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There are some 25 categories of minimum salaries, sectorized and non-sectorized, in the DR. The president of the Dominican Employers' Confederation (Copardom), Laura Peña Izquierdo, concurs with the Minister of Labor to unify 17 minimum salaries in one. “I very much agree with him, and it has been a topic of discussion in the business sector that there should be only one minimum salary or maybe two,”

[**U.S. Embassy in DR digitizes CRBA application and payment**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Fusa%2Factualidad%2F2023%2F03%2F10%2Fembajada-de-eeuu-en-rd-digitaliza-solicitud-y-pago-crba%2F2251274&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671265993%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2F8YuVSluVVWaK5pr4DrPACLuNpUsM7EDSoos%2BJaFjRU%3D&reserved=0)

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U.S. Embassy in DR announced the digitalization of the application and payments for the process of Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), as of March 15th. The Embassy made the announcement as part of big changes for the American Citizen Services Unit.

[**Batey Relief Alliance will provide ophthalmologist assistance in the Municipality of Guerra**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcdn.com.do%2Fnacionales%2Fbra-dara-asistencia-oftalmologa-con-especialistas%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671265993%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i82pEopgi%2Feor57E5YL7RXfwmRAvTYtk2SRgHeGjZe4%3D&reserved=0)

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U.S. non-governmental organization Batey Relief Alliance (BRA), with the support of USAID, will provide ophthalmologist assistance to vulnerable communities in the Municipality of Guerra (East Santo Domingo). Dr. Ulrick Gaillard, president of BRA, informed that USAID has supported this initiative with the donation of dehydrated and nutritious food through the IFRP Title II Food Aid Program.

[**President Abinader pitched opening ball for DR at WBC in Miami**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Fel-deporte%2F2023%2F03%2F11%2F766627%2Fpresidente-luis-abinader-realizo-primer-pitcheo-en-el-clasico-mundial-de-beisbol%3Futm_source%3Dtaboola%26utm_medium%3Dtaboola%26utm_campaign%3Dtaboola&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671265993%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dsZOf0LPH35orVeswRvGuaIxHGzRhx%2BOeGDQgEra4j0%3D&reserved=0)

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Dominican President Luis Abinader pitched the opening ball for Dominican Republica team at the World Baseball Classic. First Lady Raquel Arbaje, former MLB players David Ortiz, Pedro Martinez and Albert Pujols, accompanied President Abinader.

[**Health Care Authorities: Removing health personnel over 60 was a bad idea**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Fla-republica%2F2023%2F03%2F13%2F766734%2Fsacar-al-personal-sanitario-con-mas-de-60-anos-fue-mala-idea&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MXXH4N2NSpDXoT52l0dvwll0PD%2B9myit1rbXEUMnrAM%3D&reserved=0)

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Health system authorities and medical specialists analyzed the response that the DR gave to the COVID-19 pandemic. They agreed that the government measure to send doctors and other personnel over 60 years of age home as a protection measure during the Covid-19 pandemic was a bad decision, because hospitals were left without their best specialists.

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Listín Diario editorial comments on the DR response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The country needs to shield itself with the training and employment of more epidemiologists, producing vaccines, strengthening the provincial health directorates and the mechanisms for tracking emerging diseases or epidemics.”

[**Sexuality education and values will be taught at schools**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Factualidad%2Feducacion%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2Fimpartiran-en-escuelas-educacion-sexual%2F2252798&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a4BoOVL7v%2FhMkhmfgynTtzlOUfsBoAzvTvTmcX6m2Qk%3D&reserved=0)

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The Ministry of Education has prepared a booklet to train professors on how to teach values and sex education to pre-school and high school students. Ancell Scheker Mendoza, Vice Minister of Technical and Pedagogic Affairs of the Ministry of Education, explained  this booklet shows     the importance of these issues in the school curriculum.

[**Mayor of Santo Domingo will attend first Summit of Healthy Cities in London**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.elcaribe.com.do%2Fpanorama%2Fpais%2Falcaldesa-carolina-mejia-participara-en-primera-cumbre-de-ciudades-saludables-en-londres%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HahIg0qAcCj8be%2BP4349MfT%2FQVQZ6TW0kaTalmqrZyo%3D&reserved=0)

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Carolina Mejia, Mayor of the National District, will meet in London this week with 15 other mayors and more than 200 delegates from cities around the world to advance the search for solutions to some of the most pressing urban health and current sustainable growth problems.  At the Plenary Assembly to be held on March 15, Mayor Carolina Mejía will be one of the central speakers presenting advances on policies that create a healthier cities.

[**U.S. authorities take measures to control risks from the collapse of SVB**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Fusa%2Factualidad%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2Ftoman-medidas-para-contener-efectos-de-quiebras-bancarias%2F2252990&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ucaJg3gmDWyArL4JqHFTlcjc3m4LXtd3gI38qQ%2B9l78%3D&reserved=0)

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U.S. regulators announced measures late Sunday to further stem systemic risks from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank.  The Treasury Department reported that people with funds deposited at SVB will be able to access their money.

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[**Commentary on collapse of Silicon Valley Bank**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Fpuntos-de-vista%2F2023%2F03%2F13%2F766719%2Fominoso&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=D%2FSlY6U6Kzi%2FgGaB%2B1Gu9l417Aflq4WuR2jr45u8eyk%3D&reserved=0)

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J.C. Malone, a Dominican journalist living in NYC comments on collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. “As all banks do business with all banks, directly or indirectly, the collapse of one of them affects all of them in one way or another, it is undeniable.”

[**Commentary on Chinese Communist Party**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhoy.com.do%2Fdos-sesiones-un-momento-crucial%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ToRWeZWN%2FHAvSw3FoANmri4k14xcswMxqHqpqX%2FxSIE%3D&reserved=0)

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Eduardo Klinger, Dominican economists, comments on Chinese Communist Party.

“All Western surveys prove, to their regret, that more than 90% of the Chinese people feel comfortable living under the socio-economic umbrella structured by the Communist Party of China.”

[**4.3 earthquake in DR this Monday morning**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Factualidad%2Fnacional%2F2023%2F03%2F13%2Fbreve-temblor-de-43%2F2253171&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KuD%2B5qZvxh9%2BkGx31S%2FiKo5l3xQ0WEIn96dsaFfRUnE%3D&reserved=0)

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At 5:05 in the morning, a 4.3-magnitude earthquake was recorded with its epicenter in the community of Los Cacaos, between San Cristóbal and Baní.

[**National Drug Control Directorate dismantles a drug network that trafficked marijuana from the U.S.**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Fla-republica%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2F766666%2Fdesarticulan-red-traia-marihuana-desde-estados-unidos-ocupan-40-paquetes-y-apresan-cinco-personas&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=R9Tw3NKpFc%2Fflh%2Fi02KP7rGKrK7Pg8o4%2F2OMWV4vhbo%3D&reserved=0)

*(LD;* [*SIN*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnoticiassin.com%2Fpais%2Fen-allanamientos-contra-red-de-narcotrafico-fueron-arrestadas-cinco-personas-1401507&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jHR7nO4A4p7tHeGwq2mwXq0aNP0AflTD6BmxK9QMbBg%3D&reserved=0)*;* [*El Caribe*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.elcaribe.com.do%2Fpanorama%2Fpais%2Fdesarticulan-red-traia-marihuana-desde-eeuu-ocupan-40-paquetes-y-apresan-a-cinco-personas%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xNJp5ttDPPXhSkn6uHrD1pAv4sHcs%2F3aglIS0jGLGzg%3D&reserved=0)*; Monday*, March 13, 2023)

National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) and Customs Directorate dismantled a drug trafficking network dedicated to buying and bringing large amounts of marijuana from the United States. Five people were arrested in operations carried out at Punta Cana International Airport, and raids carried out in Piantini, Arroyo Hondo and Ciudad Real sectors of the National District.

[**Three Dominicans died in shipwreck reported off the coast of Puerto Rico**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F-4kTofpxDQk&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671422206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GkBKeDPPbYnrOxXgPfxrxYoO9Ow48QwDwPZVZ9Zb1os%3D&reserved=0)

*(SIN (Video);* [*CDN*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcdn.com.do%2Fnacionales%2Ftres-dominicanos-mueren-en-naufragio-en-puerto-rico%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BuBjOXLRIvYJntx%2BttDr1uUuEbWqz8c7YhIVVzJeF6A%3D&reserved=0)*;* [*El Nuevo Diario*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Felnuevodiario.com.do%2Fconsternacion-en-bajo-yuna-tras-naufragio-de-embarcacion-donde-murieron-tres-nativos-de-la-zona%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MbSqhd9UIt0cww9bGKfua51Wm4Ftxmyy6spGT%2F4Vmys%3D&reserved=0)*;* [*De Último Minuto*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdeultimominuto.net%2Ftres-residentes-del-bajo-yuna-entre-muertos-del-naufragio-en-puerto-rico%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BC8qPD%2FinCTKhJM9hQNq0TYEdXWeIPyaLgymg8oaA%2Fk%3D&reserved=0)*;* [*El Caribe*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.elcaribe.com.do%2Fpanorama%2Fpais%2Fmueren-tres-dominicanos-en-naufragio-en-puerto-rico%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s4wlutbYV2tJfUewXLQMOMBS1KGcZnBD4J0weS475mM%3D&reserved=0)*; Sunday*, March 12, 2023)

The boat shipwreck off the coast of Puerto Rico, where two women and one man died has caused great consternation among the population.

The victims were identified as Raudy Antigua Durán, Diana Carolina López Rosario and Jacqueline Hiciano, residents of El Mango de Las Coles, La Reforma and Guaraguao, respectively.

[**Construction of fence at Dominican-Haitian border is delayed**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Factualidad%2Fnacional%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2Fla-construccion-de-la-verja-fronteriza-sufre-retrasos%2F2252793&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=quVMWiUbGdeCIEN8DrmJ%2BNjZ9sYZYT8YcRRWA%2BNKqzQ%3D&reserved=0)

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According to the Ministry of Defense, the construction of fence at the DR- Haiti border is delayed. Only 7.30 of the work has been concluded, and it was supposed that by this time at least 25% would be completed.

[**Mu-Kien Sang Ben: "The educational changes in National Police education could be seen in five years"**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Factualidad%2Fdialogo-libre%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2Fcambios-educativos-en-policia-nacional-se-veran-en-5-anos%2F2252841&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BgdXAeNzgrdVg8tg1yoVMK3Up2ZQ2bYOMTd9%2B%2FB5Nzg%3D&reserved=0)

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Dominican government appointed a Technical Commission for the Reform of the National Police officers Educational System with the aim of elevating the professionalism profile of its members. Mu-Kien Sang Ben, president of the Technical Commission explained, "The Dominican population will not see the results of this training for at least five years."

[**Investigating Court imposed coercive measure to man accused of provoking Valle Nuevo National Park fire**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Fla-republica%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2F766679%2Frd-1-millon-como-garantia-economica-y-presentacion-periodica-contra-acusado-de-provocar-incendio-en-valle-nuevo&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Y3%2BlYd5vLM9UlFI7Uos42lh0NmXwInn1I%2FMDMSBBknI%3D&reserved=0)

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The Investigating Court of the Judicial District of Azua imposed an economic guarantee of US$17,800 and periodic presentation, as a measure of coercion against Klen Ramírez, accused of provoking a fire at Valle Nuevo National Park.

[**Wall Street investors attracted by DR bonds**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.elcaribe.com.do%2Fpanorama%2Fdinero%2Finversionistas-de-wall-street-atraidos-por-bonos-emite-rd%2F&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EkceeO0w5ZYfyD%2FsOln56dDxsnAYap54xQrR7VkZOX8%3D&reserved=0)

*(El Caribe; Saturday*, March 11, 2023)

According to a report by the Bloomberg agency, Dominican sovereign debt instruments are becoming favorites among New York City Wall Street investors, as other Latin American debt instruments begin to fade. The bonds are recommended by entities such as JP Morgan Chase & Co., Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argenta and Banco Santander, due to the country’s economic recovery compared to its peers.

[**Frauds against Social Security Treasury (TSS) generated US$3,3 MM losses to the Social Security System (SDSS)**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diariolibre.com%2Feconomia%2Ffinanzas%2F2023%2F03%2F12%2Ffraudes-a-la-tss-generaron-perdidas-por-mas-rd188-millones%2F2250944&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sxTlScjT4dLgKfkRZF6T9s26nWq%2FdlIYk%2Bgq2IVZq7M%3D&reserved=0)

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According to the TSS accountability report, presented to the National Congress through the Executive Branch, said institution presented the Attorney General of the Republic  with 123 complaints of alleged fraud..

[**Drought would reduce agricultural production between 25 and 40%**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flistindiario.com%2Feconomia%2F2023%2F03%2F13%2F766710%2Fsequia-reduciria-produccion-agricola-entre-25-y-40-&data=05%7C01%7CLorquetJ%40state.gov%7C9b7761b0a4d64890334c08db23d22177%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C638143157671578427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=spqkdBE3hJVDsa8A8GCguRk8rFyO%2BJCjNvUZfTDGT1Y%3D&reserved=0)

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According to the geologist Osiris de León, at the end of last week the water level of the dams reservoirs dropped one meter compared to the previous week. He assures it is insufficient to cover the high demands for water from aqueducts and irrigation canals.