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Local News



PM Browne “shocked” at death of Gordon Derrick

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has expressed shock at the passing of well known member of the football, entertainment and political community, Gordon Derrick.

News of Derrick’s death rippled through the country on Monday afternoon.

In a letter to “Banks” brother, Colin Derrick, the prime minister, who is now in Rwanda attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference said he was “shocked to learn of the death of your brother, my friend, Banks Derrick”.

“My condolences to you, your sis-

ter Sandra, Banks’ wife Wendy, Nazir and Jia, his children, and every member of Banks’ immediate and extended family. His passing is a shock to the people of Antigua and Barbuda, to his family, to the football fraternity, and to me.

“As you are aware, he and I were team-mates on the Antigua State College Football Team. We entered into that tertiary institution about the same time and pursued separate paths in the years following.

“He was always driven and sought to achieve outstandingly. As President of the Caribbean Football Union, he forged strong links with FIFA, and helped to expand membership within FIFA.

“Banks and I supported different political parties but enjoyed a friendship that was barely impacted by our conflicting allegiances. The civility which existed remains superb, in my estimation, and his death saddens me as a consequence.

“Banks Derrick was an outstanding citizen, and he has left his mark on the nation’s football history. May his soul rest in peace eternal,” said Prime Minister Browne.

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WTO ends meeting agreeing to undergo reform

One of the key concerns of the Antigua and Barbuda delegation at last week's World Trade Organisation (WTO) conference, the reform of the organization, was among key proposals supported by members of the institution.

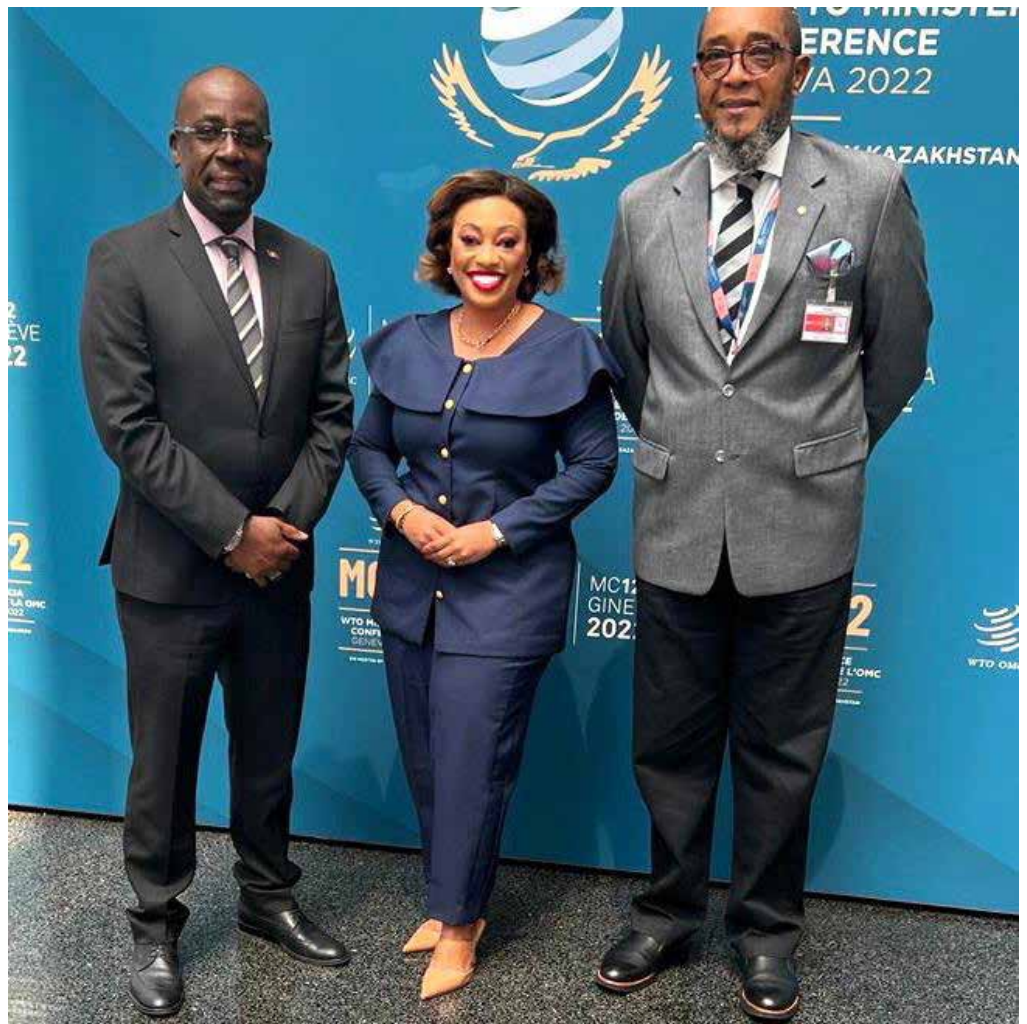
The delegation which was headed by Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene, is reporting that after several days of intense negotiations, delegates have secured multilateral outcomes on a series of trade initiatives dubbed the "Geneva Package".

"This package consists of a series of unprecedented decisions on fisheries subsidies, WTO response to emergencies, including a waiver of certain requirements concerning compulsory licensing for COVID-19 vaccines, food safety and agriculture, and WTO reform," team member Joy-Marie King reported.

According to King...Minister Greene, said "the package agreement reaffirms the critical importance of the multilateral trading system including the pertinent roles of the WTO and international trade in addressing some of the world's most pressing issues and providing global solutions".

Prior to leaving for Geneva where the meeting was held, Greene had raised the issue of WTO reform as one of Antigua and Barbuda's main goals at the conference. In this regard, King explained that the intention is to take the proposal and to see what shape the reform efforts should take.

"We in Antigua and Barbuda will hold discussions amongst ourselves to arrive at the reform process we feel most comfortable with. Obviously, we are particularly concerned about the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism



From left: Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, Director of International Trade, Joy-Marie King, and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Colin Murdoch.

and overall rate of compliance based on our own experiences," she further explained.

Back in 2007, the WTO ruled in favour of Antigua and Barbuda in a case brought by the Caribbean state against the United States, over its ban on cross border gaming. This decision effectively wiped out the gaming sector that at the time employed thousands of residents.

In 2013, the WTO gave Antigua and Barbuda the greenlight to suspend US property rights to the tune of US\$21 million annually.

Antigua and Barbuda never im-

plemented that decision, as many felt that such action would be tantamount to piracy.

King noted that a proposed mechanism to increase the rate of compliance would likely introduce a 'more user-friendly' option for consideration should countries fail to comply with the decision of the dispute settlement body.

Antigua and Barbuda's delegation to MC12 comprised of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P Chet Greene, Permanent Representative to the WTO, Colin Murdoch, and Director of International Trade, Joy-Marie King.

Local News



Large sum of money seized from residence

Investigations remain ongoing into the large sum of cash that was recently discovered in the home of a Golden Grove resident.

Reports are that last Wednesday, members of the Drug Squad, K9 Unit and Customs Taskforce, descended on the home of the male FedEx employee to execute a search warrant, sometime in the early evening hours.

While the reason for the search was not made public, reports suggest the departments were acting on information that the deliveryman is a person of interest in a drug trafficking investigation.

While no drugs were discovered, money totaling EC \$ 172,736.65 was found stashed in two protein powder



containers hidden in a bedroom. The money, suspected to be the proceeds of crime was seized and the man was taken to Police headquarters, where he was interrogated as an investigation

was launched.

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Another rape case is underway in the High Court

A case is now before the High Court in which a woman in her thirties has claimed that she was raped on consecutive nights in the home of a man with whom she sought refuge.

The woman claims that she sought a place to stay temporarily after a family row at the home where she lived.

She had been acquainted with the accused for between three and four years prior to the alleged incident on 8th and 9th June, 2019.

Justice Colin Williams is hearing the case in which the virtual complainant told the court that on the night of 8th June she was raped by the accused.

Evidence revealed that she went away the morning after to the home of a cousin where she spent the entire day. However, on 9th June, she returned to the home of the accused where she claimed she was raped a second time.

Under cross exam-

ination, it was revealed that there had been more than one sexual encounter between herself and the accused, although she claimed not to have consented to any of the encounters.

It was also brought to light that the accused slept on the same bed with her after each sexual encounter.

The virtual complainant told the court that she cried, but never called the police or 911 for help.

The man in his forties, is represented by Wendel Robinson. The Crown's case is led by Ryliss Adams.

Four witnesses have been called to give evidence so far, including the officers who took the virtual complainant's statement and the statement and interviews of the accused man.

The rape was reported to the police on 19th June, 2019.

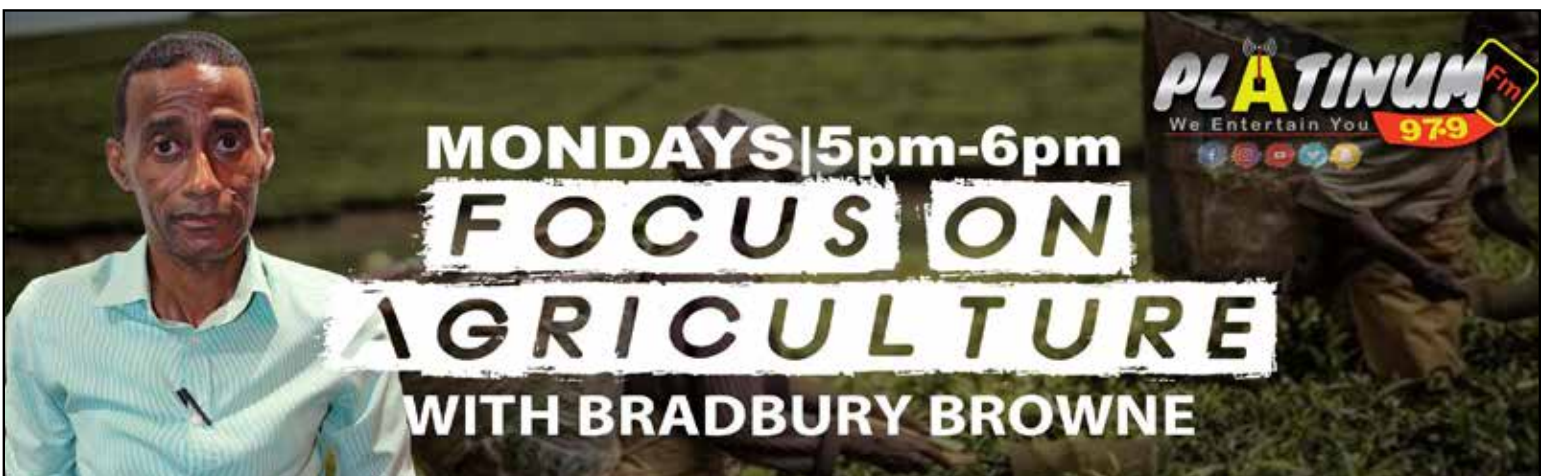


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UK donates PPE to Antigua and Barbuda

As a further example of its support to Antigua and Barbuda, the United Kingdom donated thousands of personal protective equipment (PPE) items to the Ministry of Health last week.

This sizeable donation included 63,000 aprons, 48,000 face masks, 7,000 gowns, 2,700 safety goggles and 36,000 latex gloves.

This is the second donation to the Ministry of Health in the past year, following the UK's donation of 12,000 doses of Astra-Zeneca vaccines to the country in July, 2021.

Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda, Lindsay Thompson, stated, "I'm delighted the UK has been able to provide this donation, which will help protect Antigua and Barbuda's healthcare workers and their patients".



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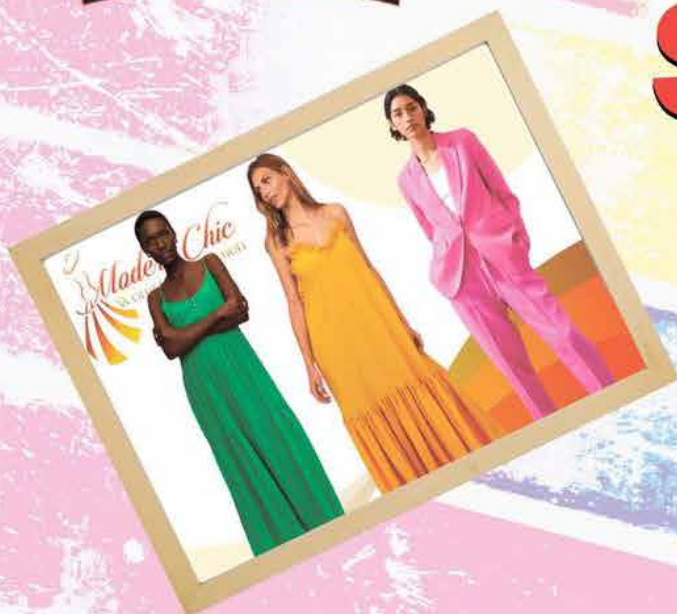





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Local News



Brianna Anthony is on a history creating mission

The young lady selected to be Antigua and Barbuda's representative at the Miss Jaycees Queen Show 2022 – Brianna Anthony – will create history when she steps onto the stage on July 27th at Carnival City.

Twenty-five year old Anthony will be the first Miss Antigua and Barbuda representative to enter the pageant without first entering the Carnival Queen Show.

That's because there

will not be a Carnival Queen Show as part of the 2022 Carnival programme of activities.

The Ministry of Creative Industries and Innovation announced a scaled down programme for Carnival 2022, after the forced two-year break caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The first and second runners-up in the 2019 Carnival Queen show were contacted about their availability to participate in the

2022 Jaycees Queen show, but neither showed any interest.

It was therefore welcomed news when Anthony presented herself as a candidate to be the Antigua and Barbuda representative.

Anthony took part in the 2022 Labour Queen Show where she placed second.

Working with a support team, Anthony has spent the time since the Labour

Queen show preparing herself for this moment. She said she has always wanted to take part in both the Carnival and Jaycees Queen shows.

"I have a love affair with pageants! Since I was eight years old I have had my sights set on not just the Carnival and Jaycees Queen shows but also to be the representative for my beautiful twin-island nation in the Miss Universe Pageant.

"There, I want to emerge not only as winner but the first 'petite' contestant to emerge winner. Yes, I intend to create history!" a confident Anthony, who stands 5ft 1 inch, said.

Already she is undergoing intense training in several disciplines. These include walking on stage, being interviewed as well as working on her talent, which will be a monologue.

"I want to take advantage of my great asset, my voice, as part of my performing talent," she revealed.

Anthony is currently a student at the University of the West Indies Open Campus, where she is pursuing studies leading to a degree in human resource management.

Several Caribbean countries have already indicated a willingness to participate in the Jaycees Queen Show, 2022.

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Opinion



As a former refugee, I want safety for all

By Diane Bahati - Refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo and a volunteer and board member of the American Red Cross of Utah

Most refugees do not want to leave their homes.

In my family's case, a volcano erupted just 8km (5 miles) away from the only house they ever knew. Black smoke rolled above Lake Kivu, filling our streets, choking us. Conflict from the civil war forced my family to flee again. We then sought safety in Uganda.

My father described the Ugandan refugee camp as a boundless desert, with scant supplies and little water. Our family remained there for two and a half years on the brink of starvation. Yet, we persisted. We survived and by some miracle, were granted asylum in the United States.

To this day, the smell of rotisserie chicken draws me back to my first meal in the United States. I remember the plastic container, the warmth of the chicken creating condensation on the lid, juices seeping out of the moist meat, and the pattern of the hotel bedspread upon which my family of 10 sat in Salt Lake City, Utah – a world away from our beloved home in Africa.

This modest meal exemplified joy and possibility after such strife. Sitting together, enjoying this bounty, we did not have



According to a recent UN report, the number of people forced to flee conflict, violence, and persecution has now crossed a staggering milestone - more than 100 million [Matt Cardy/Getty Images]

much other than the clothes on our backs, but we felt like the richest people in the world. Our wealth was not measured in monetary value. We were rich within our hearts because we were no longer afraid. We were no longer hungry. We were safe.

My family and I are the lucky ones. According to a recent United Nations report, the number of people forced to flee conflict, violence and persecution has now crossed a staggering milestone - more than 100 million. Of these refugees, nearly half are children.

Millions are exploited. Their journeys are often deadly and when they do arrive at a place of safety, they are denied access to basic rights such as education and healthcare.

The conflict in Ukraine has brought unfathomable heartbreak. But I would argue that it has also shown humanity at its best. More than 7.6 million people

have fled Ukraine. People opened their homes and offered warm meals. Neighbouring countries have opened schools for Ukrainian children and are providing healthcare to families fleeing violence. The European Union offered temporary protection to migrants. Organisations like the Red Cross and Red Crescent have offered mental health support to help heal the invisible wounds of war. The response has been nothing short of incredible.

While Ukraine has dominated the headlines, I implore you to make this the moment where you open your hearts to the plight of refugees from around the world. My message to people, governments and world leaders is simple: please keep this spirit of generosity alive. Violence and conflict continue around the globe. Migrants from all over the world need your compassion.

Today, I am a sopho-

more at the University of Utah. I plan to go to law school and am committed to helping others. Migrant voices like mine need to be at the heart of the policy process in this country and on the global stage.

Last month, I visited the UN, where global leaders gathered to propose solutions to the complex problems of migration. While there, I had the opportunity to meet with Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). He said, "Ethnicity and nationality should not become deciding factors in saving lives." I agree. Protecting people forced to flee their homes, no matter where they are from, is our shared responsibility.

I firmly believe that if you have the knowledge, it is within your power to help change the world. The solutions to the challenges of global migration are complex and varied but our response to the conflict in Ukraine demonstrates that we can work together to find tangible solutions at the local, regional and global levels to help those who need it most.

We have more work to do to help migrants around the world but I know we can do it together. There are families still waiting to share their first meal together in a safe place. Let us help them do so.

The reclusive TikTok star powering Nigeria's street Afrobeats scene

By Ayomide Tayo

On social media, DJ YK's influence is ubiquitous – the hashtags #DJYK and #DJYKbeats have over 14 million streams and 50.5 million streams respectively on TikTok.

In 2019, a catchy, melodic instrumental hit social media platforms in Nigeria. A year later, it emerged as a groovy soundtrack during lockdowns induced by the COVID-19 pandemic, and afterwards on dancefloors, across parts of Africa and the African diaspora.

Simply titled Dance, the beat had no vocals. It indisputably bore the marks of Nigeria's blossoming Afrobeats music genre but an overwhelming majority of those who liked it had no idea who its producer was – until November 2019 when its creator, Lagos-based Olayinka "DJ YK" Lawal, uploaded a street dance video for it on YouTube.

The virality was evidence of the enigma of 29-year-old Lawal, a relatively unknown act in the mainstream Nigerian music industry but one with a massive presence on Instagram and TikTok. He also has a large following in the street music scene across Lagos, the continent's de facto entertainment capital.

That provided a springboard for the untitled beat to conquer the continent, but Lawal has largely stayed away from the limelight. "I

am not the interview type," he told Al Jazeera, calmly at the start of a chat after weeks of ducking phone calls and not replying to text messages.

Last summer, Essence, a song by Nigerian superstar duo Wizkid and Tems, peaked at the ninth spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and Love Nwantiti by their compatriot cKAY became the most Shazamed song in the world. Those moments, alongside the 2021 Global Music Album category win at the Grammys by another Nigerian, Burna Boy, are seen as seminal landmarks of Afrobeats and its arrival on the global scene.

According to Statista, the revenue of the Nigerian music industry will be approximately \$44m in 2023, a sharp rise from \$34m in 2018 due to the global acceptance of Afrobeats. Major international players like Universal, Sony and Empire have set up shop in Nigeria.

But the ground zero of the genre, a loose grouping of contemporary African pop sounds from mostly Nigeria and Ghana, is in the inner streets of the many ghetto communities dotting Lagos.

And if Afrobeats is scrubbed of its Western-approved sheen, Lawal is one of its powerful engines. His producer tag – "DJ YK Mule" ('mu le' is a Yoruba phrase which means 'drop it') reverberates across La-



Olayinka 'DJ YK' Lawal is at the heart of Nigeria's underground Afrobeats scene, but missing in the mainstream industry that caters to the sound [Courtesy: DJ YK]

gos alongside his catchy beats, powering many a faaji – the Yoruba concept of enjoyment as a part of everyday living.

On social media, DJ YK's influence is ubiquitous – the hashtags #DJYK and #DJYKbeats have at least 14 million streams and 50.5 million streams respectively on TikTok. On Instagram, he has an average of 50,000 views on his reels.

His beats have become the soundtrack to viral challenges on both platforms and YouTube. Popstars Naira Marley and Ice Prince have also given him shout-outs on social media for his influence on today's sound.

A method to the madness

But he is an unconventional pop star with unusual problems: his music gets no love from many radio stations and his face barely registers on the scale of known faces in Nigerian pop culture, even to many who

dance to his music.

"I know people wonder what DJ YK looks like," he said.

While other music celebrities post clips of their performances on their social media pages, DJ YK prefers to share viral videos featuring his instrumentals.

But his reclusive nature has also affected his brand value. While newbies are racking up endorsements, DJ YK has yet to bag a major endorsement deal.

"He is one of those old-school producers that are content with having a hit song and being a DJ," Motolani Alake, Nigerian music critic and Lagos-based managing editor of Pulse Nigeria daily magazine, told Al Jazeera. "Maybe he is scared of the public, that's a possibility."

Music critics say his reclusive behaviour is not reverse psychology to boost

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attention to his brand but simply the case of a private individual shunning the press.

During the interview, his answers were direct and brief. He also nitpicked questions to answer, not with the arrogance of a megastar, but with the impatience of one keen to return to focusing on doing what he loves best – making people dance.

Born and bred in Sango-Ota in Ogun state, next door to Lagos, Lawal always liked music.

He evaded questions about his family and background, preferring to discuss only music. But he revealed that he grew up poor. “Everything was rough,” he said. “I came from a poor background. I had no supporters,” he said.

Born a Muslim, he still holds on to his faith today and studied at what is today known as the Tai Solarin University of Education in Ogun state.

As a teenager, he began to listen deeply to stars at the time like Terry G, SideOne, DreSan and others who took

over the inner-city of Lagos and its environs.

The music from these artists was crude and vulgar but represented the sound of the inner-city youth. Its tempo was also fast and the songs had an unconventional structure, which was partly why most of the musicians did not hit mainstream stardom.

And Lawal gravitated toward this sound in his environment.

His foray into music began around 2013 when he started as a disc jockey but he was not raking in good money from deejaying. During those dark times, Lawal decided to try his hands at production.

“I learned everything I know about music on YouTube,” he said. “Music production is how people knew about me,” he said. “When you have been doing something for a while, and people are not turning up, you have to sit down and find the way forward and make yourself popular.”

With production in his repertoire, Lawal’s career began an upward trajectory. He credits the viral instrumental

he released in 2017, South African Beat Style, as when things started to pop for him. It was during this period that he performed at concerts headlined by Afrobeats stars Mayorkun, Mr Eazi and Reekado Banks.

That instrumental was later re-christened Dance when it started to get mainstream attention. And when he officially released it in 2019, it moved from barbershops in inner-city Lagos to many of the most exclusive nightclubs across Nigeria.

Its popularity coincided with the emergence of a new dance wave accompanying the introduction of Afrobeats to global audiences. Dance steps Shaku Shaku, and Zanku became part of popular culture and became the perfect platform for DJs like Lawal to flood the scene with their instrumentals.

Lawal’s other beats initially followed the same pattern as Dance, not requiring a singer or rapper to jump on them. It takes him anything from 2-10 hours to produce them, or sometimes two days.

They sound crude but are a tour de force sans vocals and quick to induce sweat and euphoria, thanks to a nifty undercurrent that is hard to resist, his fans say. And perhaps another reason the beats catch on so well, critics say, is because they are also reminiscent of popular street musicians.

One of those is Terry G, a veteran singer, producer and hood genius who blew up circa 2008, thanks to a staccato flow and similarly groovy songs.

“I feel it is Nigeria’s version of EDM, rave music, and dubstep,” Alake said.

After making a name for himself in the underground scene, Lawal was not satisfied with being a one-trick pony. In 2020, he added a new element to his beats, viral vocal gaffes or buzzwords. He would splice the buzzwords and embed them in his instrumentals.

“Essentially my beats became
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songs,” he said. The new style worked tremendously and elevated his profile more. Today, most DJ sets across Lagos are incomplete without Warisi and Trap Lanje, two of his biggest songs.

Unmasking the enigma

But virality has its drawbacks.

According to City 105.1 FM Lagos presenter Melody Hassan, “People assume that everything that goes viral on TikTok automatically gets played on the radio. It’s not necessarily so.”

Each radio station has its music style, and DJ YK’s beats are barely radio-friendly. Even with a bias for Nigerian songs on the channels, most stations hardly play “street music”; when they

do, marquee artists like Naira Marley or Zlatan get the slot.

“His songs [also] don’t work in radio format because of the sparse vocals and prolonged instrumental,” Hassan told Al Jazeera.

Still, many mainstream acts would gladly pay handsomely to get his level of cultural relevance. But Lawal says he only posts his songs online and does no other form of promotion. And he credits the new generation of dancers with helping promote his music.

Unsurprisingly, his influence is now increasingly cutting across economic strata. Unlike a few years ago, it is now common to witness bedlam at a street carnival in the low-income suburbs

of Agege or concerts in the highbrow district of Victoria Island, when a DJ YK beat comes up.

People become “posessed” as they shuffle their legs in a wide range of dance moves popularly known as “legwork”.

“His work is a unifier,” Alake said. “It’s the energy that the streets enjoy. It’s infectious and unique.”

Even without little or no radio play, Lawal is happy about his impact. But if there is any clear grand plan or master strategy to push himself further, he is being cryptic about it, as usual.

His only body of work is the 2019 album, *The Face*, Vol. 1, and he is tight-lipped about whether another project is on the way.

The Face had nine tracks and no features. Apart from two acts – Dammy Krane and Q-Dot – Lawal has not worked with any artiste of repute in a strictly collaborative sense. He prefers to slice catchphrases from popular artists and sample them on his beats.

But even the enigma may be tired of lurking in the shadows and Lawal is working on new music videos that he could star in – and that could unmask him. But he seems prepared, willing even.

On his album cover lies what is perhaps a prophecy for the days ahead. “You know the content, so sad you don’t know the face, now it’s time you all know the face,” it reads.



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Business



CDB looking at 'an integrated regional logistics system'

The Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) says it is looking at “an integrated logistics system, transportation system” for the region developing various aspects of infrastructure such as the ports, the roads, farms, storage, warehousing, and standards.

“What we are looking at in regional travel is an integrated regional logistics system that not only provides for the movement of goods and services and people from one particular region to the next in a seamless, integrated, efficient way but equally the supporting elements to make this happen,” CDB President Dr. Gene Leon said.

He said failure to do so could result in a focus on “I’m interested in a particular mode of transportation,” adding “a particular mode of transportation has no good in its own right, it has to serve a purpose.

“If you know the purpose, then you focus less on the mode because your previous mode may not be the best way of tackling the problem.”

He suggested starting with the problem you want to solve, anchoring it in a very serious way, and exploring the options or mix of options that will get you there short term, middle and long term. And that was the context of our conversa-



tion.”

Leon said all of this cannot be done “at one time or now.

“And I can indicate one of the things that we are committed to starting, again, coming out of this discussion, is to look at marine transportation, especially with regard to the movement of food along the lines of food security, such that wherever food is produced in the region, we have the means of transporting it, shipping to other places that our dependence on food from outside will be reduced over time.”

He said this is what is meant when the region talks about a 25 percent reduction in food imports by 2025 and that the matter had been discussed at the just concluded 52nd annual board of governments meeting of the CDB.

“So yes, it was dis-

cussed. But I want to assume, I don’t want to say I know for sure. I want to assume it was done in a different way, in a different context.”

Leon said the CDB intends to advance food and nutrition security, and energy and water security as its “big initiatives for 2022” and beyond.

He told reporters “It is quite clear that the idea of marine transportation is a project that is going to be undertaken.

“But is it already a project that says I have before me a proposal with costing and exact procurement requirements that will dictate how much money I need to bring to the table. We are not yet there.

“The Georgetown Accord was only a couple of weeks ago. And what we have is, as I said, it starts with a vision, a commitment

to mobilise for a detailed map of transportation.”

Leon said this is “now more or less a regional project and CDB’s commitment now is to try to mobilise finance to help move that project forward.

“If there are road projects that we’re talking about now, it would obviously come from governments that in their national plans they see room and scope for road projects.

“Now, those will be related to the agricultural side, if it is in countries that need to, for example, improve feeder roads from farms to market or farms to port or farms to warehousing wherever it is, that can be an ancillary element of infrastructure.

“Now, by extension, whereas we’ve talked about the marine, and we’ve talked about road systems, there

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is equally the idea of potential for air traffic.”

The president of the region’s premier financial institution said it was not lost on anyone that travelling from the south to the north of the Eastern Caribbean probably involves transmitting through the United States “and St. Kitts being one of the notorious examples, from Barbados to St. Kitts, you need to go to Miami and come back to St Kitts.

“I was flying from Curacao to Georgetown, and I had to go to New York and come back to Georgetown. That just is (not) and cannot be efficient. Why is it that we do not have adequate air transport links to be able to facilitate those particular travel opportunities?”

He said there are clearly opportunities in the sector, adding, “and we will need to look at and procure financing

for, but I cannot say to you that I have any projects right now.”

Leon suggested that private sector firms explore battery-power air bridges between Caribbean islands.

“What about if we can leverage, get a private sector firm to generate batteries that can propel small aircraft and allow us to ply the routes between our islands, literally overnight. I don’t know — the equivalent of a Tesla car.

“It’s the same technology. I have an engine that drives, gives me enough speed, and lift off I can propel out. Battery technology issues only have to do is the time to reduce the battery power. And hence when you drive a car, it is how far you can travel,” he said, adding it is advantageous that the distance between Caribbean countries is short.

“Therefore, the same battery technology I need to fly across the Atlantic is not the same battery technology I need to fly from Barbados to Grenada

or Barbados to St. Lucia,” Leon said.

“So why can’t we begin to use our creative minds and come up with ideas of small planes that can move people, move goods, using solar power, electric power, in the same way, to be able now to say we can move and manage short distances without the need to pollute the air and have a larger carbon footprint.

“Is that a project I have now? No. Is it a project one can conceive of, yes. And can one raise funds to do it. I’m sure if you can have a viable proposal on the table, it might be something one can be able to look at. Not CBD per se, but from funds that can be mobilised to make this a reality and help solve the problem we have.

“We do not have easy access to moving people today, today from one place to the next without travelling all the way north and coming back south.” (CMC)



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Guyana President to name members to Commission of Inquiry to look into 2020 elections

CMC - Guyana's President Dr. Irfaan Ali says he plans to name an international team to conduct a Commission of Inquiry (COI) into the March 2020 General and Regional Elections.

The commitment was first made during the president's inauguration address in 2020 following the five-month wait on the final election results.

The president recently announced that the Commission of Inquiry into the elections will still take place.

"Your president promised an international COI, so I'd say to all those who struggled and sacrificed, all those who worked in protecting the democracy that we have, in your honour, before dawn on Tuesday, your president will name the members of that international COI."

He said the COI will bring the matter to some

finality, even as there is an election petition before the courts and former senior election officials facing charges of alleged fraud.

"And those who subverted democracy and those who cannot present their SOPs, and those who struggled against the will of the people, the COI will set the truth free from the untruth, and the COI will set those who dwell in the house of democracy against those who dwell in the fire of undemocratic rule and norms," he noted.

The 2020 general and regional elections were marred with accusations of fraud and rigging attempts.

The Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has set July 19 as the date to hear an appeal filed by two senior Guyana government officials challenging the country's Court of Appeal's ruling regarding an opposition petition challenging the results of



President of Guyana, Dr. Irfaan Ali

the controversial March 2, 2020, general election.

The elections petition had been filed by Monica Thomas and Brennan Nurse, who were contending that the elections were unlawfully conducted and/or that the results (if law-

fully conducted) were affected or might have been affected by unlawful acts or omissions.

They also argued that from those polls it is Granger who should be declared the duly elected president of Guyana.

World Bank approves funds to strengthen primary health care in Haiti

CNW- The World Bank's Board of Directors has approved additional financing of US\$20 million for the Strengthening of Primary Health Care and Surveillance in Haiti Project (PROSYS), which aims to increase utilisation of primary health care services in select geographical areas, and

strengthen disease surveillance capacity, especially cholera.

Access to quality healthcare is crucial to mitigating cyclical poverty, enhancing Haiti's human capital, and helping future generations reach their full potential," said Laurent Msellati, World bank country manager for Haiti.

"Haiti has been cholera-free for more than three years and thereby successfully eliminated it; however, more efforts are necessary in other essential health areas, as fewer than half of all children are fully immunised, and only a third of women deliver at health fa-

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Barbados establishes Committee to look at increase in food and fuel prices

CMC - A committee has been set up within the Social Partnership to look at the increases in food and fuel costs in Barbados.

Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley made this disclosure as she participated in a hybrid panel discussion on Building Resilience and Sustainability in the Caribbean, on Friday.

The other panellists were Canada's Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, who joined virtually, and the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Kristalina Georgieva.

Mottley underscored the importance of having policy and fiscal space, so the government could continue to shield citizens during these tough times. She noted that the government had put in place an initial measure that allowed it to cap the rate of the VAT on fuel.

"We at least tried to



Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley

shield you by not taking as much taxes and capping that. Regrettably, we're going to have to look at it again.

"As recent as Monday, we set up a committee within our Social Partnership to look at the underlying increases in food and fuel costs, with an understanding that within two weeks ... labour, private sector,

and government [will be] meeting, such that on the 8th of July, when we meet back, we put ourselves in a position to make decisions that will help families in this country, particularly since the summer vacation is coming," she stated.

The Prime Minister said the School Meals programme may have to be uti-

lised during the summer.

The School Meals programme in Barbados is administered by the School Meals Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture. It was instituted in March 1963 to implement a government policy decision to provide cooked lunches for children in all government primary schools.

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cilities."

In the aftermath of August's 2021 earthquake, the World Bank quickly reallocated US\$20 million from the PROSYS Project to cover approximately 65 percent of the total reconstruction costs in the health sector of US\$31 million identified by the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).

Those funds are supporting the rebuilding and rehabilitation of approximately 30 damaged health infrastructures in the three affected departments of Nippes, Sud, and Grand'Anse, directly benefiting more than 650,000

people. The reallocation of funds also provides equipment and supplies to the rehabilitated health facilities and supported the coordination of all stakeholders involved in the reconstruction activities in the sector.

This approved additional financing will address the gap caused by the reallocation of funds due to emergencies and will provide financing for key activities such as strengthening primary health care referral networks, providing incentives to healthcare providers, and increasing their accountability through the result-based financed programme.

The additional financing will also help maintain the government's nationwide surveillance and response capacity in the fight against infectious diseases such as diphtheria and measles.

The initial Strengthening Primary Health Care and Surveillance in Haiti Project was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on May 16, 2019, for a general amount of US\$ 70 million.

Of this amount, US\$ 55 million came from the International Development Association and US\$15 million from the Global Financing Facility.

Israel to dissolve parliament, call fifth election in three years

AP - Israel's weakened coalition government announced Monday that it would dissolve parliament and call new elections, setting the stage for the possible return to power of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or another period of prolonged political gridlock.

The election will be Israel's fifth in three years, and it will put the polarising Netanyahu, who has been the opposition leader for the past year, back at the centre of the political universe.

"I think the winds have changed. I feel it," Netanyahu declared.

The previous four elections, focused on Netanyahu's fitness to rule while facing a corruption investigation, ended in deadlock. While opinion polls project Netanyahu, who is now on trial, as the front-runner, it is far from certain that his Likud party can secure the required parliamentary majority to form a new government.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, a former ally and aide of Netanyahu, formed his government a year ago with the aim of halting the never-ending cycle of elections. But the fragile coalition government, which includes parties from across the political spectrum, lost its majority earlier this year and has faced rebellions from different lawmakers in recent weeks.

Announcing his plan to disband the government during a nationally televised news conference, Bennett



Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett speaks during a joint statement with Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, Monday, June 20, 2022. Bennett's office announced Monday, that his weakened coalition will be disbanded and the country will head to new elections. Bennett and his main coalition partner, Yair Lapid, decided to present a vote to dissolve parliament in the coming days, Bennett's office said. Lapid then to serve as caretaker prime minister. The election, expected in the fall, would be Israel's fifth in three years. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

said he had made "the right decision" in difficult circumstances.

"Together, we got Israel out of the pit. We accomplished many things in this year. First and foremost, we brought to centre stage the values of fairness and trust," Bennett said, standing alongside his main partner, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid. "We shifted to a culture of 'we,' 'together.'"

Under their coalition deal, Lapid, who heads the large centrist party Yesh Atid, now becomes the interim prime minister until the election, in which he is expected to be the main rival to Netanyahu.

Standing together with Bennett, he thanked his partner for his hard work and for putting the country ahead of his personal interests.

Witnesses say more than 200 killed in Ethiopia ethnic attack

AP - Witnesses in Ethiopia said Sunday that more than 200 people, mostly ethnic Amhara, have been killed in an attack in the country's Oromia region

and are blaming a rebel group, which denies it.

It is one of the deadliest such attacks in recent memory as ethnic tensions continue in Africa's second

most populous country.

"I have counted 230 bodies. I am afraid this is the deadliest attack against civilians we have seen in our lifetime," Abdul-Seid

Tahir, a resident of Gimbi county, told The Associated Press after barely escaping the attack on Saturday. "We are burying them in

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East African leaders send regional force to eastern Congo

AP - East Africa's leaders have responded to the threat of war between Rwanda and Congo by instructing a new regional force to deploy in eastern Congo and ordering an immediate cease-fire.

A statement after the leaders' meeting in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, didn't give details on the date of the force's deployment or its composition. Congo's presidency later tweeted that the force should be operational in the coming weeks but shouldn't include Rwandan troops. The presidents of both countries attended Monday.

The regional heads of state adopted "for immediate implementation" the status of forces agreement, concept of operations and rules of engagement, the statement said. The heads of state told the force to cooperate with Congolese forces to stabilise the region.

There was no direct mention of Rwanda, which Congo has accused of supporting the M23 rebel group that has carried out renewed attacks in recent months.

The statement noted the "presence of foreign negative elements" as a critical issue. Rwanda has long denied supporting the M23 rebels, who captured



Rwandan border security forces stand guard on their side of the Petite Barriere border crossing with Rwanda in Goma, eastern Congo Friday, June 17, 2022. Rwanda's military says a Congolese soldier crossed the border and began shooting at Rwandan security forces and civilians before being shot dead Friday morning, the latest escalation in tensions between the countries. (AP Photo/Moses Sawasawa)

a key town in eastern Congo last week.

Asked after Monday's meeting whether Rwanda would contribute troops to the regional force in eastern Congo, deputy government spokesman Alain Mukurarinda said he needed to check with the president's office. Congo is not the one who chooses who should deploy or not, he added.

Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi on Friday accused Rwanda of trying to occupy his country's land for its vast mineral wealth, hours after Rwan-

da said a Congolese soldier had crossed the border and begun shooting at Rwandan security forces and civilians before being shot dead.

Congo's president has also called on international leaders, including British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, to step up the pressure on Rwanda when it hosts the Commonwealth summit this week.

Each side has accused the other of incursions. Congo now seeks to suspend all agreements with Rwanda. Rwanda's state minister for foreign affairs

in charge of East African matters, Manasseh Nshuti, has said dialogue "is the solution" to the issues.

Dynamics in eastern Congo "were already strained" by Congo and neighbouring Uganda carrying out a joint operation there against another rebel group, the Allied Democratic Forces, according to a new report by the U.N. panel of experts on Congo.

Both Uganda and Rwanda have long been accused of backing rebels and pursuing some of the region's rich mineral wealth, including gold.

France elections: Macron to meet rival parties after losing majority

BBC - French President Emmanuel Macron will meet political opponents on Tuesday after he and his allies lost its majority in the National Assembly.

Mr Macron is now under pressure to secure support from rivals to fulfil his government's reform agenda.

But neither Marine Le Pen's far-right nor Jean-Luc Mélenchon's left-green alliance are keen to work with him.

Minority governments are a rarity in France, and Mr Macron's Ensemble alliance is 44 seats shy of a majority.

This means he will need to find support from mainstream MPs from both the left and right side of politics to help build a working majority.

Party representatives will visit the Élysée Palace separately for the high-level talks on Tuesday and Wednesday, an official said.

Analysts say the president may be eyeing a deal with the right-wing Republicans, and the party confirmed that its leader, Christian Jacob, would



French President Emmanuel Macron has asked to meet representatives of the country's main political parties

attend talks.

Ms Le Pen will take part in talks but Mr Mélenchon will not, the AFP news agency reports.

Socialist Party leader Olivier Faure and Communist Party boss Fabien Roussel, members of the Nupes left-wing alliance, will also meet Mr Macron.

France's centrist government is desperately trying to avoid political

paralysis after losing its majority, with some commentators warning of France becoming ungovernable.

Mr Macron will also have to replace three ministers who lost their seats in Sunday's vote, and Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne's future looks increasingly under threat.

The weekend election saw a low-turnout vote which resulted in an abstention rate of 53%.

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mass graves, and we are still collecting bodies. Federal army units have now arrived, but we fear that the attacks could continue if they leave."

Another witness, who gave only his first name, Shambel over fears for his safety, said the local Amhara community is now desperately seeking to be relocated somewhere else "before another round of mass killings happen."

He said ethnic Amhara that settled in the area about

30 years ago in resettlement programs are now being "killed like chickens."

Both witnesses blamed the Oromo Liberation Army for the attacks.

In a statement, the Oromia regional government also blamed the OLA, saying the rebels attacked "after being unable to resist the operations launched by (federal) security forces."

An OLA spokesman, Odaa Tarbii, denied the allegations.

"The attack you are referring to was committed

by the regime's military and local militia as they retreated from their camp in Gimbi following our recent offensive," he said in a message to the AP.

"They escaped to an area called Tole, where they attacked the local population and destroyed their property as retaliation for their perceived support for the OLA. Our fighters had not even reached that area when the attacks took place."

Ethiopia is experiencing widespread ethnic tensions

in several regions, most of them over historical grievances and political tensions.

The Amhara people, the second-largest ethnic group among Ethiopia's more than 110 million population, have been targeted frequently in regions like Oromia.

The government-appointed Ethiopian Human Rights Commission on Sunday called on the federal government to find a "lasting solution" to the killing of civilians and protect them from such attacks.

England women's coach Lisa Keightley calls ICC chair's comments on Tests 'disappointing'

BBC - England coach Lisa Keightley said the women's game must continue to "evolve" after International Cricket Council chairman Greg Barclay's "disappointing" comments about Test matches.

Barclay said he does not see women's Tests "being any part of the landscape moving forward".

England play South Africa in a Test at Taunton next week.

"The last few Tests have shown they are worth playing," Australian Keightley told BBC Sport.

England's last Test, against Australia in January, resulted in a thrilling draw that went down to the final ball of the match.

However only England, Australia and India have played women's Tests in the past seven years.

South Africa's previous match came in 2014, while the last team outside that quartet to play a Test was the Netherlands 15 years ago.

Speaking to Test Match Special earlier this month, Barclay said: "I can't really see women's Test cricket evolving at any particular speed.

"That's not to say any countries that choose to play Test cricket can't do so.



England's last Test, against Australia, went down to the final ball of the match

"But I don't see it being any part of the landscape moving forward to any real extent at all."

But Keightley, who played nine Tests in a 10-year international career, said: "As a coach in women's cricket I find those comments disappointing.

"We have to continue to evolve women's cricket."

One barrier to the growth of women's Tests is the absence of multi-day, red-ball matches played in domestic cricket across the globe.

Keightley, though, said the England and Wales Cricket Board is "keen" for their introduction.

She was speaking at the announcement of the

England squad, which includes five uncapped players, for the four-day Test against the Proteas starting on Monday.

It begins a multi-format series, with three one-day internationals and three Twenty20 matches to follow.

None of the last five women's Tests have produced a result, leading to England captain Heather Knight to call for an extension to match five-day men's Tests.

"You can get a result in four days, even though it's hard," added Keightley.

"You probably need both teams being brave and you'd potentially need a declaration.

"At the moment, my

preference is probably for four days because of workloads. Moving forward, I could see five-day Tests if we play them more regularly."

Keightley, 50, revealed she also has "no desire" to take up the vacant head coach role with her native Australia.

Matthew Mott left the world champions to become the new white-ball coach of the England men's side.

Keightley's contract with England runs until early 2023.

"I'm focused on doing my job for England and coaching here," she said.

"I'm really keen to make sure I finish out my contract."

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Up & Over FC lose again in Over-40 league

Up & Over FC have lost consecutive matches in the Antigua Over-40 Premier League at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Technical Training Center at Paynters.

After their unbeaten run was spectacularly ended with a 6-0 loss against Turf Masters in their previous encounter, Up & Over FC were beaten 2-1 by Tun & Bang during the eighth round of matches on Sun-

day.

Striker Peter "Big Pete" Byers scored twice in the second half to secure victory for Tun & Bang.

Byers netted in the 46th and 51st minutes as Tun & Bang overcame a 1-0 half-time deficit to secure his team's fifth win in the competition. A Julian Frederick 8th minute strike had given Up and Over FC a 1-0 half-time lead.

The result lifted Tun &

Bang to 15 points from eight outings, but they remain in third place in the standings. But Up & Over FC remained on 18 points and have relinquished their lead and slipped to second place after recording their second defeat in eight matches.

Dun Bar Crew move up one position to overtake Tun & Bang at the top of the standings on goal difference after recording a 6-2 victory against Extraordinary Men,

thanks to a hat trick by Kendall Pennyfeather.

Pennyfeather scored in the 18th, 21st and 41st minutes, while the other goals for Dun Bar Crew were scored by Tamarley "Ziggy" Thomas and Kenton Morgan.

Thomas recorded a brace with goals in the 12th and 38th minutes, while Morgan netted in the 47th minute.

Nijah Hope had given Extraordinary Men a 1-0 lead with a fourth minute conversion. Kevin Warner scored Extraordinary Men's other goal in the 50th minute.

The win lifted Dun Bar Crew to 18 points with Up & Over FC, but the men from Hoppers have advanced to first place by virtue of having a superior goal difference.

The result ensured Extraordinary Men remain second from bottom of the standings with seven points from eight matches.

Turf Masters trounced bottom team Golden Grove Masters 5-0 to remain in fifth place in the standings.

Donovan Peart scored in the 12th and 28th minutes and Jamarly Galloway had a 19th minute conversion to give Turf Masters a 3-0 halftime advantage.

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Wimbledon: Andy Murray says injury 'healing but not perfect' before Grand Slam

BBC - Britain's Andy Murray faces a race against time to play Wimbledon because of the abdominal injury that forced him out of Queen's last week.

The two-time Wimbledon champion said there had been "positives and negatives" during practice this week.

The Grand Slam event starts at the All England Club next Monday and Murray, who won in 2013 and 2016, says he is still unable to hit certain shots.

"The injury is healing but still not perfect," the 35-year-old Scot said.

On his hopes at Wimbledon, he added: "My goal is to get to the start line in a good place physically and give myself the best chance to do well."

Murray picked up the injury in the Stuttgart final on 12 June and as a result withdrew from Queen's a day later.

The former world num-



Andy Murray has been preparing this week for Wimbledon, which starts at the All England Club next Monday

ber one had a scan in London and decided to skip the Cinch Championships after it revealed the level of the damage.

Murray, now ranked 51st in the world, has been practising on the grass at Wimbledon this week, hitting with British number two Dan Evans and fellow three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka.

Murray said he does not plan to play an exhibition event at the Hurlingham Club in London this week,

where defending Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic and 22-Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal are among those in action.

"There have been positives and negatives this week," said Murray.

"Positives are I've been able to practise but there are certain shots I've not able to practise."

On whether he is still on track for Wimbledon, he added: "Yes. I've been practising for the past three

or four days and have been practising well.

"But unfortunately in matches you can't just not hit certain shots. In the next couple of days hopefully I will get the chance to test that and hopefully it will be fine."

Murray would not reveal which specific shots he has been unable to practise but said: "I'm sure you can work that out based on what the injury is."

In the final stages of the Stuttgart final against Italy's Matteo Berrettini, Murray was unable to serve properly.

"I've missed out on some of the stuff I'd have liked to do," added Murray, who was speaking at the launch of his AMC clothing range in which he will be playing at Wimbledon.

"But hopefully in the next couple of days it will hopefully improve and we will get back to normal preparations."

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his team's lead when he scored in the 35th minute and Cecil Daley completed the rout with a 52nd minute conversion. The win carries Turf Masters to 13 points from eight encounters, while Golden Grove Masters remain firmly rooted in the cellar position without a point from the same number of outings.

West Ham FC ensured they remain in fourth place by romping to a 5-0 win over Legacy FC in Sunday's other encounter.

Goals by Albert Bartley in the 5th minute, Keithroy "Ifu" Bramble in the 9th minute and Stephen Hughes one minute later gave West Ham FC a 3-0 lead at halftime.

Nsaka Sesepekeku then scored in

the 40th minute before Hughes converted his second goal of the match in the 61st minute to seal his team's victory.

The win lifted West Ham to 15 points to ensure they remain in fourth place after eight matches, while Legacy FC remain third from bottom of the standings with seven points after the same number of outings.

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three elected officials – Warner, Barbadian FA President Lisle Austin and Jamaican FA president Horace Burrell – either resigned while under investigation or have been banned by FIFA since the bribery case emerged in May 2011.

Eleven Caribbean officials were banned for up to 26 months, five were reprimanded and a further six warned as to their future conduct after allegations they were involved in US\$40,000 cash bribes being offered by former FIFA presidential candidate Mohamed bin Hammam.

Six officials, including former FIFA vice-president and CFU president Warner, resigned all of their football positions before any potential punishment could be issued.

Derrick replaced the CFU's acting president Yves Jean-Bart and was one of the officials reprimanded and fined by FIFA in November 2011, following its investigation into the Bin Hammam case.

At that time, Derrick, who has been Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's general secretary since 2004, was elected as CFU president to a four-year term in office ahead of Luis Hernandez of Cuba, Ronald Jones of Barbados and Harold Taylor of Trinidad & Tobago.

Derrick was re-elected to a second term as CFU President, overcoming a challenge from president of



Gordon 'Banks' Derrick. (Photos courtesy CFU)

the Trinidad and Tobago FA John-Williams at the elections on 23rd July, 2016.

However, On Tuesday 19 September, 2017, Derrick was banned from all football-related activities for six years by FIFA's ethics committee.

Derrick, who was also serving as the general secretary of the Antigua and Barbuda FA, was found guilty of six different breaches of FIFA's ethics code, including offering and accepting bribes, mismanaging funds and abusing his position.

In a statement, FIFA's ethics committee said the ban had come into force "upon notification of the decision" and he has also been fined 30,000 Swiss francs (US\$31,170).

FIFA's decision also blocked Derrick from standing in the 2016 CONCACAF election in which he was the strong favourite to win. Canadian Victor Montagliani was elected as CONCACAF president in 2016.

However, on Tuesday,

31st July, 2018, global soccer body FIFA said Derrick's ban from football for ethics violations was cut from six years to four following an appeal. Derrick had denied any wrongdoing.

FIFA's appeal committee said it agreed with the original verdict that Derrick had violated rules on offering and accepting gifts and other benefits, conflicts of interest, loyalty and general conduct.

"These breaches were confirmed by the FIFA Appeal Committee," it said in FIFA statement.

It did not agree, however, with the ethics committee's findings that Derrick had failed to collaborate with the investigation or disclose information.

It therefore decided to "reduce the sanction imposed on Mr. Derrick, following its finding that fewer (ethics code) articles had been infringed, and taking into account all mitigating circumstances of the case."

The appeal committee

said it had also halved an original fine of 30,000 Swiss francs (\$30,300). Derrick had the option of taking his case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

But Derrick, who is a native of Villa, served Antigua and Barbuda in many other areas.

He attended the Foundation Mixed School and the St. Joseph's Academy before attending the Antigua State College for one year, before moving onto the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT), where he attained a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He later attended the University of the West Indies (UWI) at Cave Hill, Barbados, where he attained his MBA. He was also employed as a Mechanical Engineer at the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) for seven years.

In 2004, Derrick was elected to the Board of Directors of the Antigua Commercial Bank, the country's first publicly held indigenous commercial bank. He served on many sub-committees of the bank during his 10-year tenure and eventually to the position of vice chairman.

It was during this period that Derrick attained the Accredited Director status from the Canadian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. As a representative of the bank, Gordon also served on the board of the Republic Bank (Grenada).

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Long term benefits in store for participants at Wadadli Elite Camp

Coach Byron Andrew said participants will be able to receive some long-term benefits from registering and taking part in the inaugural Exposure Basketball Camp, which will be staged by the Wadadli Elite Academy this weekend.

The 24th to 26th June, three-day camp at the JSC Sports Complex, will not only feature slam dunks, three-point shootouts and skills challenge competitions, but will also provide participants with the opportunity to expose their talents on a stage, where they could potentially be recruited by a college in the United States on an athletic scholarship.

Since Andrew started Wadadli Elite Academy approximately eight years ago, over 20 members have already received athletic scholarships to American learning institutions via the non-profit organization.

Andrew said all registered participants at the upcoming three-day camp, which will be facilitated by Assistant Coach at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, New

York, Jermelle “Speedy” Fraser, will be included in the Wadadli Elite’s database that will expose their talents for possible college recruitments.

“This thing is not just about the three-days because the work continues even after those three days. We will have the information on players. We can tell a player ‘you are almost there’ or ‘you are not there yet’. You need to work on this or that part of the game until next year,” Andrew said.

“Speedy and I talk almost every single day. I send him clippings, videos and engage him about players from time to time. Sometimes I would say to him, ‘what do you think about this player, we need to get this player into a school, send out the videos to some coaches.’

“So the work is going to be continuing all year around because as long as a player has talent, we have the will to try to get these players into some level of schooling ultimately.



Administrator and coach of Wadadli Elite Academy Byron Andrew. (Photo courtesy EMVC)

“Who knows, in the future, we should have some NBA players or some professional players coming out of Antigua and Barbuda right from Wadadli Elite Academy and these exposure camps that we are doing.”

Andrew, who is the administrator of Wadadli Elite Academy and proprietor of Eye Mobile Vision Care (EMVC), is urging persons to register early, since the camp will only accommodate a maximum of 60 persons.

“It’s a three-day camp and we are catering for 50 to 60 players. We should have a few players coming over from Barbuda, we should have a couple players coming over from Montserrat and my basketball academy alone has about 25 individuals, so I am telling people to register early or register now because those spots are going to go very fast,” Andrew stated.

Registration fee is \$300 per person and persons can register or collect and return their registration forms at Eye Mobile Vision Care or contact Andrew via telephone at 724-3976.

The sessions will be conducted from 5pm to 9 pm daily during the camp and all participants will be provided with a camp Tee Shirt and refreshments.

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In 2006, Derrick also began operations of a fast-food chicken restaurant, Chicken Hut. But the business was closed after three years of operation.

In 2007, he was elected to the board of directors of the ACB Mortgage & Trust Company, a subsidiary of the Antigua Commercial Bank.

He served on this board until 2016

and would eventually attain the chairmanship, from where he oversaw record profits for the institution at that time. As a representative of the ACB Mortgage & Trust, Derrick also served on the Eastern Caribbean Home Mortgage Bank board.

Derrick also served on the Antigua Port Authority board from 2011 – 2014. He also served as Chairman of the

country’s Independence celebrations committee in 2004 and the chairman of the Party Monarch sub-committee of the Antigua Carnival Committee from 2006 -2008.

In 2017, Derrick migrated to the USA, Orlando, Florida and formed a consultancy company that specializes in Marketing, Real Estate Investing, Entertainment and Transportation.

Former ABFA Gen-Sec Gordon Derrick has died

Former General Secretary of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association Gordon “Banks” Derrick passed away on Sunday while residing in Florida, in the United States of America.

In 2004, Gordon was hired as the General Secretary of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA), a position which he held until 2017.

During this period, he was also the chairman of Antigua and Barbuda’s first professional football team, Antigua Barracuda FC, which played in the United Soccer League (USL) in North America.

This was a collaborative initiative of the ABFA to help improve the quality and standard of play of the national teams of the country.

Due to financial constraints and other challenges, this initiative lasted just four years, during which two players from Antigua Barracuda were further recruited to other pro teams in the USL.

Striker Peter Byers was acquired by the Los Angeles Blues in 2011 and utility player Quinton Griffith was signed by Charlton Battery



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in 2013.

During his tenure, the Antigua and Barbuda senior national senior team reached the semi-final round of the 2012 FIFA World Cup CONCACAF zone qualifiers for the first time where the country played games against the United States of America, Guatemala, Jamaica, Haiti and Curacao.

In that period, Antigua and Barbuda’s world rankings rose to as high as 70th in the world. To date, it is the highest ever FIFA world ranking achieved by the

twin-island nation.

But Derrick’s tenure in football’s administration was also marred by controversies.

In November 2011, FIFA’s ethics committee gave Derrick a reprimand and fined him 300 Swiss francs (then US\$328) as part of sanctions announced for “apparent violations” of its ethics code that occurred at a CFU meeting on 10-11 May that year.

On 24th May, 2012, Derrick was elected as the new president of the Carib-

bean Football Union (CFU), despite being one of a number of officials reprimanded by FIFA the previous year following the infamous corruption scandal surrounding the presidential election for world football’s governing body.

Derrick was tasked with the remit of leading the recovery of Caribbean football, a year after the highly influential Jack Warner exited the CFU presidency amid corruption allegations.

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