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WALK FOR THE CURE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS



Ten years and three ways to celebrate! The region's largest cancer fundraiser, CIBC FirstCaribbean's Walk for the Cure, celebrates 10 years this year and is giving the bank's businesses across the region three ways to mark the milestone - the traditional walk with friends and family, a drive for the cure or a virtual event. The bank's Walk Management teams have recently started their planning for this year's event, which takes place during the first weekend in October.

"Covid-19 has caused us to be constantly looking for creative ways in which to continue to engage in all aspects of our lives, and the celebration of our 10th anniversary hosting Walk for the Cure is no exception. We have asked our various business units to choose the type of activity which best suits the prevailing public health scenario in their territory," said executive co-chair of the walk and Managing Director, Retail and Business Banking, Mark St. Hill

He thanked the thousands across the bank's 16-member regional footprint as well as sponsors and staff members for "walking with us over the decade, whether you were there from that very first walk or joined us along the way, your support has made a fundamental difference in the lives of persons directly affected by cancer

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Integra opens new women's health facility

By Christopher Tobutt

Minister of Health & Wellness, Hon Sabrina Turner, MP, cut the ribbon on Integra Health Care Ltd.'s new suite of rooms dedicated at providing a top level of care for women's health, and all matters relating to gynecology, pregnancy

and neonatal care. Integra share a vision to complement all the other health facilities in Cayman, by focusing on specific areas, while establishing a fully integrated approach to health care. Integra recently purchased a state-of-the-art

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► Minister of Health & Wellness, Sabrina Turner



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TOURISM MINISTER CONCERNED ABOUT FLORIDA'S NO VACCINATION' CRUISE POLICY

By Staff Writer

Hon. Minister for Tourism, Kenneth Bryan, has pointed to controversial policies of the Governor of Florida as a major factor in how Cayman eventually decides to reopen its borders to tourism.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has barred cruise lines operating out of the state from requiring that their passengers are vaccinated.

The issue has also sent waves of worry throughout cruise destinations across the Caribbean.

"That's creating some problems," Mr Bryan said in a social media video.

With the Cayman Islands government still formulating a policy for eventually reopening its borders to regular international travel including cruises, Mr Bryan said the policy of the Florida governor "a bit of a hurdle for us".

"So that's why for right now until we see better changes the cruise part may be delayed a little bit more than the stayover," he stated.

"Stayover will be the top priority until we are 100 per cent certain that cruise lines are going to be safe for Cayman."

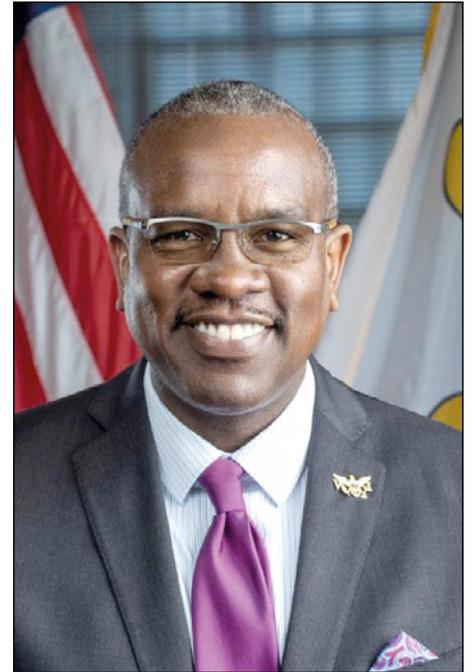
The issue is not just a concern for Cayman but for other cruise ship destinations in the region.

In St Maarten, two passengers have tested positive on the first cruise after the Dutch part of the shared the French/Dutch island reopened its borders to cruise ship tours.

Celebrity Cruises said the infected passengers were asymptomatic and were immediately quarantined upon testing positive. All crew and passengers on the ship were reported to have been



► Hon. Minister for Tourism, Kenneth Bryan



► United State Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan



vaccinated before boarding, the cruise line said.

It was the first ship to sail from Florida since Governor DeSantis declared the controversial no-vaccination mandate for cruise ships.

Meanwhile, the Governor of the American territory, the United State Virgin Islands, a popular cruise destination, has called on Governor DeSantis to reverse the no-vaccination cruise policy.

Governor Albert Bryan said while vaccines do not eliminate risks, not having them could be catastrophic to both the cruise companies and the islands they visit.

"Our ports, which are some of the most popular ports of call for cruises in the Caribbean, are in the direct line of fire, alongside the other port of call destinations," Governor Bryan stated.

Here in Cayman, Min. of Tourism Kenneth Bryan, cautioned that failure to follow safety protocols could put the entire cruise industry at risk for both the companies and the destinations.

"If this does not go right with the safety protocols, the whole industry can go bankrupt and that's the whole cruise line industry which is a billion-dollar industry," he stated.



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► Inside one of the new purpose-built treatment rooms



► Sabrina Turner, Minister of Health & Wellness, stands next to Integra's Directors, Dr. Andrew Vincent, Dr. Sara Watkin, and Dr. Francisco Martinez at the opening of the new women's health suite

Integra opens new women's health facility

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scanner for detecting skin melanomas, too.

The new suite of treatment rooms include a dedicated Ultrasound Room, a Midwifery room, an Obstetrician-Gynecologist Room, and a Nursing Room. Before the ribbon-cutting, Dr. Sara Watkin, one of Integra's Directors, shared Integra's vision for providing the highest level of health care, not only in terms of the best and most up to date equipment, or the most highly qualified staff, but, most importantly in the way that everyone works together as a team. "Its special because it's a major milestone in the vision we have, about the sort of health care we felt the Cayman Islands truly deserves," she said. "We never forget how privileged we are to be here, and we wanted to give the islands a modern healthcare practice, and offer the very best of modern up to date health care. Nurses and reception too, all of us are bound by equally shared values of excellence, integrity, commitment and passion. Integra is clear in its focus on women children family medicine and dermatology, and these rooms are purpose-designed for the full range of obstetrics, midwifery and gynecology," she said.

Dr. Lisa Lisa Joels spoke next. "This place is designed to meet the needs of women's health which spans all ages and it comes with some of life's happiest moments, and also some of life's most sensitive moments and difficult challenges. The clinic rooms are all designed to give women privacy and respect during intimate examinations



► Some of the guests and well-wishers at the opening

and procedures. We also offer multidisciplinary approach to more complex cases," she said.

Hon Minister for Health and wellness, Sabrina Turner praised Integra for its continued visionary commitment to Cayman's health, as well as the growing possibilities arising from medical tourism: "It is indeed a pleasure to be here and I stood there and I watched ...to be

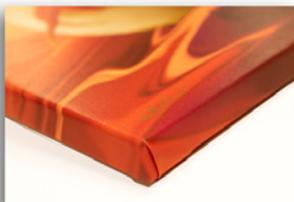
with you this evening, to celebrate and launch Integra's Women's Health Suite. It goes without saying that we are living in an exciting time during an era of incredible scientific and technological development. And look at the role women are playing in all facets of society; this coupled with the fact that not only residents will benefit, but as we know, patients are increasingly travelling in search of

high quality healthcare, and affordability which continues to greatly propel medical tourism. With all these dynamics at play, my ministry understands that it is critical that the Cayman Islands be able to compete. When we are able to boast modern facilities within well-thought-out accommodations such as this, I am proud to say we are definitely in the game," she said.



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Provenance Properties Cayman Islands donates art prints to John A. Cumber Primary School

Provenance Properties Cayman Islands recently donated art prints from the National Gallery collection, part of its recent outdoor exhibit at Camana Bay, to the students of John A. Cumber Primary School in West Bay, to help further their art education.

The exhibition, titled "Tropical Visions", was coordinated in partnership with the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands and went on display in Camana Bay in October 2020. It featured works from 10 local artists, including Debbie Chase van der Bol, David Bridgeman and Maureen Andersen, and each piece depicted a Cayman Islands landscape that celebrates the islands' natural beauty.

The outdoor display frames that were used for this and previous exhibits have also been donated. Camana Bay donated these frames to the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands to use. "Showcasing public art is important to us as it helps further promote awareness of our culture in the Cayman Islands," said Jeff Wight, Dart's senior property manager for Camana Bay. "The exhibits we have hosted on the Paseo in part-

nership with the National Gallery have been a vibrant part of this for the last year, and we are happy to continue to work with the National Gallery through the donation of these frames for their use in future exhibits."

"We are delighted to have partnered with Dart on this exhibition programme and for having had the opportunity to share artwork from our collection in public spaces at Camana Bay," said Natalie Urquhart, director at National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. "Further, the generous donation of these frames will enable us to continue presenting outdoor art exhibitions into the future."

Access to art and arts education for youth is paramount to encouraging the future of creativity the Cayman Islands, said Ms. Urquhart. "At the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, connecting the next generation with artists and art experiences is one of our primary goals. We are excited to see these that reproductions from the National Collection have found a home at Sir John A. Cumber Primary School in West Bay, thanks to this donation by Pro-



► From left, John A. Cumber Primary School students showcase one of the donated art prints from Provenance Properties exhibit with National Gallery Cayman Islands, that was displayed in Camana Bay from October 2020. With the students are Principal Jovanna Wright, Provenance Properties' Jo Gammage and Camana Bay's Jeffrey Wight



► The prints had been previously displayed in an outdoor art exhibit in Camana Bay, sponsored by Provenance Properties Cayman Islands and organised in partnership with National Gallery Cayman Islands. The art frames from this outdoor exhibit were also donated to the National Gallery by Camana Bay

venance Properties and our artists approving the sharing of their works."

"We are grateful for the donation of this beautiful artwork. We are looking forward to beautifying our school and exposing our kids to local art," said Sir John A. Cumber Primary School's Principal Jovanna Wright. "We have a lot of students who are very creative, and this is just one more way we can foster this creativity and help them to expand their artistic horizons."

"We are delighted to be able to support the next generation of Cayman's artists and art appreciators with this donation," said Provenance Properties' Jo Gammage. "As the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate in the Cayman Islands, we look for ways to celebrate the heritage of Christie's auction house and its intrinsic link with the art world. This donation, encouraging children's love of art and their interest in attending and perhaps participating in future art exhibitions, is a meaningful way for us to continue to share the value of art and culture."

About Provenance Properties Cayman Islands

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CIMA sends reminder on AML procedures



The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) last week issued a reminder to any businesses carrying out relevant financial business to ensure that their anti-money laundering (AML) staff were all up to scratch and complying with regulations.

CIMA was reminding any licensees and registrants carrying out relevant financial business that they should ensure that all their AML personnel, including their Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officers,

Money Laundering Reporting Officers and their deputies, were aware of their respective duties and responsibilities as set out in the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations and would act in accordance with them.

The Authority went on to state that licensees and registrants were also required to ensure that appropriate appointments and the discharge of the day-to-day functions of these AML Officers also followed the rules. They advised as follows:

"As set out in Part II Section 2 (C) and Part II Section 9 (B) of the Guidance Notes on the Prevention and Detection of Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing in the Cayman Islands, appointed AML Officers must be fit and proper to conduct their role and must be, inter alia:

- (i) suitably qualified and experienced;
- (ii) persons at a management level who report directly to the Board of Directors or equivalent;
- (iii) natural persons;
- (iv) autonomous (meaning the AML Officer is the final decision maker as to



whether to file a suspicious activity report);

(v) and able to have access to all relevant material in order to make an assessment as to whether the activity is or is not suspicious."

They emphasised that the AML Officers must be able to dedicate sufficient time for the efficient and effective discharge of their respective functions. Where an AML Officer has other professional roles and responsibilities, these should not compromise their independence or ability to carry out their AML functions, the Authority

confirmed. It also stated that AML Officers must be versed in the different types of transactions that the business conducted, which might give rise to opportunities for money-laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation financing and any direct or indirect activity with designated person or entities.

Where the AML Officer function was outsourced, CIMA said, the licensee or registrant retained ultimate responsibility for compliance with the AMLRs and must maintain adequate policies and procedures.



Walkers Admits Caymanian Attorney David Lee

Walkers is pleased to announce the admission of Caymanian David Lee, who was called to the Cayman Islands Bar as an Attorney-at-Law after successfully completing his legal training with the firm. He joins Walkers' Insolvency & Dispute Resolution Group and is the third Caymanian to be admitted to the Cayman Islands Bar by Walkers in 2021.

David was a recipient of the 2015 Walkers Legal Scholarship. He completed his LLB in 2018 at the University of Liverpool, where he graduated with a First-Class degree. He went on to complete his Legal Practice Course with Distinction at the University of Law in Manchester. During his studies, he participated in three legal internships with Walkers, rotating through the firm's core practice areas of Investment Funds, Insolvency & Dispute Resolution and Finance & Corporate.

David officially began his Articles of Clerkship in 2019 under the mentorship of Walkers' Finance & Corporate Partner, Philip Paschalides, who described him as having a "first-rate work ethic."

Last year, he also spent four weeks participating in the Judicial Clerkship Programme, an initiative offered by the Cayman Islands Judicial Education Committee and the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association which enables Articled Clerks to receive in-depth exposure to the court's work, apply learned skills, understand the inner workings of the courts and learn about the process of judicial decision-making. When speaking to the programme, David shared with the court: "I found the Judicial Clerkship Programme tremendously insightful; it truly tipped the scales and convinced me to take a litigation seat."

Walkers' Partner and Chair of the Trainee Committee, David Collins commented: "David Lee has been a diligent Articled Clerk and a high achiever throughout his articles. We will continue to support him as he begins his career as an associate with the firm."

In addition to his new legal career, David Lee is a distinguished football player and recently represented the Cayman Islands as its goal keeper in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

Harneys congratulates second graduate of articled clerk programme 2021

Harneys is pleased to announce that Moesha Ramsay-Howell has successfully completed her Articles of Clerkship and has been admitted as an attorney of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. She is the second to achieve this in 2021, following Natasja Levy's admission last month. Moesha has joined the firm's Cayman Litigation & Insolvency practice as an Associate.

Moesha was born and raised in the Cayman Islands and started out her legal career after becoming the recipient of a Cayman Islands Government scholarship. This allowed her to complete her tertiary education, which included her bachelor's degree and a postgraduate diploma in Legal Professional Practice.

Moesha is a member of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Committee (Cayman) and is a board member of the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association. When she is not working or studying, Moesha volunteers at Legal Befrienders, a family resource centre where she provides free legal advice. She is also heavily involved in the Prison Literacy Programme at Her Majesty's Prison Service Cayman Islands.

Moesha commented: "My experience during the Harneys Articled Clerk programme has been outstanding. The exposure and knowledge that I have gained throughout my seat rotations has been invaluable. I am appreciative of the opportunity to have been trained by some of the leading lawyers in the offshore legal industry. I am pleased to be joining the Litigation & Insolvency team and look forward to my continued growth and development within the field and the firm."

The articled clerk programme allows those training to undertake seats within the Litigation & Insolvency, Banking &



Corporate, Investment Funds and Private Wealth practice groups at Harneys. Along with rigorous legal training and support, our articled clerks also receive mentorship and training in soft skills such as networking, and the commercial issues that are relevant to practising in Cayman and in the broader offshore context.

Partner and Director of Harneys' Articled Clerk Training Programme Katie Pearson commented "We are devoted to our training and development programmes which give Caymanians the opportunity to gain a wide range of skills within our specialist practice areas. We congratulate Moesha on her hard work and dedication, and we look forward to seeing her continued growth throughout her legal career."

Harneys is committed to providing opportunities to Caymanians beginning their careers in law; those interested in internship, legal scholarship or articles of clerkship opportunities are asked to visit [harneys.com/careers/students-and-graduates/cayman-islands](https://www.harneys.com/careers/students-and-graduates/cayman-islands) or contact CAYHR@harneys.com.

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN'S WALK FOR THE CURE CELEBRATES YEAR 10!

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and their families. Your funding and your fellowship has been invaluable".

His fellow executive co-chair and the bank's Managing Director, Wealth Management Dan Wright said he looked forward to the support of the region's corporate sector for this year's walk given the challenges which many of the cancer care and support charities that benefit from the proceeds of the walk are facing.

"Many of these charities are struggling as a result of reduced donations while at the same time recording an increased demand for their services," he noted.

"We are very much aware of the challenges which the Covid-19 pandemic has dealt to many businesses. Indeed, the last

year has been a struggle for businesses of all sizes as they have sought to reposition and prioritize in order to remain viable. However, we are hopeful that resources, however limited will be found to support the vital work of those charities and institutions that we support with our walk," he added.

The walk began as part of the celebrations to mark the bank's 10th anniversary, and takes place across its 16-member footprint. It has raised over USD\$2.9 million over the past nine years.

The funds generated from the walk are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients.

They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their



families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection,

through education campaigns across the region

New ministry: “Engine to Propel Cayman Forward”

By Staff Writer

The new Ministry for Investment, Innovation & Social Development (MIISD) is being positioned to be an 'Engine to Propel Cayman Forward' says Hon. Minister Andre Ebanks.

In a statement following a three-day planning session this week, Mr Ebanks said the re-focused ministry “has the potential to be a powerful engine that can propel the country forward.”

“The three intricately linked pillars of the new Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development (MIISD) provide a real opportunity to enable all segments of society to benefit from prosperity and economic growth, which is globally com-

petitive and diverse, and driven by tangible improvements,” the new minister declared.

Mr Ebanks also has responsibilities as Minister for Financial Services & Commerce.

An official statement following the planning session describes the MIISD as “a government ministry entrusted to set and drive the Cayman Islands’ investment, innovation and social agenda within the broader governance structure of the Cayman Islands Government”.

It said the MIISD will play a critical role in supporting Government by developing strategic initiatives, creating new legislation and policy, and undertaking robust reform to delivery of Government services, across three



► Ministry for Investment, Innovation & Social Development planning session



► Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development Hon. Andre Ebanks and Ministry for Investment, Innovation & Social Development members

distinct yet intricately linked pillars of investment, innovation and social development.

According to Mr Ebanks, “A key component of delivering on this vision will be to ensure that the Ministry, its departments and units are aligned in benefitting and empowering all people in the Cayman Islands. It is imperative that we support and uplift Cayman’s most vulnerable people as well as Government’s assistance entities as a top priority.”

“I applaud all who participated in these strategy sessions, from both the Ministry teams and from EY Cayman, with such palpable inspiration and enthusiasm for their individual subject areas - and taking stock of the bigger picture as to how these

subject areas fit and can reimagine life for many. I look forward to working with each of them to deliver on our ambitious plans for the benefit of everyone in the Cayman Islands,” Min. Ebanks stated.

The offsite strategy planning sessions were facilitated by EY Cayman partners and staff, and took place in the firm’s new wavespace™ in Camana Bay, promoted as “a collaborative, digitally-driven experience that enables teams to identify and align priorities, discover synergies, and tackle challenges”.

The MIISD was the first to use its facilities noted Chief Officer Eric Bush while commending the company for hosting and facilitating the event which had

60 participants across the three days:

“On behalf of the Ministry, we are delighted to be the first in-person participants at the ‘EY wavespace’ in Cayman, and grateful for the significant investment of time, effort and resources by the EY Cayman team through the government’s highly competitive procurement process,” he stated.

Mr Bush said the collaboration was “a testament to the forward-looking vision and mission of the Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development (MIISD) and the mindset and work ethic with which we will deliver on Government’s strategic priorities in the next four years.”

Minister: Technology Is Positive for Both Financial and Social Services

Technology can positively impact financial services, as well as the delivery of social services to the less fortunate, the Hon. André Ebanks said during the recent Cayman Islands Digital Economy Conference (CYDEC).

“Technology is a great platform to raise all in society, and Government’s vision includes using these advances to create a more efficient Government,” Minister Ebanks said.

Having ministerial responsibilities for both financial services and social development (as well as investment and innovation) helps provide the bridge for this to happen, he told CYDEC’s 150 virtual attendees on 3 June.

Minister Ebanks’ remarks focused on Cayman’s progress in regulating virtual asset service providers (VASPs). The virtual assets sector is technology-based.

“The virtual asset sector in the jurisdiction is incredibly diverse, with service providers engaging in a wide range of services’,

Minister Ebanks said. ‘Some of their noteworthy activities include operating trading platforms, offering custody of virtual assets, and facilitating payments in virtual assets’.

He noted that Cayman welcomes technological innovations and hopes to see digital advances tested and approved in the VASP regime before going on to make business within the financial services industry more efficient and, as a result, stimulate growth in the wider economy.

“Cayman’s digital future is bright; we are well poised to build efficiencies that ultimately make it easier for everyone to do business in the Cayman Islands,” Minister Ebanks said.

As part of the growth to Cayman’s economy, Minister Ebanks noted that technology could drive additional investment to the jurisdiction and create new opportunities for the local workforce with the creation of tech-focused jobs.

Minister Ebanks also has discussed technological efficiency in social servic-

es with his Cabinet colleagues. “We’re considering digitising social services applications and benefits distribution. This can lead to better use of public funds, by getting benefits to those who need them quickly and efficiently,” he said.

This was CYDEC’s fourth consecutive annual conference, and its second held virtually. Its focus was on general financial technology innovations in Cayman.

In addition to Minister Ebanks’ remarks, Director of E-Government Ian Tibbetts gave an overview of Cayman’s proposed national digital ID programme. He also participated in a panel discussion with representatives from stock market trading platform Zimtra and IT company Salt Technology Group.

The Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce was CYDEC’s title sponsor. The Ministries of Investment, Innovation and Social Development; and Tourism and Transport, also sponsored the conference.



► Hon. Andre Ebanks, Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development



Accident & Emergency walk-in entrance now accessible

The Health Services Authority (HSA) Accident & Emergency (A&E) walk-in entrance has returned to its original location at the side of the Cayman Islands Hospital building and is now accessible to patients. The entrance was temporarily relocated on 28 May to facilitate renovation of the waiting room.

The planned renovation to the A&E waiting room is the initial phase of a major infrastructural project to expand the department and increase patient capacity. The waiting room is now able to accommodate more patients and features contemporary flooring, painting, ceiling and LED lighting for a more comfortable and pleasing experience.



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► Economics and Statistics Office Director Adolphus Laidlow addresses the gathering



► Census 2021 Coordinator Andrelene Royal explains the role and duties of census workers

Potential Workers Learn About Census 2021

Some 110 persons interested in becoming census workers attended the first of three public information meetings, Thursday evening.

Held at the Theoline McCoy Primary School Hall in Bodden Town, the event allowed Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) staff, led by Director Adolphus Laidlow, to explain the roles of the workers who will conduct the count.

ESO is seeking 500 persons to work during the actual Census 2021 population and housing count in October and November this year. They will be employed mainly as enumerators, who will conduct the house-to-house visits to gather census data.

It was an opportunity for attendees to sign on to become census workers and learn about the criteria for successful application, what their duties and tasks would be, as well as mandatory training in which they will take part.

Addressing the potential workers, Census Coordinator Andrelene Royal and Director Laidlow emphasised the need to maintain confidentiality in the information gathering process. They underscored that it would be a breach of the Statistics Law (2016 Revision) to disclose any information gathered.



► Deputy Premier and Finance and Economic Development Minister Hon. Chris Saunders attended the meeting (Photos by Bina Mani, GIS)

The consequences of revealing census information is up to \$10,000 in fines and up to three years' imprisonment, if convicted.

Training will take place over August and September.

Deputy Premier and Finance and Economic Development Minister, Hon. Chris Saunders and Parliamentary Secretary Ms Heather Bodden attended the meeting to lend his support to the exercise.



► Economics and Statistics Office Director Adolphus Laidlow addresses the gathering



CAL adds two extra Miami repatriation flights for travel in June

Due to increased demand, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) has added two extra repatriation flights for travel in June between Grand Cayman and Miami, in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government.

Cayman Airways reminds all passengers of the following:

- Passengers are responsible for researching and securing the necessary documents required for entry into any country - this includes completion of any required pre-flight COVID-19 testing, proof of vaccinations and/or obtaining travel authorization. Passengers who do not possess the required documents, will not be able to travel.

- Check-in time for international flights is two (2) hours before scheduled departure, and passengers must ensure that they arrive with all required documentation for travel. Passengers not checked-in on time, and passengers who do not present the required travel documents, will not be able to travel.

- Passengers travelling to the USA are reminded that the US Centers for Disease

Control (CDC) still requires all passengers entering the United States from the Cayman Islands to complete a special "Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States Of America" form, and submit to airline agents at the time of check-in for flights. Passengers should have this form completed and ready to hand in to Cayman Airways agents along with their other travel documents, in order to avoid delays at check-in. The form can be found here on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf>

- Cayman Airways' normal flight schedule is always available up to a year out. However, due to the rolling border closure in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, such flights may not be permitted to operate as we get closer to the actual flight date. This determination is made in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government who will instead request Cayman Airways to provide restricted repatriation flights. Passengers holding seats on normal flights who are affected by flight cancellations will be contacted by Cayman Airways and



given priority to obtain seats on the repatriation flights. However, as the process for repatriation flights is significantly different, passengers should be aware that schedules and fares may vary significantly.

Persons wishing to travel inbound or outbound on these repatriation flights can book seats directly with Cayman Airways online at www.caymanairways.com, or by calling Cayman Airways Reservations on 345-949-2311, or:

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Persons travelling to the Cayman Islands aboard repatriation flights must still apply for and obtain approval for entry into the country from Travel Cayman. For details visit: <https://www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid-19-inbound-travel>

The extra Miami flights will operate on Tuesdays, June 15 & 29, 2021:

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KX3102	Grand Cayman	Miami	10am	12:30pm	Tuesdays
KX3103	Miami	Grand Cayman	2pm	2:30pm	Tuesdays

Miss Cayman Islands Universe: calling all contestants!

The recruitment drive for the next Miss Cayman Islands Universe was officially launched last weekend with a special 'Meet & Greet' event at The Wharf. Potential contestants joined committee members for an informative yet casual evening.

"I'm pleased with the great turnout", said Committee Chairperson, Derri Dacres-Lee. "There was good interest from potential contestants and it was refreshing to learn that they all felt inspired by

attending the event. We look forward to hosting our pageant in September and will continue accepting applications until 15th June. Being part of this experience is also unique opportunity where you can be an ambassador for our beautiful islands and let your voice be heard," added Ms. Dacres-Lee.

Minister for Tourism & Transport, the Hon. Kenneth Bryan, commented, "The Ministry is a proud sponsor, and supporting of the Miss Cayman Islands Universe

pageant, because we recognise that the role of Miss Cayman Islands Universe is about much more than just holding a title. Wearing that crown comes with the responsibility of being a tourism ambassador for our country, which includes representing the Cayman Islands on the world stage. I know I speak for the entire Ministry, in saying that we are immensely proud of the young ladies who have already registered to take part in the pageant, and I welcome and encourage any other young

ladies who might still be thinking about it, to sign up."

The committee thanks its corporate sponsors who continue to offer tremendous support - the Ministry & Department of Tourism, Cayman Airways, Compass Media and Radio Cayman.

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POLICE NEWS

Police Investigate Prison Officer for Drug Related Crimes

Just after 6AM on Wednesday, 9 June, police responded to Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS), Northward, following a report made by the Director of Prisons concerning a member of staff. On arrival, two packages containing a quantity of ganja were handed over to the police and officers were informed

that a prison officer was attempting to introduce the drugs into the prison. As a result, the prison officer was arrested.

"I can confirm that a 39-year-old male prison officer has been arrested following an internal investigation carried out within HMCIPS. A criminal investigation has now been launched by the police,"



says Mr. Steven Barrett, Director of Prisons.

Following the man's arrest, officers searched his vehicle and recovered further evidence relating to this investigation. The man is currently being held in police custody pending further investigation by the RCIPS.

One Man Arrested for Firearm Related Offence

Just after 12PM today 10 June, the RCIPS Firearm Response Unit, had cause to stop a vehicle that was seen travelling along Sound Way in George Town. The vehicle attempted to evade being stopped and as a result, a less-lethal tactic with use of special munitions was deployed to disable the vehicle.

An unlicensed firearm loaded with ammunition was recovered from the ve-

hicle and one man, age 39, of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition, and is currently in custody. No injuries occurred as a result of this incident.

Sound Way, between North Sound Road and Shedden Road was temporarily closed while officers were on scene, but have since been re-opened to the public.



RCIPS and LLB Warn Against Liquor License and Music and Dancing Violations

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) would like to remind the public that officers will be making frequent checks at bars and clubs across the island this long weekend between Friday 11 June to Monday 14 June. These patrols are to help prevent violent crimes and public order issues that arise in these locations.

Proprietors of liquor license establishments are being asked to pay attention to what their licenses allow them to do on each day, specifically, their opening and closing times as well as when music and dancing is allowed.

"We are encouraging all owners to ensure their businesses are compliant with the Liquor Licensing Act to avoid any

penalties including the non-renewal of licenses for businesses who have multiple breaches. A person, who commits an offence under the Liquor Licensing Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and imprisonment for one year and, on a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine of two thousand dollars and imprisonment for two years," says the Chairman of the Liquor Licensing Board.

As the RCIPS and our partner agencies are making every effort to "Make the Cayman Islands Safer", we encourage everyone to do the same by following the laws which were set out to keep the peace and keep you safe.

Mass Casualty Management Training for the Sister Islands

Cayman Brac and Little Cayman are better prepared for a major incident following Mass Casualty Management (MCM) Training held from 10-15 May 2021.

Thirty-one individuals from a range of response agencies took part, including representatives from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), Cayman Islands Fire Service, Cayman Airports Authority (CIAA), Customs and Border Control, and the Health Services Authority (HSA).

Volunteers from the Cayman Brac Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Brac chapter of the Cayman Islands Red Cross also took part.

The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) certified training was hosted by Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI).

"Fortunately, major incidents involving mass casualties occur infrequently," ex-



plained HMCI Director Danielle Coleman. "But because they don't happen often, it can make it harder to mount an effective multi-agency response when they do occur. We therefore need to train and practice, so that when we are facing a seri-

ous situation that initially overwhelms capacity at the hospitals, we are ready, and in the best position possible to treat victims and save as many lives as possible."

A 'Mass Casualty Incident' is any event resulting in a number of victims large



enough to disrupt the normal course of emergency health care services such as a major fire, a multi-car traffic accident, earthquake or a plane crash.

Hurricane Exercise 'Neo' Tests Emergency Response Readiness

Representatives of the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) convened on 9 June for the annual National Hurricane Exercise, which tests the national emergency response mechanism.

The emergency drill brings together representatives of the 18 NEOC Emergency Support Teams and the Policy Group, which are activated in the event of a hurricane threat or impact.

"The exercise is an opportunity to practice before an impact occurs, identify gaps and areas for improvement and to ensure members of the NEOC are familiar with their roles in the national response mechanism," explained Dani Coleman, Director of Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI).

The exercise was held in the NEOC located in the Government Administration Building and this year the scenario was called 'Hurricane Neo.'

The exercise began at 9 am with opening remarks from the Chairman of the National Hazard Management Council Hon. Franz Manderson who noted that, "having gone through an extended NEOC activation in 2020 for the pandemic, the structure was already operating efficiently and effectively."



► Chairman of the National Hazard Management Council Hon. Franz Manderson delivers opening remarks at the commencement of the 2021 Hurricane Exercise



► Director of the Cayman Islands National Weather Service John Tibbetts provided the forecast outlook for the 2021 Hurricane Season

Mr. Manderson thanked the participants for their ongoing commitment, which he described as critical to keeping residents safe in a crisis.

Director General of the Cayman Islands National Weather Service John Tibbetts provided a quick review of 2020 hurricane season and the forecast outlook for 2021. The main part of the hurricane exer-

cise then got underway with participants considering various emergency scenarios.

Ms. Coleman explained, "A typical table-top exercise involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting and it can be a very useful tool for assessing policies and procedures. The scenario provided a reasonably realistic depiction of a hurricane on approach,

the impact and post impact and gave us an opportunity to examine our response mechanism."

The exercise concluded in the afternoon with a review and with the Emergency Support Teams and NEOC Cluster Managers making a number of recommendations for adjustments and updates to the National Hazard Management Plan.

Mass Casualty Management Training for the Sister Islands

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Some of the subject areas covered in the training included emergency medicine, the organization of advanced medical posts, psycho-social care, the management of dead bodies and division of roles and responsibilities of first responders.

The MCM course took place at the Aston Rutty Community Centre and was conducted by locally-trained PAHO Instructors including CIAA Chief Safety Officer Andrew McLaughlin, Nurse Charmaine Coore and David (Jayce) Wilson of HSA, Inspector Ian Yearwood of the RCIPS and Simon Boxall of HMCI.

Ms. Coleman said, "The MCM training is vital for maintaining a state of maximum readiness for a major incident, and it allows first responders to practice working together so that if an event occurs, they can approach the delivery of the emergency response as a high-functioning, cohesive and effective team."

She added, "We really appreciate the commitment shown by all who participated in the training in the Brac, and also the support provided by District Commissioner Mark Tibbetts and his team. It really is an intensive programme that pushes the participants to their limit. Everyone involved put in maximum effort and dedication, and we are now better prepared as a result."

For more information, contact Simon Boxall at 244-3145 or simon.boxall@gov.ky

Cayman Turtle Centre to host Sea Turtle Festival

Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre (CTCEC) is pleased to announce its first annual Sea Turtle Festival, to be held June 16-20, 2021. The five-day long schedule of events will celebrate all things sea turtle with activities that range from conservation and education initiatives to art and wellness events.

On Wednesday 16th June, the Centre will celebrate World Sea Turtle Day with a special turtle release on Seven Mile Beach.

Geddes Hislop, Curator of Terrestrial Exhibits and Education Programs at CTCEC said: "Our annual World Sea Turtle Day release is always popular with residents and visitors alike. We are pleased to be able to open this event up to the public again this year, with a limited number of spaces available for on-island guests that would like to join us for this special occasion."

Tickets for the World Sea Turtle Day release are complimentary but advance online registration is required due to the current public gathering limit.

On the evenings of Wednesday 16th and Saturday 19th June, CTCEC's Conservation and Education Team will host two special evening hatchling release events. Due to popular demand, both Sea Turtle Festival hatchling release events are already sold out, but the Centre is now planning to hold more hatchling releases during the summer nesting season.

On Friday 18th June, the Centre will host a 'Green Friday' sale and happy hour at their Splash gift store, as well as an island-wide Green Dress Down Day to raise funds for sea turtle conservation.



"We invite all local businesses, schools and individuals to take part in this fun initiative to help raise funds to support the Centre's Green sea turtle conservation programmes. Taking part is simple - just dress in green on the day, share your photos on social media to show your support, and make your donation online or in person." Mrs. Natalie Porter, Marketing Manager at CTCEC, said.

On Saturday 19th June, families can enjoy an action-packed day out at the Centre's Sea Turtle Festival Family Fun Day. The event will feature a sea turtle themed art exhibit, short films shown in the Education Centre, a Turtle Tracks scavenger hunt and plenty of fun games and activities for all ages to enjoy. Children aged 12 and under will receive free admission to this event when they bring along 3 items of plastic waste to be recycled by Junk Cayman.

"This initiative reinforces our message of '3 plastics a day' that we share with the community in our education presentations. Something as simple as picking up three pieces of plastic a day can make a big difference. Although this may seem insignificant, the more people picking up those three pieces of garbage a day, the bigger the impact." Mr. Hislop said.

On Sunday 20th June, Bliss Yoga will host a Sea Turtle Festival Yoga Class at Cayman Turtle Centre, on the beach beside the Turtle Lagoon. The class starts at 8am and will be led by Bliss Yoga Instructor Manuella Rodrigues Izaacs. All class registration donations will directly support CTCEC's ongoing sea turtle research and conservation initiatives.

For more information on the Sea Turtle Festival, please visit www.turtle.ky or email info@turtle.ky

RULING UK CONSERVATIVE PARTY AT ODDS OVER AID

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

The ruling British Conservative Party of Prime Minister Boris Johnson is ensnared in a huge internal row over the government's move to cut international aid.

The government wants to cut its aid commitments from the internationally agreed 0.7 per cent of GDP to 0.5 per cent.

The government says the reduction is needed as it has been forced to re-prioritise its spending because of the severe economic contraction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

But opposition is increasing not only from the parliamentary opposition and organisations objecting to the cut, but from within Mr Johnson's own party.

His predecessor, former prime minister Theresa May has spoken out against the move along with other former British leaders; Conservative prime minister

John Major and ex Labour prime ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

The UK's commitment to the Group of Seven (G7) pledge to set aside 0.7 per cent of their national income to be spent on international development was put into law by another former Conservative leader, David Cameron.

The UK is the only G7 member to be cutting its aid budgets during the coronavirus pandemic.

Critics say that if the government proceeds with the plan to cut overseas aid, it would not only reflect negatively on the UK but could jeopardise efforts to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in poor countries which rely on aid.

Mr Johnson is also under pressure from other members of the Conservative party including former cabinet ministers over the plan which they see as undermining the UK's global role and respectability.



► British Prime Minister Boris Johnson



The UK's overseas aid budget also supports its disaster response and other programmes in the Overseas territories.

However, the government maintains that even with the cutback from 0.7 per cent to 0.5 per cent of GDP, it will still be spending £10 billion (US\$ 14 billion) on overseas aid.

The current aid budget is £13 billion (US\$18 billion).

The government has also said the intended cutback is short term.

A move to force a vote in the House of Commons (UK parliament) this week on the issue was thwarted over parliamentary procedures.

However, MPs within the Conservative Party who are leading the opposition to the plan say they are considering other moves to force the government to reverse its stance.

The 0.7 per cent GDP aid target was set by the United Nations in 1970.

Data from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) shows that while other G7 member nations provide more aid in total, the UK is the only one to have met the target of 0.7 per cent of GDP.

The issue is expected to be discussed when Mr Johnson hosts other G7 leaders at a meeting in London this weekend.

INCREASE OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCES

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg') is launching a consultation on the Proposed Distributed Generation Resources ('DGR') 3 Megawatts (MW) Capacity Increase.

OfReg considers that it is in the interests of the electricity sector to implement an additional capacity of 3MW of DGR to Caymans' transmission and distribution system. This will enable continuity of the existing Customer-Owned Renewable Energy ('CORE') and DER programmes, until the battery energy storage system ('BESS') project is activated. Renewable energy systems providers will therefore be able to continue the sale and installation of these systems to consumers.

The main objective of this proposed determination is to increase the installed renewable energy capacity beyond the 17MW limit, which was agreed between the former Electricity Regulatory Authority and Caribbean Utilities Company, by adding 3MW of distributed generation resources to the electricity grid. The capacity increase will only relate to the DGR programmes that are approved by OfReg.

As with previous DER programme allocations, individual system size would be limited to 250kW AC output rating to improve locational diversity (ie, reduce cloud impacts), and avoid needing a System Impact Study. The previously established system sizes for the CORE systems will remain.

"The proposed 3MW capacity increase will continue to incentivise the growth and use of renewable and alternative energy, and assist in reducing the Cayman Islands' dependence on fossil fuels used for the generation of electricity and, more importantly, reducing the nation's carbon footprint." - **Gregg Anderson, Executive Director of Energy & Utilities at OfReg.**

"Energy security and sustainability are essential for the Cayman Islands. Therefore, it is important to ensure that the future development of the solar industry is consistent with the need to provide reliable, clean, and affordable electricity. OfReg remains

committed to promoting the goals of the National Energy Policy, and recognises the important role rooftop solar plays, and will continue to play in Cayman's energy future. Cognisant of our obligation to protect the short- and long-term interests of consumers, the release will allow consumers choice to interconnect their systems to the grid, while ensuring rates are reasonable.

Increasing the installed renewable energy capacity contribute towards achieving the NEP target, and towards socio-economic and environmentally sustainable growth, and also aims to stimulate the renewable industry in the Cayman Islands." - **Malike Cummings, CEO at OfReg.**

OfReg expects to issue a Final Determination regarding the Proposed Distributed Generation Resources 3MW Capacity Increase before the end of the third (3rd) quarter, 2021.

This public consultation will be conducted as a single-phase consultation over a



period of thirty (30) days. All submissions should be made in writing and must be received by 5pm on 8 July 2021, at the latest.

To access the consultation document, please visit OfReg's website at www.ofreg.ky/consultations.

CUBA HALTS DEALINGS IN US DOLLARS

By Michael Jarvis,
London UK

From next Monday June 21st banks in Cuba will stop accepting US dollars.

The decision is attributed to Yamilé Berra Cires, the vice president of the Cuban Central Bank (BCC) during a television roundtable discussion in Havana.

The Cuban government is blaming the continued US embargo on the communist-run island which was tightened during the Trump administration after being relaxed by former president Barack Obama.

Reports out of Havana suggest that economic pressures in Cuba have gotten worse due mainly to the renewed Trump sanctions, to which there has not been any firm policy state-

ment from the new Biden government.

President Biden has been overturning many of the policies he inherited from the Trump presidency.

BCC vice-president Berra Cires is quoted as saying, "It is even more difficult for Cuba to find international banking or financial institutions willing to receive, convert or process U.S currency in cash."

Another central bank official advised travellers arriving in Cuba to have currencies other than the US dollar.

It's not known how long the restrictions will last.

According to international news reports, around 24 foreign banks have ceased dealing with Cuba while 95 other foreign financial institutions reported



what they said were "transgressions" of Cuban national banks doing business with their competitors.

A statement said to have come from the Cuban government said: "In view of the obstacles that the US embargo creates for the national bank system to deposit abroad the US dollars that are collected in the country, a decision was made to temporarily suspend

deposits in US banknotes in Cuba's banking and financial system."

The exchange for the US dollar is reported to have spared on the Cuban black market to around 70 Cuban pesos. The official exchange rate was pegged at 24 Cuban pesos to the dollar.

Suspending transactions in US dollars is another blow for Cuba which in the pre-Trump years had seen signs of growth in its

economy, especially the tourism sector, following the Obama relaxation of some travel and financial dealings.

A recent rise in COVID-19 cases has further compounded the challenges for its vital tourism industry.

Cuba had previously been able to suppress the outbreak of the virus and is developing two vaccines which it's already rolling out to its citizens.

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Windies flop again but Seales shines

West Indies failed again at Test level against a top team but at least skipper Kraigg Brathwaite could laud debutant fast bowler Jayden Seales.

West Indies were crushed in the opening Test against South Africa. Despite losing in less than three days, Brathwaite found a silver lining in Seales's performance and pointed out that the 19-year-old Trinidadian is one to watch out for.

Amazingly, Seales has played just one first-class match, partly because of the coronavirus pandemic limiting his opportunities. He made his first-class debut last December, turning out for West Indies A in New Zealand, where he picked up one wicket.

More recently, he took 4 for 40 playing for Team Hamilton in a four-day intra-squad game against Team Blackwood. He also picked three wickets in the first

innings during an intra-squad tour match ahead of the series against Sri Lanka in March.

In all, he has played only ten games at senior level across all formats.

"I didn't play much first-class cricket but I think being in the set-up and training with the team from New Zealand to now I think I've put in a lot of hard work and my body is ready," he said. "Now I've to go out there and perform for the team."

Brathwaite said: "The first time I saw Jayden was in New Zealand, and I just knew he had a natural length. Not all bowlers have that natural length, and he obviously swings the ball. So I was not surprised by his performance in this game, or for the future.

"I think he's something special and obviously he's quite young, he's only played one first-class game. That says a

lot. Even at practice, there are different little things that he does with the ball, and what he says to back it up, is quite phenomenal. For sure, he's one for the future, big time."

The West Indies batting performance was woeful again. After getting bundled out for just 97 in the first innings on the opening day of the series, the hosts made only 162 in their second essay to succumb to an innings defeat. Brathwaite is urging his batsmen to stay mentally tough to recover from this debacle from the Second Test that starts in St Lucia on Friday.

West Indies did register a famous series win in Bangladesh in February this year and followed it up with a drawn series at home against Sri Lanka. But a morale-crushing defeat has once again highlighted the need to compete better against the top teams in Test cricket.



► Teenager Jayden Seales has electric pace

Pacman, 42, still chasing titles

Manny Pacquiao returns to the ring soon in another world title attempt, despite being 42 and having not fought for two years.

The Filipino legend has had an illustrious career, winning 12 world titles and is the only eight-division world champion in the sport. He boasts an impressive record of 62 wins in 71 fights with only seven defeats.

Pacquiao's last fight was against Keith Thurman at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas almost two years ago. He won via split decision, thus becoming the oldest welterweight champion aged 40 years and 216 days.

Pacquiao faces IBF and WBC welterweight champion Errol Spence Jr at the



► Manny Pacquiao is defying the aging process

very same venue on Aug. 21. Spence, 31, is undefeated in 27 fights and will start a slight favourite but Pacman causing a shock is not out of the question.

Shields impresses in MMA debut

Former Olympic boxing champion Claressa Shields recovered from two early take-downs to win her debut professional mixed martial arts contest.

The American beat compatriot Brittney Elkin by a third-round technical knockout in the Professional Fighters League match in Atlantic City.

Shields, 26, showed composure and patience to defeat the more experienced fighter. "I feel like I am dreaming, this is crazy!" she said after the win.

Shields won Olympic gold at London 2012 and Rio 2016, and is the only boxer in history, female or male, to hold all four major world titles in boxing - WBA, WBC, IBF and WBO - simultaneously in two weight classes.

She had to endure some heavy punches but managed to recover while Elkin, 35, was determined to take the fight to the mat. However, Shields' endurance shone through, ending the contest with a series of strong right hands to complete a stunning reversal one minute 44 seconds into the final round.

The undefeated fighter showed pinpoint accuracy by landing 93 percent of her strikes.



► Boxer Claressa Shields wants to conquer the MMA scene now

"After seven months of training, I kept telling myself, it's going to be hard. Do not expect the easy win," Shields said. "She had me on the ground but she could never hurt me. Her punches didn't hurt me. I told myself, I may have lost the first two rounds, but I am not losing this fight.

"Coach said, 'I want to see Clarenzo' (referring to a fighting alter-ego), and when he said that, Clarenzo just came out!" Elkin, a brown belt in Brazilian jiu jitsu, now has a record of three wins and seven losses in MMA and has lost her past four fights.

Adesanya strolls in rematch this time

UFC middleweight champion Israel Adesanya is arguably the most dominant fighter in the sport after another dominant performance.

Adesanya cruised to victory over Marvin Vettori, retaining his undisputed 185-pound title in the main event of UFC 263 in Glendale, Arizona.

The pair had previously met, when Adesanya claimed a split-decision victory over Vettori three years ago in the Nigerian-born Kiwi's second UFC bout.

But in Saturday night's rematch Adesanya, 31, showed his class with a virtuoso performance as he picked apart the Italian over the full five-round championship duration at the Gila River Arena.

Vettori started the bout in aggressive fashion and landed an early takedown, but Adesanya soon settled into his work and dominated the striking exchanges, using repeated kicks to Vettori's lead leg to punish the challenger from range.



► Israel Adesanya is the most dominant UFC champ at the moment

Adesanya's control of the bout caused plenty of consternation in Vettori's corner between rounds, as coach Rafael Cordeiro implored his man to be more aggressive in his pursuit of the takedown.

But Vettori simply had no answer for the champion, who looked in complete control as he cruised to a shutout decision victory with all three judges scoring the bout 50-45 in Adesanya's favour.

Sterling's weekend just got better

England's Euro 2020 campaign got off to a winning start as Raheem Sterling's goal secured victory over Croatia at Wembley.

The Manchester City forward capped off a perfect weekend with that goal as he received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to racial equality in sport.

Jamaica-born Sterling, 26, has campaigned against racial injustice on and off the pitch continually since 2017. He has not been in great form recently and repaid England manager Gareth Southgate's faith in him, sliding in the winner for a 1-0 victory after 57 minutes.

Southgate resisted the temptation to play Aston Villa's Jack Grealish and was rewarded with a lively performance from Sterling as England secured the win their superiority deserved.



► Raheem Sterling proved his doubters wrong

Goalkeeper Jordan Pickford was barely tested by a disappointing Croatia side, who never looked like repeating their victory over England in the 2018 World Cup semi-final in Moscow - leaving England with three points to take into Friday's second Group D game against Scotland at Wembley.

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