

PRINCE EDWARD & SOPHIE, COUNTESS OF WESSEX ARRIVE IN A&B



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From left: Sophie, Countess of Wessex, Sir Rodney Williams, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda Lady Sandra Williams and Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. [Story on Page 2](#)

Local News



PM Browne discusses slavery, reparation with royals

Prime Minister Gaston Browne used yesterday's special Cabinet meeting to inform Prince Edward and his wife, Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, of the need for reparations that will assist countries like Antigua and Barbuda to build capacity that will allow its people to advance more successfully.

The Earl and Countess of Wessex wrapped up their one-day visit to Antigua and Barbuda with a reception at Clarence House last evening, as part of a tour of the southern Caribbean in observance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.



During the meeting, the prime minister tabled issues that have dogged the

visits of other members of the royal family on similar tours - slavery and the call for reparations.

Prime Minister Browne said many countries continue to struggle as a result of the legacy left behind by slavery and colonialism and noted that one way to remedy this is through reparations.

He asserted that the royals could use their considerable influence to aid in this process.

"It is an issue in which we believe that all human civilization should understand the atrocities that took place during colonialism and slavery, and the fact that we have to bring some balance by having open discussions."

Prime Minister Browne stated his approach is not

one of confrontation, but affirmed it is a matter that must be addressed.

"We understand that the nature of your job is not to get involved in any contentious issue, but at the same time, it's important for you to understand these issues, so that you can even use your diplomatic influence to build bridges in achieving the reparatory justice that we are seeking here in the Caribbean," the prime minister said.

Despite the challenges, the royals were told that Antigua and Barbuda has made significant progress, but there can be further improvement through the disbursement of reparations, which will aid in building capacity and resilience.

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Dated the 19th day of April, 2022


Susanne Nicola Shaw
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discussed at length within the Caribbean's former British territories is that of a move to republicanism in which the Queen would be removed as Head of State.

The Antiguan and Barbudan leader told the Earl and Countess of Wessex of Antigua and Barbuda's position.

While acknowledging that the country will someday move to become a republic with its own head of state, "that is not currently on the cards, so the Queen will remain the Head of State for some time to follow".

Their Royal Highnesses visited Government House yesterday, where an exhibition was held featur-

ing local artisans and their work.

Prince Edward and Countess Sophie also visited the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium where they met with three of the country's four cricket knights, Sir Vivian Richards, Sir Curtly Ambrose and Sir Richie Richardson.

Other athletes were also present to meet the

royals.

On behalf of the people of Antigua and Barbuda, Prime Minister Gaston Browne wished the longest serving monarch in British history, long life.

Queen Elizabeth II, who began her reign at age 25, celebrated her 96th birthday last week.

"The Queen, Her Majesty, is an exceptional hu-

man being, an inspiration to human civilization, in terms of her values and certainly her longevity.

We wish her continued good health and we hope that she would become a supercentenarian, because that in itself will create more hope for human civilization in terms of how long we could live," said Prime Minister Browne.

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Tourism officials increase focus on yachting, sailing sector promotion

The government of Antigua and Barbuda's "exceptional management" of the COVID-19 pandemic has been credited as a major factor contributing to the return of Antigua Sailing Week (ASW).

Now in its 53rd year, the event was suspended in 2020 and 2021, the worst years of the ongoing pandemic.

However, Chief Executive Officer of the Antigua Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin James, has said that things are now looking up for local tourism and major events like ASW, which contribute significantly to tourist arrivals to the country.

"The coronavirus pandemic affected promotional activities and events around the globe, and Sailing Week was no exception...and due to the exceptional management of COVID on island, we have been able to have events such as Antigua Sailing Week," said James.

With local COVID-19 numbers continuing to remain very low, James continued that this put Antigua and Barbuda in the position to relax entry requirements for visitors to the country which, in turn,

will encourage increased visitor arrivals.

This month, the government removed the vaccination requirement for entry to the country. Now, fully vaccinated visitors are no longer required to perform a COVID-19 test.

Unvaccinated visitors, however, are required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test performed within 72 hours of arrival, or a rapid antigen test performed within 24 hours of arrival.

Despite the two-year break, ASW has been able to maintain the momentum and interest of previous years, with 92 entrants hailing from 20 nations registered so far this year.

While ASW is the country's most famous ocean-based event, James noted that Antigua and Barbuda is firmly established as a destination for major sailing competitions.

"As the premier sailing destination, our country has an enviable calendar of yachting events.

"Everything starts each year with the Antigua Yacht Show in December, then we have the Jolly Harbour Valentine's Regatta in early February. Then we stage the RORC



ABTA CEO, Colin James

(Royal Ocean Racing Club) Caribbean 600 at the end of February, which has been growing by leaps and bounds, and then it's our SuperYacht Challenge in mid-March and now the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta at the beginning of April and then we come to the point where we are now; our legendary Antigua Sailing Week 2022."

In light of the fact that Antigua and Barbuda has become a global centre for yachting activities, James revealed during the official launch of ASW last Friday that the Ministry of Tourism and Investment has established a committee that will focus solely on ad-

vancing opportunities for ocean-based sport tourism.

"Both the Ministry of Tourism and Investment and the Antigua Barbuda Tourism Authority, we are putting a new emphasis on yachting this year.

"We have formed a Yachting and Sailing Events Marketing Committee, which you're going to hear more about in the coming months as we continue to focus on how we can grow the yachting industry, how we can explore new opportunities to develop additional events, especially over the summer month [when] we can take it to the next level," said James.

Carnival 2022 registration underway

Registration for Antigua's Carnival 2022, "The Caribbean's Greatest Summer Festival" has begun.

The Ministry of Creative Industries and Innovation has announced that registration is currently open for Vendors and Booth Operators, J'ouvert Troupes, Mas Troupes, T-shirt Mas Troupes, Individual Mas and Monday Wear.

Also being registered are Carnival Floats, Calypso Tents, Calypso Monarch and Party Monarch entrants.

Persons desirous of participating in this year's Carnival competitions are asked to complete their

registration at the National Festivals Office which is located upstairs the Cecil George-John Building on the corner of Redcliffe Street and Corn Alley or upstairs the INET Office on Old Parham Road.

The deadline for Carnival Competitions and Calypso Tents is Monday, 16th May.

Vendor and Booth Operators registration concludes on Friday, 1st July.

Antigua's Carnival 2022, is scheduled for Wednesday 27th July to Tuesday 2nd August, with the popular pre-carnival activity, T-shirt Mas, taking place on Saturday, 23rd July.

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Refica Attwood places third in UWI/Compete Caribbean Business Plan Competition

Refica Attwood, Executive Director of the Wallings Nature Reserve Inc., was among the top placed entrants to share winnings of USD\$6,000 in the University of the West Indies Open Campus and Compete Caribbean Regional Business Plan Competition.

The competition, which launched on 25th January and ended on 11th March, 2022, saw twenty-two entrepreneurs from across the Caribbean submit business plans that pitched innovative, community-driven ideas with potential for expansion and increased community-based enterprises.

The eight men and fourteen women who participated hailed from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

The top spot was claimed by Barbados' Chloe Walker with her business, Rockhall Freedom Walk Experience. As her prize, she has received technical assistance valued at USD\$2,500.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Cenus Hinds secured the second place and USD\$2,000 with his web-based business, CARIWAY.

Attwood placed third with \$1,400 for her three-minute pitch for community-based tourism, specifically for the promotion of the Wallings Nature Reserve.

Earlier this year, the Wallings Nature Reserve and Wallings Forest were named the 5th best Caribbean Attraction for 2022 after voting concluded in a contest put on by USA Today's 10 Best.

Accepting her prize during the University of the West Indies Open Cam-



Executive Director of the Wallings Nature Reserve Inc., Refica Attwood [Photo: Wallings Nature Reserve]

pus and Compete Caribbean hosted Virtual Award Ceremony last Thursday, Attwood said, "I am elated to represent my country and give persons in the space of Antigua and Barbuda who are making the soap, the lemongrass punch, doing massages and yoga an opportunity at livelihood."

Attwood continued that the prize money will be used to "add to the capacity of the growing [the Wallings Nature Reserve]".

The technical assistance the winners have received includes costs related to training and capacity building, access to incubators, study tours and technical experts to assist with further refinement, development and launch of their businesses.

The judges - Dr. Cheryl Sloley, Director, Open Campus Country Sites; Brian Frontin, Caribbean Tourism Organization; Richard Campbell, Organisation of American States (OAS); Dr. Anne Crick, Mona School of Busi-

ness and Management and Courtney Lindsay of Compete Caribbean – were called upon to review the competition rules and criteria, review and evaluate business plans and competition pitch presentations and bring subject matter experience to bear on the selection of the top contestants.

The Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) is a private sector development programme that delivers innovative and practical solutions that stimulate economic growth, increase productivity, and foster innovation and competitiveness.

They operate in thirteen countries across the Caribbean.

CCPF is a partnership between the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and the Government of Canada.



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FRIDAY APRIL 29

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SATURDAY APRIL 30

8:00 AM Peters & May Round Antigua Race

9:00 AM Registration & Committee Desk Open

3:00 PM Bareboat Skipper Briefing @ Nelson's Dockyard

3:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

5:00 PM Steelpan recital from Original Steel Orchestra.
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7:00 PM 53rd Antigua Sailing Week Welcome and Peters & May Round Antigua Race Prize Giving

SUNDAY MAY 1

8:00 AM Committee Desk Open

8:00 AM Shirley Heights Lookout Breakfast @ Shirley Heights Lookout

9:00 AM Chase the Race with Wadadli Cats @ Falmouth Harbour Marina

10:00 AM English Harbour Rum Race Day 1 Starts

3:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

4:00 PM English Harbour Rum Cocktail Bartender Competition

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5:00 PM English Harbour Rum Race Day 1 Prize Giving

6:00 PM DJ Nez

MONDAY MAY 2

8:00 AM Committee Desk Open

10:00 AM ASW Race Day 2 Starts

3:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

5:00 PM ASW Race Day 2 Prize Giving

TUESDAY MAY 3

8:00 AM Committee Desk Open @ Antigua Yacht Club

9:00 AM Chase the Race with Wadadli Cats @ Falmouth Harbour Marina

10:00 AM Axxess Marine Y2K Race Day 3 Starts

3:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

5:00 PM Axxess Marine Y2K Race Day 3 Prize Giving

6:00 PM 11th Edition Reggae in the Park

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10:00 AM Committee Desk Open

12:00 PM Lay Day @ Pigeon Point – Dinghy Racing, Team & Individual Beach Game Competitions including Tug of War!

THURSDAY MAY 5

8:00 AM Committee Desk Open

9:00 AM Chase the Race with Wadadli Cats @ Falmouth Harbour Marina

10:00 AM Locman Italy Women's Race Day 4 Starts

3:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

5:00 PM Prize Giving Locman Italy Women's Race Day 4 Prize Giving

7:00 PM Seafood Thursday @ Nelson's Dockyard

FRIDAY MAY 6

8:00 AM Committee Desk Open

9:00 AM Chase the Race with Wadadli Cats @ Falmouth Harbour Marina

10:00 AM Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Race Day 5 Starts

2:00 PM **LAWN BARS OPEN**

4:00 PM Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Race Day 5 Prize Giving

6:00 PM Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Final Awards & After-party @ Nelson's Dockyard. LIVE MUSIC!

SATURDAY MAY 7

12:00 PM Dockyard Day - Harper's Office Depot School Art Competition Awards @ Nelson's Dockyard

Teen bandit shot by Roti King owner charged

The 16-year-old accused of breaking into Roti King restaurant on 18th April, has been charged with Building Breaking and Larceny by the police.

The owner of the popular restaurant became aware of the break-in after the silent alarm at his St. John's business place was triggered.

He alerted police and



then travelled there to investigate.

When he arrived, he re-

portedly caught two thieves in the act of removing a quantity of beverages.

The businessman is said to have yelled, "Freeze!" in the direction of the robbers.

In response, one of them shouted, "Shoot him!" re-

ferring to the businessman.

The restaurant owner, a licenced firearm holder, then drew his weapon and discharged it at the thieves.

The 16-year-old resident of Potters who has now been charged, was shot in the upper body.

He was transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre where his condition on arrival was reported as critical.

The other bandit involved in the robbery escaped. That person has not yet been captured.



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Yorks man pleads guilty to gun charges

Yorks resident Rashaan Brookes has pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a Taurus 9mm pistol and 12 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

The 33-year-old, along with Keishan Hughes of Bendals, were arrested and jointly charged on Friday after police showed up with a search warrant at a house in Yorks that was occupied by the duo.

In court yesterday, Brookes was fined \$12,000 for the illegal firearm and \$5,000 for the 12 rounds of ammunition.

Keishan Hughes pleaded not guilty. The prosecution did not offer evidence against him.



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Elon Musk to buy Twitter for \$44B and take it private

(AP) - Elon Musk reached an agreement to buy Twitter for roughly \$44 billion on Monday, promising a more lenient touch to policing content on the social media platform where he — the world's richest person — promotes his interests, attacks critics and opines on a wide range of issues to more than 83 million followers.

The outspoken Tesla CEO has said he wanted to own and privatize Twitter because he thinks it's not living up to its potential as a platform for free speech. Musk said in a joint statement with Twitter that he wants to make the service "better than ever" with new features while getting rid of automated "spam" accounts and making its algorithms open to the public to increase trust.

"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated," the 50-year-old Musk said, adding hearts, stars and rocket emojis in a tweet that highlighted the statement.

The more hands-off approach to content moderation that Musk envisions has many users concerned that the platform will become more of a haven for disinformation, hate speech and bullying, something it has worked hard in recent years to mitigate. Wall Street analysts said if he goes too far, it could also alienate advertisers.

The deal was cemented roughly two weeks after the billionaire first revealed a 9% stake in the platform. Musk said last week that he had lined up \$46.5 billion in financing to buy Twitter, putting pressure on the company's board to negotiate a deal.

Twitter said the transaction was



unanimously approved by its board of directors and is expected to close in 2022, pending regulatory sign-off and the approval of shareholders.

Shares of Twitter Inc. rose more than 5% Monday to \$51.70 per share. On April 14, Musk announced an offer to buy Twitter for \$54.20 per share. While the stock is up sharply since Musk made his offer, it is well below the high of \$77 per share it reached in February 2021.

Musk has described himself as a "free-speech absolutist" but is also known for blocking or disparaging other Twitter users who question or disagree with him.

In recent weeks, he has proposed relaxing Twitter content restrictions — such as the rules that suspended former President Donald Trump's account — while ridding the platform of fake "spambot" accounts and shifting away advertising as its primary revenue model. Musk believes he can increase revenue through subscriptions that give paying customers a better experience — possibly even an ad-free version of Twitter.

Asked during a recent TED in-

terview if there are any limits to his notion of "free speech," Musk said Twitter would abide by national laws that restrict speech around the world. Beyond that, he said, he'd be "very reluctant" to delete posts or permanently ban users who violate the company's rules.

It won't be perfect, Musk added, "but I think we want it to really have the perception and reality that speech is as free as reasonably possible."

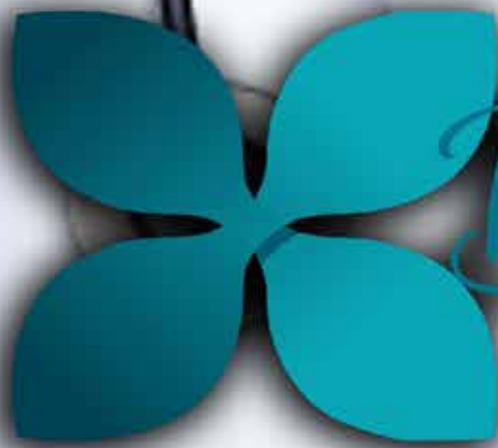
After the deal was announced, the NAACP released a statement urging Musk not to allow Trump, the 45th president, back onto the platform.

"Do not allow 45 to return to the platform," the civil rights organization said in a statement. "Do not allow Twitter to become a petri dish for hate speech or falsehoods that subvert our democracy."

As both candidate and president, Trump made Twitter a powerful megaphone for speaking directly to the public, often using incendiary and divisive language on hot-button issues. He was permanently banned from the service in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol.



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Three critically endangered Sumatran tigers lost to animal traps

By Yayan Zamzami

Three critically endangered Sumatran tigers were found dead after being caught in traps on Indonesia's Sumatra island in the latest setback for a species whose numbers are estimated to have dwindled to about 400, authorities said Monday.

A female and a male tiger were found dead Sunday with leg injuries caused by a snare trap near a palm oil plantation in East Aceh district of Aceh province, said local police chief Hendra Sukmana.

The body of another female tiger was found hours later about 500 meters (550 yards) away with a snare still embedded in her almost-severed neck and legs, he said.

Sukmana said authorities have appealed to the community and plantation companies not to set snares in forest areas where wild animals may cross.

An autopsy was underway by a team of veterinarians to determine the causes of the tigers' death, said Agus Arianto, who heads the conservation agency in Aceh, adding that several traps similar to ones used to capture wild boars on farms were found in the area around the dead tigers.

Snare traps are commonly used by farmers on Sumatra island to catch wild boars, which are considered



A police officer and local wildlife authorities show the carcass of one of three Sumatran tigers found dead after being caught in traps near a palm oil plantation in East Aceh, Sunday, April 24, 2022. The deaths of the critically endangered tigers on Indonesia's Sumatra island are the latest setback for a species whose numbers are estimated to have dwindled to about 400, authorities said Monday. (AP Photo)

destructive pests with a wide and ravenous appetite for a variety of plants. However, poachers have also used snare traps to kill endangered wildlife for economic purposes.

"We strongly condemned this incident and will cooperate with law enforcement agencies in an investigation," Arianto said in a statement.

Under Indonesia's Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystems law, those who intentionally kill protected animals would face up to five years in prison and a fine of 100 million rupiah (\$7,000).

Sumatran tigers — the most critically endangered

tiger subspecies — are under increasing pressure due to poaching and a shrinking jungle habitat, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species. It estimated that fewer than 400 Sumatran tigers remain in the wild.

It was the latest killing of endangered animals on Sumatra island. Conservationists say the coronavirus pandemic has led to increased poaching as villagers turn to hunting to supplement diminished incomes.

In October, a female tiger was found dead with injuries caused by a snare trap in Bukit Batu wildlife reserve in the Bengkalis

district of Riau province, just two months after three tigers, including two cubs, were found dead in the Leuser Ecosystem Area, a forested region for tiger conservation in Aceh and North Sumatra provinces.

Aceh police also arrested four men last June for allegedly catching a tiger with a snare trap and selling its remains for 100 million rupiah (\$7,000). Days later, another Sumatran tiger died after it ate a goat laced with rat poison in neighbouring North Sumatra province.

A baby elephant died last November after losing half her trunk to a trap set by poachers who prey on the endangered species.

Have we had enough of Netflix?

By Jennifer Meierhans & Alex Taylor

Trying to watch some of Netflix's more recent series all the way through, says Paul Weiner, feels a bit like cramming frankfurters down your throat in a hotdog eating contest.

Readers outside the US may not share the American enthusiasm for competitive hotdog swallowing. But maybe they can relate to the feeling.

We've all spent the last few years, the last two especially, binge-watching, indiscriminately, too mesmerised to click the off-button.

Are we maybe just a little bit sick of it?

That's the fear seizing executives in Netflix's boardroom right now. That Mr Weiner, a 28-year-old artist from Denver, Colorado, who loved the streaming service at first, especially for watching old favourites like Star Trek and The Office, typifies a new mood. That after years of skyrocketing subscriber



In 2021 *Squid Game* became the most-watched series globally in Netflix history [Noh Juhan | Netflix]

growth, people will switch off, not just their television sets, but their direct debits too.

Mr Weiner is one of the hundreds of thousands who have already cancelled, prompting a moment of high drama for the company this week as its share price plummeted and confidence in its future wobbled.

People have begun to ask whether Netflix's star, as the world's largest streaming service, is be-

ginning to fade.

"Netflix lost some of my favourite shows," says Mr Weiner. "And I never know which show will disappear next."

He thinks there's more clickbait than there was - enticing teaser clips that don't live up to expectations - and some poor writing.

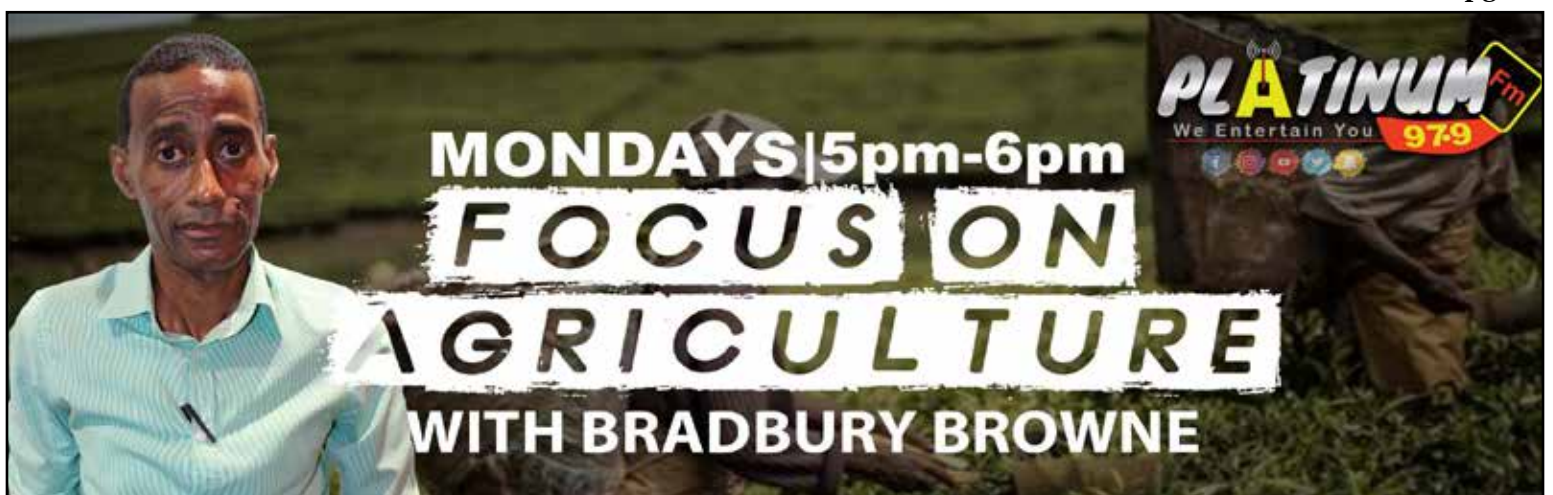
"There are better streaming deals than Netflix right now," he says.

Netflix was the first to introduce households to

TV-on-tap in 2007, entering popular culture with its avalanche of output, and even spawning the phrase "Netflix and chill" as a euphemism for staying in to have sex. But since then many other streaming services have followed Netflix's lead, including HBO, Disney, Apple and Amazon, making it an increasingly crowded market.

"What made Netflix so popular initially was not necessarily its origi-

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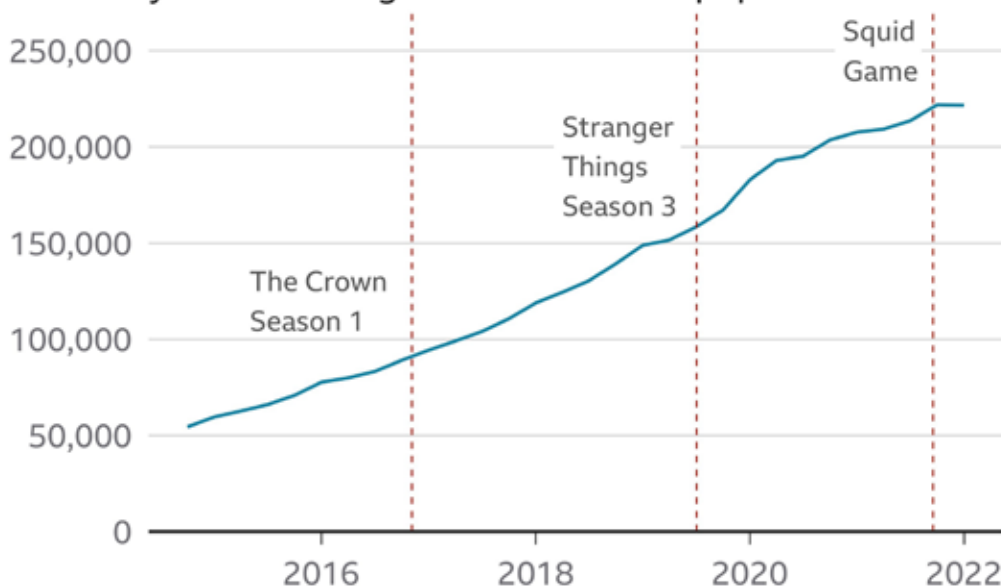
nal programming, but the shows it licensed from other production companies, like Friends, giving viewers one convenient place to watch everything they love,” says entertainment journalist Tufayel Ahmed.

“With companies now taking their shows off the service and putting them on their own streaming platforms, Netflix faces the problem of having to fill the gap.”

They’ve done that, launching some hugely successful original output, from the lurid regency romp Bridgerton to the brutal Squid Game, high school comedy Sex Education to the touching drama Afterlife. Sixteen million people signed up in three months at the start of 2020 as coronavirus spread the world and discussing the dubious morality of Tiger King or the historical accuracy of The Crown was a way to switch off from the horror show of the news.

Netflix subscribers 2015 to 2022

Quarterly subscriber figures and selected popular series



But with so many rivals, “all of which are pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into competing with Netflix”, says Mr Ahmed, it was almost inevitable the company would eventually lose some ground.

Mark Mulligan, media analyst at MIDiA Research agrees, pointing to a trend for “savvy switchers” to skip between services.

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cash during the pandemic which meant the market was artificially buoyant," he says.

But now he thinks: "The economy for people's attention has peaked and the amount of spare time people have has run out".

There is also a cost of living crisis to contend with, right around the world. And Netflix, rather than lowering prices has raised them, a move that should help shore up the balance sheet, but has proved unpopular with subscribers, who are themselves feeling the pinch, like 38-year-old Natalie Walters from Catford in South-East London.

She hasn't cancelled, but she's switched from the premium service, which in the UK costs £15.99 a month, to the standard version at £10.99.

"It becomes about choosing what you keep and what you have to cut down or get rid of altogether," she says.

And 55-year-old Peter Biggins, a coordinator from Norwich has done the same.

"I've been with them from the beginning. They have some good shows, but they're not the only player in the market now," he says.

And he's not a fan of the other plan Netflix is reported to be contemplating: cracking down on customers who share passwords with other households.

"If Netflix is going to go after people who have a subscription, they're going to annoy them," Mr Biggins predicts. And it may not have the outcome they're hoping for.

Aram Asai Munoz, a law student in Santiago, Chile, has shared a Netflix account with his parents and sister, who live in separate households, for several years.

Since he first signed up - eager to tune in to crime drama *Better Call Saul* - the monthly cost of the service has roughly doubled, he says.

Many of his friends have already cancelled over the price hikes and quality of content and he says he might well do

the same if the firm does clamp down on password sharing - after all Netflix is a "frivolity" compared to the other bills that need paying, he says.

"Netflix somehow expects that by forbidding password sharing people will become direct new customers, but economic reality dictates the opposite: they will simply walk away from the service," he says.

While unpopular with customers, the new strategy of raising prices and clamping down on password sharing could give the company some headroom, says Julian Aquilina, senior TV analyst at the media research firm Enders Analysis, alongside a plan

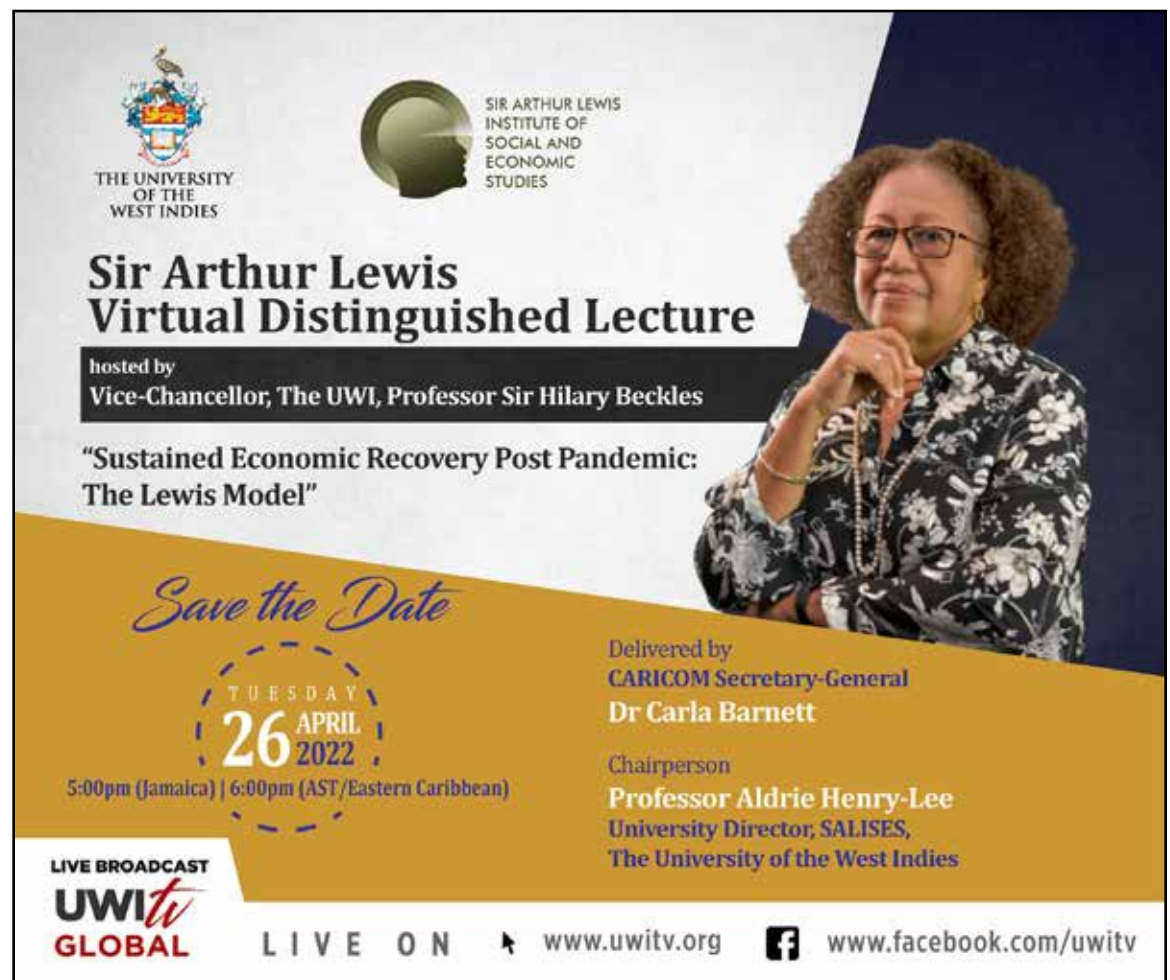
to offer a cheaper service supported by advertising.



But the impact will be limited. A survey of US Netflix users found only 11% used a shared log in. Some 85% were paid subscribers and the rest were on free trials, Kagan Consumer Insights found.

That doesn't mean Netflix is about to lose too much ground, though, Mr Aquilina says.

"It is not like it is going to fade away anytime soon. It is a great product, people like using it," he says.

"The question is, how many more people it will reach in the future. Maybe it won't be as much as people expected - it seems those expectations are being reset."





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Protesters call for reparations as royal family visits St. Vincent and the Grenadines

CMC – St. Vincent and the Grenadines gave a red-carpet welcome to two members of Britain’s royal family, but a small group of protesters registered their objection to the visit and instead called for reparation for African slavery.

Prince Edward, 58, and his wife, Sophie, 57, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, were greeted by Acting Prime Minister Montgomery Daniel, as Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves is off the island undergoing medical attention in Venezuela.

Governor General, Dame Susan Dougan, Opposition Leader Godwin Friday, other government and opposition lawmakers were also present at the airport as steel band music welcomed the royals whose visit to the Commonwealth Caribbean forms part of the activities marking Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee, 70 years on the throne.

But the pomp and ceremony were overshadowed by a small group of protesters calling on Britain to apologise for its role in the African slave trade as well as to pay compensation.

“The African holocaust is one of the greatest holocausts, if not the greatest holocaust,” Idesha Jackson, 47, said.

She said that while some people might not agree, “we know what our forefathers went through; it’s in our DNA.

“We feel their pain and every time I talk about African brothers and sisters who had to struggle for survival in these ships and work for many years — 400 years of slavery — and still up to this day, we are not compensated.”

Jackson noted that at the end of the slave trade, it was the slave masters, rather than the slaves who were compensated.

“So, today, we are still standing firm in the cause of reparation. Repa-



rations now! Reparations now! Reparations now! No more idle talk,” she said, adding “I am here to demonstrate, to show my disgust, my disappointment, my vengeance for my brothers and sisters ... who, over 400 years had to suffer the slave masters’ whip, the slave masters’ rape and brutal dehumanisation of our people.

Former chair of the National Reparations Committee, Jomo Thomas, who was among those demanding the apology and reparation, said “we just wanted to indicate, represent, manifest our disgust, our disdain and our concern that the neo-colonial government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines would again, yet again, be welcoming and celebrating these people”.

The former government senator and speaker of the House of Assembly, said that under the Royal African Charter, the British were “responsible for the hunting down, kidnapping and trans-shipment of 60 percent of all of the Africans who were taken from the African continent”.

Britain and other European countries have dismissed the reparations call, saying that current generations should not be held responsible for acts

committed by their forebears.

Thomas, however, said that it was only in 2015 that the British government finished repaying the 20 million pounds it borrowed in 1831 to compensate slave owners in preparation for the end of slavery.

“So if they finished paying in 2015, the argument that slavery is remote is nonsensical, it is farcical,” said Thomas, a lawyer and newspaper columnist.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a constitutional monarchy, with the queen as the ceremonial head of state. In 2009, the population voted in a referendum to keep the British monarch and Thomas cautioned against using this as an indication of support for the monarchy.

During their one-day visit, the royals planted a tree at the Botanical Gardens in Kingstown, the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, and met privately with the acting prime minister.

They also met with women in leadership roles regarding the response to the April 2021 eruption of La Soufriere volcano and congratulated those who have recently completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. They also watched a local cricket match.

Former Dominican opposition senator arrested at airport

CMC – A former senator with the opposition United Workers Party (UWP), Dr. Thomson Fontaine was arrested when he arrived at the Melville Hall Airport in Dominica Sunday morning.

Fontaine, a former IMF economist who, for the past four years, has been employed as Economic and International Policy Adviser to the government of South Sudan, Africa, was arrested by the police who were executing a bench warrant issued for his arrest in 2018.

The warrant stems from Fontaine's absence for two court appearances in 2018 after obstruction charges were brought against him, along with opposition leader Lennox Linton, Joshua Francis and Joseph Isaac.

The obstruction charges were then adjourned sine die, and another hearing



Dr. Thomson Fontaine

against Linton and Fontaine, was scheduled for January 22, 2019.

But because of Fontaine's previous absences, the presiding magistrate granted the prosecution's request for a bench warrant for Fontaine who was not present at the hearings.

The consequence of a

Bench Warrant for someone out of state is immediate arrest at the port of entry upon the offender's return.

Therefore, Dr Fontaine was quite aware that he would be arrested at the airport the minute he dared to return to Dominica.

Based on this, Fontaine was arrested upon his return

after more than four years.

Dr. Fontaine has published several research papers in the field of economics and is the editor and founder of the online news magazine *TheDominican.net*.

He hosted a local weekly radio program on Q95 in Dominica called 'Lifeline', which highlights the history and current economic situation in Dominica.

He currently serves in the position of RJMEC Deputy Chief of Staff – Strategy, in Juba, South Sudan; an organization that monitors the peace process in South Sudan. Previously, he served as an opposition Senator in the Dominica Parliament, and an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC, as well as a university lecturer in the United States.

Guyana gets \$106 million from Exxon for oil from newest offshore platform

Reuters – Guyana sold its first share of crude oil from the country's newest offshore production facility to Exxon Mobil for about \$106 million, the government said.

One of South America's poorest nations, Guyana plans to use proceeds from oil in the short term to build roads, bridges, houses, gas-fired power plants and solar energy projects. The second platform is set to reach its full 220,000 barrel per day (bpd) capacity in the third quar-

ter.

The 1-million-barrel cargo of the new crude, called Unity Gold, was sold through a competitive bidding process that Exxon won with a bid of \$106 per barrel, according to the Guyana Ministry of Natural Resources.

"The ExxonMobil affiliate bid was the best on the pricing differential for the crude and this lift will incur no marketing fee by the lifter,"

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Brazil Carnival: 'Bolsonaro' dancer turned into crocodile

BBC – Brazil's president found himself ridiculed for his COVID-19 policies as the world-famous Carnival took place for the first time since the pandemic.

During the São Paulo parade, a performer wearing a presidential sash transformed into a crocodile after "receiving a vaccine" on stage.

President Jair Bolsonaro once suggested that a COVID-19 vaccine side effect could turn people into crocodiles.

The team behind the show said the jab at the president was a "little joke".

Brazil's top samba schools took part in Carnival celebrations across Sambadromes in São Paulo and Rio De Janeiro on Saturday night, with thousands of performers and fans dancing into the early hours of Sunday.

The Rosas de Ouro school, behind the crocodile



The crowd laughed as the man dressed as a crocodile emerged from behind a trap door and theatrical smoke [Getty Images]

joke, performed during the second day of São Paulo's section made up of the top samba schools in the state.

Paulo Menezes, the Rosas de Ouro team member responsible for ideas for the giant floats, told Globo that "crocodile Bolsonaro" was a joke and a way of representing the difficulties faced by Brazilians during the pandemic.

Mr Menezes said that

this year's carnival was a "battle cry", and that the school's parade aimed to "get rid of all of the bad things we've experienced these last few years and pay homage to those who are no longer with us".

Brazil has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, with over 660,000 deaths and 30,000,000 cases, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

President Bolsonaro, who chose not to be vaccinated against the virus, has been widely criticised for his COVID-19 policies and the slow roll-out of the vaccine in Brazil.

He repeatedly downplayed the severity of the virus, which he referred to as a "little flu", and was criticised for removing his face mask in public after testing positive for COVID-19.

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the government said in its announcement late on Saturday.

Exxon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The oil will be shipped on the Bahamas-flagged Suezmax tanker Dimitrios, which arrived in Guyanese waters on April 18.

It has not departed from the Liza Unity floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) facility, according to Refinitiv Eikon vessel tracking data.

Exxon, which operates the prolific Liza offshore project, last month said it and partners CNOOC and Hess Corp plan to produce up to 1.2 million bpd of oil and gas offshore Guyana by 2027.

The Unity Gold crude cargo will be fourth to be exported from the Liza Unity FPSO, which arrived in Guyanese waters in October and began output in February. The shipment is the government's share of production.

The first FPSO, the Liza Destiny,

is producing about 120,000 bpd of a medium to light sweet crude grade called Liza.

The Unity Gold crude is lighter and with less sulphur content, according to an assay published by the ministry.

The government, which had a previous arrangement with a unit of Saudi Aramco for marketing its share of crude, said it will work to ensure the country receives the best price for exports both for Liza and Unity Gold crudes.

International Criminal Court joins team probing alleged war crimes in Ukraine

Reuters – The International Criminal Court (ICC) will take part in the joint team investigating allegations of war crimes in Ukraine following the Russian invasion, the European Union’s agency for criminal justice cooperation said on Monday.

ICC prosecutor Karim Khan and the Prosecutors General from Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine signed an agreement for the international war crimes tribunal’s first-ever participation in an investigative team, Eurojust said.

“With this agreement, parties are sending a clear message that all efforts will be undertaken to effectively gather evidence on core international crimes committed in Ukraine and bring those responsible to justice,” the Eurojust agency said in a statement.

Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine signed an agreement last month to set up a team to enable the exchange of



A man walks near damaged buildings in the course of Ukraine-Russia conflict in the southern port city of Mariupol, Ukraine April 22, 2022. REUTERS/Alexander Ermochenko

information and investigation into suspected war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Khan early last month opened an

investigation into possible war crimes committed in Ukraine, following requests to do so by an unprecedented number of the court’s member states.

Nicaragua sparks backlash in quitting OAS over Ortega re-election criticism



Nicaragua’s President Daniel Ortega speaks during the closing ceremony of the 17th Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Peoples Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) Summit in Havana, Cuba, December 14, 2019. Jorge Luis Banos/Pool via REUTERS

Reuters – Nicaragua’s government on Sunday said it had completed its withdrawal from the Organization of American States (OAS), a move the group swiftly decried as violating international norms and unable to go into effect for another year.

Nicaragua’s government also said it had closed the local OAS office and revoked the credentials of several OAS representatives as part of an “unwavering decision” to leave the organisation.

Nicaragua began the process to leave the 35-member OAS in November, shortly

after President Daniel Ortega’s election to a fourth consecutive term amid international concern - including from the OAS - over the vote’s fairness as Ortega detained opponents and criminalised dissent.

However, the OAS said Nicaragua’s rejection of the group could not go into effect until the end of 2023 given the country’s status as an active member.

“This is a violation of the most basic international norms ... We demand that the Nicaraguan government respect the obligations that

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North Korea begins military parade amid revived tensions

AP – North Korea began a much-anticipated military parade in its capital on Monday to mark the 90th anniversary of its army's founding, with outside experts saying it was likely to display powerful missiles and other weapons capable of targeting the United States and its allies.

South Korea's military said the march began late Monday evening in Pyongyang after a pre-parade ceremony. It didn't immediately provide other details, such as whether North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was present.

NK News, a North Korea-focused news site, cited unidentified sources as saying that 12 illuminated flying objects, possibly drones or helicopters, were seen in the sky above Pyongyang, followed by the sounds of fireworks.

In past parades, North Korea has often displayed newly built nuclear-capable missiles and goose-stepping soldiers in an attempt to intimidate its rivals and bolster internal unity. Kim has



Citizens walk past celebrative posters displayed on the 90th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army in Pyongyang, North Korea, Monday, April 25, 2022. The poster reads "Historic root of our revolution". (AP Photo/Jon Chol Jin)

also given speeches highlighting his commitment to boosting the armed forces to cope with what he calls U.S. hostility.

The parade comes as Kim is reviving nuclear brinkmanship aimed at forcing the United States to accept North Korea as a nuclear power and remove crippling economic sanctions. Analysts say North Korea is exploiting a favourable environment to push forward its weapons program as the United Nations Security Council remains divided over Russia's war

in Ukraine. Nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have been stalled since 2019 because of disagreements over the potential easing of U.S.-led sanctions in exchange for North Korean disarmament steps.

Kim has stuck to his goals of simultaneously developing nuclear weapons and the country's dismal economy in face of international pressure and has shown no willingness to fully surrender a nuclear arsenal he sees as his biggest guarantee of survival. North

Korea has conducted 13 rounds of weapons tests this year, including its first flight test of an intercontinental ballistic missile since 2017.

There are also signs that North Korea is rebuilding tunnels at a nuclear testing ground that was last active in 2017, possibly in preparation for a resumption of testing.

It could also conduct a banned launch of a long-range rocket to put a spy satellite into orbit or test-fly missiles over Japan, experts say. North Korean state media did not immediately report the parade. Earlier Monday, official newspapers ran editorials calling for stronger public support of Kim.

North Korea's recently tested weapons are potentially capable of striking the U.S. homeland as well as South Korea and Japan. The North has spent much of the past three years focusing on expanding its short-range arsenal targeting South Korea as nuclear negotiations with the United States stalled.

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currently govern its relationship with the OAS and with every international organisation of which Nicaragua is a part," the OAS said in a statement.

The OAS also said that Nicaraguan officials had "illegitimately occupied" the OAS office in the capital of Managua, and warned that they could be held

responsible internationally.

Nicaragua has frequently described the Washington-based OAS as interventionist and controlled by the United States.

"Nicaragua is not a colony of anyone," the government said in a statement announcing its withdrawal.

Last month, Nicaragua's then-am-

bassador to the OAS accused Ortega's government of repressing the political opposition, human rights abuses and cracking down on freedom of speech.

The United States and the European Union have called last year's election illegitimate, and have pressed Ortega to hold new elections and release more than 160 prisoners.

Al-Qaida-linked group in Mali says it has captured Russians

AP - Islamic extremist rebels in Mali linked to al-Qaida said they have captured mercenary fighters from Russia's Wagner Group in fighting earlier this month.

It's the first time that Mali's extremist rebels known as JNIM have claimed to capture Russian fighters. The Wagner Group fighters were seized in the first week of April in the mountainous Segou region of central Mali, said the JNIM statement, which called the fighters "criminals."

Since the beginning of the year, several European countries have denounced the presence of Wagner's Russian mercenaries, estimated to be about 1,000, who fight alongside Malian soldiers. They have been blamed for killing about 300 civilians in the central town of Moura. They have also been blamed for staging burials of bodies near the Gossi military base and trying to blame French military forces for the graves.

However, Mali's ruling junta denies that Wagner's forces are fighting in the country, saying instead that they are training Malian soldiers as part of cooperation between Mali and Russia.



It's likely that JNIM delayed claiming responsibility for the kidnappings until the Wagner fighters could be transferred to a secure place before negotiations begin, Baba Dakono, a researcher at the Citizen Observatory on Governance and Security in Mali said.

"When these kinds of people are captured by armed groups like the JNIM, there is generally an opening of negotiations with the Malian authorities or the authorities of their country for their release. Very often this release is done through an exchange of prisoners and the payment of a ransom," he said.

However, he warned, "when these negotiations do not succeed, the hostages will be executed with a staging of their execution which can serve as a communication campaign for the kidnappers."

The Wagner Group sends mercenary forces, many former Russian military soldiers, to several African countries and other places including Ukraine and the Mideast. Although the Kremlin officially denies any connection to Wagner, the group is strategically used to further President Vladimir Putin's ambitions to increase Russia's influence and undermine democracy, say analysts.



Kane Tanaka, born in 1903, smiles as a nursing home celebrates three days after her 117th birthday in Fukuoka, Japan, in this photo taken by Kyodo January 5, 2020. Mandatory credit Kyodo/via REUTERS

World's oldest person dies in Japan aged 119

Reuters - A Japanese woman believed to have been the world's oldest person has died aged 119, public broadcaster NHK said on Monday, reporting the death of Kane Tanaka.

Born on Jan. 2, 1903 - the year of the Wright Brothers' first controlled flight of their motor-driven airplane - Tanaka was confirmed by Guinness World Records in 2019 as the oldest living person.

She died of old age at a hospital in Fukuoka city, western Japan, on April 19, NHK said.

During her life, she had been partial to chocolate and fizzy drinks, NHK said.

Japan has a dwindling and rapidly ageing population. As of last September, the country had 86,510 centenarians, and 9 out of every 10 were women.



MATCH SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 25 - SATURDAY, MAY 7

COOLIDGE CRICKET GROUNDS

GROUP 1

1. LIBERTA BLACKHAWKS
2. NEW WINTHORPES LIONS
3. BETHESDA GOLDEN EAGLES
4. PIGOTTS CRUSHERS

GROUP 2

1. EMPIRE NATION
2. RISING SUN SPARTANS
3. ALL SAINTS PYTHONS
4. JENNINGS TIGERS

MONDAY, APRIL 25

- 4 PM** BETHESDA GOLDEN EAGLES
VS. PIGOTTS CRUSHERS
- 7 PM** LIBERTA BLACKHAWK
VS. NEW WINTHORPES LIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 4 PM** ALL SAINTS PYTHONS
VS. JENNINGS TIGERS
- 7 PM** EMPIRE NATION
VS. RISING SUN SPARTANS

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 4 PM** NEW WINTHORPES LIONS
VS. BETHESDA GOLDEN EAGLES
- 7 PM** PIGOTTS CRUSHERS
VS. LIBERTA BLACKHAWKS

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- 4 PM** RISING SUN SPARTANS
VS. ALL SAINTS PYTHONS
- 7 PM** JENNINGS TIGERS
VS. EMPIRE NATION

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 4 PM** NEW WINTHORPES LIONS
VS. PIGOTTS CRUSHERS
- 7 PM** LIBERTA BLACKHAWKS
VS. BETHESDA GOLDEN EAGLES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 4 PM** RISING SUN SPARTANS
VS. JENNINGS TIGERS
- 7 PM** EMPIRE NATION
VS. ALL SAINTS PYTHONS

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 4 PM** SEMI-FINAL 1
- 7 PM** SEMI-FINAL 2

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- 4 PM** THIRD PLACE MATCH
- 7 PM** FINALS

Former South Africa cricket captain Smith cleared of racism

AP – Former South Africa cricket captain Graeme Smith was cleared of racism allegations on Monday by an independent investigation that looked into claims that he used his influence to ensure a black player wasn't selected when he led the team a decade ago.

Smith had also been accused of being “racially biased” against Black colleagues in his role as South Africa's director of cricket after he retired from playing.

And a third allegation was made against him that he was guilty of “unfair racial discrimination” when, in his role as director of cricket, he appointed former teammate Mark Boucher, who is white, as head coach of South Africa in 2019 ahead of another coach, Enoch Nkwe, who is Black.

The accusations were made late last year in a report that emanated from a series of hearings designed to look into the culture of South African cricket as far back as the 1990s to establish if there was racism. That initial report made “tentative findings” against Smith but recommended a full investigation.

Smith was cleared of all three accusations in a decision released Monday. Two independent lawyers acted as arbitrators and found no evidence of racism by Smith. With regard to the



South Africa's captain Graeme Smith walks back to the players pavilion after dismissed by Australia's bowler Ryan Harris, for 9 runs on the first day of their 2nd cricket test match at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014. (AP Photo/Themba Hadebe, File)

accusations against Smith while he was captain of the team, the investigation found that he had opposed the selection of Black player Thami Tsolekile for South Africa from 2012-14 but it was not proved “he did so by reason of Mr. Tsolekile's race.”

The 41-year-old Smith said in a statement that he was pleased to have been “completely vindicated.”

The allegations against Smith were made by “a small group of disgruntled individuals” with an agenda to have him removed from his job, said his lawyer, David Becker.

The South African cricket federation pursued the allegations against Smith and was ordered to pay his legal costs.

Smith's contract as director of cricket expired at the end of last month and Cricket South Africa board

became public during the course of the investigation.

Boucher, who is still South Africa coach, also faces allegations of racism in a disciplinary hearing that is scheduled for next month and could cost him his job. One of the allegations against the former South Africa wicketkeeper revolves around him singing a song in the changing room while he was a player in the 1990s that referenced the race of a Black teammate.

Smith and Boucher were stalwarts of the South Africa team during their playing days. Smith played 117 tests from 2002-14 and is the Proteas' longest-serving test captain. Boucher played 147 tests from 1997-2012, when his career was ended by a serious eye injury he suffered in a game.



Middle-class clubs try to prevent Champions League ‘monster’

AP – The fear is UEFA is creating a “monster” with changes to the Champions League that will make the elite even richer.

Eintracht Frankfurt CEO Axel Hellman says he is working with other middle-ranking clubs to try to thwart UEFA plans to give two places to teams based on their historic record in Europe over five years if they fail to qualify through their domestic performances.

The safety-net places for two sides based on accumulated UEFA coefficient points are planned in 2024 when the Champions League introduces a new format and expands from 32 to 36 teams.

“If you’re participating in the Champions League, your coefficient gets higher and higher and the shop is more closed,” Hellman said in a video call on Monday.

“So I do not believe that should be the right requirement to participate in the European competitions.

“I would be more open to other leagues and other clubs, and the national qualification is therefore the most important door to be kept open.”

Frankfurt is one of the teams marginalised in Germany by the dominance of a Bayern Munich enriched



by Champions League revenue and rated highly by past European successes. But Frankfurt is preparing for its second Europa League semi-final in four seasons, against West Ham on Thursday.

Hellman is working to protect the pathway from the smallest national leagues to the top of European football, to ensure the distribution of UEFA prize money and television revenue is better balanced between the competitions, and to make certain financial sustainability is rigorously policed.

Enforcement of the rules is important for Hellman so as to promote balance within European competitions rather than tilting them even more in

favour of the powerhouse teams — many of whom tried and failed to split and form a breakaway Super League a year ago.

“The other alternative will be clear if we don’t do this to a certain extent, we build our own monster,” Hellman said.

“Champions League clubs will generate more and more, and one day they try to enter Super League because this is their own only possibility to satisfy their capital needs. And that is something we need to avoid.

“That’s the reason why I’m very strong with some other clubs in the initiative to strengthen the interests of the middle class European clubs.”

He includes team like

his own, Frankfurt, which has been a regular in European competitions in recent seasons.

The team also reached the 1960 European Cup final, losing to a Real Madrid side featuring Ferenc Puskás and Alfredo Di Stéfano in front of around 130,000 fans, and won the forerunner to the Europa League by beating Borussia Mönchengladbach in the 1980 UEFA Cup final.

If Frankfurt, which is ninth in the Bundesliga, beats West Ham over two legs and then wins the final of the Europa League it will qualify for the Champions League.

“I think that the gap between Europa League and Champions League is

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Carlos Alcaraz youngest into ATP top 10 since Nadal in 2005

AP - Carlos Alcaraz moved up to No. 9 in the ATP rankings on Monday, a little more than a month before he turns 19, making him the youngest man to break into the top 10 since Rafael Nadal did it exactly 17 years ago.

Alcaraz rose two spots after winning the Barcelona Open on Sunday. He beat Pablo Carreño Busta 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

At 18 years, 11 months and 20 days old, Alcaraz is the ninth-youngest man to reach the top 10 since the computer rankings began in 1973.

His fellow Spaniard Nadal was about a month younger when he climbed into the top 10 on April 25, 2005, after a title on Barcelona's clay.

The youngest man to crack that elite level on the ATP Tour was Aaron



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz celebrates after winning the ATP Godo Tournament final tennis match against Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta, in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, April 24, 2022. (AP Photo/Joan Monfort)

Krickstein, who was 11 days past his 17th birthday when he made his debut in the top 10 in August 1984.

Alcaraz is tied with Nadal for the most ATP titles in 2022 with three; his 23 match wins are second behind only Stefanos Tsitsipas, who has 24 victories this season.

Novak Djokovic re-

mained at No. 1 after finishing as the runner-up to Andrey Rublev in the

Serbia Open, with Daniil Medvedev still at No. 2, Alexander Zverev at No. 3 and Nadal at No. 4.

Nadal, owner of a men's-record 21 Grand Slam singles championships, has been in the top 10 every week since he first got there.

The only changes in the WTA top 10 involved Paula Badosa's rise to a career-high No. 2, behind No. 1 Iga Swiatek. Badosa moved up one spot, switching places with 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejckova, who dropped to No. 3.

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too big — the spread is too big," Hellman said.

"What I am not in favour of is building up step by step, a closed shop that only generates profit on itself."

Villarreal has shown this season the benefits of being able to make the jump from the second-tier European competition to the Champions League — by winning the Europa League — with the Span-

ish club preparing for a semi-final meeting with Liverpool on Wednesday.

"We are just a small club, a middle-class club in Germany, and we are not the voice of all the European clubs," Hellman said.

"But there's one thing that we could do, at least. We could give the other middle-class clubs a voice and organizing an initiative with some other clubs, and that's something we are working on."



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Sports News



Schools' cricket competition resumes today

Action will resume in the Ministry of Sports Schools' Cricket competition at four venues today.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy will face All Saints Secondary at Mack Pond in All Saints. Clare Hall Secondary will take on Glanvilles Secondary at King George in Grays Green. Antigua Grammar School will clash with Princess Margaret School at Rising Sun and Jennings Secondary will challenge Pares Secondary at Factory.

Ottos Comprehensive School and All Saints Secondary recorded impressive wins in the previous round of matches.

Led by a fine all-round performance by Xaveek Toppin, Ottos Comprehen-

sive crushed Glanvilles Secondary by a mammoth 197 runs at Rising Sun.

Toppin slammed 97 not out, Shayim Thomas cracked 47 and Jahheem Joseph contributed 25 to power Ottos Comprehensive to 229 for 4 off 17 overs.

Kenny Lewis captured 2 for 61 in his 4 overs.

Bowen Francis then snapped up 4 wickets for one run in his 2 overs, Noah James Knight snatched 3 wickets for 8 runs in four overs.

Toppin also starred with the ball as he grabbed 2 wickets for 11 runs, as Glanvilles Secondary crashed 32 all out in reply.

All Saints Secondary trounced Princess Margaret School by 10 wickets at



Ottos Comprehensive School all-rounder, Xaveek Toppin. (Photo: Cricket268)

Mack Pond.

Batting first, Princess Margaret were restricted to 67 for 6 with Malinga Bruney getting 25. Wilden Cornwall Jr. claimed 2 wickets for 9 runs in his 3

overs.

All Saints Secondary then achieved victory by scoring 69 without loss. Openers Tarek Charles hit an unbeaten 36 and Taj Liburd was not out on 18.

Ovals and All Saints draw netball league encounter

Ovals Flyballers Red Rockets and Spencer's All Saints United 1 played to a draw in the Kess Imports Antigua and Barbuda Netball Association's (ABNA) Community and Village League at the YMCA Sports Complex on Sunday evening.

Ovals Red Rockets and All Saints United 1 fought to a 16-16 draw in one of four female division matches that night.

Carlena Knight scored 10 of her 13 attempts for Ovals, while Karol Carlton sank 12 of her 19 shots for All Saints.

In an All Saints United derby, United 2 trounced United 3 32-9 in a one-sided affair.

Kika Josiah converted 26 of her 41 shots for the victors, while Aleina Elvin scored 7 of her 8 attempts for the losers.

Two teams from Old Road notched up wins in the other female division matches.

Wadadli Events Old Road were 18-8 winners against Ovals Flyballers Uprising, with Zenita Browne netting 9 of her 15 shots and Tassia Luke con-

verting 9 of her 14 attempts for Old Road.

Curtain Bluff Old Road prevailed 20-17 over Drahz Eastsiders. Amey Lake scored 17 of her 23 tries for Old Road, while Esther Emmanuel converted 15 of her 21 attempts for Eastsiders.

There was success as well for All Saints All Stars who crushed Ovals Flyballers Black Eagles 26-6 in their mixed division encounter. Anjis Anthony scored 17 of his 24 attempts for All Saints.

Teams book semi-final berths in Primary Schools' Cup

The four teams to clash in the semi-finals of this year's Ministry of Sports Primary Schools' Football Cup have been confirmed.

Five Islands, Jennings, Villa and Golden Grove primary schools all won their quarterfinal matches on Friday, 22nd April, to book their spots in the semi-finals.

Five Islands defeated T. N. Kirnon 1-0 on penalties after both teams fought to an exciting 2-2 draw in their quarterfinal match-up at the T. N. Kirnon playing field.

Playing at the same

venue last Friday, Jennings prevailed 1-0 over Bendals Primary in another keenly contested affair to advance to the semis.

Favourite Villa, also had to rely on penalties to secure their spot in the semi-finals.

Villa overcame a strong challenge by Greenbay Primary to prevail 3-2 on penalties, after their quarterfinal encounter ended in a 1-1 draw at the Golden Grove playing field.

Golden Grove booked their berth into the semis by trouncing J. T. Ambrose



Five Islands after beating host T. N. Kirnon in the quarterfinals of the Primary School Cup on Friday, 22nd April, 2022. (Photo: Elwin Francis)

Primary, 5-1, in their quarterfinal encounter at Golden Grove.

Both semi-finals will take place at the Golden Grove playing field on Fri-

day, 29th April, 2022.

Five Islands will face Jennings in the first semi-final at 3pm, after which Villa will clash with Golden Grove at 4pm.

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James, Francis win national golf championship

Former Antiguan Open champion Omorry James captured the overall men's title in the National Golf Championships at Cedar Valley over the weekend.

James shot a combined score, or the best gross, of 145 to win the title. He finished two shots ahead of Jonathan Pigott, who secured the runner-up position with a score of 147.

Sixteen-year-old Ashley Francis overcame a tough challenge from Michelle Millington to capture the female



Ashley Francis, left, accepts her prize from Otis Thomas at the National Golf Championships at the Cedar Valley Golf Course over the weekend. (Photos: Marlon George)

national title.

Francis, a student at Antigua Girls' High School, overcame Millington in a playoff, after both golfers recorded identical gross scores of 173.

Another Antigua Girls' High School student, Meliah George, won the best net score title in the female category with 145, two shots ahead of second place finisher Akevia Warner, who had a score of 147.

Carlos Khoury won the junior gross title with a score of 87, with Rhys Scott finishing second with a score of 101.

Kyle Cenac produced a score of 66 to win the junior net title ahead of Kmarlie Thomas with a score of 72.

National Hero Sir Vivian Richards shot 72, the tournament's best on Sunday, the second day of the two-day competition, to finish with the best gross score of 152 in the senior's division.

Sir Viv secured the best gross title by finishing one shot ahead of his former Antigua/Barbuda and West Indies cricket team colleague Eldine "Soca" Baptiste, who recorded a score of 153.

Andy Hall achieved a score of 145 to finish first in net in the senior's category, with Wesley Dyer claiming second place with a score of 150.

Navin Singh defeated David Kinell in a sudden death playoff to win the Men's A Class Gross title, after both



Omorry James, left, accepts his prize from Otis Thomas at the National Golf Championships at the Cedar Valley Golf Course over the weekend.

players finished with identical scores of 164.

Ethan Henry captured the Men's A Class Net title with a score of 142, with former West Indies batsman Sylvester "Bouncing" Joseph claiming second place, with a score of 144.

Iman Henry shot combined scores of 175 to win the best gross title in the Men's B Class. Dave George finished in second place with a score of 176.

Tyler Hughes captured the Men's B Class Net title with a score of 144, one shot ahead of second place finisher Byron Andrew, who had a score of 145.