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On Monday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne accepted an invitation for a tour of the Glanvilles Secondary School where music students got the opportunity to place their talent on display.

Local News



Haitians' escape exposes a more serious problem

The escape of five Haitians from the Immigration Department's detention centre three weeks ago has brought to light another more serious problem that security personnel believe has existed for some time.

The heads of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF), Colonel Telbert Benjamin, and Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP), Lieutenant Colonel Edward Croft, both agree that the escape of the Haitians, and their ability to

evade the law for such a long time, suggest they have been receiving assistance from members of the public.

"There's a strong suspicion that there are elements in Antigua associated with human trafficking, that these persons may have been providing assistance to the fugitives, four males and one female," Col. Benjamin revealed.

Asked whether or not the Haitians may have left Antigua and Barbuda's jurisdiction, the ABDF commandant said it is possible that some



Director of the Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy, Lt. Col. Edward Croft

of the five may have departed the island. He continued, however, that it is likely that at least one of the five re-

mains here.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Croft has indicated that the possibility **cont'd on pg 3**



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Head of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF), Colonel Telbert Benjamin

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bility exists that one or more persons within the facility's security detail may have been compromised and participated in facilitating the Haitians' escape from custody.

He added that human trafficking is a priority among the concerns of the ONDCP. Sadly however, this human rights crime is often challenging to intercept and prosecute.

"One has to understand that there are two things to consider: one is information and the other is evidence.

"I may have information of a certain activity, but unless I have supporting evidence that can stand up in a court of law, there's very little that I can do," he remarked.

He explained that the ONDCP is looking into these activities, and the persons associated with these crimes in the hope of verifying intelligence in their possession.

Col. Benjamin, mean-

while, said the security heads met immediately after the escape to devise plans to prevent the repeat of another similar incident.

Among the key recommendations was the need for better information sharing among national security agencies. A committee is being set up to ensure that sensitive information is shared among relevant agencies and key personnel.

The five Haitians arrived in Antigua and Barbuda from the Dominican Republic on 21st May with the intention of travelling to Montserrat, however, they were refused landing as their travel documents were not in order.

They were placed in the Immigration detention centre while awaiting deportation back to their homeland, but a day before they were due to leave, they escaped the detention centre and have been on the run ever since.

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Senator Nedd-Charles hopeful Barbuda Land Registry will bring “order”

Against the backdrop of the Privy Council’s ruling on the ownership of Barbudan land, Senator Knacyntar Nedd-Charles says she hopes “order” can now be established in relation to the way the resource is managed.

On Monday, the Privy Council found in favour of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in the final appeal of a case brought by MP Trevor Walker and former MP Mackenzie Frank against the government, over its decision to lease property in Barbuda to a private investment group.

The five member Privy Council Board determined that ownership of the land in Barbuda resides with the Crown, whose affairs are administered by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

The ruling completely rejected Walker and Frank’s argument that the land in Barbuda was owned, in common, by the people of Barbuda.

In its 21-page judgement, the Privy Council concluded: “For the reasons the Board has given, the claimants have no realistic prospect of succeeding in their claim under section 9(1) of the Constitution so that the Court of Appeal was correct to strike out that claim. The Board will therefore humbly advise Her Majesty that the appeal should be dismissed”.

According to Nedd-Charles, the current land use policy supported by the Barbuda People’s Movement (BPM) has been administered inequitably.

She’s also alleged that large tracts of land have been indiscriminately fenced off for the personal use of



Senator Knacyntar Nedd-Charles

members of the party.

“We need to put a proper land system in place, as under the BPM’s system, there is utter confusion as some members are grabbing up lands with nothing to do with it,” she said.

Senator Nedd-Charles confirmed that plans are already underway to establish a Land Registry for Barbuda as the Central Government now moves to ensure that the island’s people can finally hold title to the properties they occupy.

“This means that persons armed with their land certificates can then go to a commercial bank to borrow money for housing development using the land as collateral.

“It further means that those whose homes were destroyed by the hurricane, and who were not fortunate to receive one of the EU-funded houses, can seek loans with the possession of

the certificates,” she explained.

Senator Nedd-Charles, the ABLP candidate for Barbuda in the upcoming general elections, also had strong words for the BPM’s leadership, particularly MP Trevor Walker and Mackenzie Frank, who led the legal challenge against the government in the dispute over where beneficial ownership of the land in Barbuda lies.

She believes both men are guilty of “fooling” the people of Barbuda for years regarding the ownership of land on the island.

The senator further accused the politicians of being wasteful in their use of resources as they pursued the case against the government and criticised their decision to travel to London for the delivery of the Privy Council’s ruling.

Meanwhile, Senator Nedd-Charles announced on Monday that developments at the major tourism development project, the Barbuda Ocean Club (BOC), continues apace.

She reported that many Barbudans - more than 90 to date - have found employment with both the BOC and the 18-hole golf course that is being developed.

“They are employed at all levels from supervisors to line staff. Some are even being trained in the maintenance of the golf course now under construction,” she noted.

So far, six of the courses have been completed and several others are under construction.

She also disclosed that scores of Antiguanians have also journeyed to Barbuda to find employment at the PLH financed project.

Barbuda Council to formalise Air Wing medevac services

The Barbuda Council wants to formalise the medical evacuation services currently being provided by the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force's (ABDF) new Air Wing Division.

Confirmation of this came in a letter that was dispatched to the ABDF expressing the Council's appreciation for the service and its desire to formalise arrangements that will allow for the prompt evacuation of people with medical emergencies the Hannah Thomas Hospital in Barbuda is not equipped to handle, to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) in Antigua.

ABDF Commandant, Colonel Telbert Benjamin, confirmed that since the establishment of the Air Wing unit, its lone aircraft evacuates an average of one person per week from Barbuda for medical services at SLBMC.

"The resident doctor in Barbuda, Dr. Jeremy Dea-



zle, who is also a reservist of the ABDF, now has the responsibility of setting the standard by which the Air Wing services will be summoned," he reported.

According to Col. Benjamin, this system is needed to ensure that there is an established protocol to guide the use of medical evacuation services.

The Air Wing unit was created when an aircraft that was acquired by the govern-

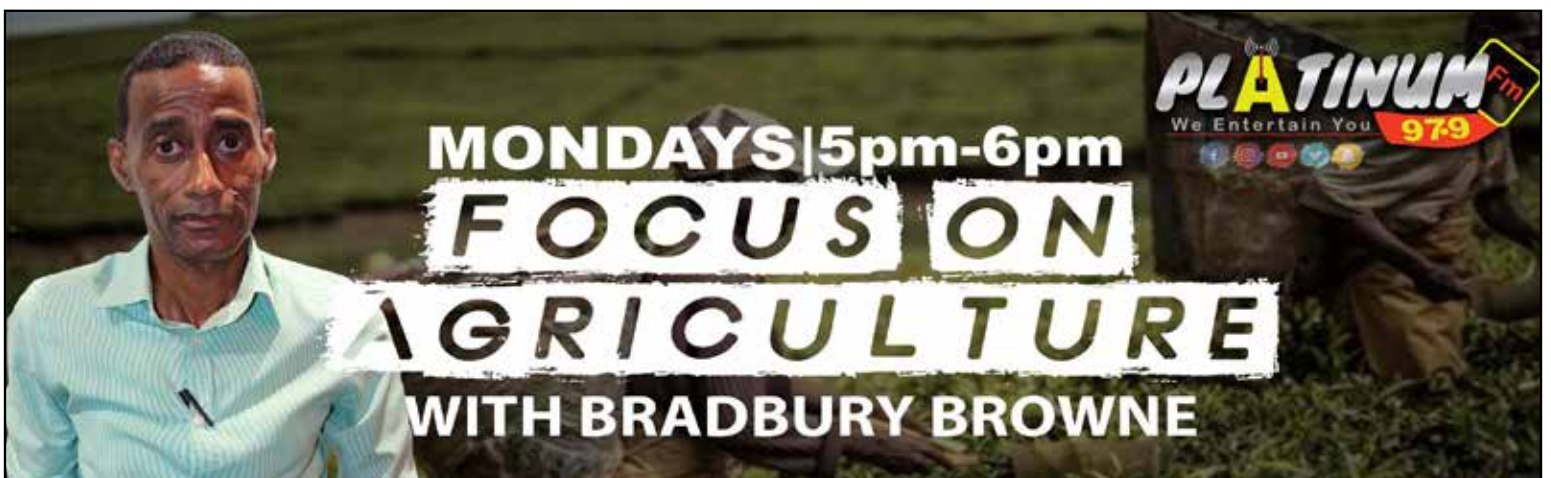
ment to provide air transportation services between Antigua and Barbuda was turned over to the ABDF.

Along with medical evacuation services, the air-

craft is also used to provide aerial patrol of the waters around the country and offer assistance to those who find themselves in distress on the high seas.

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Major developments in store for cruise industry



Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Chief Executive Officer, Colin C. James

New cruise ship calls – including an inaugural call from Virgin Voyages – are in store for Antigua and Barbuda as the country remains set to record significant growth in the coming months.

The upbeat assessment came from the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Colin C. James, during Wednesday's Destination Roundtable in St. John's.

James said Virgin Voyages will make its inaugural call in November, with a total of fourteen calls planned for the winter cruise season.

The other announcements included information that during the first three months of the year, local cruise

passenger arrivals eclipsed numbers recorded in neighbouring St. Kitts and Nevis.

St. Kitts and Nevis has bettered Antigua and Barbuda in cruise tourism over several years, mainly due to its ability to accommodate Oasis Class cruise ships.

"The trends in the cruise industry is going in the directions that we want. For the first three months we welcomed over 100,000 visitors, beating St. Kitts over that period. Additionally, we have several ships that will be making inaugural calls during the upcoming season," he announced.

James said the fifth berth, now

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Salary increase negotiated for ACB Caribbean staff

ACB Caribbean line staff will receive a 6.5% salary increase following negotiations between the bank's management and bargaining agents, the Antigua and Barbuda Workers' Union.

The period covered under the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) is October, 2020-September, 2023.

According to the ABWU, in addition to the salary increase, some staff members received further increments following a recent salary review undertaken by the financial institution.

Another highlight in the CBA is an increase in annual vacation leave from 12 to 15 days for employees who have completed between one and five years of service.

The agreement was signed by the parties last Friday, with ACB Caribbean's General Manager, Joanna Charles, praising the union for its consideration during negotiations.

She explained that the ACB Caribbean's acquisition of the Royal Bank of Canada introduced a layer of complexity to the negotiations, however, the union provided guidance throughout the process.

"It's a relationship that we appreci-



From left: Arlene Martin, David Massiah, Joanna Charles, Sherene Bird, Fernando Samuel

ate and we want to be able to maintain it in a very cordial manner...we are there to work together for the good of our employees...and the banking industry as a whole," Charles said.

ABWU General Secretary, David Massiah, described the signing of the agreement as a "milestone" accomplishment, given the unique challenges posed by the acquisition. He said all parties displayed the maturity and

engagement that the process required.

"I think what is important is to have an industrial climate that is settled – one where we don't have so much friction," Massiah said.

The ABWU added that it values the critical role it plays in advancing the socio-economic wellbeing of workers and eagerly anticipates future negotiations with ACB Caribbean which begin in 2023.

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under construction, will be ready to welcome cruise ships in November. He further confirmed that it will be able to host Oasis Class vessels, now the largest on the seas carrying upwards of 6000 passengers.

The CEO described the scheduled arrival of the Oasis Class vessels as "a game changer" for Antigua and Barbuda's tourism sector.

He also credited the successes recorded up to this point on the decision of the government to re-

open the country's borders during the pandemic, adding that this was done safely.

"We allowed passengers to roam freely so that they can spend more," he added.

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Department of Environment donates renewable energy technology to ABICE

The Antigua Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE) is now the proud owner of several different types of renewable energy technologies worth over EC\$70,000, thanks to a donation from the Department of Environment (DOE).

The donated technologies include an atmospheric water generator, a solar powered air conditioner and a 2 kilo-watt wind turbine. These donations are in line with the country's climate targets, known as the NDCs, which aim to make Antigua and Barbuda a regional leader in the transition to renewable energy technology.

The purpose of the donation is not only to provide the school with renewable energy technology, but also to provide an opportunity for students to gain skills in testing and repairing renewable technology.

According to Vekash Khan, Tech-



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nical Officer at the Department of Environment; "At the forefront of the energy transition and the Just Transition process is capacity building. This means ensuring that the current and upcoming students of Antigua and Barbuda have the best technology readily available to them to maximise the development of their skills. The donations of these technologies would not only lead to this, but will also assist with enhancing their level of innova-

tion."

ABICE has expressed their gratitude for this donation. According to Mrs. Arlene Weste, Director at ABICE, "ABICE is very grateful for this timely intervention of new technologies which will enhance our curriculum and benefit our students, teachers, the institution and by extension Antigua and Barbuda. This is in keeping with industry standards and training our students to meet the current needs of businesses".



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Letter to the Editor



Storms are looming: the ship needs a proven captain

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The citizens of Antigua and Barbuda must adequately prepare themselves for what is expected to be an above-average hurricane season this

year, with predictions suggesting a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

While weather watchers will be glued to their televisions, radios, and other media for daily updates on what is happening across the Atlantic Ocean, none will take for granted the machinations that are likely to occur in the twin-isle paradise.

Surely, one must consider the political climate and those things that can also create a stir regarding who governs, and on whose behalf.

Political leadership and the effectiveness of governance for achieving development objectives will be questioned and shall remain under the

microscope in the months ahead for those living in Antigua and Barbuda.

It is almost certain that the socio-economic dislocations that affected the nation due to the untimely COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the measures employed by the current government to safeguard the people will feature foremost in the minds of the voting population.

This is discernible, especially against the backdrop of criticisms from opposition entities who hardly gave the vital support that was necessary for dealing with an unprecedented public health hazard which, carried the real potential to destroy numerous lives and livelihoods beyond imagination.

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Not to be overlooked in the scheme of the prevailing conditions would be the self-inflicted damage that all contemporary political parties in the country seem bent on attracting or often fail to avoid. Taking an objective position, it becomes more important for voters to assess for themselves which political party offers them the most hope and which, on a balance of probabilities, can and will deliver on promises made.

Which of the current political parties can be trusted to ensure that the provision of public services is not thwarted by corruption, greed, or any other infelicities which derail the people from being the main beneficiaries of government's development priorities?

Certainly, the record of the Gaston Browne-led Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) in recent times far outshines the United Progressive Party (UPP).

Regardless and strictly based on what the ABLP has achieved since taking office in 2014 and then again in 2018 is the fact that while it shouts and push back, it is a party that delivers.

The same cannot be said under the UPP's leader Harold Lovell. This beleaguered and ceremonial political leader does not sit in the Assembly in any capacity, nor has he successfully managed to repair a badly dimmed image.

Lovell's intelligence

is not in question, but as a rival without a 'seat', he is not perceived by many as a serious contender to Prime Minister Browne; rather, Lovell fetches multiple negatives, suggesting that he is no more than an ageing rabble-rouser in constant opposition.

Meanwhile, the waves are likely to get higher and rougher for Lovell and the UPP. The Democratic National Alliance (DNA), under Joanne Massiah can become a spoiler, The DNA is a party indirectly formed out of a fallout from the incivility and lack of strategic acumen that seemingly flourished with Lovell at the helm of the UPP.

It remains highly unlikely that Massiah will achieve any significant success for the DNA. Moreover, Massiah does not lend to the public discourse the needed impressions of a political leader ready for the looming political storm.

The DNA has not lifted its chances for electoral success and there is no hint that the leadership understands the necessity for creating sufficient stir to affectively communicate the DNA's passage as an alternative government-in-waiting.

Plain and simple, Massiah typifies morality, a sense of wanting to do good, and sincerity, yet she will be perhaps more comfortable advocating and making calls for some particular action to remedy a situation, than to serve the people of Antigua and Barbuda from

a position of being first among equals.

There is little doubt that the incumbent government would be returned to office if elections are to be called anytime during this hurricane season that runs from June 1st to November 30th.

Now is the time for preparedness and giving introspection to the public policies that are being formulated for the benefit of all citizens and residents of Antigua and Barbuda.

This is not the season to be confused nor should we be fooled into thinking that there is a perfect government anywhere in the world.

The Gaston Browne-led government so happens to be best for Antigua and Barbuda for now and into the foreseeable future.

For the last eight years, the Antigua and Barbuda people have seen the sustained efforts to shape and now revitalize the economy, create decent jobs in tourism and other productive sectors, provide for increased and affordable housing, revisit and reform national laws guaranteeing justice for all, attend to climate change and the environment with focus on greatly boosting agricultural production, expand and enhance services in public health and education to safeguard our nation's future.

Should we risk it all for the blind ambition that is leading the UPP? Should we the electorate place pious posturing over proven management at this time of global crisis that cries out for capable leadership?

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Bitcoin plunges as major crypto lender halts operations

By Ken Sweet

The price of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies plummeted Monday after a major cryptocurrency lender effectively failed and halted all withdrawals from its platform, citing “extreme market conditions.”

It’s the latest high-profile collapse of a pillar of the cryptocurrency industry. These meltdowns have

erased tens of billions of dollars of investors’ assets and spurred urgent calls to regulate the freewheeling industry.

Bitcoin was trading at roughly \$22,400 late Monday, down more than 16% in the past day. Ethereum, another widely followed cryptocurrency, was down roughly 17%. Investors have been selling riskier as-



sets such as digital currencies and technology stocks as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to combat high inflation.

On Sunday, the cryptocurrency lending platform Celsius Network announced that it was pausing all withdrawals and transfers between accounts in order to “honour, over time, withdrawal obligations.” Celsius, with roughly 1.7 million customers and more than \$10 billion in assets, gave no indication in its announcement when it would allow users to access their funds.

In exchange for customers’ deposits, the company pays out extremely generous yields, upwards of 19% on some accounts. Celsius takes those deposits and lends them out to generate a return.

Lending platforms such as Celsius have come under scrutiny recently because they offer yields that normal markets could not support, and critics have called them effectively Ponzi schemes.

Francisco Orduna, 36, said he was referred to Celsius about a year ago and was attracted to the company’s promises of high yields on his crypto holdings.

“It was easy to overlook the risk because users got used to these weekly interest payouts from Celsius,” Orduna said. He pulled most of his money out of Celsius late last week but said he still had residual holdings trapped on the platform.

It is the second notable collapse in the cryptocurrency universe in less than two months. The stablecoin Terra imploded in early May, erasing tens of billions of dollars in a matter of hours. Stablecoins have been seen as relatively safe, because they’re supposed to be backed by hard assets, such as a currency or gold.

Just like Terra, Celsius had sold itself as a safe place for cryptocurrency holders to deposit their funds. Even while Celsius was failing, the company’s website advertised that users can “ac-

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“There is a lot of work ahead as we consider various options, this process will take time, and there may be delays,” Celsius said in a statement.

The move surprised investors and depositors. In online chats, they questioned why their investments weren't protected.

Orduna said he pulled his money out of Celsius partly because of the Terra implosion. There have been reports that Celsius had invested part of its users' funds in Terra, and there

were concerns that Celsius was taking too high of a risk with depositors' funds.

“I started to worry whether the yield they were offering was truly sustainable,” he said.

It's unclear whether Celsius depositors will get all their funds back. A cryptocurrency lender is not regulated like a bank, so there's no deposit insurance and no legal framework for who gets their money back first, like in a bankruptcy. It's possible that Celsius' investors, which include Quebec's pension fund and the prominent venture capital fund WestCap, may get their

investment back before Celsius' depositors will.

WestCap did not respond to a request for comment. The Pension Board of Canada also did not respond to a request for comment.

“This was yet another bank run. You're not reinventing anything here. They were promoting their services as a better savings account but in the end, you're just another unsecured lender,” said Cory Klippsten, CEO of Swan Bitcoin, who has been publicly sceptical of Celsius' business model for years.

Terra, and its token Luna, offered similar yields

on customer deposits. Those tokens collapsed after huge customer withdrawals forced Terra's operators to liquidate all of the assets being used to support their currencies. The collapse of Terra has spurred calls for reform from the cryptocurrency industry and calls for Congressional regulation.

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Male postnatal depression: Why men struggle in silence

By Amanda Ruggeri

Continued from yesterday's issue of Pointe Xpress

'My personality changed'

Much of this sounds familiar to Mark Williams of Fathers Reaching Out, a fathers' support group in the UK, which has since become a lobbying organisation.

When his baby was born in 2004, Williams, who lives in Wales, was self-employed. He expected to be back to work after two weeks. But nothing went as planned. First, his wife's birth was traumatic. "I had a panic attack in the labour ward, and then the doctor said my wife was going to theatre" for an unexpected C-section, he says. While she was there, no-one told him what was happening. He thought his wife and baby were going to die.

From that traumatic incident, Williams was dropped into the challenges of life with a newborn, all while feeling pressure to get back to his work with "no money and a mortgage to pay". His wife had severe postnatal depression herself.

"I started to use alcohol, avoiding situations. My personality changed," he says. He felt angry and ag-



gressive. Once, he punched the sofa so hard, he broke his hand.

He found out about male PND through a chance conversation with someone who went to his gym: both of their wives had PND and, it turned out, both of them were feeling low, too. When Williams looked to see what kinds of groups were out there for fathers, like there were for mothers, he came up empty.

Over the years, he was able to overcome his depression with cognitive behavioural therapy, medication and more support. He also received a diagnosis of ADHD.

But he wanted to make sure that if other fathers moved past the stigma of male PND and asked for help, there would be help for them to find. "There was nothing back then. Nobody was really talking about it," he says.

In 2010, he started Fa-

thers Reaching Out, which connected fathers and offered mental health support and advice. (The organisation has since dissolved, becoming a lobbying group instead, due to "a lack of funding", says Williams). He quickly heard not only from fathers, but also their partners. "Mums were saying 'My husband is really struggling, his behaviour has changed since the pregnancy and baby's been born'," he says.

Williams devoted himself not only to supporting other fathers, but also campaigning. He spoke at conferences, worked with academics, wrote a book, founded International Fathers' Mental Health Day and lobbied the UK government to offer fathers mental health checks if their partner was suffering a mental health condition – which was successful.

Awareness of mental health in general, and

male PND in particular, has improved, he says. But not enough. "It's a lot better, but it's still so unrecognised," he says.

"There's no mention of fathers in the NICE guidelines", the national recommendations for health and care in England. "The WHO only has information on mums, not on dads. It needs a big national push – or someone like a celebrity to come out and really push this forward."

An additional problem, says Wells, is that because PND has been seen as a female mental-health disorder for so long, the screening tools health professionals use – most commonly a questionnaire a patient might be asked to fill out at an appointment – were made for women. This means doctors are less likely to catch those crucial male manifestations of PND, and diagnose them accordingly.

And even some medical professionals still think PND is a female issue, says researcher Wells. Recently, he says, "I talked to one nurse and asked her, 'Are you screening dads?' She said, 'No, fathers can't get depressed'," he says. "In her mind, it was all hormonal, and it had to do with giving birth. Therefore, dads couldn't get it."

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Helping fathers

The price of not getting help can be high. Men in Western countries are four times as likely to kill themselves as women (not, of course, because of PND alone). There also is the effect on families. Fathers have a critical role to play in their infants' early development; one study found that if a child's father was depressed in their first year of life, the child was more likely to have more behavioural difficulties and poorer development and wellbeing at four to five years of age, for example.

One solution to helping catch and address PND, say experts, is to include non-birthing parents, and prioritise their mental health in addition to that of mothers, from the get-go. Wells, for example, has found in his research that when fathers receive more support from midwives, nurses, and their partners, they are much less likely to develop depression.

"The non-birth parent is not addressed, often, by the physicians or by the nurses," says Levine. "You start these families off with the idea that the birth parent is the most important one, and the non-birth parent is secondary. And that's not true. My wife did not experience postpartum depression; I did. But my postpartum depression could have triggered postpartum depression or anxiety in her. Or, had she gotten it, there was a 50% chance that I would have gotten it. And nobody's telling anybody these things. Paediatricians, who are the only doctors who usually see both parents at any time, are not screening these families."

Singley adds it's also important to make clear to fathers that they will need support. That support can look like reaching out to friends who are dads. Or it can look like fathers' groups, where men gather to chat about the challenges of parenthood.

As well as happening in communities, these can also be held online, like those run by the US's Postpartum Support International, or the UK support group Pandas.

But this also requires men to open up. Only by talking about mental-health challenges can we destigmatise it, helping ensure that men who need help get it, all say Levine, Singley, Wells and others.

Better parental leave – and a changed workplace culture where dads who take parental leave are applauded, not stigmatised – would also make a difference, they add. Non-birth parents may not be recovering physically from labour, but they, too, need time to adjust.

Paternal leave also can allow fathers to feel more empowered and involved, which can protect against postnatal depression. When Levine's son turned three months old, he took paternity leave.

"Those three and a half weeks of me being home with him made a huge impact on me because I was his sole caregiver, I was responsible for him and I gained confidence in my abilities as a parent," he says. "From having to feed him to get him dressed, take him in the car and meet my wife in the city or drive to my parents or go see a friend for lunch – I started to realise I could do these things. And that made such a big impact on my self-esteem."

Eschewing the 'Great Lie'

More broadly, people also need to be more honest about parenting, says Levine.

He often tells people about what he calls the "Great Lie": the idea that you can have it all. You can work full-time, parent full-time and everything will look like it does in the shiny images of perfect nurseries and smiling babies you see on social media.

People often think of this in terms of mothers. But it can also be true of

men, who may have an additional, gendered pressure to provide for their families financially.

"Then, when it doesn't look the way you thought it was supposed to look, you pathologise it and you say, 'It must be me. I must be the one who's screwing this up. Because my whole life I've seen people handling it,'" he says. "There shouldn't be a shame in just saying, 'Yeah, parenting is hard. Parenting is fun. But parenting is hard, especially in the beginning'."

For Levine, the fear of admitting he was struggling meant it took a few more weeks – and encouragement from his wife – for him to seek help. He spoke to a therapist where he worked.

A postnatal depression specialist who understood men could get PND, she'd never been sought out by a male patient before, she told him. He began doing cognitive behavioural therapy. With the aid of a night nurse for the baby, he started sleeping better.

It wasn't all "sunshine and butterflies", though, he adds. When his second child was born four years later, he experienced PND again. But this time, he recognised the symptoms.

Now on the board of an organisation called Postnatal Support International since 2018, where he will be vice chair from July, Levine will be speaking about male PND at this year's convention for the American Academy of Pediatrics. He tells every parent who comes in with a new baby about his experience. His mission is to destigmatise male PND.

He remains acutely aware things could have gone differently. "When I went through this, if I wasn't a paediatrician, if I didn't work where I worked, it's possible that I wouldn't be talking to you right now," he says today. "Because something really terrible might have happened."

Regional News



United States says it's committed to resettling Haitian, Venezuelan refugees

CMC – The United States says it is committed to resettling Haitian refugees amid concerns that millions of migrants are displaced across Latin America and the Caribbean.

“Reflecting the President’s commitment to support the people of Haiti, the United States also commits to receiving an increased number of referrals of displaced Haitians into the US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP),” said the US Department of State.

“The USRAP accepts

referrals for individuals across refugee populations determined to be particularly vulnerable and in need of the protection provided by third-country resettlement. The United States will continue to work with UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) to increase referrals throughout the Americas and the Caribbean to the USRAP,” it added.

Washington said it was encouraging other governments to join in opening new legal pathways for protection and opportunities for



Photo: [Getty Images]

Haitians and other displaced populations in the Americas.

The State Department said more than 6.1 million Venezuelans have been dis-

placed in the Americas, including the Caribbean, and hundreds of thousands more people from other countries across Latin America and

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Guyana readying itself to import black belly sheep from Barbados

CMC – Guyana’s Ministry of Agriculture is currently putting safe and adequate transportation mechanisms in place for the import of 1000 Barbados black belly sheep expected to land there within two months.

Agriculture Minister Zulfikar Mustapha said Guyana and Barbados have advanced talks on the initiative.

“We will try to get sufficient transportation to bring 1000 of the animals to Guyana. I can’t give a timestamp, but I am hoping that very shortly, within a month or two they can be available to Guyana,” he said.

Mustapha said Barbados’ Prime Minister, Mia Mottley has instructed her minister of agriculture and his team to ensure that the small ruminant animals are sent at the earliest.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali recently launched the Black Belly Sheep Project in Mahaica-Berbice, as his administration moves to intensify

Guyana’s agriculture program.

Farmers have already been assured that the government will give full support to the industry to prepare their fields for the initiative.

Already, 78 farmers have signalled their interest in the project and have signed up, making about 1,325 acres of their land available.

The world import value on mutton and mutton products is estimated at eight billion US dollars with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping importing 7,900 tons of mutton at US\$48 million annually. The four major markets in the region are The Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

Guyana is looking to expand its local production above 7,000 tons at the end of a five-year period. The approach will require a capital investment of over GUY\$231.8 billion (One Guyana dollar=US\$0.004 cents) and



Barbados Blackbelly Sheep

approximately 25,000 acres of land. The expected earning is estimated at over GUY\$8.6 billion annually.

“We have right within our arms’ reach a market that can generate a value of US\$48 million. And who supplies CARICOM right now? Australia and New Zealand. With the increase in cost of freight and logistics, it is becoming more and more expensive, that is why this is low-hanging fruit, CARICOM is right within our arms’ reach,” Ali said.

British Virgin Island Premier condemns unauthorised publication of UK/BVI draft proposal

CMC – Premier of the British Virgin Islands, Dr. Natalio Wheatley has condemned the unauthorized publication of a draft proposal between the BVI government and the United Kingdom (UK) by a local media house.

Speaking during a recent press briefing the prime minister said the publication only served to cause anxiety.

“It was somewhat unhelpful, and I think it’s unhelpful to the public to have draft proposals circulating in the public; especially when we are in the midst of negotiations and the language of those proposals is not final.

“All it serves in doing is confusing the public,” Wheatley said.

He added that the publication of the document



BVI Premier, Dr Natalio D. Wheatley

did not serve the purpose of keeping the public informed with accurate information.

“Unfortunately, you have media operations and individuals circulating documents which are not for public consumption. Those

things are not in the public’s interest,” the Premier share

While speaking to the issue of who is held accountable when confidential government documents shared with Cabinet members are leaked to the public, the

premier said there is a duty for Cabinet colleagues to ensure that those documents remain private.

He further argued that there is a difference between respecting confidentiality and being transparent.

According to the premier, there are appropriate forums and appropriate processes to share information with the public and those should also be respected.

The British Overseas territory has been trying to ensure continued local democratic rule in the country since the arrest of its former premier Andrew Fahie in the United States.

The Managing Director of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority, was arrested, along with the former Premier Andrew Fahie, on charges of money laundering and drug trafficking.

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the Caribbean, such as Haitians, are also displaced.

It said the Biden administration is “committed” to resettling 20,000 refugees from the Americas, including the Caribbean, over the next two years.

“This commitment represents a three-fold increase over projected arrivals this fiscal year and reflects the Biden-Harris administration’s strong commitment to welcoming refugees,” it said, noting that the United States admitted more than 5,300 refugees from Latin America and the Caribbean beginning in 2018 through early June 2022, and expects to resettle an additional 1,800 refugees by the end

of 2022.

The State Department said it contributed additional funding to UNHCR for staffing infrastructure in the Americas to increase referrals and it has expanded caseworker staffing at the US Resettlement Support Center for the region by more than 300 percent in the last 12 months and will continue to prioritise cases in the region each quarter for US Citizenship and Immigration Services refugee interviews.

In the past year, the State Department said UNHCR’s focus throughout the region has grown to include expanded referrals of Venezuelans, Nicaraguans, and Haitians across another seven countries throughout Latin

America and the Caribbean.

“As USRAP partners continue to increase staff capacity, the number of referrals and arrivals throughout the region will increase significantly,” the State Department said.

President Biden announced at the just-concluded ninth Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, nearly US\$314 million in new humanitarian, health, economic, and development assistance for Venezuelan refugees and vulnerable migrants.

The State Department said more than 6.1 million people have fled Venezuela since 2015, making it the largest external displacement of persons in the hemisphere’s history.

UK cancels first flight to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda

(AP) — Britain canceled a flight that was scheduled to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda late Tuesday after the European Court of Human Rights intervened, saying the plan carried “a real risk of irreversible harm.”

The decision to scrap the flight capped three days of frantic court challenges from immigrant rights lawyers who launched a flurry of case-by-case appeals seeking to block the deportation of everyone on the government’s list.

British government officials had said earlier in the day that the plane would take off no matter how many people were on board. But after the appeals, no one remained. British media reported that the number of potential deportees had been more than 30 on Friday.

After the flight was canceled, Home Secretary Priti



Britain's Prime Minister, Boris Johnson speaks during a Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street, in London, Tuesday, June 14, 2022. (AP Photo/Alberto Pezzali, Pool)

Patel said she was disappointed but would not be “deterred from doing the right thing.” She added: “Our legal team are reviewing every decision made on this flight and preparation for the next flight begins now.”

Prime Minister Boris Johnson had emphatically defended Britain’s plan, ar-

guing that it is a legitimate way to protect lives and thwart the criminal gangs that smuggle migrants across the English Channel in small boats. Britain in recent years has seen an illegal influx of migrants from such places as Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, Sudan, Iraq and Yemen.

Johnson announced an

agreement with Rwanda in April in which people who enter Britain illegally will be deported to the East African country. In exchange for accepting them, Rwanda will receive millions of pounds (dollars) in development aid. The deportees will be allowed to apply for asylum in Rwanda, not Britain.

Opponents have argued that it is illegal and inhumane to send people thousands of miles to a country they don’t want to live in. The leaders of the Church of England joined the opposition, calling the government’s policy “immoral.” Prince Charles was among those opposed, according to British news reports.

Activists have denounced the policy as an attack on the rights of refugees that most countries have recognized since the end of World War II.

Yemen tanker: UN crowdfunding to prevent catastrophic oil spill

BBC — The UN has launched a crowdfunding drive to raise \$5m (£4.1m) in two weeks for an operation to remove a million barrels of crude oil from a decaying super tanker off Yemen’s Red Sea coast.

The FCO Safer has had virtually no maintenance since the start of Yemen’s devastating civil war seven years ago.

The UN has warned that the ves-

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The FSO Safer is carrying 1.1m barrels of oil - four times the amount spilled in the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster [Holm Akhdar]

UN cuts food aid to 1.7 million hungry people in South Sudan

AP - At least 1.7 million hungry people in South Sudan are losing humanitarian food aid “at the worst possible time” as the United Nations World Food Program suspends the help, blaming critical funding shortages.

South Sudan faces unprecedented hunger amid climate shocks, soaring food prices linked to the war in Ukraine and recovery from civil war. Over 60% of the population of more than 11 million people faces severe food insecurity, according to WFP, which said it had to halve food rations last year.

Among those now losing food aid in the middle of South Sudan’s lean season are 178,000 children who will no longer receive school meals, WFP said.

Food security experts have warned that 1.4 million children will be acute-



ly malnourished during the lean season between June and August.

“Humanitarian needs are far exceeding the funding we have received this year. If this continues, we will

face bigger and more costly problems in the future, including increased mortality, malnutrition, stunting, and disease,” WFP acting country director Adeyinka Badejo said in a statement.

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sel will soon break apart or explode, causing an environmental catastrophe.

But work to prevent such a disaster has been delayed due to a funding shortage.

UN member states have only pledged about \$60m of the \$80m needed for the initial operation to transfer the oil to another vessel. An additional \$64m is needed for a long-term replacement for the Safer.

“We’re trying to get to this \$80m figure by the end of this month. It’s doable, but it’s going to take a push and that’s why we’re calling on the public to help

us to cross the finish line,” David Gressly, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Yemen, told an online briefing.

He added: “\$20m is really not much when you look at the overall cost that this catastrophe would have. If indeed there were a spill, the estimates that we’ve received on the clean-up alone would be \$20 billion.”

The FCO Safer was constructed as a super tanker in 1976 and converted later into a floating storage and offloading facility for oil. It is anchored near the Ras Isa oil terminal, which is controlled by Yemen’s

rebel Houthi movement.

The 376m (1,233ft) vessel holds an estimated 1.14m barrels of crude oil, which is four times the amount of oil spilled in the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster.

The Safer’s structural integrity has deteriorated significantly since maintenance operations were suspended in 2015, when the Houthis seized large parts of Yemen and a Saudi-led coalition intervened in support of the Yemeni government. The ensuing conflict has reportedly killed more than 150,000 people and left more than 23 million others in need of aid.

Mr Gressly warned that the Safer’s advanced state of decay meant a catastrophe was “not just a probability or possibility, but a certainty if we do not act”.

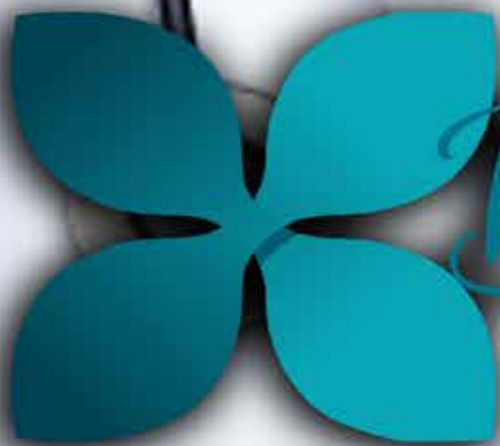
He said the Houthis and the Yemeni government were “anxious” for the UN’s plan to transfer the Safer’s oil to begin, and that the only obstacle remaining was the funding shortage.

The operation would become more difficult if it is not completed by October or November, when winds and currents would pick up and the chance of the vessel breaking up would increase, he added.



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Dominica to host West Indies v Bangladesh T20I cricket

Dominica is welcoming the return of international cricket at the Windsor Park Sports Stadium for the first time since May 2017, with two back-to-back games scheduled for 2nd and 3rd July, 2022.

The Windsor Park Sports Stadium is one of the T20I venues for the Bangladesh tour of the West Indies.

Dominica has hosted four international cricket matches at the Windsor Park Sports Stadium: the first ODI West Indies vs Bangladesh in July 2009, West Indies vs South Africa ODI in May 2010, West Indies vs New Zealand T20I in July 2014 and a Test match between West Indies and Pakistan from 10th to 14th May, 2017.

Director of Tourism, Colin Piper said, "The Discover Dominica Authority would like to express its gratitude to Cricket West Indies and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica for their efforts and assistance in bringing international cricket back to Dominica after a five-year absence.

"We are convinced that the two T20I matches in Dominica on July 2nd and 3rd will be fantastic, and we expect a strong turnout of local, regional, and international cricket fans to enjoy the fixtures."

Cricket West Indies, Events Management Executive, Joneé Charles said, "The return of T20I games to Dominica is fantastic. We are delight-



Windsor Park Sports Stadium

ed that Dominica has been chosen to host these two matches, and we hope to host more in the future.

"After a challenging two years owing to the pandemic, we must express our gratitude to the local organising committee and Cricket West Indies for staging these T20I matches."

IPL media rights deals sold for record-breaking \$5.6bn

BBC – The streaming and TV rights for the Indian Premier League, the world's richest cricket competition, have been sold for a record \$5.6bn (£4.6bn).

Viacom18 - backed by Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani - secured streaming for \$2.6bn, AFP reported quoting sources.

Local media reported Disney-owned Star India bought TV rights for about \$3bn.

The two deals combined are more than double the \$2.4bn Star paid for the IPL's previous five seasons. Two rights packages are still to be auctioned.



The IPL is the world's richest cricket competition [AFP]

The winning bid for the TV rights for the next five seasons - a period that incorporates 410 IPL matches - were sold for about \$7.36m (£6.1m) per game. The digital streaming

rights from 2023 to 2027 for the annual two-month competition were sold for \$6.4m (£5.3m) per match.

The figures put the IPL among the highest-ranked sport leagues alongside

the NFL in the US and the English Premier League in cost-per-match terms.

The auction which started on Sunday morning is now on its third day, with two more rights packages - international broadcast of the IPL, and non-exclusive rights for certain matches - up for grabs.

The BCCI - India's cricket authority - is set to make an eye-watering figure from the sale, which looks certain to be more than \$6bn (£5m).

One of the world's most watched sporting events, the IPL attracts many of the world's top cricketers with high-paying packages.

Sports News



Vincent Kompany: Burnley appoint former Manchester City captain as manager

BBC – Burnley have appointed former Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany as manager.

The Belgian, 36, was Anderlecht boss for two years before leaving by mutual consent in May, having led them to third in the Belgian topflight.

Burnley sacked Sean Dyche in April and replaced him with interim boss Mike Jackson, who was unable to prevent relegation from the Premier League.

“I’m excited by the challenge ahead,” Kompany



Vincent Kompany won 89 caps for Belgium [Getty Images]

said.

“Burnley Football Club is a truly historic English side and it is an honour to be

appointed first-team manager.

“I’ve been impressed by the board’s vision for the club which aligns with my own and I look forward to playing my part as we enter an important season.”

Former Belgium defender Kompany spent 11 years at City, where he won 10 major trophies, including four Premier League titles.

His appointment comes amid Burnley’s financial troubles. They received a £65m loan with American finance company MSD Holdings, a “significant proportion” of which now has to be repaid after falling out of the top flight.

Burnley have not specified the length of Kompany’s contract.

Kompany retired from playing and took over as manager in August 2020, after which Anderlecht won 41, lost 19 and drew 30 of his 90 games.


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Turf Masters end Up & Over FC's unbeaten run

Up & Over FC's unbeaten run in the Antigua Over-40 Premier League has come to a spectacular end.

The Pigotts men's perfect run was ended by Turf Masters who pulled off an emphatic 6-0 victory over Up & Over FC when both sides clashed in the seventh round of matches at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Training Center at Paynters on Sunday.

The flood gates were opened when Terry Roberts scored an own goal in the 17th minute.

The first of two goals by Kemoire Hobson in the 28th minute gave Turf Masters a 2-0 halftime advantage.

After the interval, Turf Masters scored four more goals without reply. A 38th minute conversion by Jamari Galloway made it 3-0. Cecil Daley scored his team's fourth goal in the 53rd minute.

Three minutes later, the lead was extended when Hobson slotted home his second goal of the match and a 61st minute strike by Donovan Peart completed the rout.

The win ensured Turf Masters will remain in fifth place in the standings with 10 points from seven outings, while Up & Over FC remains at the top of the league with 18 points after the same number of matches.

Striker Peter "Big Pete" Byers and Tyio Simon both scored hat tricks as Tun & Bang hammered bottom team Golden Grove Masters 8-0 to record the biggest margin of victory of the day.

But it was Itajah Simon who opened the scoring when his 8th minute conversion gave Tun & Bang an early lead.

Two minutes later, Byers doubled



Desmond "Zeco" Bleu scored for Extraordinary Men in their draw with West Ham FC in the Antigua Over-40 Premier League over the weekend. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

his team's lead when he scored his first goal of the match. Odell Murray then made it 3-0 when he hit home in the 22nd minute.

Simon got into the act when he scored his first goal of the match with a 27th minute conversion to give Tun & Bang a 4-0 halftime advantage.

Simon then netted his second in the 50th minute and three minutes later, Byers also converted for the second time of the match to make it 6-0.

Simon completed his hat trick with a 58th minute strike and Byers also achieved the same feat when he scored two minutes later to complete the rout.

The win lifted Tun & Bang to third place in the standings with 12 points, overtaking West Ham FC on goal dif-

ference.

Dun Bar Crew also recorded an emphatic 5-0 victory over Legacy FC to consolidate their position in second place in the standings.

The Hoppers men took a 1-0 lead in the 8th minute, when Coy Hunte scored an own goal.

Kenton Morgan hit home in the 26th minute to make it 2-0 at half time. Morgan added a second with a 44th minute conversion and one minute later, striker Tamarley "Ziggy" Thomas scored in the 45th minute to make it 4-0.

Ithamar Warner completed the 5-0 drubbing when he scored Dun Bar Crew's fifth goal and final goal of the match in the 60th minute.

Dun Bar Crew's fifth win in seven matches lifted them to 15 points, while Legacy FC's fourth loss in seven outings ensured they remain third from bottom of the eight-team round-robin league competition on seven points.

West Ham FC salvaged a 1-1 draw with Extraordinary Men in the other encounter on Sunday.

Desmond "Zeco" Bleu scored in the 4th minute to give Extraordinary Men a 1-0 halftime lead. However, Stephen Hughes scored late in the second half to snatch the equalizer for West Ham.

The result lifted West Ham to 12 points from seven matches but they slipped to fourth place in the standings due to an inferior goal difference to Tun & Bang, while Extraordinary men advanced to join Legacy FC on seven points.

However, Extraordinary Men remain second from bottom of the standings due to an inferior goal difference to Legacy FC.

Sports News



Police return to winning ways in Parish League

After going under to All Saints Pythons in the Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League on 9th June, Police returned to their winning ways in the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Curtly Ambrose Limited Overs Competition over the weekend.

After losing for the first time in the Parish League programme when they went under by 41 runs against All Saints Pythons, Police rediscovered their winning formula as they romped to an emphatic 83-run victory over St Paul's on Sunday.

Police batted first and made 140 for three in 22 overs. Jeron Jones slammed 54, Derek Mourillon got 31 and Malique Gerald contributed 30.

In reply, St Paul's crashed to just 57 all out in 19.2 overs in which Ian

Gore got 31. Spinner James Cornelius snapped up three wickets for seven runs, Vincent Shadrach picked up two for 10 and Damon Valentine captured two for 24. Police also got maximum points on Saturday after Mahico was unable to field a team for their scheduled encounter.

Freetown won both their matches over the weekend. The men from Freetown defeated Mahico by six wickets.

Mahico tumbled to 51 all out, with Clever Martin snatching five wickets for 13 runs and Careen Richards grabbing four wickets for 27 runs.

Freetown then wrapped up the match, achieving their victory target of 52 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Freetown also defeated neighbours Newfield by 100 runs. Cleton Payne struck an unbeaten 50 and opener Keif Baltimore scored 43 to lead Freetown to 164 for seven off 24 overs. Almond Peters claimed three for 25 and Azum Pandall captured two for 29.

In reply, Newfield tumbled to 64 all out in 11.4 overs in which opener Peter Bellanfanti got 40. Clever Martin snapped up five for 24 and Phillip picked up two wickets for five runs.

In another encounter, D&R Architecture Sea View Farm defeated Newfield by nine wickets. Edwin Jackson struck 66 as Newfield made 140 all out in 26.3 overs. Donovan Atkinson bagged four for 31 and Alfred Jarvis took three for 22. Sea View Farm then coasted to victory, reaching their victory target of 141 for one in 20.3 overs. Junie Mills cracked 55 not out and Jelani Mussington hit an unbeaten 40.



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always had failures, but I think we are now buckling whenever there is failure.

“Resilience is important in anything that you do and it is a predominantly black team, and I see we have a Caucasian here, no disrespect, but it’s a predominantly black team.

“When you go back to our roots, back to colonialism and slavery, if our forbearers didn’t have the type of resilience that they had back then, none of us would have existed today.”

PM Browne offered congratulations to Devon Thomas, who has been selected in the regional Test squad for the first time. He however, challenged Thomas to try and maintain Antigua and Barbuda’s rich cricket legacy.

“Man of the moment Devon Thomas, congratulations to you on your recent selection. I want to say to you that you are representing a nation that was once the epicenter of cricket in the West Indies or global cricket for that matter. So you have a rich legacy to defend,” he said.

“Do not go into this team as any second tier player, but to see yourself as someone who emanated from good stock. But at the same time, your discipline would be very important.

“Focus on your game and you have to be strategic too. The other thing too, you should be looking at your competitors to see what attributes that they have that

is superior to yours and to make sure that you match or exceed them.”

Thomas, a right-handed wicketkeeper/batsman, was one of three uncapped players named by Cricket West Indies (CWI) Men’s Selection Panel in a 12-man squad for the first Test match against Bangladesh, to be played at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua from tomorrow, 16th June to Monday, 20th June.

Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie and fast bowler Anderson Phillip are the other two uncapped players in the squad.

Thomas has played 21

One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and four T20 Internationals (T20Is).

Motie has so far played one T20I and was a reserve for the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates last year.

Phillip was in the squad throughout the recent Apex Test Series victory against England, but has not made his debut to date. He has featured in three ODIs, including last week’s 3-0 Series win against the Netherlands and the just ended ODI Series in Pakistan. The Test squad also includes left-handed allrounder Raymon Reifer, who has one

match on his record.

Experienced fast bowler Kemar Roach is to undergo a fitness assessment as he recovers from an injury sustained in the English County Championship with Surrey.

If he is fit, he will be included as the 13th player in the Test squad. Allrounder Jason Holder is unavailable for selection as CWI has granted his request for a period of rest and recovery.

He will therefore miss Bangladesh’s all-format tour of the West Indies. Batter Tagenarine Chanderpaul and fast bowler Shermon Lewis have been selected as reserves.



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West Indies players pay courtesy call on PM Browne

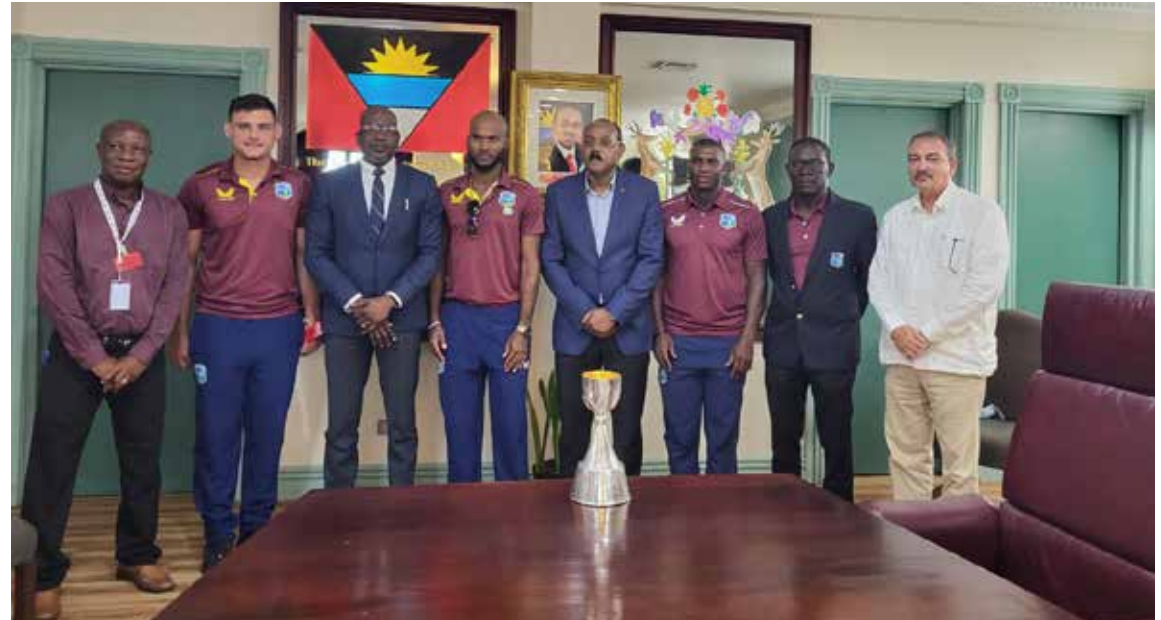
Just days before the West Indies faces Bangladesh in the opening Test at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, three members of the regional side paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne on Monday.

Accompanied by other Cricket West Indies officials, senior team captain Kraigg Brathwaite of Barbados, Joshua Da Silva of Trinidad & Tobago and Antiguan Devon Thomas paid the courtesy call on Browne and fellow Antiguan Cabinet colleagues, including Minister of Sports and Education Daryll Matthew and Minister of Tourism Charles Fernandez.

In addressing the importance of West Indies cricket to the people of the Caribbean, PM Browne acknowledged the team's poor form of recent results.

PM Browne said improvement can be achieved with proper application by the West Indies players with the support of adequate facilities.

"We have great hopes for Cricket West Indies. Cricket West Indies is one of the most significant regional institutions. I think you will



From left to right, CWI Representative Vernon Springer, Joshua Da Silva, Minister of Sports and Education Daryll Matthew, West Indies Team Captain Kraigg Brathwaite, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Gaston Browne, Devon Thomas, CWI Director and President of Leeward Islands Cricket Association Enoch Lewis and Minister of Tourism Charles Fernandez. (Photo courtesy CWI)

recognize that cricket in itself is a public good, it's something that belongs to all of us. We are all vested in West Indies cricket," PM Browne said.

"We know that we have not done as well as in the recent past, but we still believe that you have the talent, and with proper application and the necessary facilities, we feel that you should be able to recover some of the lost gains."

Although he expressed confidence in their talents and abilities, PM Browne is challenging the players to

become more strategic and work much harder to improve their performance.

"We believe that the team could be more courageous, certainly more strategic and members need to be held more hardworking and we believe that with proper application, you will see better results," PM Browne stated.

"It is not just about talent. We know that you have talents that is comparable to any other team on the planet. Courage is very important and we find from time to time that West Indies play-

ers are not showing the type of resilience that is necessary.

"If you look back at most of the games that were won by West Indies in the past, there were times when they had collapsed in the batting, collapsed in the bowling, but they were resilient always to make a comeback.

"There were a few matches in which they dominated from beginning to end. The issue was the resilience to recover, which I think is lacking. So you can see historically that we have

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