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PM BROWNE LOBBIES UN FOR GREATER SUPPORT IN SIDS FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

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Prime Minister Gaston Browne and UN Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), Her Excellency Rabab Fatima.

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Prime Minister Browne meets Senior UN representatives for LDCs and SIDS

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne met with the UN Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), Her Excellency Rabab Fatima, on the margins of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Prime Minister Browne opened the discussions by extending congratulations to H. E. Fatima, who was appointed as the High Representative of OHRLLS in August, 2022. Her new role

comes with the challenging task of mobilising international support for the most vulnerable United Nations Member States by ensuring that their urgent needs remain high on the international agenda.

Prime Minister Browne also discussed priorities for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), especially in his capacity as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). Some crucial points he raised included SIDS' desire to chart a way forward for loss and damage finance regarding climate change; the use of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) which will allow vulnerable states

to gain improved access to concessional financing; and the Fourth UN International Conference on SIDS which Antigua and Barbuda will host in 2024.

The OHRLLS High Representative commended Antigua and Barbuda for hosting the 4th International SIDS Conference. The conference is a defining moment for SIDS to focus global attention on their unique vulnerabilities. She expressed the OHRLLS' unwavering support in ensuring that the conference will be successful and produce concrete deliverables for SIDS.

The OHRLLS High Representative also took the opportunity to reaffirm



Prime Minister Gaston Browne support for SIDS in the fight against climate change and the resulting loss and damage and to build consensus on the application of the MVI.

Prime Minister Browne was accompanied to the meeting by Education Minister, Daryll Matthew, Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Aubrey Webson and Counsellor with the Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations Tumasie Blair.

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Police investigate Grays Farm shooting incident

Police are investigating a shooting incident in Grays Farm that has left a man nursing non-life-threatening gunshot wounds.

It happened on Parliament Street on Tuesday sometime after 9pm.

According to police reports, Adam O'Garro was walking when a vehicle pulled up alongside him and an occupant opened fire.

He sustained wounds to his left knee and right buttocks and was transported



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Fiona latest example of Caribbean vulnerability

Foreign Minister, E. P. Chet Greene is concerned that Antigua and Barbuda, and other Caribbean nations, remain vulnerable to destructive storms such as Hurricane Fiona which are becoming more frequent and more powerful.

He made the comment during a Global Development Initiative Ministerial Meeting in New York on Tuesday which was held on the margins of the 77th

United Nations General Assembly.

Greene noted that the future and the sustainable growth of the Caribbean region are highly dependent on a developmental approach that is geared towards recognising the unique social and economic realities of the islands.

He added that any measures implemented must be people focused and equitable.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene

“The challenges facing our region are vast and diverse. In the case of Antigua and Barbuda and the other

countries of the Caribbean Community, climate change continues to be a prevailing issue. This has increased the intensity and frequency of hurricanes, resulting in destruction to infrastructure and the environment.

“The recent passage of Tropical Storm Fiona, now a hurricane, caused electrical power outages in my country for over 36 hours in some communities. Other islands suffered serious damages to homes and other infrastructure,” Greene told the conference.

Two other challenges that Caribbean countries face, according to the minister, are the myriad of international monetary policies that adversely impact economic growth and development, such as the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Graduation process, and the blacklisting of countries as non-cooperative tax jurisdictions.

The foreign minister went on to identify the People's Republic of China as a

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Public urged to wear gold on Friday in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Public health administrators are encouraging the public to wear gold on Friday in support of children in Antigua and Barbuda who are battling childhood cancer.

The appeal came from Dr. Shivon Belle-Jarvis, Head of the Paediatric Unit of the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) as she brought World Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is recognised in September, into focus.

“We are making that national appeal, even regional, for everyone to wear gold in support of our children and their families who have been affected by cancer and who have lost a child to cancer.

“For 2021, we had at least two children at the hospital who were diagnosed with cancer. Thankfully, they are doing well.

“So far and this year already, we have one child diagnosed with cancer, so please, I am asking you, help you by wearing gold. The best way that we can beat the cancer is through early detection, and awareness is a powerful tool that



we often underestimate.

“Remember no child deserves to be left behind so join us in the fight. We are wearing gold,” Dr Belle-Jarvis said.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), each year, an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents aged 0-19 years old develop cancer. The most common types of childhood cancers are leukaemia, brain cancer, lymphomas and solid tumours, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms tumours.

An even more chilling statistic reveals that in high-income countries where comprehensive services are generally accessible, more than 80 percent of children diagnosed with cancer are cured while low- and middle-income coun-

tries (LMICs) like Antigua and Barbuda, less than 30 percent are cured.

Only 29 percent of low-income countries report that cancer medicines are generally available to their populations compared to 96 percent of high-income countries.

“Even though we have the cancer centre here, it really does not cater to children, so when we do make the diagnosis of cancer, we have to depend on that network that we have established internationally, regionally.

“Many of our cases we refer to Jamaica - we even refer to Barbados and recently to Cuba - and we are thankful to even have the opportunity to refer our children to organisations in the States and even Canada

so that they can assist us as they have equipment that we don’t have available, the expertise that we don’t have available.

“Here sometimes, we have delayed diagnosis, misdiagnosis, we do have persons who may not be fully up with care and then you have the whole issue of the medication that we do have available,” she said.

Generally, childhood cancer cannot be prevented or identified through screening, however, most childhood cancers can be cured with generic medicines and other forms of treatment, including surgery and radiotherapy. These medications, however, can negatively “affect normal cells”, according to Dr. Belle-Jarvis, which can “result in death because of the toxicity of the medications”.

With that being the case, a global initiative was launched in 2018 with WHO and the St. Jude’s Children Hospital to empower countries like Antigua and Barbuda by tackling these issues so that they can be able to make early diagnosis and increase the survival rate.

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developmental partner of Antigua and Barbuda with whom the country publicly states its unwavering solidarity.

“Antigua and Barbuda therefore supports the principles outlined in the Belt and Road and Global Development Initiative (GDI) framework and firmly believes that they will foster

stronger and more effective approaches to development.

“As part of China’s GDI and Belt and Road Initiatives, my country has recently benefited from the establishment of a fully functioning Narcotics Laboratory for the Royal Police Force. Recently, we signed an agreement for the building of 152 affordable social

houses for citizens who may not necessarily meet the criteria for commercial loans,” he disclosed.

The completion of the expansion of the St. John’s port was also highlighted by Minister Greene as one of many projects Antigua and Barbuda has benefitted from the assistance of China.

Local News



Two-day conference on resilience for civil society groups opens today

Representatives from several civil society entities grouped under the banner of Non-State Actors (NSAs) begin a two-day conference today under the theme “Building Forward for a Resilient Antigua and Barbuda”.

In a statement, the NSA Advisory Committee said more than 35 invited NSA

representatives are expected to attend.

“We intend to explore in-depth topics that can help identify gaps and discover efficient solutions that will strengthen our resilience when faced with challenges such as a global pandemic, food security, climate resilience and economic stability,” the statement noted.

The European Union-funded event will aim to create a platform for Civil Society Organisations (CSO), or NSAs as they are referred to by the European Union, to share through presentations and open discussion with other colleagues and experts, ways of building resilience post-pandemic and into the future.

Representatives will gather from the National Development Foundation (NDF), the Environmental Awareness Group (EAG), the Antigua and Barbuda Cooperative Credit Union Ltd., the Fisherman's Cooperative, the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union (ABWU), Women Against Rape (WAR), the Gilbert Agricultural and Rural Development Center, the Antigua Barbuda Association for Persons with Disabilities and the Antigua Christian Council (ACC).

The statement revealed that the EU and Government of Antigua Barbuda, as well as other Caribbean countries, have continued to encourage NSAs to strengthen their capacity to participate in the development partnership, particularly at the level of monitoring and evaluating EU development programmes and policies to ensure that the impact is felt by all of society.

As such, the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) allocation to the NSA Advisory Committee was provided to help structure and integrate civil society participation in national development and promote a conducive environment for cooperation between and among Civil Society Organisations in general. The conference will be held at the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute.

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Tropical Storm Gaston forms in the Atlantic



The seventh Atlantic named storm of the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season has formed - Tropical Storm Gaston.

Eyes are now on Tropical Storm Gaston as it strengthened over the North Atlantic early Wednesday.

There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect, however the NHC said the Azores should monitor the progress of the system.

The storm was about 775 miles west of the Azores in the North Atlantic and posed no immediate threat to land, however, Gaston could cause swells in the Azores later this week, which could generate life-threatening surf and rip-current conditions,

By last evening, Gaston was moving northeast at about 16 miles per hour and had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles (110 km) from the centre.

The Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June through November, had a relatively quiet start, with only three named storms before 1st September.

There were none during August, the first time that has happened since 1997.

Storm activity picked up in early September with Danielle and Earl, which formed within a day of each other.

Gaston is one of two storms currently in the Atlantic; the other, Fiona, strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane on Wednesday and was moving north towards Bermuda after battering several countries in the Caribbean and claiming as many as eight lives.

It is unlikely that Gaston will pose a threat, as it is expected to remain over the ocean and lose momentum before ever making landfall.

It is unclear whether the same will

apply to three more systems that have formed off the west coast of Africa.

At least one of the systems is likely to strengthen into a named storm as it heads toward the Caribbean in the coming days.

The next named storm will be Hermine, according to the National Hurricane Center.

In early August, scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued an updated forecast for the rest of the season, which still called for an above-normal level of tropical storm activity. In it, they predicted the season — which runs through 30th November — could see 14 to 20 named storms, with six to 10 turning into hurricanes that sustain winds of at least 74 miles per hour.

Three to five of those could strengthen into what NOAA calls major hurricanes — Category 3 or stronger — with winds of at least 111 mph.

Police hope harsher penalties deter risky vehicle operation

By Shahein Fitzpatrick

To further deter risky behaviours by persons operating or traveling in motor vehicles, the fines associated with violating the speed limit and failing to wear a seatbelt were recently increased.

In the face of public ire from some quarters over the increases, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Rodney Ellis, is firm on his position that this was the right move as both speeding and failure to wear seatbelts have devastating, and often deadly outcomes, when accidents occur.



Ellis has further asserted that based on the statistics gathered by police, it is a proven fact that seatbelts help save lives.

"There have been an increase in the penalty for

seatbelt and speeding over the last month; seatbelts are up from \$200 to \$500, likewise speeding.

"I know some persons are speaking about money making - it's not about mon-

ey making - it's trying to get persons to comply and deter them from speeding. Persons should comply with wearing seatbelts because seatbelts save lives," Ellis said.

This year alone, two people survived crashes because of their seatbelts.

In 2021, there was an incident in which the usefulness of seatbelts was proved in circumstances which had a bittersweet outcome.

"For this year, out of the eight fatal collisions we had involving drivers, only two survived and this was

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Antigua & Barbuda supports UK Navy as FOB

Antigua and Barbuda is considered a Forward Operating Base (FOB) for the United Kingdom's Navy due to the presence of the HMS Medway in the Caribbean Sea which is carrying containers packed with supplies in the event of a disaster response operation at the seaport.

This is the word from Darwin Telemaque, Chief Executive Officer of the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, who recently appeared on Pointe FM's Pointe on De Streetz.

The port's boss explained that any secure military station used to perform additional activities and serve as a strategic hub is referred to as a FOB. FOBs, which are backed by a main operational base, may or may not have a hospital, airport, or machine shop.

"We are considered a forward operating base for the U.K Navy. The UK military has a couple of containers at our port and in those containers are items for disaster response.

"They include generators, buckets, brooms, blan-



kets and stuff that people would need in an event of a disaster. The British [are] pre-positioning these things at our port," Telemaque said.

Telemaque also explained the capabilities of the HMS Medway, a Royal Navy Batch 2 River-class offshore patrol vessel, in the event it is called upon to respond to a disaster.

"It is sitting in the Caribbean Sea in the event that there is a hurricane or disaster in any of our islands. It is the first ship that will

bring emergency help and it includes an onboard hospital with medical supplies," Telemaque explained.

The 90.5 metre long UK Navy vessel, which has a top speed of more than 24 knots, is operated by Commander Chris Hollingworth who took up the post in July, 2021.

Commander Hollingworth assumed command from Lieutenant Commander Jim Blythe who served from the beginning of the vessel's permanent deployment to the Caribbean in

2020.

In addition to being able to respond to disasters in the region, the HMS Medway is also engaged in drug interdiction operations in cooperation with other agencies in the region.

Shortly after its deployment in the Caribbean, HMS Medway was part of a major drug operation, along with the Royal Marines and US Navy, in which 1,433 pounds of cocaine worth US\$91,530,000.00 was intercepted in the Caribbean Sea.

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because they were wearing their seatbelts.

"To draw a comparison in regards to one of the collisions last year, the driver that was not wearing his seatbelt perished, whereas the front seat passenger was wearing her seatbelt,

and she is still alive because the driver was thrown from the vehicle."

In Antigua and Barbuda, statistics have demonstrated the value of seatbelts in reducing crash-related fatalities, which reinforced the message that using seatbelts correctly while in a moving vehicle is essential to saving

lives.

"We have the data to show that seatbelts save lives and we are trying to get persons to comply with wearing seatbelts. If you wear seatbelts, it can reduce the risk of being killed, or being seriously injured by maybe 45 or 50 percent," ASP Ellis concluded.

Family Matters



The kids who live in their parents' shadows

By Ali Francis

Children of the famous aren't the only ones living under the veil of successful parents. The experience is common – and the effects ripple well into adulthood.

When Ryan decided to study teaching, he knew his father would be upset. The 25-year-old special-education administrator, who lives in Maryland, US, wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. His father, an immigrant and accomplished doctor, thought he should study medicine.

Ryan's dad had worked hard to give his children opportunities in the US, and he wanted them to make the most of them. For a long time, Ryan assumed he would follow his father's example. But when he started studying science in college, he realised medicine wasn't a fit. Breaking the news to his father was stressful. "My dad was really disappointed," says Ryan.

It's often the offspring of the uber famous who come to mind when people think about what it means to live in a parent's shadow. For instance, singer Willow Smith, the daughter of entertainers Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, has described growing up with famous parents as "absolutely, excruciatingly terrible". Colin Hanks, the actor son of Tom Hanks, said he struggled to be his own person. And writer Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of US politicians Bill and Hillary Clinton, has lamented being "made fun of so much as a child" on talk shows.

But beyond those in the bright lights, there's a whole world of children like Ryan, whose non-famous parents also cast large shadows over their lives.



Of course, all kids are impacted by their parents. Children learn early on that they depend on their caregivers for survival, says Amy Morin, a psychotherapist in Florida, US, host of The Verywell Mind Podcast and author of 13 Things Mentally Strong Parents Don't Do. Because of that reliance, kids might suppress behaviours or personality traits to gain "more attention, affection and approval" from their parents. For children whose carers take up a lot of space of their own, the effects of these – spoken or unspoken – pressures can be exacerbated.

According to psychologists, feeling the weight of parental influence is a common experience for the kids of all sorts of people: the wealthy, the notable, the successful and even those with larger-than-life temperaments. And the effects can be prolific, say experts. For children of well-known parents, for instance, it can be hard to individuate themselves; in the presence of a high-achieving parent, a child might never feel good enough regardless of their expectations; and for kids of parents with towering personalities, developing a sense of self can be an up-

hill climb.

Growing up in the shadows

Therapists explain there's a wide spectrum of ways children might grow up feeling overshadowed by their parents. Some of these kids feel like an extension of their careers, rather than separate individuals. As a result, many can struggle to "really find true agency, self-authority and wholeness", says Alex Leff, a psychotherapist and relationship expert in New York City.

The kids of well-known or highly successful people may feel as if they'll always be known as their parents' child – rather than as themselves. "That might be because the parent draws more attention than they do, regardless of the situation," says Morin.

This was the case for Rose, 29. Growing up in New Zealand, she often witnessed strangers fawn over her mum, who has a high-profile presence in the country's culinary arts scene. "People would definitely come up to us in the supermarket or wherever," says the brand strategist, who now lives in Lisbon, Portugal. And when strangers discovered who Rose was at high-

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school parties, “they would be like, ‘Oh my god, your mum!’.”

Rose knew she needed to carve out her own path. So, she left New Zealand soon after high school and travelled the world before going to college abroad in Australia and France. “I just had to go off and do my own thing for a while,” she says.

In other situations, children of ambitious parents may develop a fear of not living up to their expectations, says Leff, whether or not they were overtly told they needed to.

Ryan’s father, who was

a doctor in his homeland, and had to struggle through exams in a foreign language to continue his vocation in America, made it clear he wanted his son to study medicine. Ryan says this communicated to him a specific set of commands about who he needed to be in order to deserve his father’s affection and respect. Under those circumstances, Ryan found it hard to make autonomous decisions, especially if they went against his successful father’s wishes. “He always took it personally if I didn’t meet his expectations, like I was a core reflection of him,” says Ryan.

But parents needn’t be publicly recognisable or particularly esteemed for children to feel as if they’re living in the shadows. In some cases, parents with strong and complex personalities can threaten the organic emergence of their child’s own disposition. Outgoing or spontaneous people might unconsciously make their kid feel like they need to emulate a specific character trait, says Morin. For example, “a parent with a big personality might teach their child that they need to have a big personality, too”.

This chimes with the experiences of Ali, a 29-year-


old food entrepreneur living in Philadelphia, US, who recalls feeling pressure to be fun and extroverted like her mum. Growing up, her mum was very social and constantly seeking adventure; she travelled frequently, went to concerts and often hosted friends. Ali, who was a shy kid, says it was hard to discover her true nature in the shadow of her mum’s. And because it seemed as if her mum was always “chasing the next shiny object”, Ali felt as if she needed to perform to gain her attention and approval.

‘I wanted everyone to know I wasn’t just handed this thing’

Kids who grow up in their parents’ shadows may face a wide range of challenges in adulthood, says Leff, who works with various children of the famous or socially influential. She’s noticed her own clients gravitate towards perfectionism, anxiety and high achievement to overcome a kind of looming dissatisfaction in their lives.

Ali, who runs a food start-up, is well aware of her ambitious streak. Her company’s products pepper the shelves of grocery stores around the US, and the business was recently featured on the popular American reality television show *Shark Tank*. On top of building a business, she’s an influencer in the food and wellness space. After spending years trying to hold her mother’s attention, Ali suspects that

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“the status-quo career never felt exciting enough”.

Similarly, the children of accomplished parents might also feel pressured to work extra hard to earn their successes, says Morin. This is especially true for those with renowned or particularly established parents in the same field.

This resonates with Rose. She always wanted to be a cook, but initially refused to collaborate with her food-industry mother, instead choosing to work solo to establish her own success first. Eventually, Rose felt she had been squandering an opportunity, and the pair worked together on a project in 2018. Still, Rose pushed herself to be the first person at work, and handled most of the logistics. “I went 400% because I wanted everyone on the team to know that I wasn’t just handed this thing,” she says. “I think I also needed to prove that to myself.”

Children who grow up in the shadows of overbearing parents may later try to mimic their career's success to gain approval. A 2021 survey by global recruitment platform Joblist showed that 65% of respondents ended up in the career or industry they felt their parents wanted for them.

Whether implicit or explicit, says Leff, that kind of parental pressure “can lead to challenges in an adult child really choosing from their core what they like or want”. This isn’t just in terms of a career path, but also in “relationships and appearance”, too.

Others react in diametrically opposite ways, adds Leff, rebelling against their parents’ wishes entirely. She’s noticed a “tendency to really reject the model of success displayed”, perhaps out of resentment or as another means to develop “an identity separate from their famous or successful parent”.

In Ryan’s case, he broke from his father’s expectations gradually. He decided to study teaching instead of med-

icine after high school, and then entered a relationship his family deemed inappropriate. Bit by bit, he came to terms with his upbringing. “I [realised] I didn’t want to be anything like my father,” says Ryan. Still, he admits that part of him yearns for his father’s admiration. “I’m really trying hard not to let that influence my decisions,” he says, particularly around future career moves.

The upsides of strong role models

Growing up with parents who loom large might have the potential to raise issues later in life – but the experience can also be beneficial. It can model inspiring ways to live, beget rare career opportunities and help a child define their own values.

Having the ability to learn from a successful parent is helpful for anyone, says Leff. And watching parents experience career wins helps some kids develop self-confidence, adds Morin.

This can also come with some tangible perks. For example, being born wealthy – like kids of the famous and highly accomplished often are – makes a child in the US more likely to succeed in adulthood than academic performance, according to a 2019 report from Georgetown University. Daughters with working mothers are also more likely to hold supervisory roles themselves, one 2015 Harvard Business School study found. And, of course, for centuries, children born to successful parents have been bolstered by them – in some cases inheriting their empires, and in others, gaining industry connections. That’s as true today as it ever was.

Rose now sees how much of a privilege it was to work alongside her mother. “My mum has so much knowledge and so many skills that I don’t have, and that just comes with a life-long career,” she says. It also opened doors. “You’d be naive to think otherwise,” Rose says.

For other adult children, discover-

ing aspects of a parent’s life that seem undesirable can also be helpful in defining their own values, says Morin. After watching her mother in the limelight, Rose has chosen to be a very private person; fame is not something she wants for herself.

And Ryan, who experienced his father’s strong opinions first-hand, is careful not to impose his views on others. “I try to be very non-judgemental of the people I love,” he says.

‘We’re just in a really loving place now’

For many, a parent’s imprint can stay with them for life. Regardless of the life choices they make, it can be difficult to shake. But for others, Leff says it is possible to emerge from a parental shadow. This can take work on the part of the child, however: they might need to create space for their own development away from their parent or find the courage to share and process their feelings directly.

With the help of a therapist, Ali was able to communicate her childhood experiences to her mother without blame. “It was a really good conversation, because we were both very open about everything,” she says. Now, Ali fully embraces her mum’s vivacious spirit. It reminds her to prioritise more fun and play in her own life – especially while building a business.

From Portugal, Rose and her New Zealand-based mum talk often about the value each one brings to a project. They make sure to affirm each other as individuals. “I’m feeling pretty confident in my skill set,” says Rose. “We’re just in a really loving place now.”

For Ryan, however, the situation is still tense. He feels as if his father continues to disapprove of his career and his relationship, if not as overtly. Limiting the time he spends with him was the best way for Ryan to avoid his father’s overbearance. “It’s a bit awkward,” he says. “But I think it’s healthier now.”

Opinion

Peace is not the absence of war

By Mukesh Kapila,
Emeritus Professor at the
University of Manchester

To get peace, we must first understand the causes and logic of war.

Wednesday was the International Day of Peace, as declared by the United Nations. It recalls the noble words of its 1945 Charter to save us “from the scourge of war”. Thus, the labours of generations of politicians, diplomats and security forces got framed by the dogma that war is always bad, and peace is an unquestionable good that must prevail.

War, per se, is not illegal. It is permitted in the UN Charter to counter crimes of aggression. The concept of a “just war” also exists under international humanitarian law. War may also be necessary, indeed moral. Historically, genocides and crimes against humanity have been ended through the use of force.

At the same time, our peace-making track record is unimpressive. Over the past half-century, it is hard to think of many armed conflicts that have truly, fully ceased. Instead, most grumble along, boiling up or simmering down periodically. Think of the historical conflicts in Palestine or Kashmir, or the many struggles on Myanmar’s periphery, or the insurgencies in the Maghreb and in the Sahel. Many national authorities are preoccupied with persistent internal divisions, such as Pakistan which



Some two billion people live in conflict zones across the world [File: Reuters/Alexander Ermochenko]

is facing unrest in tribal areas and South Sudan which has seen ethnic violence.

Internationally, the UN has spent billions of dollars and deployed tens of thousands of peacekeepers in scores of countries. Dozens of UN envoys along with those of regional bodies such as the European Union, African Union, and ASEAN criss-cross warzones. Think-tanks and NGOs are busy, peace-building projects abound, and peace conferences fronted by eminent personalities fill the calendar.

Some efforts are sanctioned by portentous UN Security Council resolutions on the increasingly rare occasions of consensus among the great powers. Sticks and carrots are dangled through sanctions and aid inducements.

But this well-practised modus operandi of the peace business produces meagre returns. It may put a temporary lid on violence as protagonists under pressure sign any piece of paper that allows a breather and chance to re-

group. Then the conflict flares up again until the next ceasefire or “peace” deal. And so, the cycle goes on.

Worse still, there is concern that premature peace meddling prolongs conflict as happened in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the Korean Peninsula. That is because conflicts end only when they are ready to do so. Ideally, that would be when underlying causes or differences have been resolved, including accountability and justice for wrongs inflicted. But, in reality, that hardly ever happens and so wars end only when one side has won decisively. Think World War II or the Vietnam War.

But modern war-making is multidimensional and much more resilient, especially when external sponsors pitch in on different sides. The durability of any subsequent peace depends on two key factors. First is the viciousness of the way in which the earlier war was waged. The reality is that nowadays, appalling atrocities are the

norm, and raped, tortured, starved, dispossessed survivors are in no mood to reconcile with their assailants. The second factor then kicks in – the magnanimity or wisdom of victors. This is almost always in short supply.

The irony is that although we know a lot about waging war, we are not smart at making peace. It is easy to award Nobel Peace Prizes, but many winners are embarrassed when their efforts do not withstand the test of time. Prominent examples are former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Ethiopian President Abiy Ahmed.

That is why, all peace is provisional and once a society has tasted violence, it is perpetually prone to it, especially when Hollywood, Bollywood, and Netflix myth-makers get into shaping the remembrance of history.

We should not be surprised, therefore, that endless armed conflicts have accumulated over the decades: some 170 of different types are now raging across the world. The numbers who died directly in combat increased approximately three-fold to 120,000 last year compared to mortality in the early 2000s. Such statistics give a partial view of the human cost of war, as they underestimate the indirect consequences that fall largely on civilians. These have increased greatly over past decades as wars last longer and become more vicious. The United Nations estimates that currently a quarter of the

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The World Around Us

UN chief, speaking to leaders, doesn't mince words

By Edith M. Lederer

He sounded a global alarm, warning leaders about the survival of humanity and the planet. In language that was sometimes downright undiplomatic, he called out those he blames for the perilous state of the world.

It was Antonio Guterres' strongest, most striking speech since he took the helm of the United Nations in 2017. And if you were the leader of a country, it was clear he wanted your undivided attention.

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addresses the 77th session of the General Assembly at U.N. headquarters Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

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global population – two billion people – live in conflict areas.

The war-and-peace theory holds that it is not supposed to be this way. As more of us get educated, healthier, and better off, we are supposed to become more peace-loving because that serves our self-interest in achieving stable prosperity. Besides, with more of our essential needs satisfied, and more of our higher needs for voice and esteem realised through representative democracy, we should have less reason to fear or fight others.

Even if we do, we have a plethora of norms and entitlements, laws and institutions to constrain us. Thus, our disputes – within communities and nations, or between them – should be settled tranquilly, informed by the rationality of facts and balanced give-and-take.

Indeed, global indicators on poverty alleviation, human development, and institutional capacity suggest that despite periodic crises, including currently

around energy and food, we have made historically unprecedented progress in most economic, social, and political dimensions. But that has not brought world peace. Does that mean the theory is wrong?

Not necessarily, because history also suggests that more education and development bring greater enlightenment about what is wrong with our world as well as the aspiration and capability to do something about it. Most of our social and political advancements have come through fighting for them.

For example, each of the human rights that we take for granted nowadays were achieved through struggle. This happened first in one pioneering setting, and then, as particular rights such as to food and water, or to vote or not to be tortured, got codified, they became universal.

But without the sturdy defence of hard-won rights, they easily flip into wrongs, thereby triggering renewed conflict. And some rights are yet to be

fully realised everywhere, such as the right for women and girls to learn in Afghanistan or for them to have reproductive choice in parts of the United States.

Those who enjoy such rights in peace and comfort have no moral standing to stop others from acquiring them. While peaceful means to do so are preferable, conflict often breaks out when authoritarian regimes thwart progress.

Looking ahead, yet more conflicts loom with new geopolitical tensions, and novel insecurities from climate change, pandemics, resource competition, and dysfunctional globalisation. These spawn violence because inequalities within and between societies grow and people around the world continue battling vested interests to gain new human rights.

Every conflict has a logic that must be understood before countering it fairly and justly so that the consequent peace is sustainable. Otherwise, to get peace, we may be obliged to first give conflict a chance.

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out often on growing geopolitical divisions, increasing inequality and the failure of nations to move quickly to tackle the climate crisis.

But what was noticeable about his state-of-the-world speech Tuesday was its no-nonsense language, its gloomy tone and its focus not only on the breadth of challenges confronting “the splintering world” but his solutions — and his repeated plea to those in power that there is still hope and it’s time for action.

Guterres’ language was especially blunt when he lashed out at the growing divides in the world, saying “the international community is not ready or willing to tackle the big dramatic challenges of our age.”

He then ticked them off — the war in Ukraine, spreading conflicts, climate, money, ending extreme poverty and achieving quality education for all children.

The U.N. chief then took no-holds-barred aim at those he views as responsible.

Self-absorbed governments that are ignoring the U.N. Charter’s key principles of working together. Social media platforms ruled by profits that misinform, cause “untold damage” to people, communities and societies, and buy and sell data “to influence our behaviour.” Artificial intelligence that “can compromise the integrity of information systems, the media and indeed democracy itself.”

There were more targets: the Group of 20 richest countries in the world that emit 80% of greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. The fossil fuel industry that reaps hundreds of billions of dollars while family budgets shrink and the planet burns.

In a controversial proposal, he called on rich developed countries to tax these windfall profits and use the money to help countries suffering

losses from the climate crisis and people struggling with rising food and energy prices.

“Polluters must pay,” Guterres said — unusually stark language for the world’s most prominent diplomat.

To review Guterres’ language this week — and to compare it to a year ago — is instructive in understanding why his speech this year was so singular.

Last year, as the COVID-19 pandemic still raged, the secretary-general was already warning presidents and prime ministers that the world faced “the greatest cascade of crises in our lifetime.” That was before Russia invaded Ukraine, sparking global food and energy crises and dividing the already splintered community of nations even further.

His warning this year was even more alarming: “Our world is in peril — and paralyzed.”

And in perhaps his most dire warning, he said, “We have a duty to act. And yet we are gridlocked in colossal global dysfunction.”

David Scheffer, a former U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues, said the 2022 version of Guterres is “a truth-teller” for a world “that has reached a point where either we’re surviving or we’re going to perish.”

“It’s the most consequential speech by a secretary-general in the history of the United Nations,” said Scheffer, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

“He set out not only the crises of our time, but he sent out a clarion call to ensure the survival of both humanity and of the planet.”

He said Guterres abandoned “the niceties of diplomacy” and predicted that his speech will become known as the “survival” address.

“He basically said, ‘wake up,’ and he was not ambiguous about it,” Scheffer told The Associated Press. No leader, he said, can ignore or chal-

lenge “anything that the secretary-general said today without being regarded as an irrelevant leader at this time in history.”

Richard Gowan, U.N. director of the International Crisis Group, said he thought it was a “gloomy speech,” but he allowed that Guterres “has a lot to be gloomy about.”

“I do think he feels it’s urgent to speak as frankly as possible,” Gowan said.

“His overarching goal was clearly to try to confront world leaders with the poor state of international cooperation and threats to the planet. I thought he did that pretty effectively, but he has made similarly dire warnings in the past with little real impact on international relations.”

For the first time at the high-level meeting, a secretary-general projected an image before world leaders to illustrate his speech — a picture of the first U.N.-chartered ship carrying grain from Ukraine.

The Brave Commander was part of the deal between Ukraine and Russia that the United Nations and Turkey helped broker. It travelled from a Black Sea port to the Horn of Africa, where millions of people are on the edge of famine.

Guterres called it an example of promise and hope “in a world teeming with turmoil.”

He stressed that cooperation and dialogue are the only path forward, and he warned that “no power or group alone can call the shots.”

“Guterres has long been known to feel that the U.N. needs a couple of clear diplomatic wins to restore confidence in the utility of multilateralism,” Gowan said. “The grain deal gave him that win, and he used it well as a hook for his talk.”

A talk that will go down in U.N. history as something very different — no matter what direction the world goes from here.

Fiona threatens to become Category 4 storm headed to Bermuda

AP – Hurricane Fiona threatened to strengthen into a Category 4 storm Wednesday as it lashed the Turks and Caicos Islands and was forecast to squeeze past Bermuda later this week.

The storm was blamed for causing at least four direct deaths in its march through the Caribbean, where it unleashed torrential rain in Puerto Rico, leaving a majority without power or water as hundreds of thousands of people scraped mud out of their homes following what authorities described as “historic” flooding.

Power company officials initially said it would take a couple of days for electricity to be fully restored but then appeared to backtrack late Tuesday night.

“Hurricane Fiona has severely impacted electrical infrastructure and generation facilities throughout the island.

“We want to make it very clear that efforts to restore and reenergize continue and are being affected by severe flooding, impassable roads, downed trees, deteriorating equipment, and downed lines,” said Luma, the company that operates power transmission and distribution.

The hum of generators could be heard across the island as people became



A woman looks at her water-damaged belongings after flooding caused by Hurricane Fiona tore through her home in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022. (AP Photo/Stephanie Rojas)

increasingly exasperated, with some still trying to recover from Hurricane Maria, which hit as a Category 4 storm five years ago, killing an estimated 2,975 people in its aftermath.

Luis Noguera, who was helping clear a landslide in the central mountain town of Cayey, said Maria left him without power for a year.

“We paid an electrician out of our own pocket to connect us,” he recalled, adding that he doesn’t think the government will be of much help again after Fiona.

Long lines were reported at several gas stations across Puerto Rico, and some pulled off a main highway to collect water

from a stream.

“We thought we had a bad experience with Maria, but this was worse,” said Gerardo Rodríguez, who lives in the southern coastal town of Salinas.

Parts of the island had received more than 25 inches (64 centimetres) of rain and more had fallen on Tuesday.

By late Tuesday, authorities said they had restored power to nearly 300,000 of the island’s 1.47 million customers, while water service was cut to more than 760,000 customers — two thirds of the total on the island.

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency travelled to Puerto Rico on Tuesday as the

agency announced it was sending hundreds of additional personnel to boost local response efforts.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on the island and deployed a couple of teams to the U.S. territory.

In the Turks and Caicos Islands, officials reported minimal damage and no deaths despite the storm’s eye passing close to Grand Turk, the small British territory’s capital island, on Tuesday morning.

The government had imposed a curfew and urged people to flee flood-prone areas.

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Regional News



Bodies of missing Guyanese men recovered

CMC – Public Works Minister with responsibility for Transportation, Bishop Juan Edghill, says safety on the roads, waterways, and airspace must be adhered to as he extended his “deepest sympathy” to the family, friends and loved ones of two people who lost their lives during a boat mishap in the Essequibo River over the last weekend.

Edghill said that last Saturday night officers from the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) received reports about a boat mishap in the Essequibo River.

“We are informed, by our investigation that the small open boat “CARLOS”, under the command of one Jermain Blackman ran into the Rattlesnake Rock in the Es-



sequibo River. In addition to the captain, there were 11 other persons on board, including the bowman. Most of the persons on board were reportedly not wearing lifejackets, even though it is reported that there were several on board,” Edghill said.

He said the investigation so far, has shown that after the Carlos hit the rock, it

suffered extensive damage and started sinking “some of the occupants were thrown into the water while others exited the ill-fated boat and tried swimming to the shore.

“Most of the occupants were rescued by other boats, but two persons were unaccounted for,” he said, adding that the two bodies were recovered on Monday.

Juan Edghill said that while Blackman is in possession of a valid licence to operate such a boat, “the boat was uncertified and not permitted to operate on the Parika – Bartica passenger service.

“Further, boats on this service are not allowed to operate during the hours of darkness,” he said, adding that MARAD’s record reflects that the last authorised departure was by the “LADY ZENIELL” – a boat licensed to operate within the system.

He said that the investigation involving the Guyana Police Force and the River Navigation Officer is continuing, telling service providers they “must follow the rules and be in full compliance at all times”.



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a phenomenal experience over the past 24 hours,” said Deputy Gov. Anya Williams. “It certainly came with its share of challenges.”

Late Tuesday night, Fiona was centred about 95 miles (155 kilometres) north of NORTH CAICOS ISLAND, with hurricane-force winds extending up to 30 miles (45 kilometres) from the centre. It had maximum sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph) and was moving north at 8 mph (13 kph), according to the Hurricane Center, which said the storm was likely to strengthen into a Category 4 hurricane as it approaches Bermuda on Friday.

The storm killed a man in the French Caribbean territory of Guadeloupe, another man in Puerto Rico who was swept away by a swollen river and two people in the Dominican Republic: one killed by a falling tree and the other by a falling electric post.

PM Henry appeals for calm and reconciliation in Haiti

CMC – Prime Minister Dr Ariel Henry Tuesday appealed for “calm and reconciliation” in Haiti as the country continues to be crippled by acts of violence, crime, murders and kidnappings as well as protests by opposition forces calling for his removal.

In a statement marking “Jour de Dessalines”, which commemorates the life of Jean-Jacques Dessalines on the anniversary of his assassination in 1806, Henry again appealed for calm in the country.

“I bow to the prowess of Emperor Jean-Jacques Dessalines, an immortal hero who changed the course of the history of the black race,” said Henry.

Dessalines had joined Toussaint Louverture in the Haitian Revolution against French rule in 1791 which is regarded as the largest and most successful slave rebellion in the Western Hemisphere.

Henry described Dessalines as an “intrepid soldier, imperturbable Head of State, shrewd strategist,” adding “we will always remember this genius, imbued with the ideals of freedom, fraternity and greatness, who transformed a colony populated by slaves into the first independent black Republic in the world.

“While brandishing our motto ‘Unity is strength’, I take advantage of this day to launch a solemn appeal for calm and reconciliation for our nation, which is divided today. Let’s put aside our differences so that together, hand in hand, we can change our destiny,” he added.

On Monday, both the United States and the regional integration grouping, Caricom, of which Haiti is a member, called for peace and



Prime Minister of Haiti, Ariel Henry

stability with Caricom, stating it is “gravely concerned” by the continuing deterioration of the security situation and the social circumstances in Haiti.

“The continued breakdown in law and order, and its distressing effect on the people of Haiti, is intensifying.

“The fraught situation is exacerbated by the inability of the Haitian security forces to address the ongoing violence,” the 15-member regional integration grouping said in a statement.

For its part, Washington acknowledged that the right to gather and protest is fundamental in any democracy, said it remains “a steadfast partner” to Haiti and also committed “to supporting the Haitian people during this challenging time”.

In a statement, the US is also condemning the acts of violence, looting, and destruction that have recently occurred “and those who

instigated these events for their own ends”.

Last Sunday, in an address to the nation, Prime Minister Henry, who came to power following the assassination of President Jovenel Moise in July last year, said “faced with the evolution of the situation, I came back to appeal for calm. I ask you to calm down. Together we can solve problems. I understand your frustration. I share the pain of the victims, of those who have lost property.”

He said nothing justifies the action by protestors to damage property adding “no one will be able to link the looting of businesses, the attacks on politicians and members of government, to the anger over the increase in fuel prices”

Dr Ariel Henry said heavily armed men were seen leading the protests, adding “it is proof that what is happening in the streets has nothing to do with a claim about the price of fuel or the high cost of living”.

Man sets himself on fire in apparent protest of Abe funeral

AP – A man set himself on fire near the Japanese prime minister's office in Tokyo on Wednesday in an apparent protest against the state funeral planned next week for former leader Shinzo Abe, officials and media reports said.

The man, believed to be in his 70s, sustained burns on large parts of his body but was conscious and told police that he set himself on fire after pouring oil over himself, Kyodo News agency reported.

A note was found with him that said, "Personally, I am absolutely against" Abe's funeral, Kyodo reported.

A Tokyo Fire Department official confirmed that a man set himself afire on the street in Tokyo's Kasumigaseki government district and that he was alive when he was taken to a hospital by ambulance, but declined to give further details, including the man's identity, motive or condition, citing the sensitivity of what was a police matter.

Police called it an attempted suicide and refused to give further details because the case involved no criminal intent. Police also declined to comment on a report that a police officer was caught in the fire.

The incident underscores a growing wave of protests against the funeral



Police and firefighters inspect the scene where a man is reported to set himself on fire, near the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022. The man was taken to a hospital Wednesday, in an apparent protest against a planned state funeral next week for the assassinated former leader Shinzo Abe, officials and media reports said. (Kyodo News via AP)

for Abe, who was one of the most divisive leaders in post-war Japanese politics because of his revisionist view of wartime history, support for a stronger military, and what critics call an autocratic approach and cronyism. More protests are expected in coming days, including the day of the funeral next week.

It also is an embarrassment for police, who have stepped up security for an event expected to be attended by about 6,000 people, including U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and other dignitaries.

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Australian indigenous traditional owners halt gas drilling

AP – Indigenous traditional owners on Wednesday won a court challenge that prevents an energy company from drilling for gas off Australia's north coast.

The Federal Court decision against Australian oil and gas company Santos Ltd. was a major win for Indigenous rights in the nation.

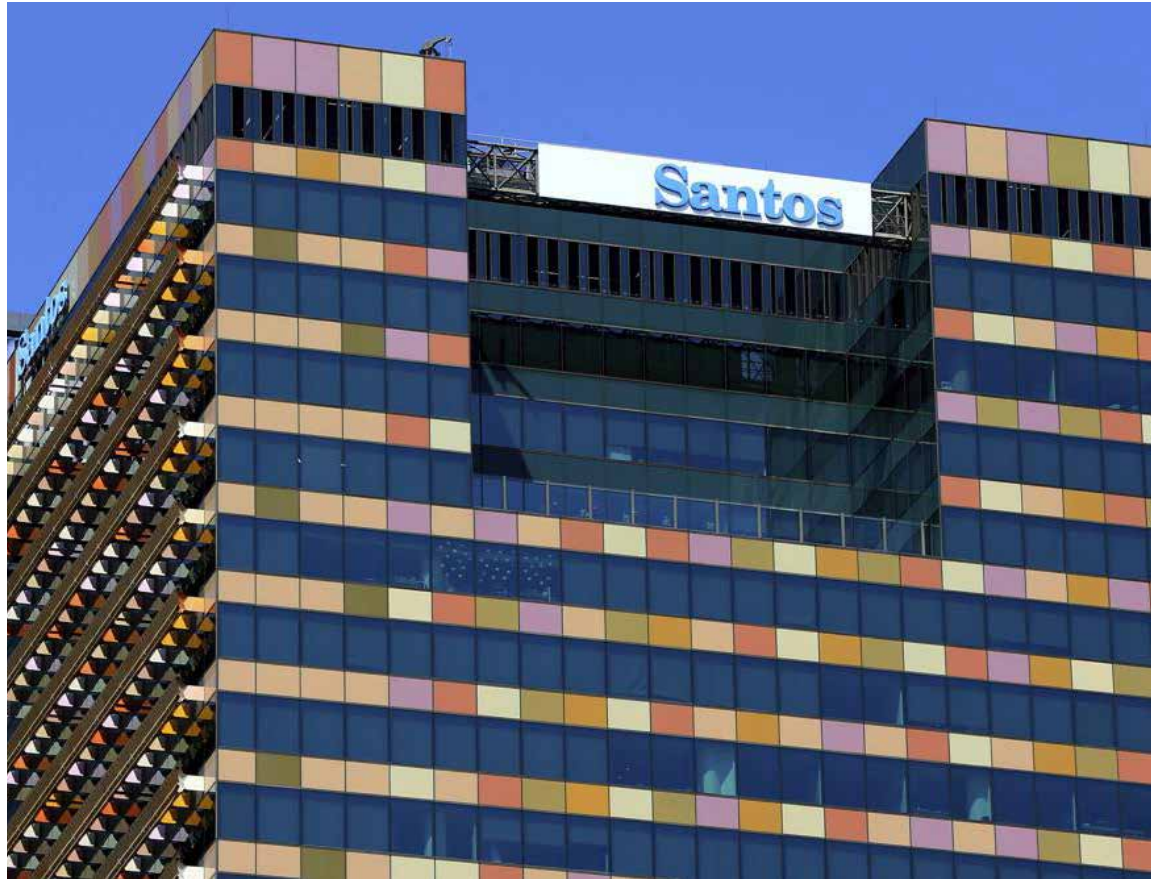
Dennis Murphy Tipakalippa, who was described in court documents as an elder, senior lawman and traditional owner of the Munupi clan on the Tiwi Islands, had challenged the regulator's approval of Santos' \$3.6 billion plan to drill the Barossa Field beneath the Timor Sea.

Justice Mordy Bromberg quashed the February decision by the regulator, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, to allow the drilling.

The judge found the regulator should not have been satisfied that the project's drilling plan met legal criteria.

Tipakalippa had argued that the regulator could not be "reasonably satisfied," as required by law, that Santos had carried out necessary consultations about its drilling plans.

Santos had not consulted with his clan, Tipakalippa said, and he feared the project would harm the



Santos tower stands at the Brisbane CBD in Brisbane, Australia on Dec. 19, 2019. Indigenous traditional owners on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 won a court challenge that prevents an energy company from drilling for gas off Australia's north coast. The Federal Court decision against Australian oil and gas company Santos Ltd. was a major win for Indigenous rights in the nation. (David Clark/AAP Image via AP)

ocean environment.

Santos foreshadowed an appeal before three Federal Court judges.

"Given the significance of this decision to us, our international joint venture partners and customers, and the industry more broadly, we consider that it should be reviewed by the Full Federal Court on appeal," the company said in a statement.

Santos described the ruling as a "disappointing outcome," and said the company had engaged with Indigenous organisations

on the Tiwi Islands and the Australian mainland about the proposed drilling.

Drilling has been suspended pending a successful appeal or a renewed application for the regulator's approval, Santos said.

The Barossa Field is 265 kilometres (165 miles) north of the gas-hub city of Darwin on the Australian mainland and 138 kilometres (86 miles) north of the Tiwi Islands.

The plan is to pipe the gas past the islands to Darwin.

Munupi is one of eight

Tiwi Islands clans and its traditional land is closest to the gas field.

Tipakalippa claims that he and other Tiwi Islanders hold "sea country" rights including and beyond the Barossa Field.

Santos, Australia's second-largest independent gas producer, has already begun drilling the field.

Bromberg went to the Tiwi Islands last month and took evidence about the Munupi people's connection to the land and sea from several witnesses in words, song and dance.

Uganda confirms at least one case of Ebola haemorrhagic fever



An Ebola victim is put to rest at the Muslim cemetery in Beni, in Congo, on July 14, 2019. Health authorities in neighbouring Uganda on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 reported that a man who died a day earlier had tested positive for the virus that causes Ebola and referred to a potential new outbreak. (AP Photo/Jerome Delay, File)

AP – Ugandan health authorities on Tuesday reported that a man who died a day earlier had tested positive for the virus that causes Ebola.

They said it's still unknown how the 24-year-old man became infected with the Sudan strain of Ebola, for which there is no approved vaccine. He lived in the central Ugandan district of Mubende, 150 kilometres (93 miles) west of the capital, Kampala.

"We are right now gathering more information on the possible source of infection," said the ministry of health, which referred to a potential new outbreak because six other people in the same area — including three children — died earlier in September after suffering what local officials had called a strange illness.

The confirmed Ebola victim was initially treated for other illnesses, includ-

ing malaria and pneumonia, when he sought care in his hometown, the statement said.

The World Health Organization in a separate statement reported eight suspected Ebola patients who are getting care in this East African country of 45 million people.

"Uganda is no stranger to effective Ebola control. Thanks to its expertise, action has been taken quickly to detect the virus and we can bank on this knowledge to halt the spread of infections," said Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, World Health Organization regional director for Africa.

WHO is helping Ugandan health authorities with investigations and is deploying staff to the affected area, it said.

Ebola, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids of an infected person or contaminated materials, manifests as

a deadly haemorrhagic fever. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, muscle pain and at times internal and external bleeding.

Uganda has had multiple Ebola outbreaks, including one in 2000 that killed hundreds.

Last month authorities in Congo said a new case of Ebola in the eastern city of Beni was linked to a previous outbreak.

Congo's 10th outbreak of Ebola in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri killed more than 2,000 people from 2018 to 2020. During that time, neighbouring Uganda reported some cases that authorities said were linked to the outbreak in Congo.

Ebola first appeared in 1976 in two simultaneous outbreaks in South Sudan and Congo, where it occurred in a village near the Ebola River after which the disease is named.



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Sports News



England in Pakistan: Moeen Ali prepares to lead tourists in landmark series

BBC - It is fitting that Moeen Ali will lead England men's cricket team in their first match in Pakistan for 17 years.

All-rounder Moeen, whose family originates from Pakistan, is captain in place of Jos Buttler, who will miss at least the early stages of the seven-match Twenty20 tour because of a calf injury.

The series sees two of the most talented T20 teams face each other as they prepare for the upcoming World Cup.

But this tour is about much more than runs and wickets.

It promises to leave an important legacy for a younger generation of Pakistanis who have rarely seen their national side play at home since an attack on the Sri Lanka team by gunmen in 2009 and will not have seen England play there before.

"It was meant to be," Moeen told BBC Sport before the first T20 in Karachi on Tuesday.



Moeen Ali

"It feels amazing that after such a long time the timing is right for me to lead England there.

"I've played in Pakistan before but representing England for the first time there, that's special and amazing. I'm really excited and hopefully we can play some good cricket and entertain the crowd."

No international cricket was played in Pakistan for six years af-

ter the 2009 attack, with the national team playing the majority of their home matches in the United Arab Emirates.

Zimbabwe were the first team to return, for a one-day international series in 2015, before Pakistan hosted Sri Lanka in the first men's Test in the country for 12 years in 2019, while Australia played three Tests, three ODIs and one T20 there earlier this year.

"Other teams have toured there already but when England go there, that's when cricket in Pakistan will really feel like it's back," said Moeen, 35.

"It's really important because Pakistan have always been a really talented team but they need to play in front of their own crowds and their own kids so they can inspire the next generation coming through."

New Zealand's men abandoned their tour of Pakistan last winter be-

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NBA fines Minnesota Timberwolves guard for homophobic language

BBC – Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards has been fined \$40,000 (£31,100) for using homophobic language in a social media post.

The 21-year-old has been punished by the NBA for using "offensive and derogatory language" in a video on his Instagram account earlier this month.

Edwards later deleted the video and issued an apology.

"What I said was immature, hurtful, and disrespectful, and I'm incredibly sorry," he tweeted.

"It's unacceptable for me or anyone to use that language in such a hurtful way, there's no excuse for it, at all. I was raised better than that!"



Edwards was the number one pick in the 2020 NBA draft.

Roger Federer 'stopped believing' he could continue playing amid injury problems

BBC – Roger Federer says his decision to retire came after he "stopped believing" he could continue playing because of injuries.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion is retiring from the sport after this weekend's Laver Cup in London.

The Swiss, 41, has not played since Wimbledon 2021, after which he had a third knee operation.

"The last three years have been tough to say the least," he told BBC Breakfast.

"I knew I was on very thin ice for the last year ever since I played Wimbledon.

"I tried to come back but there was a limit to what I could do. And I stopped believing in it, to be honest."

Federer said he had a scan a few months ago and it was "not what I was hoping for", adding: "Very quickly we realised this was it.

"Then the question be-

comes: how do you announce and when do you announce? This is when it becomes reality. It was OK but stressful."

In a wide-ranging interview with Sally Nugent, Federer discussed his emotional retirement statement, reflected on his trophy-laden career, looked at what's next for him and offered his memories of the late Queen.

The eight-time Wimbledon champion announced his retirement last Thursday in a statement on social media.

"It's been an emotional few weeks to go through those words to try to get them right, that they reflect how I'm feeling and thanking all the people who have helped along the way," he said.

"I always pushed my retirement thoughts away. I said, the more I think about it, the more I'm already halfway retired and this is not the way to go to work, you know, for me as



Federer shakes hands with the Queen at Wimbledon in 2010
 a tennis player, so we'll deal with it when it comes. And it did. And I dealt with it.

"I think writing those words was, for me parts, partially also like rehab, like going myself through all those words, feeling them."

Now regarded as an all-time great, Federer says he never went into tennis imagining he would have such success - and having achieved so much, he was now happy to step away.

He spent 310 weeks as world number one - including a record 237-week con-

secutive stint - and won 103 ATP singles titles.

"I don't think anybody grows up and thinks they're gonna win this much," said Federer. "You know, you're happy with winning a Wimbledon title, which is already crazy, or becoming number one, being the best.

"But then you don't think how many weeks, this is only the media and the fans talking about breaking records.

"Before it was just, I hope to be on tour one day. Just to make it into the top 100 is a huge deal. Coming from a small country, we don't have a base of so many players.

"I totally overachieved in my mind. It's been an absolute dream that I've had for so long. And I know that, and that's why I'm totally happy to step away as well."

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cause of a security threat and England subsequently withdrew their men's and women's teams from planned tours, a decision that Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja called "absurd".

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) then agreed with the PCB to a seven-match T20 tour this year, with three

Tests scheduled for December.

Heightened security measures are being taken during this tour, including bulletproof mini-buses for daily travel and armed security personnel on duty at the team hotels.

"The biggest shame is we can't really go anywhere because Pakistan is an amazing place," said Moeen.

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Tata: Three Mexico forwards will go to Qatar, but not Chicharito

AP – Mexico has four centre forwards in training for its World Cup warmup matches this week, but El Tri will take only three strikers to Qatar.

And Chicharito will not be in either group, coach Tata Martino confirmed Tuesday night.

Martino ruled out Javier Hernández from an appearance in his fourth World Cup while speaking on the concourse at the stadium Chicharito calls home with the LA Galaxy.

While the 34-year-old Hernández is having a largely outstanding season with his MLS club, Martino is focused on the other four can-



Mexico manager Gerardo Martino fields questions during the soccer team's Media Day ahead of the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, in Carson, Calif. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

didates to lead the line when Mexico attempts to break out of a difficult World Cup group. Despite rumours he might choose all four centre forwards or recall Chicharito to bolster a team that endured a stretch of poor offence during CONCACAF qualifiers, Martino said he

will take only three of the current candidates to Qatar.

"In the case of Chicharito, we are simply going with other forwards," Martino said. "We will try to choose the 26 players who are closest to our game."

Those forwards are Raúl Jiménez, Rogelio Funes Mori, Henry Martin and Santiago Gimenez, but not everyone is currently ready to play. Jiménez is working through a groin injury that has kept him out of Wolverhampton's line up recently in England, while Funes Mori has been out recently with a muscular injury after a strong start to his season with Liga MX's Monterrey.

Vendors claim third win in business basketball league

Vendors snatched a three-point win in overtime against First Health Pharmacy Fearless Crew to record their third victory in four matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League competition at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday night.

Azandi Thomas shot a game-high 17 points and Craig Massiah sank 16 points to lead Vendors to their 57-54 victory.

Daysher Samuel scored 14 points for Fearless Crew. It was the fourth loss in as many encounters for Fearless Crew.

Mill Reef achieved their first win in three outings by pulling off a 52-35 victory over Galley Bay Resort.

Errol Quallis scored 20 points, Eliot Samuel produced 16 points and Oliver Tonge converted 10 points for Mill Reef.

Tyea Ladoo had 13 points and Molefi Joseph chipped in with nine points for Galley Bay.

Sledge O'Ballers recorded their second win in as many outings by securing a 63-50 victory against Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

Sharife Sargeant shot a game-high 18 points and Steadroy Graham scored 12 points for Sledge O'Ballers.

Damion Floyd and Baldwin Anthony Jr. each scored 10 points for Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre that slipped to their fourth loss in as many matches.

The business basketball league will continue with another triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex today (Thursday).

Galley Bay Resort will clash with Fearless Crew at 6:30 pm, Graphic Impact Shooters will face Sir Lester Bird Medical Center at 7:30 pm and Anjo's Wholesale will tackle Eye Mobile Vision Care at 8:30 pm.

No games are scheduled for tomorrow (Friday), but the competition will continue with three more matches on Saturday.

Fitzroy Rewinding will tackle Fearless Crew at 6:30 pm, Mill Reef will meet the Board of Education at 7:30 pm and Anjo's Wholesale will challenge Sledge O'Ballers at 8:30 pm.

Villa Lions, Ottos Rangers through to quarter-finals of Knockout Cup

Villa Lions FC and Ottos Rangers FC are the first two teams to book their spots into the quarter-finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool and Smooth Knockout Cup competition.

Both teams advanced to the next round by securing victories in the first two games in the round of 16 match-ups at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters on Tuesday evening.

A Kwame Kirby 27th minute strike was sufficient for Villa Lions to complete their 1-0 victory over Young Warriors in the first game of Tuesday evening's double-header.

A four-goal blitz by national striker Junior Benjamin and a hat-trick by Joylan St. Clair propelled premier league side Ottos Rangers to an emphatic 11-0 drubbing of Mahico Stars in the second game

of the night.

Benjamin opened the floodgates with an 11th minute conversion and St. Clair made it 2-0 when he hit home in the 21st minute. A Kerdian Edwards own goal in the 25th minute increased the lead and Benjamin then slotted home his second goal of the match in the 40th minute to give Ottos Rangers a 4-0 halftime advantage.

After the interval, things went from bad to worse for Mahico Stars, who had gotten into the second round by virtue of gaining a bye into the Round of 16 when the initial first round draw was conducted.

Ottos Rangers picked up from right where they left off in the first half by scoring seven goals in the second half against their second division opponents.

Benjamin once again started the scoring in the second half when he con-

verted twice within three minutes to complete his four-goal blitz. He scored in the 59th and 61st minute to give Ottos Rangers a 6-0 lead.

George Lake scored his first of a second half brace as he joined in the scoring act with a 68th minute conversion. Nyhiem Jones made it 8-0 when he scored in the 70th minute.

Lake scored his second goal of the match in the 78th minute and St. Clair also found the back of the net for the second time when he converted Ottos Rangers' 10th goal in the

79th minute.

St. Clair then completed his hat-trick and Ottos Rangers' scoring with an 83rd minute conversion.

The ABFA's Knockout Cup competition will continue with another double-header at the Technical Centre today (Thursday). Cedar Grove Blue Jays will face John Hughes at 5:30 pm and Willikies will take on Bolans at 7:30 pm.

In tomorrow's (Friday) double-header, Five Islands will oppose Jennings United at 5:30 pm and Parham will clash with English Harbour at 7:30 pm.

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Skepple, who has left his role at the Irene B. Williams Secondary School in Swetes Village.

Benjamin said the Ministry of Sports is yet to appoint a replacement football coach at the Irene B. Williams Secondary School for the upcoming season.

But Benjamin said two teachers who have

been working for several years in preparing their respective schools' football teams will also be added to the Ministry of Sports' coaching staff.

He said the Ministry will be seeking to add Roddrick Williams of Pares Secondary and Devika Tittle of Princess Margaret School to its cadre of coaches working in the programme.



Schools' football league to kick-off early next month

This year's inter-schools' Football League Programme will kick-off on Thursday, 6th October.

Schools will be warming up for their participation in the league by contesting a knockout competition, which will commence today, Thursday, 22nd September.

Coordinator of the Ministry of Sports Inter-schools' Football Programme, Rohan 'Porridge' Benjamin, said he is unsure if the league competition will commence with a march past, but the finals of the knockout competition will be played on 6th October.

"The league will start on the 6th of October. We normally start our league on the first Thursday of October each year. At this present moment, we are not sure whether we will congregate in mass gathering, as you may know, Covid-19 is still around," Benjamin said.

"But for sure, what we will do on that day, we intend to have all of our knockout finals played on that particular day in terms of the opening of the schools' league."

League competitions will be held in boys' Under-14, Under-16 and Under-20 divisions, while the girls will compete in the Under-16 and Under-20 categories.

In addition to being the Under-20 Girls' knockout and league champions, Ottos Comprehensive School is also the defending league champions in the Under-14 and Under-20 boys'



Coordinator of the Ministry of Sports Inter-schools' Football Programme, Rohan 'Porridge' Benjamin. (File photo)

divisions.

Antigua Grammar School is the Under-16 boys' league champions, while Antigua Girls' High School is the defending champions of the Under-16 girls' knockout and league competitions.

"It's five age categories that we have and we have to complete this competition by the time school closes. We normally reserve our league finals for January," Benjamin said.

"So there will be a break for the Christmas holidays and then the league will continue with just the finals.

"We are also contemplating not having the playoff for third and fourth places, but instead have the girls' knockout final at that time."

Benjamin said former national striker Justin "Trini" Pereira, who is also a past student, has joined national coach Karen Warner at Ottos Comprehensive School.

He said Pereira, who has been utilized as a referee to officiate inter-schools' football matches, will replace coach Basil "Tamo" Grant at Ottos.

Grant has been transferred to work with the football programme at St. Mary's Secondary School in Bolans Village.

Chesley Browne will now be taking charge of the football programme at Antigua Grammar School. Browne is filling a role that was previously occupied by the late former national technical director, Rolston "Debu" Williams, who passed away in October, 2020.

The Ministry of Sports has lost the services of National Under-17 boys' head coach Kerry "Arab"

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