

# OECS TO SUE T&T OVER CLICO/ BAICO PAYOUT

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The failed United Progressive Party's 'Sunshine Hub' car park, whose construction began in 2005, is a physical reminder of the demise of CLICO in Antigua and Barbuda. CL Financial, which started out as a holding company for Colonial Life Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited (CLICO) in 1993, provided the financing for the 250 vehicle car park. The company's collapse in 2010 brought about the end of construction and abandonment of the project. In 2020, however, the National Asset Management Company (NAMCO) took control of the car park after the ABLP government acquired it in 2017 with a view to completing the project, an undertaking that is expected to cost \$20 million.

# Local News



## Lawsuit against T&T over CLICO/BAICO to proceed

Eastern Caribbean governments have agreed to take legal action against the government of Trinidad and Tobago over its failure to complete compensatory payments for CLICO/British American Insurance Company (BAICO) policy holders in the sub-region.

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who chairs the Ministerial Sub-committee on Insurance, said the group met last Friday and agreed to proceed with the lawsuit over the intransigence of Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Rowley, on the matter.

Browne assumed chairmanship of the ministerial committee about a year ago, and in that capacity, he

wrote to Dr. Rowley asking him to deliver on a commitment by a previous Trinidad and Tobago administration to pay US\$100 million to policy holders in the OECS after the insurance and investment company went belly-up several years ago leaving policy holders holding an empty bag.

He revealed that of the amount, US\$40 million has been paid, leaving an outstanding balance of US\$60 million.

According to Browne, the letters to his T&T counterpart, the last being sent just three weeks ago, have gone unanswered.

"For the last seven years we have been trying to engage Dr. Rowley to have a sit-down and to see how



*Prime Minister Gaston Browne*

we may resolve the issue. I have to tell you, all of the efforts to engage Dr. Rowley have failed.

"Several years ago, we contemplated taking this issue to court, but we decided to press on with the hope that Dr. Rowley would engage.

"The letters that I wrote to him have been acknowledged, but Dr. Rowley has been contemptuous and [has] not responded to any of the letters sent," PM Browne revealed.

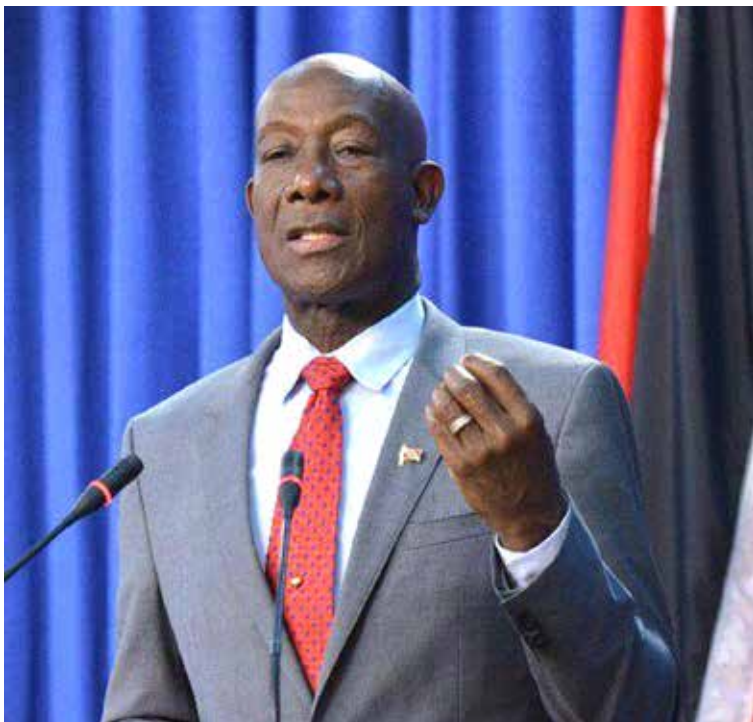
While Browne is of the view that Rowley is unlikely to back down from his stance, however, he insists that OECS leaders have a responsibility to act in the interest of the people of the sub-region who invested

millions into the failed company.

"On the basis that all diplomatic efforts fail, we have to, as a last resort, engage legal counsel to pursue the outstanding amounts.

"I chaired a meeting on Friday and the decision to pursue legal action at the Caribbean Court of Justice, in its original jurisdiction, to get relief for our policyholders in the OECS," he declared.

The prime minister said that sometime within the coming weeks the committee will meet again to review the matter and move forward with determination to have the matter resolved to the benefit of the OECS clients and investors in CLICO/BAICO.



*Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley*



## Investigators search for dead woman's relatives

Investigators probing the death of a 52-year-old woman are now tasked with locating her family in Jamaica to inform them of her demise.

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda will likely collaborate with their counterparts in the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Jamaican Consulate for assistance in finding her family.

The woman, whose name is being withheld until her relatives are notified, was discovered dead last Thursday morning at her apartment in Gambles.

Police visited the apartment after the landlady reported that she had not

seen the tenant, who moved into the dwelling a year ago, since last Tuesday. She further reported that a stench was emanating from the apartment.

According to reports, when police entered the living quarters, they discovered the partially dressed woman face down in the bathtub.

Her body was reportedly in the early stages of decomposition.

She was declared dead by the district doctor and ordered removed to a funeral home pending an autopsy.

Investigators close to the case say foul play has been ruled out as the living quarters were secured and its contents appeared to be intact.

The woman, who lived alone, had



no relatives in Antigua and Barbuda.

Several items were retrieved from the house by police and taken to the Criminal Investigations Department, including the deceased woman's passport, as law enforcement focused their attention on finding her loved ones.



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# Local News



## Duo charged with drugs, ammunition possession

The police arrested and jointly charged 32-year-old Dane Airall Jr. and 35-year-old Merlyn Richards with several drug and ammunition related charges.

The men, both of Golden Grove, have been charged with Possession of 1.641kg of cannabis; Possession with in-

tent to sell; Being concerned in the supplying of cannabis; Unlawful possession of five .38 rounds of ammunition, and Unlawful possession of one .45 round of ammunition.

On Thursday 25th August, the police executed a search warrant on a Golden Grove property, in the pres-

ence of both accused and discovered the drugs and ammunition.

The operation that involved the Criminal Investigations Department and the K9 Unit began at 5am.

During their search, the law enforcement officers discovered a number of plants

that resembled cannabis that weighed 1,614 grams. Additionally, they found just over EC\$42,000, US\$8,608, 80 pounds sterling, €200 and TT\$4.

Five .38 rounds of ammunition and one .45 round were also discovered.

Ziploc bags, digital scales, plastic sealers and a safe were also found by the police.

The items were seized and the two people were arrested on suspicion of possession of ammunition. Charges were instituted over the weekend.

The duo is expected to appear in court as early as today.

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## LIAT to get additional aircraft

LIAT will soon get two additional aircraft as efforts are being made to expand its operations in the region.

According to Information Minister Melford Nicholas, the current difficulties related to intra-regional travel and trade make the expansion of LIAT's services an urgent matter.

"We are at that stage where LIAT (1974) has continued to operate. Of course, they are encumbered by the limited number of aircraft, so the intention is to scale up the operation so that we can have at least two more aircraft on lease arrangements.

"It is more than likely that the leases will be undertaken by LIAT (2020) Ltd. and [be] passed over to LIAT (1974) Ltd. to use until the convergence takes place," he revealed last Thursday.

"Anyone who has travelled the region in recent times would attest to the fact that this now comes with much challenges.

"Our general manager at ABS recently went to Tobago and had much difficulties travelling to that destination and back simply because of the reduced carriage of an effective sub-regional carrier such as LIAT," he said.

Nicholas firmly holds the view that LIAT must return to the skies and provide connections throughout the region which customers across the islands have become accustomed to and rely heavily upon.

"The government of Antigua and Barbuda is doing all in its power, under the law, to ensure we get to that place sooner rather than later," he declared.



*Minister of Information, Melford Nicholas*

Meanwhile, Minister Nicholas indicated that Prime Minister Gaston Browne has received assurances of support for LIAT from his counterparts in the region, and particularly, from the newly elected OECS governments.



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# Local News



## Carnival minister pleased with success of summer festival

The Minister of Creative Industries and Innovation (MCII) has given the organisers of carnival high marks for planning and executing this year's festivities.

Dr. Michael Browne's rating follows mixed reviews from the public concerning the first carnival celebration since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in March, 2020.

The annual summer festival's return was the first major event overseen by Dr. Browne, who was assigned his new portfolio in January this year.

Despite early controversy over plans to relocate some of the major carnival activities outside of St. John's, which was later overruled by the Cabinet, and a series of complaints about the way some of the carnival events unfolded, Browne, in an appearance on Pointe FM's Pointe on De Streetz, said he was pleased with the outcome of Carnival 2022.

"For the most part, carnival this year was incident free.

For me, I won't necessarily say

I'm a carnival person, but I understand the assignment; the assignment is to be able to make sure I provide the support for a team as we roll out our cultural activities.

"I am happy to say that this year's carnival was splendid!" Dr. Browne declared.

Browne was high in praise for the stakeholders who his ministry regularly consulted with to ascertain the difficulties they were encountering and formulate solutions to resolve the issues, which staved off conflict.

"Just like the government faces challenges, these associations and organisations too face challenges. So, the thought process was never to dictate to them, but the thought process was to talk to them and find out how we can support you in terms of what you are looking forward in doing."

The MCII head reported that an "in-house" review of the summer festival was conducted, however, he did not reveal what was discussed, nor did he say what can be expected for Car-



*Minister of Creative Industries and Innovation, Dr. Michael Browne*  
nival 2023.

"The aim is not to get to the media first but is to be able to make sure that we can do that reflection, have that conversation in-house and then once we would have had that dialogue, then we're able to have a conversation with the public."

## ABDF at 41... 'Ready to Serve'



The men and women of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF) are this week celebrating the organisation's 41st anniversary and reflecting on their duties which extend far beyond their military obligations.

The anniversary this year is being observed under the theme, "Ready to Serve".

The activities started on Sunday with a service at the Spring Gardens Moravian

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# Met Service monitoring tropical disturbance

The Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service says it is monitoring a tropical disturbance that has entered the monitored area.

On Sunday, a tropical cyclone alert was implemented for the Leeward Islands and the British Virgin Islands.

According to the alert issued by Acting Chief Meteorologist, Dale Destin, "A tropical cyclone alert means that, in this case, a tropical disturbance is in our monitored area of concern but a watch or warning is not required, at this time."

While it is too early to determine the full impact the system, AL91, may eventually have, it is forecast to be in the vicinity by Friday or Saturday this



week as a tropical depression or minimal tropical storm.

In light of this, it is possible that it could pose an elevated threat with the potential to cause limited impact from storm force winds

and high seas, resulting in life-threatening conditions and minor disruptions to daily life.

The public, who should still have their hurricane preparedness plan in place, are being urged to be safe,

prepared to begin implementing their hurricane disaster plan.

On Sunday when the alert was issued, AL91 had maximum sustained winds near 35 miles per hour with higher gusts.

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Church which saw the involvement of rank-and-file members of the ABDF as well as approximately 25 members of "The Trail Blazers" - the paramilitary group which existed prior to Antigua and Barbuda's independence.

Members of the Ex-Service Men Association were also in attendance.

During the service, Chief of Defence Staff, Colonel Telbert Benjamin, addressed the current expanded role of the ABDF that now includes the Coast Guard Service, the Air Wing Division and the Cadet Corps.

One area of focus, he noted, is youth development through the Cadet Corps whose success, he believes, will help shape the future of the ABDF.

The ABDF band and choir, specially prepared by Reverend Patmore Smith, also rendered items during the service in which Reverend Hilton Joseph delivered the message.

Today, celebrations continue with a social outreach exercise at the Finennes Institute in which the rank and file will provide meals for and socialise with the residents of the assisted living facility and help beautify the grounds.

Sports competitions take centre stage on Tuesday with the finals of both cricket and football tournaments. According to Col. Benjamin, the competitions which began in May were planned to ensure that the finals would occur during the ABDF's anniversary

week.

There will also be a "March and Shoot" competition in which participants will participate in a 5-mile run from the Paynters Housing Project to Crabbes Military Facility where a shooting competition will take place.

Thursday 1st September, the ABDF's anniversary, a variety concert will take place at Camp Blizzard where the ABDF band and Panache are among the acts billed to perform.

A friendly football match between the police and the ABDF will take place on Friday.

The week of activities will conclude with a cocktail party for the upper ranks of the ABDF, the organisation's patrons and other invited guests.



# Opinion

## In one liner and out the next

By Tony Deyal

"I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get pasta." This was the winning one-liner by Masai Graham (who in "real life" works with severely autistic young adults), at the recent Edinburgh festival fringe. He won last year, 2019, with, "I thought the word 'Caesarean' began with the letter 'S' but when I looked in the dictionary, it was in the 'C' section." In 2016, the day before he suffered a mild heart attack, Graham claimed victory with, "My dad suggested I register for a donor card. He's a man after my own heart."

Every August, for three weeks glorious weeks, the city of Edinburgh, recognised since the 15th century as the capital of Scotland, welcomes "an explosion of creative energy from around the globe."

The organisers boast that "artists and performers take to hundreds of stages all over the city to present shows for every taste." My taste is for one-liners and every year I am on the online fringe of the fringe to see who won.

Second place this year went to Mark Simmons for "Did you know, if you get pregnant in the Amazon, it's next day delivery." It is better than, "What does Jeff Bezos do before going to bed?" He puts his payjamazon. One that is tough-

er is, "Jeff Bezos worked long, difficult hours for little pay to fulfill his lifelong dream...of making other people work long, difficult hours for little pay."

But back to the fringe. Third and sixth this year was Olaf Falafel who had won in 2019 with, "Actors who can cure my lisp? I'm pretty sure Anne Hathaway but I'm going to ask Colin Firth."

This year his two entries were, "My attempts to combine nitrous oxide and Oxo cubes made me a laughing stock" and "I spent the whole morning building a time machine, so that's four hours of my life that I'm definitely getting back."

There were some other good ones in the top-ten, one by Will Mars, "I hate funerals- I'm not a mourning person." There was the top woman in the list, Hannah Fairweather, whose one-liner was what some of us would describe as "homeyslide", "By my age, my parents had a house and a family and to be fair to me, so do I, but it is the same house and it is the same family."

The other woman in the top-ten, Sophie Duker, came 9th with "Don't knock threesomes. Having a threesome is like hiring an intern to do all the jobs you hate." In terms of her placement, you winsome or you lose some.

Laughing at one-liners, and always trying to come



Tony Deyal

up with a few myself, made me wonder why one-liners are so popular that there is even a day, January 21, in their honour. National Today (nationaltoday.com) sees the best of the bunch as "those that left us stunned, momentarily confused, or rolling on the floor laughing with tears in our eyes" and points out that the first piece of comedy was written over 2,500 years ago in ancient Greece.

I am sure it was not this one, "Who is the most attractive Greek mythological figure?" I don't know about you, but Medusa always made me solid as a rock. Or the one I get in response when I try my Medusa line, "Your humour is like a Greek Temple. In ruins." However, I can't ever stop the flow of one-liners, even

from Greek's natural enemies, the Trojans. It is my Achilles' heel.

Wikipedia describes a "one-liner" as a joke which is concise, meaningful and delivered in a single line, for example, "Throwing acid is wrong. In some people's eyes." (Jimmy Carr). Burt Reynolds, as self-denigrating as the rest of us who are into one-liners, joked, "My movies were the kind shown in prisons and airplanes because nobody can leave." The one I like is by British standup comedian, Tim Vine, "Crime in multi-story car parks is wrong on so many different levels."

On a list of what are said to be probably the best one-liner jokes (boredpanda.com) is the knockout, "Will glass coffins be a suc-

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cess? Remains to be seen.”

Others include, “The man who invented knock-knock jokes should get a no bell prize.”; “The problem isn’t that obesity runs in your family. It’s that no one runs in your family.”; “I hate Russian dolls, they’re so full of themselves.”; and “Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.”

There are a few I like even more- “I can’t believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.”; “I’ve just written a song about tortillas; actually, it’s more of a rap.”; and, “A perfectionist walked into a bar...Apparently, the bar wasn’t set high enough.” Did you like them? The four most beautiful words in the English language are, “I told you so.”

By now some of you might be asking where I am going with this. I consider one-liners an art form and after a few weeks of moving, and another few days of leaving the house we lived in better than we found it, I badly needed a few laughs. Better yet, I may need to force myself to come up with at least one of my own as a way of restoring my equilibrium. So let’s go first with the big guns of one-liners. Steve Martin- “I like a woman with a head on her shoulders. I hate necks.”

Chris Rock, whose one liners tend to have a sting or two in their tails, “I used to work at McDonald’s making minimum wage. You

know what that means when someone pays you minimum wage? You know what your boss is trying to say? ‘Hey, if I could pay you less, I would, but it’s against the law’.”

Frankie Boyle, “Trump’s nothing like Hitler. There’s no way he could write a book.” Joe Lycett, “Life is like a box of chocolates. It doesn’t last long if you’re fat.” Stewart Francis, “My therapist says I have a pre-occupation with vengeance. We’ll see about that!”

One of my early attempts at a one-liner “squared” caused some of my Barbadian friends to square off with me. I wrote that in driving around Barbados I saw places like St Lawrence Gap, Prescod’s Bottom, Bottom Bay and Mottley Lands. I wondered why Mottley only had Lands but not a Gap or a Bottom. I thought then it might have been a political issue and definitely not something I should touch. I now see it differently.

While other Caribbean leaders start at the top and then very quickly bottom out, PM Mottley is at the top and rising much higher than Mount Hillaby. With her limitless and total commitment to her country and her people, if they ever decide to name a mountain after her it would be “Mount Never-rest.”

*\*Tony Deyal was last heard trying out his latest one liner, “When I heard that Jamaica had a curling team, I thought it was hair-say.”*

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## The Americas now reporting highest number of monkeypox cases

The World Health Organization (WHO) says intense monkeypox transmission continues in the Americas region, although the number of cases globally fell by more than 20 per cent last week.

The WHO said while most cases in the early stage of the outbreak were in Europe, with a smaller proportion in the Americas, the situation has now reversed.

Currently, less than 40 per cent of reported cases are in Europe and 60 per cent are in the Americas.

There are signs that the



outbreak is slowing in Europe where a combination of

effective public health measures, behaviour change, and vaccination, are helping to prevent transmission.

“However, in Latin America in particular, insufficient awareness or public health measures are combining with a lack of access to vaccines to fan the flames of the outbreak,” said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Tedros thanked vaccine manufacturer Bavarian Nordic, which on Wednesday signed an agreement with WHO’s Regional Office for the Americas to support access to its monkeypox vaccine in Latin America and the Caribbean.

He expressed hope that the development will help to bring the outbreak under control in the region.

Meanwhile, the world has reached the “tragic milestone” of one million coronaviruses (COVID-19)

deaths so far in 2022

“We cannot say we are learning to live with COVID-19 when one million people have died with COVID-19 this year alone when we are two-and-a-half years into the pandemic and have all the tools necessary to prevent these deaths,” said Tedros, urging all governments to step up action to vaccinate all health workers, older persons, and others at highest risk, as part of efforts towards inoculating 70 per cent of the global population.

All countries at all income levels must do more to vaccinate those most at risk, to ensure access to life-saving therapeutics, to continue testing and sequencing, and to set tailored, proportionate policies to limit transmission and save lives. This is the best way to drive a truly sustainable recovery,” he said. (CMC)

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**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF THE REDONDA ECOSYSTEM RESERVE  
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The Director of the Department of Environment hereby gives notice of her intention to advise the Minister with the responsibility for the Environment to declare the Redonda Ecosystem Reserve as an IUCN Category 4 Habitat and Species Management Area pursuant to section 55 (1) of the Environmental Protection and Management Act, 2019.

This notice serves as the notice required under s 56(2)(b) of same which requires that the Director provide details as to:

- A description of the category of protected area that is proposed;
- The nature of the activities permitted or prohibited on it;
- Where submissions may be made in writing by any person;
- The closing date for submissions, and;
- The address where submissions may be made.

**Description:**

Redonda (16°56'N; 62°21'W) is the uninhabited third island in the state of Antigua and Barbuda. It lies 56km southwest of Antigua, 22 km north-west of Montserrat and 32km southeast of Nevis. Redonda is 1.6 km long, 0.5 km wide and rises to nearly 400m.

The Redonda Ecosystem Reserve will be designated as a Category 4 Habitat and Species Management Area and will comprise a terrestrial and marine area. The terrestrial area will be managed mainly for conservation of the species found thereon through management intervention by permitted groups namely, the Environmental Awareness Group through partnership with the Department of Environment. Strict biosecurity protocols will be applicable for any activities occurring in the Reserve.

The marine area comprises a 500 m zone surrounding the island and will be called the Replenishment Zone. This zone has many purposes and will be utilized primarily for essential scientific research and monitoring activities as well as providing a disturbance (human, boat etc.) free area for protection the marine life found in these waters. This zone will also provide a biosecurity buffer to prevent invasive species reinvasion, protect the sunken cultural heritage found within the zone and protect persons and vessels from the dangerous cliffs and slopes of the island.

**Activities permitted in the Redonda Ecosystem Reserve:**

**Terrestrial**

- Essential monitoring and biosecurity by permitted individuals
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**Activities prohibited in the Redonda Ecosystem Reserve:**

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Submissions on the information outlined in this notice may be made by any person, in writing, and sent to the below address on or before the 19th day of September 2022.:

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# Business



## St. Lucia seeking to develop overseas markets for honey

St. Lucia says it is implementing a project with funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), that will position the island's honey in specific overseas markets through the development of a cluster model.

Export Saint Lucia said with the funding from the IDB's Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility

(CCPF), it is implementing the Bee City Honey Cluster Project.

Bee City seeks to increase the competitiveness of stakeholders within the sector, build the capacity of local stakeholders in the beekeeping industry, and encourage the entrance of new members to drive and expand apiculture.

Consultant Melvin Ed-



[Photo: The Iyanola Apiculture Collective]

wards has been engaged to develop a three-year strategic plan for the operations of beekeeper groups participating in the Bee City Honey Cluster.

The authorities said during his consultancy, Edwards will also develop and facilitate training workshops and provide instruction in governance and cooperative management to the beekeeping cluster and industry stakeholders.

"Like other IDB Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility Projects, Bee City will contribute to an improvement in the standard of living and quality of life of participants. The program is also expected to result in an increase in the production of honey, and the number of beekeepers and apiaries on the island."

Export Saint Lucia's chief executive officer,

Sunita Daniel, said the Bee City Honey Cluster Project aims to remove any constraints that currently hinder the development of the local honey industry.

"St. Lucia's honey industry is brimming with export potential. As a trade promotion agency, Export Saint Lucia understands first-hand that the entrance of local honey to international, niche markets will result in increased economic prosperity at home.

"The strategic plan being developed will be in tune with the overall plan of the Government for the sector's development. The work in cooperative governance and management will assist in the proper maintenance of current and future cooperatives and groups," she said, noting that Edward's consultancy will take place over four-months. (CMC)

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# Education

## UWI approves five-year strategic plan

The University of the West Indies (UWI), seeking to earn a net of US\$250million, says it has approved a five-year strategic plan as it seeks to build on the success of the regional university's "soaring reputation" over the past five years.

It said the 2022-2027 strategic plan, dubbed the 'Revenue Revolution', is the second phase of the UWI's Triple A Strategy that was given the green light by the University Council during a special meeting of its members in July.

"The University's leadership is confident in the Triple A Strategy's contin-

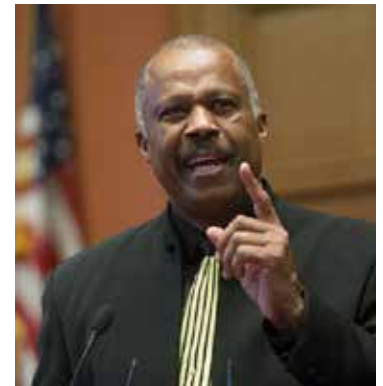
ued success. As we pursue this next critical strategic cycle, the Revenue Revolution, we look forward to the continued partnership of our UWI community including Caribbean governments, regional and international corporations, and development partners," said UWI's Vice-Chancellor, Sir Hilary Beckles.

The university's strategic plan is formulated as a ten-year strategy, compartmentalised into two, five-year phases. It is themed the Triple A Strategy because of its focus on widening Access to quality tertiary education, Alignment

of the university with academic-industry partnerships relevant to the region's needs, and improved Agility through global connections and initiatives, the university said.

It said in the first phase, "The Reputation Revolution" 2017-22 focused on building UWI's global reputation and led to the university "steadily advancing to the top tier of Times Higher Education's global universities rankings."

"This achievement set in place all the vital elements needed for the second phase, The Reputation Revolution cantered now on the conversion of the UWI's reputational value into much-needed revenue to stabilise the university and improve its financial health as well as the leveraging of




UWI Vice-Chancellor, Sir Hilary Beckles

digital transformation."

Beckles said one of the major objectives for 2022-2027 strategic plan is to utilise the resources and capabilities of the institution to earn a net of US\$250million over the next five years.

"To achieve this, we will monetize our strong international reputation by expanding our educational goods and services to a global market," he added. (CMC)



## Weekend Puzzle Solution

### SHADY ANIMALS

By Mary Jersey

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# Dominica to spend millions acquiring lands for international airport

CMC – The Dominican government says over EC\$40 million will be spent in acquiring hundreds of acres of land and compensating hundreds more property owners as the island moves to construct an international airport by 2026.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit addressing the Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce said the earth movement on the site of the one-billion-dollar modern facility, to be situated between Woodford Hill and Wesley villages on the island's northeast coast, will begin later this year.

The airport is being funded under the Citizenship by Investment Program (CBI), through which foreign investors are granted citizenship of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) island in return for making a significant contribution to the socio-economic development of Dominica.

"The international airport is expected to be completed and commissioned by the end of 2026 with a runway length of 2,850 metres. It will be able to handle wide-bodied aircraft like the...Airbus A350 on direct routes to North America, Europe, and key cities in Asia," Skerit said.

"We felt if we built an airport between 2022-26, it should be an airport for the future and this is why we have gone the route of this expansive consideration for the airport," said Skerit, who is also the finance minister.



*Rendering of the Dominica International Airport project (File Photo)*

He said the airport will also include a hangar to provide maintenance services to private aircraft and the design of the airport will allow for regional passengers to walk through covered walkways to facilitate comfortable access to their flights.

The finance minister said the airport will impact the economy in a positive manner, telling the business grouping "we have already seen a substantial injection of capital in the villages of Wesley and Woodford Hill.

"At the end of the process, in the next few months, over EC\$40 million dollars would have been spent to acquire over 500 acres of land and to compensate over 260 property owners under the project," he said, noting that all relocations are contained within the vicinity of Wesley

village.

Skerit said the villagers have benefitted from "highly desirable relocation sites, fertile lands for agriculture and improved views in all directions for housing.

"Agricultural squatters are being regularised in re-located areas which will give them greater security and encourage expansion of their farms thereby facilitating higher production yields. The majority of the residential property owners in the impacted area are being relocated ...to a development, which has created a significant uptick in the local construction industry by creating demands for skilled and unskilled labour, equipment, and materials."

Skerit said this growth is expected to continue as work on the airport site begins later this year.





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## **Police Week 2022**



### **Pre- Events**

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

- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

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

Queen Show, Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

### **Police Week**

- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Church Service – Swetes Wesleyan Holiness Church 9am

Brunch – Police Head Quarters

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Opening Day – Police Head Quarters 10am to 2pm

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

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Inter-force Shooting Competition – SWFGPA 9am

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

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Sick and Shut In

Calypso – Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Veterans Cocktail – SWFGPA – 5pm

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Sports day/ March Pass – Police Grounds 10am

- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Full Bore Shooting Competition – Crabbs Shooting Range 10am

Variety Concert -Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Beach Bash – Ffyers Beach 10am





# Regional News



## Probe continues into circumstances surrounding the death of Belize soldier

CMC – The National Women's Commission (NCW) has joined the Belize Defence Force (BDF) in the investigation surrounding the death of a soldier, Micah Miguel, who had been placed on suicide watch.

BDF Commander, Brigadier General Azariel Loria, said the authorities are also probing allegations that she had been sexually assaulted at the Price Barracks.

He told reporters that a full investigation is being conducted and the NCW is part of the team conducting the inquiry.

"We knew that Private Micah Miguel was having mental problems and she was getting treatment from our mental facility, our counselling section. She attempted to take her life last year and she was being monitored and she was given further counselling by our psychologist," the BDF Commander said.

"When I was told that she committed suicide, I ordered an investigation. But in my mind, the investigation was a court of inquiry on what led to her

doing that unfortunate step that ended her life. Later on, more allegations came up, so the Women's Commission decided to take part in the investigation, which we readily accepted."

He told reporters that it is a joint investigation being undertaken at present and that "it's an internal investigation that we are doing jointly."

"They have had a meeting with the acting chief of staff, and I believe that the next step is to have that investigation going."

"I have not been formally told; I only saw it in the news that the police department is also conducting their own investigation so that is external, which is welcomed because we want to find out what is the real cause of that tragedy, correct and continue to improve."

Asked by reporters how the BDF is addressing the allegations of sexual assault given it is not the first time such allegations have been made against the BDF, Brigadier General Loria acknowledged "we have been getting reports of sexual allegations."



*Micah Miguel*

"The investigation for this particular one is ongoing and if there are reports that indeed sexual assaults happen, we will get to know because we have the women's commission now onboard, and we will do something about it. I am concerned, yes. We have done, I think two years ago, we had allegations of rape. I think one or two cases are still with the police."

## Trinidadian mother charged with murdering her seven-year-old daughter



*Deniel Rechier*

CMC – A 25-year-old Trinidadian mother who allegedly strangled her seven-year-old daughter last weekend, has been charged with murder.

Deniel Rechier, of Palo Seco, appeared in a Siparia Magistrate on Friday charged with the murder of McKenzie Hope Rechier, whose body was found on a mattress at her home.

Police said they had received instructions from

acting Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Joan Honore-Paul to charge the mother.

An autopsy later found that McKenzie had been manually strangled.

A police report had indicated that the mother had travelled to a mosque in Claxton Bay where she asked to meet the Imam.

The police said the unemployed mother, who suffered from a mental disorder,

told the religious leader that her daughter was unresponsive, and she needed him to accompany her to their home.

He went to the woman's home and discovered McKenzie lying on a mattress on the floor of the wooden shack she shared with her mother. She was wearing underwear and a top. Her face was swollen and there was a bruise to the left side of her neck.



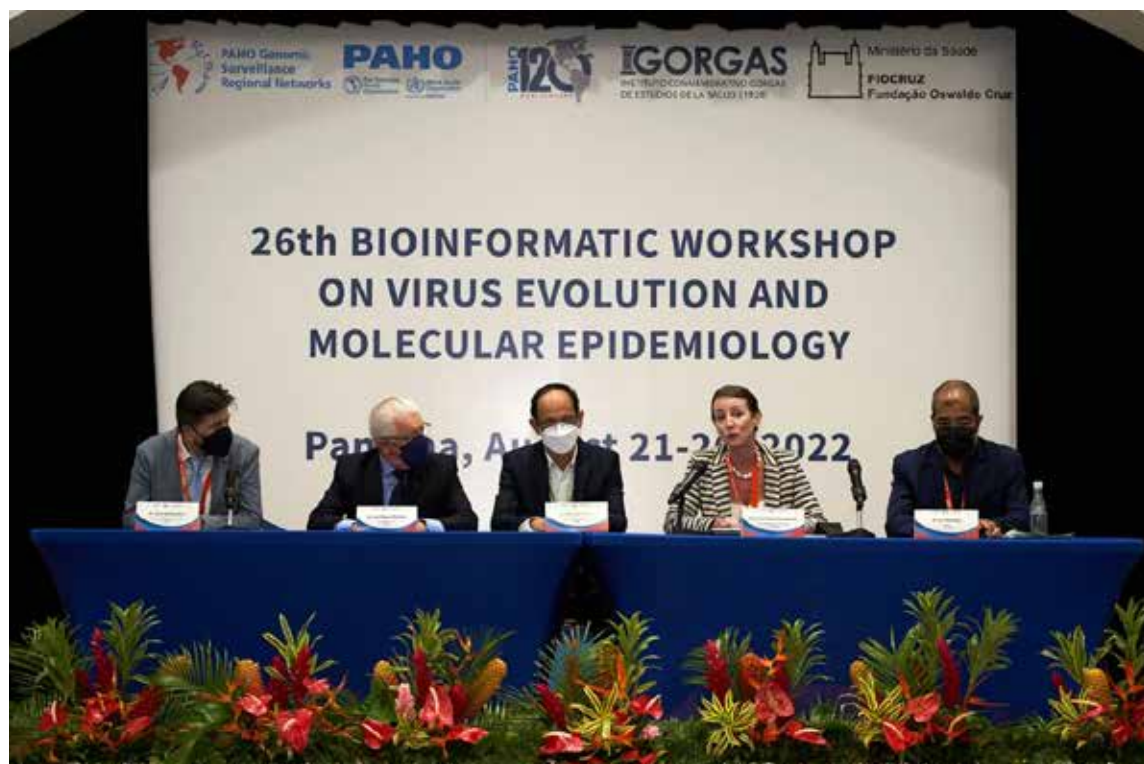
## PAHO strengthens genomic surveillance in the Caribbean

CMC – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) says it is strengthening genomic surveillance in the Americas, including the Caribbean, as representatives from 17 public health laboratories in the region came last week for the 26th edition of the Viral Evolution and Molecular Epidemiology (VEME) course in Panama.

On Friday, the health organisation said the training – which it organised in collaboration with the Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud (ICG-ES) in Panama and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) in Brazil – “aims to strengthen genomic surveillance in the Americas.”

Studying the evolution of viruses is key to detecting mutations or variants that can modify the transmission rate or severity of a pathogen and affect the efficacy of diagnostic tests, vaccines, and treatments,” said Jairo Méndez, emerging viral disease advisor at PAHO. “This is something we experienced with SARS-CoV-2, so we must deepen genomic surveillance for any emerging or re-emerging viruses,” he added.

More than 120 people from around the world participated in the 26th edition of VEME, a course that originated at the University of Leuven, Belgium, more



than 25 years ago.

Around 50 experts in bioinformatics from renowned scientific institutions from 15 countries delivered the training that took place from August 21 to 26 in Panama, PAHO said.

Participants from the region were supported through PAHO with funds from the United States government.

The course consisted of theoretical and practical sessions divided into four modules, ranging from the generation of data from genomic sequencing to more complex analysis of these sequences.

For the first time, VEME also included a module aimed at managers and decision-makers.

Dr. Carlos Sáenz, Sec-

retary General of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health, considered the training to be “extremely important” both for the technicians who carry out genomic sequencing and for decision-makers like himself.

“The course has provided tools to link the epidemiological situation, genomic sequencing and molecular epidemiology information to political and strategic decision-making at the level of each country,” he said, highlighting the relevance of “integrating technical approaches with transdisciplinary participation for the resolution of complex problems.”

According to PAHO, genetic sequencing and analysis provide insights into the evolution of a virus and its

variants, as well as its geographic- and temporal- dispersion.

“The timely analysis of the data serves to identify signs or changes that can have an impact on the behaviour of the virus and on health tools and measures.”

In addition, it said the information obtained can be complementary to guide the response to an epidemic or pandemic.

PAHO said it has provided training to strengthen genomic sequencing and to integrate it into epidemiological surveillance in the countries.

Since 2020, COVIG-EN has performed more than 426,000 sequences of SARS-CoV-2 in Latin America and the Caribbean, PAHO said.

## Pakistan flooding deaths pass 1,000 in 'climate catastrophe'

AP — Deaths from widespread flooding in Pakistan topped 1,000 since mid-June, officials said Sunday, as the country's climate minister called the deadly monsoon season "a serious climate catastrophe."

Flash flooding from the heavy rains has washed away villages and crops as soldiers and rescue workers evacuated stranded residents to the safety of relief camps and provided food to thousands of displaced Pakistanis.

Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority reported the death toll since the monsoon season began earlier than normal this year — in mid-June — reached 1,061 people after new fatalities were reported across

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A man looks for salvageable belongings from his flood-hit home surrounded by water, in Jaffarabad, a district of Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022. Army troops are being deployed in Pakistan's flood affected area for urgent rescue and relief work as flash floods triggered after heavy monsoon rains across most part of the country lashed many districts in all four provinces. (AP Photo/Zahid Hussain)



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# Deadly clashes shake Libya's capital, killing 23 people

AP – Deadly clashes broke out Saturday in Libya's capital between militias backed by its two rival administrations, portending a return to violence amid a long political stalemate.

At least 23 people were killed and 140 more wounded, the Health Ministry said. It added that 64 families were evacuated from areas around the fighting.

The escalation threatens to shatter the relative calm Libya has enjoyed for most of the past two years. The oil-rich nation plunged into chaos following a NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed long-time autocrat Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

Among the fatalities was Mustafa Baraka, a comedian known for his social media videos mocking militias and corruption. Baraka died after he was shot in his chest, said Malek Merest, an emergency services spokesman.

Merest said emergency services were still trying to evacuate wounded and civilians trapped in the fighting that erupted overnight and continued into Saturday evening.

The Health Ministry said in a statement hospitals and medical centres in the capital were shelled, and ambulance teams were barred from evacuating civilians, in acts that "amount



Libyan forces are deployed in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022. Clashes broke out early Saturday between rival militias in Libya's capital, a health official said. (AP Photo/Yousef Murad)

to war crimes."

The municipal council of Tripoli blamed the ruling political class for the deteriorating situation in the capital and urged the international community to "protect civilians in Libya."

The violence caused widespread panic among Tripoli residents. Footage circulated online showed houses, government facilities, and vehicles apparently damaged from the fighting.

Other footage showed militia forces deploying and heavy fire being exchanged across the night sky.

The U.N. mission in Libya said the fighting involved "indiscriminate medium and heavy shelling in civilian-populated neighbourhoods" of Tripoli.

The mission called for an immediate cease-fire, and for all parties in Libya to "refrain from using any form of hate speech and incitement to violence."

The clashes pitted the Tripoli Revolutionaries' Brigade militia, led by Haitham Tajouri, against another militia allied with Abdel-Ghani al-Kikli, an infamous warlord known as "Gheniwa," according to local media.

Later on Saturday, more militias joined the fighting which spread in different areas in the capital.

Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah's government, which is based in Tripoli, claimed the clashes broke out when one militia fired at another.

The fighting, however, is highly likely part of ongoing power struggle between Dbeibah and his rival Prime Minister Fathy Bashagha who is operating from the coastal city of Sirte.

Both Dbeibah and Bashagha are backed by militias, and the latter was mobilising in recent weeks to try to enter Tripoli to dislodge his rival.

An attempt in May by Bashagha to install his government in Tripoli triggered clashes that ended with his withdrawal from the capital.

U.S. Ambassador to Libya Richard Norland urged for de-escalation "before things get worse" and for Libyan parties to agree on an early date for elections.

## Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner: Protesters and police clash near Argentina vice-president's home

BBC – Thousands of protesters have rallied in Argentina in support of Vice-President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, who denies corruption charges.

They gathered outside her home in the capital Buenos Aires, tearing down barriers and clashing with police.

At least five police officers were injured, and four protesters were arrested, local media report.

Prosecutors want the former president to be given 12 years in prison and to be banned from public office.

The 69-year-old is accused of defrauding the state and being involved in a scheme to divert public



funds while she was president between 2007 and 2015.

That sparked outrage among her supporters, some of whom spent days gathered outside her residence in a show of support,

according to local media. Ms Kirchner says she is being persecuted.

The protests on Saturday turned violent when demonstrators started pulling down barriers erected by police around Ms

Kirchner's home.

Ms Kirchner has faced numerous other corruption trials following her time as president.

The verdict of this trial is expected to take some months.

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different provinces.

Sherry Rehman, a Pakistani senator and the country's top climate official, said in a video posted on Twitter that Pakistan is experiencing a "serious climate catastrophe, one of the hardest in the decade."

"We are at the moment at the ground zero of the front line of extreme weather events, in an unrelenting cascade of heatwaves, forest fires, flash floods, multiple glacial lake outbursts, flood events and now the monster monsoon of the decade is wreaking non-stop havoc throughout the country," she said. The on-camera statement was retweeted by the

country's ambassador to the European Union.

Flooding from the Swat River overnight affected north western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where tens of thousands of people — especially in the Charsadda and Nowshera districts — have been evacuated from their homes to relief camps set up in government buildings. Many have also taken shelter on roadsides, said Kamran Bangash, a spokesperson for the provincial government.

Bangash said some 180,000 people have been evacuated from Charsadda and 150,000 from Nowshera district villages.

Khaista Rehman, 55, no relation

to the climate minister, took shelter with his wife and three children on the side of the Islamabad-Peshawar highway after his home in Charsadda was submerged overnight.

"Thank God we are safe now on this road quite high from the flooded area," he said. "Our crops are gone and our home is destroyed but I am grateful to Allah that we are alive and I will restart life with my sons."

The unprecedented monsoon season has affected all four of the country's provinces. Nearly 300,000 homes have been destroyed, numerous roads rendered impassable and electricity outages have been widespread, affecting millions of people.



## Williams sisters to face Czech pair in US Open doubles

AP – Serena and Venus Williams were drawn to face the Czech pair of Lucie Hradecka and Linda Noskova in the first round of doubles at the U.S. Open.

The U.S. Tennis Association announced the doubles brackets Sunday, a day before the tournament begins.

Serena has said she is preparing to retire and the expectation is that the U.S. Open will be her last event.

She plays in singles Monday night. The doubles competition will begin Wednesday, with first-round matches spread over that day and

Thursday.

It is the first doubles event for the Williams sisters together since the 2018 French Open.

They have won 14 Grand Slam championships in doubles as a team, most recently at Wimbledon in 2016.

Two of their doubles titles came at the U.S. Open, in 1999 and 2009.

Hradecka is a 37-year-old who won two major doubles trophies with Andrea Hlavackova — at the 2013 U.S. Open and 2011 French Open.

Noskova is a 17-year-old who has never won a Grand Slam match in singles or doubles.



Serena Williams, left, of the United States, and her sister Venus examine the championship trophy after winning the women's doubles championship over Cara Black, of Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber, of the United States, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday, Sept. 14, 2009. Serena and Venus Williams were given a wild-card entry for women's doubles at the U.S. Open on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, making it their first tournament as a team in more than four years. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings, File)

## Mickey Mantle card breaks record, as sports memorabilia soar



A Mickey Mantle baseball card is displayed at Heritage Auctions in Dallas, on July 21, 2022. A mint condition Mickey Mantle baseball card has sold for \$12.6 million, blasting into the record books Sunday Aug. 28, 2022 as the most expensive ever paid for a piece of sports memorabilia. (AP Photo/LM Otero, File)

AP – A mint condition Mickey Mantle baseball card sold for \$12.6 million Sunday, blasting into the record books as the most ever paid for sports memorabilia in a market that has grown exponentially more lucrative in recent years.

The rare Mantle card eclipsed the record just posted a few months ago — \$9.3 million for the jersey worn by Diego Maradona when he scored the contentious “Hand of God” goal in soccer’s 1986 World Cup.

It easily surpassed the \$7.25 million for a century old Honus Wagner baseball card recently sold in a private sale.

And just last month, the heavyweight boxing belt reclaimed by Mu-

hammad Ali during 1974’s “Rumble in the Jungle” sold for nearly \$6.2 million.

All are part of a booming market for sports collectibles.

Prices have risen not just for the rarest items, but also for pieces that might have been collecting dust in garages and attics.

Many of those items make it onto consumer auction sites like eBay, while others are put up for bidding by auction houses.

Because of its near-perfect condition and its legendary subject, the Mantle card was destined to be a top seller, said Chris Ivy, the director of sports auctions at Heritage Auctions, which ran the bidding.

# Sports News



## Big wins for Potters, Bolans and Garden Stars in ABFA Knockout

Potters Tigers, Bolans FC and Garden Stars recorded huge margins of victories in the opening round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Jomo Caribbean, Cool and Smooth Knock-out Cup competition over the weekend.

Potters Tigers romped to an emphatic 10-0 victory over Bethesda in the feature game of a double-header at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters on Friday, 26th August.

J. Adams opened the scoring in the 13th minute

and C. Rogers scored his first of a brace in the 15th minute. M. James, who also scored a brace, converted his first goal in the 36th minute to give Potters Tigers a 3-0 halftime advantage.

After the interval, James increased the Tigers lead by scoring his second goal in the 52nd minute. Rogers completed his brace with a 60th minute conversion to give Potters a 5-0 advantage.

Z. Ambrose then got in on the act by scoring twice with a 67th minute strike and a 77th minute conversion to make it 7-0.

G. Williams then scored in the 82nd minute, E. Lewis had an 86th minute conversion and X. Grayman sealed the Tigers win with a goal in the 89th minute.

A four-goal blitz by J. Martin catapulted Bolans FC into the second round with a commanding 8-0 victory over a young and inexperienced Tamo FC in the opening game of Friday's double-header.

Martin achieved the feat by scoring in the 5th, 19th, 64th and 67th minutes. D. Joseph and B. Blake each scored a brace to complete the rout.

Joseph converted in the 6th and 54th minutes, while Blake scored in the 43rd minute and the second minute of added-on time (92nd minute).

K. Knight recorded a hat-trick to propel Garden Stars to a mammoth 8-0 victory over a youthful Fort Road Earthquake FC side in the first game of Saturday's double-header.

After C. Clarke opened the floodgate by scoring his team's first goal in the 28th minute, Knight scored and completed his hat trick in the first half with conversions in the 34th, 38th and 41st minute to give Garden Stars a 4-0 half time lead.

D. Martin netted in the 49th minute, J. Williams scored in the 51st minute and Z. Carr added a brace with goals in the 62nd and 90th

minutes to seal the win for Garden Stars.

Young Warriors FC prevailed 4-3 against Young Lions FC in extra time in the second game of Saturday's double-header.

Two goals in extra time snatched victory for the Young Warriors after both teams finished deadlocked at 2-2 at the end of the regulation period.

R. Browne scored in the 99th minute and E. Isaac netted in the 105th minute to give Young Warriors a 4-2 advantage.

J. Willock scored his second goal of the match three minutes before the end of extra time to reduce the deficit, but Young Lions were unable to grab an equalizer before the time ran out.

C. Willock had scored in the 15th minute to give Young Lions the lead before K. McDonald equalized for Young Warriors with a strike in the 31st minute as both teams ended the first half with the scores leveled at 1-1.

Young Lions regained the lead when J. Willock scored his first goal of the match in the 72nd minute, but Young Warriors equalized for the second time during the encounter when R. Roberts scored in the 81st minute to send the match into extra time. The ABFA Knockout Cup is being sponsored by Joma Caribbean and Cool & Smooth.





## Barbados beat Leewards to take CWI Under-15 title

Barbados were crowned winners of the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-15 Boys Championship when they defeated Leeward Islands in the final round of matches at the Grenada National Stadium on Friday, 26th August.

The Bajans won the 15-over-per-side match against the Leewards by 16 runs to top the table with 18.4 points. They played unbeaten throughout the tournament.

Barbados batted first and made 73 without loss off 15 overs with solid knocks of 31 from Shem Sargeant and 29 from Kemar Dixon. In reply, the Leewards ended on 57 for eight off their 15 overs, with the diminutive Antiguan and Barbudan Tanez Francis getting a top score of 22 not out off 26 balls. Opener Sachin Saunders contributed 14 off 22 balls.

Akobi Crichlow Byer claimed two for six, pacer Jakeem Pollard picked up two for seven and RJai Gittens captured two for nine.

In the day's second match, Jamaica batted well to defeat Windward Islands by four wickets. The Jamaicans achieved their victory target of 97 for the loss of six wickets in 14.2 overs, with Savio Jones getting a top score of 33 off 26 balls.

Jorden Charles claimed three for 19 and Theo Ed-



Barbados were crowned winners of the CWI Rising Stars Under-15 Boys Championship in Grenada on Friday, 26th August, 2022. (Photo courtesy CWI)

wards took two wickets for 27 runs.

Earlier, Windwards made 96 for five in their 15 overs, with Jorden Charles hitting 32 off 28 balls and Leon Alexander making 24 not out off 16 balls. Ryan Lyttleton captured three for 22 and Nicoli McKenzie picked up two for 18.

In the third match of the day, Guyana got the better of Trinidad & Tobago by 24 runs.

Batting first, the Guyanese were boosted by 26 off 24 balls from Navin Boodwah as they made 96 for five off the 15 overs. Dave Mohabir was not out on 17 off 13 balls.

Brendan Boodoo picked up two wickets for eight runs and Dominic Redhead captured two for 21.

In reply, Trinidad and Tobago were restricted

to 72 for five off their 15 overs, with opener Darrius Batoosingh getting a top score of 19.



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The Leeward Islands with their trophy after capturing the CWI Rising Stars Under-19 Boys three-day title at Arnos Vale in St Vincent and the Grenadines on Saturday, 27th August, 2022. (Photos courtesy LICB)

## Leewards win CWI Under-19 title

Barbados fought bravely but in the end Leeward Islands just held on to a tense draw with one wicket left to capture the CWI Rising Stars Under-19 Boys three-day title at Arnos Vale in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Saturday.

Needing 106 to win the final from a minimum of 26 overs on the third and last day, Leewards ended on 51 for nine from 28 overs. They gained a total of nine points and Barbados 7.8 points.

The Leewards had required a further 78 runs at the beginning of the mandatory 15 overs with six wickets in hand. Left-arm spinner Nathan Sealy brought Barbados right back into the game, snatching six wickets for 10 runs from 14 overs.

However, he failed to hold on to a sharp chance at slip in the penultimate over when fellow left-arm spinner Devon Stevenson found Nathan Edward's edge.

Edward became Leewards' hero with a defiant 11 not out off 55 balls. He also survived a very confident appeal for a run out at the bowler's end in the last over.

Barbados had made 279 for

eight declared off 80.4 overs in their first innings after they lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Nathan Sealy top scored with 96 and Jayden Roberts made 65. Off-spinner Onaje Amory captured four for 84 in 24.4 overs and left-arm seamer Yanique Watley picked up two for 37 in 12 overs.

The Leewards replied with 250 for eight declared in 110 overs. Captain Carlon Bowen Tuckett top scored with 68 and Jewel Andrew made 56. Tariq Oneale and Nathan Sealy each claimed identical bowling figures of two for 32.

Leading by only 29 runs on first innings, Barbados went on the attack in search of quick runs, but they were pegged back in their second by the Leewards who kept the Bajans in check by picking up wickets at regular intervals.

Barbados were eventually dismissed for 79 in 21.3 overs in their second innings to set the Leewards their 106-run victory target. Hakeem Perryman top scored with 33 and Chamiqueko Landerfort grabbed four wickets for 16 runs.



Leeward Islands captain Carlon Bowen Tuckett, left, and middle-order batsman and vice-captain Michael Greaves celebrate with the championship trophy after winning the CWI Rising Stars Under-19 Boys three-day title at Arnos Vale in St Vincent and the Grenadines on Saturday, 27th August, 2022.



## Kenyan cyclist dies in crash during gravel race in Vermont

AP – Kenyan cyclist Sule Kangangi, 33, died in a crash Saturday while competing in a gravel race in Vermont.

Kangangi was riding at a high speed in the Vermont Overland race when he crashed.

“Sule is our captain, friend, brother. He is also a father, husband and son. Gaping holes are left when giant’s fall. Sule was a giant,” his Team AMANI posted on social media. “Instead of leading us at the front of the pack, he will now lead us as our guiding pole star as we press forward in the realisation of his dream.”

Rachel Ruto, the wife of president-elect William Ruto of Kenya, posted on Twitter that she was shocked to learn the sad news that



*Sule Kangangi*

he had passed away after a tragic crash.

“My heartfelt condolences to his family, and the entire cycling community, that has lost a talented cyclist, a mentor and a friend,” she wrote. “We will all miss

him as an individual. Kenya has lost a champion. Rest in peace Sule.”

The Vermont Overland is a 59-mile (95-kilometre) dirt road bicycle race that includes nearly 7,000 feet (2,130 metres) of climb-

ing, according to the race’s website. About 900 cyclists were competing on Saturday in the race that begins and ends in the community of Brownsville in the town of West Windsor, officials said.

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pulling off a 3-1 victory against Grenada in their final preliminary round encounter on Friday.

Isaiah Charles scored a second half brace with strikes in the 50th and 78th minutes to secure the Vincentians’ victory after both teams were levelled at 1-1 at the interval.

Donte Envile’s 6th minute conversion had given St. Vincent and the Grenadines an early 1-0 lead, but Che Charles scored in the 21st minute to snatch the first-half equalizer for Grenada.

D’Andre Tisson of St. Lucia captured the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Goalkeeper award, while

teammate Taye Peter took home the MVP Defender award.

The MVP Midfielder award was claimed by Imani Miller of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and teammate Isiah Charles took home the MVP Offense award.

The tournament, which was used as preparation by the Antigua and Barbuda team for the upcoming Concacaf Under-17 Men’s Qualifying Tournament in Nicaragua, was 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 5th September.

Some members of the Antiguan and Barbudan contingent have already departed for the Central American country and the rest of the players and team officials will fly out to Nicaragua today (Monday).

Antigua and Barbuda will kick off their campaign against Belize on Wednesday, 31st August, at 6 pm.

The young Benna Boys will play their second encounter against the Turks and Caicos Islands on Friday, 2nd September at 6pm and will face host Nicaragua in their final match on Sunday, 4th August, at 9 pm.

## Antigua & Barbuda finish third in Under-17 boys competition

Antigua and Barbuda finished third in the Pride of the Caribbean Under-17 Boys Competition at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Training Centre at Paynters over the week-end.

Host Antigua and Barbuda prevailed 8-7 on penalties against Grenada to win the playoff for third place in the four-team round robin tournament on Saturday, 27th August.

The match was decided by penalties after both teams had battled to a 2-2 draw at the end of regulation. Goals by Dainon Lewis in the 6th minute and Narshon Sylvester's 21st minute had given Grenada a 2-0 halftime advan-

tage.

But the young Benna Boys came storming back in the second half with goals by Howayne James in the 44th minute and Kayeem Hughes in the 62nd minute to draw level and send the match into the deciding penalty shootout in which they prevailed.

Antigua and Barbuda had missed out on reaching the final when they suffered a late 2-0 defeat against eventual champions St. Lucia in their last preliminary round encounter on Friday, 26th August.

Striker Makaay Emile scored both goals for St. Lucia with strikes in the 67th and the fourth minute of added on time (84th minute).



The Antigua and Barbuda team that started their third place playoff match in the Pride of the Caribbean Under-17 Boys Competition at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Technical Training Centre at Paynters on Saturday, 27th August, 2022.

St. Lucia went on to lift the title as they won the fi-

nal against St. Vincent and the Grenadines by prevailing 5-3 on penalties after both teams had fought to a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation on Saturday.

D'yami Belasse scored in the 21st minute to put the St. Lucians ahead, but the Vincentians equalized when Isiah Charles found the back of the net in the 40th minute.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines had booked their spot in the final by

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The St. Lucia team celebrate with their championship trophy after winning the Pride of the Caribbean Under-17 Boys Competition at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Technical Training Centre at Paynters on Saturday, 27th August, 2022. (Photos courtesy ABFA)