PM Announces Drastic Measures

By Deandre Williamson

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis announced yesterday that foreign nationals traveling from the United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe within the last 20 days are prohibited from entering the country. This travel ban has been secured by defense force officials, said the prime minister.

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Patient who test positive for COVID-19 will be treated at Doctors Hospital on Blake Road, according to Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis. During his televised national address on COVID-19 yesterday, the prime minister said Doctors Hospital has been secured as the facility to treat COVID-19 patients and health professionals treating those patients will utilize various protocols to protect themselves.

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Man Dies after Eight Mile Rock Shooting

Police are investigat-
ing a shooting that took place in the eight mile rock area, at Carmichael Road, east of Lazaretto Road, two females, who were approached by three males, one of them being armed with a firearm. The armed male opened fire on the females, injuring one of them. Emergency medical personnel were called to the scene and attempted to resuscitate the women but were unfortunately unsuccessful. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigations are ongoing.

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Woman Shot Dead on Carmichael Road

In other crime news, Police in Grand Bahama are also investigating a homicide that took place at Eight Mile Rock on Friday.

Shortly before 1 a.m., police were called to the Sunset village area, at the local fish fry on Bayshore Road, Eight Mile Rock, where there were reports of gunshots being fired.

When officers arrived at the scene to investigate, it was revealed that there was an altercation between a group of males.

The result was one of the males discharging his firearm, wounding a female and male.

While the female victim received nonlife threatening injuries to her leg, the male victim received multiple gunshot wounds about the body. He was transported to the emergency section of the Rand Memorial Hospital where he was treated by a doctor, but later succumbed to his injuries. Police are currently following significant leads into this matter. Investigations are ongoing.

Police are appealing to members of the public, who may have information that can assist with this and other investigations, to contact the Central Detective Unit at 502-99912, crime stoppers at 328-tips (8477) or the nearest police station.

The prim minister announced that Bahamian nationals or residents returning to The Bahamas who have been abroad and believe that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 are asked to contact the Ministry of Health’s hotline or their local health provider.

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An elderly man was fatally shot after exchanging gunfire with police officers at the Fox Hill Police Station on Friday, shortly before 7 a.m. Police said the man, who was out on bail for grievous harm, arrived at the Fox Hill Police Station to sign as customary for persons on bail after posting an identification card, then he produced a firearm pointing at the officer, which then forced another female officer to retreat to the back of the station. According to Chief Superintendent of Police Solomon Cash, police noticed the same suspect, who appeared to be in search of them. “The officers pro- duced their weapons, discharged at the male suspect, who also fired at the officers,” Lloyd said.

“This is the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the country and about eight countries that have been impacted by the virus so far, including the Bahamas,” Lloyd said.

“The measures taken by the embassy include social distancing,” Cash said. "We know that the Ministry of Health has implemented measures to control the spread of the virus, including the cancelation of visa appointments and the priority to treat those who may have any respiratory symptoms such as cough, or shortness of breath. People who are feeling unwell should contact their doctor's office or the Ministry of Health COVID-19 hotline at 376-9350, 376-9387 or 376-9357.

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Amnesty International calls for release of artist and prisoner of conscience

Cuban artist Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely because of his conscientiously held beliefs, and should be released immediately, said Amnesty International today. A key leader in the movement opposing Decree 349, a dystopian law that stands to censor artists, he is detained and awaiting a trial that was initially expected on 11 March, but has since been delayed.

Amnesty International said that the Cuban administration continues to stifle any voices that are not aligned with the official position. Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara is a prisoner of conscience and we urge the Cuban government to release him immediately and unconditionally," said Erika Guevara-Rosas, Americas director at Amnesty International.

According to the information Amnestea International has obtained, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara appears to be charged under Article 203 of the Penal Code, an offense inconsistent with international human rights law and standards, "to the detriment of the country and property (Article 33).

According to NGO Cubalex, in the past 30 years Cuba has arbitrarily detained Luis Manuel more than 20 times. Prior to his detention, he had announced on Facebook that he planned to participate in a protest convened by LGBTI activists after alleged state censorship of a movie featuring two men kissing.

Amnesty International calls on the Cuban authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara. "Amnesty International has previously said that under Decree 349, all artists, journalists and LGBTI activists to call on the Cuban authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara. Background information

Under Decree 349, all artists, journalists, activists and performers, are prohibited from operating in public or private spaces with- out prior approval. The law is intended to "affect and curtail the freedom of artistic expression. It makes it illegal to protest against the Cuban government or the regime or to publicly disseminate information regarding its policies. It is also illegal to carry out the artistic activity. Such decisions can only be appealed before the same Ministry of Culture (Article 10); the decree does not pro- vide an effective remedy to appeal such a decision before an independent court or body, including through the courts.

The decree contains vague and overly broad restrictions on artistic expression. For example, it prohibits audiovisual materials that contain, among other things, "use of patriotic symbols that contravene current law" (Article 3a), "sexist, vulgar or obscene language" (Article 3d), and "any other (content) that violates the legal provisions that regulate the nor- mal development of our society in cul- tural matters" (Article 3g). Furthermore, it makes it an offence to "commericize books with content harmful to ethical and cultural values" (Article 4f).

International human rights law and standards require that any restriction to the right to freedom of expression, including art, must be provided by law and formulated with suf- ficient precision to avoid overly broad or arbitrary interpretation or applica- tion, and in a manner that is accessi- ble to the public and that clearly out- lines what conduct is or is not prohib- ited.

As signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), Cuba is required to refrain from acts that would defeat the object and purpose of the treaty. Article 19 of the ICCPR specifically protects the right to freedom of expression, which includes the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and means... including "in the form of art."

Amnesty International has previ- ously called for the release of Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara. Under Decree 349 is likely to have a general chilling effect and is inconsistent with international stan- dards as its effort is to limit freedom of expression. This is consistent with international oppositions laws prohibiting disrespect of heads of state or public figures, the production or public showing of false official documents, or national symbols or flags or symbols (such as lèse majesté and desacato laws).

The Bahamian people must be prepared for the most turbulent times that the Bahamian economy has experienced in many decades. Following the trend announced by U.S. President Trump, our Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis last night said the government will not allow visitors to the Bahamas from The United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe for the next twenty days. We can see that the world is facing a crisis due to the Coronavirus. It is well known that the virus can be transmitted in various ways, but the most concerning is the highly contagious nature of the virus. The virus is highly contagious and can spread rapidly from person to person through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces. The virus can also spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus is transmitted from person to person through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces. The virus can also spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus is transmitted from person to person through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces. The virus can also spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The Bahamian economy is already facing significant challenges due to the ongoing global pandemic. The virus has had a significant impact on the tourism industry, which is a major contributor to the Bahamian economy. The government has taken several measures to mitigate the impact of the virus, including implementing travel restrictions and a mandatory two-week quarantine for all visitors. These measures have been effective in reducing the spread of the virus and limiting the impact on the economy.

In response to the crisis, the government has implemented several measures to support the Bahamian economy. These include the implementation of a temporary stimulus package, which includes tax relief and other measures to support businesses and individuals. The government has also provided financial support to the tourism industry, which has been severely impacted by the virus. These measures have been effective in reducing the impact on the economy and supporting businesses and individuals.

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The latest Gerline Gibson, mother to former Minister of Labour Shane Gibson, was honoured by her family for living a life full of compassion and love. The children, grandchildren, siblings and family members of Mrs. Gibson hosted a lunch in her memory on March 13. Mrs. Gibson's birthday.

The lunch was held at Pat’s Senior Citizens Home and was sponsored by Bahama Grill, whose owner is the son of Mrs. Gibson. The family thought it very appropriate to honour their mother by continuing with her teachings of altruism. Ann Hutchinson, the last daughter of Mrs. Gibson, discussed the importance of serving the elderly.

“Just having a great time, not only celebrating her life, but bringing attraction for Pat’s home for the elderly because the thing of all of us are going to die one day. All of us are going to get old one day and people seem to forget that,” Mrs. Hutchinson said. “And so, the seeds that we plant in these people, we know that it’s going to come back to us when we get older.”

Patricia W. Moxey, founder and owner of Pat’s Senior Citizen Home, expressed her gratitude to the Gibson family for treating the senior citizens living at the home to a nice meal and a good time. The home is a private organization and relies heavily on donations and volunteer work to keep the doors open.

Mrs. Moxey also mentioned that the home has taken some extra precautions because of the spreading of the coronavirus (COVID19), which is said to be particularly dangerous to elderly people. “Well for one, we limit the visitation of loved ones and when they do come our staff will govern them. Make sure they sanitize their hands coming in and going out in, not putting their hands on the doorknob.” Mrs. Moxey explained.

“We make sure all of that is done. And we asked the loved ones to not interact with the family. If they need something, the nurses and the caregivers here will do it for them.”

This is the second time the Gibson family has held this event and Mrs. Hutchinson said she hopes to do it annually.

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impact of Hurricane Dorian.

“This coronavirus crisis represents yet another risk to our economy and the country’s finances and fiscal sustainability plans. This crisis will have a cascading impact across the globe. It will have an impact on the people and the natal preparedness and response plan,” Dr. Minnis said. We have conducted training for healthcare providers on proper screening, use of protective equipment and COVID-19 protocols, and secured adequate supplies of hand sanitizers, cleaning supplies and protective equipment.

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He added that the task- force will also monitor the performance of the government in the handling of this critical issue and will assist the government in public health issues for the protection and wellbeing of the general public. “I advise the public that we live in the era of fake news, therefore, all relevant information should be accessed from reputable sources. The official websites of the Bahamas government, the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization are recommended information sources,” Davis said.

“Cooperate with all public service announcements, including travel advisories, released by the government. Follow all established national and health protocols at home and when using public facilities. These include washing hands under running water with soap for at least 20 seconds.”

“The PLP leader also called on the government to have a comprehensive response to and an economic forecast in light of the potential economic fallout given the current announcement by the U.S. President Donald Trump on the schedule of cruise ships leaving U.S. ports for the next 30 days. “It is the considered view of the PLP that legislation is needed as a standard national and government response in these extreme and unusual circumstances. The parliament debated and passed legislation on official action in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane and legislation is necessary in the event of drastic external shocks emanating from bio-attacks and public health crises,” Davis said.

“The PLP as always stands ready to assist the government in protecting the health, safety and general wellbeing of our people.”

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