

GOV'T ENDS REMAINING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Members of Black Boyz Foundation have made it their mission to support the less fortunate and unsheltered in the community by providing breakfast and free haircuts to those in need. *Story on page 5* [Photo: Black Boyz Foundation Inc.]

All remaining COVID-19 protocols to be lifted

Antigua and Barbuda is returning to pre-COVID conditions following a Cabinet decision to end all remaining protocols and restrictions.

This was among the outcomes of this Wednesday's weekly Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet Notes said that passengers arriving at the V. C. Bird International Airport will no longer need to adhere to the health protocols introduced at the start of the pandemic in March, 2020.

Additionally, protocols that apply to passengers arriving on cruise ships will be the same as those which are practiced by the cruise ships themselves. There will be no additional protocols to

adhere to when passengers come ashore. According to the Notes, the Cabinet will go along with cruise lines' existing protocols until they decide to abandon them.

It is expected that very shortly, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will issue an up-

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<p>Thu 25 Day</p> <p>87° </p> <p>23% E 12 mph</p> <p>Partly cloudy skies. High 87F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.</p> <p>Humidity 71% UV Index Extreme</p> <p>Sunrise 5:52 am Sunset 6:25 pm</p>	<p>Thu 25 Night</p> <p>79° </p> <p>24% E 11 mph</p> <p>Generally fair. Low 79F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.</p> <p>Humidity 81% UV Index 0 of 10</p> <p>Moonrise 4:17 am Moonset 5:38 pm</p> <p>● Waning Crescent</p>
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Fort Road man attempts to rape friend's wife

A Fort Road woman has reported to police that her husband's friend attempted to rape her in their Fort Road residence on Tuesday afternoon.

The woman was laundering clothes when the accused man, also of Fort Road, showed up and inquired about her husband's whereabouts.

The man then allegedly made his way into the kitchen where he pinned the woman to the floor and attempted to force himself on her.

While on the ground, the man is further alleged to have demanded sex from the woman while touching her body inappropriately.

It is likely that her attacker would have succeeded in committing the rape



had she not asked him to stop the washing machine. When he released her to fulfil her request, the woman is said to have dashed through the kitchen door, locking it behind her.

The alleged offender, however, was determined to pursue his victim and exited the house using the front door to catch up with the woman who had escaped him moments earlier.

He allegedly caught up with her and threw her to the ground where he began choking her.

It is unclear what transpired next, but all indica-

tions are the man was unsuccessful in his attempt to rape the victim.

She later sought treatment at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre for injuries sustained to her neck during the attack.

After committing the act, the man returned to his home.

Acting on a report made by the woman, police visited his residence from where he was taken into custody.

Charges against the would-be rapist are pending.

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dated circular to all airlines, travel agents and those in the travel trade advising them of the change.

This decision means that Antigua and Barbuda will fully return to its former state before the pandemic when offices, financial institutions and others allowed entry without the need for social distancing, taking temperature, hand washing and sanitising and other restrictions.

This announcement comes one week after Health Minister Sir Molwyn Jo-

seph, informed his Cabinet colleagues that despite fears emanating in some quarters, Antigua and Barbuda did not experience a spike in COVID-19 infections following Carnival 2022.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has said repeatedly that the country must adjust to the reality that the COVID-19 virus will be a part of our new reality some time into the future.

By its decision on Wednesday, the Cabinet has signalled that this time has finally arrived.

Sir Lester Bird
MEDICAL CENTRE

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- Ensures proper operation of analyzers, and other laboratory equipment by calibrating; completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs; maintaining equipment inventories; evaluating new equipment and techniques

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Prison officer's trial adjourned

The trial of a prison officer who is facing several drug related charges, has been adjourned until 2nd September, 2022, after three of the prosecution's witnesses gave evidence in the Magistrates' Court.

Howard Segree, who is now suspended from his job at Her Majesty's Prison, went to court to begin fighting his case on Monday when the prosecution called three of its four witnesses to give evidence.

The officer is charged with possession of 42 grams of marijuana with intent to transfer and conveying prohibited items

into Her Majesty's Prison.

The prosecution is expected to close its case on 2nd September when the final prosecution witness will give evidence.

The case sparked an intense legal argument between Magistrate Conliffe Clarke and defence attorney, Wendel Robinson, on what constitutes 'conveying'.

Magistrate Clarke was of the view that the particular section of the law that speaks to conveying has a very broad interpretation.

Robinson, it appears, favoured a narrower interpretation.



In the context of the charges against Segree, the legal concept of conveyance refers to the illegal transportation of weapons, liquor, or drugs to detention facilities or other governmental institutions.

THANK YOU

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs in partnership with the Caribbean Union Bank, Title Sponsor this year for PiAngo Fest Reloaded, a fun filled two (2) day festival which took place on the 13th & 14th August 2022 at the Cades Bay Agricultural Station in Old Road, would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported the Festival, also congratulate the winners in the various competitions held as part of the event.

The festival which allows for Agro-processors in Antigua and Barbuda to showcase their locally made products, highlighting products infused with mango and pineapple. The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Caribbean Union Bank partnered for the Agro-processors Competition which has five (5) categories, and CONGRATULATES the winner of each category as listed below:

- **Kima's Delectables** won the Jams and Jellies category with her "MANGO CHERRY JAM" and the Drinks and Juices category with her "MANGO CHERRY DRINK".
- **Gramma Aki** won the Sauces category with her "MANGO SAUCE".
- **Beth's Buy** won the confectioneries category with their "MANGO LEATHER" (a fruit roll-up type candy).
- **Jollywell** won Wine category with a "MANGO PAPAYA WINE".
- **J&N Sweet Treats** won the Pastries and Cakes category with their "MANGO RUM CREAM CHEESECAKE".
- **Smoothie Place** won the Smoothie category was won by who created a "MANGO AVOCADO BANANA SMOOTHIE".

There was also a Grill and Mixology Competition. Chefs were challenged to create a main course and dessert from scratch, utilizing mango and pineapple in their ingredients.

Aaliya Green of the Blue Water Resort & Spa took first place in the Grill Competition.

The winner of the Mixology Competition was **Jason White** of the Blue Waters, Resort & Spa.

For the first time at PiAngo Fest, a Goat Race was held where seven (7) goats and their owners competed. Below are the winners of the race:

- 1st Place **Franklyn Simon** and his goat, #33, named "THE WINNER".
- 2nd Place **Manidivil** and his goat "RAMBO"
- 3rd Place **Orson Joseph** and his goat "MR. BOY"

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs expresses a special thank you to the patrons who attended the Festival and supported the vendors. A special thank you to the Caribbean Union Bank for partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Barbuda Affairs as title sponsor of this Festival. Thanks also goes out to all other sponsors who would have supported the Festival. We say thank you to all the vendors and all the participants in the Agro-processors Competition, Grill Competition, Mixology Competition and the Goat Race. Lastly, special thanks to the committee members and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs who made the event a success.

We look forward to seeing you at PiAngo Fest 2023.



Socially conscious young men launch outreach initiative

Four young men have banded together with the purpose of providing assistance to the needy in the society.

One of the founders of the organisation Black Boyz Foundation Inc., Jahone Roberts, said the group launched its first initiative last Sunday when it provided free breakfast and haircuts to the unsheltered men who frequent the Public Market area.

He described the event as being “highly successful” with approximately twenty men receiving haircuts in the vicinity of the Craft Market.

Several other persons benefited from the meal and beverage provided.

The event started at 8 o'clock in the morning and ran until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Roberts said significant

funding for the initiative was provided by business woman, Shirley Obmormuller, of Rampage/Chez Boutique.

The remainder of the funding for the venture came from their own resources.

According to Roberts, the foundation is planning to undertake an even bigger event with its next outing on 2nd September, 2022.

On this date, Black Boyz Foundation Inc. will provide free haircuts to boys enrolled in schools across the country.

Those who are unable to take advantage of the offer on that day will be able to collect a voucher for a free haircut during the month of September.

The foundation will also donate school supplies to students returning to school. Roberts said Cool



Jahone Roberts cuts the hair of an unsheltered man. [Photos: Black Boyz Foundation Inc.]

and Smooth has come on as a sponsor for this event.

One week later on 10th September, the foundation will return to cutting the hair of the unsheltered and providing a hot meal to

those in need.

“We are accepting donations of clothes, money, toiletries et cetera, to be able to cater to the homeless and less fortunate individuals who are in need.

“Coupled with this is our plan to donate back to school supplies catering for 50 students of the Pigotts Primary School,” Roberts revealed.

Black Boyz Foundation Inc. was cofounded by the organisation’s joint presidents, Roy Philadelphia St-valle and Jahone Roberts. They are joined by director, Tyreke Gerald Thomas-Horsford and Public Relations Officer Ajourni Scarbro.

The four men are all under age 25.



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Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre is seeking to recruit a highly experienced and motivated **Consultant Engineer**.

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- Provides technical assistance and instruction to personnel regarding equipment and maintenance
- Reviews outcome of preventative maintenance actions and make the necessary recommendations to the department staff concerning improvements
- Provides mentoring to subordinate staff
- Provides in-service training on use of equipment
- Ensures the provision of continuous service, via overtime & on-call duty after normal working hours, weekends and public holidays
- Maintains documentation on all non-medical equipment: inspections and repairs and failures

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Minimum BSc in Mechanical Engineering or Facilities Management; MSc preferred
- Minimum of 5 years experience at the management level in a hospital or a major hotel
- Should have evidence of successful participation in courses related to the field of work
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- Possess critical thinking skills, superior judgment, negotiation and decision-making skills

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Another COVID-19 related death reported

The most recent report received by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment revealed fifty-four (54) new COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda as of 20th August, 2022 at 6pm.

Fourteen (14) cases were recorded on August 16th, seven (7) on August 17th, eleven on August 18th, eleven (11) on August 19th and eleven (11) on August 20th.

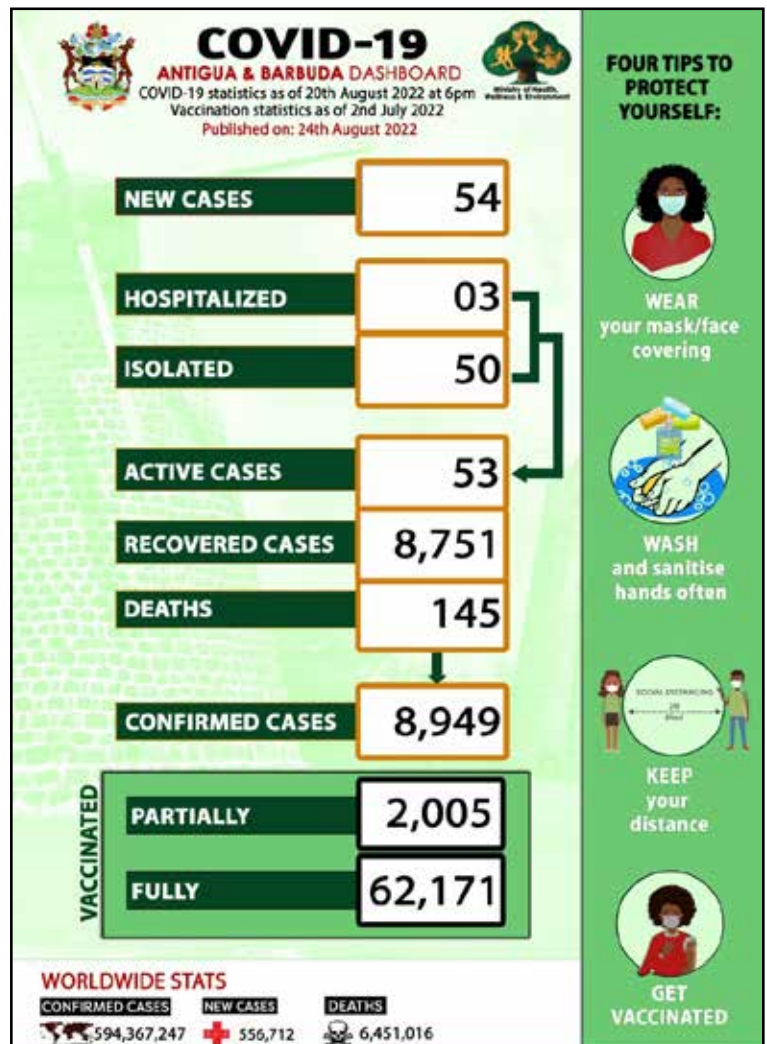
Eight hundred and forty-nine (849) samples were processed.

Fifty-five (55) recovered cases were recorded.

One (1) COVID-19 death was recorded on August 20th at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is eight thousand nine hundred and forty-nine (8,949); which is inclusive of fifty-three (53) active cases.

There are three mild hospitalised cases.



Bolans woman emergency airlifted to Barbados by Calvin Ayre Foundation

The family of 71-year-old Gweneth George of Bolans, is breathing a little easier, after a medical emergency demanded that their loved one be airlifted to Barbados' Queen Elizabeth Hospital, for specialised attention over the weekend.

Thanks to the Calvin Ayre Foundation (CAF), which funded the US\$31,500 flight, George was able to undergo emergency surgery on 23rd August, and is now in recovery.

Recounting her aunt's ordeal, George's niece, Rolanda Prince said that her aunt was visiting a family member's home when she started complaining of an excruciating headache, numbness in her left leg, intense nausea, and elevated blood pressure.

By the time she arrived at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) by ambulance, Prince said her aunt's pain and nausea had gotten worse, as she was experiencing what doctors refer to as "thunderclap" headaches.

A Computed Tomography, or CT scan, revealed she had suffered an aneurysm, which doctors confirmed required medical attention outside of Antigua and Barbuda.



The Calvin Ayre Foundation has supported similar emergency medical evacuation exercises in the past. In early June 2021, a Barbudan teen, pictured here, was airlifted off the island for emergency treatment at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre in Antigua.

According to CAF's Media Relations Specialist, Jamilla Kirwan, the initial distress call on behalf of the family came from a concerned Samantha Marshall, MP for St. Mary's South, which prompted her to connect with George's niece, Rolanda Prince.

Prince was able to quickly produce her aunt's medical records detailing the urgency of the matter and a submission was made to the Foundation's board to fast track an approval.

George was airlifted over the weekend and underwent surgery on Tuesday.

An update on Tuesday

evening from George's son, Carlton Henry, who accompanied his mother to Barbados, confirmed that the surgery went well. He also confirmed that she is responsive but that he is anxious to see her more active.

"Without the Foundation's assistance, I don't know how mom would have gotten the medical help she needed," he said. "We are forever thankful!"

Prince also expressed gratitude.

"The nature of her condition required speedy attention and getting the approval to airlift her that fast... we really appreciate it. We

would not have been able to come up with those type of funds."

According to Kirwan, Social Development, Sports and Education and Emergency Response, are the specific areas the Foundation chooses to support.

"Truthfully, it is terribly difficult to make these kinds of decisions because we are not always able to help every cause, but whenever we can, we are happy to see the difference we make in the lives that we touch. On behalf of Ambassador Calvin Ayre and the Calvin Ayre Foundation, I wish Mrs. George a speedy recovery," she said.

Workplace



How the pandemic changed us (Part 2)

In his 2,000 article Spillover of COVID-19: Impact on the Global Economy, P.K. Ozili wrote, "Lockdowns worldwide and the shutdown of major industries such as hospitality, travel, and retail led to significantly higher unemployment rates worldwide. The negative global economic impact in such a short period of time has been unprecedented".

It was not all bad for us though. As mentioned earlier there were some lessons learned. For example, there has been an altered perspective on work. We realize that persons do not need to be fixed to a desk to be productive, and remote working is now a part of the operations where possible. It also has allowed key personnel to con-

tinue working, even when they contract Covid-19 but are experiencing mild symptoms.

Also, employee mental health has been a major highlight for the past year. Employers are being encouraged to offer regular mental health sessions for their employees who think they need the additional support.

The pent-up demand for travel did not immediately translate into higher occupancies. But as a team, we were now more accustomed to practicing the health and safety measures, and our procedures and policies were now fine-tuned.

The relaxing of overall protocols meant no more mask mandates and the testing and vaccine requirements to work, to enter establish-

ments and to enter the country were rescinded. Immediately after the removal of these mandates, we did experience an uptick in cases, but the illness seemed to be less intense. Deaths declined and a sense of normalcy returned albeit with more care and caution than pre-pandemic.

In the industry, there are three groups of persons to be considered as we move forward into a new winter season with relaxed protocols. Our industry work colleagues, our domestic customers, and our guests.

It is a double-edged sword for hospitality workers. Although the easing of restrictions has meant that the travel and hospitality industry is reopened for business and doing well, thereby making jobs available once more; the easing of restrictions exposes industry workers to the virus possibly in a more tangible way than any other industry.

Workers in the hospitality industry are most often the first point of contact for visitors, several of whom are now unmasked, untested, unvaccinated and quite possibly infected with the virus but asymptomatic.

Likewise, Covid cautious and health compromised workers are made to work alongside less cautious and unvaccinated colleagues and to serve like-minded customers, in order to keep their jobs.

The switch allowed us as a destination to compete with the world again. Nevertheless, with air travel being impacted by the personnel issues of airlines and airports,

the good summer weather in the northern climes, the reopening of Europe for travel and the oil crisis, the challenge is now the reduced number of travelers to our part of the world.

Even though we have been allowed to relax the protocols some properties have decided to maintain some of them or to do so on a phased basis. We understand that we are not out of the woods yet and want to, as much as is possible, protect not only our guests but our team members as well.

We are now seeing reports of more confirmed cases of Monkeypox moving to us but we are optimistic that lessons learned over the last two years will be transferrable to this new global threat as we remain resilient and strong.

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Technology



Amazon keeps growing, and so does its cache of data on you

By Haleluya Hadero

From what you buy online, to how you remember tasks, to when you monitor your doorstep, Amazon is seemingly everywhere.

And it appears the company doesn't want to halt its reach anytime soon. In recent weeks, Amazon has said it will spend billions of dollars in two gigantic acquisitions that, if approved, will broaden its ever growing presence in the lives of consumers.

This time, the company is targeting two areas: health care, through its \$3.9 billion buyout of the primary care company One Medical, and the "smart home," where it plans to expand its already mighty presence through a \$1.7 billion merger with iRobot, the maker of the popular robotic Roomba vacuum.

Perhaps unsurprisingly for a company known for its vast collection of consumer information, both mergers have heightened enduring privacy concerns about how Amazon gathers data and what it does with it. The latest line of Roombas, for example, employ sensors that map and remember a home's floor plan.

"It's acquiring this vast set of data that Roomba collects about people's homes," said Ron Knox, an Amazon critic who works for the anti-monopoly group Institute for Local Self-Reliance. "Its obvious intent, through



In this Aug. 16, 2018, file photo a child holds his Amazon Echo Dot in Kennesaw, Ga. (AP Photo/Mike Stewart, File)

all the other products that it sells to consumers, is to be in your home. (And) along with the privacy issues come the antitrust issues, because it's buying market share."

Amazon's reach goes well beyond that. Some estimates show the retail giant controls roughly 38% of the U.S. e-commerce market, allowing it to gather granular data about the shopping preferences of millions of Americans and more worldwide. Meanwhile, its Echo devices, which house the voice assistant Alexa, have dominated the U.S. smart speaker market, accounting for roughly 70% of sales, according to estimates by Consumer Intelligence Research Partners.

Ring, which Amazon purchased in 2018 for \$1 billion, monitors doorsteps and helps police track down crime — even when users

might not be aware. And at select Amazon stores and Whole Foods, the company is testing a palm-scanning technology that allows customers to pay for items by storing biometric data in the cloud, sparking concerns about risks of a data breach, which Amazon has attempted to assuage.

"We treat your palm signature just like other highly sensitive personal data and keep it safe using best-in-class technical and physical security controls," the company said on a website that provides information about the technology.

Even consumers who actively avoid Amazon are still likely to have little say about how their employer's power their computer networks, which Amazon — along with Google — has long dominated through its cloud-computing service AWS.

"It's hard to think of another organisation that has as many touch points as Amazon does to an individual," said Ian Greenblatt, who heads up tech research at the consumer research and data analytics firm J.D. Power. "It's almost overwhelming, and it's hard to put a finger on it."

And Amazon — like any company — aims to grow. In the past few years, the company has purchased the Wi-Fi start-up Eero and partnered with the construction company Lennar to offer tech-powered houses. With iRobot, it would gain one more building block for the ultimate smart home — and, of course, more data.

Customers can opt out of having iRobot devices store a layout of their homes, according to the vacuum maker. But data privacy advocates worry the merger is another way Amazon could suck up information to integrate into its other devices or use it to target consumers with ads.

In a statement, Amazon spokesperson Lisa Levandowski denied that's what the company wants to do.

"We do not use home maps for targeted advertising and have no plans to do so," Levandowski said.

Whether that will relieve concerns is another matter, especially in light of re-

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“Overcoming the Challenges Together”



Police Week 2022

Pre- Events

- Saturday 20th August 2022- Hike to Mount McNish 5:30am
- Wednesday 24th August 2022-Netball, YMCA 6pm
- Friday 26th August 2022- Fitness Jam, King George to Police Ground 4pm
- Sunday 28th August 2022 -Road Race All Saints Fire Station to Police Ground 5am

- **Saturday 3rd September 2022**

Police Cricket Team VS Parish League Team, Police Grounds 1pm

Queen Show, Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

Police Week

- **Sunday 4th September 2022**

Church Service – Swetes Wesleyan Holiness Church 9am

Brunch – Police Head Quarters

- **Monday 5th September 2022**

Opening Day – Police Head Quarters 10am to 2pm

Malcolm Nicholas Cup Competition – Corner of Market and High Street 4pm

- **Tuesday 6th September 2022**

Inter-force Shooting Competition – SWFGPA 9am

Sports Final Matches- Football, Cricket – Police Grounds 3pm

- **Wednesday 7th September 2022**

Sick and Shut In

Calypso – Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Thursday 8th September**

Veterans Cocktail – SWFGPA – 5pm

- **Friday 9th September 2022**

Sports day/ March Pass – Police Grounds 10am

- **Saturday 10th September 2022**

Full Bore Shooting Competition – Crabbs Shooting Range 10am

Variety Concert -Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Sunday 11th September 2022**

Beach Bash – Ffyers Beach 10am



Technology



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search about Amazon's other devices. Earlier this year, a group of university researchers released a report that found voice data from Amazon's Echo devices are used to target ads to consumers — something the company had denied in the past.

Umar Iqbal, a postdoc at the University of Washington who led the research, said he and his colleagues found Echo devices running third-party Skills, which are like apps for Alexa, that communicate with advertisers.

Levandowski said consumers can opt out of receiving “interest-based” ads by adjusting their preferences on Amazon's advertising preferences page. She also said Amazon doesn't share Alexa requests with advertising networks.

Skills that collect personal information are required to post their privacy policies on a detail page in Amazon's store, according to the company. Researchers, however, found only 2% of Skills are clear about their data collection practices, and the vast majority don't mention Alexa or Amazon at all.

For companies like Amazon, data collection is for more than just data's sake, noted Kristen Martin, a professor of technology ethics at the University of Notre Dame.

“You can almost see them just trying to paint a broader picture of an individual,” Martin said. “It's about the inferences that they're able to draw about you specifically, and then you compared to other people.”

Amazon's One Medical deal, for instance, has sparked questions about how the company would handle personal health data that would fall into its lap.

Should the deal close, Levandowski said customers' health information will be handled separately from all other Amazon businesses. She also added Amazon wouldn't share personal health information outside of One Medical for “advertising or marketing purposes of other Amazon products and services without clear permission from the customer.”

But Lucia Savage, a chief privacy officer at the chronic care provider Om-

ada Health, said that doesn't mean One Medical wouldn't be able to get data from other arms of Amazon's business that could help it better profile its patients. The information just has to flow one way, she said.

To be sure, privacy concerns are not limited to Amazon. In the aftermath of Roe v Wade being overturned, for instance, Google said it would automatically get rid of information about users who visit abortion clinics amid pressure from Democratic lawmakers. Meanwhile, Meta, which owns Facebook, settled a class action lawsuit in February over its use of “cookies” about a decade ago that tracked users after they logged off Facebook.

But unlike Meta and Google, whose focus is mainly on selling ads, Amazon might benefit more from collecting data because its primary goal is to sell products, said Alex Harman, director of competition policy at the anti-monopoly group Economic Security Project.

“For them, data is all about getting you to buy more and be locked into their stuff,” Harman said.

We're Backkkkk

The Police Drama Group is back with a play called

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Written and directed
By Owen Jackson

Antigua Recreation Ground

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Saturday 10th September 2022



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Suriname announces new oil discovery

The American oil company, APA Corporation (APA) and Suriname's Staatsolie Tuesday announced the discovery of another large oil reserve off the coast of Suriname in Block 53.

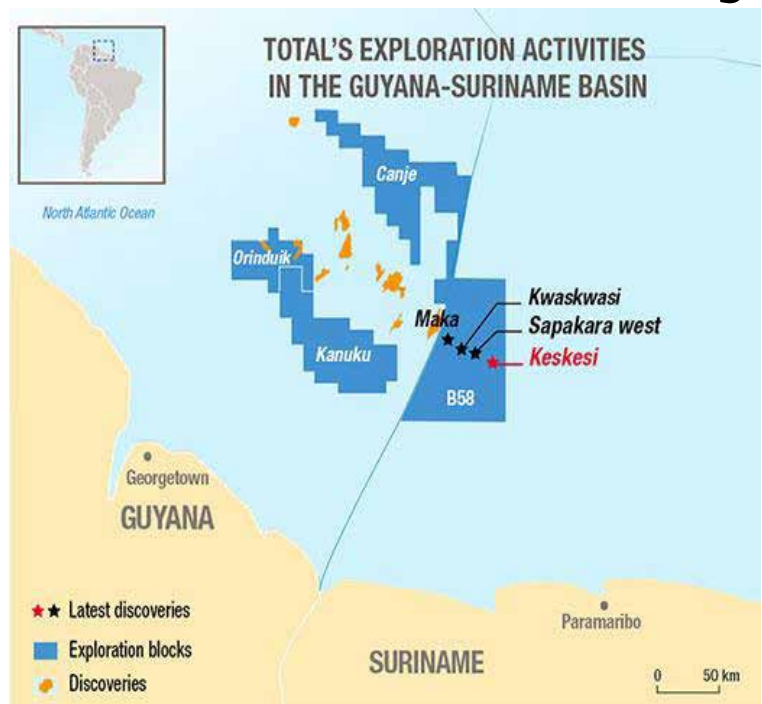
Since January 2020, five successful discoveries were made in Block 58. The oil was found in the Baja-1 well that was drilled to a depth of 5,290 metres and encountered 34 metres of net oil payment.

Preliminary analyses indicate light oil with a gas-to-oil ratio of 1600 to 2200 standard cubic feet per barrel, in a good quali-

ty reservoir. The discovery at Baja-1 is from the same deposition system as the Krabdagu discovery, 11.5 kilometres to the west at Block 58.

"Our success at Baja marks the 6th oil discovery we have participated in offshore Suriname, and the first on Block 53," said John J. Christmann, APA's president and chief executive officer.

"This result confirms our geologic model for the Campanian in the area and helps to de-risk other prospects in the southern portion of both Blocks 53 and 58."



The company said it recently received regulatory approval regarding an amendment to the Block 53 Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with Staatsolie, which provides options to extend the exploration period of the PSC by up to four years.

The company is currently progressing the formalisation of the election of the first one-year extension, for which all work commitments are complete.

"Suriname is another step closer to commercial exploitation," President Chandrikapersad Santokhi said in a statement following the latest oil discovery, adding that the results as presented "make us stand with both feet on the ground at the same time, while the dot on the horizon takes on more and more solid shapes".

The authorities said the results from Block 58 point to the complexity and dynamics of the industry and the results also showed a water reservoir in this block giving a good indication of the enormous potential that Suriname has as a player in the field of oil and gas.

The government is awaiting further information from the oil companies and in the meantime, intensive discussions are being held between Staatsolie and the foreign companies about the first development in the sea area so as to arrive at the so-called final investment decision.

Santokhi said while the areas at sea show positive prospects, Suriname is also being prepared on land to respond to the future in which oil and gas are indispensable. (CMC)

Cuban government starts selling dollars - with limits

AP – Cubans lined up by the dozens at exchange houses on Tuesday for the chance to buy dollars and other hard currency from the government for the first time in two years.

The new policy announced Monday night comes almost three weeks after the communist government began buying hard currency from the public at 110.40 pesos per dollar — a rate similar to that of the black market and more than four times the rate used for official transactions.

Under the new policy, meant to help combat the illegal market in hard currency, individuals can buy up to \$100 in cash a day at a rate of 123.60 to the dollar in 37 designated state CA-DECA exchange shops.

The official rate used by government industries and agencies that dominate the economy remains 24 pesos to the dollar.

“I want (euros) to be able to buy snacks for my grandchildren,” said Marcela Prado, a 62-year-old state worker who was among the first in line at an exchange house in central Havana. Jam is one of myriad products hard to find at subsidised state stores.

But 32-year-old camera operator Juan Pérez was dissatisfied with the new measure, arguing the limits



A worker shows a wad of Cuban pesos in Havana, Cuba, Dec. 11, 2020. The government announced on Aug. 1, 2022 that it will start buying U.S. dollars at an exchange rate five times higher than the official rate, at 110 Cuban pesos per dollar after commission, in an attempt to capture more foreign currency and at the same time combat the informal market. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa, File)

on sales would just increase the price of dollars on the black market.

At the start of 2021, Cuba eliminated a long-standing dual currency system, dropping a special type of convertible peso supposedly aimed largely at tourism and foreigners and changing all operations into local currency.

But prices rose much faster than the new higher wages adopted under the reform, which coincided with an economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and reduced support from Cuba's ally Venezuela,

which was also struggling, as well as continuing U.S. sanctions that had limited money sent to Cubans by relatives in the U.S.

Growing shortages led to increasing prices for goods bought from private sellers and to a street-level devaluation of the peso, making dollars and other hard currency sent or brought in from abroad more valuable. That led to long lines and growing public frustration.

The low, fixed official rate meant people avoided exchanging money through the government, starving it

even further of hard currency and its ability to import needed products.

Cubans can use special hard currency debit cards to buy goods at specialised state stores and many also seek dollars or euros in order to travel abroad — sometimes buying goods to sell at a profit when they return home.

Officials said Monday that under the new policy, sales of hard currency will be limited not only by the \$100 cap but also by how much the local exchange house had purchased from the public the day before.

OAS Secretary General urges continued cooperation between Belize and Guatemala despite border dispute

CMC – Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, says despite the border dispute between Belize and Guatemala that is before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the issue still remains a matter of concern to the hemispheric body.

Almagro, who ended a visit to the country on Monday, urged both countries to continue strengthening their cooperation through confidence-building measures.

“We should all keep working. We should work

during the process at the International Court of Justice. We should work when the decision comes and then the work of the administration, the decision of the court will be very relevant too. So, the work won’t stop so easily,” he told a news conference.

“Permanently, we need to create better confidence, better [relationships] between the neighbouring countries and we have to facilitate conditions in order to have better cooperation in the Adjacency Zone.

“We need to create possibilities for an easy admin-



istration for the decision of the court. All that is relevant, so we all need to keep doing what we are doing, and confidence-building measures were relevant ten years ago and are relevant

today and will be relevant in twenty years because that is part of being good neighbours to countries,” Almagro told reporters.

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Brazil vote: Executives under scrutiny after coup chatter

AP – Weeks ahead of Brazil's presidential election, police carried out search warrants Tuesday targeting several business leaders who allegedly participated in a private chat group that included comments favouring a possible coup and military involvement in politics.

The search and seizure warrants were issued by a Supreme Court justice who heads the nation's electoral authority, according to a statement from the federal police. They were aimed at prominent supporters of President Jair Bolsonaro, according to two of the people whose properties were searched and an official with knowledge of the operation.

Many of the comments were speculative and appeared to reflect personal opinion rather than a coordinated effort to undermine Brazilian democracy. However, they fed into national



Brazilian President who is running for reelection, Jair Bolsonaro, speaks during a campaign rally as his wife Michelle waves, in Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais state, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Bolsonaro formally began his campaign for re-election in this town where he was stabbed during his 2018 campaign. General elections are set for Oct. 2. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

jitters over whether Bolsonaro's unsubstantiated allegations that the electoral system is vulnerable to fraud were laying the groundwork for a power grab if the vote doesn't go his way.

The first round of the election is Oct. 2, with a possible runoff Oct. 30 if no candidate gets more than 50% of the votes.

According to the official with knowledge of the searches, the warrants targeted eight businessmen who appeared in a story last week on the online news site Metropoles, which published screenshots from their chat group on the WhatsApp messaging app. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because

he wasn't authorised to speak publicly.

Many of the executives appearing in the Aug. 17 Metropoles story have since said they support democracy, and allies of Bolsonaro immediately decried the operation as judicial overreach.

In 2018, Bolsonaro's swift rise from fringe lawmaker to presidential candidate was turbocharged by automated WhatsApp messages that companies sent to voters en masse.

In addition to issuing the search warrants, Justice Alexandre de Moraes ordered the businessmen's social media accounts be blocked and their bank accounts frozen, the online news site G1 reported.

De Moraes also lifted seals on their banking records and authorised federal police to take depositions from the executives, the site reported.

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temala signed a treaty that defined the borders from the Rio Hondo to Sarstoon. The treaty included an article that said both parties would make their best efforts to build a cart road from Guatemala City to the Atlantic Coast. After a few years, the road hadn't been built and Guatemala blamed Britain for it.

They said the treaty was a treaty of cession and because Britain violated it, they were supposed to get back their land.

In 1946 Guatemala officially tried to declare the treaty null and void. Britain suggested going to the ICJ to resolve their differences, but Guatemala rejected it.

After years of failed negotiations, the two countries finally agreed to accept the possibility of going to court. Guatemala held its referendum in April of 2018 and voted yes to go to the ICJ. On April 10th, 2019, Belizeans voted to have the matter go before the ICJ.

But notwithstanding the protracted nature of the age-old dispute and

the funding that has gone into keeping the OAS office at the Adjacency Zone open, Almagro and Prime Minister Briceño have pledged that the work at the western border will continue to be financed for at least another 18 months, beginning in 2023.

Prime Minister Briceño said while on a trip to Brussels he had been informed by the European Union that they are going to provide funding for another 18 months.

The OAS Secretary General last visited Belize in April 2016.

Thai PM suspended while court mulls if he defied term limits

AP – Thailand’s Constitutional Court suspended the prime minister from his duties on Wednesday while it decides whether the man who led a military coup in 2014 has violated the country’s term limits, potentially opening a new chapter of turmoil in the nation’s troubled politics.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha’s removal is likely to only be temporary since the court has generally ruled in the government’s favour in a slew of political cases.

Any decision to allow the general to stay on

risks invigorating a protest movement that has long sought to oust him and reopening deep fissures in Thailand, which has been rocked by repeated bursts of political chaos since a coup toppled then-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in 2006.

Since then, Thaksin, a telecoms billionaire whose populist appeal threatened the traditional power structure, has remained at the centre of the country’s politics, as his supporters and opponents fought for power both at the ballot box and in the streets, some-



An anti-government protester climbs on a car beside a poster of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha in Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. (AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)

times violently. The 2014 takeover ousted his sister Pravit Wongsuwan, a close political ally of Prayuth and part of the

Deputy Prime Minis-

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Angola votes as ruling party seeks to extend 47-year rule

AP – Angolans are voting in an election in which President Joao Lourenco is seeking a second term and long-time opposition party UNITA is trying to unseat the ruling MPLA party which has held power for 47 years. Some voters lined up at dawn Wednesday, two hours before polling stations opened at 7 a.m. local time.

Lourenco and opposition candidate Adalberto Costa Junior of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, UNITA, cast their ballots in Luanda, the capital city on the Atlantic Ocean.

About 14 million of the country's more than 33 million people have registered to vote. In the previous election in 2017, the turnout was 57% of those who registered.

Ordinarily busy marketplaces and street stalls have been closed to encourage people to go to the polls and the government has urged all employers to allow workers to have time to vote.

At the more than 26,400 polling stations across the country and abroad, the country's ruling party, the Peoples Movement for the Liberation of Angola, has 53,000 repre-



Angola President Joao Lourenco shows his marked finger during the voting process at a polling station in Luanda, Angola, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. President Joao Lourenco is running for a second five-year term while his party, the Peoples' Movement for the Liberation of Angola, known by its Portuguese acronym MPLA, is campaigning to extend its 47-year run as the country's ruling party. (AP Photo)

sentatives to monitor the voting and counting. UNITA has not announced how it will monitor results but it has called on its supporters to sit at polling stations after voting to observe the counting and posting of the tallies.

Official results are not expected for several days, as recent elections have seen delays in announcements

by the National Electoral Commission, whose director is seen as partisan to the ruling party.

The election is being watched by about 2,000 international observers including from the European Union, the African Union, the Southern African Development Community and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries.

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same military clique that staged the coup, will take over as acting prime minister, a spokesman for the prime minister's office said Wednesday. Anucha Burapachaisri added that Prayuth would respect the court's decision and called on others to do the same.

But those who want Prayuth gone don't want Prawit in power either.

"No Prayuth. No Prawit. No military coup government," a leading protest group said in a statement after the court decision Wednesday.

The group known as Ratsadon, or The People, issued a new call for protests, but only a small number came in response.

Prayuth's detractors contend he has violated a law that limits prime

ministers to eight years in power — a threshold they say he hit Tuesday since he officially became prime minister on Aug. 24, 2014.

But his supporters contend his term should be counted from when the current constitution, which contains the term-limit provision, came into effect in 2017. Another interpretation would start the clock in 2019, following

the election.

The case — in which the court is deciding whether a coup-leader has stayed in power too long — highlighted Thailand's particular political culture: Often the soldiers who overthrow elected leaders then try to legitimise their rule and defuse opposition by holding elections and abiding by constitutional restrictions.

Two Russians, one Ukrainian face espionage charges in Albania

AP – An Albanian court on Wednesday ordered two Russians and a Ukrainian to remain in custody while authorities conduct an espionage investigation into the suspects' activities at a former military weapons manufacturing plant.

Judge Pajtime Fetahu ruled in favour of prosecutors, who requested that the trio be kept in detention over accusations of “securing secret information of military or any other character in order to be supplied to a foreign power, which violates the country's independence.”

But Fetahu, who presides at a court in Elbasan, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Tirana, dropped another more serious charge of actually providing any of the information they collected to a foreign country.

The hearing was held behind closed doors, and no details were given on why the suspects may have been interested in the site.

The two Russian suspects are 25-year-old Mikhail Zorin, and 33-year-old Svetlana Timofoeva, while the Ukrainian was identified as Fedir Alpatov, authorities said. Alpatov's age wasn't provided.

They were arrested on Saturday inside or near the former military plant in Gramsh, 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of the capital



Russian Mikhail Zorin, left, Russian Svetlana Timofeeva, background, and Ukrainian Fedir Alpatov, right, guarded by policemen appear at a court in Elbasan, Albania, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. The two Russians and the Ukrainian were arrested for alleged espionage at a military plant in southern Albania, on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022. Two military guards were injured by a “neo-paralyzing spray” used by the Russian while resisting arrest according to the Albanian Defence Ministry. (AP Photo/Franc Zhurda)

Tirana. The suspects had taken photos of the plant.

Authorities said that Zorin, who had entered the plant, used pepper spray on two military guards trying to capture him. Timofoeva and Alpatov were arrested outside the complex.

Police said they seized their Chevrolet vehicle, two drones, a laptop, cash and other evidence.

The three suspects denied the charge of espionage. It wasn't immediately clear when a trial would be

held. If they are eventually convicted, they face up to 10 years in prison.

The Gramsh military plant opened in 1962 to produce AK-47, or Kalashnikov, rifles and other weapons. It stopped production after the fall of communism in 1990, and began to dismantle the weapons.

The plant is still used to repair other military weapons, but there is no longer any production there.

Local media reported that the three suspects en-

tered Albania from different border entrances and then stayed near the plant. An Ukrainian Embassy official, who was present at the hearing, said the Ukrainian suspect was innocent, claiming that Alpatov only served as the Russians' driver.

Albania, a NATO member since 2009, has harshly denounced Russia's invasion of Ukraine and has implemented all of the sanctions against Moscow by the European Union and the United States.

PGA Tour increases prize money at 12 events to match LIV Golf

BBC – The PGA Tour is increasing prize money at 12 events to match those of LIV Golf, but the tour's chief says players who have already joined the break-away league will not be welcomed back.

Commissioner Jay Monahan announced on Wednesday that 12 PGA events would now have an average purse of \$20m (£16.9m).

Top players will play in all 12, and 20 events in total, across the season.

The changes come after Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods met other top Tour players to discuss the threat of LIV Golf.

A number of high-profile players have left the established tours for the new Saudi-backed eight-event series, which boasts a £200m prize fund.

Major winners Brooks Koepka, Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau and Dustin Johnson are among those to have joined, and the PGA responded with indefinite bans.

Asked if those who have left would be welcomed back if lured by the changes to the PGA Tour, Monahan replied: "No. They've joined the LIV Golf Series and they've made that commitment.

"For most of them, they've made multi-year commitments. As I've been clear throughout, every



PGA Tour advocate Rory McIlroy has spoken to Open champion Cameron Smith, who has been linked with joining LIV Golf

player has a choice, and I respect their choice, but they've made it. We've made ours."

Reigning Open and Players Championship winner Cameron Smith has been linked with joining LIV Golf, and McIlroy said he had spoken to the Australian.

"I don't care if they leave or not, it's not going to make a difference to me, but I would at least like people to make a decision that is completely informed," said Northern Ireland's McIlroy.

Speaking before the Tour Championship - the final PGA Tour event of the season - Monahan explained that the top players would play in all four majors, the Players Championship, the 12 events with increased prize money, and an additional three events per season.

Other changes include an increased pay out for the player impact programme, which pays players who generate coverage for the

anteed earnings of at least \$500,000 (£423,000) for every player at the developmental Korn Ferry Tour priority category and above.

Monahan was also asked if making these changes earlier could have prevented LIV Golf from starting up.

"I don't think there's any scenario where they weren't launching," he responded.

"I think that the moves that we're making right now are the right moves for this organisation, and we're going to continue to make more of them."

tour. That will be doubled from \$50m (£42.3m) to \$100m (£84.6m) and rewards 20 players.

There will also be guar-



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Leewards win first game at CWI Under-15 tournament

The Leeward Islands claimed their first win in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-15 Boys Championship in Grenada.

After the start of the tournament was badly affected by rain which washed out the first two rounds of 50-overs matches, the competition is now being played on a revised format.

The final three rounds will be played using the T20 format. The Leewards were among the winners in their third round of matches, which were played using the T20 format on Tuesday, 23rd August.

The Leeward Islands defeated Guyana by four wickets at the Grenada National Stadium.

In a match reduced to 16 overs, Guyana were restricted to 72 for five, with Dave Mohabir getting 23 not out and Razam Koobir making 18. Anthony Pierre, Kunal Tilokani, Ja-



The Leeward Islands squad at the CWI Rising Stars Under-15 Boys Championship in Grenada. (Photo courtesy LICB)

heem Clarke and Jathan Edwards each picked up a wicket.

The Leewards then achieved victory by scoring 73 for six with two balls to spare. Amoree Jones made 17 and Tilokani scored 14. Arun Ginda picked up two for 23.

Barbados defeated Jamaica by eight wickets using the VJD/Other

Method. After restricting Jamaica for 78 for eight in 16 overs, Barbados were given a revised target of 68 in 13 overs and the Bajans achieved victory by scoring 69 for two in 12.3 overs.

Opener Shem Sargeant got 24, Damarko Williams made 16 not out and Gadson Bowens contributed 14

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2016 champion Kerber out of US Open; says she's pregnant

AP – Three-time Grand Slam champion Angelique Kerber withdrew from the U.S. Open on Wednesday because she is pregnant, announcing the news via social media by joking that “two against one just isn’t a fair competition” and posting a string of emojis that included a baby bottle.

The 34-year-old German won the title at Flushing Meadows in 2016 to rise to No. 1 in the WTA rankings.

She also won the Australian Open that year and



Germany's Angelique Kerber waves after defeating France's Kristina Mladenovic during their women's singles tennis match on day one of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Monday, June 27, 2022. (AP Photo/Alberto Pezzali, File)

added a Wimbledon championship in 2018.

She hasn't competed on

tour since a third-round loss at Wimbledon on July 1. She is currently ranked 52nd.

“For the next months, I will take a break from travelling the globe as a tennis player but then again, I believe it’s for the best possible reason,” Kerber wrote Wednesday. “I will miss all of you.”

She also said: “Being a professional athlete means everything to me but I’m grateful for the new path I’m heading to. To be honest, I’m nervous and excited at the same time.”

Play in the main draw of the U.S. Open begins Monday.

Antigua & Barbuda Combined Schools take unassailable lead in T20 series

Antigua and Barbuda Combined Schools have taken an unassailable 2-0 lead against the Dominica Combined Schools in their three-match T20 series on their current tour to the Nature Isle of the Caribbean.

After winning the opening encounter by six wickets on Sunday, 21st August, Antigua and Barbuda Combined Schools crushed Dominica Combined Schools by 10 wickets in the second encounter at Benjamin's Park in Portsmouth on Monday, 22nd August.

The Dominica Combined Schools were restricted to 82 for eight off their 20 overs. Yawani Regis top scored with 48 and Jaydon Vidal made 16.

Xaveek Toppin claimed



The Antigua and Barbuda Combined Schools squad on their current tour to the Nature Isle of the Caribbean.

two for 15 and Ajahrie Joseph picked up two for 21.

Antigua and Barbuda Combined Schools then raced to victory, reaching their target of 83 runs without the loss of a wicket in just 6.4 overs. Malique Ja-

cobs hammered an unbeaten 64 with six sixes (6x6) and four fours (4x4).

Fellow opener David Richardson was not out for 12.

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for Barbados.

In the Jamaican innings, Adrian Silvera hit 17 not out and Pajay Nelson scored 16. Jayden Chase captured three for 10 and Akobi Chrichlow Byer picked up two for nine.

Trinidad and Tobago defeated the Windward Islands by eight wickets at the Grenada National Stadium yesterday (Wednesday).

The Windward Islands could only muster 112 for seven in their 20 overs. Johnathan Daniel top scored with 51 off 43 balls with three fours and three sixes.

Earsinho Fontaine made 17 not out and Theo Ed-

wards also contributed 17. Brendan Boodoo captured two for 22.

Trinidad and Tobago achieved victory by scoring 113 for the loss of two wickets in 18.4 overs. Boodoo slammed 57 off 56 balls with six fours and a six, while Darrius Batoosingh hit an unbeaten 40 off 53 balls.

The T20 competition will continue with two matches today (Thursday). The Leeward Islands will take on Trinidad and Tobago at La Sagesse and Barbados will clash with the Windward Islands at the Grenada National Stadium.



Antigua & Barbuda loses opener in Under-17 competition

Antigua and Barbuda got off to a losing start in the Pride of the Caribbean Under-17 Boys Competition at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Centre on Tuesday night.

It was the home side which scored first when Tejhano Jarvis produced a clinical finish in the 4th minute to complete a series of orchestrated passes to give Antigua and Barbuda a 1-0 advantage.

But the home side's lead was short-lived, as one minute later, Jue-mar Luke scored his first of two goals to snatch the quick equalizer for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Vincentians then scored another two goals to take a commanding 3-1 lead at halftime. Isiah Charles scored in the 28th minute to give the Vincentians a 2-1 advantage and Luke completed his brace when he converted his team's third goal in the 39th minute.

Antigua and Barbuda got back into the game when Aiden Jarvis scored in the 53rd minute to reduce the Benna Boys' deficit.

Their second goal seemed to have given the young Benna Boys renewed energy as the home side then went on to dominate the second half in which they had most of the possession in their pursuit of the all-important equalizer.

But although the Antiguan and Barbudans were able to create several good chances, they were wasteful and squandered their opportunities, which eventually proved to be their undoing in not being able to get the much-needed equalizer.

Earlier on Tuesday, in the first match of a double-header, St. Lucia and Grenada played to a 1-1 draw in



The Antigua and Barbuda Under-17 team during the playing of the national anthem prior to the start of their opening encounter against St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Pride of the Caribbean Tournament at the ABFA Technical Centre at Paynters on Tuesday, 23rd August, 2022. (Photo courtesy ABFA)

the opening match of the four-team round-robin competition.

Lascell Farquharson scored in the 28th minute to give St. Lucia a 1-0 halftime advantage, but Che Charles salvaged the draw for Grenada when he scored their equalizer in the 61st minute.

The Pride of the Caribbean competition, which is organized by the ABFA to aid its national team's participation in the Concacaf Men's Qualifying tournament in Nicaragua at the end of the month, will continue with the final round of preliminary matches on Friday, 26th August.

Grenada will face St. Vincent and the Grenadines at 1 pm and Antigua and Barbuda will take on St. Lucia at 3:30 pm at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters.

The top two finishers at the end of the preliminary round of matches will meet in the final of the competition on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

The final will be preceded by a playoff for third place between the two sides that finished at the bottom

of the four-team competition at 1pm.

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

Antigua and Barbuda will contest Group D of the Concacaf Under-17 Men's Qualifying Tournament in Managua, Nicaragua, from 30th August to 8th September.

The Antiguan and Barbudans will face Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands and host Nicaragua in the round-robin competition.

After round-robin play, the four group winners will advance to the 2023 Concacaf Under-17 Championship, joining the top 16 ranked nations that have been seeded directly into the group stage of the championship.

Guatemala will host the 2023 Concacaf Under-17 Championship. The qualifying competition for the FIFA U-17 World Cup will take place from 11th to 26th February, 2023, in Guatemala City and in Antigua in Guatemala.

CWI pays tribute to Irvin Warrican, former Windwards player, coach and manager

Cricket West Indies (CWI) today paid tribute to Irvin Warrican, the former St Vincent & Grenadines and Windward Islands allrounder, coach and team manager. He passed away in his homeland St Vincent early on Sunday.

Warrican played six first-class matches as an off-spinner and middle-order batter for Windward Islands between 1991 and 1995. Following his retirement, he was a highly-respected coach and team manager. During the ongoing West Indies Rising Stars Under 19 Championship, the teams also

held a moment of silence in his honour.

Dr Kishore Shallow, Vice President of CWI paid a special tribute. He said, "In addition to being a former first-class cricketer, Irvin Warrican was a cricket coach, mentor, and father figure to several young players. He had this amazing ability to simplify cricket, whether when coaching cricketers or facilitating CWI cricket coaching programs. His sterling service to cricket, particularly to the Windward Islands, should be celebrated. I join the cricket community to express con-



Irvin Warrican
dolences to his wife, Yvonne, and all his loved ones."

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Five-member team to attend 8th FINA Junior Swimming Championships

A five-member team will represent Antigua and Barbuda at the 8th FINA Junior Swimming Championships in Lima, Peru, from 30th August to 4th September.

The team of swimmers are Tony Goodwin, Tivon Benjamin, Ellie Shaw and Aunjelique Liddie of Wadadli Aquatic Racers (WAR) and Ethan Stubbs-Green of Vipers Swim Club.

They will be part of an eight-member Antigua and Barbuda swimming delegation that will leave the twin-island state this weekend for Lima, Peru.

The other members of the Antiguan and Barbudan delegation are Coach Nelson Molina Fojo, Team Manager Ayesha Green and Chaperon Daniela Casmiro-Shaw.

The 8th FINA World Junior Swimming Champi-



Coach Nelson Molina Fojo, left, and the five swimmers who will represent Antigua and Barbuda at the 8th FINA Junior Swimming Championships in Lima, Peru, from 30th August to 4th September. (Photo courtesy WAR/ABSF)

onships takes place at the Videna Aquatic Center in Lima, Peru.

The six-day event will feature competition for girls

ages 14 to 17 years old and boys ages 15 to 18 years old at the end of the 2022 calendar year.

Over 600 promising

swimmers from more than 100 national federations are expected to compete in the premier international event for junior swimmers.