affecting the District. "While we should all think highly of ourselves, to believe that you're the only one thinking about improving the District or in my case, continuing to build on what I have already started, is the lowest form of human expression," she said.

Maduro-Caines went on to accuse Walwyn of stealing some of her ideas and incorporating them into his own campaign. She cited several instances where he failed to support her plans for the District when he was the Minister for Education, Youth and Sports. These examples included a proposal for a Youth Empowerment Program and the refurbishment of the Purcell community center. "The only word that the Walwyn campaign can say that I 'plagiarised' was 'elevate', a word that he clearly lays

claim to adding to the modern dictionary," she said.

Meanwhile, Maduro-Caines urged voters to focus on the issues at hand and to judge the candidates based on their plans and their record of service to the district. "I will continue to share my Alvera-chievable plans for the people of District 6, for the next four years, and I'll allow Mr. Walwyn to continue with his distinct and petty brand of politics; it's a distraction from what the people need and deserve at this time," she said. The election for the District Six seat will take place on 24 April.

## EDUCATION MINISTER CONFIRMS DEMOLITION OF THE A. SCATLIFFE SCHOOL



*Althea Scatliffe Primary School*

*image source: <https://www.google.com/search?q=althea+scatliffe+primary+school>*

Education Minister, Hon. Sharie de Castro, recently confirmed that the demolition works for Althea Scatliffe Primary School (ASPS) are expected to begin by the end of this week and continue throughout the two-week Easter break for students. She also announced that the Enis Adams Primary School, which is currently accommodating some of the ASPS students, will undergo renovation works to ensure a safe

and modern learning environment.

The Althea Scatliffe Primary School has been closed since June 2021 due to concerning issues connected with the building. The closure came as a result of a report that indicated challenges to the structural integrity of the building that were noted during an inspection.

Upon receiving the report, the Ministry of Education decided to suspend the use of the Althea Scatliffe school building

as was recommended. Students were relocated to other school campuses on the island while the government formulated a plan for the future of the school. In December last year, it was announced that the building would be demolished and a new one constructed in its place.

Following the decision to close, the Ministry of Education advised the Principal of the Althea Scatliffe school to remove all personal items from the building, and arrangements were made to secure furnishings and student documents. All events that were scheduled to take place in the building had to relocate.

The issues with the school building were noted since October 2021, when a classroom ceiling at the primary school had caved in. No one was hurt

in the incident. However, Education Minister at the time, Dr Natalio Wheatley indicated that the ceiling tiles and the infrastructure that holds up the tiles were compromised.

Back in February 2022, Dr Wheatley noted that the assessment on the

roof was completed, and the issue was resolved. However, he noted that major work was needed to be done on the structure. The then Minister, now Premier pointed out that works was expected to be done in summer 2022.

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# PARAQUITA BAY FARMERS COMPLAIN ABOUT GOVERNMENT HUGE NEGLECT



*Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley*

The persistent water challenges faced by farmers at Paraquita Bay may soon be resolved as the government has procured water pumps to be assigned to the community's wells. This announcement was made by Premier and Minister of Finance Dr the Hon. Natalio Wheatley during the opening

ceremony of Farmers and Fishers Week 2023.

While speaking at the opening ceremony on 19 March the Premier, who is also the Minister of Agriculture, outlined various measures taken by the government to improve the livelihood of farmers in the area, including addressing water shortages and inaccessibility.

Dr Wheatley expressed gratitude that the pumps have been procured, saying that he would have liked to see this happen earlier. However, he said that he is pleased that they have now moved forward and can make water available to farmers through the wells.

The Premier also mentioned that a reservoir will be placed on the hill near the exhibition grounds in Paraquita Bay to assist farmers. He further noted that another well will be placed

on the opposite hill of the valley at some point. This project, he noted has been handed over to the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), which has received funding to get started. Dr Wheatley had previously indicated during a press conference on 26 August last year, that the House of Assembly would approve a Supplementary Appropriation Bill (SAB) to fund a reservoir at Paraquita Bay and equipment to pump water from the wells to improve farmers' access to water as a means of enhancing farming and food security. The Premier and his team had determined that constructing a reservoir was the most sustainable solution to the water challenge. He also emphasized the importance of formalizing the land leasing process for farmers in the area as another crucial step in advancing

agriculture.

Prior to that announcement, popular local farmer Moviene Fahie spoke out (May 2022) about the lack of water access for farmers in Paraquita Bay and accused Premier Wheatley of lying about addressing the issue when he was still the Agriculture Minister.

Fahie, who spoke on ZBVI, stated that she and other farmers have been suffering due to the government's incompetence. She called for the Chief Agriculture Officer, Theodore James, to be removed from his position and for someone who cares about farmers to take his place.

Fahie claimed that the Paraquita Bay water crisis is not a matter of access but rather the government's failure to act. She reminisced about a better time when the late former Premier Ralph O'Neal was in office. Dr Wheatley had promised to build

a reservoir above Paraquita Bay to alleviate the water challenges, but Fahie insisted that a simpler fix would be to use the 20 wells in the area, provided they are cleaned and fitted with a pump. She stressed that the government needs to take action urgently, as people are dying, and there is no food in the BVI.

Following the formation of the National Unity Government, Shereen Flax-Charles was assigned the Agriculture portfolio, giving Fahie some hope for a solution. However, she called for Flax-Charles to visit the area personally and connect with the farmers. She warned that if the government fails to act, they may have to involve the governor to control the situation. Fahie concluded that all farmers in the area are feeling neglected and worried that the government may want their crops to die out, allowing them to take over the land.

## “BVI GOES FROM SHAME TO FAME” SAYS DEPUTY PREMIER



*Hon. Kye Rymer*

The British Virgin Islands (BVI) has been through some challenging times since the arrest of former Virgin Islands Party (VIP) Chairman and Premier

Andrew Fahie on charges of drug smuggling and money laundering in Miami almost a year ago. However, the Deputy Premier Kye Rymer has said that the Territory has moved on from the ignominy and embarrassment of that shocking news.

In an appearance on the VIP Let's Talk show on 21 March, Rymer expressed that the BVI is in a better place now, winning global recognition for Virgin Gorda as the number-one Caribbean

destination for 2023 and for having some of the best bars in the Caribbean.

“When we went through what took place on 28 April (Fahie's arrest), you know, we thought that the BVI was at its worst, and we understand was really bad,” Rymer said. “But you know, we are a praying people and we're happy to see now we are gone from shame to fame.”

Rymer also stated that the Territory's reputation has since rebounded, particularly

in terms of its relations with the United Kingdom (UK), which threatened a partial suspension of the BVI's Constitution after the Commission of Inquiry (COI) report was issued. According to Rymer, the leadership of Premier Dr Natalio Wheatley played a critical role in maintaining the relationship with the UK government.

“Persons are speaking about the relationship with the United Kingdom. That

relationship is the reason why we're here today, that we are now able to have our elections,” Rymer stated. “Because the leadership at the time, he maintained that relationship. He maintained that relationship, that partnership that they speak about.”

Rymer further added that there have been times of disagreement in Cabinet since the Government of National Unity was formed, but commented that there has been a mutual and respectful relationship among the various parties to the degree that the UK government has deferred a suspension of the Territory's constitution.



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## 45 Persons Trained In Career Development Programme



*Pictured is Presenter  
Mrs. Arona Fahie-Forbes*

Forty-five (45) persons have been trained for the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (RATED) programme designed to foster competitiveness in the labour market and to promote career development.

Acting Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro stated that the training was facilitated by the Premier's Office across multiple sectors and industries to fulfil the training component of the programme. She added that the series of training sessions are multi-faceted and are intended to be informative, instructional, and to provide holistic training by local industry experts.

Mrs. Smith-Maduro said, "We have business owners in different disciplines such as construction, agriculture, electrical work, and landscaping who will equip persons with information about the functions

of the various industries and the process of opening businesses in those fields."

The Acting Permanent Secretary added, "Out of this training exercise, we hope to get some of the participants in the RATED programme paired for apprenticeship opportunities. We are committed to facilitating additional training sessions of a similar nature, and will be partnering with H. Lavity Stoutt Community College to provide training in the areas."

Mrs. Smith-Maduro said participants were exposed to various components of the construction industry and the vast options that they can venture into, in the construction industry by Mr. Akeem Lennard from Greencrete BVI.

"They also learnt about the use of using recyclable products in construction in alignment with the Government of the Virgin Islands' commitment to environmental preservation," she said.

Acting Director of the Public Works Department Ms. Josette Hendrickson presented on the various opportunities that exist within the department, and how persons can become qualified for available positions.

Mrs. Arona Fahie-Forbes of Arona's Marketplace, who is also the former Acting Chief Agricultural Officer, presented

on how persons can capitalise on career opportunities within the agricultural production field.

Meanwhile, Acting Director of the Water and Sewerage Department Mr. Brian Davis, provided information on apprenticeship options that can be engaged in by participants.

In addition, Mr. Ronson Barry of Barry's Electrical Limited demonstrated how to perform electrical installation, to ensure that the participants could benefit from direct involvement and gain practical hands-on exposure.

The holistic training involved collaboration between the Government of the Virgin Islands and its private sector partners. The key areas highlighted were entrepreneurship, employment within construction, careers in agriculture, employment opportunities within the Public Works Department, landscaping, careers in electrical maintenance, and career opportunities in the Water and Sewerage department.

The overall objective of the RATED programme is to provide temporary employment relief, apprenticeship opportunities, and career development, training opportunities, while simultaneously enhancing skillsets, and increasing knowledge bases for persons of employable age, to enhance the capacity of the human resource in the Territory.

The next training session for persons enrolled in the programme is scheduled to take place in upcoming weeks.

The Premier's Office remains committed to formulating and implementing policies and programmes to promote productivity and equality through social inclusion and the access to opportunities.



*Pictured is Presenter Mrs. Arona Fahie-Forbes of Arona's Marketplace presenting to participants of the RATED Programme  
(GIS Photo)*



### TENDERS FOR CLEANING SERVICE

The B.V.I. Electricity Corporation is inviting tenders for cleaning of its offices at Long Bush and Pockwood Pond as follows:-

July 9, 2023 – July 8, 2024

Duties:

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- b) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of all rooms offices and general floor areas at the Henry Wilfred Smith Power Station and Inventory Management Unit at Pockwood Pond;
- c) Vacuuming of carpets, cleaning of blinds, desks ceiling fixtures and upholstery;
- d) Washing of all windows on a monthly basis;
- e) Responsible for supplying all cleaning materials and products;

The Corporation has the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers and is under no obligation to give any reason for such action.

The tenderers must submit the following:

- 1) A copy of a valid trade licence.
- 2) A copy of certificate of good standing from the Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and the Inland Revenue Department.
- 3) Two (2) references.

The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked "Tender for Cleaning Services 2023" and addressed to:-

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CLOSING DATE FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023.

## Candidates And Party Chairpersons Must Collect Document

All Prospective Independent Candidates and Party Chairpersons are advised to visit the Office of the Supervisor of Elections immediately to collect a document for their attention and action.

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections is located at the Creque Building, Upper Main Street. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Persons can contact the office at 468-4380 or [electionsvi@gov.vg](mailto:electionsvi@gov.vg)



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# CHIDI LIBURD APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ROBERT MATHAVIOUS INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Monday, 27 March – The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) has appointed Ms. Chidi Liburd as the Director for the Robert Mathavious Institute for Financial Services (RMI). President of HLSCC, Dr. Richard Georges explained that Ms. Liburd will be responsible

for providing the RMI with leadership in curricular issues, customer service, human relations and ensuring that the organisation's course offerings are delivered.

The President said, "I am pleased to welcome Ms. Liburd to the institution to

take up management of the RMI. The Institute is well-positioned to deliver the best quality programmes and certification to the financial services industry. Ms. Liburd's recruitment is meant to allow us to broaden the ambit of the Institute's influence and

impact and we look forward to working with her."

Expressing her excitement to join the HLSCC family as the Director of RMI, Ms. Liburd said, "I believe that RMI is uniquely positioned to capitalize on the ever-changing financial services environment. Presently, - emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), 5G, Quantum Computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) are reshaping financial services and RMI is in a position to provide the avenues for individuals to upskill and develop their proficiencies."

She added, "As Director, I am focused on working closely with the RMI team, government, financial institutions, and other organisations to develop and deliver the required face-to-face and online professional programmes and courses to ensure current and potential employees are provided with the knowledge and skills to perform exceptionally well in the current climate. I will also ensure that individuals within the local and regional communities are kept abreast of changes within the global financial industry and are able to meet the CPD requirements of the professional bodies by hosting several in-person and online webinars, seminars, and conferences throughout the academic year."

Ms. Liburd brings with her a wealth of experience in the financial industry having served as Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) St. Kitts, Chief Financial Officer of National Commercial Bank of Anguilla and Executive Manager of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Limited. Earlier in her career, she served as a teacher




**Ms. Chidi Liburd**

of the Cayon Primary School St. Kitts and adjunct lecturer at the CFBC.

She holds a Master of Science degree (Msc) in International Securities, Investments and Banking from the University of Reading, Reading, United Kingdom; an LLB (Bachelor of Laws) Honours Degree from the University of Essex, United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) in Economics and Accounting from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados. She is currently pursuing a diploma in Legal Practice (LPC) and is a Commonwealth Scholar and a Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA).

The Robert Mathavious Institute for Financial Services is the only professional qualification centre for financial services in the British Virgin Islands. Offering professional programmes since 2002, The Robert Mathavious Institute is a centre of excellence in education and training in the financial services industry.



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## PROGRAM LISTINGS

**MONDAYS**

- (1:00 PM) OMOJA - WITH EDJU EN KA
- (5:00 PM) TALKING POINTS - WITH MRS. VIOLET GAUL
- (7:00 PM) INSPIRATION MONDAYS - WITH MEADE MALONE
- (7:30 PM) TRANSFORMING YOUR TOMORROW TODAY - BY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
- (8:00 PM) NDP RADIO PROGRAM (1ST & 3RD MONDAYS) - BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- (8:00 - 9:00 PM) NEW COVENANT PRAYER LINE (EVERY 2ND MONDAY) - NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

**TUESDAYS**

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

**WEDNESDAYS**

- (10:00 AM) THE MORNING SHOW - WITH PAUL HEWLETT
- (1:15 PM) OMOJA - WITH "EDJU EN KA"
- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) DYAS VOICE PROGRAM - (2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY) WITH DEPT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
- (7:00 - 9:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY)
- (8:00 - 10:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (2ND WEDNESDAY) WITH CARL DAWSON, JULIAN GORDON, AND WALWYN BREWLEY

**THURSDAYS**

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

**FRIDAYS**

- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) BODY AND SOUL PROGRAM - WITH REV. DR. PASTOR MELVIN TURNBULL, DR. KEDRICK PICKERING, REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY, PASTOR CALVIN MILLS, AND REV. DR. KEITH LEWIS

**SATURDAYS**

- (8:00 - 10:00 AM) MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC - WITH ZOE AND JOE JACK
- (10:00 - 11:00 AM) KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR
- (4:30 - 6:00 PM) SPORTS TALK - WITH CLEMENT "BONE CRUSHER" DONOVAN, AND ROY PICKERING (ALTERNATING WEEKS)
- (6:00 - 7:30 PM) A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY - WITH HOSTS ULRIC SCATLIFFE & DR. HARLAN VANTERPOOL

**SUNDAYS**

- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)

# REVISED LIST OF VOTERS

## NOTICE

The public is asked to take note that in accordance with section 23 (1) of the Elections Act, 1994 and Amendments, the Revised List of Voters will be published on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

### *Elections Act, 1994 and Amendments, Section 23 (2) (3)*

(2) The copies published under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be the Registers of Voters for the local electoral district to which they refer and shall be used for a General Election of members of the House of Assembly, and for any other Election to fill a vacancy in the seat of the member of the House of Assembly representing the relevant district.

(3) The current Register of Voters for all local electoral districts shall constitute the Register of Voters for the Territorial Electoral District, and shall be used for all Elections for members of the House of Assembly to represent that district.

For further information please contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 284-468-4380 or 284-468-3701 Ext. 4380 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Office is located at:

Creque's Building  
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# British Virgin Islands Companies Support 2.3 Million Jobs And Generate US\$14 Billion In Tax Revenues Globally

The British Virgin Islands' (BVI's) positive role in the global economy has been underscored in a new independent report launched today: 'Beyond globalisation: The British Virgin Islands contribution to global prosperity in an uncertain world'.

The report, based on quantitative and qualitative research of firms operating in the BVII, shows that the

BVI is home to a globally respected international business and finance centre facilitating an estimated \$1.4 trillion in cross-border trade and investment.

There are currently just over 375,000 active BVI Business Companies, roughly 57 per cent originating in Asia and 16 per cent from Europe and North America. Investment mediated by BVI Business Companies supports around

2.3 million jobs globally and generates an extra US\$14bn each year in taxes for governments worldwide.

In the UK, BVI companies hold an estimated US\$153bn in assets, with 134,000 jobs created by investment mediated through the BVI and US\$3.5bn of tax revenues generated for the UK government.

Commenting on the report, Elise Donovan, CEO, BVI

Finance, said, "This report provides clear evidence of the role the BVI plays in facilitating investment, stimulating economic growth, creating jobs and providing governments with much needed tax revenues. With this research, we can continue to break down some of the myths and educate more people on true role the BVI plays as a respected and valued international financial and business centre and a key intermediary in the global economy."

She said, "Whatever form the next evolution of globalisation takes, international financial centres like the BVI will remain vital cogs in boosting the global economy by enabling investment, facilitating sophisticated transactions, and enabling a more efficient global marketplace."

The 'Beyond Globalisation' report identifies three scenarios for the future of globalisation and the

opportunities for the BVI. In the first scenario – 'Weaker internationalism' - pre-pandemic globalisation trends continue, albeit more slowly and with plenty of political obstacles to navigate. In 'the bloc economy,' economic and regulatory integration between countries continues within geopolitical blocs, but these different groups diverge. Lastly, 'new economic nationalism' is a partial reversal of globalisation with increased protectionism, less porous borders and more erratic politics.

Mark Pragnell, Director, Pragmatix Advisory, added, "Looking into an uncertain future and beyond the globalisation of recent decades, there are many different scenarios for geopolitics and economics, but the need will remain for expert, neutral and innovative centres, like the British Virgin Islands', to support cross-border trade, investment and mobility."



## St. George's Schools



St. George's Schools are searching for the following vacancies to be filled for the school year 2022-2023:

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Consideration will also be given to the candidate who is energetic, a team player and who is willing to support the continuing development of the St. George's Schools.

Applications must include a cover letter, complete academic records, including a transcript and copies of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as two character references.

All applications should be addressed to: Mrs. Cheryllyn Anderson-Rogers, Executive Principal, St. George's Schools and emailed to:

[sgps@stgedotvi.org](mailto:sgps@stgedotvi.org) no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Monday, May 8 and Friday, June 16 have been declared public holidays.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John James Rankin, CMG made the proclamation that on **May 8 this year**, the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will be observed; while June 16 will be designated as the Sovereign's Birthday, replacing the previously issued date **June 9**.

The aforementioned proclamations were made in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Holidays Act (CAP. 199).



# REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

## Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended September 30, 2022



# Republic Bank

#### REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

##### Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

###### As at September 30, 2022

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash on hand	2,775	7,998
Statutory deposits with Financial Services Commission	500	500
Due from affiliated banks	676	18,082
Due from banks	48,408	33,857
Advances	304,469	300,388
Investment securities	35,662	70,575
Investment interest receivable	278	454
Premises and equipment	2,948	3,167
Right-of-use assets	1,302	1,472
Other assets	5,628	5,592
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>402,646</b>	<b>462,085</b>
	2022	2021
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to banks	3,629	669
Customers' current, savings and deposit accounts	310,273	389,518
Lease liabilities	1,374	1,518
Accrued interest payable	118	150
Other liabilities	6,543	2,652
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>321,937</b>	<b>394,438</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Stated capital	16,000	16,000
Retained earnings	64,709	51,647
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>80,709</b>	<b>67,647</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>402,646</b>	<b>462,085</b>

These summary consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Richard Samraj, Chairman

  
Naylor Taylor, Director

#### REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

##### Summary Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

###### For the period ended September 30, 2022

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated

	2022	2021
Interest income	17,659	17,138
Interest expense	(489)	(724)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>17,170</b>	<b>16,414</b>
Other income	6,320	5,420
	23,490	21,834
Operating expenses	(10,118)	(9,704)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>13,372</b>	<b>12,130</b>
Credit loss expense on financial assets	(310)	(4,221)
<b>Profit from continuing operations</b>	<b>13,062</b>	<b>7,909</b>
Discontinued operations		
Profit from operations of discontinued insurance agency	-	14
<b>Profit for the year, being total comprehensive income</b>	<b>13,062</b>	<b>7,923</b>
<b>Earnings per share (expressed in \$ per share)</b>		
Basic and diluted	50.82	50.50
<b>Weighted average number of shares ('000)</b>		
Basic and diluted	16,000	16,000

#### REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

##### Summary Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

###### For the period ended September 30, 2022

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	Stated capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
<b>Balance at September 30, 2020</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>53,724</b>	<b>69,724</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	7,923	7,923
Dividends	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2021</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>51,647</b>	<b>67,647</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	13,062	13,062
Dividends	-	-	-
<b>Balance at September 30, 2022</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>64,709</b>	<b>80,709</b>
Profit for the year, being total comprehensive income	-	-	-

#### REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

##### Summary Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

###### For the period ended September 30, 2022

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	2022	2021
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net profit before taxation	13,062	7,923
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of premises and equipment and right-of-use assets	475	489
Credit loss expense on financial assets	310	4,221
Loss on sale of premises and equipment	-	130
(Increase)/decrease in advances	(4,380)	(26,130)
Decrease in customers' deposits	(79,245)	(2,709)
Increase in other assets and investment interest receivable	140	(4,062)
(Decrease)/increase in other liabilities and accrued interest payable	3,858	(1,286)
Decrease in due from/to banks	-	69,000
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(65,780)</b>	<b>38,576</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of investment securities	(77,682)	(93,810)
Profit for the year, being total comprehensive income	112,586	23,000
Additions to premises and equipment	(87)	(66)
<b>Cash generated/(used) in investing activities</b>	<b>34,817</b>	<b>(70,876)</b>
	2022	2021
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Increase in balances due to other banks	3,029	17
Repayment of lease liabilities	(144)	(137)
Dividends paid to shareholders	-	(10,000)
<b>Cash generated/(used) in financing activities</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>(10,120)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(28,078)</b>	<b>(42,420)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>79,937</b>	<b>122,357</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>51,859</b>	<b>79,937</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year are represented by:</b>		
Cash on hand	2,775	7,998
Due from affiliated banks	676	18,082
Due from banks	48,408	33,857
	51,859	79,937
<b>Supplemental information:</b>		
Interest received during the year	21,511	16,805
Interest paid during the year	521	867



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#### Report of The Independent Auditor on The Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The Shareholder  
Republic Bank (BVI) Limited

#### Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at September 30, 2022, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in equity and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Bank (BVI) Limited and its subsidiary ("the Group") for the year ended September 30, 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, in accordance with Section 17C(3) of the Banks and Trust Companies Act, 1990 (as amended).

#### Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

#### The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated December 21, 2022.

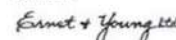
The audited consolidated financial statements and the summary consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements.

#### Responsibility of Management for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements on the basis described in Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



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Bahamas  
December 21, 2022

# Economic Zone Slated To Be Completed By 2024

The Huntum's Ghut Economic Zone (HGEZ) project is slated to be completed during the second quarter of 2024.

Chief of Infrastructure, Planning, Research and Development in the Ministry of Communications and Works, Mr. Duane Fraites said that the initial scope of the project was for the construction of three one-storey warehouses for prospective businesses but has since been revised to two, two-storey warehouse structures.

"We had to revise and reduce the overall footprint

of the project to allow for another business to operate," he said.

Sections of the roadway, walkway and parking areas were paved in the fourth quarter of 2021 while the construction of the two warehouses started after an open tender process was concluded last year.

"We anticipate the completion of the warehouses in June," Mr. Fraites said. He added, "The progress of the buildings were severely impacted due to delays in the shipping of the building materials among other challenges. Some of

the challenges included, a three-month delay as two of three containers arrived in June of 2022, with the final container arriving and clearing in November 2022."

He added that the contractor also expressed mobilising challenges, which further delayed the works in the erection of the buildings as well as having to re-mobilise after the third container arrived.

Chief Fraites stated that scheduled periodic inspections by the ministry required the contractor to make much needed adjustments, during which



it was observed that some of the materials did not come as specified and required adjustments to be made to ensure the structures would not be compromised.

Following the completion of the warehouses, the road and walkway pavements will be completed. In addition, a new gazebo will be constructed and the bathroom building renovated.

During the groundbreaking ceremony in 2021, Minister for Communications and Works, and Fifth District Representative, Honourable Kye M. Rymer said he hoped that the Economic Zone will be an "incubator for economic growth and

empowerment for our people, and its success stories inspire all Virgin Islanders and districts to follow suit." He added that the ministry will continue to monitor and give regular updates with the progress of this project.

The Ministry of Communications and Works is the arm of Government responsible for the infrastructural development of the Territory. This responsibility is achieved through departments, statutory bodies and committees.

(GIS Photos)



## Candidates And Polling Agents Invited To Information Session

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections invites chairmen of political parties, independent and party candidates, as well as prospective polling and counting agents to an information session to be held on Wednesday April 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Maria's by the Sea Conference Room. Topics to be discussed include: Nomination Day arrangements and requirements; Polling and Counting Agent Credentials; the Elections (Amendment) Act 2023; arrangements and procedures for Advance Polling and Polling Day; and Election Night Results.

For more information, persons can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or [electionsvi@gov.vg](mailto:electionsvi@gov.vg) and visit [bvi.gov.vg/elections](http://bvi.gov.vg/elections).

# CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN HOSTS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS DURING GLOBAL MONEY WEEK

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 28 March, 2023. CIBC FirstCaribbean participated in Global Money Week organised by BVI Money Matters by hosting primary and secondary students at the bank on March 20 and 22.

Ten students from Enis Adams Primary School were the first group to be welcomed to the bank by Mr. Fabian Devonish, Acting Country Head and by Ms. Roslyn McMillan, Platinum Banking Associate. The group of engaged young pupils brought with them some basic knowledge about banking and left with a better understanding of the purposes and activities of CIBC FirstCaribbean. Through an interactive session, which included a quiz on banking services, the 8-9-year-old visitors learned the functions of the financial institute for both individuals and businesses and were provided an introduction to internet and mobile banking. The visit was wrapped up with a demonstration on how an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) provides convenient services to customers, enabling to conduct transactions outside of the banking hall.

An older group, comprising 11 students from year one of the Seventh Day Adventist Secondary School, attended the visit day at the bank midweek. Their hosts

were Ms. McMillan and Mrs. Gracia Strough Ashton, Digital Banking Officer.

While the program followed the same format as for the primary students hosted earlier in the week, the discussions on banking services took a practical turn as students referenced their own savings accounts and experiences of both personal and business banking through their insights to their parental transactions. The conversation also delved deeper into the realms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and harnessing the benefits of transitioning from in-person transactions to internet and mobile banking and ATM services.

Asked what three things the senior students took away from their session with the bankers, the answers included the concept of deposits and servicing loans, the importance of keeping a positive balance and the benefits of online and automated banking.

"CIBC FirstCaribbean was pleased to have been involved in the Global Money Week educational visits," said Mr. Devonish.

"I believe that having the opportunity to speak to the students provided a benefit to us as bankers as well as to our young guests. We hope that some of the insights we were able to share will not only give them a better sense of the

role of banking institutions in our community from both a personal and business perspective, but that some of the information on online

and automated banking also will make it back to their parents as the way of the future," he added. The bank is involved with other initiatives organised by BVI Money

Matters aimed at educating young minds on financial institutes and matters to include the upcoming Piggy Bank Pageant.



*CIBC FirstCaribbean 7th Day Adventist Secondary School Mach 22 2023 BVIMM Global Money Week*



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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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USA - The Stormy Daniels case could be titled — paraphrasing the successful 1989 movie — Sex, Lies and Videotape.

A team of lawyers has built a case for or against the porn actress, to defend or take down former president Donald Trump. This soap opera — which has been going on for years — may end with the first indictment in history of a U.S. president. The Republican leader is accused of paying hush money to Daniels, in order to buy her silence about an alleged extramarital affair. In July 2006, porn actress Stormy Daniels — whose real name is Stephanie G. Clifford — met tycoon and reality star Donald Trump at a Nebraska golf club. The man who would be elected to the White House a decade later promised to help Daniels get on The Apprentice, his hit show on NBC. This was allegedly followed by a couple of intimate meetings — meetings which Trump denies. Of the tycoon's TV promises, nothing more was heard. Poorly-advised by agents and publicists — and deceived by her own attorney — the actress, now 44, tried to make her affair profitable by offering the story to various media outlets in 2011, when Trump initially expressed his intention to run for president. But it wasn't until October 2016, in the last stretch of the campaign that led him to the White House,

when Daniels had her best shot. [El Pais]

EUROPE - The European Court of Human Rights will this week begin hearing cases brought by EU citizens against their governments. State administrations are accused of failing to take decisive action to reduce climate change, which the plaintiffs argue is a violation of their fundamental rights.

The court in the French city of Strasbourg is due to hear three cases involving more than 30 countries. It is the first time the European body has been asked to consider whether inadequate climate change policies could constitute an infringement of the European Convention on Human Rights. The first case, which begins arguments on Wednesday morning, was brought by a collective of Swiss women aged over 75 who say that global warming has damaged their health, especially during the heatwaves that are becoming more severe and more frequent across Europe.

By failing to take the measures necessary to cut carbon emissions in line with international targets, they contend, Switzerland has failed to meet its obligations to protect their right to life.

France is also in the dock. The state is being sued by Damien Carême, a member of the European Parliament for the

Green party and former mayor of a town on France's northern coast, who submits that his life and home have been endangered by government inaction on greenhouse gases. [Radio France Intl]

ROME - Italian criminal lawyers on Monday announced a three day strike from April 19-21, the first major justice sector protest since Giorgia Meloni took over as premier last October.

Against what it called the government's "inertia on reforms" affecting justice, the Union of Criminal Chambers proclaimed three days of abstention from hearings from 19 to 21 April. It is the first strong protest in the justice sector since the installation of the Meloni government after the September 25 general election. (ANSA).

LONDON - Prince Harry, singer Elton John and five others made a surprise appearance at London's High Court on Monday as they began a lawsuit against the publisher of the Daily Mail paper over years of alleged phone-tapping and privacy breaches. Harry the younger son of King Charles now lives in California after quitting royal duties in 2019 in a very public falling out with his family.

His spokesperson said Harry wanted to be at the hearing to show his support, adding that he might attend for much of the four-day preliminary hearing.

The others taking part in the legal action include actresses Liz Hurley and Sadie Frost as well as Elton John's husband David Furnish, Doreen Lawrence -- the

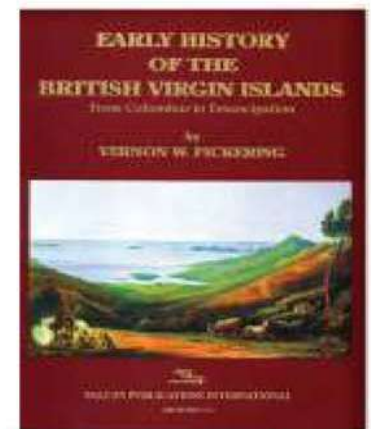
mother of murder victim Stephen Lawrence - and former Liberal Democrat deputy leader Simon Hughes. [Deutsche Welle]

UN NEWS - Humanity is facing a "difficult truth" the UN chief said just ahead of World Meteorological Day – the damage already being caused by climate change is "making our planet uninhabitable." He laid down the challenge to governments worldwide, to make 2023 a year of "transformation, not tinkering" when it comes to seriously addressing climate change, with meaningful climate action. "Every year of insufficient action to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius drives us closer to the brink, increasing systemic risks and reducing our resilience against climate catastrophe", said Secretary-General António Guterres.

Climate change is intensifying heatwaves, droughts, flooding, wildfires and famines, he warned, while threatening to submerge low-lying countries and cities as sea levels rise due to melting glaciers and increasingly extreme weather. The combined impact of this will be to drive yet more species to extinction, Mr Guterres said.

BARBADOS - Barbados has recorded its first case of methamphetamine (meth) and health authorities are warning members of the public to avoid the drug at all costs since it could lead to their death.

Methamphetamine, a strong and highly addictive drug, is a potent central nervous system (CNS) stimulant that is mainly used as a recreational drug and less commonly as a second-line treatment for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and obesity. Home Affairs and Information Minister, Wilfred Abrahams, who confirmed the presence of the on the island, described meth as a "serious situation" that is of great concern to the authorities. Abrahams flanked by the Director of Forensic Sciences Centre (FSC), Cheryl Corbin; Senior Registrar at the Psychiatric Hospital, Dr. Ronald Chase, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Anthony Warner, said the drug "takes the form of a white odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol. "Meth is extremely harmful," Abrahams said, reiterating that it was also illegal. He said that meth acts like a stimulant, and even in small doses, could increase wakefulness, and physical



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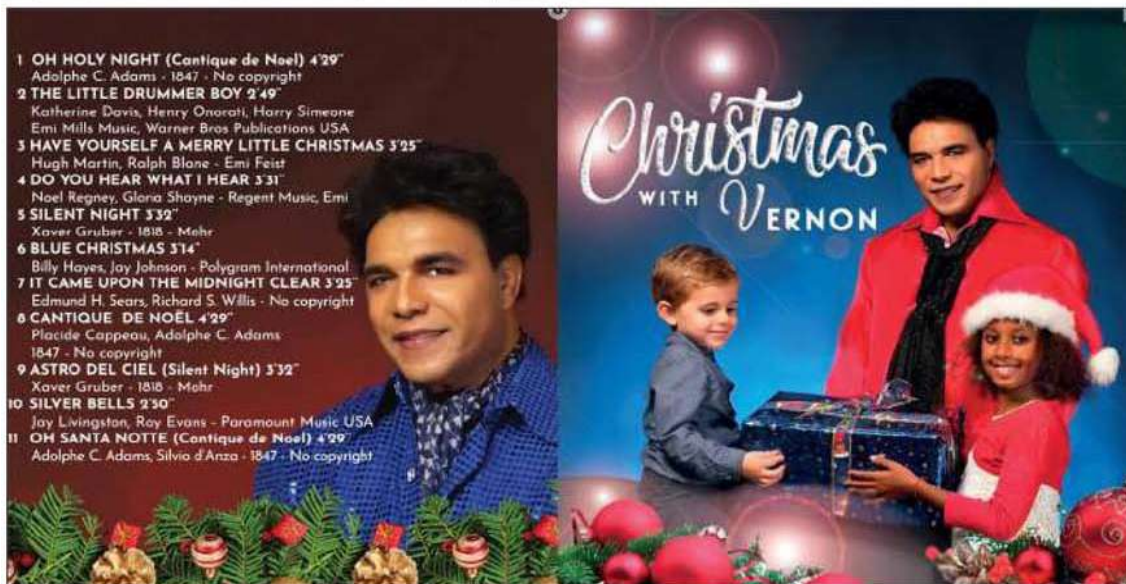
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activity, and can decrease appetite. In addition, the drug is also known to cause cardiovascular problems, including rapid heart rate, irregular heartbeat, and increased blood pressure. [CNW] SANTO DOMINGO.- Presidency chief of staff, Lisandro Macarrulla, announced this Wednesday night that he asked President Luis Abinader, for a license from his position as a public servant. The official has been in the cabinet since the president took office on August 16, 2020. The announcement was made days after the Justice Ministry linked a son of his in the case of alleged administrative corruption called Medusa and which, according to prosecutors, includes embezzlement from the State for more than RDS6.0 billion (US\$109.0 million).

"In accordance with the powers established in the Public Function Law, I have requested the President of the Republic a license from my position as Minister of the Presidency," the minister tweeted at 11 pm.

Lisandro José Macarrulla Martínez, son of the Minister of the Presidency Lisandro Macarrulla, is among the 41 people who were accused in the framework of alleged corruption allegedly headed by former Justice minister Jean Alain Rodríguez. [DOMINICAN TODAY]



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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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Divas On A Dime

# 2023 BVI Red Cross Men's Health Fair

The first leg of the 2023 BVI Red Cross Men's Health Fair and Prostate Cancer screening was a huge success.

The double weekend fair which is held annually as a lifesaving mechanism to prevent prostate cancer by helping men with testing commenced with the Virgin

Gorda leg of the event on 25 March.

It was stated that the event was well received by the men in that community with more than 101 men tested for this dreadful cancer.

Following the report of the event's success, the BVI Red Cross said, "We would like to thank the men

participating in this initiative and a special thank you to our Volunteers, partners, and sponsors for making this event possible. We look forward to continuing to provide this free service to the men in our community as the fair moves to Tortola on the 1st and 2nd of April at Cedar International."





## Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about spring cleaning your home. (from last week)

### Think Green When You Spring Clean

You want to start spring off on a clean note, so don't expose yourself to chemicals and toxins. A steam cleaner is one of the best green products for spring cleaning. It can be used to clean your microwave, tile, hard floors, kitchen appliances, bathrooms and even outdoor areas.

Since steam cleaners only use hot water vapor, they're a 100% natural and chemical-free cleaning solution. If you don't have a steam cleaner, one of the best natural combinations for cleaning is white distilled vinegar, baking soda, and water. These ingredients are affordable, non-toxic, and have worked for ages when it comes to cleaning.

### Walls and Windows Need Love too

People almost always clean their floors, but they typically forget about walls and windows. Not all dust settles on the floor and other surfaces. Just use a damp towel to wipe down walls and blinds (starting from the top). Remove and wipe down the window screens outside.

When it comes to the actual window, we don't suggest using chemical cleaners. A steam cleaner with a squeegee is a great way to clean windows. .

### Kitchen and Bathroom

Here are a few common trouble areas people forget about:

#### Kitchens

Wipe down your cabinets.

Go through your pantry and refrigerator.

Wipe down the shelves, and throw away any old items.

If you have stainless steel appliances, be sure to use gentle cleaners or a steam cleaner to avoid scratching or other issues.

#### Bathroom:

Change your shower curtain.

Clean the floors and basin regularly

Go through your cosmetics drawer or medicine cabinet and throw away any expired items.

Source: <https://www.sylvane.com/blog/spring-cleaning-tips-and-checklist/>



## Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com or  
islandsunnewsp@gmail.com

Dear Ladyburd: Pleasant day to you Ladyburd. I recently accepted the Lord as my Saviour, and I am pleased to say so far it has been going fine. My problem is that everyone seems to have a problem accepting the fact that I have changed, and is now a Christian, in fact many of my friends make jokes about it, and some family members turned it into a betting game to see who can get me to do one of the things that I used to do. I really need your advise? ...Denese

Ladyburd....Dear Denise: I am happy for you, you have made the right decision. However, it comes with the territory. Once you have decided to walk the straight and narrow way, there is always going to be someone who won't believe you and want to get in your way to test you, just to find out if you are for real. Remember it's not going to be easy. Always remember that you do not have to prove anything to anyone, but your God. He knows your heart and that is all that matters. All you need to do is walk the walk and talk the talk.



## Light Bulb Moments

"Spring: A Lovely  
Reminder Of How Beautiful  
Change Can Be" –  
Anonymous

"A Kind Word Is Like A  
Spring Day" – Russian  
Proverb

## Poetry Corner

### 'Spring'

*There is no time like  
Spring,  
When life's alive in  
everything,  
Before new nestlings  
sing,  
Before cleft swallows  
speed their journey  
back  
Along the trackless  
track –  
God guides their wing,  
He spreads their table  
that they nothing lack,  
–  
Before the daisy  
grows a common  
flower  
Before the sun has  
power  
To scorch the world  
up in his noontide  
hour...*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### Short Jokes

Romantic relationships can actually be represented in algebra. You for example, have definitely at some point looked at your X and asked yourself Y.

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The boss asks his employee, "Why aren't you working?" The employee explains, "Sorry boss, I didn't see you coming."

\*\*\*\*\*

A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

\*\*\*\*\*

A husband and wife are in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"

### The Bathroom

A drunk gets up from the bar and heads for the bathroom. A few minutes later, a loud, curdling scream is heard from the bathroom. A few minutes after that, another loud scream reverberates through the bar. The bartender goes into the bathroom to investigate why the drunk is screaming.

"What's all the screaming about in there? You're scaring the customers!"

"I'm just sitting here on the toilet and every time I try to flush, something comes up and squeezes me.

"With that, the bartender opens the door, looks in and says...

"You idiot!" "You're sitting on the mop bucket!"

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/classicadult/bathroomcalljoke.htm>

## PUN INTENDED

**"Spring is the perfect  
time to turn over  
a new leaf.."**

# VI Urged To Embrace Its Poets And Poetry

Virgin Islands is encouraged to continue to embrace its poets and poetry as it joined the rest of the world in observing World Poetry Day on March 21.

Secretary General of the BVI National Commission for UNESCO, Dr. Allison Flax-Archer said the observance of the day encourages persons to understand the importance of poetic expression.

Dr. Flax-Archer shared her experience while visiting schools across the Territory and listening to students express themselves through the different forms of poetry.

“Poetry continues to be a catalyst of expression for our students and it is important that we continue to encourage this type of sharing,” Dr. Flax-Archer said, adding, “We may be surprised by some of the underlying meanings that may be shared through the sound and rhythm in the creation of our students’ poems.”

She added, “Within our schools, we have another Virgin Islands Poet Laureate so, let us continue to embrace our poets and poetry not just during World Poetry Day, but always.”

Meanwhile, Director General of UNESCO Ms. Audrey Azoulay said that every form of poetry is unique, but each reflects the universal nature of the human experience, their aspiration for creativity that crosses all boundaries and borders. This, she said is the power of poetry. Ms. Azoulay added, “Indeed, poetry is unique in its ability to make sense of the changes affecting our world - to express sorrows, to stand against marginalisation and injustice, and to unite cultures in a spirit of solidarity.”

This year’s world poetry day was observed under the UNESCO theme, “Always be a poet, even in prose” and was aimed at supporting linguistic diversity through poetic expression.

World Poetry Day was first adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1999, during its 30th General Conference in Paris.

The original UNESCO declaration says the day was established to give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional, and international poetry movements.

World Poetry Day honours poets, and also revives oral traditions of poetry recitals, as well as to promote the reading, writing, and teaching of poetry.



1 March, 2022

There once was a boy who won the lottery  
 he bought the ticket and lost it in position  
 he caught a cold so bad he needed  
 so he pushed the numbers into his pocket  
 so hard he cracked the screen.





**DIVAS**  
**ON A DIME**  
By Patti Diamond

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**SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE: THE ART OF CROCKPOT GLAZED PORK**

Some things are perfect just as they are and don't require improvement. This is one of those things.

In these days of instant gratification, it isn't popular to take the slow road. I love my instant pot, don't get me wrong. But cooking a pork roast in the slow cooker or oven is better than using an instant pot because the slow and steady heat allows for even cooking and richer flavor.

If feeding a crowd or having leftovers are important to you, larger cuts of meat can also be cooked more evenly in an oven or slow cooker, which may not be possible in an instant pot. While an instant pot is convenient

for quick cooking, an oven or slow cooker can result in a culinary masterpiece worthy of the wait.

The recipe I'm sharing today has been around forever. It's melt-in-your-mouth juicy pork, enrobed in a sweet and tangy glaze. It's all about the glaze. You could put this glaze on a flip-flop and I would eat it.

**CROCK-POT BROWN SUGAR & BALSAMIC GLAZED PORK**

Yield: 8 generous servings

Total time: 4 to 6 hours, plus glazing time

4 - 5 pounds boneless pork sirloin roast

2 teaspoons ground sage

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

4 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup water

For the glaze:

1 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup soy sauce

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1/4 cup water

Season the pork roast on all sides with sage, salt and pepper. Place pork, fat cap side up, in the slow cooker and sprinkle the garlic evenly over the top. Carefully add water into the slow cooker so you don't wash off the

seasoning. Cook on high for 4 to 6 hours, or until the pork shreds easily with a fork. Carefully pull the roast from the slow cooker and place on an aluminum-lined sheet pan, and let it rest.

While the roast is resting, make the glaze. In a small saucepan, mix the ingredients for the glaze: brown sugar, balsamic vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch mixed with the water. Heat over medium, stirring until mixture thickens, about 4 minutes.

Preheat your oven broiler. Pour about half the glaze into a gravy boat and set aside. Brush about half of the remaining



glaze onto the pork and set under broiler for 1 to 2 minutes, until bubbly and caramelized. Repeat 2 to 3 more times until desired coating is achieved. Shred or slice pork against the grain into individual portions. Serve with reserved glaze on the side.

Oven directions: Preheat your oven to 350 F. Following the recipe and directions above, place the ingredients into a covered roasting pan or Dutch oven. Bake, covered, in the preheated oven for approximately 90 minutes to 2 hours, or until the pork shreds easily with a fork. Follow the directions for glazing the pork shown above.

It's important to note that oven cooking times can vary, so be sure to keep an eye on the pork as it cooks to ensure that it doesn't overcook or dry out.

And there you have it, slow and steady wins the race when it comes to making delicious, melt-in-your-mouth pork roast. Whether you choose to cook it in the oven or the slow cooker, this recipe for Crock-Pot Brown Sugar & Balsamic Glazed Pork is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. So take a break from instant gratification and give this recipe a try -- your taste buds will thank you!

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Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website *Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!* Visit Patti at [www.divasonadime.com](http://www.divasonadime.com) and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at [divapatti@divasonadime.com](mailto:divapatti@divasonadime.com)

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# POLICE NEWS

## LOADED FIREARM SEIZED IN DAYLIGHT STOP/SEARCH OPERATION

Sunday, March 26 – During a stop/search operation, officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force uncovered a loaded firearm with several rounds of ammunition after a search of scooter rider revealed the illegal weapon.

Akeel Robinson, 34 of West End, was charged with carrying an illegal firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition. Robinson will appear before Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

Friday's daytime stop/search operation also resulted in the arrest of Johnoi Frank, 19, of Horsepath for failing to stop at the request of police among of traffic offences. Ten other persons were reported for various traffic violations, 96 tickets were issued, and ten motor scooters were detained.

Head of the Armed Response Team Acting Chief Inspector Dean Robin says the successful find and subsequent arrest is as a result of his team's continued surveillance work targeting suspects and suspected areas. Within the operation's team were recruits still in training who received the needed field exposure in preparation for upcoming graduation and integration into the Force.

The Acting Chief Inspector notes such operations will continue Territory-wide and therefore appeals for persons who have witnessed or have any knowledge of firearms being discharged or any firearm-related information to call the anonymous **Crime Tips line 800-8477** or the **RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339**.

## ARREST BLOTTER

MARCH 12 – MARCH 25, 2023

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 14-03-2023 at about 0005hrs, Police arrested and charged Jahkoy Martin, 19, of Carrot Bay for Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2023.

2. On 17-03-2023 at about 2050hrs, Police arrested and charged Aaron Headley, 28, of Diamond Estate for the offences of Possession of a Controlled Drug and Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply.

3. On 17-03-2023 at about 2355hrs, Police arrested and charged Gregory Bryan, 49, of Greenland for Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 05-05-2023.

### OBTAINING MONEY BY DECEPTION

On 15-03-2023 at about 1245hrs, Police arrested and charged Devon Smith, 42, of Baughers Bay on two counts of Obtaining Money by Deception and two counts of Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. He was granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2023.

### ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 15-03-2023 at about 1054hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male of Parham Town for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$2,500 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 03-05-2023.

### BURGLARY

On 15-03-2023 at about 1126hrs, Police arrested and charged Mekhi Heskey, 20, of Village Cay for Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 05-05-2023.

### INDECENT ASSAULT

On 17-03-2023 at about 0640hrs, Police arrested and charged Junior Douglas, 44, of Hope Hill for Indecent Assault.

### CARRYING AN UNLICENSED FIREARM

On 24-03-2023 at about 1715hrs, Police arrested and charged Akeem Robinson, 34, of West End, for Carrying an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

### FAIL TO STOP VEHICLE AT REQUEST OF A POLICE OFFICER

On 24-03-2023 about 1858hrs, Police arrested and charged Johnoi Frank, 22, of Horse Path for Failing to Stop Vehicle at Request of an Officer, Driving without a Driver's License, Driving Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving Uninsured Vehicle, Driving without a Front Identification Plate, Driving without a Rear Identification Plate, and Driving without a Crash Helmet.

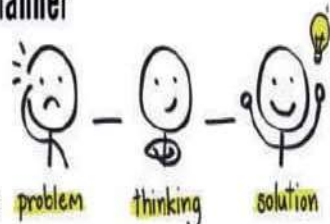
Before you discipline a child

**S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child

**T** - take a few deep breaths

**O** - observe the needs of your child

**P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner



# PVIM CANDIDATES DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands (Constitution) Order 2007, I RONNIE W. SKELTON of #20 Fort Charlotte Road, McNamara, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

Skelton Quarry Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of Quarry Material  
Skelton Baylot Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Warehouse Space  
Skelton Development Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Commercial Space  
Skelton Concrete Products (2010) Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of Ready-Mix Concrete  
Skelton Properties Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Land, Property Investments  
Skelton Investments Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Skelton Enterprises Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
CRC Trading Limited – Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of equipment and building materials  
P&3R Company Limited – Director/Shareholder

I further declare that periodically, I DO conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.



Ronnie W. Skelton  
March 29, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I, Stacy Roger Mather MBE of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following company in the capacity as indicated:

Sea Turtle Aquatics as an Owner  
YEP Foundation as a Director



Stacy R Mather  
March 21st, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I Shereen D. Flax-Charles

of Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE

NOTICE that I am not connected with any company doing business with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Shereen D. Flax-Charles  
March 20, 2023

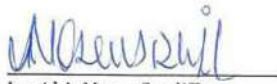
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### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I, Ingrid Annmarie Moses-Scatliffe of Havers Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

Travers Thorp Alberga - Partner  
Harkom Corporate Services Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Harkom Shareholders Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Harkom Directors Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Telecom Investments Holdings Limited - Shareholder  
Chaland Enterprises Limited - Director

I further declare that I do not have any contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Ingrid A. Moses-Scatliffe

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I Shaina M. Smith-Archer of Frenchman's Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected to the following company in the capacity as indicated:

Smith & Associates, Inc. as Managing Director

I further declare that this company does not currently have any contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Shaina M. Smith-Archer  
March 20, 2023

# PVIM CANDIDATES DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

## DECLARATION

### THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2007

In accordance with Section 66 (1)(f) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, I, **Melvin Mitchell Turnbull** of Windy Hill, British Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

1. **Body U Fit Health Club** as Director
2. **Gene's Bar & Grill** as Director

I further declare that I conduct services and receive a salary from being a Minister in the Government of the Virgin Islands.

  
Melvin Mitchell Turnbull  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

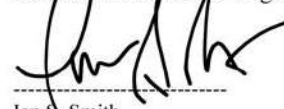
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### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I Ian S. Smith of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following company in the capacity as indicated:

Erin Rentals (2017) Ltd., Director  
Roosevelt Smith (Modern Construction) Limited, Chief Operating Officer  
Fort Burt 1990 Limited, Manager  
Fort Burt 1997 Limited, Manager

I further declare that periodically, I do conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.

  
Ian S. Smith  
March 21, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s 66(1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, I MARVIN E. BLYDEN of Huntum's ghut, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity AS INDICATED:

#### A & M Coin Laundry – CEO/Director/Shareholder

- Provides sales and services of laundry products (detergent, beverages, laundry bags etc.)

#### M.B's Ice Service – CEO/Director

- Provides sales and services of ice, ice bags and ice bins


#### Qwomar Trading Limited - CEO/Director

- Provides sales and services of pharmaceuticals, prescription drugs, sundries and office space rental

#### Qwomar Trading Limited Construction - CEO/Director

- Provides building materials and equipment, repair, builds homes, walls and other construction projects

I further declare that periodically, I DO conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands

  
Marvin E. Blyden  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands (Constitution) Order 2007, I

SYLVIA C. ROMNEY-MOSES with address at

DIAMOND ESTATE, TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands

DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I have interests in the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

BVI CANCER SOCIETY – TREASURER

BVI RED CROSS - TREASURER

I further declare that I DO NOT conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.

  
Sylvia C. Romney-Moses

Dated: March 30, 2023

# COMMENTARY

## Our paradise is under threat

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

March 24, 2023

Now, a certain politician loves pontificating on the beauty of these Virgin Islands. Most aliens arriving on these shores swiftly appreciate the safety, beauty, and wholesomeness of life in the Virgin Islands. These Virgin Islands are truly a garden where life should be glorious and wholesome.

A drive around the inhabited islands at night reveals a majestic

little place with homes lit up sitting high on divinely sculpted hills and hilltops, while the sounds of gushing waves offer serenity, melody, and peace.

Once upon a time, before the adoption of a new culture of prosperity driven by tourism and finance, residents who lived off the land would have had a far greater opportunity to appreciate **Nature's providence**.

Virgin Islanders sat on their verandahs in their simple clapboard homes and gossiped under a wonderful full moon. Women toiled in the outdoor kitchen and cooked up delicious dishes for their menfolk who exhausted themselves daily under the hot sun, fishing, planting food for the community, digging at the basic road infrastructure that allowed the wary donkey to travel from village to village, building, harvesting provisions, producing

sugar and rum, rearing livestock, clearing bush for farming, and more.

A simpler time that was agrarian and religious must have been a great deal more secure than today, in that it offered greater certainty of outcome.

Residents lived by their own strict moral and social codes. The church and prayer meeting was at the center of rural life. The first schools derived from this religious culture, driven by the old evangelicals: Methodists, Anglicans, Seven Day Adventists, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness.

Today all that has changed. Toxic fumes threaten the health of natives on the west of Tortola. Traffic is a hazard. Fast boats are a menace.

A materially driven society has become fragmented and isolated. Neighborliness is practically nonexistent. The rise in violent crime in certain sectors of the

community reflects the blind pursuit of material wealth notwithstanding how obtained. Dishonesty and deception ingrained in the culture have led to white-collar crime and corruption, and in very recent times a Commission of Inquiry, that threatens direct UK intervention in the daily affairs of a self-governing territory of Great Britain. The preceding is a disaster and would herald a return to a time the UK ruled these islands directly.

No one can honestly state that the present day is better than a yesteryear when the word community meant true neighborliness, close-knit families, and the village looking out.

Hearts and minds make a country not the economy and material prosperity. For the Virgin Islands to return to some peace, tranquility, and sanity, people will have to understand how far we have fallen from where we once were.

Young men especially will have to understand their reckless behaviors are in no one's best interest especially their own. They simply end up on the scrap heap of society, prison, or the grave, as they proceed on a downward path to destruction.

The solution to overcoming the present predicament begins and ends in adopting honesty and kindness as a way of life, and not aping alien cultures where the pursuit of money is the beginning and ending of everything.

This Old Boy has observed aliens who are under the mistaken belief that the woes of the native population is none of their business. In that, they are hugely mistaken. The day this island erupts, in whatever way it does, all will suffer. The world is a cycle, and until we die, we are all part of its motion.

Dickson Igwe

## RVIPF/MARINE ASSOCIATION LAUNCH OPERATION ISLAND WATCH

Thursday, March 30 – Today, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force launched the Operation Island Watch which is intended to offer mariners a tool for reporting suspicious behaviour in and around the Territory's borders and shorelines.

Head of the Marine Branch Inspector Lesroy Simmons says the initiative, which is close to his heart, equips captains, boaters, keen sailors or just those walking on the beach with the tools to anonymously report any suspicious activity.

"We are fortunate to have a number of persons within the marine industry who are passionate about protecting our waters from predators who engage in illegal fishing, illegal smuggling or trafficking, illegal dumping, or any other unlawful use of the Territorial waters or shorelines. By giving no more than a few details, law enforcement is provided with the information needed to respond quickly and apprehend potential suspects," Simmons noted.

At the launch, Chief Inspector Louis Buckley showed the ease

with which someone can share information. "On the Operation Island Watch brochure is a QR code. With a smartphone on camera mode, you can scan the QR code. This will immediately take you to the Watch site where you can log any suspicious details. All we need is a line or two. No other information is required or requested," he said.

Both officers noted their delight at the chance to partner with the Marine Association of the BVI who provided the funding for the initiative. Operation Manager for Virgin Islands Search and Rescue Phil Aspinall says he fully endorses the initiative and adds his support.

"I see this being a win-win for all concerned. The BVI is considered the sailing capital of the world, and we must help to protect this destination at all costs. I think I speak for many within the boating community when I say that I am happy to be part of this initiative and any such initiative that promotes safety and security in our waters," Aspinall noted.

The group simultaneously showed a dinghy safety brochure now

available for charter companies, captains and sailing visitors which lists safety tips for persons travelling in a dinghy including maintaining a safe speed, wearing a kill cord and a lifejacket and practicing safe loading.

Boaters can collect a free Operation Island Watch and Dinghy Safety Brochure at the Police Marine Base or at the VISAR Office at Road Reef. Persons can also contact Lesroy Simmons directly at 368-9462. To see the full launch, log on to Government's Facebook Page.

Persons who have witnessed or have any knowledge of any suspicious activity on land or sea can continue to call the anonymous Crime Tips line 800-8477.



## POLICE NEWS



# Caribbean News / Regional News

## CARIBBEAN WEEK RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY IN JUNE

NEW YORK, NY (March 28, 2023) — The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) has announced the highly anticipated return of Caribbean Week in New York, scheduled for June 5-8, 2023, in “The Big Apple”.

The event, being held under the auspices of the CTO Foundation, aims to showcase the vibrant Caribbean culture, foster engagement with the media, promote thought leadership, and encourage networking within the tourism industry.

Neil Walters, Acting Secretary General of the CTO noted, “We are thrilled to be able to bring back this important event that highlights the dynamism of the Caribbean and our strong connection to the Northeastern USA, which is one of

our primary source markets.”

Walters explained that Caribbean Week’s hiatus over the last few years was due to the pandemic. Travel restrictions implemented globally presented not only resource challenges but also general uncertainty regarding the recovery of travel. As a result, the ability to resume activities in the marketplace was impacted.

Caribbean Week 2023 is set to showcase a dynamic lineup of events and business meetings, including those involving the CTO Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Council of Ministers and Commissioners. These discussions will focus on the critical issues that are shaping the direction and growth of Caribbean tourism, providing an opportunity

for robust and strategic dialogue.

A Welcome Cocktail Reception hosted by CTO Allied Members is scheduled during the week, and attendees can also look forward to a Tourism Industry Marketing Conference aimed at exploring trends in destination growth.

The CTO will stage a press breakfast, along with the popular Media Marketplace, which will provide a platform for Caribbean countries to engage with trade, consumer and diaspora media.

Funds raised during Caribbean Week will go towards scholarships and grants for Caribbean students in the region and the diaspora.

**For more information about Caribbean Week 2023, visit [caribbeanweek.com](http://caribbeanweek.com).**

## DESTINATION ASSURANCE KEY TO TOURISM SUCCESS – BARTLETT

NEGRIL, Hanover, Monday, March 27, 2023: The Ministry of Tourism has begun national public consultations ahead of presenting its Destination Assurance Framework and Strategy (DAFS) to Parliament for approval as a White Paper. Destination Assurance is seen by Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett as key to the future of Jamaica’s tourism success. “It is a promise to visitors that assures an authentic, safe and seamless vacation experience, which is respectful to the community and environment,” he stated. The strategy is the blueprint that will guide the Ministry and our partners to ensure continuous improvement in the delivery and management of quality throughout the tourism value chain.

The first set of consultations took place in Negril at two meetings on Thursday, March 23, 2023. First, with members of the Negril Destination Assurance Council, tourism stakeholders, and public and private partners at the Boardwalk Village followed by a town hall meeting with members of the public from Hanover and Westmoreland at

the Negril Community Centre.

Referring to lessons taught by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Bartlett said, “We are looking at the holistic approach to tourism and a big part of it is that people travel to enable a high level of happiness and satisfaction. They go to destinations where they feel safe, secure and they have a seamless experience.”

He said approval of the White Paper “will make Jamaica the first country in the world to have a Destination Assurance Policy” and the consultation was towards that objective “because that policy can’t be promulgated without the input of you who are the players.”

Stressing that they needed to appreciate their role and responsibility in delivering on Jamaica’s brand promise, Minister Bartlett underscored, “We don’t want anyone anywhere in the world to second guess the integrity of the promise that when you come to Jamaica you will have a safe, secure, seamless vacation.”

In that vein, he said public order was critical “because tourism cannot function in chaos and disorder” and everyone had a role to play. “I think the country has to get to the point where

we recognize the importance of public order, not just as a security requirement but as a means of enabling a stable and cohesive society where people feel free to move around, to operate without being molested and unduly disturbed by their neighbour,” declared Minister Bartlett.

He said this was not about tourism but about Jamaicans and their neighbours having a society “in which the rules that govern how we interact are respected and maintained.”

The Destination Assurance Policy will be placing special focus on reducing instances of visitor harassment and poor solid waste management practices. With its promulgation, the Ministry of Tourism through its relevant public bodies intends to launch a programme in each resort area for the re-socialization and skills upgrading of informal operators in the tourism sector and the formalization of the activities of persons who are trained and empowered with skills.

The strategic push will be supported by a strong legislative agenda, including amending the Tourist Board Act, the

## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA EXTENDS AIRLIFT INTO THE DUTCH CARIBBEAN WITH LAUNCH OF NEW ANTIGUA-ARUBA ROUTE

St. John’s, Antigua (March 28, 2023) - The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority has welcomed the start of a new direct flight connecting Antigua and Barbuda to the ABC islands in the Dutch West Indies.

International carrier, British Airways launched the new route service between Antigua and Aruba on Sunday (March 26), as the airline continues to enhance inter-regional connectivity within the Caribbean.

The additional flight will provide ample opportunities for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority to grow arrivals from the wider Caribbean region.

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority’s Director of Tourism for Latin America and the Caribbean, Charmaine Spencer said, “We are pleased with this new twice-weekly tagged service being offered by British Airways, as it is the first direct connection between Antigua and Aruba and complements the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority’s growth and diversification strategy into new markets.”

“It is also an opportune time to attract new potential visitors for the summer and access new markets to promote our cultural events”, said Spencer.

The new service will see the 2-hour flight take place twice weekly between Antigua and Aruba, on Sundays and Thursdays.

Diane Corrie, British Airways Commercial Manager for the Caribbean said: “As the longest serving carrier connecting the Caribbean to the UK, our links to the region are stronger than ever – and we’re delighted to be offering more inter-regional connectivity with this new flight between Aruba and Antigua. We look forward to welcoming you on board!”

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority is inviting Dutch visitors to travel to Antigua and Barbuda for a host of exciting events in 2023, to include Antigua and Barbuda Art Week (April 17 – April 22), Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (April 19 – April 24), Antigua Sailing Week (April 29 – May 5), Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week (May 7 – May 21) and Antigua’s Carnival (July 27 - August 8).

Visitors can take advantage of the great introductory roundtrip airfare with fares starting as low as US\$448.

**For Antigua-Aruba fares visit, [www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com)**

Travel Agency Act and their accompanying regulations. “In this way, the Government will modernize the provisions

of these Acts, strengthen enforcement provisions, and improve our tourism product,” said Minister Bartlett.



*(HM DAFS) Minister of Tourism, Hon Edmund Bartlett (at lectern) addresses tourism stakeholders at the Negril Community Centre on the importance of the soon-to-be-implemented Destination Assurance Framework and Strategy (DAFS) which, he said, will be key to the future of Destination Jamaica’s tourism success.*

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Aging Americans Live it Up in Florida Retirement Communities

People who retire to The Villages in central Florida aren't interested in slipping quietly into old age. Take Michael Roche, a New Jersey native who says he's done everything from teaching high school history to working as a casino dealer and describes himself as an extrovert.

"I like to dance, and I saw that there was live entertainment every single night. That appealed to me," he says, while standing outside a crowded bar at the retirement community where the midafternoon day-drinking is in full swing. "Plus, you could plug into as much or as little as you want."

More than 22 million people live in Florida. One in five is older than 65. Retirees are often drawn to the warm weather, relatively low cost of living, and the lifestyle offered at retirement communities like The Villages.

"Everything is about what retired people want to do, how they feel, what makes them happy, what kind of music is played, what our interests are," says Denise Moline,

a retired financial planner who moved from Texas. "I definitely feel more valued here because they do cater to the age set. They are really thinking about what my age group, the retired set, does."

Pittsburgh native Ray Henry, who used to work in construction, mostly drilling holes in building foundations, came for a visit and never left.

"I didn't want to leave after I was here. It's too much fun," says Henry, while standing outside the crowded bar and describing a typical day. "Get up and come over here. See some friends, do a little dancing, have a couple drinks. Go to one of the great places to eat and get up and do it the next day."

Roche, Moline and Henry are among the approximately 80,000 people who live in The Villages, making it one of the largest retirement communities in the world, according to U.S. Census 2020 data.

The Villages—a census-designated place in Sumter, Lake and Marion counties, covering 57 square miles—is a community

development district, which has powers that are similar to local governments.

Along with 50 golf courses, The Villages offers hundreds of other activities and clubs, including arts and crafts, book clubs, games, dancing and singles events. There's also nightly entertainment in the three town squares, which feature a variety of restaurants and shops.

Lauren Ritchie, a retired columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, used to report on The Villages and its residents.

"They're buying a lifestyle. And the lifestyle they're buying is the one that they are convinced that they deserve. They've worked their whole life, and shoveled snow every winter," she says.

"People call it Disney for old people. Well, it's exactly what it is. And there's a certain person who wants to live in that kind of ambience-created place. And there are other types of people whose families are the number one priority, and they want to stay up north to be near their grandchildren," she added.



Michael Roche, (in black hat) and Denise Moline (in black), dance at an establishment in The Villages retirement community in Florida, Feb. 27, 2023.

Safety is also a paramount consideration for some of the retirees.

"There's no sketchy neighborhoods in The Villages. Every place that you go, you feel safe," says Roche, the New Jersey native who bought his home here in November 2022. "There is no one looking over their shoulder or worrying about getting mugged. And, in America today, that's important."

Feeling secure was also a big draw for Barbara Weese. She lives at the Hawthorne at Leesburg, a gated retirement community about an hour's drive from Orlando, where emergency personnel are always on standby.

"We have buttons in our homes, so, if you have an emergency in the middle of night, you push the button. Someone will come and check and see what is going on," Weese says. "That's a very, very secure feeling, particularly for people who are widowed or alone." About 2,000 people live at Hawthorne, making it far smaller than The Villages. Retirees looking to move to Florida have hundreds—as many as 670 by one count—of active adult retirement communities to consider.

"We have so many communities to choose from that someone's going to find a good fit," says Realtor Sharon Wooten. "I think the 55-plus communities are a great fit for a lot of people that are retiring ... a lot of people work their whole lives and when they retire, they want to go to a place that has activities, things to do, convenience, just a more relaxing lifestyle."

It's a lifestyle Weese has embraced. She says she came to Florida for the climate, camaraderie and a chance to reinvent herself.

"There are opportunities in these communities for older people to do things that are usually only the province of younger people, particularly when you get to your 80s," she says. "Maybe in high school you played the trumpet, and you've never played it again, and then you come down to one of these communities and you find out ... there's an orchestra or something and you start playing the trumpet again."

But for Weese, 87, and her 90-year-old husband, the party is coming to an end. After 30 years of retirement living in Florida, they are returning to Maine to be near their adult children. They plan to live in a townhouse that is connected to their adult daughter's residence.

"Let's be perfectly honest about it. When you're 87 and 90, you're not going to be here in 20 years. So it's probably time, while you can still walk, talk and chew gum, to leave and get settled somewhere for when you do decline," Weese says. "You're not going to stay healthy forever. When you do decline, your family is there."

Realtor Wooten says it's not unusual for older clients to leave Florida.

"You get to that point in life where you may not be able to drive anymore, and you might want to be closer to your kids or family members," she says.

Even though she enjoyed living in her retirement community for the last three decades, Weese is feeling upbeat about the move.

"It's an adventure. It's new. It's a new chapter," she says. "Not a lot of people at age 87 get to have a new chapter."

## US VP Harris Announces \$1 Billion in Funding for Women's Economic Empowerment

CCRA, GHANA — U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris announced Wednesday \$1 billion in public and private financing for programs focused on economic empowerment of women as she wraps up a visit to Ghana.

The funding will support expanding access to digital services, job training and support for entrepreneurs, her office said.

Harris held a roundtable of women entrepreneurs Wednesday in the Ghanaian capital, Accra, before departing for Tanzania, the next leg of her weeklong Africa tour.

Tuesday, Harris pledged a new era of partnership between the U.S. and Africa, emphasizing women's empowerment, developing the digital economy



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris

and supporting democracy to 8,000 young Ghanaians who gathered under the punishing midday sun to hear her speak in Accra.

Harris, the first Black female U.S. vice president, took the stage under the arch of Black Star gate, a sweeping seaside monument to Ghana's 1957 independence from British colonial rule.

"We are all in because there are

longstanding ties between our people," Harris said. "We have an intertwined history, some of which is painful and some of which is prideful and all of which we must acknowledge, teach and never forget."

After visiting Tanzania, Harris closes her trip with a stop in Zambia.

Harris Visit to Tanzania Comes Amid Improved Relations Under Hassan

# SPORTS



## Puerto Rico overhauls BVI, 3-1, in CONCACAF Nations League

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### FOOTBALL

Visiting Puerto Rico overcame 'though conditions' and scored three unanswered goals to overhaul hosts BVI's men's Football team for a 3-1 victory last Thursday at the A. O. Shirley Grounds, to complete a sweep of their CONCACAF Nations League C, Group D match. The visitors fell behind 1-0.

"First off, it's tough conditions. The field obviously played a factor and when you go a goal down and the home team gets behind the team, it's difficult conditions for a young team, but mentally, we responded well," Puerto Rico Coach Charlie Trout told Island Sun Sports. "Obviously, our play wasn't how we wanted it, but sometimes you have to grind out a result. Getting goals on each side of the half, our spirits were raised by that, then we started to control the game a little bit better. There's

still a lot of work to do, but good response from the guys today. With a goal down, the boys showed they could respond to that and mentally, for a young group, that shows great maturity."

Puerto Rico, who shut down the BVI 6-0 in Mayaguez last June, trailed 1-0 after Tyler Forbes scored from a free kick in the 36th minute, placing the ball to the right of Goalkeeper, Joel Serrano. Puerto Rico would even the game at 1-1 in the 44th, when Leandro Antonette connected from the penalty spot.

Just inside the stroke of the second half, Devin Vega put Puerto Rico ahead 2-1, in the 46th minute. Serrano, under pressure on several throw-ins by Captain Troy Caesar, kept the BVI out the net late in the game, before substitute Ian Silva connected on a header off a cross in the 90+4, making it 3-1 final.

The loss dropped the BVI to 0-24-4 in their last 28 matches. Their last win was in 2012, a 1-0 victory in a friendly over Anguilla. The BVI ended play at 0-2-2 with two

points. Puerto Rico, 3-0-0, has won the league and has been promoted to Group B, is 3-0 and has nine points. They will face the Cayman Islands in their final group match.

Coach Chris Kiwomya who has been at the BVI helm since 2021, credited Puerto Rico as a technical team. "But we got that goal we wanted, then they scored before half time from a free kick that was very preventable, and then scored after half time, ultimately, that's what separated the teams," he shared with Island Sun Sports. "They did have a lot of clear chances, so I'm really disappointed on how we defended with the two goals. The third one, we were trying to push forward and change the system so much. But the lads have come a long way. They beat us 6-0 and we closed the gap a little bit but ultimately, we may have been able to get a result with a little more composure, but the players were nervous. We have to try and control the ball and control phases of the game a bit better."



**Puerto Rico's Goalkeeper, Joel Serrano, outjumps his BVI opponents for another save**

The BVI, Trout said, was much more organized than in their last game and they were harder to break down. "They fought all the way," he said. "Chris is putting them in a better direction and give him credit for that."

Forbes said he's happy with the team and the long way they've come and and the Puerto Rico

managers and players commended their big improvement from last time. "I feel like we made the country proud somewhat, but it's a loss, it's not a win," he noted. "But we have to look past it and look forward now."

### CARIFTA GAMES

## BVI sending 30 to the 50th Carifta Games in Nassau, Bahamas

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Adaejah Hodge will lead the British Virgin Islands delegation of 30 athletes—24 of them home based—to the 50th Carifta Games in the Bahamas, BVI Athletics Association officials announced on Sunday. The games will be held in Nassau over the April 8-10, Easter weekend.

Hodge, who was coming off her recent U-20 Girls 200m World Indoor record of 22.33 seconds indoors in Boston on March 12, opened her outdoor campaign at the Florida State Relays on Friday. She had 200m runaway wind aided victory in 22.84 seconds, with a +3.0 meters per second tailwind. On Saturday, she sprinted to 11.18 seconds in the 100m, a mark that improved the 11.29 BVI Jr. and Youth records she established in 2022 and is No 10 on the All Time U.S. High School list. Her time is just 0.05 seconds off Tahesia Harrigan-Scott's 11.13 national record.

Last year, Hodge won Carifta Games U-17 Girls gold medals in

the 100 and 200 meters as well as Long Jump and was awarded the Austin Sealy Award for the single most outstanding performance by an athlete in the games. With her stellar performance, the BVI became the 11th country with an athlete winning the award since it was introduced in 1977.

Hodge, who turned 17 last Thursday, will contest the U-20 Girls 100 and 200m and will be among four 2022 medallists on the team. On Saturday U-17 Girls High Jump bronze medalist Jah'Kyla Morton, 16, competing in the Dag Samuels Development Series meet No 7, leapt a personal best 1.67m (5'5") the No 1 All Time BVI outdoor mark, breaking a 4-way tie at 1.65m (5'5"). Virgin Gorda's Takole Creque established the mark in 1994 and was equaled in 2008 by Chantel Malone. Z'Niah Hutchinson etched her name in 2016, while Ximora "Gia" Malone. Did it in 2022.

Savianna Joseph, who bagged U-17 Girls Shot Put gold, will

compete in the U-20 Girls division, while A'Keela McMaster, a North Dakota State Freshman and U-20 Girls Heptathlon silver medalist, is also on the team.

This Carifta Games will be a 'home coming' of sorts for the BVI who debuted in the Carifta Games in the Bahamas in 1976 with four athletes, won its first medal in 1978, then won eight medals in 2013—its most medals in a single Carifta Games—four on the opening day and four on the closing day.

The first U-20 Boys 100m medal was also won there in 2018, ending a 42 year drought. The Bahamas is also where BVI athletes have won 12 of their 64 overall medals since 1978, including 11 individual event medals. The BVI won seven medals in last year's event in Jamaica.

The team is comprised of: U17 Girls: Taryn Augustine, 200m, 4x100; Shyra Stoutt, Long Jump, 4x100m; Shannia Johnson, 100m, 4x100m; Jah'kyla Morton, High

Jump, 100m Hurdles, 4x100m; A'Sia McMaster, 100m Hurdles, 4x100m; Kenniqua Grate, High Jump, 4x100m; Cristal Daly, Long Jump. U-20 Girls: Savianna Joseph, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Adaejah Hodge, 100, 200m 4x400m; Palesa Caesar, Shot Put, Discus Throw; Kaelyaah Liburd, 400m, 4x400; Kenyatta Grate, 200m, 4x400m; Amia Todman, 4x100m; A'Keela McMaster, Heptathlon, 4x400m; Ashleigh Penn, Heptathlon.

U17 Boys: J'Den Jackson, 100, 200m; 4x100; Othneil Gillings,

4x100; Mario Carter, 4x100; Tiondre Frett, 4x 100. U-20 Boys: Gabriel Cline, Long Jump; Jonathan Lynch, 800, 1500m; Orlando Douglas, Octathlon; Mychael Claxton, Octathlon; Andre Smikle, Shot Put, Discus Throw; Jahshani Farrington, 800 and 1500m; M'Khorri Crabbe, Long Jump, 4x400m; Khamauri Crabbe, 400m; Mikei George, 100, 200m, 4x400m. Tyreese James, 400m, 4x400m. Jaylen Callwood, 100m, 200m.



**24 of the 30 athletes selected for the 50th Carifta Games in the Bahamas, are home based**



# SPORTS



*BVI starting 11 against Puerto Rico in the Nations League*



*Hurdlers in all divisions competing in the Dag Samuels Development Series meet No 7*



*Elite Volleyball team, during a timeout against Kiss My Ace*



*Athletes representing the four track clubs before competing in the 100m*



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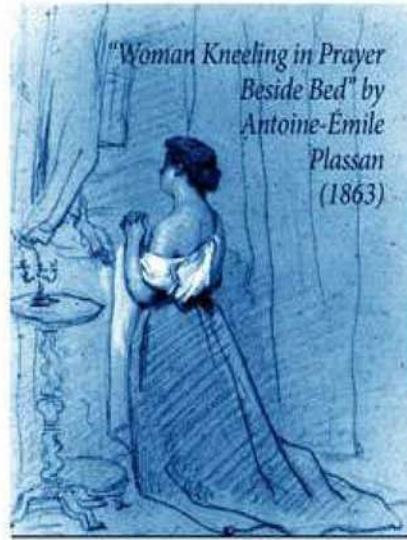
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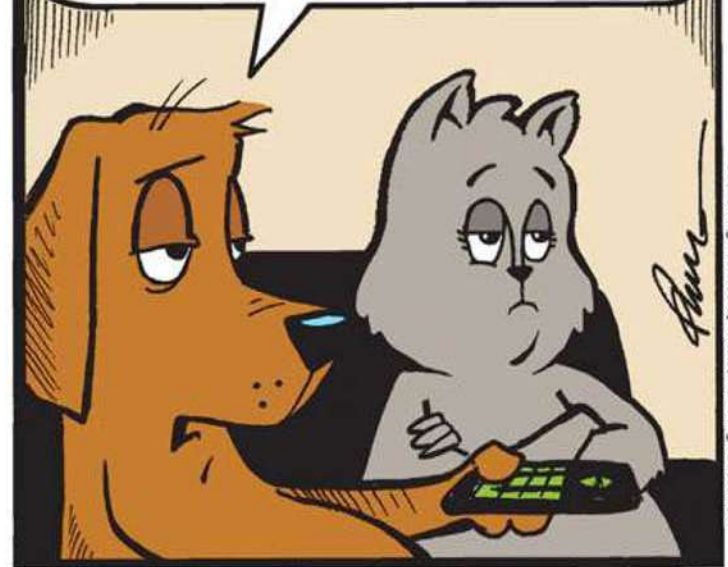
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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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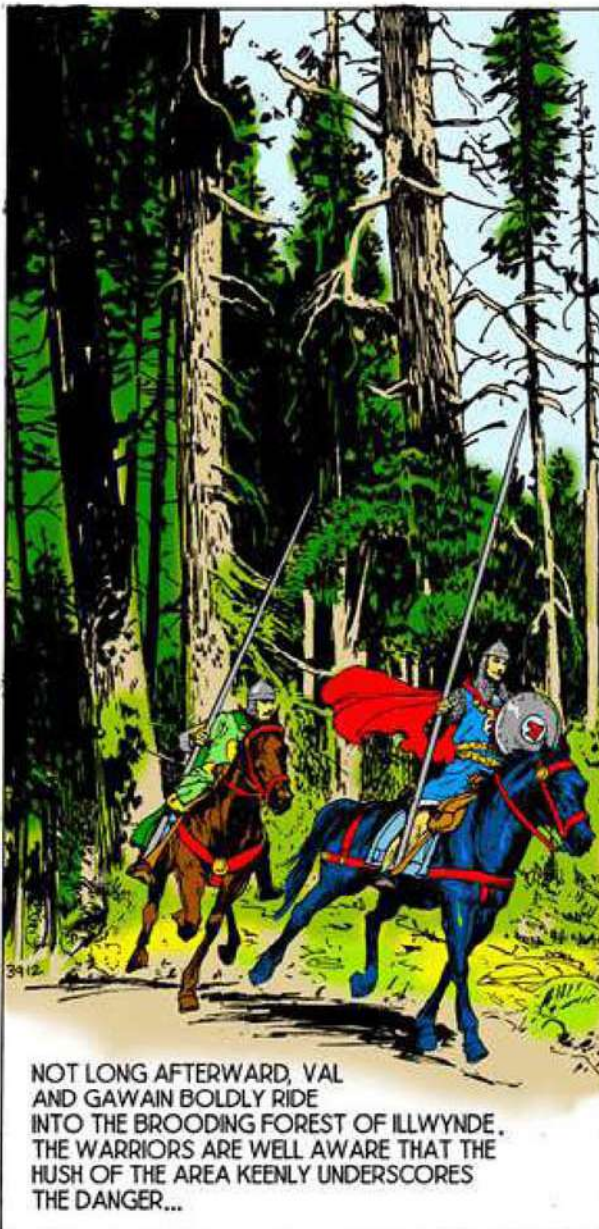
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**Prince Valiant**  
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

VAL AND COMPANY HAVE SEEN THE TERRIBLE GOLEM FROM A DISTANCE, AND PLAN THEIR NEXT MOVE.



"ST. GEORGE," DECIDES VAL, "TAKE ALETA AND OOM FOoyAT TO THE PROTECTION OF THAT CAVE. GAWAIN AND I WILL PROCEED."



NOT LONG AFTERWARD, VAL AND GAWAIN BOLDLY RIDE INTO THE BROODING FOREST OF ILLWYNDE. THE WARRIORS ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE HUSH OF THE AREA KEENLY UNDERSCORES THE DANGER...



... OF WHAT LIES AHEAD.

NEXT:  
**Routed**



# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Thyatira (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Who was David's oldest brother who picked on him for coming to the battle lines? *Abner, Omri, Amasa, Eliab*
  3. After Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, who lived in a cave with his daughters? *Job, Lot, Levi, Joel*
  4. In Luke 3, who told Roman soldiers to avoid taking money by force? *John the Baptist, Paul, Mark, Matthew*
  5. What Canaanite city was burned down by the men of Dan? *Tarsus, Antioch, Laish, Cana*
  6. In which book is the phrase, "Salt of the earth"? *None, Matthew, Mark, Jude*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Eliab, 3) Lot, 4) John the Baptist, 5) Laish, 6) Matthew 5:13

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Someone you relied on might resist your request for help. Get the facts behind their decision before jumping to conclusions. You might be in for a surprise.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the winter-weary Bovine to start plans for spring redecorating. Indulge in something super beautiful for your home. You deserve it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An inner conflict might keep you from taking the first step toward healing an old wound. Seek the advice of a trusted friend for help in dealing with your uncertainty.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Change can bring confusion. You need to take a strong stand to make sure your rights are respected despite all the fuss and fury going on around you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your financial situation continues to improve, although you still need to watch those expenses. Something from the past could affect a current situation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Problems adjusting to a new job and unfamiliar surroundings might tempt you to give up. But hang in there — things get better in time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Decision time is near. Talk out your doubts with trusted advisers. If your misgivings still outweigh your enthusiasm, it's best to rethink the whole deal.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A situation has you puzzled. Be patient. The answers you seek will soon come from a source very close to the person at the center of your curiosity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your usually active social life is in super-high gear through this week. Your hectic party-going pace eases into a period of quiet time by the weekend.

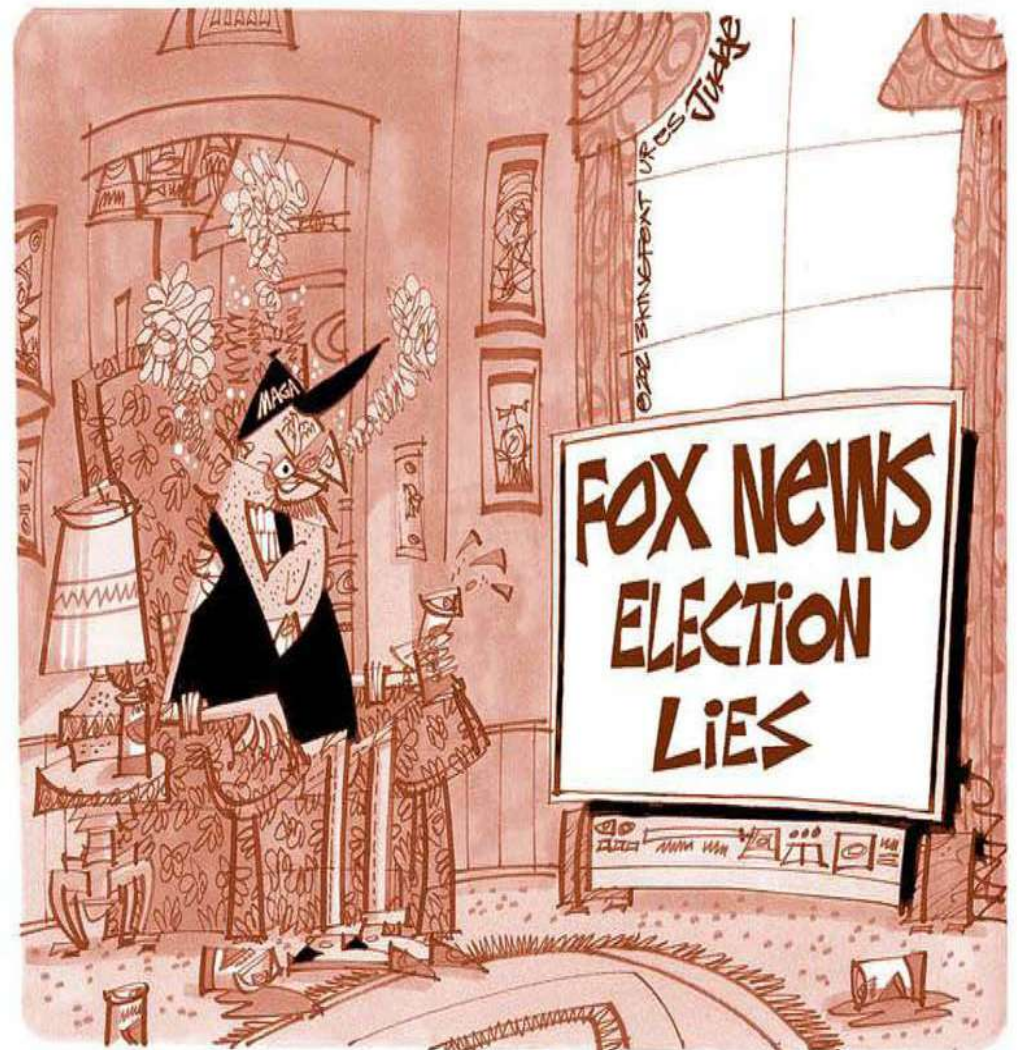
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You need to start narrowing down those several new options that have come your way to just the two or three you really want to pursue.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a wise Water Bearer who nurtures a fading friendship back to vibrant health. At work, a once-shelved idea is suddenly being reconsidered.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel swamped by a flood of work-related obligations, but the support of a trusted associate helps you get through each one successfully.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a caring person who often puts your own needs aside to help others. You have a gift for cultivating beautiful gardens.

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Fossil Fuel

# THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA SECURED A LONG-AWAITED LOAN FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)

By *Transparency International*

This week, the government of Sri Lanka secured a long-awaited loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The US\$3 billion bailout package is seen as a lifeline for the country grappling with the worst financial crisis in its history. It comes with conditions: Sri Lanka must pass structural anti-corruption reforms.

Lankan president and prime minister resigned, and the government requested an emergency loan from the IMF to help relieve the economy immediately after.

Now, the IMF says it will rely on a diagnostic exercise to identify which anti-corruption reforms are urgently needed - with input from civil society.

To put the country on the track of recovery, Transparency International Sri Lanka has been calling

for genuine anti-corruption reforms in a number of areas. These include: enhancing parliamentary oversight on public finances, ensuring transparency and accountability in public procurement, eliminating political influence in the public sector, auditing and assessing state-owned enterprises, and bolstering the law enforcement.

These measures are critical also for ensuring that the bailout package



Corruption is pervasive in Sri Lanka, which scores just 36 out of 100 and is a country to watch on our 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). Decades of systemic corruption and economic mismanagement, coupled with a significant reduction in tourism brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, ultimately resulted in the collapse of the nation's economy.

Moreover, the former government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has been accused of violating human rights, suppressing the media and undermining the judiciary.

Last year, the country saw massive protests by people exasperated with entrenched corruption and bad governance, which culminated in tens of thousands occupying the presidential palace. Consequently, Sri

sealed this week benefits Sri Lankans struggling to make ends meet - and is not lost to corruption. With lenders and borrowers preparing to discuss the public debt crisis in the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings, the National Democratic Institute, Open Government Partnership and Chandler Foundation are organising a high-level panel of experts and practitioners to share transparency and accountability lessons learned. Join the discussion to learn about Sri Lanka's experience from Nadishani Perera, executive director of Transparency International Sri Lanka.

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## The Garden Bug



Ladybugs are beneficial to crops and gardens because they eat aphids, which are small sap-sucking insects (such as the greenfly and the blackfly) which feed on plants and crops, often damaging them.

Although Asian beetles also eat pesky aphids, they also infest and eat fruit such as apples, grapes, and raspberries. They bite, and secrete a strong-smelling, staining liquid from their legs. - Brenda Weaver

### 'bugs vs. beetles



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# top ten

## World's Largest Lakes

1. Caspian Sea
2. Lake Superior
3. Lake Victoria
4. Lake Huron
5. Lake Michigan
6. Lake Tanganyika
7. Lake Baikal
8. Great Bear Lake
9. Lake Malawi
10. Great Slave Lake

Source: Visual Capitalist

## LAFF - A - DAY



"I've got a hot tip for you on something that's been rising steadily all week!"



# DEVELOPMENT CRISIS THREATENS SMALL STATES

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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



"The world is facing a crisis of development." Those are the first words of a paper from officials of the World Bank Group (WBG), setting out a proposed roadmap for "urgent action" to tackle the "growing crisis of poverty and economic distress, and global challenges, including climate change, pandemic risks, and rising fragility and conflict".

These are all conditions that impact developing countries, across the globe, and more particularly small economies. To these conditions must be added, high cost of living, resulting from both the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russian war on Ukraine.

Yet, the World Bank claims it is not able to lead such urgent action even though, as the world's major funder of development, it should be. In its own roadmap paper, the Bank discloses that its "2018 Capital package was designed to be prepared for one mid-sized crisis a decade, and not multiple overlapping crises". It goes on to say that Bank support "is set to decline starting [in the] Financial Year 2024 and, in real terms, Bank support today is below the levels of the 1980s".

Worsening the situation is that the populations of low-income countries are expected to rise by 25 percent by 2050, requiring more funding from the Bank if it is to be helpful in averting economic catastrophe in these countries.

In other words, the Bank says it does not have sufficient funds to cope with the needs for development financing and thus, has called for "a massive step up in the international community's support". Clearly, the Bank either recognizes, or has been told by the powerful governments, which control its policies, that they are unwilling to provide more resources. Therefore, the policymakers have introduced the notion that the private sector should be encouraged to contribute to multilateral financing. In part, this is why the Biden Administration of the United States of America has nominated Aiyang Banga, an

Indian-American national and former Chief Executive Officer of MasterCard, to be President of the Bank.

Even accepting Mr. Banga's skills in business, it is left to be seen if he will be successful in mobilizing the scale and type of financial contribution and participation that the Bank now evidently requires to fulfil its mandate.

Caribbean small states will be among the principal sufferers from the Bank's resource constraints. In

a separate paper entitled, "Overlapping Crises, Multiple Challenges," Bank officials detail a gloomy picture of the current situation of these countries and their prospects. Among the conditions is the rise in interest rates, which will make refinancing of existing debt more burdensome, and affording new borrowing almost impossible. In several Caribbean small states, debt service is already above the threshold of 10 percent of exports of goods (including tourism). Indeed, debt service in some Caribbean states exceed the acceptable threshold even more.

Increased interest rates will make it exceedingly difficult for those Caribbean small states, which are described as 'high income,' to cope with the increase in cost of money. Among these states are Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, St. Kitts-Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago. Despite the protests and rigorous arguments of these countries that 'high income' is not, by itself, a determinant of underdevelopment, and that they share similar, if not exact circumstances of other small states, the policy makers at the Bank and the International Monetary Fund, are adamant in not amending the criterion. Indeed, one World Bank Executive Board member, officially representing the Caribbean, unflinchingly declared that seeking concessionary financing for 'high income' small Caribbean states was an "ask" that would not be fulfilled.

The paper on the overlapping crises that confront small states, provides a prescription of actions that small states should take to "mitigate the effects of global inflation, and position their economies to move past Covid-19". One of the prescriptions is that "expenditure restraint - particularly of recurrent spending would bolster fiscal positions and reduce the need for additional debt." At a time of high inflation, affecting the cost of living of people, decreased government revenues, and the need to cushion costs to the poor and vulnerable,



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the prescriptions could have benefitted from a more realistic approach, based on direct consultation with small states.

A more practical proposal in the paper was that "the international community can help by scaling up non-concessional official financing, concessional financing, and grants; helping to leverage private sector financing; and upgrading the international architecture for dealing with excessive debt". However, nothing has happened in recent years to inspire belief that the wealthy countries will become more responsive to the urgent development needs of developing countries, particularly small states.

Among many disheartening events are the failures of rich nations to honour their commitments to fund resistance and resilience to the adverse effects of Climate Change, and their lukewarm response to the urgings of small states for compensation for loss and damage that they endure every day.

As the roadmap paper points out, "richer countries, which significantly expanded their economies over the last decades, were the largest contributors of CO2 emissions, while small states are the most affected and face the most significant costs of adaptation." The injustice cannot be more blatantly obvious.

There is also one fast emerging issue that the Bank does not mention in either of its papers. That issue is the threat to the rule of law and democracy, within countries, that is now posed by the high rate of inflation, the significantly higher costs of certain foods, and higher interest rates.

These have combined to create dissatisfaction amongst populations, leading to a clamour for increased wages, and to protests and demonstrations in some countries, either opportunistically organised, or encouraged, by opposition political parties. These demands cannot be easily satisfied by small economies which are still struggling to recover from the impact of Covid-19, and which are now engulfed by the soaring prices that are a consequence of the Russian war on Ukraine.

The crises that small states face call for responsibility by all; not the feckless pursuit of narrow political ambitions, the results of which will be disastrous for all.

The policy makers at the World Bank and the IMF should listen before deciding, and in doing so they should contemplate the consequences of rigid positions at a time when the world would benefit for flexibility and mutually beneficial cooperation.

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Company No. 1910303

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Dated: March 27th, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
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(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,  
Road Town,  
Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[94/5]

**MONTBROOK LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1064301

**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 24th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 24th day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
  
Brian Jackson  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/9]

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

**Mardell Holdings Inc.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1488176

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/13]

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

**Finminity Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2045097

**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 10th March 2023. The Liquidator is **Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 13th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/17]

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

**PLUTUS HOLDINGS 2 LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 587055

**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 March 27th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: March 27th, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/2]

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

**CGC QMF Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola  
VG 1110, British Virgin Islands  
[94/6]

*The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)*

**Schulze Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
BC No. 1632827  
(the "Company")

**NOTICE** is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of March 24, 2023. Mr. Ryan Geluk of **BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**, has been appointed liquidator.

**Ryan Geluk**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/10]

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

**GOLDSTONE LANG Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2034331

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/14]

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

**Eufina Euro Finance Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 24th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is :-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of Nerine Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building  
Road Town, Tortola,  
VG1110  
British Virgin Islands  
[94/18]

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

**Nephthys International Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036731

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1120.**

Dated this 27th March, 2023.  
Liquidator  
[94/3]

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

**CGC Sky Win Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands  
[94/7]

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

**MATIO COMMERCIAL CORP.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1806090

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/11]

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

**TIMBO INVESTMENT LIMITED**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 226030

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/15]

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

**Blue Sunday Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1975798

**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 28th day of March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 28th day of March 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/19]

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

**CGC Plenty Leader Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands  
[94/4]

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

**CGC Team Project Enterprises Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands  
[94/8]

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

**PANDA PACIFIC LIMITED**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1561061

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/12]

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

**LUXFULL LIMITED**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 221809

**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 22nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 24th March 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/16]

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

**ZenithTec Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1969891

**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 28th day of March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 28th day of March 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0055**

In the Estate of DIRCE DORIA DURAZZO, late of Rua Augusta 1819, apartamento 62, Cerquiera Cesar 01413-000, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil, deceased

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RICARDO DORIA DURAZZO of Rua Baculo 21, 04748-050, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 14th day of August, 2021.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 24th day of March 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law,  
Attorneys at law for the Administrator  
whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law  
2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive,  
Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110  
[95]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)**

**THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0062**

IN THE ESTATE OF LEONORA FREEMAN late of Great Mountain, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased

**ADVERTISEMENT OF  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ORTIS FREEMAN (also known as ORTIS OLANZO FREEMAN and ORTIS OLONZO FREEMAN), Taxi Driver, of Fahie Hill, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant"), for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 17th day of December, 2001, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 14th day of February, 2000, wherein the Applicant is named as an Executor.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant shall file an objection with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2023.

Filed on behalf of the Applicant herein,  
by VIGILATE LAW,  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant,  
whose address for service is at C/o VIGILATE LAW,  
Lagoon Plaza, Ground  
Floor, 185 Main Street, Road Town,  
Tortola, Virgin Islands.  
[95]

*Notice of Appointment of a  
Liquidator under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Company Act*  
**DC INVESTMENTS GROUP  
CORP**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2082451

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 28th March 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 29th March 2023  
(Sgd.) Myron Walwyn  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/21]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Mavris International  
Investments Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1744344

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 March, 2023.

Dated 27th day of March, 2023  
(Sgd.) Lewis S. Hunte, KC  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/22]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Company Act*  
**ALEMET COMMERCIAL  
INC.**

BC#1820857

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

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 27 March 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 27 March 2023

Nelia St Jean  
(Liquidator)  
[94/23]

**NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
Arkada Invest Ltd.**  
("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th March, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne Francis**  
Nerine Chambers  
P.O. Box 905  
Quastisky Building  
Road Town, Tortola  
VG1110  
[94/24]

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(Probate)  
Virgin Islands**

**In the Estate of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A, 30th  
Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong  
Kong, deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by TSANG KAI WING of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong and TSANG KAI FAT of Flat F, 16th Floor, Tower 1, Upper RiverBank, 11 Muk Tai Street, Kai Tak, Kowloon, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Will of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong, deceased granted to them by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Court of First Instance) on the 13th day of November, 2013.



Solicitors for TSANG KAI WING and TSANG KAI FAT, the Executors  
[94]

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

**PROBATE NO. 0056 OF 2023**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS  
RODRIGUEZ (ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS  
RODRIGUEZ DE CHAMLATI and MARIA MAGDALENA  
KEMPS DE CHAMLATI),  
LATE OF EDGAR ALLAN POE 209, POLANCO, MIGUEL  
HIDALGO, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MAGDALENA PATRICIA CHAMLATI KEMPS of Edgar Allan Poe # 209, Polanco, 11550 Mexico City, Mexico and ALFREDO ANTONIO CHAMLATI KEMPS of Rio Tigris #102 Int., 501, Cuauhtémoc, Mexico City, Mexico who are the children of MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS RODRIGUEZ (ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS RODRIGUEZ DE CHAMLATI and MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS DE CHAMLATI), deceased who died testate on the 15th day of November, 2021, for a Grant of Probate in the Estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2023

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at Law  
whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands.  
[95]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0014**

**In the Estate of LEON PAZ TCHIMINO late of El Tamarugo  
1080 dep 131 Vitacura Santiago, Republic of Chile, deceased**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CAROLINA ILANA PAZ GUENDELMAN of Valle del Monasterio 2656 edificio 21 dep 22, Lo Barnechea, Santiago, Republic of Chile, Retired Businessperson, LILIAN GENTILLE PAZ GUENDELMAN of San Francisco de Asis 1180, Las Condes, Santiago, Republic of Chile, retired Businessperson and ROBERTO EDUARDO PAZ GUENDELMAN of Avda Kennedy 3480 dep 73, Vitacura, Santiago, Republic of Chile, Retired Architect, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the only children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 5th July, 2019 at Vitacura, Republic of Chile, a widower.

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

Dated this 15th day of March, 2023.  
Filed by: SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO  
Legal Practitioners  
whose address for service is  
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor  
PO Box 3410  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands

[94]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE DIVISION**

**BVIHPB No 2023/0059**

**IN THE ESTATE OF SPENCER ERROL BASSUE, LATE OF  
JOHNSON GHUT, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Florence Olivia Bassue, Johnson Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is, the lawful wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th March, 2021 at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton, United Kingdom.

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.

Dated this 28 day of March, 2023

Filed by:

.....  
Nelson Samuel  
NR Samuel & Co  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants  
The Applicants' address for services is:  
NR Samuel & Co  
3rd Flr, Chevelle Center  
Road Town, Tortola, BVI  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

[95]

**Ness Investment Co., Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 2087740

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 27th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2023  
Sgd. Brian Jackson

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[94/25]

**CITY EFFORT PROFITS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 571947

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 27th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2023  
Sgd. Brian Jackson

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[94/26]

**PURE OCEAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1568461

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 27th day of March, 2023. Dated this 29th day of March, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[94/27]

**CTG Evergreen Investment XXIV Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1930963

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 27th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023  
Sgd. Brian Jackson

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[94/28]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
2023/0052**

**In the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, late of Flat H, 22/F,  
Block 1, Liberte, 833 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon, Hong  
Kong, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that ANDREA ATKINS of 21 London Court, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, DEBORAH ESPINA and JACQUELINE ESPINA both of 250 Mountaire Circle, Clayton, CA 94517 USA and KIMBERLY ESPINA of 363 Mt. Washington Way, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, the lawful children and intended administratrices of the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, who died on the 6th day of February, 2022, domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said ANDREA ATKINS, DEBORAH ESPINA, JACQUELINE ESPINA and KIMBERLY ESPINA, 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 proper document setting out the said objections.



Filed by O'Neal Webster, Attorneys-at-Law for the Administratrices, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

[93]

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

**PROBATE NO. OF 2023**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MELWANI ARJANDAS HIRANAND,  
LATE OF FLAT E1, 18/F, VILLA MONTE ROSA, 41A  
STUBBS ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED**

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of MELWANI ARJANDAS HIRANAND, also known as ARJANDAS HIRANAND MELWANI, ARJAN MELWANI, A H MELWANI and ARJAN H MELWANI, Deceased, late of Flat E1, 18/F, Villa Monte Rosa, 41A Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, granted to HOWSE CHRISTOPHER GUY, also known as CHRISTOPHER GUY HOWSE and BHARWANEY MOHAN TARACHAND, also known as MOHAN TARACHAND BHARWANEY by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG004330/2022 on the 2nd day of June 2022.

*Harney Westwood & Riegels LP*  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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# PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands Unit  
75, Road Town  
Road Town, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTEBVLR/  
PRE/01/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY  
PRESCRIPTION

SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT  
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sea Cows Bay	2736B	13

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that THORNTON SMITH, PO Box 3534, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners for RASSHAIN UROY LAVACIA of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 13, Block 2736B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section measuring 0.6 acres. Affidavit was file in support of his application.

Parcel 13 is registered to:

- ALVIN FORBES, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Anyone who has just cause to object to RASSHAIN UROY LAVACIA being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 13, Block 2736B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Wednesday 3rd May 2023. The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request. Copies will be provided by the Applicants' Legal Practitioners to any objectors.

Dated this 27th day of March 2023

Natalie Stevens-George  
Administrative Officer  
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To: [crystal.mckenzie@thorntonsmith.com](mailto:crystal.mckenzie@thorntonsmith.com)  
THORTON SMITH  
PO Box 3534  
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110  
British Virgin Islands

Alvin Forbes  
Sea Cows Bay, Tortola VG1110  
Virgin Islands

[95]

## Windmill Street Investments Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1675771

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 29th day of March, 2023. Dated this 29th day of March, 2023  
*Sgd. Clive Rhys Hubbard*

*Clive Rhys Hubbard*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/29]

## ZETANIA LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1521112

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 29th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2023  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/30]

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

## HILDERSHAM COMPANY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is: -

*Wayne Francis*

Of Nerine Chambers,  
Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands  
[94/31]

## THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0045

In the Estate of YEM CHAU, YAU MUI late of 16 Essex  
Crescent, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION  
FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TSANG KAM CHUEN of Tsang, Chan & Woo, Solicitors, 13th Floor, Tung Hip Commercial Building, 244 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant not being a person entitled to a grant but making this application in accordance with Rule 10(g) of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2017.

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

Dated this 27th March 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman,  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants,  
whose address for service is Commerce House,  
Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140,  
Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands VG1110.  
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## THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE ESTATE OF JOÃO AGUIAR ALVAREZ,  
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that MARIA LUCIA NETTO ALVAREZ of Avenida São Paulo, 1849, Residencial Tambore I, Barueri – SP, 06458-080, Brazil, being the appointed Administrator of the estate of JOÃO AGUIAR ALVAREZ, Deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 8th day of January 2021 domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters of Administration in the estate of the said Deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said MARIA LUCIA NETTO ALVAREZ 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 proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 27th day of March, 2023

Filed by Harney Westwood & Riegels LP,  
Solicitors for the Administrator,  
whose address for service is Craigmuir Chambers,  
PO Box 71, Road Town,  
Tortola VG1110,  
British Virgin Islands.

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# Two New Homeowners Receive Keys To Social Homes



Two new homeowners, Miss Tameka Johnson and Miss Brenda Herman, received the keys to their homes as part of the Government of the Virgin Islands Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

The keys were handed over to the homeowners by Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Marlon A. Penn on Monday, March 27 in Sea Cow's Bay and Zion Hill

respectively.

Miss Johnson's home was built by K&C Construction while Miss Herman's home was constructed by Building Construction Management Group Ltd.

Honourable Marlon Penn said he knows it is a dream for many Virgin Islanders to own their own home but he also understands the difficult journey that many face.

The Housing Recovery

Assistance Programme started after the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. The goal was to rebuild and repair the houses of the residents impacted. Honourable Penn noted that Miss Johnson and Miss Herman are among the fortunate persons to be a part of the process.

"We intend to continue this process moving forward. We want to commend everyone involved in the process, the contractors, the ministry, the minister before me and all the people who worked to make this process a reality," the Minister said. He added, "Government is a continuum and once there are initiatives that are good for the people and good for the Territory we need to continue."

Honourable Penn said he believed the housing programme is one of those good initiatives that must be continued to ensure more persons get the opportunity to get a piece of the VI dream, own a home in the Territory and be able to provide sustainably for themselves and their families. He also encouraged persons to apply

and go through the process as the Government builds structures to help persons own a home in the VI.

Homeowner Miss Johnson said she was grateful for receiving the new home while she was at one of the lowest points in my life while. Miss Herman also expressed gratitude for her my home after going back and forth between places.

Over 20 social homes have been built while over 200 homes have been repaired since the commencement of the programme. Currently, eight social home projects are at various stages of the public tendering process.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.



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## The Committee to Elect Troy E. Christopher Announces the Launch of our 2nd District Representative

The Committee to elect Troy E. Christopher announces the grand launch of his campaign slated for the 1st April 2023 at the Cane Garden Bay Park, at 6pm.

A son of the soil and product of the 2nd district, Mr. Christopher's grassroots are embedded in the 2nd district where he calls home. A family man of two (2) children who has a love for country and district is happily married to Nelsia Christopher and is the son of Robert Christopher and the late Hon. Delores Christopher.

With a burning desire to be ignited, Mr. Christopher has answered the call of residents without hesitation to help create an elevated quality of life not just for the residents of the district but the wider community. So, with the flames ignited, he is committed to leading the charge as a change agent to drive reform efforts that will make government structures more transparent, inclusive, and responsive.

Rooted in his passion for community, Mr. Christopher is dedicated to representing the people of the 2nd District. With his visionary plans, endeavors to make the 2nd district not just the envy of other districts but a unique addition to Natures Little Secrets.

Representation matters! There is a resounding belief that district 2 has been severely underrepresented. Despite the fiscal challenges due to the hurricanes of 2017, COVID 19 pandemic or the lack of government support, we can attest that simple things could and should have been done to restore and improve living conditions and the aesthetics of the district. Mr. Christopher will represent the concerns of all the residents by meaningfully engaging them person and publicly and demonstrating his commitment to understanding their perspective via quarterly meetings and making their voice heard.

Infrastructure is vital to economic development and prosperity. With limited recreational facility and restrictions of its use to resident and the public, unfinished, unusable bathrooms, millions of taxpayers' money spent on building Community Centers and basketball court facilities, the residents are left with abandoned structures, overgrown trees and derelict vehicles that has become an eye soar in the district. Challenges with roads, public water supply, sewage, nonfunctional clinics, and many other woes can be easily remedied with little attention, creativity, and commitment. Our Seniors deserve better and will no longer need to travel all the way to the West End Center to fellowship. With Troy E. Christopher we will restore and reconstruct the necessary infrastructure for the benefit of all people.

Has the current elected representative solved the problems with sewage, garbage, and water in the district as he stated he would in his first and second term in office? He said we should keep him accountable <https://www.bvibeacon.com/turbull-to-d-2-keep-me-accountable/>, and we are! With a whopping \$1.7 million approved in 2018 for the makeover of Cane Garden Bay and Brewers Bay, much was promised but little was done <https://www.bvibeacon.com/cane-garden-bay-to-get-makeover/>. The representative needs to tell the people where he spent this money as he assured to be transparent with the spending of the people's money. The residents are also still asking about how the COVID relief funds totaling over \$900,000 was spent and ask for a breakdown of same.

Our future is in jeopardy, as we lose taxpayer money to unnecessary spending. Mr. Christopher has the experience in the tourism industry and knows firsthand how to tackle some of these issues and concerns using common sense business strategies. With the dedicated and committed proven legacy of the late Hon. Delores Christopher, Mr. Christopher wants to continue the tradition of strong and effective leadership, willing to take a stand and fight for the people of the 2nd district and the entire territory. Let's work together and take back the 2nd district by coming out on Saturday April 1st, 2023, to hear Troy E. Christopher at his grand launch in Cane Garden Bay, Park, at 6pm, where he can share his detailed vision with you and how it can be achieved.

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when using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)  
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## DO's

- Before using your LPG cylinder, check the valve and other joints to make sure there is no leakage
- Keep your cylinder in a vertical position with the valve on top
- Install cylinder at ground level on flat surface
- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion

## DON'TS

- **DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
- **DO NOT** place cylinder inside a closed compartment.
- **DO NOT** fill up above the 85% fill mark. You must leave 'dead space' to allow for the expansion of LPG from liquid state to gaseous.

## IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
- Turn OFF the regulator.
- Call a qualified inspector.
- **DO NOT** switch ON/OFF any electrical equipment inside the house.
- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.

A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

## CXC® to Host 48th Annual IAEA Conference in Jamaica in September

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados – The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®) will host the International Association for Educational Assessment (IAEA) 48th Annual Conference at The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica from 24 – 29 September 2023.

Under the theme, “Digitalising Assessments and Credentials”, the conference will focus on exploring ongoing and recent developments in educational assessment and provide delegates with an opportunity share their knowledge, philosophies, strategies, research and practices.

### Sub themes will include:

1. New Practices in Large Scale Assessments;
2. Social and Emotional Issues in Learning and Assessment;
3. Emerging Ethical Practices and Dilemmas in Assessment;
4. Research and the Future of Digital Assessment;
5. Organisational Models for Digitalising Credentials and their Assessments;
6. Cyber Security, The Integrity of Assessment and Credentialing; and
7. Curriculum Reforms: Digital Transformations of Learning and Assessments.

The 48th Annual IAEA conference in collaboration with CXC®, will include inception workshops, keynote addresses, symposium, and open paper and poster presentations. The Conference Paper Review Committee welcomes submissions corresponding to one or more of the sub-themes. All submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Paper Review Committee considering their scientific quality and relevance within the conference theme. The deadline for submissions is 21 April 2023.

Details of the event can be found at the Conference website: <https://iaea2023.org> Dr Wayne Wesley, Registrar and CEO of CXC® shared his thoughts on the impact of hosting the international event. “While the Caribbean has birthed many great minds, innovations and traditions, we understand that each hemisphere has its own perspectives to offer. Therefore, we view the hosting of the 48th Annual IAEA Conference as a necessary undertaking to facilitate the meetings, discussions and new ideas that will drive the future of educational assessment.”

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“Quito’s Ltd is seeking 3 Full Time Servers, experience with the Micros POS system is a plus. The applicant should be friendly and customer oriented, hardworking, trustworthy, punctual and have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, must be mature & a team player. For consideration, please, submit resumes by email to: [generalmanager@quitosbvi.com](mailto:generalmanager@quitosbvi.com) or (284) 495-4837. BVI Islander & Belongers preferred.” [s95]

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Help Wanted  
Live-In Caregiver Needed. Must be hardworking, reliable and courteous. Serious Inquires please contact: 441-8280 [s95]

Afro Fusion Restaurant and Bar requires Waitresses, Bartenders, Line Cook, Kitchen Helpers, Cook and a Handyman for the business. Please call 346-6467 for more information. [s95]

Cafe Service Attendant  
A local cafe is seeking a motivated and friendly Service Attendant to join our team. The Service Attendant will be responsible for providing exceptional customer service, preparing and serving food and beverages, and maintaining a clean and organized cafe environment. Interested-applicants should send a cover letter and resume with references to [vijobapplicants@gmail.com](mailto:vijobapplicants@gmail.com). [s95]

D & D Construction has a need for the following employees in the capacity of Construction Supervisor, Foreman, Masons, Carpenters, Painters, Tilers, Labourers, Sheetrock workers, and Stone Workers. Please call 341-8040 for more information. [s95]

KAD POOL SERVICES is looking for experience Full Time Fiberglass Pool Installation to join the team. Please contact Dion Anslam at 541-8006 or 495-8030 for further details. [s95]

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KAD POOL SERVICES is looking for experience Full Time Plumber to join the team. Please contact Dion Anslam at 541-8006 or 495-8030 for further details. [s95]

## REAL ESTATE

Property for Sale at Spyglass Hill, Tortola: hurricane destroyed dwelling house being sold ‘as is’. Registration Section: Mount Sage, Block 2234B Parcel 273 and Parcel 303 (combined acreage approx. 0.313 acre). Asking price \$350,000.00. Cash offers only. Contact Coldwell Banker Real Estate BVI on (284) 495 3000 or [chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com](mailto:chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com). [s97]

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE: One (1) Mini Cooper 2004, Standard vehicle and one Bicycle men’s fame for \$150. Please call 547-1218/543-0702 for further details. [s94]

# VP Bank once again receives “Risk Indicator 1” top rating

, 30 March 2023

Dun & Bradstreet Worldwide has again given VP Bank Group its “Risk Indicator 1” rating of risk and creditworthiness. Dun & Bradstreet Schweiz AG presented VP Bank with the Rating Certificate for the tenth time in a row.

In March 2023, Dun & Bradstreet Schweiz AG, one of the leading providers of international business information, once again awarded VP Bank Group a top rating of 1 in the D&B Risk Indicator.

The rating certificate from Dun & Bradstreet is the business world’s quality seal and stands for dependability and stability. Top Rating Companies are characterised by top creditworthiness and maximum reliability due to a stable corporate situation. Only 2 per cent of Swiss and Liechtenstein companies meet the conditions for this certificate to be rated in the best risk class by Bisnode D&B.

The basis for this award is the outstanding financial stability of VP Bank Group. Thus this award not only confirms that VP Bank is a trustworthy and attractive business partner with very good payment history and the highest creditworthiness, but also attests to its excellent liquidity.

With a liquidity coverage ratio of 232.6 per cent as of 31 December 2022, VP Bank has more than twice as much cash as required by law. With a Tier 1 ratio of 21.7 per cent, VP Bank’s capital base as of 31 December 2022 is well above the legal requirements. VP Bank is thus considered a bank with a very strong capital and liquidity base, even in an international comparison.

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 CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Senior Chartered Civil/Structural Engineer. As well as MISTructE status, the successful candidate must have an M.Eng in Civil Engineering and a minimum of 10 years' office-based design experience, including at least 5 years post-chartership experience.

The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Tekla Tedds, Tekla Structural Designer, CADS RC, AutoCad, Autodesk Revit, MasterSeries and CSC Fastrak software.  
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 The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Tekla Tedds, Tekla Structural Designer, CADS RC, AutoCad, Autodesk Revit, MasterSeries and CSC Fastrak software.  
 Please send CV by email to:- email: [careers@csecaribbean.com](mailto:careers@csecaribbean.com) or Tel: 284 346 7392 [s95]

**Tola Beverage Co. Ltd** is accepting applications for a Bar Attendant  
 Submit your interest or resume to [tolabeverage.bvi@gmail.com](mailto:tolabeverage.bvi@gmail.com) or call 284-494-4743 [s94]

**STANLEY'S WELCOME VILLAS** in Cane Garden Bay requires one (1) Male Full Time Maintenance Worker. Please call 284-499-2405 for further details.[s94]

**Structural Engineer**  
 CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Civil/Structural Engineer. The successful candidate must be a Caricom resident and have an M.Sc in Civil Engineering and must have a minimum of 8 years' office-based design experience.  
 The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Revit, Robot, AutoCad, spColumn, STAAD Pro, SAP2000, MATLAB, and LinPro 27.5 software.  
 The applicant must be able to work on his own in site conditions checking for compliance of the contractor's work to the structural drawings, as well as carrying out design works.  
 Please send CV by email to:- email: [careers@csecaribbean.com](mailto:careers@csecaribbean.com) or Tel: 284 346 7392 [s95]

**Camdem Concierge Services** is seeking a House Keeper to provide quality housekeeping services at luxury villas and private homes. Applicants must have a great appreciation for great aesthetics, hygiene and order.  
 Must be able to work unsupervised. The successful candidate must be enthusiastic, honest and an excellent communicator. A valid BVI driver's license is an advantage. BV Islanders/Belongers preferred. or call 340 2802 [s94]

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 The successful candidate must have the ability to deliver excellent customer service in addition to assisting with the preparation of specialty foods, and bartending. Excellent communication skills, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn are essential. At least 1 year experience is essential in a Delicatessen, and as a Cashier and/or merchandiser.  
 British Virgin Islanders/Belonger preferred.  
 Apply by emailing your resume to [camdemvi@gmail.com](mailto:camdemvi@gmail.com) or call 340 2802 [s94]

Looking for a Trainee Watersports/Retail Assistant Based On Virgin Gorda/Oil Nut Bay  
 Must have boat driving experience and First Aid knowledge.  
 Job will involve retail sales and use of POS systems.  
 Running Social media and website posts.  
 Willing to work Weekends and Bank holidays.  
 Please provide resume to [admin@arawakvi.com](mailto:admin@arawakvi.com) [s95]

**T & E MAINTENANC- & REPAIRS** seeks reliable-MECHANIC with minimum of 5 years experience in MIG/TIG/ARC/GAS-welding. Please contact 1-284-440-4603. [s95]

**Crystal Night Club** seeks the following employees as Cocktail Waitresses, Servers, Bartenders, Waiter, Handyman and Cleaner.  
 Please call 346-7078 for more information. [s94]

**Crystal Kitchen** seeks the following Cooks, Kitchen Helper, Line Cooks, Prep Cook and Grill Cook.  
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**MINE - S H A F T ENTERPRISES LIMITED** is seeking Full Time positions: Restaurant Manager, Bartenders, Waiters/Waitresses, Chef/Cooks and Kitchen Helper.  
 Please call 540-5856 or send Resume to PO. Box 1048, Valley, Virgin Gorda, BVI 1150. [s94]

**Pelican's Landing Restaurant and Night Club** located at Purcell Estate on Tortola is looking for Bartenders, Cocktail Waitress, Security Officers and Manager. Please call 442-3525 for info. BVI islanders preferred. [s94]

**EMCS Caribbean** is looking for Carpenters  
 Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s94]

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