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REPATRIATED SAILOR DEATH NOT DUE TO COVID-19

It is with deep sadness that the Health Services Sub-committee of the National Emergency Committee confirms that a Crew member who was repatriated on May 26, 2020 on the Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas died at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital early today, June 9. The thirty-seven (37) year old man was one of 358 Vincentian sailors who disembarked the vessel on May 30 after testing negative on both the rapid and the first PCR COVID-19 tests. A second negative COVID-19 PCR test result received today confirmed that his death was not related to COVID-19. The Crew member completed his fourteen (14) days quarantine yesterday.

As per the laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, a post mortem examination will be conducted to confirm the cause of death.

The Health Services Sub-Committee of the National Emergency Committee wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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