

PM Urges Nation to Build Great Legacy for Next Generation

JAMAICANS ARE being encouraged to build a great legacy for generations to come.

Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, in his Emancipation Day Message, said that the efforts of Jamaicans to educate their children, save, acquire property and build businesses, while abiding by the law, will make the future generations better off.

"We will progress as a nation when each generation sees themselves as part of the continuum of the struggle for a better Jamaica," he added.

Mr. Holness encouraged persons to be mindful of the generations of Jamaicans who struggled with the troubles and challenges of their time.

"Remember how they persevered, kept the faith, and eventually overcame to leave us a legacy on which to build. We must honour their sacrifice by making our own sacrifice for generations to come," he stated.

Mr. Holness said an analysis of the 128 years, from Emancipation to Independence, would conclude that Jamaicans throughout that period made great strides, against the odds.



Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness

He noted that the 24 years between the labour struggles of 1938 and Independence in 1962 were marked by significant activities.

"We established trade unions and labour laws, forged political parties, instituted Universal Adult Suffrage, founded the University of the West Indies, drafted new constitutions, and returned Jamaica to internal self-government. On the economic front, we saw greater diversification with bauxite and tourism and more significant

infrastructure development," he outlined.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the labour uprisings of 1938 for better wages for workers also fuelled political action that would "lay the foundations of the democracy we have today and start the process of claiming our independence and sovereignty."

The Prime Minister said Jamaica is among the oldest and continuous liberal democracies in the world, "and is the first Black democratic nation."

"We have a free press and a highly participatory civil society. We have a strong government and civil bureaucracy, are ranked highly on many development indices, and continue to be a respected voice in international affairs and a sought-after brand. So as we celebrate Emancipation in our 60th year of Independence, we must reflect on what we used our freedom to achieve," Mr. Holness added.

Jamaica 60 Activities Continue Today

ACTIVITIES IN celebration of Jamaica's Diamond Jubilee continue today and will run until Sunday, August 7.

The streets of Kingston will come alive with the Jamaica 60 Independence Float and Street Parade, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning.

Later today, the Jamaica Festival Queen Coronation will be held at the National Indoor Sports Centre, which will host several other events.

These include 'Old Skool Dancehall' on Tuesday, August 2; 'Mello-Go-Roun' on Wednesday, August 3; the Jamaica Praise Gospel Concert on Thursday, August 4; and the Independence Watch Night in the Village on Friday, August 5.

The Jamaica 60 Grand Gala will be held at the National Stadium on Independence Day, Saturday, August 6, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Independence Street Dances are also slated to be held in parish capitals islandwide.

The Jamaica 60 Western Gala, which will be held on



Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Hon. Olivia Grange

Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the Catherine Hall Sports Complex, Montego Bay, will culminate the events.

Speaking in the House of Representatives on July 26, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Hon. Olivia Grange, said the celebrations follow the tradition of having a significant commemoration of Jamaica's Independence every five years, with the aim of setting goals for the future.

President Of Namibia to Pay Five-Day State Visit

PRESIDENT OF the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob, and wife, Her Excellency Mrs. Monica Geingos, are scheduled to arrive in Jamaica on August 4 for a five-day State Visit.

Their visit, as special guests of the Government, will coincide with Jamaica's 60th Independence Anniversary.

It will also mark 60 years of diplomatic relations between Jamaica and Namibia.

President Geingob, who is making his first visit to the

island, is slated to meet with Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, and engage in bilateral discussions with the Government.

He will also address a special sitting of Parliament and pay a courtesy call on Governor-General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen.

Other scheduled activities for the Head of State include attending the Jamaica 60 Independence Gala at the National Stadium and laying a wreath at the shrine of the country's first National Hero, the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

President and Mrs. Geingob are slated to depart on August 8.

Road Traffic Regulations to Hold Motorists More Accountable

IT IS expected that the recently tabled Regulations for the Road Traffic Act, 2018 and the Transport Authority Act will assist in reducing the spate of road accidents.

"These regulations will see a completely revised mode of conduct on Jamaican roads and will hold road users more accountable for their actions.

This goes in tandem with the Transport Authority Regulations, tabled in Parliament recently. We have to get back the discipline in the traffic environment and save lives," Minister of Transport and Mining, Hon. Audley Shaw, emphasised.

Addressing a Public Transport Defensive Driving Seminar on July 27 at the Golf View Hotel in Manchester, Mr. Shaw said once the regulations have passed the scrutiny of the Parliament and are accepted for implementation, the Ministry is tasked with bringing the



Minister of Transport and Mining, Hon. Audley Shaw (left), greets Managing Director of Grennell's Driving School, Alphonso Grennell, during a public transport defensive driving seminar at the Golf View Hotel in Manchester.

Road Traffic Act 2018 into force, which will repeal the Road Traffic Act, 1938.

The Minister said that the improved ticketing system will ensure that delinquent drivers will be punished.

Remote detection of traffic offences using cameras and other electronic devices will now be allowed under the new Road Traffic Regulations, which were approved in the House of

Representatives on July 5.

The legislation will also provide for the issuing of tickets for traffic offences via electronic means. Where traffic offences are detected remotely, the owner of the vehicle will receive the ticket.

US Ambassador Visits Ministry of Labour's Overseas Employment Centre



Minister of Labour and Social Security, Hon. Karl Samuda (second left), listens as United States (US) Ambassador to Jamaica, His Excellency Nick Perry (right), extends well wishes to workers prior to their departure from the Ministry's Overseas Employment Centre on East Street in downtown Kingston, on Thursday (July 28), for the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, en route to the US, to participate in the seasonal farm work programme.

Census Vital for Decision-Making at Policy Level

THE 15TH POPULATION and Housing Census is vital for decision-making at the policy level of Government as well as for businesses, says Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dr. the Hon. Nigel Clarke.

The census is scheduled to begin on September 12 this year.

Addressing the House of Representatives on July 26, Dr. Clarke pointed out that the census information is more than a tool for policy-makers in Government; it is a critical source of information for businesses and the people of Jamaica.

"Critical decisions are informed by the data coming out of the census.

The census is more than just a count of the population. It also captures information on the housing stock in the country, and key social and demographic information that informs policy. It helps us to determine where to put schools, clinics, and where to locate other government services. The census is important for all of us as Jamaicans," he emphasised.

The Minister informed that in a few weeks, he will be signing into law the 2022 Census Regulation and Order, codifying the conduct of the census by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN).



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"I am also pleased to remind this House that the Census Day will be September 12, 2022, and the data-collection exercise will start thereafter and conclude on the 31st of December 2022," he noted.

Dr. Clarke urged Jamaicans to participate in, and support the national exercise, adding that the success of the census is for the benefit of all Jamaicans.

The 15th Population and Housing Census was initially scheduled for 2021 but was delayed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The last census was done in 2011.

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