

TWO ARRESTED AFTER MILLION-DOLLAR DRUG BUST



Local News



Refineries increased margins responsible for high fuel prices

Amidst the ongoing national debate over the price of fuel, and comparisons in the cost of the commodity around the world, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the West Indies Oil Company Limited has proffered an explanation for the dramatic increase in prices.

Gregory Georges, in a widely viewed video, explained that increases in the cost of fuel are pinned against supply and demand, the latter having outstripped the former. This supply and demand imbalance, in large

part, is being driven by the war between Russia and Ukraine.

However, there is another major factor that is contributing to the inflated cost of fuel worldwide.

According to WIOC's CEO, refineries converting crude oil into gasoline and diesel have significantly increased their profit margins. This has caused prices at the pump to continue to rise, even though the cost of crude oil is not at record levels.

"What is causing this

is a lack of refining capacity, and therefore, the refineries are essentially printing money at this time. Their margins are very high because of the supply and demand, and a lack of refining capacity. A lot of refineries have closed down," Georges said.

A year ago, he continued, refiners' margins were approximately \$9. Now, however, that figure stands at \$43 per barrel for gasoline and even more for diesel.

"Diesel, you're looking



Chief Executive Officer of the West Indies Oil Company Ltd., Gregory Georges

at a refining margin of \$6 a year ago. You're looking at approximately \$51 today.

Georges noted that converting crude oil to usable fuel in the current atmosphere is proving to be very costly to refineries, which is a significant cause for the record increase in fuel prices in Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of the world.

He also addressed queries about whether the government has increased consumption tax on gasoline and diesel in the past year. Contrary to widespread belief, however, Georges indicated that the government has decreased its take.

"The government's consumption tax has dropped significantly, especially in the last couple of months, to the point where it was actually negative and they have to actually pay West Indies Oil that difference because of the negative, to fund that shortfall from WIOC."

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Million dollar drug seizure at Deep Water Harbour

Two people are expected to face charges over their involvement in last weekend's drug seizure at the Deep Water Harbour.

A woman from Yorks New Extension and a man whose address was given as Gunthropes were arrested after 131 pounds of Cannabis were discovered at the country's main seaport.

A joint drug operation involving the Police and Customs on Friday uncovered two barrels containing food items that had concealed among them 162



sealed cans and 11 vacuumed sealed packages containing the illicit drug.

Authorities have esti-

mated the value of the seized drugs at EC\$1,048,000.

This now brings the value of cannabis seized at

the V. C. Bird International Airport and Deep Water Harbour since the start of the year to more than \$4 million.

The man and woman taken into custody are assisting police with their investigation.

Last Wednesday in another joint operation, 57 pounds of cannabis were seized at the V. C. Bird International Airport. The cannabis discovered concealed in four cardboard boxes, carried a street value of EC\$342,000.



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ONDCP staff displeased with outcome of the 2021 “Voice Note Scandal”

The staff of the Office of the National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP) are making it clear that they oppose the decision of the organisation’s leadership to fully reinstate a senior officer in the national security agency who was disgraced and disciplined for his role in a series of deeply disturbing voice notes that went public in 2021.

On Sunday, the ONDCP employees, who are represented by the Antigua and Barbuda Trades and Labour Union (ABTLU) issued a statement to clarify that an earlier press statement dat-



ed 2nd June, 2022 that was issued by the Director of the ONDCP, Lt. Col. Edward Croft, did not “represent the beliefs and opinions of the general staff body of the ONDCP and we in no way support or condone the decision made by the Leadership

of the ONDCP in fully reinstating the Assistant Director of Operations”.

“It is our opinion that the disciplinary process was flawed, and the disciplinary measures recommended were inconclusive and not at all indicative of the grave and

heinous nature of the actions taken by said Assistant Director. Instead, they are viewed as nothing more than a slap on the wrist for what should have been dealt with as a serious and criminal offence,” the strongly worded press release from the ONDCP’s employees said.

“As representatives of this organisation, we are called to and held accountable at a higher standard than our fellow law enforcement agencies and if we are to maintain this standard, then a firm stance must be taken as an employee body when a

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Manager/High Ranking Official commits an act that seeks to destroy the credibility and good name that we, the employees of the ONDCP, have and continue to strive so hard to create and maintain," they asserted.

They continued, while they too work under some of the trying conditions experienced in other government agencies, as professionals, they remain committed to their jobs and to the people of Antigua and Barbuda who rely upon the ONDCP and its staff to protect them and the country's best interest. However, they view the outcome of the highly scrutinised scandal as the "straw that has broken the camel's back".

The officer responsible for the voice notes was heard threatening to do harm to a number of individuals including civilians, one of them a female with whom he reportedly had an intimate relationship.

A year to the month after the launch of the investigation in May 2021, the officer was found to have breached the ONDCP's Code of Conduct. He was suspended from duty, severely reprimanded and ordered to undergo counselling.

This perceived "slap on the wrist" has not been well received by the ONDCP's junior staff who say they will not submit to the demands of the hierarchy of the organisation to submit to the orders of the senior officer who has brought the organisation into disrepute in the public sphere.

"We will not be forced, as instructed in a general staff meeting to 'give the necessary respect to said individual in his capacity as Manager/Assistant Director or to work with said individual in an untrusting and uncomfortable environment, when said individual did not at any time consider the consequences of his actions, behaviour, rank or duty to either the Government who employs him, the General Public he serves or the institution he represented prior to his threats, admonitions and confessions as well as his blatant misuse of the government resources entrusted to him.

"It is the opinion of the staff complement of the ONDCP, that this individual has brought great shame, reproach, and disappointment to the name and employees of this organisation and the principles by which we are governed and for which we stand.

"He has shattered any trust and confidence that the public we serve may have had in our integrity as officials entrusted with their safety and the safety of our borders, and the precedent set here reflects poorly not only on the Leadership of the ONDCP, but on all investigating parties and sadly the Ministers of

Government who govern the Ministries to which we report and are commissioned," they continued.

The officers stated that they stand in solidarity with other national law enforcement agencies which have distanced themselves with the behaviour displayed by the officer and called for a clear message to be sent that "this clear disregard for the value of human life, disrespect, discrimination, or domestic abuse of any kind towards women and the blatant violation of the guidelines that govern the ONDCP and its members" will not be tolerated.



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ABEC chair heads observer mission in Grenada

Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC), John Jarvis, is in Grenada heading the regional team that will observe that country's general elections this week.

Jarvis is one of the most seasoned electoral observers in the region having served on missions in almost every CARICOM state and in countries elsewhere in the world.

After arriving in St. George's, Jarvis wasted no time in getting a "lay of the land" in meetings with key officials, including the country's incumbent prime minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell.

"It was a pleasure to



ABEC's chairman, John Jarvis, (left) with Prime Minister of Grenada, Dr. Keith Mitchell.

meet with the Chief of Mission for the CARICOM election observer team, John Jarvis, who is already on the ground in Grenada. Accountability and transparency are key watchwords for the Government of Grenada. I am therefore delighted that the CARICOM Secretariat accepted Government's invitation to

mount an observer mission because it reinforces the transparency of the electoral process," Dr. Mitchell said in a Facebook post.

General Elections in Grenada will take place on Thursday, however, the country's police will cast their ballots in early voting today.

Jarvis was appointed as chairman of ABEC earlier this year replacing Nathaniel "Paddy" James who had attained the age of retirement.

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Monday, 20th June 2022	Tuesday, 21st June 2022	Wednesday, 22nd June 2022	Thursday, 23rd June 2022
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Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page. Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.

Summer break meals for vulnerable children

Vulnerable children from homes where the guarantee of a daily meal is not assured will receive meals during the summer holiday break from the National School Meals Programme (NSMP).

Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister, Lionel “Max” Hurst said the government is aware that some families do not have the resources to provide healthy lunches for their children during the summer when the schools are out.

“We started this initiative last year and we have decided to extend it to this summer as we want to ensure that our children are getting the necessary nourishment even when the schools are on their summer break,” he explained.

The children in greatest need will be identified by their school’s administrators and meals will be delivered to their homes by the NSMP.

Meanwhile, Hurst announced that upgrades and maintenance of school plants and furniture will take place during the summer, as is customary, using resources provided by Education Levy, which is operated by the Board of Education.



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Canada providing local biometric processing for VISA applications

Canadian officials will be in Antigua from 19th to 22nd July 2022, to carry out biometric processing for persons desirous of obtain visas.

As part of the visa application process, nationals of Antigua and Barbuda must provide biometric information (fingerprints and a photo) when applying for a Canadian visitor visa, study, work, or temporary residence permit, or for permanent residence.

During the upcoming July dates, Antigua and Barbuda visa applicants may take advantage of the opportunity to provide bio-



metric information in Antigua rather than travelling abroad.

Outside of this visit, standard procedures remain for Antigua and Barbuda nationals to travel to biometrics collection points in Barbados, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, or Trinidad and Tobago at all other times.

Individuals planning to travel to Canada for study,

business, tourism, family reunions or other reasons, should complete the online visa application as soon as possible to take advantage of this opportunity.

This exercise is geared towards the following individuals:

1. Antigua and Barbuda nationals who anticipate travel to Canada;

2. Persons who have already applied whether online or by mail for a visa or work or study permit or for permanent residence and have received their Biometric Instruction Letter;

and

3. Nationals of other biometric information-required countries residing in Antigua and Barbuda planning to travel to Canada.

To book an appointment for biometrics collection, applicants must write to bdgtnvisa@international.gc.ca and provide their visa application file number. All applicants will be required to bring their Biometrics Instruction Letter with them to their appointment in order to have their biometrics taken.

The Canadian officials will assist applicants who have both appointments and the required Biometrics Instruction

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Weekend Puzzle Solution

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By Timothy E. Parker

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Active COVID-19 cases fall below 100

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment revealed twenty-six (26) new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Thursday 16th June, 2022 at 6 pm.

Fourteen (14) cases were recorded on June 15th and twelve (12) on June 16th. Fifty-seven (57) samples were processed.

Eighty-six (86) recovered cases were recorded.

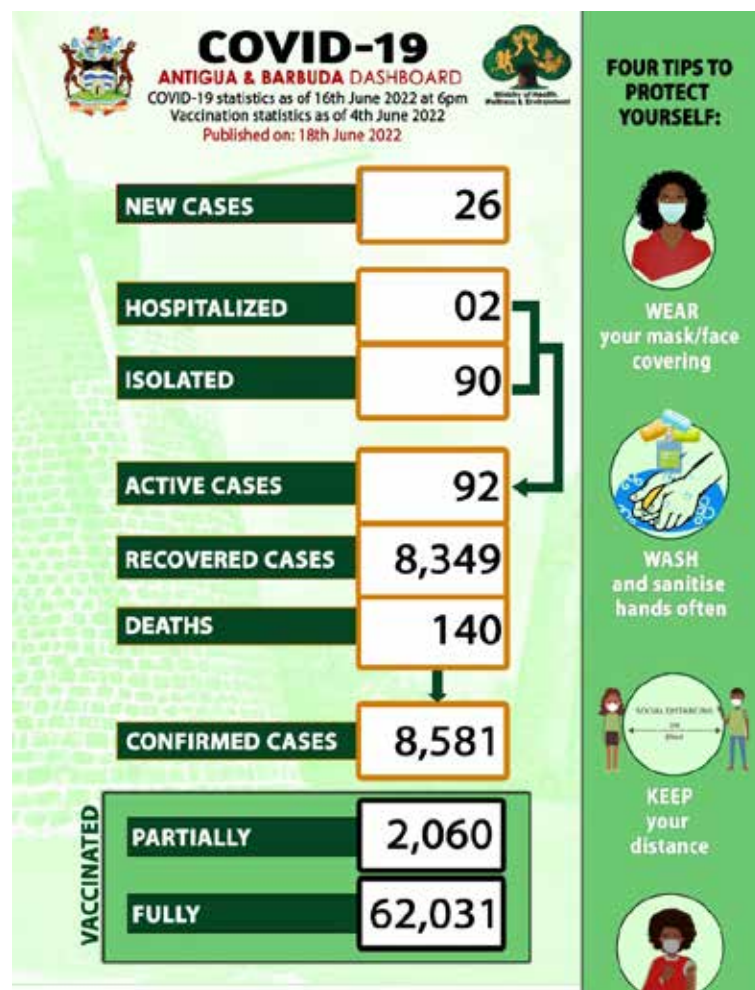
Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is eight thousand five hundred and eighty-one (8,581); which is inclusive of ninety-two (92) active cases.

There are two (2) hospitalised cases; one (1) moderate and one (1) mild.

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Letter during the hours 8:30am to 5:30pm on Tuesday, 19th July, Wednesday, 20th July, Thursday, 21st July and Friday, 22nd July, 2022 at the Siboney Beach Club.

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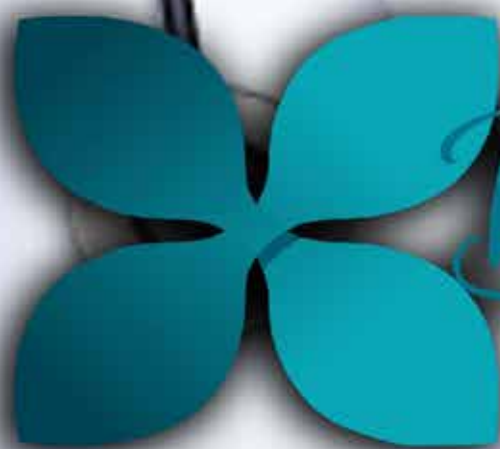
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High levels of heavy metals found in vegetables grown in Sargassum-enriched soil



By Janeka Simon

New research into sargassum used as fertiliser has found that vegetables grown in soil that was enriched with sargassum had elevated levels of potentially toxic heavy metals.

The findings have prompted scientists to

warn farmers that they should stop using sargassum to enhance animal feeds or as a fertiliser for food crops until more studies can be done.

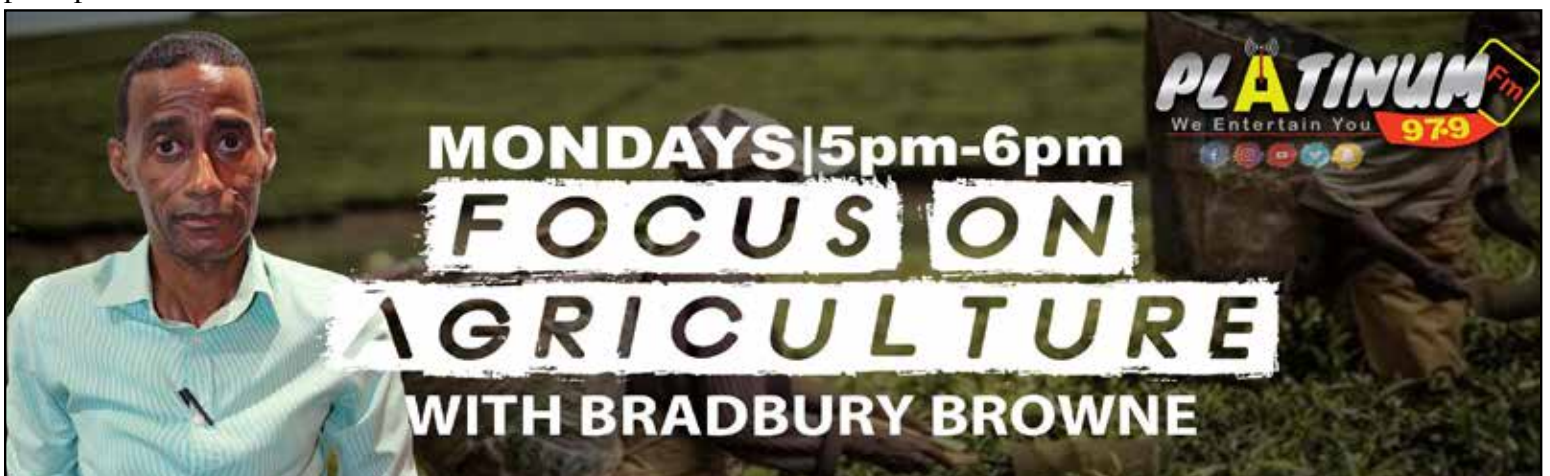
A joint project between WWF-Mexico and STI-NAPA Bonaire resulted in an experiment in which one

planter box was filled with a 50-50 mix of potting soil and dried sargassum, while the other contained potting soil only. Researchers wanted to test whether the sargassum-enriched soil would result in faster seed development, and whether the vegetables subsequent-

ly produced would have detectable levels of heavy metals post-harvest.

What they found was that while there were generally no significant differences in the shapes or quantity of vegetables produced in the boxes with

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sargassum and without, the planter box enhanced with the algae resulted in vegetables laced with arsenic that was four times as much in spinach, 21 times as much in zucchini, and a whopping 37 times as much arsenic in the bok choy grown in sargassum

enhanced soil compared to the bok choy grown without sargassum enrichment. Cadmium levels were also higher in the vegetables grown in the sargassum-fertilised planter box than in those grown in plain potting soil.

The concentration of heavy metals in sargassum

found in the Caribbean was already on scientists' radar.

A study published in March of last year analysed sargassum from the same source as this new research and also found it to contain high levels of heavy metals exceeding maximum tolerances for

use in products that will eventually find themselves in the human food chain.

While researchers are now urging caution when it comes to using sargassum as fertiliser for crops that are grown for animal and human food, they also emphasise that the implications of these findings is still not quite clear.

While elements such as arsenic, cadmium and lead are known to accumulate in biomass and cause health issues related to toxicity, research in the area is not necessarily well-established.

Both studies mentioned in this report strongly recommend continued research in the area of how the heavy metals contained in Caribbean sargassum can impact long-term health.

Additionally, some commercial products currently on the market claim to have eliminated the heavy metal threat by processing the sargassum into liquid fertiliser.

Since 2011, the floating brown seaweed has posed problems for the people and economies of the Caribbean that governments have been desperately trying to solve.

One idea was to use the organic matter that was piling up on beaches across the region to fertilise crops. Now, it is more evident than ever that additional thought needs to be directed toward solving the sargassum problem.

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Barbados PM Mia Mottley calls for reform of World Bank

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley has called on the World Bank to reform its operations to deal with a changing global environment saying it should follow the lead of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

“The World Bank regrettably is still now a relic of 1945 catering to 1945 issues and has not found itself into the 21st century,” Mottley told a panel discussion on “Building Resilience and Sustainability in the Caribbean.”

The discussion was moderated by Jamaica’s Finance and Public Service Minister, Dr. Nigel Clarke with the other panellists being the IMF managing director, Kristalina Georgieva, who is winding up a



Barbados' Prime Minister Mia Mottley four-day visit and Canada's Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland.

Mottley told the panel that the Washington-based financial institution needs to ensure that instead of “only focusing on the financing of low-income countries starts to look at being that financier of global pub-

lic goods as the IMF is trying to do.

“The IMF is taking it from a different direction to avoid a balance of payments issue, we are making sure that you have a strong immune system.

“The World Bank needs to step up to the plate and start to say these are the global public goods that if we don’t guarantee their financing, they are going to jeopardise development across the world,” she said.

Mottley said she hopes that Barbados at the end of July starts that discussion “with our partners in the United Nations and in the Rockefeller Foundation because it is the most critical discussion to avoid the next generation being poorer than this current generation.” (CMC)



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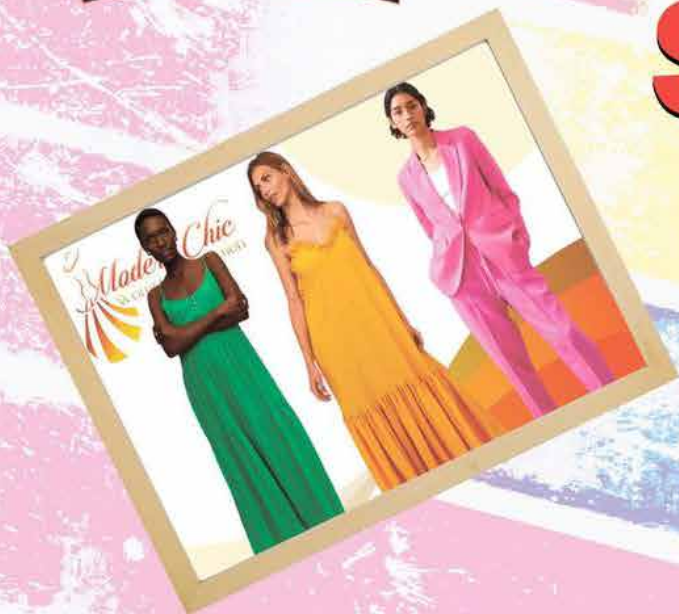
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Understanding the Taiwan question and the one-China principle

**By Her Excellency Madame Zhang Yanling,
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Recently, I noticed from the local media, that a few reports by certain news agencies such as BBC twisted facts on the Taiwan question, which made me feel obliged to share some key points on this important matter with our Antigua and Barbudan friends.

Territorial integrity is the most fundamental right granted to a sovereign state by the basic norms governing international relations.

To understand the Taiwan question, it's important to know about two basic facts. First, Taiwan is an inalienable part of the Chinese territory. Second, the Taiwan question is an internal affair of China.

Taiwan has been part of China since ancient times. As early as in the mid-12th century, the government of the Chinese Song Dynasty has established an administrative body to exercise jurisdiction over Taiwan. Taiwan's last colonial rule was from 1895 to 1945 by Japan.

The Cairo Declaration issued by the governments of China, the United States and Great Britain in 1943 clearly stated that all Chinese territories Japan occupied, such as Manchuria, Taiwan and the Penghu Islands, shall be restored to China.

This provision was confirmed and reiterated in the Potsdam Proclamation issued in 1945.

The current special state of the two sides of the Taiwan Straits remain in protracted political confrontation is the result of China's civil war and the interference of foreign forces.

For quite a long time, the fact

that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the Chinese territory was not an issue at all for the people on both sides of the Taiwan Straits. However, since 1990s, Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities have abetted the growth of separatist forces for "Taiwan independence", refused to recognize the one-China principle and attempted to change the status quo that both sides of the Taiwan Straits belong to one and the same China.

The DPP authorities have sought to create "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" to misrepresent Taiwan's history and sever Taiwan's roots. It is from then that the Cross-Straits relations have become strained and volatile.

There is but one China in the world and Taiwan is part of China. The government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. This is the core concept of the one-China principle.

A total of 181 countries have recognized this principle and established diplomatic relations with China. Regrettably, certain countries have since breached their own commitments by condoning the separatist force for "Taiwan independence", easing constraints on official exchanges with Taiwan, and helping Taiwan to expand its so-called "international space".

Such moves gravely violate the basic norms of international relations and put the peace and stability in the Taiwan Straits in serious jeopardy.

The two sides across the Taiwan Straits share the same historical, cultural roots and a close kinship.

One chapter of a well-known poem in China reads, "...Nostalgia

becomes a shallow strait/ Me on this side / Mainland on the other side.", reflecting the poet's eagerness for reunification of the motherland and reunion of the family.

We have been and will continue to work with the greatest sincerity and exert utmost efforts to achieve peaceful reunification. Meanwhile, we are firmly opposed to the separatist activities for "Taiwan independence" and external interference and are resolved to safeguard our sovereignty, security and territorial integrity.

China's normal military activities in the Taiwan Straits are necessary operations for the above-mentioned purposes, as well as solemn response to separatist provocations and external interference.

Since China and Antigua and Barbuda established diplomatic ties in 1983, both sides have always adhered to the principle of respecting each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

Over the past 39 years, despite changes in the international landscape, China has respected the development path independently chosen by the Antigua and Barbudan people, and the successive Governments of Antigua and Barbuda have supported the one-China principle. The bilateral relations of our two countries have made significant progress and the friendship between our peoples constantly deepened.

On the political basis of observing the one-China principle, China is committed to continuously being a sincere friend and a reliable partner to Antigua and Barbuda.

It is also our hope that friends in Antigua and Barbuda continue to support China's national reunification endeavor.

Regional News



US Coast Guard offloads US\$99 million in cocaine seized in the Caribbean Sea

CMC – The United States Coast Guard said on Friday that the crew of its cutter Thetis offloaded more than US\$99 million in illegal narcotics, at Base Miami Beach, seized in the Caribbean Sea.

The US Coast Guard said it collaborated with partner agency crews in seizing about 5,237 pounds of cocaine.

It said the drugs were interdicted in the Caribbean Sea by crews from US Coast Guard Cutter Donald Horsley, and the Netherlands Majesty's Ships Friesland and Groningen.

"Interdicting drug traffickers on the open ocean is challenging work and every interdiction is complex and unique," said Commander Justin Nadolny, commanding officer of Thetis.

"This offload is a testa-



ment to the teamwork and devotion of every crew assigned to carry out this mission, and it showcases the strength of the valuable international partnerships united to combat transnational organised crime," he added.

The US Coast Guard said the fight against drug cartels in the Caribbean Sea requires "unity of effort in all phases from de-

tection, monitoring, and interdictions, to criminal prosecutions by international partners and US Attorneys' Offices in districts across the nation."

During at-sea interdictions, the US Coast Guard said a suspect vessel is initially detected and monitored by allied, military or law enforcement personnel coordinated by Joint Interagency Task Force-South

based in Key West, Florida.

The law enforcement phase of operations in the Caribbean Sea is conducted under the authority of the Seventh Coast Guard District, headquartered in Miami, the US Coast Guard said. The interdictions, including the actual boardings, are led and conducted by members of the US Coast Guard.

Belize to ban charter flights from Haiti

CNW – Belize says it will not allow charter flights from Haiti to land in the country warning also it is prepared to reverse provisions of allowing Haitians to enter the country without a visa.

Foreign Minister Eamon Courtenay said the decision follows reports that "corrupt and abusive mafia ... using chartered flights out of Haiti to smuggle Haitians."

In recent times there have been several requests for chartered flights carrying Haitian visitors to arrive in Belize.

However, the authorities said those



Belize's Foreign Minister Eamon Courtenay

aircraft won't be allowed to touch down at the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (PGIA) because

many of those on board are arriving with one-way tickets.

They said, in addition, the Haitians do not have hotel arrangements and end up being smuggled out of the country en route to the United States.

"We have taken a decision this week, and I informed Cabinet yesterday that we have requested over the next six weeks for a number of flights to come as charter (from) Haiti [to] Belize," Courtenay said.

"In collaboration with (the Department of) Civil Aviation, we are not going to allow them to land, and

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Former British Virgin Islands Premier signs extradition waiver ahead of trial

CMC – Former Premier British Virgin Islands Andrew Fahie has signed an extradition waiver that prevents him from remaining in another country if he takes flight while out on bond ahead of his trial next month.

The extradition waiver was part of the conditions of Fahie's modified bail bond, which amounted to US \$1,000,000, and was divided into two parts. The first part is a US\$500,000 corporate security bond that was recently facilitated by his close associate and childhood friend, Albion 'Bobby' Hodge before he was allowed to leave custody.

The second is a US\$500,000 personal surety bond to be co-signed by Fahie, his daughter, and a friend as part of Fahie's pre-trial freedom conditions.

The extradition waiver states in part that if Fahie

were to flee to any country apart from the United States or its territories, the government may seek his return through an extradition process or any other means for the purpose of trial or if convicted, sentencing or service of sentence.

The waiver was signed on June 13 and submitted to the court by his attorney, Theresa Van Vliet, the following day.

According to the document, Fahie said that signing the waiver is a condition of bail and noted that it was not his intent to flee the jurisdiction.

The former Premier also noted that he "knowingly and intelligently waives any and all rights he might have to challenge any order of expulsion or deportation from any country" from which the United States requests his return for the purpose of submitting to legal processes in connection with his



Former British Virgin Island Premier Andrew Fahie case.

Fahie, who was arrested on April 28 at the Miami-Opa Locka airport following a sting operation related to drug smuggling and money laundering, is scheduled to face trial on July 18 before U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams.

Fahie's co-accused, former BVI Ports Authority

Director Oleanvine Maynard, and her son Kadeem were arrested on the same day on similar charges as part of the same Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sting operation.

Oleanvine was nabbed in Miami while her son was arrested in St. Thomas, in the United States Virgin Islands.

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if we have to reverse the provision of Haitians coming into Belize without a visa, we are going to do so.

"Why? Because these people are abused by smugglers, they are trafficked by smugglers and we will not allow it to happen through Belize as long as we can stop it," the Foreign Affairs Minister added.

Meanwhile, Courtenay said the repatriation of Cuban nationals who have entered the country illegally, poses an immigration and foreign affairs challenge for government officials.

The authorities said the Cubans cannot be deported through another country and, since Cuba is an island nation, arrangements have to be made for them to be returned directly.

Earlier this week, the High Court dismissed a case brought on behalf of seven Cubans that their fundamental rights were violated while in detention and ordered that the authorities implement the removal order as soon as it is practicable.

The group of seven adults arrived with two children on February 6, claiming to be seeking asylum. The

children had been placed in the care of the Department of Human Services since the adults were detained.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it is working on the best possible means of deporting these individuals, notwithstanding the challenges at hand.

He said he has since received advice from the crown on how to cancel approximately 30 nationalities that are illegal.

"I am going to cancel them. We are trying to clean up a very difficult situation, let me put it that way," he added.

Spain, Germany battle wildfires amid unusual heat wave

AP — Firefighters in Spain and Germany struggled to contain wildfires on Sunday amid an unusual heat wave in Western Europe for this time of year.

The worst damage in Spain has been in the north-west province of Zamora where over 25,000 hectares (61,000 acres) have been consumed, regional authorities said, while German officials said that residents of three villages near Berlin were ordered to leave their homes because of an approaching wildfire Sunday.

Spanish authorities said that after three days of high temperatures, high winds and low humidity, some respite came with dropping temperatures Sunday morning.

That allowed for about 650 firefighters supported by water-dumping aircraft to establish a perimeter around the fire that started in Zamora's Sierra de la Culebra. Authorities warned there was still danger that an unfavourable shift in weather could revive the blaze that caused the evacuation of 18 villages.

Spain has been on alert for an outbreak of intense wildfires as the country swelters under record temperatures at many points in the country for June.

Experts link the abnormally hot period for Europe to climate change. Ther-



A firefighter works in front of flames during a wildfire in the Sierra de la Culebra in Zamora Province on Saturday June 18, 2022. Thousands of hectares of wooded hill land in north western Spain have been burnt by a wildfire that forced the evacuation of hundreds of people from nearby villages. (Emilio Fraile/Europa Press via AP)

mometers have risen above 40 C (104 F) in many Spanish cities throughout the week — temperatures usually expected in August.

A lack of rainfall this year combined with gusting winds have produced the conditions for the fires.

Authorities said that gusting winds of up to 70 kph (43 mph) that changed course erratically, combined with temperatures near 40 C, made it very tough for crews.

The fire in Zamora was started by a strike from an electrical storm on Wednesday, authorities said. The spreading fire caused the high-speed train service

from Madrid to Spain's northwest to be cut on Saturday. It was re-established on Sunday morning.

Military firefighting units have been deployed in Zamora, Navarra and Lleida.

There have been no reports of lives lost, but the flames reached the outskirts of some villages both in Zamora and in Navarra.

In central-north Navarra, authorities have evacuated some 15 small villages as a precaution, as the high temperatures in the area are not expected to drop until Wednesday.

They also asked farmers to stop using heavy machin-

ery that could unintentionally spark a fire.

Some wild animals had to be evacuated from an animal park in Navarra and taken to a bull ring for safe keeping, authorities said.

Wildfires were also active in three parts of northeast Catalonia: in Lleida, in Tarragona and in a nature park in Garraf, just south of Barcelona.

Germany has seen numerous wildfires in recent days following a period of intense heat and little rain.

The country's national weather agency said the mercury topped 38 C (100.4 F) at some measuring stations in the east Sunday.

Duterte's daughter takes oath as Philippine vice president

AP – Sara Duterte, the daughter of the outgoing populist president of the Philippines, took her oath Sunday as vice president following a landslide electoral victory she clinched despite her father's human rights record that saw thousands of drug suspects gunned down.

The inauguration in their southern hometown of Davao, where she's the outgoing mayor, comes two weeks before she assumes office on June 30 as specified in the Philippine Constitution. President-elect Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Duterte's running mate, will take his oath in Manila on June 30.

"I'm not the best or the most intelligent person in the Philippines and the world but nobody can beat the toughness of my heart as a Filipino," Duterte, who wore a green traditional gown, said in a speech after she took her oath before a Supreme Court associate justice, her hand resting on a Bible held by her mother.

"The voice of 32.2 million Filipinos was loud and clear - with the message to serve our motherland," Duterte said, referring to the votes she got, to an applause from thousands of supporters.

Fondly called by supporters as "In-day Sara," the mother of three called for national unity and devotion to God and asked Filipinos to emulate the patriotism of the country's national hero Jose Rizal. She cited long standing social ills facing Filipino children, including poverty, broken families, illegal drugs, bullying and online misinformation and asked parents to ingrain in them the values of integrity, discipline, respect for others and compassion.

President Rodrigo Duterte, 77, led the VIPs in the heavily guarded cere-



Sara Duterte, daughter of outgoing populist president of the Philippines, signs documents during her oath taking as vice president in her hometown in Davao city, southern Philippines, Sunday, June 19, 2022. Also in photo are, from left, her mother Elizabeth Zimmerman, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Supreme Court Justice Ramon Paul Hernando. (AP Photo/Manman Dejeto)

mony at a public square near city hall in the port city of Davao, where he had also served as a long time mayor starting in the late 1980s. His family, hailing from modest middle-class background, built a formidable political dynasty in the restive southern region long troubled by communist and Muslim insurgencies and violent political rivalries.

Duterte's presidency has been marked by a brutal anti-drugs campaign that has left thousands of mostly petty suspects shot dead by police or vigilantes. The drug killings are being investigated by the International Criminal Court as a possible crime against humanity.

The electoral triumph of Sara Duterte and Marcos Jr. has alarmed left-wing and human rights groups because of their failure to acknowledge the massive human rights atrocities that took place under their fathers, including late dictator Ferdinand Mar-

cos.

Marcos Jr. and Sara Duterte campaigned on a vague platform of national unity, without clearly addressing activists' calls for them to take steps to prosecute the elder Duterte when he retires from politics.

One of the president's sons, Sebastian Duterte, will succeed his sister as Davao mayor, and another son, Paolo Duterte, won a seat in the House of Representatives in the May 9 elections. The outgoing president's late father was a former Davao governor.

Philippine elections have long been dominated by politicians belonging to the same bloodlines. At least 250 political families have monopolised power across the country, although such dynasties are prohibited under the constitution. Congress — long controlled by members of powerful clans targeted by the constitutional ban — has failed to pass the law needed to define and enforce the provision.

U.S. reviews China tariffs, possible pause on federal gas tax to curb inflation

Reuters – President Joe Biden’s administration is reviewing the removal of some tariffs on China and a possible pause on federal gas tax as the United States struggles to tackle soaring gasoline prices and inflation, two top officials said on Sunday.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said some tariffs on China inherited from the administration of former President Donald Trump served “no strategic purpose” and added that Biden was considering removing them as a way to bring down inflation.

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said the president was also evaluating a pause on federal gas tax to bring down prices, telling CNN that such a move was “not off the table”.

The comments come as the Biden administration struggles to tackle record high gasoline prices and inflation, now at its highest in 40 years.

Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank President Loretta Mester said inflation will take two years to fall to the central bank’s 2% target, “moving down” gradually.

Yellen, speaking to ABC News, said the administration was reviewing its China tariff policy but did not cite specifics and declined to say when there may be a decision.

“We all recognize that China engages in a range of unfair trade practices that is important to address but the tariffs we inherited, some serve no strategic purpose and raise cost to consumers,” she said.

Biden has said he is considering removing some of the tariffs imposed



U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen testifies before a Senate Finance Committee hearing on President Biden’s 2023 budget, on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., June 7, 2022. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein

on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of Chinese goods by his predecessor in 2018 and 2019 amid a bitter trade war between the world’s two largest economies.

Both Granholm and Yellen reiterated Biden’s stance that a recession was “not inevitable”, with the treasury secretary saying that labour market and consumer spending remained strong. Mester also said she was not predicting a recession despite slowing growth.

Yellen, however, described inflation as being “unacceptably high” and added that she expected the economy to slow.

Whether the United States, the world’s largest economy, will slip into a recession has been a growing

concern for chief executives, the Federal Reserve, and the Biden administration.

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told NBC News he disagreed with the assessment of current officials, saying he expected a recession.

“The likelihood is that in order to do what’s necessary to stop inflation, the Fed is going to raise interest rates enough that the economy will slip into recession,” Summers said on Sunday.

The surge in inflation has made hawks of nearly all Federal Reserve policymakers, only one of whom dissented earlier this week against what was the central bank’s biggest rate increase in more than a quarter of a century.

Easy like Sunday morning; bold Campbell wraps up Test win!

John Campbell finished things in grand style on Sunday morning as he smashed the winning six to lift West Indies to a comfortable victory.

The home team needed only seven more overs to beat Bangladesh and take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series. West Indies finished on 88-3 after resuming the fourth day on 49-3 in the second innings and needing 35 more runs to clinch the series opener.



John Campbell

The left-handed Campbell accelerated the scoring rate with a number of sizzling drives and cuts and

finished the match with a six over long-off from a flighted delivery by Najmul Hossain Shanto.

He hit nine fours and the maximum six in his 58 not out off 67 balls. Jermaine Blackwood was at the other end, undefeated on 26 after the pair came to their team's rescue with a fourth-wicket partnership of 79.

Bangladesh medium-pacer Khaled Ahmed, who took three wickets in 11

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Diamond League: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce equals her own 2022 world's best time in Paris

BBC – Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce equalled her 2022 world's best time to win the 100m at the Diamond League meet in Paris.

Jamaica's two-time Olympic champion powered to victory in 10.67 seconds as Britain's Daryll Neita finished second after clocking a season's best 10.99.

"The goal is always to be on top technically, then the lap times follow," said Fraser-Pryce, 35.

She ran the same time in Nairobi in May, which has only been beaten by four other women in history.

Fraser-Pryce added: "Physically I was good too.

"Running 10.6, only a few sprinters can achieve that."

Britain's Cindy Sember came third in the women's 100m hurdles as Nigerian Tobi Amusan triumphed with a new African record of 12.41.

Ukraine claimed a clean sweep in the women's high jump as Yaroslava Mahuchikh came first with a jump of 2.01m, Iryna Gerashchenko



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce

(1.98m) second and Yuliya Levchenko (1.95m) third.

Britain's Elizabeth Bird just missed out on a top-three finish as she came fourth in the women's 3,000m steeplechase.

South Africa's Luxolo Adams was a surprise winner in the men's 200m as he crossed the line in 19.82 to hold off the challenge of Alexander Ogando, who finished second, while Cana-

dian Olympic gold medallist Andre de Grasse was fourth.

NFL-bound Devon Allen, who ran the third quickest men's 110m hurdles time in history at the New York Grand Prix earlier this month, continued his fine form with victory in the French capital.

Allen, 27, is to pursue an NFL career after earning a contract with the Philadelphia Eagles in April.

FIFA study of Euros & Afcon finds half of all players abused online; Saka & Rashford most targeted

BBC – World governing body FIFA has teamed up with players' union Fifpro to try to identify people who target players with abusive social media posts.

A report tracked 400,000 social media posts during the semi-finals and final of Euro 2020 and this year's Africa Cup of Nations.

The study found that over 50% of players received some kind of abuse.

The report found that black players who missed penalties were the most abused players in the Euro 2020 final.

BBC Sport understands that England's Marcus Rashford and Bukayo Saka, who both missed their spot-kicks in the shootout defeat by Italy, were the players who suffered the most abuse during the Euro 2020 final.

"Our duty is to protect football, and that starts



Bukayo Saka (left) and Marcus Rashford (right) were racially abused on social media after missing penalties in the final of the Euro 2020

with the players who bring so much joy and happiness to all of us by their exploits on the field of play," said FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

"Unfortunately, there is a trend developing where a percentage of posts on social media channels directed towards players, coaches, match officials and the teams themselves is not acceptable.

"This form of discrimination, like any form of

discrimination, has no place in football."

The report found that most of the abuse during the two periods in question came from the players' home countries.

Homophobic (40%) and racist (38%) comments made up the majority of the abuse, according to the report, with most of it remaining online.

The report also states that 90% of accounts flagged as having pub-

lished abusive comments have a "high probability" of identification.

In response, FIFA and Fifpro are to launch a dedicated 'in-tournament moderation service' that will scan recognised hate speech terms published to identified social media accounts.

Once detected, the aim is to prevent the comment from being seen by the recipient and their followers.

"Online abuse is a societal issue and as an industry we cannot accept that this new form of abuse and discrimination affects so many people including our players," said Fifpro president David Aganzo.

"This collaboration recognises football's responsibility to protect the players and other affected groups against the abuse they increasingly face in and around their workplace."

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balls on the third evening, was unable to break through again. He finished with 3-27 from eight accurate overs.

Earlier, Bangladesh had made 103 in the first innings and 245 in the second innings, having recovered from 109-6.

Kemar Roach was the bowling hero with a five-wicket haul (21.4-10-53-5) to move to 249 Test wickets – joint sixth on the West Indies all-time list with the legendary Michael Holding.

West Indies scored 265 in its first innings, with 94 from skipper Kraigg

Brathwaite.

The Skipper said: "We batted more than 100-overs in the first innings which was quite good... and Roach has been bowling well which set the tone for us at the start of the match as well as in the second innings. He is a champion, and he adds a lot to the team.

"It was also very pleasing to see Campbell get a half-century in the second innings and lead us to the victory....This result motivates us to push ourselves more."

The win continues the West Indies impressive showing in Test cricket

this year. So far, they have played four Tests – with two wins and two draws.

The other victory was against England at the Grenada National Stadium in March when they won the Richards/Botham Trophy.

The triumph also helped West Indies solidify their sixth spot in the ICC World Test Championship, with 12 points taking their point percentage to 43.75, and closer to Pakistan who are fifth with 52.38 percent.

The teams now travel to St. Lucia for the second and final Test, which starts on Friday. First ball daily is 10am.

Brentford appoints Cochrane as head of coaching

Current English Premier League Club Brentford FC has appointed former senior Antigua and Barbuda Benna Boys overseas-based midfielder Justin Cochrane to the newly created role of Head of Coaching.

Cochrane will start with The Bees in the coming weeks, ahead of the start of pre-season training at the end of the month.

He has signed a three-year contract and will be working with Head Coach Thomas Frank and the First Team coaching staff at the start of pre-season.

Cochrane will be leaving his current role at Manchester United to move to West London.

He has been Head of Player Development and Coaching in the Academy at Manchester United for the past year. Prior to that he had been with the Football Association and also spent time at Tottenham Hotspur.

Phil Giles, Brentford FC Director of Football, said, "Justin is an outstanding coach who has been doing very good work in recent years with Tottenham, England and Manchester United.

"We've known him for a while and so when the opportunity came up this summer to be able to bring him to the Club, we were



Former senior Antigua and Barbuda Benna Boys overseas-based midfielder Justin Cochrane has been appointed Head of Coaching at English Premier League Club Brentford FC. (Photo courtesy Brentford FC)

excited to be able to do so. Justin will be part of the First Team coaching group under the continued leadership of Thomas Frank.

"The Head of Coaching role is a new one for us but will help us bring the coaching staff across the Club even closer together and ensure that we are totally aligned in our coaching principles across teams.

"We look forward to Justin joining us for day one of pre-season."

Justin had a playing career that lasted more than a decade in which he appeared in 14 internationals for Antigua and Barbuda, scoring two goals, between June 2008 and 2012.

Cochrane first played for the Benna Boys during the senior national team's successful two-week tour of Ipswich, England, in May 2008, in preparation

for their second round World Cup Qualifying contest against Cuba in June 2008.

He made his full international debut for Antigua and Barbuda in June 2008, in a non-FIFA regulated friendly against St Kitts, before playing both legs of Antigua's 2010 World Cup qualifiers against Cuba.

Cochrane also turned out for Antigua and Barbuda during the second round of the Caribbean Cup Championship later that year.

He scored his first goal for the Benna Boys during Antigua and Barbuda's 2-1 win over Suriname in the Caribbean Cup Qualifier at the Antigua Recreation Grounds on 10 November, 2010.

Cochrane scored his second during Antigua and Barbuda's 8-1 victory over

the US Virgin Islands in a 2014 FIFA World Cup Qualifier in St Croix on 6 September, 2011.

Cochrane started his professional career in West London at Queens Park Rangers.

He played in the Football League for the Shepherd's Bush side as well as Rotherham United, Crewe Alexandra and Millwall, among others.

Cochrane coached in Tottenham's Academy for nine years, earning his coaching qualifications. He spent three years with the English Football Association working with England teams as he completed his UEFA Pro Licence.

He was Head Coach of the 2020/21 England Under-17 cohort, having taken charge of the same group for the previous two years, but was unable to lead them in any competitive games due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The 40-year-old, born in Hackney, England, to Antiguan father and St Lucian mother, was also lead for the Youth Development Phase (Under-15 to Under-17) at the English Football Association in his final year working with the national sides.

His role at Manchester United was mainly working with their Under-17 to Under-23 players. He wor

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Corporate citizens give support to national championships

Several corporate citizens are throwing their support behind this month's staging of the National Track & Field Championships.

Executive Floor Member of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA), Coach Ted Daley, said five major corporate citizens have already teamed up with the national governing body for the sports in staging the two-day meet at the YASCO Sports Complex on 25th and 26th June.

"Preparations are coming along quite nicely. We have several corporate sponsors coming on board. We have five major sponsors so far. We have Flow, Community First Credit Union, Cool & Smooth, Frank B Armstrong and Anjo Wholesale," Daley said, while speaking on Sports Overflow on Platinum 97.9 FM.

"There are a few other persons that are also likely to give us some sponsorships, and on Monday (to-



Executive Floor Member of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA) Coach Ted Daley (Photo courtesy ABAA)

day), we will have a better idea of those other sponsors and the sort of contributions that they are likely to give in support of the national athletics championships."

Several overseas-based athletes will be returning home to compete at the two-day meet this weekend.

Among them is sprinter Cejhae Greene, who is based in Florida where he also trains; Long and Triple Jumper Taeco O'Garro, who is attending Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey; Sprinter Joella Lloyd, who is enrolled at the University of Tennessee

in Knoxville, Tennessee; and Long Jumper Sheldon Noble, who is at Stephen F Austin State University in Texas.

Daley said 200 and 400 metres runner Darion Skerrett, who trains with Michael Frater's Titans International Track Club and sprinter Jalen Dyett, currently training at MVP Track Club in Jamaica, will also be taking part in the national championships.

"Cejhae will be arriving on Wednesday; Joella will be coming the day before that. So she will be coming to Antigua on Tuesday (to-

morrow). Taeco O'Garro is already here, Sheldon Noble is already here, we also have Jalen Dyett who is training in Jamaica, he is here," Daley stated.

"Jalen Dyett trains with MVP in Jamaica and he is here in Antigua right now. We have Darion Skerrett who also trains in Jamaica with the Michael Frater group, he is coming as well.

"We have a few other overseas athletes that want to come and participate. Yes, we will allow them to participate, but they cannot be the national champion, of course, but we will allow them to run in the heats and we will allow them to run in what we call the B Finals.

"For the A Finals, for the 100, 200 and 400 metres, the winners will be the national champion. Then the B Finals, which could involve some local Antiguan, will involve mainly the overseas athletes, who will run for that title, but not the national championship.

"So it is going to be ex-

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90+8' to salvage a draw for the young Reggae Boyz.

The 2022 Concacaf Men's Under-20 Championship in Honduras kicked off on Saturday with two Group E matches, which resulted in wins for the United States and Cuba.

The day started in Group E at the Estadio Nacional in Tegucigalpa, where the US posted a 10-0 victory

against Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Seven different players found the back of the net for the reigning Concacaf Men's Under-20 champions, including Nikolas Tsakiris (45+8', 70') and Paxten Aaronson (64', 68'), who each scored a brace.

Also adding their names to the scoresheet were Cade Cowell (18'), Caden Clark (32'), Tyler Wolff (44'), Rokas Pukstas (45+1'), Mauricio

Cuevas (45+3'), along with an own goal from Jermaine Chiuta (48').

The other match in Group E was a much tighter affair, as a late first half goal from Cuba proved enough to down Canada, 1-0.

Kevin Martin was the hero for the Caribbean side, when he pounced on a lightly hit back-pass from the Canadian defense and scored to give Cuba the three points.

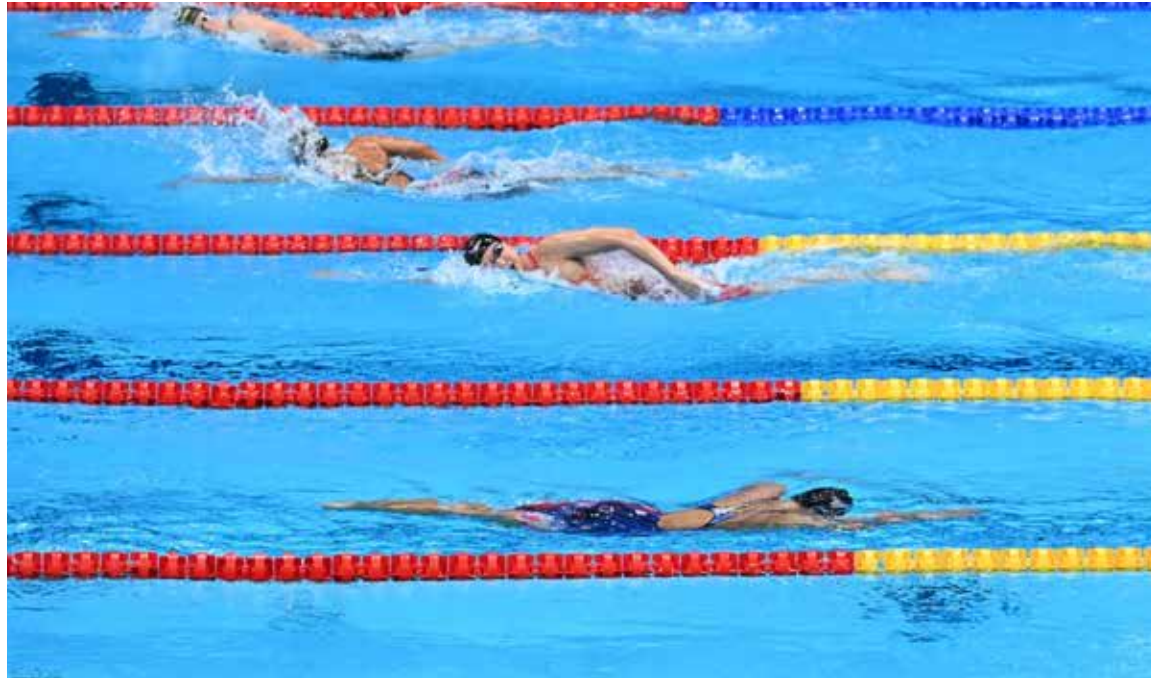
World swimming adopts new policy for transgender athletes

AP – World swimming's governing body has adopted new rules for transgender athletes, only permitting swimmers who transitioned before age 12 to compete in women's events.

FINA members voted 71.5% in favour of the new "gender inclusion policy" at the organisation's extraordinary general congress on Sunday. It will apply to all its events from Monday.

The 24-page policy also includes proposals for a new "open competition" category. FINA said it was setting up a "new working group that will spend the next six months looking at the most effective ways to set up this new category."

The vote came after members heard presentations from three specialist groups – an athlete group, a science and medicine group and a legal and human rights group – that had been working together to form the policy following



recommendations given by the International Olympic Committee last November.

The IOC urged shifting the focus from individual testosterone levels and calling for evidence to prove when a performance advantage existed.

In March, Lia Thomas made history in the United States as the first transgender woman to win an NCAA swimming championship.

She won the 500-yard freestyle.

Other sports have also been examining their rules.

On Thursday, cycling's governing body updated its eligibility rules for transgender athletes with stricter limits that will force riders to wait longer before they can compete.

The International Cycling Union (UCI) increased the transition period on low

testosterone to two years, and lowered the maximum accepted level of testosterone.

The previous transition period was 12 months but the UCI said recent scientific studies show that "the awaited adaptations in muscle mass and muscle strength/power" among athletes who have made a transition from male to female takes at least two years.

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citing. You are going to see some top class track and field this coming Saturday and Sunday. We will be starting at 3pm on Saturday and the last event is slated for 8:20 pm and we hope to have a similar time for the proceedings on the second day."

Daley said the organisers will have adequate bathroom facilities and will be adding some temporary seating for this weekend's event at YASCO.

"We all know the facilities at YASCO is not a 100 percent, but it will be

adequate for the nationals. It will be good. The competition will be great. In terms of the facilities we will have to have portable bathrooms in certain cases and we also have a small bathroom that Power Speed and Endurance Track Club built up at YASCO and that will be available as well. We will get through that side of it," Daley said.

"We will not have capacity seating for the national championship. We are trying to build a platform and place some chairs so that those who are unable to stand for a long period of time,

will at least be able to sit and enjoy the games.

"We want as many persons as possible that can hold in YASCO to come out and see top class track and field. As I have said, Cejhae is coming home and those persons that are training in Jamaica will want to prove that they are just as good.

"Then we have some people training here locally that I think are going to surprise a lot of people. So you never know, you need to come out and see."

Benna Boys to face Costa Rica after losing opener to host Honduras

Antigua and Barbuda will look to rebound from an opening game loss when they face Costa Rica in their second match of their Concacaf Men's Under-20 Championship Group H match at the Estadio Morazan in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, this evening (Monday) at 6 pm.

The young Benna Boys will hope to recover after losing 3-0 against host Honduras in their first encounter on Saturday night.

Antigua and Barbuda, trailing Honduras 1-0 at halftime after Aaron Zuniga broke the deadlock in the 31st minute to give the home side the lead, were forced to introduce midfielder Aiden Jarvis to replace captain Ronaldo Flowers, who got injured late in the first half.

Any chance of Antigua and Barbuda making a comeback was made even more difficult as the entire second half was played in pouring rain, which made the pitch water-logged and soggy.

The Benna Boys' difficulties were further compounded when they lost the services of first choice goalkeeper Shahoi Dorsette and midfielder Zaheim



Antigua and Barbuda defender Sean Tomlinson, second right, tries to evade Honduras' midfielders Antony Garcia, right, and Marco Aceituno, third right, during their Concacaf Men's Under-20 Championship Group H match at the Estadio Morazan in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on Saturday, 18 June, 2022. (Photo courtesy Concacaf)

Greene through injury in it 2-0.

Taj Moore replaced Dorsette, while Greene gave way to fellow midfielder Tyrik Hughes, but the wet and slippery conditions and an opponent that was quite familiar with playing in such an environment, proved too much of a challenge to overcome.

It was therefore no surprise when Jefryn Macias doubled the home team's advantage when he scored in the 71st minute to make

Marco Aceituno then completed the 3-0 scoreline with a penalty conversion in the 84th minute to seal the victory.

Antigua and Barbuda will face a Costa Rican side which played to a 1-1 draw with Jamaica in a match involving the other Group H contenders at the Estadio Morazan on Saturday.

Dorian Rodriguez put the Costa Ricans out in front 1-0 in the 58th minute with a well-placed header.

Jamaica looked set to get back on even terms in the 74th minute, when the young Reggae Boyz had a penalty kick, but Costa Rica goalkeeper Bayron Mora, came up with a massive diving save to keep Costa Rica's lead intact.

Just when it looked like Costa Rica would come away with the three points, Jamaica struck late into the second half stoppage time, with Jahmari Clarke calmly converting a penalty in the

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