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Two boys carry a large buoy to a collection point on the beach during the 2015 International Coastal Clean-Up. Story on page 11.

Statia takes its cause to the UN

THE HAGUE/ORANJESTAD--A four-member Statia delegation will be meeting with the United Nations' Decolonisation Committee this week in an effort to seek the support of international organisations such as the UN to intervene on the island's behalf in the struggle with the Dutch Government for more autonomy and the right of self-determination.

Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs Reginald Zaandam

was very clear as he was about to leave for New York on Saturday: The Netherlands, as Statia's mother country has a responsibility and duty to work with St. Eustatius, and not to put up stumbling blocks and even boycott the public entity.

"The UN must be made aware of the fact that while the Netherlands made billions of euros available to Greece through the

European Union, of which it is certain that 90 per cent or more will be written off, The Hague uses all sorts of petty reasons and excuses to substantiate as to why they cannot provide our people with the same living standard as those living in the Netherlands and why they cannot spend a couple of 100 million euros to eradicate the deprivation in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom," Zaandam told *The Daily Herald*.

"We had sincerely hoped that the Netherlands would have assisted in finding ways to help the islands to foment economic growth. But I have come to be

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- **Defiance FIRE DAMAGE**
A fire of unknown origin damaged a wooden house next to the car wash in Defiance mid-afternoon Saturday. **Page 3.**
- **Amsterdam WRITER'S CONCERNS**
Curaçao writer Jopi Hart caught the attention of those present at a lecture in Amsterdam Thursday evening on the increasing aggression and criminal behaviour of the Dutch Caribbean youth. **Page 4.**
- **Marigot TWO ARMED ROBBERIES**
Two armed robberies occurred minutes apart in Concordia and St. James around 5:00pm Saturday. **Page 5.**

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Fuel prices down as of tomorrow

PHILIPSBURG--The maximum consumer prices of Unleaded Gasoline (ULG) and Diesel have been adjusted and will both become less expensive as of 6:00am, Tuesday, September 22, according to the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication (TEATT).

The new UGL maximum price is 1.826 NAF/litre compared to

2.015 NAF/litre, while the new Diesel maximum price is 1.430 NAF/litre compared to 1.540 NAF/litre.

As of the same date, the maximum wholesale price including tax will be set to 1.595 for ULG and 1.236 for Diesel.

Adjustments of the select petroleum products are imposed

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Wescot-Williams: Connor 'intimidated' by coalition

PHILIPSBURG--Recently appointed Minister of Public Housing, Environment, Spatial Development and Infrastructure VROMI Claret Connor "seemed intimidated" by the coalition partners who appointed him in the post when he appeared before Parliament on Friday to answer questions from, in particular, opposition National Alliance and Democratic Party Members of Parliament about tackling the country's garbage mountain.

DP leader MP Sarah Wescot-Williams said the "walkout" of some United People's (UP) party and other coalition MPs was "a warning" to Connor to "do as you are told, or else. The picture of those members leaving the hall at that specific time spoke volumes. 'Minister, be warned, if you slip up, woe unto you' the action of the MPs seemed to convey," she said.

It is "regrettable" that Connor "could not put to rest the wide-

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Man arrested for attempted manslaughter of cop, car theft

PHILIPSBURG--A 32-year-old man who knocked down a police officer while fleeing from officers in a stolen car has been arrested for attempted manslaughter and car theft.

Police spokesperson Chief Inspector Ricardo Henson said on Sunday that the man had accelerated the vehicle he was driving when police officers ordered him

to stop between 4:00 and 5:00pm on Saturday. In his attempt to escape the suspect struck one of the officers, who fell to the ground.

The suspect fled in towards Mary's Fancy at very high speed. A brief high-speed chase ensued through the Mary's Fancy and Saunders areas.

The police succeeded in blocking the fleeing suspect's path, but

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