

PM BROWNE BEGINS ENGAGEMENTS AT RWANDA CHOGM

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On Wednesday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne began the first of several engagements as he participates in the 26th CHOGM in Kigali, Rwanda. Accompanying PM Browne are, Antigua and Barbuda's High Commissioner to the UK. H.E. Karen-Mae Hill, (left) and Ms. Ideka Dowe, Economic and Trade Officer and Designated Liaison Officer (far right).

Local News



PM Browne hits the ground running at CHOGM

Prime Minister Gaston Browne and his delegation wasted no time getting down to business at the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) taking place in Kigali, Rwanda.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Browne, and other members of the Antigua and Barbuda delegation, held several key meetings. They included a meeting with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) to discuss the next steps in the Antigua and Barbuda Government's partnership with the ACU and an update on the progress being made on the new Centre of Excellence for Oceanography and the Blue Economy (COBE) to be established at

The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus. The COBE will bring education and research opportunities to Antigua and Barbuda.

The Prime Minister also participated in a CHOGM fireside panel discussion on "Financing the Blue-Green



Growth for Sustainable Islands" moderated by Lord Marland, Chair of the CWEIC (the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council). Joining Prime Minister Browne was Philip Davis, Prime Minister of The Bahamas. Prime Minister Browne addressed the unique characteristics of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), their vulnerabilities and how they can achieve climate resilience and sustainability.

In his opening remarks, Prime Minister Browne reminded world leaders that "SIDS have been on the frontlines of Climate Change".

In the case of the Blue Economy, PM Browne raised

the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Oceanography and the Blue Economy at The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus, which will aid the government in conducting prime research to identify the types of products that can be harvested, sustainably, including minerals.

Accompanying PM Browne are, Foreign Affairs Minister E. P. Chet Greene, Minister of Housing Maria Bird-Browne, Antigua and Barbuda's High Commissioner to the UK, H. E. Karen-Mae Hill, and, Economic and Trade Officer and Designated Liaison Officer, Ideka Dowe.

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Cabinet ensures Russians do not access CIP

The Cabinet has acted to ensure that international sanctions against certain Russian citizens are fully enforced by the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP).

To this end, the Cabinet invited the chief executive officer of the Citizen by Investment Unit, Charmaine Donovan, to address the issue of Russian CIP applicants.

This week's Cabinet Notes explained that since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, sanctions have not only been placed on the Russian government but also on Russian citizens who may

have close relationships with President Vladimir Putin.

The Cabinet questioned the CEO intensely, recognising that the quantum of applicants, and the financial resources the country is forgoing, in order to comply with sanctions against Russia, both of which represent a significant and permanent loss to the CIP's coffers.

It was also indicated in the report from the Cabinet that other Caribbean countries that offer CIPs have also yielded to the sanctions and are not accepting applications from Russians at

this time.

Meanwhile, Donovan has defended her office against claims that other neighbouring CIP countries have outperformed Antigua and Barbuda's annual CIP revenue intake.

According to the CEO, the distribution system for awarding the agents are significantly different from Antigua and Barbuda, which in turn impacts reporting.

Donovan insists that the system in place in Antigua and Barbuda far more accurately reports CIP revenues when compared to that of other countries.



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COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated visitors remains in place

The government has indicated that it has no intention of removing the COVID-19 testing require-

ment for unvaccinated arriving visitors.

This position was affirmed by Information Minister Melford Nicholas, in response to queries over whether the ABLP administration considered ending the mandatory testing requirement for persons who have not received one of the World Health Organization COVID-19 approved vaccines.

"All of the frolicsome activities that are taking place now is directly attributable to our vaccine mandate and

our vaccine policy.

"The fact that we still enjoy the highest level of vaccinations in our adult population means that we are better able to withstand any further onslaught of COVID and its variants. So, I think our policy is one that is holding up, and there have certainly been no negative impact on the number of tourists who have arrived here," Nicholas said.

He offered the assurance that the government continues to re-evaluate its policies relating to the virus to

ensure proper management of the disease and expressed confidence that the current policies in no way affect the rebounding tourism industry.

The testing mandate for unvaccinated passengers arriving at the country's ports is the only major protocol that the government has maintained.

In March, the testing requirement for vaccinated nationals and visitors was abandoned.

Since then, several Caribbean states have followed suit.

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Registration for Carnival 2022 events has begun

The Ministry of Creative Industries and Innovation (MCII) has opened registration for Carnival 2022's major events.

On Wednesday, MCII indicated that registration is now being accepted for:

- Vendors and Booth Operators
- J'ouvert Troupes
- Mas Troupes
- T-shirt Mas Troupes
- Individual Mas
- Monday Wear
- Carnival Floats
- Calypso Monarch and,
- Party Monarch

Those desirous of participating in this year's Carnival competitions are required to complete the registration process at MCII's offices located upstairs the Cecil George-John Building

on the corner of Redcliffe Street and Corn Alley or at the MCII's Old Parham Road location.

MCII's office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 4:30pm and Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Applications can also be completed and submitted online by visiting <https://mcii.gov.ag/resources/>.

The application deadline for all Carnival Competitions is Wednesday, 29th June.

Vendor and Booth Operators registration concludes on Friday, 1st July, 2022.

Antigua's Carnival 2022 will be staged from Wednesday, 27th July, to Tuesday, 2nd August and will see the return of highly anticipated pre-carnival activities, including T-shirt Mas, which

takes place on Saturday, 23rd July, 2022.

Meanwhile, the ministry has also issued a call for volunteers ahead of this year's carnival celebrations.

To be eligible, applicants must provide a clean police record, be 18 years or older and be Customer Service oriented.

The volunteer categories include:

- VIP/Protocol
- Media
- Hospitality
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- Delegation Liaison
- Auxiliary
- Parade Marshalls and,
- Logistics

Applications for these positions can be completed at the MCII's offices or via the online registration portal.

Industrial Relations Officer elected to Regional Women's Committee

Antigua & Barbuda Trades and Labour Union Industrial Relations Officer, Andie Stephen, has been elected to serve as secretary on the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) Regional Women's Committee.

Stephen, along with Ronaldine Burgess (President) – Bermuda and Shakeda Williams (Vice President) – Barbados was elected on Tuesday at the end of the Regional Women's Conference that was held in Saint John's. All three women who were part of the interim committee

will now serve for five years.

Speaking after her election, Stephen said she was "elated" with her new appointment.

"Now that Antigua and Barbuda has a seat at the regional and international table where women and domestic workers are concerned, it will create an opportunity for us to address issues and concerns on that level and receive the support from the IUF," she told Pointe Xpress.

"My intention is to work along with our NGOs and other stakeholders to develop sustainable programmes to include training and development as well as advocacy.



From left: Ronaldine Burgess, Shakeda Williams, Andie Stephen

Tuesday's conference adopted rules and laws, which speak to a number of plans.

They also outlined recommendations which were taken to the regional conference," Stephen continued.

The sixth IUF Caribbe-

an Regional Conference is being hosted jointly by the Antigua & Barbuda Trades and Labour Union and the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union and will be held over a period of two days commencing today.

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Department of Environment to begin training environmental auditors

The Department of Environment (DOE) will shortly begin training new environmental auditors.

The training programme, which will be conducted in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards, will train successful candidates under the international Standard Organizations (ISO) 14000 Standards for Quantification and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Removals.

Initial training will take place on 7th and 8th July, 2022, at the Department of Environment (DOE) headquarters through the National Adaptation Planning in Antigua and Barbuda Project (NAP), which is funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme.

This will be followed by a second workshop from 11th to 15th July, 2022, when selected auditors will be trained in Green House Gas (GHG)

Standards.

Under the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA), 2019 Part VII, Environmental Protection and Monitoring, provision is made for a system of auditing, monitoring, and verification of facility-specific greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and environmental management plans in order to implement Antigua & Barbuda's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In support of these commitments, the Department of Environment (DoE) has proposed the Paris Agreement Regulations to the EPMA.

These proposed regulations provide a framework to establish a network of trained, accredited environmental auditors who are authorised to execute audits of GHG emissions, and Environmental Management Systems of local businesses and facilities

both as a means of protecting our natural environment as well as an economic opportunity.

The candidates for the position of environmental auditors should meet the following requirements:

Persons wishing to apply for training will be required to satisfy a number of preliminary requirement including the ability to provide proof of the minimum of an Associate Degree or Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Certificate or higher, preferably in the areas of Pure Sciences, Environmental Science, Environmental Health & Safety, and Public Health or an otherwise related field.

They are also required to submit with their application, a cover letter, curriculum vitae and the names of three references.

The deadline for the submission of applications to the Department of Environment is 28th June, 2022.

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Fri 22 Jul

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- ★ T-Shirt Mas

Sun 24 Jul

- ★ Celebration Honouring The Monarch King Short Shirt

Mon 25 Jul

- ★ Teen Rave

Tues 26 July

- ★ Drue's Day

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed 27 Jul

- ★ Opening of Carnival
- ★ Jaycees Caribbean Queen Show

Thurs 28 Jul

- ★ Melting Pot

Fri 29 Jul

- ★ Calypso Monarch Competition

Sat 30 Jul

- ★ Party Monarch Competition

Sun 31 Jul

- ★ Pan De Mix
- ★ Emancipation Watch Night Celebrations

Mon 1 Aug

- ★ Emancipation Day
- ★ J'ouvert
- ★ Culture and Cuisine
- ★ Carnival Monday

Tues 2 Aug

- ★ Parade of the Bands
- ★ Last Lap



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New COVID-19 cases in single digits

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment revealed nine (9) new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of Saturday 18th June, 2022 at 6pm.

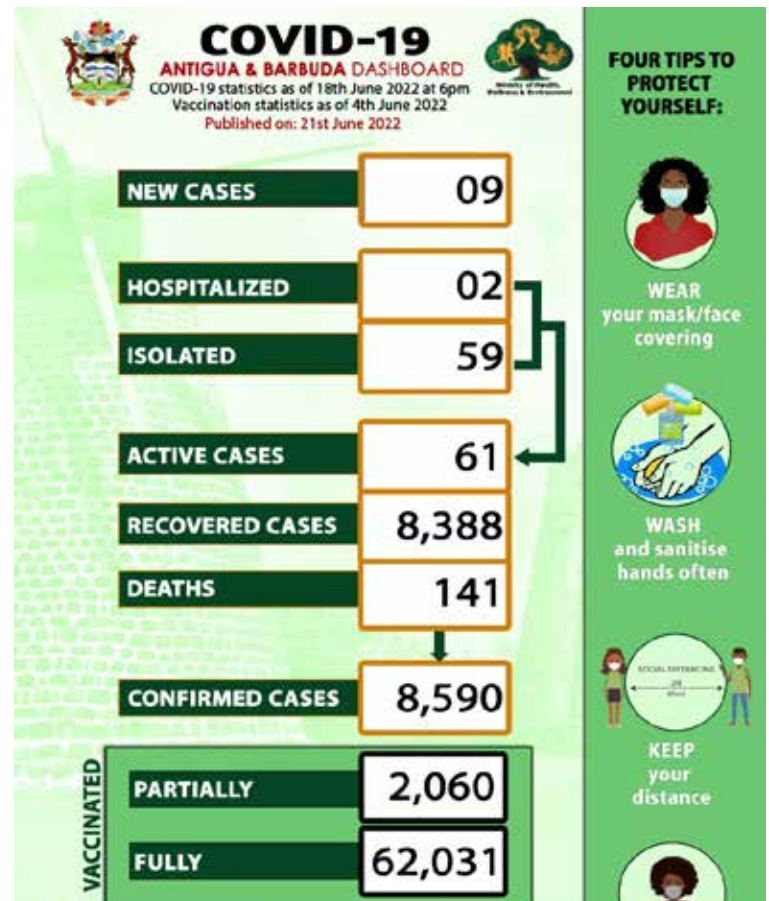
Five (5) cases were recorded on June 17th and four (4) on June 18th.

Sixty-four (64) samples were processed.

Thirty-nine (39) 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 ninety (8,590); which is inclusive of sixty-one (61) active cases.

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



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The World Around Us

South Sudan fights child marriage where girls sold for cows

By Deng Machol

Some young girls are still auctioned off into marriage for cows in South Sudan — one of the social challenges that activists had hoped to highlight during Pope Francis' now-postponed visit.

The price of a daughter, determined in negotiations between her father and would-be husband, is typically 50 to 100 cows, each worth up to \$1,000. A girl viewed as beautiful, fertile and of high social rank can bring as many as 200 cows. One girl in a well-publicised case a few years ago was auctioned off for 520

cows, plus cars.

"The younger the girl marries, the more the family gets cattle in return," said Jackline Nasiwa, executive director of the Center of Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice in South Sudan's capital, Juba. "They sell their daughters so that they get something to survive."

Though South Sudanese law limits marriage to those aged 18 and over, it's rarely enforced, particularly in rural areas.

South Sudan's independence from Sudan in 2011 brought widespread hope for prosperity and peace



Nyanachiek Madit, 21, who successfully refused when her father told her at age 17 that she would be married off to a man about 50 years old because her family couldn't afford to send her to school, speaks to The Associated Press in Juba, South Sudan on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Some young girls are auctioned off into marriage for cows in South Sudan - a practice that the government and international organisations are fighting to promote better health and educational opportunities. (AP Photo/Deng Machol)

for the country's 12 million people, but little of that has materialised.

The new country quickly plunged into five years of civil war that ended with a fragile peace deal in 2018, but deadly intercommunal violence continues, and most people remain trapped in poverty. Climate shocks like flooding, along with rising food prices caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, have deepened widespread hunger.

South Sudan has the world's fifth-highest prevalence of child marriage, ac-

cording to the U.N., which says the practice is a violation of human rights, a serious impediment to literacy and a major cause of persistent poverty. About a third of girls in the country are pregnant before turning 15, according to UNICEF.

Against the odds, some South Sudanese girls have fought back.

"I refused," said 21-year-old Nyanachiek Madit, when her father said she would be married to a man about 50 years old because her family couldn't

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The Commissioner of Police
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Dated the 16th day of June, 2022

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afford to send her to school. She was 17 at the time.

"I didn't accept to get married because I am disabled and my education will be my 'leg' later on," said Nyanachiek, who was born with a congenital disorder. Convinced that schooling would give her a better life, she stood up to her family and dared them to beat or even kill her. Her family didn't force her to marry but refused to pay her school fees as punishment.

Nyanachiek's plight came to the attention of Child Bride Solidarity, which offers scholarships to girls whose parents abandon them after they oppose early marriage. With

the group's assistance, Nyanachiek now studies in South Sudan's capital.

"I am now happy," she told The Associated Press.

Early marriage can be deadly. The United Nations Population Fund has said South Sudan is one of the riskiest places to be a mother. Mothers die in 1,150 out of 100,000 live births, one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world.

"You cannot have a healthy mother, you cannot have a happy mother, if you are marrying off your children and making them mothers," Chris Oyeyipo with the U.N. Population Fund said during an event marking Mother's Day in Juba.

The U.N. wants child marriage eliminated worldwide by 2030. But poor families in South Sudan see laws against child marriage as barring them from profiting from their daughters and threatening their very survival.

Only about 10% of South Sudan's girls finish primary school because of factors including conflict and cultural beliefs, according to UNICEF and Plan International.

Experts say some families worry that sending girls to school exposes them to dangers such as sexual assault that could lower their value when it comes time to look for marriage offers. And yet the experts say early marriage exposes girls to

domestic abuse, including rape.

Authorities have a long way to go to change such attitudes, said Aya Benjamin, South Sudan's minister of gender, child and social welfare, who as a girl watched some of her friends be married off.

"It is our collective responsibility to make sure that our girls are allowed to enjoy their childhood," she told the AP. "We are not discouraging marriage.

"We just say allow girls to be children. Allow them to be themselves.

"Let them grow up and let them go to school and allow them to decide what they want to be in life, and in that way, we can have a healthy society."



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Civil jury finds Bill Cosby sexually abused teenager in 1975

By **Brian Melley and Andrew Dalton**

Jurors at a civil trial found Tuesday that Bill Cosby sexually abused a 16-year-old girl at the Playboy Mansion in 1975.

The Los Angeles County jury delivered the verdict in favour of Judy Huth, who is now 64, and awarded her \$500,000. She said the fact that jurors believed her story meant more than the sum of money or the fact that she didn't win punitive damages.

"It's been torture," Huth said of the seven-year legal fight. "To be ripped apart, you know, thrown under the bus and backed over. This, to me, is such a big victory."

Jurors found that Cosby intentionally caused

harmful sexual contact with Huth, that he reasonably believed she was under 18, and that his conduct was driven by unnatural or abnormal sexual interest in a minor.

The jurors' decision is a major legal defeat for the 84-year-old entertainer once hailed as America's dad. It comes nearly a year after his Pennsylvania criminal conviction for sexual assault was thrown out and he was freed from prison. Huth's lawsuit was one of the last remaining legal claims against him after his insurer settled many others against his will.

Cosby did not attend the trial or testify in person, but short clips from 2015 video deposition were played for jurors, in



Bill Cosby arrives for a sentencing hearing following his sexual assault conviction at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown Pa., on Sept. 25, 2018. Jurors at a civil trial found Tuesday, June 21, 2022, that Cosby sexually abused a 16-year-old girl at the Playboy Mansion in 1975. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

which he denied any sexual contact with Huth. He continues to deny the allegation through his attorney and publicist.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said they would appeal the verdict and he claimed the defence won because Huth didn't win punitive damages.

Jurors had already reached conclusions on nearly every question on their verdict form, including whether Cosby abused Huth and whether she deserved damages, after two days of deliberations on Friday. But the jury foreperson could not serve further because of a personal commitment, and the panel had to start deliberating from scratch with an alternate juror on Monday.

Cosby's attorneys agreed that Cosby met

Huth and her high school friend on a Southern California film set in April of 1975, then took them to the Playboy Mansion a few days later.

Huth's friend Donna Samuelson, a key witness, took photos at the mansion of Huth and Cosby, which loomed large at the trial.

Huth testified that in a bedroom adjacent to a game room where the three had been hanging out, Cosby attempted to put his hand down her pants, then exposed himself and forced her to perform a sex act.

Huth filed her lawsuit in 2014, saying that her son turning 15 — the age she initially remembered being when she went to the mansion — and a wave of other women accusing Cosby of similar acts brought

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fresh trauma over what she had been through as a teenager.

Huth's attorney Nathan Goldberg told the jury of nine women and three men during closing arguments Wednesday that "my client deserves to have Mr. Cosby held accountable for what he did."

"Each of you knows in your heart that Mr. Cosby sexually assaulted Miss Huth," Goldberg said.

At least nine of the 12 jurors agreed, giving Huth a victory in a suit that took nearly eight years and overcame many hurdles just to get to trial.

During their testimony, Cosby attorney Jennifer Bonjean consistently challenged Huth and Samuelson over errors in detail in their stories, and a similarity in the accounts that the lawyer said represented coordination between the two women.

This included the women saying in pre-trial depositions and police interviews that Samuelson had played Donkey Kong that day, a game not released until six years later.

Bonjean made much of this, in what both sides came to call the "Donkey Kong defence."

Goldberg asked jurors to look past the small errors in detail that he said were inevitable in stories that were 45 years old and focus on the major issues behind the allegations. He pointed out to jurors that Samuelson said "games like Donkey Kong" when she first mentioned it in her deposition.

The Cosby lawyer began her closing arguments by saying, "It's on like Donkey Kong," and finished by declaring, "game over."

Huth's attorney reacted with outrage during his rebuttal.

"This is about justice!" he shout-

ed, pounding on the podium. "We don't need game over! We need justice!"

The Associated Press does not normally name people who say they have been sexually abused, unless they come forward publicly, as Huth has.

Outside court, a group of four women who said they represented dozens of Cosby's sexual abuse victims celebrated the verdict.

Chelan Lasha, who testified against Cosby in the Pennsylvania case, was in tears. She said he had drugged and assaulted her in the Elvis Presley suite of the Las Vegas Hilton when she was 17 years old.

"He's a boogey man, he's a sexual predator, he's a deviant," Lasha said. "He's horrible. It's one more victory. I came here to stand with Judy. I'm proud of Judy. I'm glad for the outcome."



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Cement carbon dioxide emissions quietly double in 20 years

By Seth Borenstein

Heat trapping carbon dioxide emissions from making cement, a less talked about but major source of carbon pollution, have doubled in the last 20 years, new global data shows.

In 2021, worldwide emissions from making cement for buildings, roads and other infrastructure hit nearly 2.9 billion tons (2.6 billion metric tons) of carbon dioxide, which is more than 7% of the global carbon emissions, according to emissions scientist Robbie Andrew of Norway's CICERO Center for International Climate Research and the Global Carbon Project. Twenty years ago, in 2002, cement emissions were some 1.4 billion tons (1.2 billion metric tons) of carbon dioxide.

Driven by China, global cement emissions globally have more than tripled since 1992, recently growing at a rate of 2.6% a year. It's not just that more cement is being made and used. At a time when all industries are supposed to be cleaning up their processes, cement has actually been going in the opposite direction. The carbon intensity of cement — how much pollution is emitted per ton — has increased 9.3% from 2015 to 2020, primarily because of China, according to the International Energy Agency.



Sheep graze on a grass land near a cement plant on the outskirts of Beijing, China, Oct. 17, 2015. New global data released in May 2022, shows that emissions of heat-trapping gases coming from making cement have doubled in the last 20 years. It's all being driven by China, which is responsible for more than half of the globe's cement carbon emissions. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan, File)

"Cement emissions have grown faster than most other carbon sources," said Stanford University climate scientist Rob Jackson, who leads Global Carbon Project, a group of scientists that track worldwide climate pollution and publish their work in peer reviewed journals. "Cement emissions were also unusual in that they never dropped during COVID. They didn't grow as much, but they never declined the way oil, gas and coal did. Honestly, I think it's because the Chinese economy never really shut down completely."

Cement is unusual compared to other major materials, such as steel, because

not only does it require a lot of heat to make, which causes emissions, but the chemical process of making cement itself produces a lot of carbon dioxide, the major human-caused long-term heat-trapping gas.

The recipe for cement requires lots of a key ingredient called clinker, the crumbly binding agent in the entire mixture. Clinker is made when limestone, calcium carbonate, is taken out of the ground and heated to 2700 to 2800 degrees (1480 to 1540 degrees Celsius) to turn it into calcium oxide. But that process strips carbon dioxide out of the limestone and it goes into the air, Andrew said.

Rick Bohan, senior vice president for sustainability at the industry group Portland Cement Association, said, "in the U.S., 60% of our CO₂ is a chemical fact of life... The reality is concrete is a universal building material. There is no single construction project that doesn't use some amount of concrete in it."

Cement, which is the key ingredient in concrete, is in buildings, roads and bridges.

"Each person on the planet is consuming on average more than a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of cement per day," said University of California Earth systems *cont'd on pg 15*

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scientist Steve Davis. “Obviously, you’re not going to, you know, Home Depot and buying a sack of cement every day. But on your behalf, the roads and buildings and bridges out there are using more than a kilogram. And that’s kind of mind boggling to me.”

Even though there are greener ways to make cement, cutting its emissions dramatically is so difficult and requires such a massive change in infrastructure and the way of doing business, the International Energy Agency doesn’t envision the cement industry getting to zero carbon emissions by 2050. Instead, there will still be emissions from cement, steel and aviation that need to be balanced out with negative emissions elsewhere, said IEA researchers Tiffany Voss and Peter Levi.

“These are hard, hard to cut,” Andrew said.

But industry’s Bohan said his group is certain that they can get to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, if it gets help from governments and especially cement users to accept and use green cement properly. One of several ways to make greener cement is to mix in fly ash, which is a waste product from burning coal, in place of some of the clinker and he said there’s more than enough fly ash available even with coal use reductions.

IEA’s Voss said the switch to green cement “is not there yet” because of

technology, infrastructure and other concerns. But many in and outside the industry are working on the problem.

China is key because it produced more than half of the world’s cement emissions in 2021, with India a distant second at about 9%, Andrew’s data shows. The United States spewed 2.5% of the emissions from cement, ranking fifth behind Vietnam and Turkey.

“China is a huge country and its development ramped up,” Andrew said. “It’s driven everything.”

China is not just making and using more cement, but the carbon intensity has been going up a lot lately, IEA’s Voss said. That’s because earlier in its development, China was using cheaper, weaker low-clinker cement and buildings and bridges were collapsing, so now the Chinese government is mandating stronger cement, Norway’s Andrew said.

That’s a reasonable conservatism that slows efforts at making greener cement, Davis said. People are not eager to try untested cement recipes because “these are the structural materials of our society,” he said.

For example, Portland limestone cement has 10% less emissions but customers are so worried about strength they often say they are only willing to use it if they use 10% more, industry’s Bohan said.

Different cement uses have specific needs, such

as strength versus longevity but users often just want the strongest and most durable when they don’t need it and this causes unnecessary emissions, Bohan said.

And while people talk about curtailing flying, global aviation emissions are less than half of that coming from concrete, according to the Global Carbon Project. There’s “flight shaming” among scientists and activists, but no building shaming, Davis said.

Cement as it ages does suck some carbon dioxide

out of the air, just like trees do, in small measurable, significant amounts, Jackson said.

“Our primary focus needs to be on fossil fuel use because that’s where most emissions come from,” Stanford’s Jackson said. “I don’t think cement is on most policymakers’ radar.”

Perhaps not on most, but it is on some. California, Colorado, New Jersey and New York have all passed legislation on cleaner concrete and the trend is growing.



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Regional News



Guyana's President dismisses calls for the resignation of Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo

CMC – President Irfaan Ali has dismissed calls from the opposition for Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo to step aside or be fired to allow a probe into the allegations of corruption levelled against him by a Chinese businessman.

Before departing for Rwanda to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, the president said Jagdeo should take legal action against the news agency and the journalist who filed the report.

“Absolute rubbish, as I said before there is not a shred of evidence with the greatest use of deception and secrecy to implicate the vice president in any wrongdoing. The attempts by Norton to score cheap political points on a non-issue are part of his desperation in light of the tremendous strides of the government,” President Ali said.

The Opposition believes there should be an independent international probe following the allegations made by the Chinese businessman.

Ali said the government is focused on delivering a prosperous Guyana and he is not interested in the “side-shows and baseless targeting.”

The president added that Jagdeo



Bharrat Jagdeo (left) and Dr. Irfaan Ali

“enjoys my full confidence.”

Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo on Sunday fended off claims he takes bribes from Chinese investors and said he would possibly take legal action against Guyana-based Chinese businessman, Su Zhi Rong for sullying his name and engaging in extortion.

“Su denied having said this. Now, I have seen the release that he has actually said this so now I’ll have to ensure that I take some steps in regard to dealing with that because he has used his

friendship to basically leverage it and in so doing destroying my reputation and extorting investors,” Mr. Jagdeo told Demerara Waves Online News/ News-Talk Radio Guyana 103.1 FM.

Mr. Jagdeo said he would be evicting Mr. Su from his property, but he does not know where he is. Mr. Su, according to Mr. Jagdeo, has paid rent up to May 2022.

The vice president has repeatedly indicated that the allegations against him are false.

EU provides funds for Caribbean in response to Russia-Ukraine conflict

CMC - The European Commission (EC) said it will mobilise EURO 600 million (One EURO = US\$1.29 cents) from the reserves of the European Development Fund (EDF) to address the current food security crisis in

African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries aggravated by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

The EC said these funds will support those countries to “cope with the dire situation,” through humanitarian

assistance, totalling EURO 150 million, sustainable production and resilience of food systems (EURO 350 million) and macro-economic support (EURO 100 million).

“Russia’s war of aggression is taking a heavy and

senseless toll, not only on the Ukrainian population, but also those most vulnerable around the world,” said EC President Ursula von der Leyen in announcing the new support measure.

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Jamaica's tourism minister suggests single-visa regime for CARICOM

JIS – Jamaica's Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett says a single-visa regime among CARICOM member countries should be the next critical consideration in rationalising entry protocols in the region.

“[This is] for touristic purposes and can be provided for visitors coming into your space for 30 days or three days... a simple platform that allows everybody and anybody to apply for a CARICOM visa that allows you entry into all the CARICOM countries,” the Minister said.

He was speaking at the inauguration of scheduled commercial flights into the Ian Fleming International Airport at Boscobel, St Mary, on June 16.

Bartlett said the region needs to adopt a new approach to air transportation and develop new ideas about collaboration, using the support of today's technology.

“Multi-destination tourism is part of the principle of competition, where we can offer to visitors coming into our space multiple experiences across borders. So, when you buy Jamaica, you can get Barbados and you can get St Lucia, and you can get Turks and



Minister of Tourism, Edmund Bartlett (right), greets Chairman of interCaribbean Airways, Lyndon Gardiner, when Jamaica welcomed its first scheduled commercial flight into the Ian Fleming International Airport on June 16, an interCaribbean Airways Embraer120. (Photo: JIS)

Caicos,” he added.

The Ministry aims to establish Jamaica as an aviation hub, “so that big planes coming from the far-flung areas can bring large numbers into our airports and they are distributed by airlines like interCaribbean across the Caribbean and elsewhere”, said the minister.

For this, Bartlett is suggesting

the establishment of preclearance arrangements within the Caribbean, so that arriving visitors in Jamaica are domestic in other countries of the region and vice versa.

He noted that the commencement of scheduled commercial flights into Ian Fleming is an “important development” that will provide a new gateway for global travellers.

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“Russia is still blocking millions of tons of desperately needed grain. To help our partners we will mobilise an additional 600 million Euros to avoid a food crisis and an economic shock.”

Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, said “solidarity is at the core of our European Union values.

“The most vulnerable are facing tremendous suffering

with a worsened food crisis following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. With these additional €600 million, we will strengthen our support to address the crisis, while contributing to sustainable and resilient food systems.”

The EC proposes to direct the EURO 600 million mobilised from the EDF reserves to support the most affected ACP countries.

The EC said the funds

will also sustain macro-economic support by providing EURO 100 million for the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PGRT) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which will facilitate support to affected countries.

The EC said EU support to the PRGT is part of a “Team Europe approach”, adding that additional contribution is expected to “incentivise other donors to contribute as well.”

The Commission said the new funding comes on top of already mobilised humanitarian assistance worldwide, and funds from NDICI-Global Europe earmarked for projects on sustainable agriculture, basic nutrition, water and sanitation.

Another EURO 960 million are foreseen under NDICI-Global Europe for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia until 2024, the EC said.

Afghanistan quake kills 1,000 people, deadliest in decades

AP - A powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, flattening stone and mud-brick homes and killing at least 1,000 people. The disaster posed a new test for Afghanistan's Taliban rulers and relief agencies already struggling with the country's multiple humanitarian crises.

The quake was Afghanistan's deadliest in two decades, and officials said the toll could rise. An estimated 1,500 others were reported injured, the state-run news agency said.

The disaster inflicted by the 6.1-magnitude quake heaps more misery on a country where millions face increasing hunger and poverty and the health system has been crumbling since the Taliban retook power nearly 10 months ago amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal. The takeover led to a cut off of vital international financing, and most of the world has shunned the Taliban government.

In a rare move, the Taliban's supreme leader, Haibatullah Akhundzadah, who almost never appears in public, pleaded with the international community and humanitarian organisations "to help the Afghan people affected by this



An Afghan man sits near his house that was destroyed in an earthquake in the Spera District of the southwestern part of Khost Province, Afghanistan, Wednesday, June 22, 2022. A powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, killing at least 1,000 people and injuring 1,500 more in one of the country's deadliest quakes in decades, the state-run news agency reported. (AP Photo)

great tragedy and to spare no effort."

Residents in the remote area near the Pakistani border searched for victims dead or alive by digging with their bare hands through the rubble, according to footage shown by the Bakhtar news agency. It was not immediately clear if heavy rescue equipment was being sent, or if it could even reach the area.

At least 2,000 homes were destroyed in the region, where on average every household has seven or eight people living in it, said Ramiz Alakbarov, the U.N. deputy special repre-

sentative to Afghanistan.

The full extent of the destruction among the villages tucked in the mountains was slow in coming to light. The roads, which are rutted and difficult to travel in the best of circumstances, may have been badly damaged, and landslides from recent rains made access even more difficult.

Rescuers rushed in by helicopter, but the relief effort could be hindered by the exodus of many international aid agencies from Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover last August. Moreover, most governments are wary of dealing

directly with the Taliban.

In a sign of the muddled workings between the Taliban and the rest of the world, Alakbarov said the Taliban had not formally requested that the U.N. mobilise international search-and-rescue teams or obtain equipment from neighbouring countries to supplement the few dozen ambulances and several helicopters sent in by Afghan authorities. Still, officials from multiple U.N. agencies said the Taliban were giving them full access to the area.

The quake was centred in Paktika province, about
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Ecuador loses control of Amazon city in anti-government protests

Reuters – Ecuador's government is trying to re-take control of Puyo, a city in the country's Amazon region, after violent clashes and the burning of a police station by demonstrations during nationwide protests against the economic policies of President Guillermo Lasso.

Protests have been ongoing for more than a week, with marchers and major indigenous groups angry at rising cost of food and other basic goods.

The protests – longer-lasting and larger than marches over fuel prices in October last year – are testing Lasso's ability to restart the country's economy and kick start employment.

Lasso has an adversarial relationship with the national assembly, where lawmakers have blocked his proposals, and he has struggled to contain rising violence he blames on drug gangs.

Demonstrations, led primarily by indigenous organisation CONAIE, began with peaceful road-blocks but levels of violence have escalated in parts of the country, including the capital Quito, prompting conservative ex-banker Lasso to decree a state of exception in six provinces.

Demonstrators armed



A protester throws a tear gas canister fired by security personnel after Ecuador's armed forces warned they would not allow ongoing protests against President Guillermo Lasso's economic policies to damage the country's democracy, in Quito, Ecuador June 21, 2022. REUTERS/Santiago Arcos

with guns, ancestral spears and explosives clashed with soldiers in Puyo, in Pastaza province, on Tuesday night, Interior Minister Patricio Carrillo said.

The protesters burned a police station and patrol cars, tried to loot a bank and attacked civilians, Carrillo told journalists, blaming the incidents on radical groups.

"We cannot guarantee public safety in Puyo right now, they have burned the entire police infrastructure

and the entrance to the city is under siege," he said.

Leaders from indigenous Amazonian communities said in a statement they rejected vandalism in Puyo and accused security forces of worsening violence in the city.

CONAIE head Leonidas Iza said late on Tuesday indigenous groups would not meet to discuss a government response to their demands for a fuel price cut, a halt to expanding oil and mining and

other issues until security forces were removed from certain areas of the capital.

Lasso reiterated a call early on Wednesday for dialogue.

One protester died amid the incidents and six police officers were seriously injured, while 18 are missing, the government said.

The protester was killed after being struck in the head by a police tear gas canister, according to human rights groups.

Plane catches fire after landing at Miami airport, three injured

AP - A jetliner carrying 126 people caught fire after landing Tuesday at Miami International Airport when the front landing gear collapsed, but no serious injuries were reported, authorities said.

The fire followed the collapse of that landing gear on a Red Air flight arriving from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Miami-Dade Aviation Department spokesman Greg Chin said in an email to The Associated Press.

The MD-82 jetliner was carrying 126 people, and three of them were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries, he added. Other passengers were being bussed from the plane to the terminal.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue posted on Twitter that fire crews had placed the



A Red Air plane that caught fire after the front landing gear collapsed upon landing is seen at Miami International Airport in Miami, after arriving from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Tuesday, June 21, 2022. (Pedro Portal/Miami Herald via AP)

fire under control and were mitigating fuel spillage.

TV news images showed the plane appeared to have come to rest in grass beside a runway and that the aircraft and an area all around it were apparently doused with white firefighters' chemicals.

At least three firefighting vehicles were positioned nearby.

The airport was experiencing some flight delays Tuesday evening, airport officials said in a tweet, adding passengers were instructed to check with airlines for details. The tweet

added that the collapse of the front landing gear in the nose of the aircraft appeared to be the cause of the fire.

The National Transportation Safety Board posted that a team would arrive at the airport by Wednesday to investigate the fire.

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50 kilometres (31 miles) southwest of the city of Khost, according to neighbouring Pakistan's Meteorological Department. Experts put its depth at just 10 kilometres (6 miles). Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage.

The European seismological agency said the quake was felt over 500 kilometres (310 miles) by 119 million people across Afghanistan,

Pakistan and India.

Footage from Paktika showed men carrying people in blankets to a waiting helicopter. Other victims were treated on the ground. One person could be seen receiving IV fluids while sitting in a plastic chair outside the rubble of his home, and still more were sprawled on gurneys. Some images showed residents picking through clay bricks and other rubble. Roofs and walls had caved

in.

The death toll reported by the Bakhtar news agency was equal to that of a quake in 2002 in northern Afghanistan. Those are the deadliest since 1998, when an earthquake that was also 6.1 in magnitude and subsequent tremors in the remote northeast killed at least 4,500 people.

Wednesday's quake took place in a region prone to landslides, with many older, weaker buildings.

Doyle makes connections with A&B football clubs

Canadian football industry professional Michael Doyle said he has been able to establish a connection with four clubs during his recent visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

Doyle, who has acquired over 20 years of experience in the Canadian Football industry while working professionally with athletes in various capacities, is planning to bring his talent to Antigua and Barbuda.

Doyle, who has worked as a youth coach, team and programme manager, administrator, talent and opposition scout, advisor and video analyst, left Antigua last weekend after completing a three-week visit to get first-hand experience of football in the twin-island state.

Doyle, owner of Full Frame Sports, a sports specific video company, said he is going to be putting specific packages together to present to each of the clubs when he returns to Antigua and Barbuda in September this year.

He said he will also be preparing packages outlining his plans and ideas that he is planning to present to any other clubs who might be interested in what he is offering.

"I have made contact with a couple of clubs already, so I will be putting together some presenta-

tions for them, specifically based on the discussions I have had with those clubs," Doyle stated.

"There are four clubs that I was able to make contact with and we have had some good discussions. I think all of them are at different levels as far as where they are at.

"What I am looking to put together for each of them is what I feel that I can offer to them on a whole, and hopefully, have some discussions once I am back home in Canada and tighten up some plans for them.

"I will also be preparing to return to Antigua in September and I will be bringing down some equipment and getting myself situated and ready to hit the ground running at that point.

"At the same time, I am looking to put together a general package that I can send out to maybe some clubs that I haven't been able to contact, or those that might be interested to kind of outline in more details some of the elements that I think I can provide some help with."

Doyle said he is encouraged with the relationships he has been able to form during his recent visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

"Coming down to Antigua, I was told that cricket was the number one sport played in Antigua, but those



Michael Doyle is a football fanatic and a professional in the Canadian Football industry with over 20 years of experience, working with athletes in various capacities. (File photo)

that are involved with football, they disagree.

But this was the only trip that I had to see some youth players and so I have been able to get out to see a few training sessions, I went over to the Over-40 league to watch some of that action, and I thought that was fantastic," Doyle said.

"But everybody that I have spoken to seems to be very open and very eager to

see the improvement and football development and from my standpoint, that is really all I need to get involved and I am already planning my next visit and looking forward to getting some more hands-on upon my return."

Doyle, however said, all attempts he made to establish contact with officials of the local governing body for football, the

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Sports News



Serena 'absolutely' had doubts about competing again

Reuters – Serena Williams returned to tennis after a year away with a doubles win at the Eastbourne International on Tuesday and while the American great reaffirmed her love for the game she said her future on the circuit remains uncertain.

The 23-times major champion had not played competitive tennis since limping out of her first-round match at last year's Wimbledon in tears due to a leg injury, and the 40-year-old said there were times when she doubted she would ever compete again.

However, Williams, who has won seven Wimbledon singles titles, took a wildcard for the grass court major and kicked off her preparations with a doubles win with Tunisian Ons Jabeur.

"You know what, I'm



Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates winning her round of 16 doubles match with Tunisia's Ons Jabeur against Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo and Czech Republic's Marie Bouzkova Action Images via Reuters/Andrew Boyers

literally taking it one day at a time," Williams told reporters about her plans, saying she "absolutely" had moments of doubt about returning to the Tour.

"I really took my time with my hamstring injury

so I'm just not making a ton of decisions after this."

Williams won the last of her 23 Grand Slam titles at the 2017 Australian Open and remains one shy of equalling Margaret Court's record for the most

major titles.

She reached the final at four majors since returning to the Tour after giving birth to daughter Olympia in 2017 but lost in straight sets on each occasion.

Speculation about retirement gathered pace when Williams, who has slipped down the rankings to number 1,204, released her long-time coach Patrick Mouratoglou in April to train Romania's Simona Halep.

Asked if she saw herself playing into the next year, Williams said: "I don't know, I can't answer that."

"But I love tennis and I love playing, or else I wouldn't be out here, right?"

"But I also love what I do off the court, what I've built with Serena Ventures, it's interesting."

The Wimbledon main draw kicks off on Monday.

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Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA), did not materialize.

"The past couple of weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with a few different clubs and I am looking to work with them to integrate some of my football knowledge, ideas and models into what they are currently doing.

"I have reached out to the football federation, Unfortunately, I haven't been able to make contact yet, but I am certainly looking forward to the opportunity to do that and have a discus-

sion with the FA to see if there is any particular areas or clubs that might be looking for some type of support and anything that I can bring," Doyle said.

"I just think overall, many of the people that I have spoken with have been very open and we've had some great conversations as to what types of partnerships we can have and I am looking forward to opening it up to any and all clubs who might be interested in partnering, not only from a football standpoint, but in other sports as well.

"So I am just open to partnering

with anybody. For me, this isn't necessarily as much of a business venture.

"There is a passion venture, so anywhere I can support the local community, football or sports otherwise, I am happy to do so and I am looking forward to making more connections in the short time that I am still here and even when I return home.

Doyle said anyone who wishes to contact him, they may do so via LinkedIn, whatsapp and telephone at 416-529-8016 and email mdoyleis@yahoo.com.

ABAVA names training squad for regional tournament

The Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association (ABAVA) has named a 17-member training squad to prepare for its hosting of a regional senior men's competition next month.

The squad includes former captain Olsen Joseph, who will be making a return to senior national team duties after retiring several seasons ago to become more involved in coaching.

Joseph, who guided and coached club team Ston-

eville to their fifth national title earlier this month, is one of six members of the reigning champions that have been named in the Antigua and Barbuda senior men's training squad for 6th to 11th July Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) Tournament at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The other Stoneville players in the squad are hitter Adrian Constant, Itario Jenkins, Brendan Hopkins, setter Dominick Anthony and Nathaniel Santana.



Stoneville's coach Olsen Joseph, left, during a time out in this year's national men's volleyball local club championships at the YMCA Sports Complex. Joseph has been named in the Antigua and Barbuda senior team training squad to prepare for the ECVA senior men's competition in Antigua next month. (Photo by Elwin Francis)



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Runners-up in the recent national club championship, Michael Freeland Enforcers have also gained five selectees in the Antigua and Barbuda training squad.

They are Cairon Davis, Kylon Cabral, Dwight Bonnie, Yashid Auguiste and Barrymore Daley.

Five players from third place local league finishers High Flyers, were also selected in the training squad.

They are Jamarie James, Michael Hamilton, Dave Rouse, T'mar Seaman and Jerret Isaac. The other player selected is Alvin Valcin.

The head coach of the team is former national

player Fitzroy Benjamin and the assistant coaches are Naheemah Wilson and Rosemarie Simon.

The squad has started its preparations and is training on Monday evenings to Thursday evenings and on Saturday mornings at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The squad will be reduced to twelve players for the regional tournament that is expected to feature nine teams from the Caribbean.

Joining host Antigua and Barbuda will be teams from Anguilla, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Dutch St Maarten, St Kitts, St Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Sports News



Female players encouraged to attend Wadadli Elite camp

Female players are being encouraged to come and participate in the Wadadli Elite Academy's inaugural Exposure Basketball Camp, which will commence from 5pm to 9pm at the JSC Sports Complex tomorrow (Friday).

Administrator and coach of Wadadli Elite Academy Byron Andrew, is appealing to young women who are interested in playing basketball to register and participate in the 24th to 26th June three-day event.

"Yes the camp is open to females and we are going to have some girls who are going to be there. So all the females who think they have game, if you want to learn the game, this is an opportunity for you," Andrew said.

"The cost is \$300 for the three days and you are going to be fed, they will have their water, Gatorade is on board, and we have Paradiso Water that is going to be hydrating us. So they will be well taken care of for that four hours that they are going to be with us.

"I tell all my players that most of you will not make it to the NBA, most of you will not go to college, but at the end of the day, you are going to be better than when you come first and you are going to be one of the top players that will probably go on to represent the Antigua and Barbuda national team just by being a part of Wadadli Elite."

The 24th to 26th June three-day



Assistant Coach at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, New York, Jermelle 'Speedy' Fraser. (Photo courtesy Lemoyne College)

camp will be facilitated by Assistant Coach at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, New York, Jermelle "Speedy" Fraser and will feature slam dunks, three-point shootouts and skills challenge competitions.

Fraser has played an integral role in helping over 20 members of Wadadli Elite Academy members to receive athletic scholarships to American learning institutions via the non-profit organization, which was started by Andrew approximately eight years ago.

Fraser is also encouraging the female players to attend the camp, which will expose the participants to possible college recruitments.

"I want the female players there at this camp. I welcome all female players. Although I have never coached a female team, but I have worked individually with female players. Several of those female players have gone on to attend American Division 1 and

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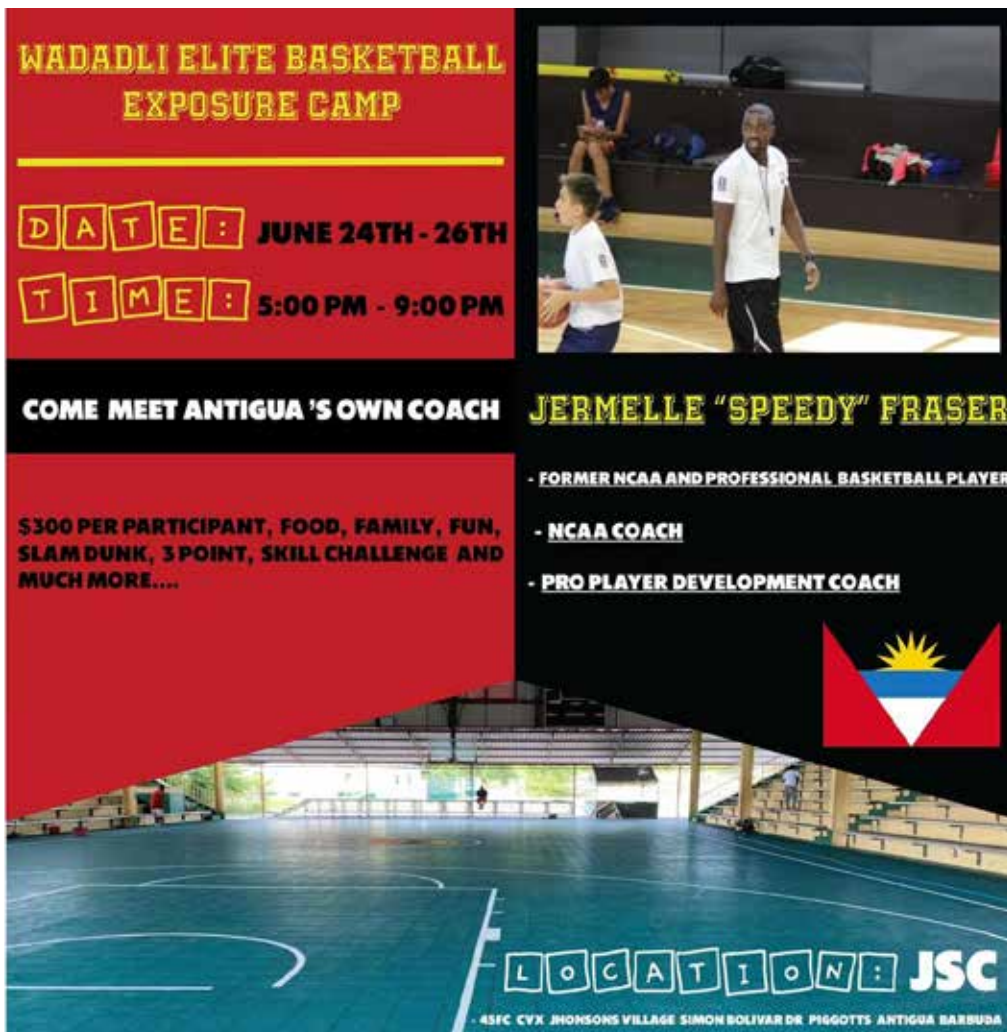
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JAAA confirms Fraser-Pryce will get a bye to 100m at World Champs

President of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA) Garth Gayle has confirmed that defending World Championships women's 100m gold medallist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce will be the sole athlete qualified for a bye in that event at next month's 2022 edition in Eugene, Oregon.

While defending champions earn the right to retain their crowns at the World Championships, the previous year's Diamond League winner also earns the right to a bye in the event. However, should one country possess the defending champion as well as the previous year's Diamond League winner, then under World Athletics laws, that country shall have only one, the defending champion.



Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce celebrates winning gold REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch

Back-to-back Olympic Games sprint double gold medallist Elaine Thompson-Herah was the winner of the 2021 Diamond League in the women's 100m, and as such had earned the right to also be considered for a bye in that event.

"I thought the question would have arisen and so I came prepared. Our govern-

ing body lays it out clearly and over the years the JAAA has always given the world champion of the previous

championships and then the Grand Prix (Diamond League) winner, in that order," Gayle told Tuesday's press launch at the JAAA's Board Room.

The women's 100m is the highlight of the National Championships, having produced a sweep of the Tokyo Olympic Games podium finishes last year.

However, Fraser-Pryce is expected to skip the shorter sprint and conserve her energy for the 200m.

Four Jamaicans are expected to contest the 100m in Eugene.

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Division 2 colleges," Fraser said.

"I have a lot of experience working with female players, but on a one-on-one basis in terms of players' development. So I want the female players to attend this camp and please, don't be shy."

Andrew said Wadadli Elite Academy and coach Fraser will also be engaging in discussions with members of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association (ABBA), as they plan to expand future exposure camps.

"It is going to be very intense. We are going to have some meetings, even some one-on-one sessions with members of the present national basketball association and the basketball fraternity," Andrew stated.

"We want this to be a partnership, a long-term relationship, because we want to do this bigger and better even coming next year that we can even invite players from around the region to come into Antigua for this particular camp."

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‘Unique’ Kraigg Brathwaite growing in captaincy, says Simmons



West Indies Test Captain Kraigg Brathwaite

Test captain Kraigg Brathwaite is growing as a leader.

That's the view of West Indies Head Coach Phil Simmons who made the observation as he also praised the skipper for his determination in the opening Test against Bangladesh, which the Caribbean side won by seven wickets at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Sunday.

"He seems to be growing in the role as we go along," Simmons said of the opening batsman who was named permanent captain in March last year.

Brathwaite was a key factor in Sunday's victory. Although missing out on his 11th Test hundred, he put

the highest score on the board for the entire match – 94 – which he made from 268 balls over a total of 400 minutes.

"I think everybody's seen his determination and unique style. He doesn't have a problem doing his job for five days, which is unique because a lot of batsmen nowadays like to play shots and be done with it," Simmons said.

"From his point of view, he wants to be there for the team. That rolls into the captaincy. He's not loud but the players know what he wants. He makes them understand in his unique way."

The head coach also praised fast

bowler Kemar Roach – who passed a fitness test at the last minute to make the squad – for not only his performance in the first Test but for guiding the younger players.

He said the 33-year-old who finished on 7 for 74 and was adjudged Player of the Match "has taken things to the next level".

Roach is now tied with West Indies legend Michael Holding on 249 Test wickets.

"In the dressing room, he is always leading the youngsters. He has played 70 Tests, so he educates them. It is great to have him in the dressing room," Simmons said.