

A&B SEARCHES SANCTIONED RUSSIAN YACHT

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ABLP Representative for St. Peter Rawdon Turner is proposing the introduction of several projects that will benefit the people of St. Peter. *Story on page 6*

Local law enforcement personnel conduct search of Russian super yacht

Several law enforcement agencies combined efforts on Saturday to carry out a search of a super yacht docked at the Falmouth Harbour that is owned by Andrew Guryev, who has been sanctioned by the United States of America, the United Kingdom and European Union following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P Chet Greene issued a statement on Saturday providing details of the operation and the steps taken by the Ministry of Legal Affairs and law enforcement to



Alfa Nero

conduct the search.

According to a statement from the Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCLP) issued on behalf of the participating agen-

cies, the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force and Customs Department, "The operation was to search the Super Yacht, Alfa Nero, which has

been anchored in Falmouth Harbour since February this year. The Yacht, and its Russian owner, Andrey Guryev, are on sanctions lists issued by the US, the UK and the European Union."

In March of this year following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda advised all local companies to cease all business transactions with persons, companies, or other entities, which appear on these sanctions' lists.

Consequently, the Alfa *cont'd on pg 3*



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Nero was not provided with fuel or other services, except emergency supplies to keep it secure both for the vessel's sake, and for the safety of Falmouth Harbour as a whole. Therefore, it could not leave Antigua and Barbuda.

On 12th August, pursuant to a request under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT), the Government of the United States sought the help of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, to conduct a search of the vessel and to interview its crew.

"On 17th August, after the Attorney-General and the Director of Public Prosecution had completed reviews of the MLAT request, and after further consultations with the US authorities, the DPP, Mr. Anthony Armstrong, made an application to the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda, which, on 18th August, issued an Order to board the Alfa Nero and to search and seize relevant material, as well as to question the crew," the statement continued.

Further, DPP Armstrong met the heads of all national law enforcement agencies prior to Saturday's operation at which time he emphasised that the pending operation was entirely under Antigua and Barbuda's control.

DPP Armstrong confirmed at this time that a request from the US Federal Bureau of Investigations

(FBI) to observe the operation had been granted.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has fully supported and enforced all sanctions imposed against named Russian persons, companies and property since the beginning of the conflict with Ukraine.

Additionally, responding to requests from countries, such as the US, with which Antigua and Barbuda has binding Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties, is a legal obligation which must be upheld.

"For the avoidance of any doubt, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda makes it clear that two other vessels, the Garcon and Halo, appeared on no sanctions list, and none of the US, European Union or the United Kingdom made any request under Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties, regarding these two vessels.

"Therefore, those vessels departed Antigua and Barbuda on July 22nd," the statement further revealed.

The Foreign Affairs Minister's statement added that further information regarding the operation connected to Alfa Nero will be released as appropriate and consistent with maintaining the confidentiality of the investigation.

No further details have been released since Minister Greene's statement concerning the search on Saturday indicating the reason for the search or subsequent action taken by local law enforcement agencies.



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Antigua and Barbuda calls for 'cooler heads' on China-Taiwan issue

Antigua and Barbuda is calling for a deescalation of the tension in the South China Sea where growing unease between the United States and the People's Republic of China has escalated over Taiwan.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne wants both the US

and China to tone down the rhetoric to avoid "provocation" that may lead to "inadvertent" military conflict.

Speaking at a function on Friday where the PRC contributed an estimated EC\$100 million to support the government's social housing programme,



PM Browne said the last thing the world needs is another conflict as it continues to grapple with the consequences of the Russia-Ukraine war.

While the government avoids becoming involved in international disputes, Prime Minister Browne said he feels the government has an obligation to speak out when international "provocations" occur.

He continued that the United States' provocation of China concerning Taiwan, which he described as a "breakaway province" of China, is unacceptable.

"Our interest goes beyond the domestic issue of China and Taiwan. You have to understand if there's an escalation in the situation leading to military conflict and the US were to get involved, this would have dire consequences for Antigua and Barbuda and the

region," he declared.

Browne pointed to the Russian invasion of Ukraine which has led to an increase in the cost of a host of commodities, including oil.

"We know that China is the supermarket of the world, so if you think the situation in Ukraine is impactful, just imagine if China had to have an embargo on certain goods, then all of us will suffer the consequences," he remarked.

As a matter of global interest, PM Browne is calling on both the US and China to "work together" in the interest of all humanity to avoid any military engagements.

In his comments, the prime minister described China as a "very important" partner of Antigua and Barbuda, adding that the country's development would not have progressed as it has without China's support.



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LIAT 2020 operational license pending



Approval for the operationalization of LIAT 2020 may be weeks away as the government of Antigua and Barbuda awaits the green light from the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCA).

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has in the past proposed the creation of LIAT 2020 out of a restructured LIAT 1974 Limited, instead of instituting liquidation proceedings.

However, at a meeting on 2nd August, 2022, LIAT's shareholding governments agreed to liquidate the airline to make way for a new, efficient and expanded LIAT 2020 that

will meet the demand for intra-regional travel.

Speaking to reporters days ago, the Antiguan and Barbudan leader said an application was made to ECCA and they are anticipating a favourable response from the organization by next month.

Once approval is granted, potential shareholders will be invited to discuss their involvement.

“By then we can invite the various governments to become shareholders or to give whatever support they wish to the new LIAT,” Mr. Browne noted. “It’s evident that the old LIAT 1974 Limited is a bank-

rupting entity and we can’t move forward with it”.

While the government advances plans for the new carrier, the Leeward Islands Airline Pilots Association (LIALPA) and Antigua and Barbuda Workers’ Union (ABWU) representing former employees continue to advocate for their severance and other emoluments owed to them by the airline.

But again, the prime minister has reiterated that his government has no legal obligation to the former workers, despite the generous offer they have received.

“The government of

Antigua and Barbuda gave you a very generous offer of fifty percent when we don’t owe you nothing. So, you may want to consider whether or not you wish to continue to follow those union officials who may compromise the amount of monies, or a combination of land, cash or bonds that you are likely to receive.

He continued, “let me make it abundantly clear that the offer that we made is not an indefinite offer, and I want to remind them you can make all the noise you want in the public domain, there is absolutely no legal liability on behalf of the government of Antigua and Barbuda”.

Mr. Browne reminded even if his administration is held liable, it will be limited to the thirty-two percent of shares it held.

Former employees are being encouraged to “think strategically” and to hold their unions accountable in light of the reality of the situation.

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ABLP candidate for St. Peter unveils development plans

The new Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) candidate for the St. Peter constituency, Rawdon Turner, has unveiled conceptual drawings of plans for the development of a marina in Parham Harbour.

Making his first appearance on Saturday's Browne and Browne Show on Pointe FM since he was confirmed

as the ABLP candidate for St. Peter, Turner said the people of the area have been "crying out" for the development of the marina.

He said his approach to politics has been different as he recognizes that his constituents have their own ideas about what is important to them in their communities and his role as a lead-



Weekend Puzzle Solution

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er in moulding those ideas into workable plans that can be implemented.

"The people in Parham are crying out for the development of the marina as they see it as an opportunity to provide economic activity in the community. It's an opportunity for entrepreneurs and as a source of revenue.

"Currently, at the fisheries complex in Parham there is no gas station. Imagine a gas station established there owned by the community. Can you imagine the revenue that this would generate?" he posited.

He continued that the revenue generated by this

proposed gas station could be used to finance other issues in need of attention in education and health care.

"If we had a reliable source of funds, managed by the people of the community, for the people of the community then there's much that we can accomplish. We would not have to wait upon the central government to do everything. We would be able to help ourselves in many cases," he stated.

According to Turner, the Parham Alliance Beautification and Revitalisation Organisation (PABRO) is composed of young people *cont'd on pg 7*

Cell phone jammers for HMP being reconsidered

The minister with portfolio responsibility for technology has expressed a willingness to re-visit a proposal to install mobile phone jammers behind the walls of Her Majesty's Prison.

With the flow of contraband into 1735 on the increase, specifically cellular phones, which are used by inmates to make contact with family and friends, the idea of introducing the blocking device has again come to the fore.

At least two CARICOM states, namely Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica are utilizing the technology in an effort to boost security at their correctional facilities.

Its implementation at Her Majesty's Prison was discussed previously, but was abandoned after officials determined a cellular phone jammer risked negatively impacting neighbouring businesses and other users in the prison environs.

"When we would have looked at this before, the determination would have been made that it would have been infeasible for jamming equipment not to have affect patrons outside of the prison," the technology minister explained.

Using the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG) during carnival time as an example, Minister Nicholas said mobile phone users within the vicinity will lose signal.



When the prison's management met with the Cabinet last Wednesday, Acting Superintendent, Jermaine Anthony, suggested there is one way in which the technology can be used for the purpose intended.

"Mr. Anthony did avert that he is aware that there can be directional jamming signals that can be used and so I've indicated to him if he has that information, I would certainly avail myself of it and to have my technical team look at it," Nicholas noted.

During a recent raid at HMP, items

to include mobile phones, cooking utensils, illicit drugs and even a television were discovered in the possession of inmates.

While a probe has been announced to determine how the items made their way into the prison, concerns have been expressed that some correctional officers are involved in the flow of contraband into the country's lone penal institution.

As such, the authorities are moving to increase surveillance at the Coronation Road facility.

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from the community who have come together to address some of the challenges in their community in concert with community elders.

He said the group launched a cleanup cam-

paign in the area two years ago that removed over two hundred 20-ton trucks of garbage.

He noted that this was done through the efforts of volunteers and sponsors, mainly drawn from Parham.

The politician said this is an example of what can be accomplished when people work together toward a common goal.

Turner said the conceptual ideas and drawings that he has presented are

based on feedback he has received following his visits and interactions with people across his constituency.

The drawings are for a marina, entertainment complex, tourist accommodations and private homes.

Moving violations

By **Tony Deyal**

The first move I made was on a long-haired girl who sat in front of me in class. I was so enamoured that I expressed my love by dipping her long black hair into the inkwell. Instead of hugging me, she was blue “vex”. The teacher saw red and gave me a belting. My mother, despite her very dark face, turned pink when my cousin Dolcine ran ahead of me to spread the news among the family, and my father laughed while taking a drink with my Uncle Jacket and said, “That is my boy. At least he like girls!”

The second was about a year later when my grandmother was very ill and I went across to her house next door. I sometimes rubbed her the wrong way but that morning I used Limacol until my mother called me for breakfast. As I took my first bite, I heard my Auntie Moon scream loudly and my two cousins shouting that “Ma” had died. What caused me to get into trouble is that as part of the death ritual they put a plate, filled with flour, outside the house believing that from what was imprinted on it during the night, we would know what Ma had become in her next life. Auntie Moon, like most people in the community, grew chickens and her concern that God had turned “Ma” into a fowl caused me

to laugh noisily while Moon was rolling on the ground and calling loudly to people passing on the road that “Ma dead”. What made this both moving and special is that I loved my grandmother (she was half Irish but spoke mainly Hindi) and I, while crying at her funeral, still made jokes about Ma as a fowl of the type we called a “clean neck”. It was my first moving violation.

The second was when my father was caught riding his bicycle without a headlamp and a licence. Both were genuine moving violations. Fortunately when the policeman asked him, “How much money you have?” and he replied, “Five dollars” it was enough for a quick mooching evaluation, the money changed hands and my father was on the road again.

The move from my Grandmother’s house to our own next door was our first and I was proud of the two “story” house and having my own room. Then one day, when I was about ten, we ended in the town of Siparia and my memory about the events that led to it are hidden by fear and time. I was ten, the bank had seized our house and we ended up in the home of an “Auntie” I did not know. For months we slept on the floor. I still went to school but that move was perhaps the most difficult of my life.



Tony Deyal

Fortunately, this was not like the one comedian Rodney Dangerfield quipped about, “When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.” Unfortunately, Dangerfield’s parents and only a few other people have moved as much as I did and still doing. Since that first move to Siparia, I have relocated about twenty-five times and tomorrow we move again.

Benjamin Franklin, the “Founding Father of the United States” said, “All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable and those that move.” I am a mover but not a shaker or even a bawler like Tarzan. Unlike him though, I have never lived in a tree house. But, I can tell you, without beating around the bush, it has taken

an unforgettable toll on me and my family. It is easy for Albert Einstein to preach, “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.” Unfortunately, you can’t put even one box on a bike and our racing around in cycles demands more bikes than the Tour de France. The only good thing that comes out of all these moves is my ability to think outside the box and that is only because there is not enough room for me in any of them.

There is, however, considerable room for worry and pain. The top five most stressful events we will ever face are the death of a loved one, divorce, moving, major illness or injury, and job loss. I have experienced all five but am destined to keep on going and going while

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the pressures, like the Energy Bunny in reverse, keep on coming and coming. At first it was changing schools and life-styles, trying to make new friends who thought I was a freak (“He head always down in a book,” they said) or an outsider to tease and ostracise. Later, it became buying or begging the super-markets for boxes, packing them up, and loading them on trucks and in the car, then trying to get used to a new place, new people and new challenges. Then, it is time to move again.

From Barbados we moved to Trinidad and then left our home, our dream house really, overlooking the Gulf of Paria, for work in Belize on climate change. The climate changed and I went to Antigua with the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB). When we returned we found our house not just vandalised but taken apart by people who had stolen everything, including

most of the galvanise. My job was in the city and even though our hearts were rented by the loss, we had to rent a house at a very high cost in a neighbourhood with people who found it below their dignity and wealth to respond to “Good Morning”. Poor me, my wife and children.

Indranie and I grew up in countries where every morning was good, every neighbour was mannerly, and all our children had to show respect to their elders. My older children have told me that they were glad I had insisted on manners. My son George, now a Communications expert at Facebook, was upset when I got angry with him for calling the bartender at the company’s club, “Goodie”. George’s response was, “But everybody call him Goodie!” I made it very clear, “Just because he is working in the club as a ‘barman’ does not mean you should disrespect him. He is ‘Mr. Goodridge’ and you

have to remember that.” George did. Jasmine and Zubin have taken it a step further. They follow the Guyanese “respect” of their mother. To them all our friends are “Uncle” and “Auntie.”

As we prepare for tomorrow, I remember the story of the man who, walking in the woods, found a suitcase with three foxes inside. He called the emergency services and explained, “I found three foxes in a suitcase. What should I do?” “Well,” the operator asked, “Are they moving?” The man replied, “I don’t know.” Then he added, “But that would explain the suitcase.”

**Tony Deyal was last seen remembering the man who went to the pet store and asked for a thousand cockroaches. When asked why, he replied, “I am moving from my apartment today and the lease says that I have to leave the place in the same condition I found it.”*

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Polio in US, UK and Israel reveals rare risk of oral vaccine

By Maria Cheng

For years, global health officials have used billions of drops of an oral vaccine in a remarkably effective campaign aimed at wiping out polio in its last remaining strongholds — typically, poor, politically unstable corners of the world.

Now, in a surprising twist in the decades-long effort to eradicate the virus, authorities in Jerusalem, New York and London have discovered evidence that polio is spreading there.

The original source of the virus? The oral vaccine itself.

Scientists have long known about this extremely rare phenomenon. That is why some countries have switched to other polio vaccines. But these incidental infections from the oral formula are becoming more glaring as the world inches closer to eradication of the disease and the number of polio cases caused by the wild, or naturally circulating, virus plummets.

Since 2017, there have been 396 cases of polio caused by the wild virus, versus more than 2,600 linked to the oral vaccine, according to figures from the World Health Organization and its partners.

“We are basically replacing the wild virus with the virus in the vaccine, which is now leading to new outbreaks,” said Scott Barrett,



An Afghan health worker uses an oral polio vaccine on a child as part of a campaign to eliminate polio, on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, April 18, 2017. For years, global health officials have used billions of drops of an oral vaccine in a remarkably effective campaign aimed at wiping out polio in its last remaining strongholds — typically, poor, politically unstable corners of the world. Now, in a surprising twist in the decades-long effort to eradicate the virus, authorities in Jerusalem, New York and London have discovered evidence that polio is spreading there. The source of the virus? The oral vaccine itself. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul, File)

a Columbia University professor who has studied polio eradication. “I would assume that countries like the U.K. and the U.S. will be able to stop transmission quite quickly, but we also thought that about monkeypox.”

The latest incidents represent the first time in several years that vaccine-connected polio virus has turned up in rich countries.

Earlier this year, officials in Israel detected polio in an unvaccinated 3-year-old, who suffered paralysis. Several other children, nearly all of them unvaccinated, were found to have the virus but no symptoms.

In June, British authorities reported finding evidence in sewage that the virus was spreading, though

no infections in people were identified. Last week, the government said all children in London ages 1 to 9 would be offered a booster shot.

In the U.S., an unvaccinated young adult suffered paralysis in his legs after being infected with polio, New York officials revealed last month. The virus has also shown up in New York sewers, suggesting it is spreading. But officials said they are not planning a booster campaign because they believe the state’s high vaccination rate should offer enough protection.

Genetic analyses showed that the viruses in the three countries were all “vaccine-derived,” meaning that they were mutated versions of a virus that originated in

the oral vaccine.

The oral vaccine at issue has been used since 1988 because it is cheap, easy to administer — two drops are put directly into children’s mouths — and better at protecting entire populations where polio is spreading. It contains a weakened form of the live virus.

But it can also cause polio in about two to four children per 2 million doses. (Four doses are required to be fully immunized.) In extremely rare cases, the weakened virus can also sometimes mutate into a more dangerous form and spark outbreaks, especially in places with poor sanitation and low vaccination levels.

These outbreaks typically begin when people who are vaccinated shed live virus from the vaccine in their faeces. From there, the virus can spread within the community and, over time, turn into a form that can paralyze people and start new epidemics.

Many countries that eliminated polio switched to injectable vaccines containing a killed virus decades ago to avoid such risks; the Nordic countries and the Netherlands never used the oral vaccine. The ultimate goal is to move the entire world to the shots once wild polio is eradicated, but some scientists argue that the switch should happen sooner.

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“We probably could never have gotten on top of polio in the developing world without the (oral polio vaccine), but this is the price we’re now paying,” said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. “The only way we are going to eliminate polio is to eliminate the use of the oral vaccine.”

Aidan O’Leary, director of WHO’s polio department, described the discovery of polio spreading in London and New York as “a major surprise,” saying that officials have been focused on eradicating the disease in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where health workers have been killed for immunizing children and where conflict has made access to some areas impossible.

Still, O’Leary said he is confident Israel, Britain and the U.S. will shut down their newly identified outbreaks quickly.

The oral vaccine is credited with dramatically reducing the number of children paralyzed by polio. When the global eradication effort began in 1988, there were about 350,000 cases of wild polio a year. So far this year, there have been 19 cases of wild polio, all in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Mozambique.

In 2020, the number of polio cases linked to the vaccine hit a peak of more than 1,100 spread out across dozens of countries. It has since declined to around 200 this year so far.

Last year, WHO and partners also began using a newer oral polio vaccine, which contains a live but weakened virus that scientists believe is less likely to mutate into a dangerous form. But supplies are limited.

To stop polio in Britain, the U.S. and Israel, what is needed is more vaccination, experts say. That is something Columbia University’s Barrett worries could be challenging in the COVID-19

era.

“What’s different now is a reduction in trust of authorities and the political polarization in countries like the U.S. and the U.K.,” Barrett said. “The presumption that we can quickly get vaccination numbers up quickly may be more challenging now.”

Oyewale Tomori, a virologist who helped direct Nigeria’s effort to eliminate polio, said that in the past, he and colleagues balked at describing outbreaks as “vaccine-derived,” wary it would make people fearful of the vaccine.

“All we can do is explain how the vaccine works and hope that people understand that immunization is the best protection, but it’s complicated,” Tomori said.

“In hindsight, maybe it would have been better not to use this vaccine, but at that time, nobody knew it would turn out like this.”

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Many still seeking food, shelter a year after Haiti quake

By Evens Sanon and Dánica Coto

The cinderblock home with a tin roof that Erline Castel and Dieunord Ernest rented was among the more than 130,000 houses damaged or destroyed by a powerful earthquake that struck southern Haiti last year, killing more than 2,200 people.

In the days after the magnitude 7.2 quake hit, they gathered sheets, tarpaulins and wood and made a shelter for themselves and their three children. More than a year after the Aug. 14, 2021 quake, the family is still living in the same makeshift tent like hundreds of others, and still wondering if anyone will help them.

If recent history is any guide, few people will.

During visits to several camps surrounding the southern coastal city of Les Cayes, which was one of the hardest hit areas, over and over again people complained that no government official had visited them despite repeated promises that they would come to help.

As the family waited for help, Ernest died of prostate cancer last year. So today, Castel is alone, fighting for her family's survival like many struggling to restart their lives after the quake.

On Thursday morning, she tried to get her 9-month-old daughter to suckle. But after a year of surviving on scraps in a makeshift camp, Castel had no milk. The tiny girl, Wood Branan Ernest, fell asleep during her failed attempt.

"I don't have anything to provide for them," Castel said.

What's worse, others are victimizing the quake victims.

In one camp, friends of the property owner are trying to take back the



Blue tarps serve as roof coverings in Camp Devirel set up by earthquake refugees in Les Cayes, Haiti, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022. A year after a magnitude-7.2 quake hit southern Haiti, the hundreds that were left homeless are still living in the same makeshift tents. (AP Photo/Odelyn Joseph)

land where the refugees settled. Thugs have ripped apart the shacks, thrown rocks at families and tried to set the camp on fire twice in recent months.

The camp, like several others, also floods quickly when it rains, forcing hundreds to flee to higher ground as they watch their belongings get drenched.

"I don't know how long I can continue like this," said Renel Cene, a 65-year-old who lost four children in the earthquake and once toiled the nearby fields of vetiver, a plant whose roots produce an oil used in fine perfumes.

Families walk to get well water, sometimes letting the sediment settle before drinking it. Many have no work. They rely on the neighbours for their only meal of the day.

Those living in the camps say they've heard on the radio that local government officials have met with international leaders about the post-earthquake plights, but they question if they'll ever be helped.

"So far, it's all been promises," said 55-year-old farmer Nicolas Wil-

bert Ernest. "I don't know how long I have to wait."

On the earthquake's anniversary, a group of government officials held a press conference describing the advances of the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Henry, who began leading the country shortly after President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7, 2021.

The government says it has planted 400 tons of beans, cleaned 10,000 meters of canals, distributed 22,000 bags of fertilizer and donated more than 300,000 baskets filled with basic goods. It has provided \$100 each to vulnerable people in tens of thousands of homes across the south. The state also opened a temporary bridge over the Grande-Anse River in early August.

But UNICEF warned last week that more than 250,000 children still have no access to adequate schools and that the majority of 1,250 schools destroyed or damaged have not been rebuilt. It noted that a lack of funds and a spike in violence have delayed reconstruction. *cont'd on pg 15*

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Increasingly powerful gangs have seized control of the main road leading from the capital of Port-au-Prince to Haiti's southern region, disrupting efforts to provide food, water and other basic goods to those in need.

A lot of organizations have been forced to pay bribes to avoid staff being kidnapped while driving to the south.

Cindy Cox-Roman, CEO of Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit HelpAGE USA, said there is "a great feeling on the part of people there that they're alone in this."

Cassendy Charles, emergency program manager for the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Mercy Corps, estimates it could take five years for the region to fully recover from the earthquake. The organization has been forced to use boats and planes to ferry supplies to the south, but even that is complicated because the port is locat-

ed by the Cite Soleil slum, where more than 200 people are believed to have been killed recently as rival gangs fought over territory.

"The situation is volatile," he said.

Meanwhile, double-digit inflation has deepened poverty. Marie Dadie Durverguis, a kindergarten teacher who lives with her two children in one camp, said a bag of rice that cost 750 gourdes (\$6) last year now costs 4,000 gourdes (\$31).

Berline Laguerre, a former street vendor who once sold used clothes, said the money she had saved to buy more clothes went to feed her children. There was nothing left over to send them to school or buy them uniforms or books.

"And the kids are asking me, 'Mom, when am I going back to school?' My friends are going, 'What about me?'" she said.

On a recent morning, Laguerre stood in line with other people in front

of tent #8, where Bauzile Yvenue was making sweet coffee for neighbours in need, a system that has become key to survival.

"I can't do this every morning, but the days I do it, it makes me feel good that I'm able to share coffee with my neighbours," said the 48-year-old mother of two.

But a moment later, she said she worries that her 14-year-old daughter could be raped at the camp. Rape was a common occurrence at similar camps that proliferated after the devastating 2010 earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 Haitians.

Jocelin Juste became the informal manager of Camp Devirel after the most recent big quake. He and other self-appointed leaders have written dozens of letters by hand and visited local nonprofits to try and catch the attention of government officials.

"We are doing everything we can to survive," he said.



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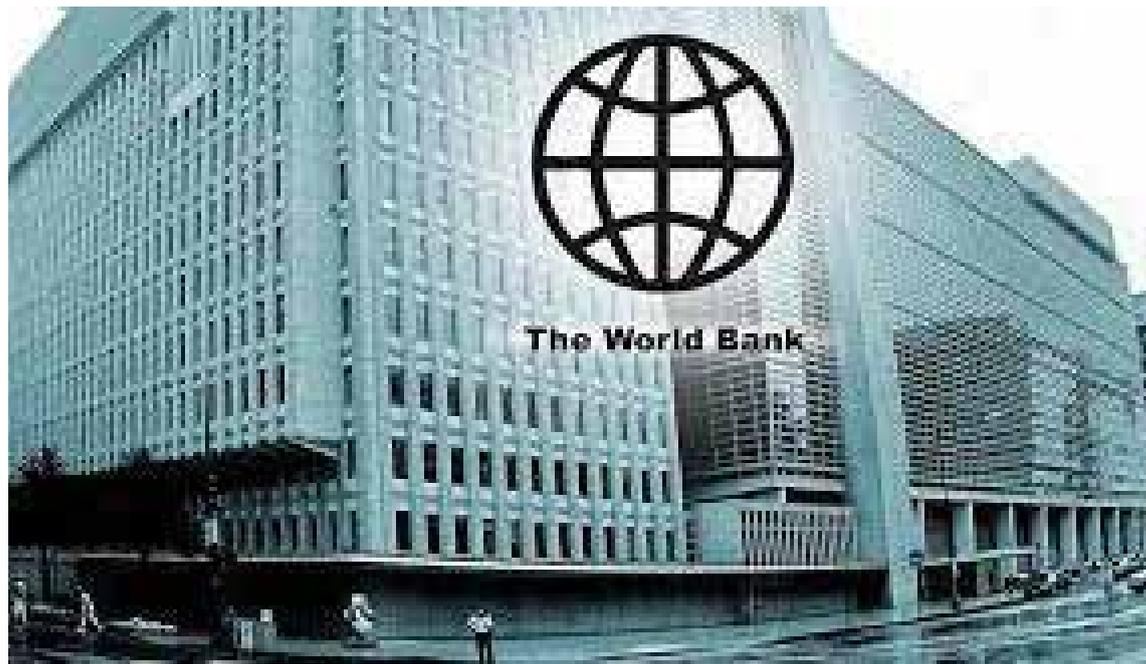
World Bank funds to help Latin America and the Caribbean region

The World Bank Group (WBG) says it has deployed US\$20.7 billion during its just-completed fiscal year in June to support Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) as the region continues to deal with the negative impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The WBG said this brings its support to LAC since April 1, 2020, to an unprecedented total of US\$49.8 billion to fight the health, economic, and social impacts of COVID-19, as well as support the region's response to the overlapping challenges of the sharp economic slowdown, rising inflation and deepening food insecurity due to the war in Europe, among others.

World Bank Group commitments during this period included a combined US\$24.9 billion from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), US\$19.5 billion from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to promote private sector-led sustainable development, and US\$5.4 billion in guarantees by the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

"The World Bank Group has provided strong support to the countries of



Latin America and the Caribbean, reaching a record US\$49.8 billion in total lending since the pandemic began," said World Bank Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean Carlos Felipe Jaramillo.

"As we look beyond COVID, our region faces important challenges and we are committed to working together in critical areas such as addressing education losses, regaining fiscal sustainability, strengthening health, acting on the climate change agenda, and fostering climate-smart agriculture and the digital economy, to build a more sustainable and inclusive growth that benefits the people of Latin America and the Caribbean, especially the most vulnerable."

The Washington-based financial institution said

its financing and expertise this past fiscal year focused on social protection, vaccine procurement and deployment, strengthening countries' health systems, supporting fiscal sustainability, and a green recovery.

In the past fiscal year, IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, committed US\$8.7 billion in Latin America and the Caribbean, including mobilization (\$3.7 billion) and short-term finance (\$1.8 billion).

Since April 2020, when IFC kickstarted its COVID-19 response, it has committed \$6 billion in liquidity support in the region – both COVID financing outside and through the Fast Track COVID Facility (FTCF) –, which has helped expand lending to MSMEs and women entre-

preneurs so they can continue operations, worked with financial institutions to promote green finance, promoted sustainable infrastructure projects, and supported export-oriented agribusinesses in region.

"Our priority in the region is to help the private and public sectors work together to overcome crucial development challenges and navigate the economic headwinds that our countries are facing," said Alfonso Garcia Mora, IFC's Vice President for Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, total World Bank Group financing has reached US\$272 billion to help public and private sector clients fight the health, economic, and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. (CMC)



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Variety Concert -Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Sunday 11th September 2022**

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Caribbean leaders hold special meeting on Haiti

CMC – Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders Saturday held a special meeting on the situation in Haiti where crime and political instability are seriously affecting the socio-economic development of the French-speaking CARICOM member country.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves told the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) that the meeting provided the regional leaders, who were attending the ongoing second regional Agri-Investment and Forum Expo11, to discuss and update the Haitian Prime Minister Dr. Ariel Henry on the decisions made during the CARICOM summit in Suriname last month.

Gonsalves said while a decision has been made for a CARICOM-led technical mission to visit Port au Prince for talks with all the stakeholders there, no date has yet been finalized even as Prime Minister Henry has reiterated that he “wants CARICOM to be very much involved.”

Gonsalves said plans are also being formulated for a meeting to be held in The Bahamas that would follow the technical mission’s visit.

The meeting in Nassau is expect-



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves

ed to be attended by the stakeholders from Haiti, the African Union, and Francophone countries, as well as the Community for Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Organization of American States (OAS) among others Gonsalves added.

Regional leaders in July “welcomed developments” in Haiti which they said, “heralded the possibility of a dialogue process taking place to resolve the protracted multidimensional crisis.”

The leaders had also urged that this process should be pursued to ensure a Haitian-owned resolution and encouraged all stakeholders to participate and welcomed the possible acceptance

of international observers including CARICOM to accompany the dialogue process.

Gonsalves said CARICOM countries “will have to do a lot of advocacy” with a number of stakeholders including the United States as it pertains to security situation in Haiti, while the region will press ahead “to see how we could provide political assistance” to the French-speaking member country.

“It is a work in progress contained by our capabilities,” he added.

Gonsalves said the meeting on Saturday was attended by the members of the CARICOM Bureau as well as Grenada’s Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell and his St. Lucian counterpart Prime Minister Phillip J. Pierre with the emphasis “on trying to build a consensus.”

In their communique following the July summit, the regional leaders had expressed “grave concern at the deteriorating security situation in the country.

On Friday, the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) announced that it is providing five million US dollars to Haiti as the country responds to humanitarian needs triggered by gang violence.

Jamaican man pleads guilty to defrauding elderly Americans through lottery scam

CMC – The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) says a Jamaican on Friday pleaded guilty in Miami federal court to participating in a lottery fraud scheme targeting elderly victims in the United States.

According to court documents, Greg Warren Clarke, 29, of Montego Bay, Jamaica, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy

to commit mail and wire fraud for his role in a Jamaica-based fraudulent lottery scheme that convinced American victims – many of whom were elderly – to pay money to collect fictitious lottery winnings.

The DOJ said an indictment was filed against Clarke in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida in April 2019

and unsealed on his extradition to the United States in May 2022.

“This guilty plea demonstrates the Justice Department’s dedication to prosecuting those responsible for fraudulent lottery schemes, even when they commit their crimes from foreign countries,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brian M. Boynton,

head of the DOJ’s Civil Division. “We will continue to aggressively combat scams that seek to prey on older Americans.”

“The US Postal Inspection Service stands ready to stop overseas criminals from illegally enriching themselves by using the mail to defraud consumers in the United States,” said

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Grenada Union alleges public service workers being transferred or fired on sister isles

CMC – President of the Public Workers Union (PWU), Brian Grimms, has called on the authorities to state whether several public servants in the sister isles of Petite Martinique and Carriacou have been transferred or dismissed since the Dickon Mitchell administration came to power in June.

“We have had disturbing reports from the sister isles of what we will coin at this point as blatant victimization. From the end of July to now we have received those reports and right now they are coming in weekly,” Grimms told a news conference.

He said in one instance five women had either been transferred or fired and none had ever been disciplined verbally or otherwise in recent times.

Some of the workers were allegedly engaged in political campaigning for the June 23 general election, while others were accused of misconduct that can bring the public service into disrepute. “What we are seeing here is clothed in malice,

is clothed in mischief, and is very, very unfortunate on the sister isles,” said Grimes, calling on the Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, Tevin Andrews, who is also the parliamentary representative to deal with the situation.

“I must confess to the Grenadian public that I am an admirer of the Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, Minister Tevin Andrews...but these acts, these terrorist acts against these women under his stewardship must be corrected.

“The union will not stand by this, the union will not stand by this, it took a lot for us to have this news conference. Every week we are getting new complaints, what is happening,” Grimms told reporters.

He said during the campaign for the general election, Prime Minister Mitchell, and the National Democratic Congress (NDC) had campaigned on the theme of cleanliness, peace, unity, and development.



Public Workers Union President, Brian Grimms (File Photo)

“The politics of recrimination, acrimony, and political spite must be placed in the back of us for us to move forward as a country. This is extremely important for us to move forward.

“You cannot condemn acts of political victimization on your political platform and when you are placed in that same position either you have a hand in it or you turn a blind eye to said political victimization on your fellow citizens,” Grimms said.

The authorities have so far not responded to the allegations made by the trade union.

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Acting Inspector in Charge Juan Vargas of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Miami Division. “We will continue to work with foreign governments to track down these criminals and bring them to justice.”

As part of his guilty plea, the DOJ said Clarke admitted that, from in or around September 2013, through in or around August 2015, he worked with co-conspirators, including

Claude Anthony Shaw, in a scheme to defraud in which victims were called and falsely told that they had won over a million dollars in a lottery and needed to pay fees or taxes to claim their winnings.

The DOJ said victims were instructed to send their money through wire transfers or the mail to Shaw and other individuals.

Clarke further admitted that, as part of the conspiracy, he and Shaw discussed,

over the phone and through cell phone text messages, plans to receive victims' money, the DOJ said.

At Clarke's direction, Shaw received money from victims through wire transfers and the mail.

The DOJ said Clarke further admitted that he and Shaw discussed arrangements for victims to send money to other individuals with whom Shaw worked.

Clarke then instructed Shaw to send the victims'

money to Clarke in Jamaica, usually through wire transfers, the DOJ said.

It said victims who sent money to Clarke and his co-conspirators never received any lottery winnings.

The DOJ said Shaw previously pleaded guilty to mail fraud in the US District Court in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In June 2017, he was sentenced to 36 months in prison.

Clarke is scheduled to be sentenced on October 28.

Car blast kills daughter of Russian known as ‘Putin’s brain’

AP – The daughter of an influential Russian political theorist often referred to as “Putin’s brain” was killed in a car bombing on the outskirts of Moscow, authorities said Sunday.

The Moscow branch of the Russian Investigative Committee said preliminary information indicated 29-year-old TV commentator Daria Dugina was killed by an explosive planted in the SUV she was driving Saturday night.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But the bloodshed gave rise to suspicions that the intended target was her father, Alexander Dugin, a nationalist philosopher and writer.

Dugin is a prominent proponent of the “Russian world” concept, a spiritual and political ideology that emphasizes traditional values, the restoration of Russia’s power and the unity of all ethnic Russians throughout the world. He is also a vehement supporter of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s move sending troops into Ukraine.

The explosion took place as his daughter was returning from a cultural festival she had attended with him. Russian media reports cited witnesses as saying the SUV belonged to Dugin and that he had decided at the last minute to travel in another vehicle.



In this handout photo taken from video released by Investigative Committee of Russia on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, investigators work on the site of explosion of a car driven by Daria Dugina outside Moscow. Daria Dugina, the daughter of Alexander Dugin, the Russian nationalist ideologist often called “Putin’s brain”, was killed when her car exploded on the outskirts of Moscow, officials said Sunday. The Investigate Committee branch for the Moscow region said the Saturday night blast was caused by a bomb planted in the SUV driven by Daria Dugina. (Investigative Committee of Russia via AP)

The car bombing, unusual for Moscow, is likely to aggravate tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Denis Pushilin, president of the separatist Donetsk People’s Republic, the pro-Moscow region that is a focus of Russia’s fighting in Ukraine, blamed the blast on “terrorists of the Ukrainian regime, trying to kill Alexander Dugin.”

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, denied Ukrainian involvement, saying, “We are not a criminal state, unlike Russia, and definitely not a ter-

rorist state.”

Political analyst Abbas Gallyamov, a former speechwriter for Putin, called the attack “an act of intimidation” aimed at Kremlin loyalists.

To them, he said, “this is a symbolic act, demonstrating that hostilities have been confidently transferred to the territory of Russia, which means that this is no longer an abstract war that you watch on TV,” he said. “This is already happening in Russia. Not only Crimea is being bombed, but terrorist attacks are already being carried out in the Moscow

region.”

While Dugin’s exact ties to Putin are unclear, the Kremlin frequently echoes rhetoric from his writings and appearances on Russian state TV. He helped popularize the “Novorossiia,” or “New Russia” concept that Russia used to justify the 2014 annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula and its support of separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

He promotes Russia as a country of piety, traditional values and authoritarian leadership, and disdains Western liberal values.

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Flash flooding kills dozens in Afghanistan, Pakistan

AP — Heavy flooding from seasonal rains in eastern Afghanistan and neighbouring parts of Pakistan left dozens of people dead overnight, according to local officials on Sunday.

Associated Press video showed villagers in the Khushi district of Logar province south of the Afghan capital of Kabul cleaning up after the flooding, their damaged homes in disarray.

Abdullah Mufaker, head of the province's natural disaster response authority, said it was still unknown how many were killed and injured by the rising waters but that there were at least nine fatalities.

"The exact number is not clear for the time being, and the people have gone to remove the dead bodies," he said.

Del Agha, a village elder, said the flooding was



People walk among their damaged homes after heavy flooding in the Khushi district of Logar province south of Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. (AP Photo/Shafiullah Zwak)

unprecedented in the history of Khushi. "It destroyed all the people's animals, houses and agricultural lands," he

said. "People are homeless, they have been force to take refuge in the mountains."

In neighbouring Paki-

stan, flooding triggered by the monsoon rains killed at least 36 people, including 11 dead in areas bordering Afghanistan, according to the country's natural disaster management authority. Rescue workers backed by the military have evacuated thousands of marooned people to safety, while more rains are expected this week in Pakistan.

The monsoon season runs from July through September.

Last week, heavy rains set off flash floods that killed at least 31 people and left dozens missing in northern Afghanistan.

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His daughter expressed similar views and had appeared as a commentator on the nationalist TV channel Tsargrad, where Dugina had served as chief editor.

Dugina herself was sanctioned by the United States in March for her work as chief editor of United World International, a website that the U.S. described as a disinformation source. The sanctions announcement cited a United World article this year that contended Ukraine would "perish" if it were admitted to NATO.

In an appearance on Russian television just Thursday, Dugina said, "People in the West are living in a dream, in a dream

given to them by global hegemony." She called America "a zombie society" in which people opposed Russia but could not find it on a map.

Dugina, "like her father, has always been at the forefront of confrontation with the West," Tsargrad said Sunday.

An unknown Russian group, the National Republican Army, claimed responsibility Sunday for the bombing, according to a former Russian lawmaker, Ilya Ponomarev. The AP could not verify the existence of the group. Ponomarev, who left Russia after voting against its annexation of Crimea in 2014, made the statement to Ukrainian TV.

Somali forces end hotel attack that left 21 dead, 117 hurt

AP – Somali authorities on Sunday ended an attack by Islamic extremists that left 21 people dead and over 110 wounded when gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital.

It took Somali forces more than 30 hours to contain the fighters who had stormed Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel on Friday evening in an assault that started with loud explosions.

The attack is the first major terror attack in Mogadishu since Somalia's new leader, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, took over in May.

The siege ended around midnight, police commissioner Abdi Hassan Hajar told reporters.

“During the attack, the security forces rescued many civilians trapped in the hotel, including women and children,” he said.

Health Minister Dr. Ali Haji Adam reported 21 deaths and 117 people wounded, with at least 15 in critical condition. He noted that some victims may not have been brought to hospitals.

The Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest of its frequent attempts to strike places visited by government officials.



Security forces and others walk in front of the damaged Hayat Hotel in the capital Mogadishu, Somalia Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. Somali authorities on Sunday ended a deadly attack in which at least 20 people were killed and many others wounded when gunmen from the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, stormed the Hayat Hotel in the capital on Friday evening. (AP Photo/Farah Abdi Warsameh)

Al-Shabab opposes the federal government and outside groups that support it.

Al-Shabab remains the most lethal Islamic extremist group in Africa and the biggest threat to political stability in the volatile Horn of Africa nation.

Police have not yet given a detailed explanation of how the attack unfolded and it remains unclear how many gunmen entered the hotel.

Ismail Abdi, the hotel's manager, told The Asso-

ciated Press early Sunday that security forces were still working to clear the area.

The sound of gunfire ended at 9 a.m. Onlookers gathered outside the gates of the badly damaged hotel on Sunday morning, surveying the scene.

Somalia's previous president, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, avoided any major confrontation with al-Shabab.

But Mohamud has said his government will take the offensive against the

group's thousands of fighters, with the backing of returning U.S. forces.

Al-Shabab charged via its Andalus radio station that the attack on the hotel was in response to Mohamud's assertion that he would eliminate the group from Somalia.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attack, saying the U.N. supports the people of Somalia "in their fight against terrorism and their march towards peace."

West Indies reach 301-8 in 3rd ODI vs New Zealand

AP – Kyle Mayers made 105 in a 173-run opening partnership with Shai Hope, and captain Nicholas Pooran smashed nine sixes in a rapid 91, to set the platform for the West Indies' 301-8 on Sunday in the deciding third one-day international against New Zealand.

Stand-in captain Tom Latham blundered when he won the toss and decided to bowl on a new pitch at Kensington Oval. The pitch proved much better for batting than those on which the West Indies won the first match by five wickets and New Zealand won the second by 50 runs. The highest total was New Zealand's 212 in the second match.

Mayers and Hope stayed together for almost 35 overs to shape the West Indies innings.

Their partnership ended when Hope was out for 51 and, as often happens with large partnerships, partner Mayers was out only two balls later and without addition to the score. Brandon King fell soon afterwards with the total 181-3 in a sudden reversal for the West Indies.

But Pooran picked up the pace again, dashing a half century from 33 balls. He had hit nine sixes and Pooran four fours from 55 balls when he was out for 91 in the 49th over.

Mayers and Hope made



West Indies' Kyle Mayers celebrates after he scored a century against New Zealand during the third ODI at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

a cautious start to the innings as they found the pace of the new pitch, crawling to 24 after 10 overs, negotiating a short rain break in the seventh over.

"I took my time in the powerplay and it gave me the chance to get in. The last two games I got out in the powerplay," Mayers said in a television interview. "It's not every day you bat the powerplay for 20 runs but it worked out well in the end."

Mayers struck Lockie Ferguson for back-to-back fours at the start of the 14th

over and that signalled the intention of the openers to step up the scoring rate. Mayers reached his half century from 58 balls with his seventh four in the 20th over as he settled in as the dominant partner.

When the century partnership came up from 135 balls, Mayers was on 62 and Hope on 27, playing an important supporting role. Hope reached a patient half century from 95 balls and Mayers went on to his second ODI century shortly afterwards from 105 balls.

Trent Boult finally separated the pair after 34.5 overs when he lured Hope into a pull and a top edge carried to Lockie Ferguson at deep square leg. Mayers fell two balls later, caught by Mitchell Santner at cover off Ferguson.

Pooran's innings enabled the West Indies to get past 300 for the first time in the series. He seemed on course for a rapid century before he was caught on the boundary from the bowling of Boult who finished with 3-53.

More clubs likely to get opportunity to attend Free Kick tournament

Chairperson of the Football Committee of the Concerned Parents Teachers Sports Associations (CPTSA) Wings Sports Club Barbara Coates said other clubs from Antigua and Barbuda could be given the opportunity to participate in the Free Kick Youth Cup Football Tournament in St. Lucia from next year.

Wings FC represented Antigua and Barbuda in this year's inaugural Free Kick Youth Cup, which was held at the Darren Sammy Cricket Stadium in St. Lucia from 26th July to 1st August.

Ten teams, including one each from the United Kingdom and the United States of America, along with eight others from five English speaking Caribbean countries, participated in the Under-19 Boys competition, which was won by Vincy Ballers of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Wings FC lost all their four matches in the preliminary stage of the 10-team competition, which was contested across two zones, featuring five teams each.

Coates, who is also one of the leaders of the Antigua and Barbuda Chapter of the Free Kick Foundation, said



Members of the Wings FC participate in a warm-up session before a friendly game at the Golden Grove playing field in July. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

she will be holding discussions with the members of the Wings Football Committee about giving other local clubs the opportunity to represent Antigua and Barbuda in future Free Kick Youth Cup tournaments.

“For us, what had happened is that we received an invitation to participate in the inaugural Free Kick Youth Cup from Aaron King, the organizer.

“So we had won our age group in the Wings Youth Football Festival that we held in March, so we knew without a doubt that we were participating as a club.

But going forward, what we may consider, is when we have our next football festival in 2023, we will make the winners of the oldest age group the team to participate in the Free Kick Youth Cup,” Coates said.

“We will probably have to change the age group from Under-17 to make it an Under-18 competition so that we can have the winner of that age group in the 10th edition of the Wings Youth Football Festival the representative at the Free Kick Youth Cup next year. That is something that we will be considering.”

The CPTSA Wings were crowned champions of the Under-17 category with Willikies capturing second place and English Harbour finishing third during the 9th CPTSA Wings Youth Football Festival at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Centre on 26-27 March, 2022.

Coates said the Wings FC is using the Free Kick Youth Cup as a stepping stone towards playing more competitive football. She said the players of Wings FC will be contesting the ABFA's second division during the upcoming do-

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Mbappe scores in eight seconds, ties French league record

AP – Kylian Mbappe scored after just eight seconds of play to claim the joint-fastest goal in the history of the French league on Sunday.

Mbappe found the net at the start of a 7-1 win for defending champion Paris Saint-Germain over Lille on Sunday.

The visitors needed just four passes from kick-off to score as Lionel Messi hit a superb ball over the top for Mbappe, who cleverly lobbed Lille goalkeeper Leo Jardim.

PSG coach Christophe Galtier gave credit to his technical staff and to the club's Under-19 team.

From kick-off, Neymar played the ball back before receiving it again and passing to Messi, who spotted Mbappe's run and had the technical brilliance to exploit it.

"Our Under-19 team did it in the youth league against Salzburg," Galtier



PSG's Kylian Mbappe, second left, celebrates with teammates after scoring his side first goal during the French League One soccer match between Lille and Paris Saint Germain at the Pierre Mauroy stadium in Villeneuve d'Ascq, northern France, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. (AP Photo/Michel Spingler)

told a news conference. "We showed it to the players. They were OK to try it. So, we worked on it in training and it was very well executed tonight."

The French league tweeted that Mbappe's goal ties midfielder Michel Rio

who also needed just eight seconds to score for Caen against Cannes in 1992.

French sports paper L'Equipe was more cautious, calling it the fastest goal since Rio's with Mbappe's goal closer to nine seconds, it said. The French

league started in 1932.

Galtier was referring to Edouard Michut's goal in a 3-1 loss to Salzburg in the youth league in March. Michut needed 11 seconds to score according to PSG's official website.

The French coach also said that his staff studied similar kick-off routines in the German, English and Spanish leagues, mentioning Bournemouth and Rayo Vallecano as teams that scored such goals.

Mbappe had a hat trick while Neymar scored two goals and provided three assists against Lille as PSG extended its perfect start to the season with three wins from three games.

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mestic football season where they will be given the opportunity to play competitively a lot more regularly.

"For us at Wings, this year's tournament in St. Lucia gave us an opportunity to see exactly where the boys are. We are satisfied with that and it was a good experience for the boys," Coates stated.

"They are looking forward to now entering the second division of the ABFA competitions where they will get the opportunity to play competitively regularly.

"This is something that we know they

are also looking forward to at Wings. So this Free Kick Youth Cup was just the beginning of what is to come for them."

Wings will be participating in the opening round of matches in the ABFA's Joma Caribbean and Cool and Smooth Knockout Competition, which will kick off with games featuring first and second division teams, starting at the technical centre at Paynters on 26th August.

Wings FC will tackle West Ham FC in their first-round match in the ABFA's knockout competition at 3: 30 pm at the technical centre on Sunday, 28th August.

Sports News



Grenada lose final match in Under-15 girls tournament

Grenada have ended their campaign on a losing note as they went under 1-0 against St. Vincent and the Grenadines in their final match of the Jewels of the Caribbean Under-15 Girls Invitational Football Tournament on Friday night.

The Grenadians were unable to breach the Vincentians' defense after Nasheeka Prescott had scored in the 31st minute to give St. Vincent and the Grenadines a 1-0 lead in the encounter

at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Centre at Paynters.

Although Grenada created a few chances, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines defense stood firm and successfully kept a clean sheet in the keenly contested affair, which was the second match of Friday night's double header.

The Grenadians, who had entered their final encounter as sole leaders of the five-team round robin contest with

seven points, also squandered their great opportunity to win the competition.

If St. Vincent and the Grenadines and hosts Antigua and Barbuda were to win their final encounters, both teams would finish the competition ahead of the Grenadians.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be crowned champions of the competition if they beat St. Lucia in their final encounter.

St. Lucia suffered their third loss in as many matches when they were beaten 3-2 by Dominica in the first match of Friday's double header.

Dominica had to come from behind to claim their first win of the tournament after Makhaya Smith's 12th minute conversion had given the St. Lucians a 1-0 half time lead.

However, a brace by Le-myah Forde and a Kenisha Jno Lewis conversion in the second half turned the match in the Dominicans favour.

Forde scored her team's equalizer in the 44th minute and converted her second goal of the match 10 minutes later to give Dominica a 2-1 advantage.

Jno Lewis then scored in the 69th minute to extend Dominica's lead and Marris Duncan reduced the deficit when she netted St. Lucia's second goal in the 70th minute.

But St. Lucia were unable to add to their goal tally as all their efforts to get the important equalizer were in vain as the Dominicans' defense held firm to thwart their fellow Windward Islands opponents' effort and salvaged a moral boosting win in their third match of the tournament.

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

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der-15 Boys Championship is being hosted by the Grenada Cricket Association from Saturday 20th August to Friday 27th August.

The Rising Stars Under-15 Championship features the six regional teams who will play five rounds of 50-over matches at three venues – the Grenada National Stadium, Lasagesse Ground and Progress Park – with the winners determined by the team with the most points from their matches.

This is the first time that the West Indies Rising Stars Under-15 Championship has been played since

2019. The return of this age group tournament is a vital step in the development of the most promising players aged 15-and-under across the region.

Jimmy Adams, CWI’s Director of Cricket said: “The resumption of our regional age group competitions after two years is finally allowing us to restart regional talent identification and elite junior development.

“With most of our current internationals having a background of regional age-group cricket, this year’s versions will undoubtedly provide us with initial glimpses of our future stars.”

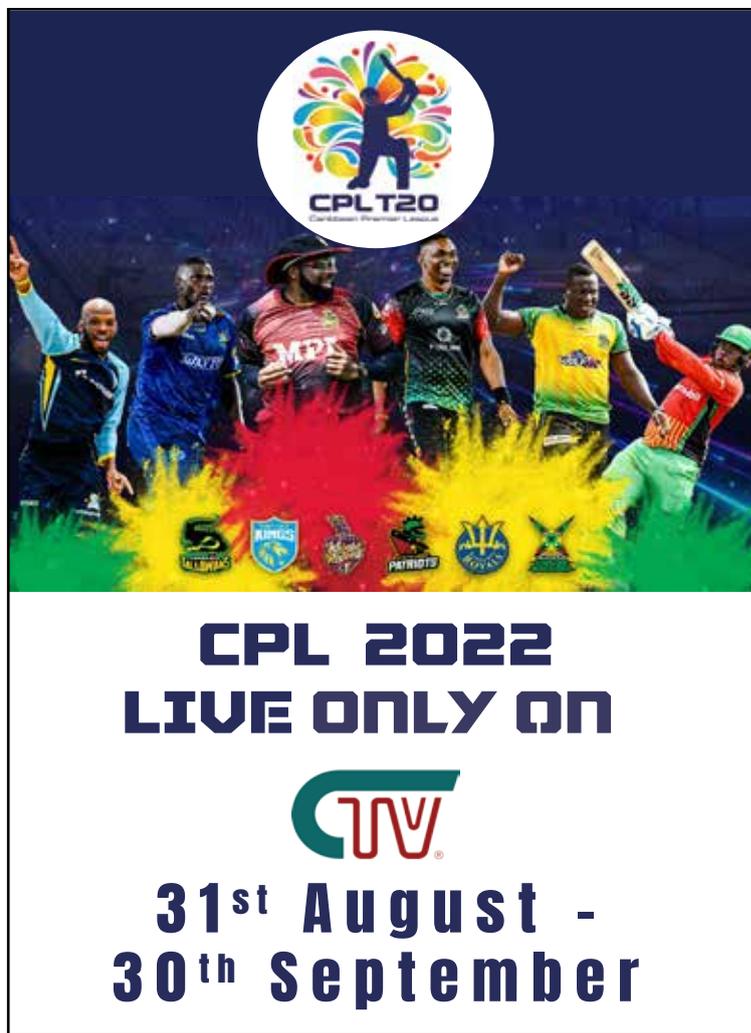
Graeme West, CWI’s High Performance Manager said: “It is always exciting to see future potential and the West Indies Rising Stars Under-15 Championship provides our first glimpse of the talent that has been developed by coaches operating across the region in the junior programmes.

“This tournament is one of the key elements of CWI’s investment in the development of younger players across the region.

“I am sure these youngsters can’t wait to start making up for the cricket they will have missed over the last two years and will put on a great show in Grenada.”

This is the final age-group tournament of 2022 for junior cricketers across the West Indies following the recent Rising Stars Women’s Under-19 Championship in Trinidad, the Rising Stars Under-17 Championship in Trinidad and Tobago, and the current Rising Stars Under-19 Championship presented by WINLOTT in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Fans across the region can watch every match in the West Indies Rising Stars Under-15 Championship live on the West Indies YouTube channel with scoring and reports on the www.windiescricket.com website.



Rain forces abandonment of LI opening game at Under-15 Tournament



The Leeward Islands opening game in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-15 Boys Super 50 Championship in Grenada was abandoned due to rain on Saturday, 20th August.

The game between the Leeward Islands and Jamaica at the Lasagesse Ground was aborted without a ball being bowled.

It was one of three opening round 50-over matches that was slated for Saturday. Rain also forced the abandonment of the first round encounter between Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago at Progress Park.

Barbados, who had won the toss and opted to bat were 16 for one in 4.3 overs, when rain stopped play and eventually forced the game to be abandoned.

However, play was possible in the other first round match as Guyana completed a 26-run victory over the Windward Islands at the National Stadium in Grenada.

Guyana posted 190 all out in 48.2 overs after they lost the toss and were sent in to bat. There were 55 extras in their innings with Navin Boodwah getting 48 and Shane Prince scoring 27.

Theo Edwards snapped up four for 16 in eight overs and Tyler Venner captured two for 43 in nine overs.

Chasing 191 to win, the Windward Islands were dismissed for 164 in 46.1 overs. Venner and Jordan Charles each made 33, Earsinho Fontaine chipped in with 21 and there was a contribution of 28 extras.

Arun Gainda claimed three for 21 in eight overs, Arif Khan captured two for 24 in six overs and Dhanesh Persaud picked up two for 37 in his 10 overs.

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