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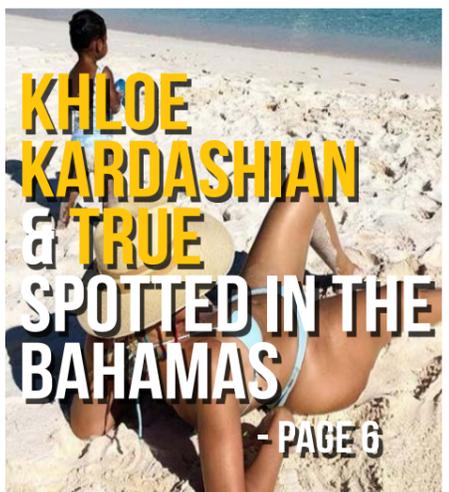
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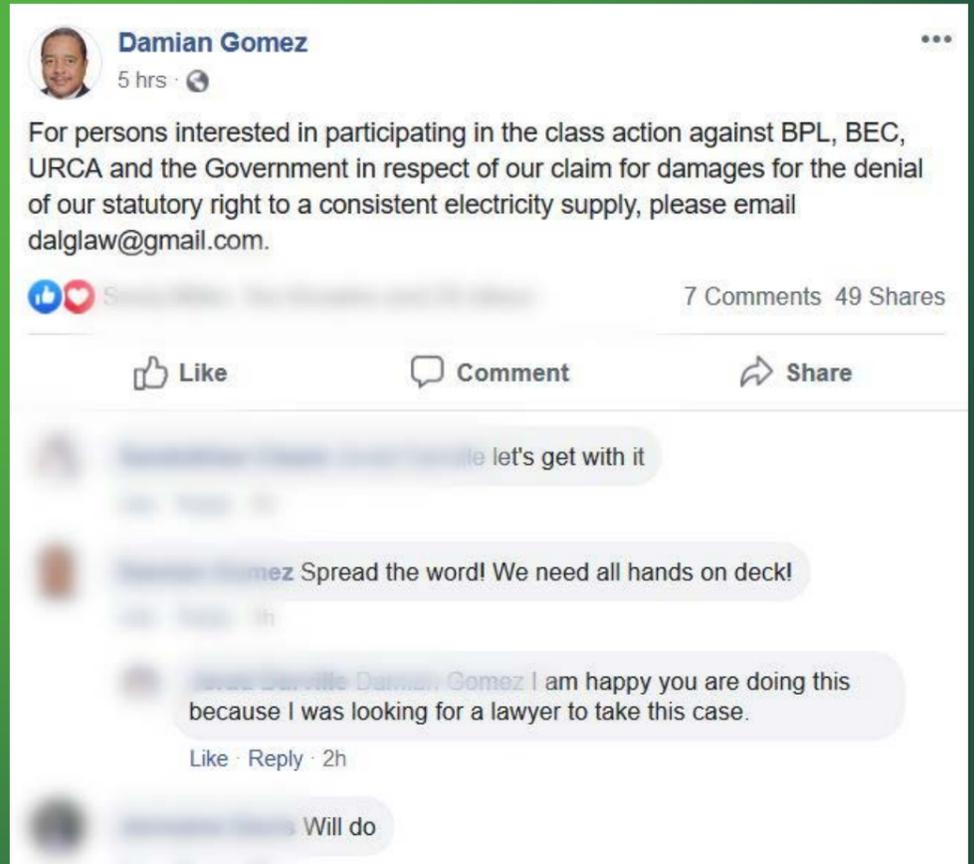
## “ DAMIAN GOMEZ TAKE ON BPL, URCA & GOV.

BN Agent, X

Lawyer Damian Gomez expressed on facebook that he is ready to take a stance against BPL, BEC, URCA and the government in a lawsuit and asked if anyone else were willing to participate are basically free to join him! Mr. Gomez stated “

class action against BPL, BEC, URCA and the Government in respect of our claim for damages for the denial of our statutory right to a consistent electricity supply, please email dalglaw@gmail.com” many supporters of Gomez, reacted to his post immediately showing

there willingness to join him in this movement and also went on to cheering him by saying finally a lawyer is fighting back!



## DOCTORS ON STRIKE MARCHING TODAY ON BAYSTREET

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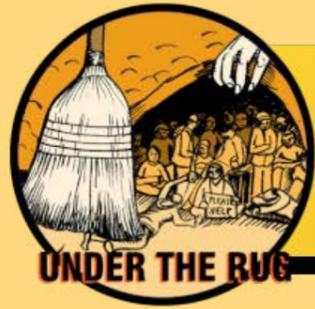
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and other demanding needs around the hospital and other unions. The leader of the union yesterday went live on Facebook and expressed that he is representing the workers, and his job is to ensure that all of the workers get a fair share of the pie. They feel that the cabinet ministers are claiming to hear them and their problems, but their actions are not moving to show that they are willing to help the hard working people of The Bahamas. The doctors and union plan to march today, August 22nd, 2019 from the old City Market

Building to Downtown BAY STREET at 9:00 am so that their voice can be heard and actions be taken seriously.



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Are you aware that there's a new oil refinery being placed in the waters of Grand Bahama and were worrying about plastic 2020, oil spills cause way more damage to the animal and seas, but that's not what we came to talk about today, today we'll talk about how were being distracted from our current government wanting to sign off on the WTO, what is the WTO and its pros and cons.

There are a number of ways of looking at the WTO. It's an organization for liberalizing trade. It's a forum for governments to negotiate trade agreements. It's a place for them to settle trade disputes. It operates a system of trade rules. (But it's not Superman, just in case anyone thought it could solve — or cause — all the world's problems!)

Above all, it's a negotiating forum ... Essentially, the WTO is a place where member governments go, to try to sort out the trade problems they face with each other. The first step is to talk. The WTO was born out of negotiations, and everything the WTO does is the result of negotiations. The bulk of



the WTO's current work comes from the 1986-94 negotiations called the Uruguay Round and earlier negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The WTO is currently the host to new negotiations, under the "Doha Development Agenda" launched in 2001.

Where countries have faced trade barriers and wanted them lowered, the negotiations have helped to liberalize trade. But the WTO is not just about liberalizing trade, and in some circumstances its rules support maintaining trade barriers — for example to protect consumers or prevent the spread of disease.

It's a set of rules ... At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations. These documents provide the legal ground-rules for international commerce. They are essentially contracts, binding governments to keep their trade policies within agreed limits. Although negotiated and signed by governments, the goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business, while allowing governments to meet social and environmental objectives.

The system's overriding purpose is to help trade flow as freely as possible — so long as there are

no undesirable side-effects — because this is important for economic development and well-being. That partly means removing obstacles. It also means ensuring that individuals, companies and governments know what the trade rules are around the world, and giving them the confidence that there will be no sudden changes of policy. In other words, the rules have to be "transparent" and predictable.

**Pros:**

The WTO is a body designed to promote free trade through organizing trade negotiations and act as an independent arbiter in settling trade disputes. To some extent the WTO has been successful in promoting greater free trade. The principles of the WTO are  
Promote free trade through gradual reduction of tariffs  
Provide legal framework for negotiation of trade disputes. This aims to provide greater stability and predictability in trade.  
Trade without discrimination - avoiding preferential trade agreements.  
WTO is not a completely free trade body. It allows tariffs and trade restrictions under certain conditions, e.g. protection against 'dumping' of cheap surplus goods.  
WTO is committed to protecting fair competition. There

are rules on subsidies, dumping  
WTO is committed to economic development. For example, recent rounds have put pressure on developed countries to accelerate restrictions on imports from the least-developing countries.

**Cons:**

Disadvantages of WTO  
However, the WTO has often been criticised for trade rules which are still unfavourable towards developing countries. Many developed countries went through a period of tariff protection; this enabled them to protect new, emerging domestic industries. Ha Joon Chang argues WTO trade rules are like 'pulling away the ladder they used themselves to climb up' (Kicking away the ladder at Amazon)  
Free trade may prevent developing economies develop their infant industries. For example, if a developing economy was trying to diversify their economy to develop a new manufacturing industry, they may be unable to do it without some tariff protection.  
WTO is being overshadowed by new TIPP trade deals. These deals are negotiated away from WTO and focuses mainly on US and EU. It excludes China, Russia, India, Brazil and South Africa. It threatens to diminish the global importance of WTO

Difficulty of making progress. WTO trade deals have been quite difficult to form consensus. Various rounds have taken many years to slowly progress. It results in countries seeking alternatives such as TIPP or local bilateral deals.

WTO trade deals still encompass a lot of protectionism in areas like agriculture. Protectionist tariffs which primarily benefit richer nations, such as the EU and US. WTO has implemented strong defense of TRIPs 'Trade Related Intellectual Property' rights These allow firms to implement patents and copyrights. In areas, such as life-saving drugs, it has raised the price and made it less affordable for developing countries.

WTO has rules which favour multinationals. For example, 'most favoured nation' principle means countries should trade without discrimination. This has advantages but can mean developing countries cannot give preference to local contractors, but may have to choose foreign multinationals - whatever their history in repatriation of profit, investment in area.

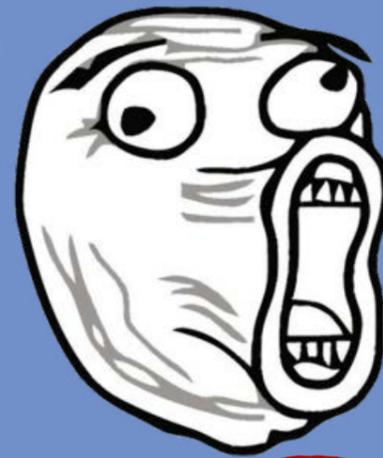
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## “ BONGIE OF THE DAY IS AWARDED TO MEAT MAX THIEF



## BUS DRIVER THIEF OUT OF MEAT MAX BOY THINGS TUFF!



**IT  
TUFF!**

BN Agent, X

**W**ould you shoplift ham for a sandwich and some seasoning

It's almost hard to look at a photo like this and not feel the pain a person maybe going through to the point they have to hide some cut sandwich ham and seasoning

away to take home. This bus driver is only getting Bongie of the day because of his method of trying to get these items out of the store by using the inside of his pants. Aside from that this image speaks volumes on the state that our country is in, even while a person are employed. Those items are no more

than \$10 and for him at the time was unaffordable, so mix that with a little bit of hunger and probably a family to provide for, you create this method of thinking "taking it" is the only way. Don't get us wrong, crime is crime not matter on what level but a situation like this if we had to examine his deed and

have a last say in this situation, BN would have explained to him all that's wrong and what comes with thieving, but still find out his current life situation and help out with giving him a few items just to survive during these hard times for many.

# MURDER #64 ASHTON

BN Agent X

The victim of a murder that took place in pitch darkness August 21st midnight has been identified as Ashton.

the group men and fatally shot one of them. The victim shot was Ashton who was later pronounced dead on the scene.

Report coming in confirms that one male was shot dead through Martin Close off Cowpen Road on Wednesday night.

According to BN agents the electricity was off during the shooting incident. Authorities confirm that a lone gunman approached a group of men who were sitting outside of a residence and say the gunman opened fire on



# NEW MISS BAHAMAS UNIVERSE

BN Agent X

Meet your new Miss Bahamas Universe 2019 - 2020! 23-year-old Miss Universe Grand Bahama 2019, Tarea Sturup, was crowned Miss Bahamas Universe 2019 on Sunday, August 18 at the Atlantis Theater in Paradise Island. She beat 10 other contestants to win the national beauty title.



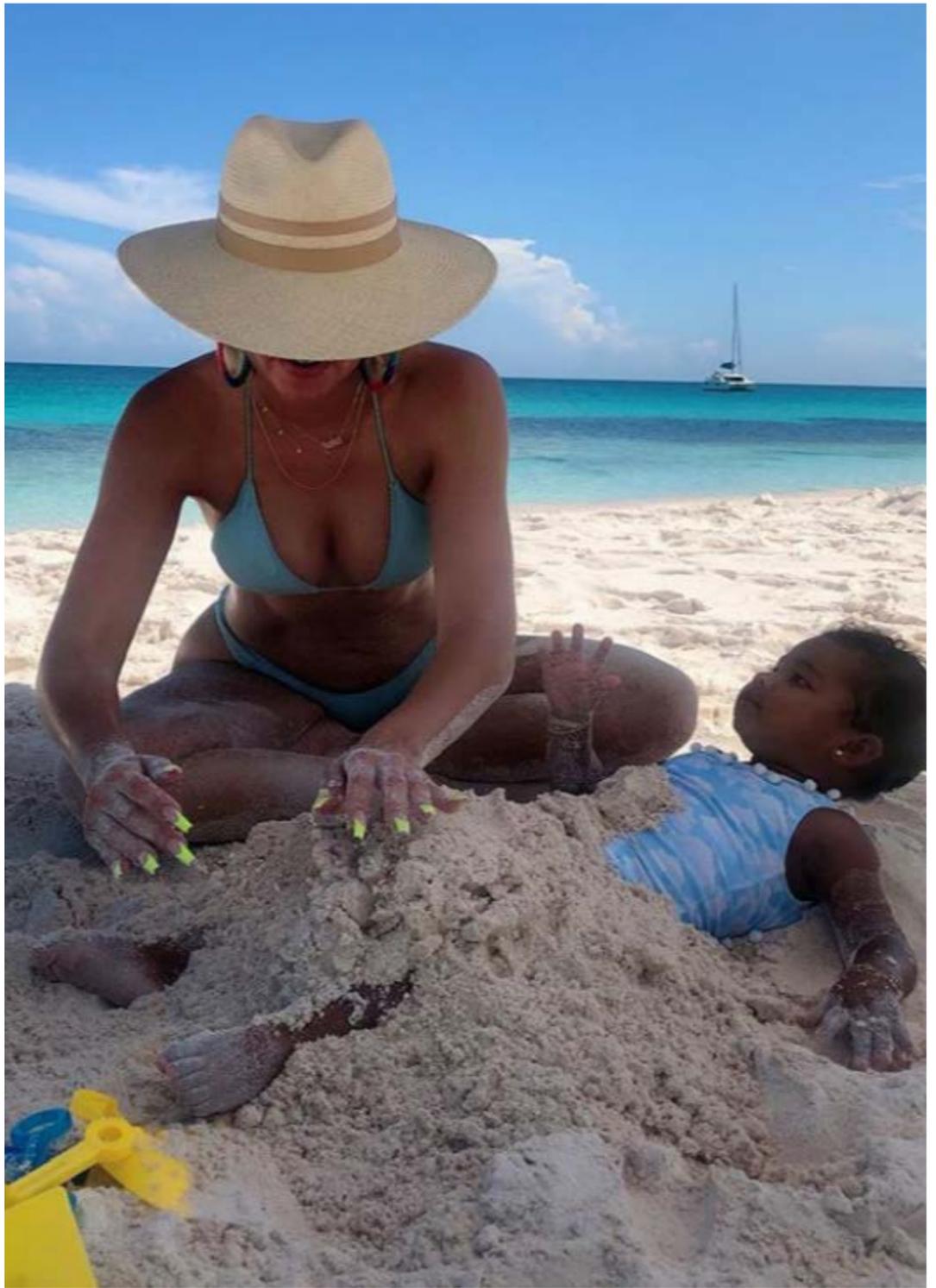
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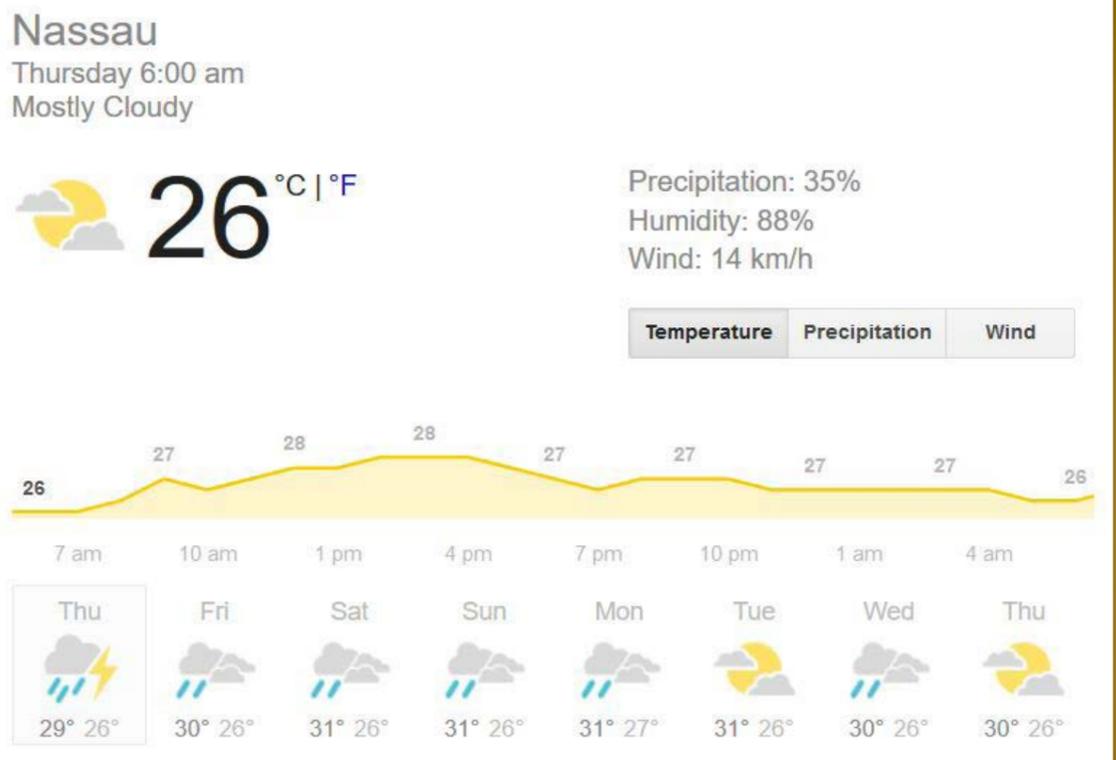
## KARDASHIAN & TRUE SPOTTED IN THE BAHAMAS

BN Agent, X

**K**hloe Kardashian and her daughter were seen taken photos and vacationing in Exuma over the weekend, they had such a blast she instantly took to social media to express how lovely our beaches and island is.



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## CHINESE GET SWING AND IT TURNS UGLY

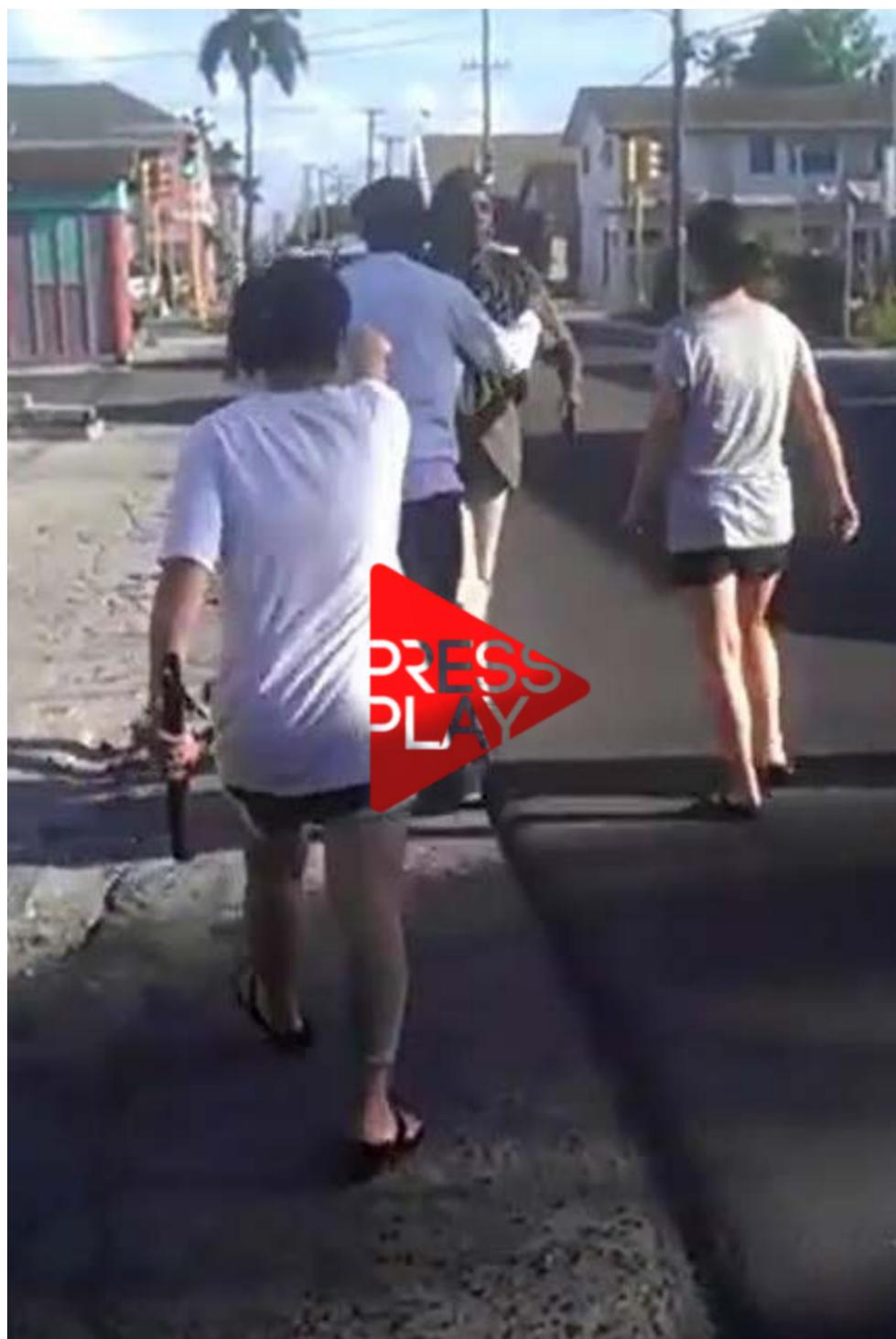
BN Agent, X

What happens when you try to swing the Chinese in business? Shing Shonng CHAP!

Today's business section is business uncut as we received a video of a guy that tried to swing the chinese on east street and he pretty much got a taste of the good old kong

fu, tiger style beat down from lyn, lee and the other Jackie chan cousin. It's amazing how the chinese resolve there problems, one day they want to chap you up and then the next your allowed back in store but they put a photo of you on the door name "shop liffter" so everyone can keep an eye on you as you shop. Content like this video are classics and

go down in the books as legendary because not everyday you get to see a mature Bahamian getting run down the street by some women with a log and skwinty eyes speaking mandrin.



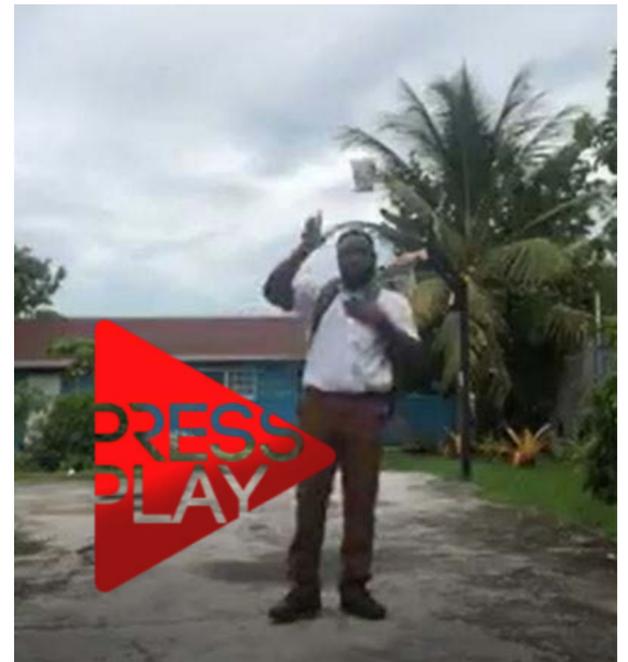
## BEING IN CRAZY MS. COOPER CLASS VS. NOT BEING IN MS. COOPER CLASS

CAUSE WHY? WHO DOING ANY HOMEWORK ON THE FIRST DAY?

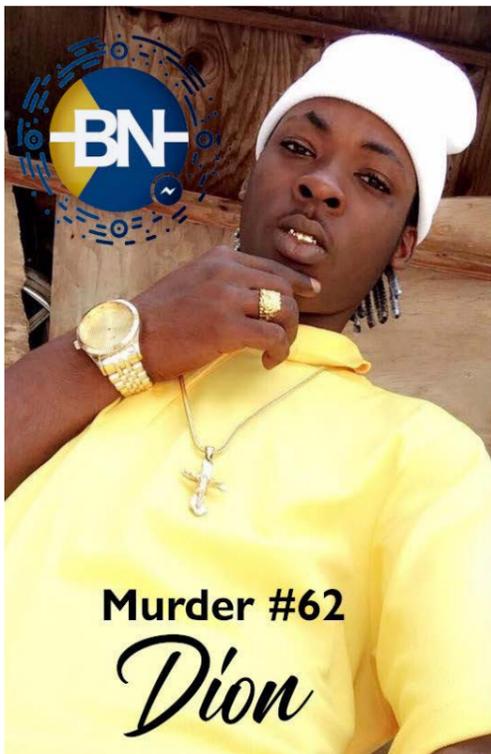
BN Agent, X

A video went viral this week of a young girl on her first day of school receiving homework from her teacher Ms. Cooper. This teacher had her so depressed about first day homework she ended up flooded in tears... sigh we feel you pain you are not alone. After this took off everyone knew about "Crazy Ms. Cooper" and it wasn't long after meme videos began surfacing online about how awesome other persons

first day of school was without Ms. Cooper as their teacher. To the point where even adults started playing along.



## MURDER #62 & #63 DION & DIMETRI



Murder #62  
*Dion*



Murder #63  
*Dimetri*

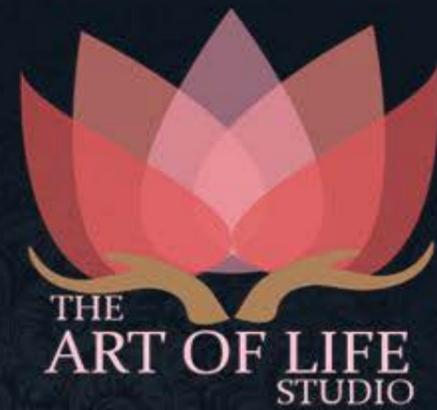
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Three people shot on Monday night in Pinewood Gardens on Maple street. One female and two males, both males died on the scene. The female was carried to hospital, her condition is still unknown. The young men that were murdered have been identified as 22 year old Dion aka "Slam Bam" and 23 year old Dimetri Dormeus.

Apparently Dimetri to escape the shots, and Dion were outside playing dominoes which they had been doing for a few nights back to back having game night with a few others. When two gunmen ran up on the house behind their neighbours fence and begin shooting at them, eventually one of the gunmen jumped the fence and followed the persons that ran inside the house, inside the home was 7 other family members. When they heard the gunshots they quickly ran into the rooms and locked their doors, while the others that were outside ran across the street trying

to escape the shots, Dimetri was able to run inside the house after he was already hit and by the door of one of the rooms were the family member opened the door for him, but it was too late he dropped to the floor in the room where he passed away, as for the gunman he shot around inside the house a few times and then escaped with the other shooter. Both Demetri and Dion passed away on the scene.





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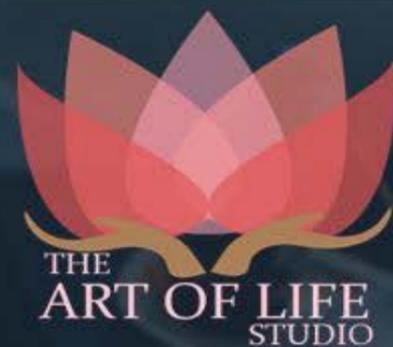
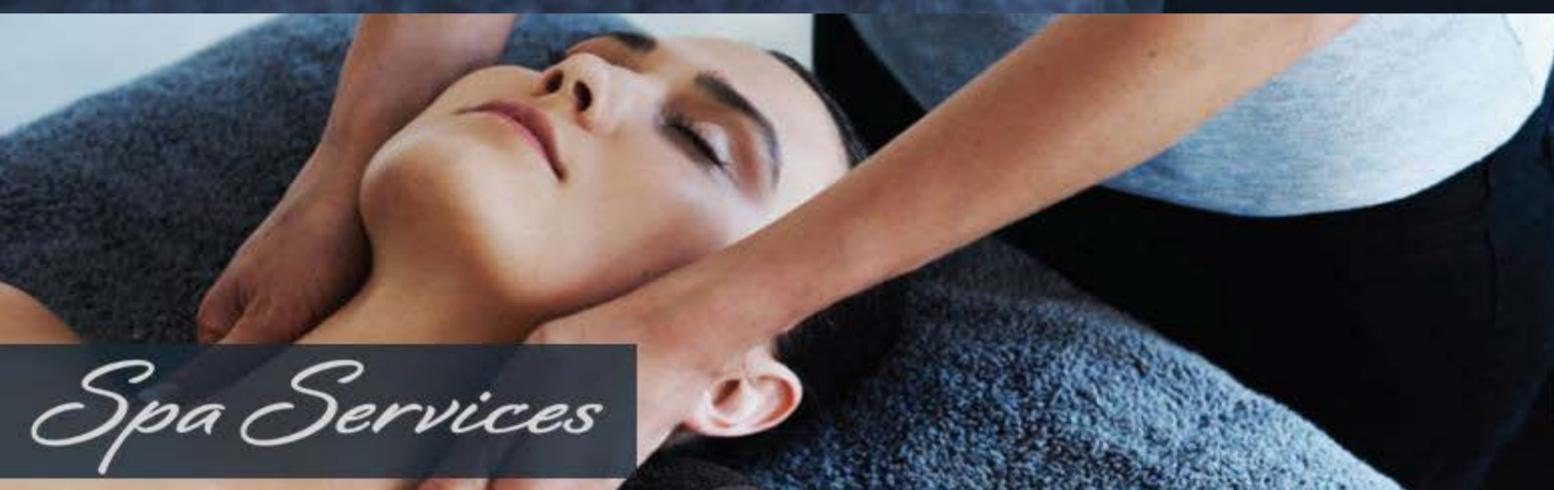
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**BN Agent, X**  
**O**ur kids did well, even as they placed 5th abroad in the Goodwill games swim meet. This was a learning experience for many of them and their hard work is proving itself, more practice and we should be looking at gold with them in swim meets to come. The Bahamas turned in a strong performance at the 2019 Goodwill Games swim meet, which wrapped on Monday in Suriname. Consisting of just 19 members, The Bahamas finished fifth overall with 33 medals- five gold, 17 silver and 11 bronze. The Bahamas was the

only country to finish in the top five without a full 40-member team. The squad arrived back in Nassau tuesday night, and according to team

organizers, the Goodwill Games was a good testing ground for athletes looking to make the CARIFTA team next year.

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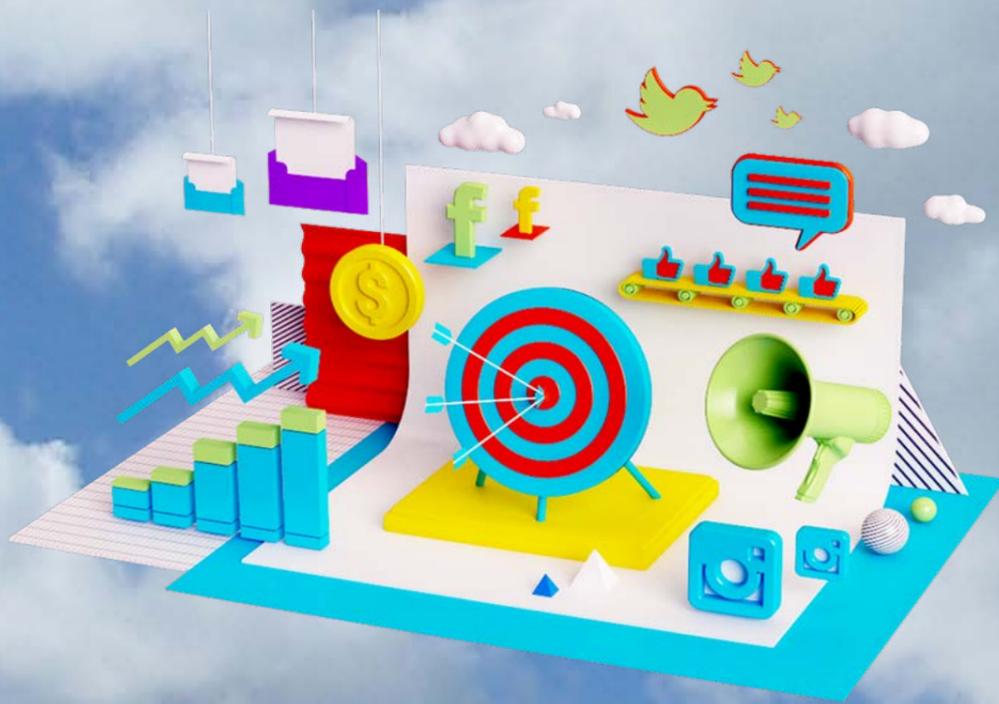
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