

BROWNE UNBOTHERED BY MICHAEL'S REELECTION BID

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A beautiful display at this year's PiAngo Festival. The pineapple and mango festival, which was held on Saturday and Sunday at Cades Bay near Urlings, heralded the successful return of the popular event which was well attended by both vendors and patrons. [Photo credit: Noah Simons] *Story on page 4*

Local News



Browne unphased by Michael's bid for reelection

Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) leader, Gaston Browne, is completely unbothered by Asot Michael's recent announcement confirming that he will seek reelection in the coming general election.

Over the weekend, Michael announced that he will contest the next general election as an independent candidate.

Earlier this year, the former senior ABLP member was rejected as a political candidate following the decision of the three-member ABLP Suitability Committee and after months of legal manoeuvring on his part intended to block the organisation's plan to remove him from their slate of candidates.

During an ABLP convention in July, Rawdon Turner was ratified as the party's choice of candidate for the St. Peter's constituency.

On Friday, Michael also declared that he intends to become the country's first independent member to be elected as a member of Parliament.

In a post on Sunday, the ABLP's leader posted a quote, "The culture of any

organisation is shaped by the worst behaviour the leader is willing to tolerate."

The quote posted by Browne was preceded by a quote whose author he declined to identify: "This quote is a testimony to your leadership, it took Devine Strength, Courage and Vision to Stand Up for the principles and ideologies of the ABLP, to distance the institution from Asot, contrary to the opposition's support of Asot. The likelihood of being unpopular never troubled you and you resolutely stayed the course..."

Both were a clear reference to what is known to be Browne's firm position that Michael was "unsuitable" to serve under the banner of the ABLP.

Historically, no independent candidate in post-independence Antigua and Barbuda has been able to get as many as 100 votes in a general election, ergo, no independent has ever been elected to serve as a member of parliament.

Wigley George who contested the St. Paul seat as an independent in the 12th March, 2009 general election



Political Leader of the ABLP, Gaston Browne [Photo: ABLP]

came closest to the 100 mark with 92 votes, a move many believed may have cost the ABLP's E. P. Chet Greene the seat in that election.

Greene missed securing the seat by exactly 92 votes to the eventual winner, the United Progressive Party's Eleston Adams.

Asot Michael resigned as a member of the Gaston Browne cabinet and as minister of Investment and Trade on 15th May, 2018.

Michael's resignation came against the backdrop of allegations that in 2016, while he served as head of the Ministry of Energy, he demanded a vehicle, campaign financing and cash from British billionaire, Peter Virdee.

In his resignation letter,

Michael vehemently denied accepting or demanding bribes from Virdee who accused Michael and other prominent Caribbean politicians of hounding him for kickbacks in a telephone conversation with his business partner, Dieter Trutschler, in a phone call intercepted by German investigators in March, 2016.

Excerpts of the jaw dropping phone conversation were made public as part of a United Kingdom court judgement made public in 2018.

The proverbial writing was on the wall for Michael concerning his future with the ABLP several months earlier as in October, 2017, Michael was fired by Prime Minister Gaston Browne from his ministerial post after he was detained in the United Kingdom by that country's National Crime Agency to answer questions related to a bribery investigation they were conducting.

The National Crime Agency released Michael about twenty-four hours after his detention without charge.

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PM Browne defends formation of Antigua Airways

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is defending his administration's decision to support the formation of Antigua Airways.

The new airline will provide regular, direct flights between the African continent and Antigua and Barbuda which is a main gateway to the Caribbean.

The prime minister was responding to a spokesman for the opposition United Progressive Party (UPP), who was highly critical of the move.

"The UPP and its leadership are known to be eternal pessimists while we in the ABLP are eternal optimists. We know Marvellous Mike - we have been dealing with him for some time - and he approached us about creating this air link. We know he has the resources to start the airline.

"As to the sustainability, we can't

vouch for that as start-ups usually fail within a short time, however, we do wish him success in this undertaking," Browne stated. The prime minister, who revealed that the investor has engaged the services of people familiar with the airline industry to advise him on the project, added that his government is not in the business of dissuading would-be investors.

"Here's a situation where a Nigerian investor with the resources believes that he can make a success of a new airline. He approached the government to support his initiative and the government did so willingly," he explained.

Along with seeking the advice of knowledgeable partners, PM Browne said the investor is also in dialogue with LIAT about moving passengers to the rest of the region after they land in Anti-

gua and Barbuda.

"Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, and it is also quite prosperous. It has a growing middle class of between forty and fifty million people who have the resources to travel widely. It is very important for us to open up a corridor to Africa, opening new markets for tourism, trade and investments," he remarked.

"The proposed connections with LIAT hold the possibility of creating new contacts between Africa and the Caribbean as this could be a two-way trade - Africans visiting the Caribbean and Caribbean people visiting Africa," he added.

The agreement formalising the creation of Antigua Airways was signed last month and the new airline is aiming to begin operations in October this year.



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Minister Marshall details assistance to agriculture sector

Minister of Agriculture, Samantha Marshall, has provided the details of the several government policy initiatives instituted to assist the agricultural and fishing sectors.

Minister Marshall, who was a guest on Saturday's Browne and Browne Show on Pointe FM, was speaking against the backdrop of this year's PiAngo Festival which made a comeback after a two-year hiatus.

The pineapple and mango festival, which was held on Saturday and Sunday at Cades Bay near Urlings, heralded the successful return of the popular event which was well attended by both vendors and patrons.

During her appearance on Pointe FM, Marshall highlighted the wide range of initiatives spearheaded by her ministry to assist the farming and fishing communities.

The festival, for example, offers an opportunity for those involved in agro-processing to promote their goods.

These include an array of locally produced jams, hot sauces, season-



Minister of Agriculture, Samantha Marshall ings and other products manufactured by a growing number of individuals, some of whom Marshall said are quite young.

"I had the opportunity to meet a young man, eleven-years-old, Dalon Samuel, who makes craft items using agricultural products. D's Krafts is the name of the business. I already posted his photo et cetera on my Facebook page.

"There is also a young lady, a little older than Dalon at age 15, who makes hot sauces.

"What stands out for me is that these young people are able to speak, explain and to market their products," Marshall said.

According to Marshall, her ministry is looking at ways it can assist young entrepreneurs who wish to develop agriculture-based businesses.

"What we are looking at are ways to help these young people further develop and grow their businesses so that they can expand their operations. That is our focus," she stated.

The minister said small business development is critical to the economy which is another reason for the



government's support of young people, who also receive assistance from the Entrepreneurial Development Fund, which offers both capital and business advice.

Meanwhile, Marshall said there are several programmes in place to help fisher folk. The support includes the recent distribution of oxygen tanks and training for fishermen who engage in diving.

Additionally, both farmers and fishermen who are registered with the ministry are assisted by the government with a subsidy to cushion the recent increases in the cost of fuel.

This shield means farmers and fishermen can maintain the price of their goods to consumers who have been otherwise impacted by rising inflation on the cost of imported food.



Calls for more to be done to prevent suicides

The suspected suicide of a Parham resident has reignited the conversation on the need for authorities to place more emphasis on mental health.

Alston Furlong, 45, was discovered hanging from an electrical cord that was attached to the ceiling of his bedroom early Friday evening.

Police say a relative made the grim discovery sometime around 6:30pm.

Furlong was cut loose from the cord and efforts were made to resuscitate him, but they were unsuccessful.

A district doctor arrived on the scene at approximate-

ly 8:10pm and pronounced him dead.

He was then removed to a funeral home pending an autopsy.

In a statement following the discovery, police revealed that Furlong had been seen alive about an hour and a half prior to his relative discovering him hanging.

The deceased man also had familial ties to the village of Potters.

In Parham where he was domiciled, Furlong spent his free time opposite a popular bar where people would relax on the benches utilising the free Wi-Fi that is available.

His passing has shocked many who claim there were no signs that Furlong was experiencing difficulties in life.

One Parham resident said the man, who always wore a grey toque, had a quiet disposition and so his death was unexpected.

Many people have since taken to social media to acknowledge that there are those who are experiencing depression or tough times in their lives and are often ill-equipped to handle the challenges they encounter.

There has been a renewed appeal for the agencies responsible for raising awareness about suicide



Alston Furlong
and suicide prevention to do more through public education campaigns and by informing the public about available avenues through which they can seek help.



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Six nationals graduate medical school in Cuba

Over the weekend, six Antiguan and Barbudans completed the challenging, but vastly rewarding journey to becoming medical doctors.

Aminata Joseph, MD, Brian Byers, MD, Sachi Pipe, MD, Laurica Stevens, MD, Rene Duchtailler, MD and Kheela Saunders, MD all successfully completed studies at the Universidad de Ciencias Médicas, Facultad 1, Santiago de Cuba.

Their years of hard work culminated with their graduation ceremony which was held on Saturday in Cuba.

The graduates were all beneficiaries of the Prime Minister's Scholarship.

A message of congratulations was extended to the



six from the Office of the Prime Minister in which they were recognised for their determination in completing their studies which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Antigua Barbuda Labour Party-led administration also reiterated its

commitment to continuing to support the education of the country's people.

CXC results next month

The Barbados-based Caribbean Examinations Council has advised candidates that results for recently written examinations will be available in the first week of September.

In a statement, CXC detailed preliminary results for CAPE®, CSEC® and CCSLC® will be released in St Lucia on Monday 5 September 2022.


Candidates can access their preliminary results online at <https://www.cxc.org/student-results>

The examinations body has advised that in instances where requests for early release of results were made to facilitate matriculation, preliminary results will be

made available to universities prior to the release to candidates.

The time of the official release of preliminary results to the Student Portal will be communicated via CXC's official website and social media accounts.

CXC began administering its May/June examinations on 23rd May, following a three-week deferral due to concerns expressed by some territories that their candidates, particularly secondary school students were unprepared as a result of prevailing COVID-19 conditions at the time and the delay in the resumption of face-to-face learning in several countries.



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AOSIS pushes progress on loss and damage finance facility

The operationalisation of a Loss and Damage Finance Facility is an urgent issue for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) that grapple with servicing loans to recover from extreme climate disasters and slow-onset impacts, at the cost of sustainable development.

The Alliance for Small Island States (AOSIS) is leading the charge to ensure that loss and damage

finance, or "LSD" for short-hand, is adopted as an official agenda item at COP27 climate negotiations.

To this end, AOSIS led virtual regional workshops from 4 – 5 August 2022 for SIDS climate negotiators to begin drafting a framework for the Loss and Damage Finance Facility.

Participants from islands in the Pacific, Caribbean, and African, Indian Ocean

and South China Sea (AIS) – the three regions of AOSIS – drew on their years of experience confronting loss and damage realities on the ground and their regional technical work. The workshop's interactive sessions elaborated two elements of the facility's framework:

- activities that should be eligible for financing to address loss and damage, and
- access modalities for the finance facility.

Non-economic activities included community relocation, memorialization of traditional medicine, culture and heritage artefacts, for example. Economic activities included public budget support, debt-for-climate swaps, insurance support and micro-insurance programs, and other factors.

Many attendees stressed that modalities to access loss and damage finance must be distinct from the existing UN climate funds designed for mitigation and adaptation projects.

A participant observed, "It is not very attractive to give money to the failure of climate action, but it is very important. It is about creating modalities that are appropriate for different types of loss and damage, and different scales of loss and damage."

The facility must be prepared to deal with worst-

case scenarios, given the current geopolitical realities of short-term coal uptake, the promotion of natural gas as a transition fuel, and a lackluster pace of revised and strengthened NDC ambition to date – trends that contradict recent COP26 decisions.

Meanwhile, the IPCC's verdict from the latest climate science reports is that global emissions must be curbed immediately to limit warming to 1.5°C with no overshoot – the bedrock of the Paris Agreement.

The workshop's focus on in-depth mapping and identification of key activities and modalities ensures that, at COP27, proponents of the Loss and Damage Finance Facility have considered issues and landed on solutions that will address the needs, first and foremost, of SIDS.

AOSIS' regional workshops were followed by a dedicated session on loss and damage at the Wadadli Action Platform in Antigua and Barbuda.

Over the coming months, AOSIS will continue building a solid foundation of support for the agenda item and the Loss and Damage Finance Facility on the road to COP27. Engagements will continue at the UN Climate Week from 19th -25th September in New York.

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Opinion



Seventy-seven and counting

By Tony Deyal

I was born to be an optimist. My blood type is AB Positive. If life gives me a bag of horse manure, I tear it apart looking for, and expecting, a horse. I don't ask for much and am always willing to take much less.

This morning, as I woke up remembering I was 77, I thought about the story of the old man who kept calling his wife all kinds of "sweet" names like "honey", "darling", "love" and "baby."

A friend complimented him for being such a loving husband and at 77 still showing so much love for his wife. The man replied, "Listen. About ten years ago I forgot her name and since then I've been too scared to ask her."

But getting old is no joke. When I was young, I always felt like a male trapped in a female's body. Then I was born. Now, at 77, I am in the double-whammy of the seven ages of man-spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills and wills.

Yet, I don't feel old. This is what the American cartoonist, Kin Hubbard, after wishing a friend a happy birthday said, "You're now living proof of the old saying, 'Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle-aged men'."

In my case, I'm beyond middle-age. I am at that point where you lose your memory and even your mind and the worst thing about it

is that you don't miss either very much. This is where a short nap once in a while helps you to prevent getting older, especially while driving.

I console myself with what some people did at 77. John Glenn, the astronaut, was the oldest person to go into space where he spent eleven days. Some people claimed his wife had finally relented and told him he could come back.

Supposedly, the most famous person born in my birth-year, 1945, is Eric Clapton, the English rock and blues guitarist.

What I can't understand is why the world's "Number 5" guitarist should be put at the top of my age group. Clearly, somebody in the English media pulled some strings.

Fortunately, it did not make me cry like the old man who was sitting on a bench, tears streaming down his face, when a young man approached him and asked, "Sir, are you O.K.?" The old man, still crying, explained, "It's my birthday today. I am 77 years old."

My wife is a 25 year-old beautiful young woman and we make love every day." The young man said, "So why are you crying?" The old man cried even harder, "I've forgotten where I live."

I would prefer being the 77 year old husband who got a call from his sixty-year old wife.



Tony Deyal

She went to the doctor complaining of nausea and cramps and was told that although medically impossible, she was pregnant.

She screamed, dialed her husband, and shouted, "You've made me pregnant you dirty old man." There was a long pause at the other end of the line, and then her husband asked, "And to whom am I speaking?"

Fortunately for me, I still remember where I live and to whom I'm speaking, but 77 for any man is when you've been out with a girl all night and the only thing that comes is daylight. In fact, you're like a dog chasing a car- even if you catch it, you can't drive it.

A friend sent me this story yesterday as my very special birthday gift designed to tell me where to draw the line. A 77-year-

old man who already had a mouthful of dentures was having a drink in a bar.

Suddenly a gorgeous girl entered and sat down a few seats away. She was so attractive he couldn't take his eyes off her.

After a while, the girl noticed him staring and approached him. She looked him deep in the eyes and said in a very sultry tone: "I'll do anything you'd like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams. It doesn't matter how extreme or unusual it is, I'm game. I want \$100, but there's another condition." Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the old man asked her what the condition was.

She teased, "You have to tell me what you want me to do to, with, or for, you in

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just three words.” The old man took a moment to consider the offer, whipped out his wallet, and then put \$100 in her outstretched hand. He then said slowly and clearly: “Paint my house!” I suppose that was the only way he could have a brush with anything except the law.

The way I see it, though, is that every day beyond three-score-and-ten is God’s gift to me. Some people say its better to be a has-been than a never was, but for me that is only when my son prepares the beans as he did this morning for my birthday breakfast.

My daughter made scones and I thought of what Jesus said to the crowd of bakers, “Let him who is without sin cast the first scone.”

This led me to the extremely appropriate Psalm 77 in my favourite, the King James Bible, which says, “I will remember the words of the LORD

Surely I will remember thy wonders of old.”

It is why I call it the present. Even though my birthday suit needs pressing, I believe that life is a blessing and its greatest value comes from its use. I have learnt that some blessings can never change and the important things in life will never die. Whatever happens, I will continue to believe there is a God regardless of the name by which HE is known.

For me, all religions are like rivers that enter into the same sea. For as long as I live, I will continue to honour education and pursue truth and knowledge.

In every moment that is left of my life, I will make sure that the greatest things in it continue to endure - love, faith, hope and the essence of humanity.

I know, too, that tough times never last. Tough people do. I tell my chil-

dren, and live by my belief, that none of us can change the past. But we can learn from it.

In fact, the present is the past condition of the future and we need to see climate change and other issues like a world war in that light and prepare, or at least start getting ready, for it now.

The most important thing for me, as an individual, is to keep my sense of humour and continue to have the ability to laugh at myself.

This is why one of my best friends sent me a birthday card this morning which read, “Tony. Forget about the past, you can’t change it. Forget about the future, you can’t predict it. Forget about the present, I didn’t get you one.”

**Tony Deyal was last seen saying he bought a fridge for the same friend on his birthday and boasted, “You should have seen his face light up when he opened it!”*



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Climate Change



UN disaster preparedness hub for the Caribbean built on 'frontlines of climate change'

The United Nations' World Food Program (WFP) says a new UN-backed humanitarian logistics hub and training centre in Barbados is aimed at strengthening emergency preparedness and response across the Caribbean.

The WFP said the facility is a partnership between the UN agency, the Barba-

dos government, and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and will be located at the Sir Grantley Adams International Airport.

"Once up and running, the hub will support air and sea operations and serve as a prepositioning and response centre, as well as a shipment point for relief items," WFP

said.

"The Caribbean islands are right on the frontlines of climate change. As hurricanes become more frequent and severe, we need to be fully prepared so that lives are saved, livelihoods are defended and hard-won development gains are protected," said WFP chief David Beasley who joined

Prime Minister Mia Motley, and CDEMA executive director Elizabeth Riley for the ground-breaking ceremony.

"This facility will ensure our partners across the region can serve the people of the Caribbean even more effectively in times of need," he added.

WFP said Caribbean countries are highly exposed to natural hazards such as hurricanes, storms, floods, droughts, and volcanic eruptions.

The WFP said over the past seven decades, 511 disasters worldwide have affected Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and that more than half, 324, occurred in the Caribbean, where economies suffered six times more than larger countries.

It said the construction of the hub was funded in part by Canada, the European Union, and the United States.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) says 22 emergency response, coordination, and government officials from a wide cross section of agencies in St. Lucia are now more equipped to respond to nat-

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WHO plans to rename monkeypox over stigmatisation concerns

The World Health Organization says it's holding an open forum to rename the disease monkeypox, after some critics raised concerns the name could be derogatory or have racist connotations.

In a statement Friday, the U.N. health agency said it has also renamed two families, or clades, of the virus, using Roman numerals instead of geographic areas, to avoid stigmatization. The version of the disease formerly known as the Congo Basin will now be known as Clade one or I and the West Africa clade will be known as Clade two or II.

WHO said the decision was made following a meeting of scientists this week and in line with current best practices for naming diseases, which aims to "avoid causing offence to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional, or ethnic groups, and minimise any negative impact on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare."

Numerous other dis-



eases, including Japanese encephalitis, Marburg virus, Spanish influenza and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome have been named after the geographic areas where they first arose or were identified. WHO has not publicly suggested changing any of those names.

Monkeypox was first named in 1958 when re-

search monkeys in Denmark were observed to have a "pox-like" disease, although they are not thought to be the animal reservoir.

WHO said it was also opening a way for the public to suggest new names for monkeypox, but did not say when any new name would be announced.

To date, there have been more than 31,000 cases of

monkeypox identified globally since May, with the majority of those beyond Africa. Monkeypox has been endemic in parts of central and west Africa for decades and was not known to trigger large outbreaks beyond the continent until May.

WHO declared the global spread of monkeypox to be an international emergency in July and the U.S. declared its own epidemic to be a national emergency earlier this month.

Outside of Africa, 98% of cases are in men who have sex with men. With only a limited global supply of vaccines, authorities are racing to stop monkeypox before it becomes entrenched as a new disease. (AP)

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ural hazards, including storms, flooding, and landslides, with focus on information management.

"With Caribbean countries, including St. Lucia, being highly vulnerable to endemic hazards that pose significant risks to lives and livelihoods, continuous support, especially in data collection and analysis, is critical to ensure more coherent, rapid,

and effective response," OCHA said in a statement, announcing that it had facilitated training for the stakeholders through the United Nations Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

OCHA's Information Management Assistant, Randy Warner, said the paucity of data has significantly challenged and, in some instances, hindered effective emergency response. (CMC)

Jamaicans in favour of Bob Marley, Louise Bennett being national heroes

A recent poll has found that several Jamaicans are in favour of Robert (Bob) Nesta Marley being named a national hero.

The RJRGleaner Don Anderson poll revealed that close to one-third of Jamaicans are in favour of Marley or Louise Bennett Coverley, also known as “Miss Lou” being named national heroes.

Pollster Don Anderson posed the question of potential national heroes in a poll conducted among 1,113 Jamaicans across the island from July 16 to 26.

The poll found that 29 percent of Jamaicans were in support of Marley being named a national hero.

Marley’s music is known worldwide and in 1999, the BBC proclaimed Bob Marley’s song One Love as the ‘Song of the Millennium’. He was also given the United Nations Peace Medal of the Third World.

The same percentage of people – 29 percent, thought Miss Lou – Should be given that honour. Miss Lou has been recognized for her contribution to arts, culture and the appreciation of Jamaican creole.

Nine percent of Jamaicans singled out track star Usain Bolt for the national honour and one percent mentioned sprint queen Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce.

According to Ander-



Bob Marley and Louise Bennett son, 27 percent of those interviewed said they could not think of a new candidate to be named a national hero.

Under the National Heroes and Awards Act, the Order of National Hero is presented by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister.

An advisory committee is also required for the Order of National Hero. The committee can determine whether persons – living or dead – should get the title.

The Act describes a national hero as someone who was born in Jamaica or a citizen who has rendered to the country “service of the most distinguished nature”.

Jamaica currently has six heroes and one heroine. (CMC)



SKN government sworn in; PM Drew to lead five ministries

Loop – Scores of people were present to witness the swearing-in of the new Federal Cabinet of Saint Kitts and Nevis on Saturday.

The portfolios assigned are as follows:

Prime Minister Dr Terrence Drew will lead five ministries.

He will serve as Minister in the ministries of Finance, National Security and Immigration, Citizenship by Investment and the Ministry of Social Security.

Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Geoffrey Hanley will also serve the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis in the capacity of Minister of Education, Youth, Social Development, Gender Affairs, Ageing and Disabilities.

Dr Denzil Douglas, former leader of the Saint Kitts and Nevis Labour Party, has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, Economic Development, International Trade, Investment, Industry and Commerce.

Konris Maynard- Ministries of Public Infrastructure and Utilities, Transport, Information, Communication and Technology.

The Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Urban Development, will be headed by Marsha Hen-



derson.

Samal Duggins has been appointed Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Creative Economy, Entrepreneurship, Marine Resources and Cooperatives.

Meanwhile, other positions have also been allotted – Garth Wilkin is the Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of St Kitts and Nevis; Joelle Clarke will be responsible for Sustainable Development, Climate Action, Constituency Empowerment and Environment and Isalean Philip was sworn in as a Senator.

In brief remarks following the swearing-in of ministers, Prime Minister Drew thanked the guests for their attendance at the ceremony and to the citizens and residents of the Federation for their support in the General Elections.

The minister emphasised that while the elec-

tion results would continue to be analysed, the country's business must commence under the new administration.

During his address, the Prime Minister announced that "forthwith" the COVID-19 travel restrictions be removed and

declared the Federation open for business.

According to the Constitution of St. Kitts and Nevis, parliament is set to convene within 90 days after the General Elections, and the newly sworn-in Cabinet will continue the business of the Federation.

Weekend Puzzle Solution

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By Kenneth Holt



OECS Director General wants youth at the epi-centre of development

CMC - The Director General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Dr Didacus Jules, Friday called for the deliberate inclusion of young people in all aspects of development in the sub-regional grouping.

The OECS groups the islands of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat, Anguilla, and the British Virgin Islands.

“The new strategic direction of the OECS is premised on the inclusion of youth as a cross cutting theme, as we aspire toward the inclusion of youth voices in all major decision making. This requires a collaborative and intergenerational effort, where we provide support for the vision of youth, allowing them to unleash their unlimited imagination and liberate their yet untapped potential,” Jules said in an address to mark International Youth Day 2022.

It is being held under the theme “Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages,” and the OECS Director General said quoting the former US President, Franklin D Roosevelt who said, “we cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can build them for the future”.

Jules said that the sub-region celebrates and

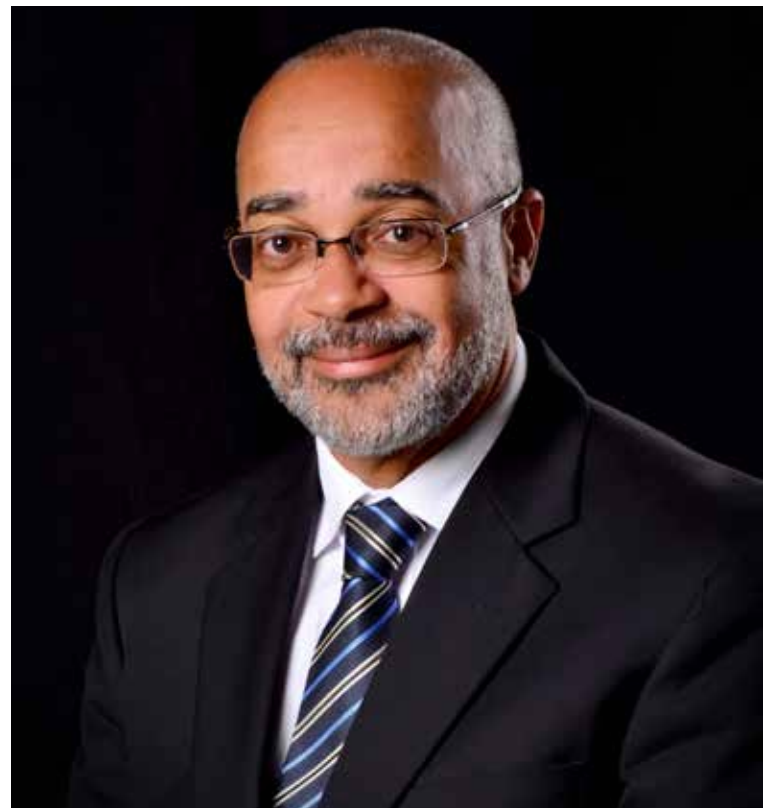
reflects on this International Youth Day, it is important to recognize that the world today is one of uncertainty.

“It is faced with a confluence of factors which affect your development, ranging from climate change, COVID-19, the digital revolution, wars, and other periods of global instability. However, it also presents opportunities which you must seize if you are to shape your destiny and the world that you inherit.

“If the world is to look like what you as young people want it to be, then you must take control of your destiny. You are poised to redefine our world, not only because of your numerical significance, but because of your unmatched talent, skills, and vision for development. For this reason, you should be deliberately included in decision making, not as mere inheritors but as equal partners of development.”

Jules said he would be doing a disservice to the young people of the sub-region “if I did not urge you to analyse the theme and recognize that it is challenging you young people, to see the development of youth not as a destination or a sprint, but as a relay race or a marathon.

“Viewed through this lens, we will then be able to simultaneously look back, look at our current circum-



Director General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Dr. Didacus Jules

stances and look forward.

In doing so, we can appreciate the foundation built by the sweat and blood of our ancestors. In so doing we can critique our present circumstance and capacity. In so doing we can manifest the consciousness expressed in the Native American dictum that “we do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children,” Jules said.

He said that while the “social and economic circumstances of our existence may be different, intergenerational solidarity requires that we collaborate to ensure that this is a world in which we can all live peacefully with no one left behind.

“Such a world is only

possible if urgent action is taken across all generations to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“Such a region is only attainable if we in the OECS embrace our new strategic priorities that are perfectly aligned to the UN SDGs by accelerating regional integration, reinventing our economies, valuing the environment, building resilience and advancing equity and inclusion”.

He said recognising that many of the populations in the OECS are ageing rapidly, “it is your responsibility as young people to ensure that the world that we are creating seeks to design

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Former Grenada minister to become UN climate chief

CMC – Grenada's former environment minister Simon Stiell is set to head the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), regional and international media reported on Friday.

Stiell, who had served as the Caribbean island's minister for climate resilience and the environment until this year, will replace Patricia Espinosa, who finished her second, three-year term as executive secretary of the UNFCCC in July.

Stiell is regarded as a veteran advocate for climate ambition from a vulnerable Caribbean island state. On the global stage, his calls for rapid reductions of emissions have put him at odds with big emerging economies like China, while his lobbying for climate finance has met resistance from rich countries like the United States and the European Union.

The UNFCCC has declined to comment, but many media outlets including Reuters and Climate Home News, said Stiell, who was appointed to Gre-



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nada's Senate and went on to lead ministries for agriculture and education before becoming Grenada's minister for climate resilience in March 2018, is a shoo-in for the post.

UN chief Antonio Guterres was responsible for the selection process and his decision was signed off by the UNFCCC bureau at a specially convened meeting on Thursday, the international media reported.

He studied engineering and business at London

Metropolitan and Westminster universities in the UK, staying in the country to work for technology companies in the 90s before returning to Grenada.

Back home he founded a property development company and became chair of the tourism board and vice-president of the chamber of industry.

Stiell has been a visible figure at U.N. climate negotiations, often calling for the world's largest polluters to set more ambitious climate

goals and to deliver finance promised to vulnerable countries, including small island nations. That funding is key to preparing for future climate impacts including extreme temperatures, rising sea levels, more frequent storms, and drought.

Diplomatic sources are quoted as saying that Stiell would take the helm of the UNFCCC a few months before Egypt hosts the next U.N. climate conference, COP27, which comes after a year of global economic uncertainty and geopolitical issues have led countries to backslide on their climate pledges.

The job is based at the UNFCCC headquarters in Bonn, Germany and Stiell will lead nearly 400 staff from over 100 countries.

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policies and programmes which adopt a lifelong approach which seeks to actively engage all ages.

“Diversity of views makes us all wise. It is our responsibility from this time on therefore, to raise awareness and eliminate the barriers to intergenerational solidarity

in our OECS.

“Let us be known as the corner of earth in which young people are at the epicentre of our developmental trajectory, and that by harnessing the skills, talents and visions of all of our people in a whole-of-society approach we can ensure a sustainable future for us all,” Jules added.

More US lawmakers visit Taiwan 12 days after Pelosi trip

AP – A delegation of American lawmakers arrived in Taiwan on Sunday, just 12 days after a visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that prompted an angry China to launch days of threatening military drills around the self-governing island that Beijing says must come under its control.

The five-member delegation, led by Democratic Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, will meet President Tsai Ing-wen and other officials to discuss U.S.-Taiwan relations, regional security, trade, investment and other issues, the American Institute in Taiwan said. The institute represents the U.S. government, which does not have official ties with Taiwan.

China responded to Pelosi's Aug. 2 visit by sending missiles, warships and warplanes into the seas and skies around Taiwan for several days afterward. The Chinese government objects to Taiwan having any official contact with foreign governments, particularly with a high-ranking congressional leader like Pelosi.

A Taiwanese broadcaster showed video of a U.S. government plane landing about 7 p.m. Sunday at Songshan Airport in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital. Four members of the delegation were on the plane. Markey



In this photo released by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from left, U.S. Democratic House members John Garamendi shakes hands with Donald Yu-Tien Hsu, Director-General, dept. of North American Affairs, Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs after arriving on a U.S. government plane at Songshan airport in Taipei, Taiwan on Sunday, Aug 14, 2022. The delegation of American lawmakers is visiting Taiwan just 12 days after a visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that angered China. (Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs via AP)

arrived on a separate flight at Taoyuan International Airport, which also serves Taipei. The group will be in Taiwan until Monday as part of the trip to Asia, the American Institute said.

The other members of the delegation are Republican Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a delegate from American Samoa, and Democratic House members John Garamendi and Alan Lowenthal from California and Don Beyer from Virginia.

Chinese warplanes have continued crossing the midpoint of the Taiwan Strait on a daily basis even after the conclusion of the military exercises last Wednesday, with at least 10 doing

so on Sunday, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said.

The 10 fighter jets were among 22 Chinese military aircraft and six naval ships detected in the area around Taiwan by 5 p.m. on Sunday, the ministry said on its Twitter account.

A senior White House official on Asia policy said late last week that China had used Pelosi's visit as a pretext to launch an intensified pressure campaign against Taiwan, jeopardising peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and in the broader region.

"China has overreacted, and its actions continue to be provocative, destabilising, and unprecedented," Kurt Campbell, a deputy

assistant to President Joe Biden, said on a call with reporters.

"It has sought to disregard the centreline between the P.R.C. and Taiwan, which has been respected by both sides for more than 60 years as a stabilising feature," he said, using the acronym for the country's full name, the People's Republic of China.

China accuses the U.S. of encouraging independence forces in Taiwan through its sale of military equipment to the island and engaging with its officials. The U.S. says it does not support independence for Taiwan but that its differences with China should be resolved by peaceful means.

China's ruling Communist Party has long said that it favours Taiwan joining China peacefully but that it will not rule out force if necessary. The two split in 1949 during a civil war in which the Communists took control of China and the losing Nationalists retreated to the island of Taiwan.

Campbell, speaking on Friday, said the U.S. would send warships and planes through the Taiwan Strait in the next few weeks and is developing a roadmap for trade talks with Taiwan that he said the U.S. intends to announce in the coming days.

Mexico president to bypass congress to keep army in streets

AP—Mexico's president has begun exploring plans to sidestep congress to hand formal control of the National Guard to the army, a move that could extend the military's control over policing in a country with high levels of violence.

That has raised concerns because President Andrés Manuel López Obrador won approval for creating the force in 2019 by pledging in the constitution that it would be under nominal civilian control and that the army would be off the streets by 2024.

Neither the National Guard nor the military have been able to lower the insecurity in the country, however. This past week, drug cartels staged widespread arson and shooting attacks, terrifying civilians in three main northwest cities in a bold challenge to the state.

Still, López Obrador wants to keep soldiers involved in policing, and remove civilian control over the National Guard, whose officers and commanders are mostly soldiers, with military training and pay grades.

But the president no longer has the votes in congress to amend the constitution and has suggested he may try to do it as a regulatory change with a simple majority in congress or by an executive order and see if the courts will uphold that.

López Obrador warned Friday against politicising the issue, saying the military is needed to fight Mexico's violent drug cartels. But then he immediately politicised it himself.

"A constitutional reform would be ideal, but we have to look for ways, because they (the opposition) instead of helping us, are blocking us, there is an intent to prevent us from doing anything," López Obrador said.

The two main opposition parties also had a different position when they were in power. They supported the army in public safety roles during their respective administrations beginning in 2006 and 2012.

When López Obrador was running for president, he called for taking the army off the streets. But being in power — and seeing homicides running at their highest sustained levels ever — apparently changed his mind.

He has relied heavily on the military not just for crime-fighting. He sees the army and navy as heroic, patriotic and less corruptible, and has entrusted them with building major infrastructure projects, running airports and trains, stopping migrants and overseeing customs at seaports.

Mexico's army has been deeply involved in policing since the start of the 2006 drug war. But its presence



Members of Mexico's National Guard march in the Independence Day military parade, in the capital's main plaza, the Zócalo, in Mexico City, Sept. 16, 2019. Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has begun exploring plans to side-step congress to hand formal control of the National Guard to the army. That has raised concerns, because Lopez Obrador won approval for creating the force in 2019 by pledging in the constitution that it would be under nominal civilian control and that the army would be off the streets by 2024. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte, File)

was always understood as temporary, a stop-gap until Mexico could build trustworthy police forces.

López Obrador appears to have abandoned that plan, instead making the military and quasi-military force like the National Guard the main solution. "Their mandate has to be prolonged," he said.

"I think the best thing is for the National Guard to be a branch of the Defence Department to give it stability over time and prevent it from being corrupted," he said. He also wants the army and the navy to help in public safety roles beyond 2024, the current dateline established in a 2020 executive order.

The force has grown to

115,000, but almost 80% of its personnel were drawn from the ranks of the military.

The United Nations and human rights groups have long expressed reservations about having the military do police work. and Mexico's Supreme Court has yet to decide on several appeals against what critics say are unconstitutional tasks given to the National Guard.

The U.N. Human Rights High Commissioner's office said last week that militarising civil institutions, such as policing, weakens democracy. Soldiers aren't trained for that, the military by nature isn't very open to scrutiny, it has been implicated in human rights abuses, and

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Despite public anger, no progress in Iraq political deadlock

AP – Weeks after followers of an influential cleric stormed parliament, Iraq's political crisis shows no signs of abating, despite rising public anger over a debilitating gridlock that has further weakened the country's caretaker government and its ability to provide basic services.

Iraq's two rival Shiite political camps remain locked in a zero-sum competition, and the lone voice potentially able to end the rift — the revered Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani — has been conspicuously silent.

For now, hundreds of supporters of Muqtada al-Sadr, a firebrand Shiite cleric, are still camped outside the legislative building in Baghdad, ready to escalate if their demands are not met.

Al-Sadr has called for early elections, the dissolution of parliament and constitutional amendments. He has given the judiciary an end-of-the-week deadline to dissolve the legislature.

His Shiite rivals in the Iran-backed camp have conditions of their own. They accused him of violating

the constitution, prompting counter-protests that have spurred fears of bloodshed.

On Sunday, Iraq's top judicial body said it doesn't have the authority to dissolve the country's parliament. The Supreme Judicial Council said in a statement after a meeting that political groups in the country should not get the judiciary involved in their "rivalries and political competition."

Neither faction seems willing to compromise to end the 10-month-old political crisis, the longest since the 2003 U.S. invasion reset the political order. The caretaker Cabinet — unable to pass laws or issue a budget — grows feebler by the day, while the public lashes out in protest against poor services, including power cuts during the scorching summer heat.

When al-Sadr commanded thousands of followers to storm Baghdad's heavily fortified government zone on July 30, he paralyzed state institutions and prevented his political rivals from proceeding with the formation of a government.

Al-Sadr might have felt



A protester holds a poster depicting Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on a bridge leading towards the Green Zone area in Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, July 30, 2022 — days after hundreds breached Baghdad's parliament Wednesday chanting anti-Iran curses in a demonstration against a nominee for prime minister by Iran-backed parties. (AP Photo/Anmar Khalil, File)

emboldened by the silence of the 92-year-old al-Sistani, a revered spiritual figure whose word holds enormous sway among leaders and ordinary Iraqis.

Three officials at al-Sistani's seminary in the holy city of Najaf said he has not used his influence because he did not want to appear to take sides in the most acute internal Shiite crisis since 2003. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media.

"The Marjaiya is watching the situation with concern," said one of the officials, referring to the ayatollah. He said al-Sistani

"will not interfere at the present time. His entry may be perceived as benefiting one party over another."

Al-Sistani has seldom intervened in political matters, but when he has, it has altered the course of Iraqi politics.

In 2019, his sermon led to the resignation of then-Prime Minister Adil Abdul Mahdi amid mass anti-government protests, the largest in Iraq's modern history. Mustafa al-Kadhimi's administration was sworn in with the goal of holding early elections, which took place in October.

The ayatollah has grown weary of current Iraqi political dynamics, the official in Najaf said. He has not resumed his usual Friday sermons, which were suspended during the pandemic. His doors remain closed to Iraq's political elites, a sign that he disapproves of them.

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the presence of troops hasn't resolved the pressing question of how to reform police, prosecutors and courts.

While López Obrador claims human rights abuses are no longer tolerated, the governmental National Human Rights

Commission has received more than a thousand complaints alleging abuses by the National Guard.

The agency has issued five recommendations in cases where there was evidence of excessive use of force, torture or abuse of migrants.

Simmons, Haynes won't be begging players to wear maroon

West Indies head coach Phil Simmons and chief selector Desmond Haynes have stressed they will not be forcing players to represent West Indies.

Several of the region's leading Twenty20 players have been unavailable for selection since the last World Cup in the United Emirates 10 months ago, leaving West Indies short of experience ahead of the upcoming showpiece in Australia this October.

However, Simmons reiterated his stance on the matter, saying players representing the Caribbean side needed to have a desire to do so.

"I make it a point in my time as coach and anywhere I have gone, I don't think I should be begging people to play for their country," he said here.

"I think if you want to represent West Indies, you make yourself available for West Indies cricket. Life has changed in that people have opportunities to go different places and if they pick that over West Indies then that's how it is.

"But it doesn't make sense for me going out there and begging you to play for West Indies because I don't know if you will come with as strong a heart as I want you to [have here]."

Nicholas Poorna is currently leading a relatively inexperienced side against New



Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons

Zealand in the series which available to us."

The same squad were beaten 4-1 by India in the preceding five-match series, West Indies being forced to do without the likes of all-rounder Andre Russell, opener Evin Lewis and left-arm spinning all-rounder Fabian Allen.

Neither Russell nor Lewis have featured for West Indies since the last T20 World Cup while Allen has not played since the tour of India last February. All three campaigned in the recent Indian Premier League.

Off-spinner Sunil Narine, meanwhile, has not turned out for West Indies in three years. He, like Russell, is currently playing in the Hundred in England.

"I would love everyone to play for West Indies," Haynes said.

"I would like to make sure that all the guys make themselves available but you must realise the guys have got options now and if guys are choosing other franchises in front of West Indies, then we have to pick from who's

play a qualifying tournament in order to reach the main draw of the October showpiece.

Simmons said the lack of commitment to representing West Indies had been difficult to take, especially being a former player.

"It hurts. And there's no other way to put it. The two of us have played for West Indies so we know the passion that we played with and it does hurt me," he lamented.

"But as I said, what can we do? We have choices to make and choices have been made."



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Grenada Prime Minister condemns assault on world javelin champion

CMC – Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell has condemned the assault of national sporting icon and world javelin champion Anderson Peters which occurred on a party boat on Wednesday.

In a statement on Thursday, Mitchell said he had viewed the video of the altercation involving crew members of the Harbour Master – who have since been taken into custody – and was “alarmed and troubled by what was shown.”

Police confirmed that Peters, who returned to the island on Tuesday after winning the silver medal in the men's javelin at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England, was treated for minor injuries.

While police did not give details about the incident, videos circulating on social media show crew members assaulting Peters and then throwing him into the water.

“The facts are still unknown, but the persons involved are currently assisting the police with the investigation, which we expect will be swift. As a government, we unequivocally condemn the violence of any kind and call on all citizens and visitors to maintain



Grenadian javelin champion, Anderson Peters

a posture of respect to differing perspectives and to opt for rational debate over extreme behaviour,” Prime Minister Mitchell said.

“I wish Anderson, and all other persons injured during the altercation, a speedy recovery from the injuries sustained.”

Earlier in the day, the Grenada Olympic Committee said it joined with all of Grenada in “condemning these barbaric actions and look forward to

the relevant authorities taking decisive actions against all the perpetrators.”

“We stand ready to lend our support with his recovery and look forward to an expeditious resolution to the matter,” it said in a statement.

The opposition New National Party had also issued a statement calling for swift justice in the matter as it strongly denounced “all acts of violence and submit that such should not be tolerated.”

Raducanu to face Williams for first time in career at Western and Southern Open

BBC – Britain's Emma Raducanu will face 23-time Grand Slam singles champion Serena Williams for the first time in her career on Sunday.

The pair have been drawn together in the first round of the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati.

Earlier this week, Williams suggested she would

soon retire from tennis, saying she will be “evolving away” from the sport after the US Open.

Raducanu is preparing to defend her US Open title later this month.

The British number one won the Flushing Meadows tournament last year as an unseeded 18-year-old, 22 years after Williams won her first

Grand Slam singles title in New York, aged just 17.

The winner will face either Victoria Azarenka or Kaia Kanepi in the second round of the Cincinnati tournament.

In the men's event, Rafael Nadal, who has a bye to the second round, will play for the first time since suffering an abdominal tear at Wimble-

don that forced him to withdraw before his scheduled semi-final against Nick Kyrgios.

British number one Cameron Norrie faces Denmark's Holger Rune and Dan Evans will take on Serbia's Filip Krajinovic in the first round, while Andy Murray meets Taro Daniel of Japan in qualifying.

Man Utd: Erik ten Hag cancels day off after 4-0 Brentford defeat

BBC – Manchester United boss Erik ten Hag cancelled a planned day off on Sunday after the 4-0 humiliation at Brentford.

With no game until the visit of Liverpool to Old Trafford on 22 August, Ten Hag had intended to let his squad have the rest of the weekend off.

However, the manner of Saturday's loss prompted him to revise his plans.

It is understood he was at Carrington early on Sunday to mull over the nature of a defeat that has drawn plenty of criticism from both fans and pundits.

The loss prompted a debate on Sky between Jamie Redknapp, who feels the players need to take more responsibility, and former United skipper Gary Neville, who called for the club's owners to offer a public explanation for what has gone wrong.

Fans group MUST (Manchester United Supporters Trust), which is negotiating a share scheme with the Glazer family, has called for "urgent and radical change".

But senior United figures, despite being aware of the scale of the anger, accept there is no quick fix to the present malaise.

They continue to try and bring in the new players that Ten Hag feels are essential to his rebuild and



Erik ten Hag's Manchester United enjoyed 67% of the possession against Brentford but still lost 4-0

talks with France midfielder Adrien Rabiot are ongoing.

However, Ten Hag must bring about vast improvement in the players he has, with David de Gea's pass to Christian Eriksen for Brentford's second goal symptomatic of the problem.

Ten Hag wants his players to take responsibility and be brave in possession.

Having conceded an early opener because of De Gea's blunder, rather than try to control the game to ensure the damage did not get worse, United carried on with their strategy of playing risky passes, resulting in Eriksen being robbed of possession inside his own penalty area for the second.



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Sports News



Successful start for Antigua & Barbuda Combined Schools on tour to Dominica

Antigua and Barbuda Combined Schools have made a successful start in their cricket series against the Dominica Combined Schools on their current goodwill tour to the Nature Isle of the Caribbean.

The Antiguan snatched an eight-run victory over their Dominican counterparts in a 40-over aside one-day match at the Windsor Park Sports Stadium in Roseau.

Chasing 152 for victory, Dominica Combined Schools were dismissed for 143 in 31.5 overs. Leg-spinner Shamar Pereira snatched three for 13 and off-spinner Dimetri Lucas captured three for 35.



Kyron Phillip top scored with 34 and Jerry Auguiste chipped in with 20.

Sent in to bat, Antigua and Barbuda Combined

Schools had made 151 all

out in 34.3 overs. Xaveer

Toppin top scored with 32,

Malique Jacobs made 25

and George Elvin contribut-

ed 23.

Jahson Vidal took three

for 30, Joel Durand picked

up two for 11 and Yazee

Graneau claimed two for 26.

Empire and Hoppers to clash in Ghetto Cup final

Empire FC and Greenbay Hoppers FC will clash in the final of the Andy "Gantone" Nesbitt Kings and Queens Ah The Ghetto Football Cup at the King George V Grounds today (Monday) at 5pm.

Empire hammered Lion Hill FC 4-0 in the final phase of preliminary round matches at King George on Saturday.

Rakeem Joseph scored twice with strikes in the 5th and 32nd minute, Zahieme Greene had a 28th minute conversion and Kamali Looby netted in the 47th minute for Empire.

Earlier on Saturday, Hoppers and Five Islands fought to a 1-1 draw.

Shane Joseph gave Five Islands a 1-0 lead with a 12th minute conversion and Hoppers snatched the equalizer

via a Rodney Lawrence 34th minute strike.

Empire also recorded a 3-0 victory over Five Islands when both sides met at King George on Thursday, 11th August.

Shakkimba "Yaya" Williams opened the scoring with a 10th minute strike, a Juran Graham own goal in the 31st minute doubled Empire's lead and Rakeem Joseph scored in the 52nd minute to seal his team's victory.

On the same day, a Tyree Archibald 37th minute conversion was sufficient to give Hoppers FC a 1-0 win against Lion Hill FC.

Hoppers and Empire had played to a 1-1 draw in their opening game of the tournament on Tuesday, 9th August.

Zahieme Green gave Empire the

lead with a strike in the 48th minute, but the lead only lasted for 10 minutes as Kareem Wilson scored in the 58th minute to snatch the equalizer for Hoppers.

Five Islands FC and Lion Hill FC also fought to a 2-2 draw in their opening match of the round robin competition.

Alex Phillip scored in the 5th minute and Shakeem Joseph had a 72nd minute conversion for Five Islands, while Calroy Douglas netted in the 21st minute and Troy Jules converted a penalty in the 76th minute for Lion Hill.

Two female teams in Empire Star Girls and Nabu Samuel Cutting Edge also competed against each other in the tournament.

LI and WI draw opening match in CWI Under-19 contest

The Leeward Islands have drawn their opening round match in the Cricket West Indies Rising Stars Under-19 men's championship presented by Winlott Inc. at Arnos Vale in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Asked to bat first in the three-day encounter, which was affected by rain, the Windward Islands were dismissed for 209 in 52.4 overs, with Ackeem Auguste getting a top score of 80 off 85 balls with nine fours and two sixes.

Tarrique Edward contributed 65 and Noelle Leo made 28, while left arm fast bowler Nathan Edwards grabbed five for 30 in 8.4 overs and leg-spinner Micah McKenzie captured two for 43 in 23 overs.

In reply, the Leewards were dismissed for 284 in 110 overs, with Nathan Edwards hitting a top score of 82 with seven fours and a six.

Michael Greaves made 60, opener Malique Walsh struck 38 and Jewel Andrew chipped in with 33 off 40 balls.

Tarique Edwards produced remarkable bowling figures of eight for 75 in 31 overs.

Facing a deficit of 75 runs, the Windward Islands made 232 all out in their second innings. Openers Stephan Pascal and Ethan Gibson shared a 117-run



The Leeward Islands players leave the field at the lunch break during their CWI Rising Stars Under-19 Championship opening round match against the Windward Islands at Arnos Vale playing field in St Vincent on 11th August, 2022. (Photo courtesy CWI)

first wicket partnership. Pascal struck 86 and Gibson made 46. Leo chipped in with 26. Onaje Amory bagged six wickets for 36 runs in 31.1 overs.

Set a victory target of 158 runs, the Leewards reached 40 for one in 10 overs when the game ended. Opener Tarek Charles was not out on 20.

Guyana defeated Trinidad & Tobago by 42 runs in their three-day affair at Park Hill.

Set a victory target of 194 runs, Trinidad & Tobago tumbled to 152 all out in 48.2 overs in their second innings. Wicketkeeper batsman Narad Kissoondath top scored with 47, Orlando James made 29 and open-

er Nick Ramlal chipped in with 26.

Right-arm fast bowler Mavendra Dindyal snapped up four for 24 in 12.2 overs and off-spinner Johnathan Rampersaud captured two for 50 in 12 overs.

Guyana had batted first and made 179 all out in 88.5 overs. Left-handed opening batsman Tomanni Caesar struck 59, Zeynul Ramsamy made 43 and Zachary Jodah made 29.

Off-spinner Nick Ramlal captured four for 39 in 14 overs and left-arm pacer Andrew Rambaran picked up two for 24 in 16.5 overs.

Trinidad & Tobago responded with 146 all out in 44.5 overs. Rambaran top scored with 32, Kissoondath

made 31, captain Rajeev Ramnath contributed 27 and opener Justin Jagessar chipped in with 22.

Rampersaud grabbed six wickets for 44 runs in 16.5 overs and Dindyal claimed two wickets for 17 runs in five overs.

After gaining a 33-run first innings lead, Guyana made 160 all out in 59.1 overs in their second innings. Opener Rampertab Ramnauth top scored with 49 and wicketkeeper batsman Shamar Yearwood made 30.

Right-arm fast bowler Vasant Singh picked up three for 36 in 14 overs and fellow pacer Joshua Davis claimed two for 33 in six overs.

Antigua and Barbuda draw opener with Grenada in Under-15 Girls' tournament

Antigua and Barbuda were held to a 3-3 draw by Grenada in their opening encounter of the Jewels of the Caribbean Under-15 Girls' Invitational Football Tournament on Saturday evening.

Playing in the feature match of the opening day double header at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Center at Paynters, inspired by a hat-trick from striker Gabrielle De Souza, the home-side led twice in the match, only to relinquish their advantage as the Grenadian girls came storming back to salvage a hard fought draw.

De Souza scored in the 20th minute to give Antigua and Barbuda a 1-0 lead, but Grenada equalized two minutes later when striker Abigail Williams scored her first of two goals in the match.

De Souza restored Antigua and Barbuda's lead when she scored in the 35th minute and she completed her hat-trick 10 minutes later with a 45th minute conversion to give the home side a 3-1 advantage.

Williams then pulled a goal back for Grenada when she scored her second goal

of the match in the 66th minute. Emma Francis then snatched the equalizer for Grenada by scoring in the first minute of injury time.

Meiya Wilson scored a brace as St Vincent and the Grenadines hammered Dominica 4-0 in the opening match of the five-team round robin tournament that is being contested from 13th to 21st August.

Wilson scored in the 25th and 35th minute, Neveah Richards netted in the 45th minute and Naskeeka Prescott scored St Vincent's fourth and final goal in the 51st minute.

St. Lucia, the other team contesting the tournament, will open their campaign against host Antigua and Barbuda when the competition resumes at Paynters today (Monday).

The St. Lucians will face their Antiguan and Barbudan counterparts when both sides clash in the feature match of a double-header at 7pm today. Grenada will take on Dominica in today's opening encounter at 5pm.

The Jewels of the Caribbean Under-15 Girls' Invitational Tournament is being contested with double headers on each match day with games slated to start at



Forward Gabrielle De Souza scored a hat-trick for Antigua and Barbuda in her team's opening game against Grenada in the Jewel of the Caribbean Under-15 Girls Invitational Tournament at the ABFA's Technical Center at Paynters on Saturday, 13 August, 2022. (Photo courtesy (ABFA))

5pm and 7pm at the ABFA's Technical Center.

In Wednesday's double, St. Lucia will meet Grenada at 5pm and St. Vincent and the Grenadines will clash with Antigua and Barbuda at 7pm.

On Friday, 19th August, Dominica will tackle St. Lucia at 5 pm and St. Vincent and the Grenadines will challenge Grenada at

In Sunday's final round of matches, St. Vincent and the Grenadines will oppose St. Lucia at 5pm, while Dominica will face Antigua and Barbuda at 7pm.

The tournament is being sponsored by Joma Caribbean, Cool & Smooth, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority and Paradiso Water.