

A&B, MALTA PARTNER TO IMPROVE APUA'S WATER SYSTEMS

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Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne (left) recently met with Prime Minister of Malta, Robert Abela, (seated right) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen technical cooperation between both countries. It paves the way for the establishment of a capacity-building programme for key personnel at APUA. Watching on were Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P. Chet Greene (left) and Deputy Prime Minister of Malta, Chris Fearne. [Photo: Office of the Prime Minister]

A&B, Malta to strengthen technical cooperation, provide training for APUA staff

As the government of Antigua and Barbuda continues to aggressively improve the supply of water to consumers, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, last week met with the Robert Abela, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen technical cooperation between the two countries.

The MoU aims to establish a capacity-building programme for Strategy

and Technical personnel at the Antigua and Barbuda Public Utilities Authority (APUA).

The programme will involve the development of a Pilot Leakage Management Project in isolated water supply zones within the municipal water distribution network.

This should result in the development of a holistic and comprehensive leakage Identification, Management and Control strategy.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda with Prime Minister Robert Abela of the Republic of Malta (right) [Photo: Office of the Prime Minister]

The Government of Malta will provide support for training visits.

Prior to the official signing of the MoU, both leaders exchanged best practices for Water Management Strategies to include production, recycling, and conservation.

Prime Minister Abela shared Malta's experience in water infrastructure development to increase production and improve distribution.

From his experience, PM Browne welcomed his solutions and iterated that Antigua and Barbuda experiences significant challenges in the water supply that he is eager to address.

"If left unattended, the repercussion would be too great. It would mean a

plummet in food production and an uptick in food prices that are exacerbated by global crises such as climate change, pandemics, and the Russia-Ukraine war", said PM Browne.

After the signing, the leaders re-engaged on a plethora of issues that Small Island Development States (SIDS) face.

These include structural vulnerabilities, lack of scale economies, climate change, and decline in the economy owing to global risks and threats.

Despite these perilous threats to SIDS, Prime Minister Browne concluded the talks positively by emphasising SIDS' fortitude and resilience, forging partnerships on the international platform.

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Dated the 25th day of August, 2022

Joseph

A&B prime minister, Slovenian president hold talks

Russia's aggression against Ukraine was among issues discussed on Thursday by Prime Minister Gaston Browne and President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor, on the margins of the General Debate of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

A few weeks ago, President Pahor communicated great interest in meeting Prime Minister Browne to discuss the state of play of global peace and security, sustainable energy and the food crisis created by the Russia/Ukraine war.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Browne raised the issue of blacklisting and the unilateral



measures taken against CARICOM countries. He strongly advocated for consultations to be held with CARICOM before measures which could have negative consequences are imposed on the region's small states.

The country's leader also called on President Pahor for Slovenia to ad-

vocate for SIDS, especially Antigua and Barbuda, within the European Union and for its support in encouraging its EU counterparts to adopt a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI).


Many SIDS encounter issues with accessing concessional financing for sustainable development and

resilience building, due to the application of criteria based solely on Gross National Income (GNI) per capita by financial institutions.

The GNI does not consider external environmental and socioeconomic vulnerabilities SIDS face.

President Babor assured Prime Minister Browne that Slovenia will advance support for the use of MVI and support for the 4th International SIDS Conference, which Antigua and Barbuda will host in 2024. Babor also called for Antigua and Barbuda's support of Slovenia's candidacy for a seat on the Security Council for the term 2024-2025.


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Sir Molwyn calls for new approach to solving plastic crisis

Antigua and Barbuda's Environment Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph wants to see new approaches to finding solutions to the global crisis caused by the widespread use and disposal of plastic.

Sir Molwyn made the point at a High-Level Roundtable on Policy Solutions to Tackle Plastic Pollution meeting which he chaired on Friday in New York.

The Minister of Environment explained, with urgency, that the aim of the meeting was to produce a forum for the exchange of ideas with a view to developing solutions to the problems created by plastic, particularly as small nations feeling the significant effects of marine plastic pollution.

"We need a creative international instrument that deals effectively with the complexity of the plastic pollution crisis. A crisis that is both environmental and economic. A problem that is



Environment Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, centre.

not always under the jurisdiction of national governments.

"Our old models of international agreements are likely not up to the task of solving this crisis," he said.

Sir Molwyn noted that the international community has come together in the past to confront and find solutions to complex issues and said addressing the crisis caused by plastic can be

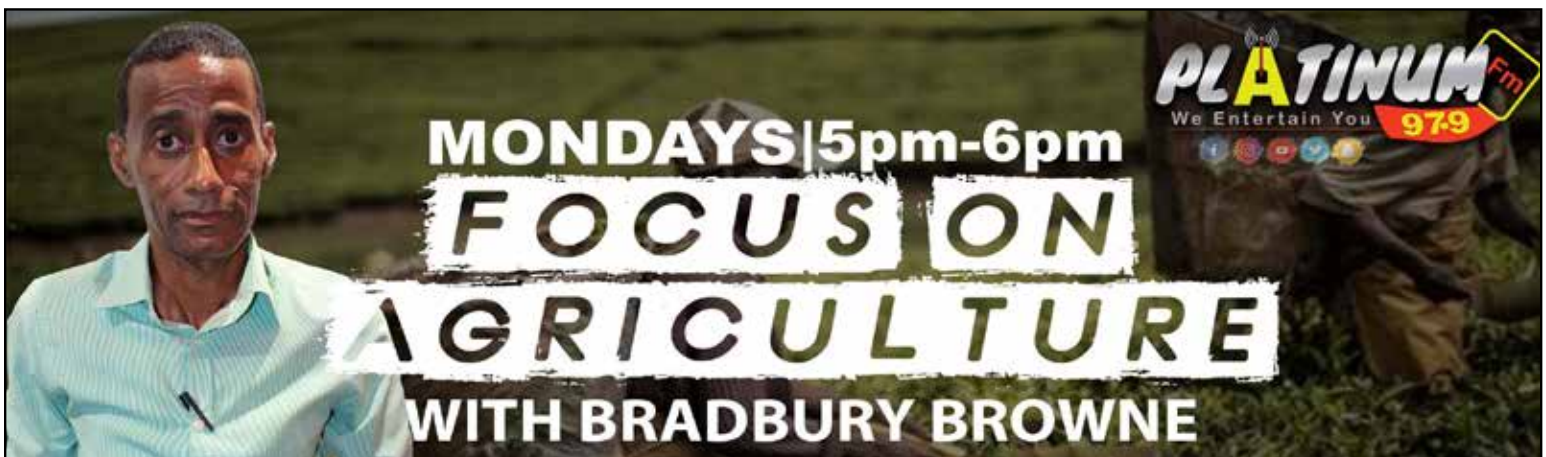
resolved with the same cooperation.

"We have faced incomplete science. We have faced the tension between environmental protection and economic development. In climate change, in the ozone layer, in endangered species protection. And in each, we have created successful international agreements," Sir Molwyn noted.

Calling for a "smart"

solution to the problem to be sought out, he recommended an international approach which addresses both the environmental and economic aspects of waste plastic.

He also highlighted the importance of coming to a resolution that considers the concerns of small island developing states relative to the issue: urgency, equity, effectiveness and evolution.



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Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister leads successful AOSIS talks ahead of COP27

Prime Minister Gaston Browne continued to build meaningful consensus on several major issues facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS) ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 27) which will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 6th to 18th November.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Browne convened a meeting of Heads of States and Governments of SIDS from the Caribbean, Pacific, the Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea to discuss issues that have commanded their unceasing attention as they continue to deal with the devastating consequences of climate change.

The Leadership Breakfast, held on the margins of the 77th United Nations General Assembly, focused on advancing discussions at the UN on the creation of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) for SIDS.

Joining the leaders for the opening segment was the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Adern, whom Prime Minister Gaston Browne praised as a “tireless supporter of SIDS”.

Also in attendance was Antigua and Barbuda’s Minister for Health and the Environment, Sir Molwyn Joseph.

United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, in a recorded message to the gathering, shared the urgency of making the Financing for Loss and Damage an agenda matter at COP27.

“We need a targeted, ambitious global response – including how to finance loss and damage, beyond our capacity to adapt. Polluters must pay,” the Secretary General declared.

“Grants and concessional financing currently fail to account for your islands’ unique vulnerabilities,” Guterres acknowledged, while throwing his full weight of support be-



hind AOSIS members in their bid to “ensure eligibility and access to finance.”

Prime Minister Browne expressed his appreciation for the support he has received during his government’s tenure as Chair of AOSIS that has so far resulted in several triumphs.

“We have a few more months remaining and will advance additional initiatives that will crystalize our achievements,” he added.

Prime Minister Browne, who is also Co-Chairing the

UN High-Level Panel on the MVI, declared to the leaders gathered that the MVI could be a game changer for SIDS which can shift their fortunes.

The MVI will take into account the unique vulnerabilities of SIDS in determining their qualifications for concessional financing to help their recovery efforts following a crisis.

Antigua and Barbuda stands to benefit from a successful MVI, as the country is currently unable to access concessional financing and appropriate debt relief measures. A successful MVI will allow the country to access low-rate financing, grants and other financing paths that will advance Antigua and Barbuda’s development gains and sustainability plans.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Browne urged the leaders to remain united in their determination to ensure that the international community agrees to lasting solutions to the challenges facing SIDS.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne with Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Adern

Local News



Stray animals continue to wreak havoc on farmers

While farmers weathered the passage of Tropical Storm Fiona with minimal damage to crops, the Ministry of Agriculture is reporting that damage to crops caused by stray animals remains a challenge.

In an account of the impact of the storm on the agriculture sector, Minister of Agriculture, Samantha Marshall, noted that stray animals are responsible for significant losses and disruption in the sector.

“It is not an issue regarding the storm causing damage to our crops. The complaints we have been having is that livestock is causing damage to crops. In fact, just today (Saturday), we received reports of donkeys running wild in the Parham area causing serious damage to at least one farmer up there,” she revealed.

Marshall said she plans to engage her ministry’s Livestock Division on the issue with a view to finding



a workable solution.

While there is a donkey sanctuary operated by

the Antigua and Barbuda Humane Society, Minister Marshall said the facility also faces challenges including the fact that it has become overwhelmed by the number of stray donkeys taken there.

The minister explained that the losses experienced by farmers because of stray animals, and in particular donkeys, extend beyond crops to property as well. Many farmers have reported that the fences around their properties have been destroyed by animals trying to gain access to the crops on the other side of the barrier.

According to Minister Marshall, in addition to the issue of strays, the agricultural sector continues to battle with the significant issue of praedial larceny - the theft of crops and/or animals.

So dire is the issue of praedial larceny that the government intends to strengthen existing legislation by amending the Praedial Larceny Act to include *cont'd on pg 7*

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High Court reserves judgement in wounding case

The High Court has reserved judgement in a case of Wounding With Intent To Do Grievous Bodily Harm.

This is the first matter to be concluded in the September assizes.

In a judge-only trial, Justice Ann-Marie Smith indicated that she would deliver her judgement in the matter of King v Tishorn Simon on 30th September, 2022.

Court sources say the Crown's case is premised on reports that the virtual complainant, Beresford Francis, was driving his mother's black RAV4 when it collided into the door of Tishorn Simon's Honda Accord.

Francis allegedly fled the scene.

The accused, Simon, reportedly gave chase and eventually caught up with Francis. He then confronted Francis about the accident.

This led to a physical altercation between the men which resulted in Francis being injured after he was struck over the head with a lug wrench.



Francis received medical attention for the wound from his mother, who is a veterinarian. She sutured the gash closed and provided him with painkillers.

He was subsequently charged with careless driving, but the case was dismissed by the Magistrates' Court.

Simon, meanwhile, was indicted on charges of Wounding With Intent and Unlawful Wounding.

He made the case that he acted in self defence.

The Crown argued, however, that Simon, angry about the accident, sought to carry out his own brand of justice against an unarmed Francis.

Defence attorney, Wendel Robinson, argued that the Crown failed to prove that Simon intended to

cause grievous bodily harm to Francis. He continued that Francis deliberately struck Simon's vehicle with the intention of "knocking down" his client.

The defence continued that it was reasonable for the defendant to give chase to determine the registration number of the vehicle that caused the accident.

And while Robinson acknowledged that his client did confront Francis about the damage done to his vehicle, he contended that it was Francis who became aggressive and acted like a "bully".

Robinson argued that Francis continued to be aggressive and charged at Simon, even following the attempts of a bystander to separate the men.

Robinson also raised concerns over the dismissal of the traffic case against Francis and questioned whether this outcome represented some sort of preferential treatment.

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stiffer penalties for thieves.

"The technicians are going through the draft legislation now with the expectation that we would involve the wider farming community in a serious consultation before the bill goes to

the Parliament," she added.


While Marshall believes stronger laws must be placed on the books, she added that the police must also play their part in addressing reports made to them concerning crop and livestock theft.


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Operationalisation, maintenance the new focus at St. John's Harbour

Now that the main construction at the St. John's Harbour has been completed, emphasis is now expected to move toward the long-term upkeep of the port's facilities and ensuring its smooth management.

According to Darwin Telemaque, Chief Executive Officer of the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, the port's construction was completed with very few setbacks.

Presently, the only thing left to be completed is dredging of the St. John's Harbour which will allow the country to accommodate Oasis class vessels this winter season.

Dense rocks on the ocean floor slowed this process and larger, specialised dredging equipment had to be sourced from Panama to complete the project.

It is expected that the equipment will arrive in the country within two weeks.

Telemaque said that the port was completed in record time, and with only a few minor setbacks, given the scale of the operation.

"Essentially, we can say that this project has ended on a very successful note. There are many public sector projects and even private sector projects where you have to have stop cap measures and ad-




dendums to increase cost, none of that, in this case, is happening and we are very, very excited about that.

"[We] now have to take that success up to another level to maintenance and operationalisation. So, the two challenges we have are operationalising and functionality within the space and maintenance," he said.

He went on to say that he is equally confident that these two areas will also be successfully negotiated.

"Those two things will determine how successful we are, and with the effort that we are going to put in, with the team that we have, and with the support we are going to have with the minister and the board, we are going to achieve a successful transition from construction to operationalisation," the CEO concluded.



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Human Resource Professionals Day celebrated

Each year on 26th September, human resource professionals are recognised, and the importance of their work highlighted.

Laurie Louard, president of the Human Resource Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB), appeared on Pointe on De Streetz on Human Resource Professionals Day yesterday to discuss the importance of the profession.

“Human Resource Professionals Day started in the United States and it is a day set aside to show appreciation to human resource professionals, and also highlight the profession and encourage persons to be-



come a part of this worthy profession.”

The HRPAB president indicated that his organisation and its members share this vision as they play their role here in Antigua and Barbuda with a view to contributing to the nation’s development.

With this in mind, he

explained that his organisation is aiming to grow, and share its knowledge with the wider community “... in a constructive manner so that every single person in Antigua and Barbuda, who is employed; whether self-employed or working for or with somebody else, is making a meaningful

contribution to the development of Antigua and Barbuda”.

The organisation's other goals include encouraging best practices that are compliant with the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Code, and offering a network of support to its members.

“We are also hoping to ensure that our members, our HR professionals who look to us for guidance and seek some support through our network are doing things the right way. So we advocate for best practices, keeping in mind our labour code because this is our overarching guidance as HR professionals.”

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Three knives every cook needs; and some they might just want

By Katie Workman

There is likely no kitchen tool purchase as important as your cooking knives. And it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the variety of styles, prices, sizes and materials.

But while the category of knives is one you may want to explore for the rest of your cooking days, picking a couple of all-purpose kitchen knives can be simple.

Many professionals will tell you that you can perform virtually any kitchen task skilfully with either a chef's knife or a paring knife, and that while adding other knives to your arsenal is appealing and can be useful, it's not strictly necessary.

Unless, maybe, it's a serrated knife, something every cook really should have too.

Serrated knives are primarily used for slicing bread; the serrated edge allows you to saw back and forth without compressing the loaf. It can also be used



This July 2022 image shows a variety of kitchen knives. Many professionals will say you can perform virtually any kitchen task skilfully with either a chef's knife or a paring knife. Adding other knives to your arsenal is appealing and can be useful but isn't strictly necessary. (Katie Workman via AP)

for other foods, like tomatoes.

When buying knives, go for individual ones you like rather than a boxed set, which might leave you with ones you don't enjoy using.

Simply a small knife for tasks requiring more dexterity and precision than a large

er knife provides.

The blade is usually about 3 inches long. Use a paring knife to peel fruits and vegetables, say, or devein shrimp. I think a straight rather than curved blade makes slicing tasks easier.

CHEF'S KNIFE

Buying one requires

a bit more thought. Most chef's knives are either 8 or 10 inches long, from the bolster (where the blade meets the handle) to the tip of the blade. Many professional chefs like a longer, 10-inch knife, but as with everything regarding knives, it's about your own preference and comfort level. If you are more comfortable handling a shorter, 8-inch knife, then that's the size you should go for. The longer the blade, the more you can chop at one time.

Use your chef's knife for most kitchen work, from chopping onions and garlic

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to slicing carrots to slicing a roast to deboning a chicken.

Again, if you are a knife fan and want to lay in a supply of 4-, 6-, 8- and 10-inch knives, then you can choose the optimal knife for any task. But know that with one good chef's knife, plus your paring knife and a serrated knife, you really don't need anything else.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

When buying a knife, especially one you're going to spend some real cash on, you absolutely need to hold it in your hand. Pretend you are using it, and literally make slicing motions to test how it feels in your hand. It should have some heft.

Make sure there are no cracks near the rivets or handle, anywhere that

could feel rough and allow residue to collect.

There are three main types of metal used to make knives: carbon steel, stainless steel and high-carbon stainless steel. Carbon steel is generally the hardest, stainless steel the softest. The harder the metal, the easier it is to keep sharp. However, harder metal also requires more care.

Carbon steel rusts easily, so those knives have to be consistently washed and dried to avoid discoloration. Many professional chefs find this a fine trade off, but home cooks might prefer something requiring less maintenance.

Many good-quality commercial knives designed for home cooks are high-carbon stainless steel, which is easier to care for than straight carbon steel, and keeps a sharp edge longer

than stainless.

VARIATIONS

Chef's knives are often divided into two main types: Japanese and German, or Western-style. Japanese knives are usually thinner and sharper, many made of higher-maintenance carbon steel. German-style knives are more durable, though they might not get as sharp. Japanese knives are often hand-honed, and have a straighter blade for more precise slicing. Both are great options.

If you want to delve deeper, you can find Swedish steel knives, French steel knives and more, plus lots of knives made in the U.S.A. Some companies making high-quality kitchen knives in the U.S. are Steelport, Schmidt Brothers and Faneema Cutlery.

The blade of a chef's knife is both long and wide. Different types have different curvatures on the bottom of the blade, from straight to gently curved. Many American and German knives have a pronounced curve, while French and Japanese knives tend to have straighter blades. A Santoku knife is a Japanese chef's knife with small indentations along the straight blade, in the style of a Chinese slicing cleaver.

Ceramic knives are also popular. These are made from hardy ceramics, but are still fairly fragile (don't drop one!). They hold a sharp edge pretty well, but their lightness isn't as satisfying to use for most real kitchen chopping.

It is good practice to wash, dry and store knives immediately after using them. This will help them stay sharp and in the best condition overall (and prevent accidents!). Never put cooking knives in a dishwasher, as it can dull the blade.

Whatever knife you choose, buy a honing rod, sharpening steel or whetstone. Learn how to use it properly to keep your knives sharp, and see how much it ups your chopping game.

Global Citizen Festival generates \$2.4 billion in pledges

By Glenn Gamboa

The 10th anniversary of the Global Citizen Festival, which included performances from Metallica, Mariah Carey and Usher, generated more than \$2.4 billion in commitments to fight extreme poverty and disease.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley and others addressed the crowds gathered in New York's Central Park and Black Star Square in Accra, Ghana, for nine hours Saturday.

"Amidst all the doomsday messages we hear today, hope lies in the fact that millions of citizens are rising up to take action, more than any other point in history," Global Citizen CEO Hugh Evans said in a prepared statement. "Ending extreme poverty is not a partisan issue, and those most in need cannot be treated like political pawns. Our job is to not let our leaders forget that."

What makes Global Citizen Festival different from other fundraisers is that tickets for the event are not for sale. To attend, supporters must volunteer time to take various actions – from signing petitions and calling or messaging world leaders on social media to address certain issues – during a six-week campaign.

This year's campaign generated more than two million actions, more than doubling the previous record for the advocacy non-profit.

International leaders announced new policies at the festival, influenced, in part, by Global Citizen supporters. French President Emmanuel Macron confirmed that he would reallocate 30% of his country's Special Drawing Rights reserves with the International



Charlie Puth performs at the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park in New York on Sept. 24, 2022. The 10th anniversary of the Global Citizen Festival, which included performances from Metallica, Mariah Carey and Usher, generated more than \$2.4 billion in commitments to fight extreme poverty and disease. (AP Photo/Brittany Newman, file)

Monetary Fund to the world's poorest countries, specifically in Africa, to help them fund projects battling extreme poverty and climate change. The governments of Ghana and South Africa announced the formation of the \$1 billion African Prosperity Fund, to finance infrastructure, technology and sustainability projects across the continent.

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones announced a \$150 million, three-year commitment to fight polio through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, part of the service organisation's work against the disease since 1985.

"Quite honestly, until everyone is protected, no one is protected," Jones told The Associated Press in an interview. "And we see now with the state of emergency being declared in New York and the case of vaccine-derived

polio that has entered here, it's close to home. I think it's a little bit of an alarm bell to a lot of people who thought, 'Well, this is something that's gone. Why do we even need to immunise our children?'"

Jones said she wanted to announce Rotary International's new commitment at Global Citizen Festival's 10th anniversary because the organisation made a similar announcement at the first festival.

"They have millions and millions of Global Citizens and we have 1.4 million citizens who are people of action, who are doing things every single day in the field," Jones said. "So, the ability for us to take our activated populations and showcase that we want to help and help people understand what they can do to make a difference, it's just a great synergy between our two organisations."

The British pound has taken a tumble. What's the impact?

By Kelvin Chan

The British currency has taken a plunge, sliding against the U.S. dollar to touch an all-time low. It's a sign of the alarm in financial markets over new Prime Minister Liz Truss' emergency budget measures unveiled last week aimed at jump-starting the ailing economy.

Investors are spooked by a sweeping package of tax cuts likely to cost tens of billions of pounds in extra government borrowing and amounts to a risky gamble to stave off a looming recession.

But that's not all. The currency chaos is playing out against the wider backdrop of the dollar's rally to a two-decade high.

Here's a look at what it all means:

EVERYDAY IMPACT

Many Britons are struggling amid soaring inflation driven by rising prices for food and energy, in a cost-of-living crisis that's been dubbed the worst in a generation.

The pound's slump threatens to make it even worse. One of the most visible ways is by feeding into the energy crisis because oil and natural gas is priced in dollars. The impact is being felt at the pump.

British drivers are paying 5 pounds (\$5.45) more on average to fill up their cars since the beginning of the year as the pound has fallen, according to an analysis by motoring association AA.

U.K. gas prices would be at least 9 pence per litre cheaper if the pound was still at its mid-February level of \$1.35, compared with the now-outdated \$1.14 level that the group used last week for its calculation.

"There's every chance that a fall-



People walk past a currency exchange bureau in London, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. The pound today slumped to its lowest level against the dollar since 1971, after the Chancellor hinted more tax cuts would follow those he announced last week. The pound dipped as low as \$1.0349 per U.S. dollar early Monday but then rebounded to \$1.0671, down 2.3%. (AP Photo/David Cliff)

ing pound will make life more expensive," said Sarah Coles, senior personal finance analyst at financial services firm Hargreaves Lansdown. Anything bought from overseas — components, raw materials, supermarket staples and household basics — will be pricier.

"These rising costs will feed into higher prices, and push inflation even higher," Coles said. "For anyone whose budget was already stretched to breaking point, this will mean even more pain at the tills."

Finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng hopes that big tax cuts will spur economic growth and generate wealth, but the sliding pound raises the possibility that it will be offset if the central bank steps in with bigger-than-expected interest rate increases.

Some analysts are speculating rates could rise as high as 6% by

next spring, a sharp contrast to the near zero level they were at just a few years ago.

Rising rates mean many homeowners face bigger monthly mortgage bills, leaving them less to spend on other goods and services.

HOW LOW CAN IT GO?

Fifteen years ago, 1 British pound was able to buy \$2. Now, the pound is getting closer to parity with the greenback, a once-unthinkable event and a psychologically important milestone.

The pound has tumbled more than 5% since the government outlined its economic plans Friday, dropping as low as \$1.0373 early Monday, before bouncing back to above \$1.06.

The markets are raising the prospect that the two currencies might soon reach equal footing. A lot of the

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decline has been driven by the strength of the dollar, which has climbed against a wide range of other currencies as the U.S. Federal Reserve aggressively raises rates, drawing interest from investors fleeing riskier assets.

The euro, for example, has been on a similar trajectory to the pound, having fallen below parity with the dollar recently and then hitting a fresh 20-year low Monday.

The pound has dropped more than most, though, because of local factors. Investors are alarmed at Kwarteng's "lack of focus on fiscal prudence," which outweighs any optimism about his pro-growth, anti-red tape agenda, said Victoria Scholar, head of investment at interactive investor.

"On top of being bullish towards the dollar, the international investor community is now also very bearish towards the pound amid fears about the UK's economic outlook and investment case," Scholar said.

TUG OF WAR

The plummeting pound highlights what analysts are calling a "tug of war" between Britain's Treasury and the central bank, which has independence from the government to operate free of political influence.

The Truss government is gambling that slashing taxes and borrowing more

to pay for it will kick-start economic growth as a recession looms.

That puts government officials at odds with the Bank of England, where policymakers are trying to rein in inflation that threatens financial stability by raising interest rates, with seven hikes so far this year and more in the pipeline.

The central bank said Monday that it wouldn't hesitate to raise interest rates by as much as needed at its next meeting in November, which did little to soothe markets. An interim meeting to decide on an emergency rate hike

could be needed, "though that would risk escalating tensions with the new government," said Jeremy Lawson, chief economist at asset manager abrdn.

"There are no good options from here, just less bad ones, with the U.K.'s already struggling household and businesses left to pick up the pieces," Lawson said.

IS THERE ANY UPSIDE?

British exports will be cheaper for buyers paying in dollars. But the economic impact is likely to be limited, given that the

United Kingdom runs a trade deficit with the rest of the world by importing more than it exports.

It'll be a lot cheaper for foreign visitors, especially Americans.

Pub beers, theatre tickets for shows in London's West End, and hotel bills will be more affordable for tourists.

And for investors and wealthy people, the slumping pound makes it cheaper to buy real estate in Britain, especially in exclusive London neighbourhoods that have long been favoured by the global superrich.



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Cuba approves same-sex marriage

AP – Cubans have approved a sweeping “family law” code that would allow same-sex couples to marry and adopt as well as redefining rights for children and grandparents, officials said Monday, though opposition in the national referendum was unusually strong on the Communist Party-governed island.

The measure — which contains more than 400 articles — was approved by 66.9% to 33.1%, the president of the National Electoral Council, Alina Balseiro Gutiérrez, told official news media, though returns from a few places remained to be counted.

The reforms had met unusually strong open resistance from the growing evangelical movement in Cuba — and many other Cubans — despite an extensive government campaign in favour of the measure, including thousands of informative meetings across the country and extensive media coverage backing it.

Cuban elections — in which no party other than the Communist is allowed — routinely produce victory margins of more than 90% — as did a referendum on a major constitutional reform in 2019.

The code would allow surrogate pregnancies, broader rights for grandparents in regard to grandchildren, protection of the elderly and measures against gender violence.



Cuba's President Miguel Díaz Canel speaks to the press after casting his vote at a polling station during the new Family Code referendum in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. The draft of the new Family Code, which has more than 480 articles, was drawn up by a team of 30 experts, and it is expected to replace the current one that dates from 1975 and has been overtaken by new family structures and social changes. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

President Miguel Díaz Canel, who has promoted the law, acknowledged questions about the measure as he voted on Sunday.

“Most of our people will vote in favour of the code, but it still has issues that our society as a whole does not understand,” he said.

On Monday, he celebrated approval of the measure, tweeting “Love is now the law.”

Passage “is to pay a debt to various generations of Cubans whose domestic plans had been waiting years for this law,” he added. “As of today, we will be a better nation.”

The measure had been

approved by Cuba’s Parliament, the National Assembly, after years of debate about such reforms.

A major supporter of the measure was Mariela Castro, director of the National Center for Sex Education, a promoter of rights for same-sex couples, daughter of former President Raul Castro and niece of his brother Fidel.

But there is a strong strain of social conservatism in Cuba and several religious leaders have expressed concern or opposition to the law., worrying it could weaken nuclear families.

While Cuba was officially — and often militant-

ly — atheist for decades after the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro — Raul’s brother — it has become more tolerant of religions over the past quarter century. That has meant a greater opening not only to the once-dominant Roman Catholic Church, but also to Afro-Cuban religions, protestants and Muslims.

Some of those churches took advantage of the opening in 2018 and 2019 to campaign against another plebiscite which would have rewritten the constitution in a way to allow gay marriage.

Opposition was strong enough that the government at that time backed away.

Search continues for two inside massive Guatemala sinkhole



A sinkhole is exposed on the main road in Villa Nueva, Guatemala, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. Rescuers are searching for people who are believed to have fallen into the sinkhole while driving their vehicle, while four others were rescued alive from the scene on Saturday night, according to authorities. (AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

AP – Search efforts were underway Monday for a mother and daughter who disappeared when their vehicle was swallowed by a massive sinkhole in Guatemala.

The girl's father was rescued Sunday from the hole in Villa Nueva, southwest of the capital, along with three other people. The sinkhole opened in the middle of the town's main thoroughfare.

Copious amounts of rain dumped during the region's rainy season has led to landslides and collapsed roadways.

On Sunday, a crane lifted a blue sedan from the hole. Rescuers descended using ropes and ladders. At one point, the crane lowered rescuers and a search dog into the opening.

Video circulated online showed other traffic passing on both sides of the sinkhole on dark rain-soaked streets before the blue car tumbled into the hole.

Building collapse near Kenyan capital kills three; more missing

AP – A multi-story building collapsed outside Kenya's capital Monday, killing a woman and two children, and rescuers picked through the debris in search of a family reported missing.

Four people were rescued, including a child, after the collapse in Kirigiti, said Kiambu county Gov. Kimani Wamantangi. But "we know that there is a man and his wife, and most likely there will be a child inside there."

Such building collapses aren't uncommon in Nairobi and elsewhere in Kenya amid weak oversight, shoddy construction and corruption.

"The building that was being put up here was being done in an extremely substandard way," the governor said. "This guy built without authorization. He came and applied for permission, he was told to comply with a few conditions, he disappeared, continued to build."



Rescuers search through a multi-storey collapsed apartment building in Kirigiti, Kiambu County, Kenya, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. Rescuers are picking through the debris in search of several people reported missing. (AP Photo/John Muchucha)

15 dead, 24 wounded in school shooting in Russia

AP – A gunman opened fire in a school in central Russia on Monday, killing 15 people and wounding 24 others before shooting himself dead, authorities said.

The shooting took place in School No. 88 in Izhevsk, a city 960 kilometres (600 miles) east of Moscow in the Udmurtia region.

Russia's Investigative Committee identified the gunman as 34-year-old Artyom Kazantsev, a graduate of the same school, and said he was wearing a black t-shirt bearing "Nazi symbols." No details about his motives have been released.

The Committee said 15 people, including 11 children, were killed in the shooting, and 24 other people, including 22 children, were wounded in the attack.

The governor of Udmurtia, Alexander Brechalov, said the gunman, who he said was registered as a patient at a psychiatric facility, killed himself



Police and paramedics work at the scene of a shooting at school No. 88 in Izhevsk, Russia, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. A gunman on Monday morning killed 13 people and wounded 21 others in a school in central Russia, authorities said. Russia's Investigative Committee said in a statement that seven children were among those killed in the shooting in the school in Izhevsk, a city about 960 kilometres (596 miles) east of Moscow in the Udmurtia region. (AP Photo)

after the attack.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the shooting as "a

terrorist act" and said Russian President Vladimir Putin has given all the necessary orders to the relevant authorities.

"President Putin deeply mourns deaths of people and children in the school, where a terrorist act took place," Peskov told reporters Monday.

The school educates children between grades one and 11. It has been evacuated and the area around it has been cordoned off, the governor said.

Russia's National Guard said Kazantsev used two non-lethal handguns adapted to fire real bullets. The guns were not registered with the authorities.

A criminal probe into the incident has been launched on charges of multiple murder and illegal possession of firearms.

Izhevsk, a city of 640,000, is located west of the Ural Mountains in central Russia.

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Players' union, soccer leagues sign deal at UN labour agency

AP – The global soccer players' union and the group representing domestic leagues around the world have teamed up to strengthen their voice in negotiations involving off-field politics such as the international match calendar.

The FIFPRO union and World Leagues Forum signed a new labour agreement at the United Nations' International Labor Organization on Monday that they said will "stabilise the professional football environment by strengthening employer and employee representatives on a worldwide level and promoting fair conditions of employment in football."

The ILO said it was "the first global agreement on working conditions and rights of professional football players."

The move comes after years of tournament expansions and failed proposals for new competitions left many soccer officials feeling sidelined and active players saying their opinions were ignored.

Some of the failed proposals that have divided the soccer world include the European Super League, biennial World Cups, a \$25 billion overhaul of FIFA competitions, adding more teams and co-hosts to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, and a Champions League reform plan in 2019 that would have locked in some wealthy clubs to guaranteed entries.

FIFPRO and the domestic leagues have seats on FIFA's stakeholder committee and UEFA's strategy council, but the status of those panels has declined.

The aim of the new partnership is to "actively pursue equitable representation in international decision-making," the 66-nation FIFPRO union said



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after missing a chance to score as Czech Republic goalkeeper Tomas Vaclik, rear, screams during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between the Czech Republic and Portugal at the Sinobo stadium in Prague, Czech Republic, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

in a statement.

The ILO said it could be called upon to provide expert advice on how to implement the agreement.

"This agreement will promote more meaningful involvement for employer and employee representatives in international football governance," ILO director general Guy Ryder said.

Under the banner of a "Global Labor Agreement," an executive panel is expected to meet within weeks to discuss issues including the FIFA-managed calendar for national-team games.

The FIFA calendar mandates when clubs must release players to their national teams in an increasingly congested program of domestic and international competitions.

The current calendar expires in 2024 but the debate on its renewal became tangled up last year in FIFA president Gianni Infantino's push to

double the number of World Cups. French coaching great Arsene Wenger also worked on FIFA's plan to restructure soccer for the 211 national members and favour more tournaments over qualifying games.

Other issues for the new labour panel to address in men's and women's soccer include employment standards, managing concussion and head injuries, tackling discrimination, racism and abuse on and off the field, and other forms of abuse, the Geneva-based ILO said.

"We are committed to supporting the ambitions of both organisations to implement fair working conditions and to promote social dialogue in professional football," said Jerome Perlemuter, general secretary of the Zurich-based World Leagues Forum. It has 44 members including the top European leagues and Major League Soccer.

Vibrant home crowd cheers Amazon Warriors to second place

Guyana Amazon Warriors completed the perfect set of home victories in the Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) with a comprehensive defeat of the table topping Barbados Royals.

The victory means the two teams will do it all again on Tuesday in the first qualifier.

The Amazon Warriors won the toss and opted to field first, and that proved to be an inspired decision. On a fresh surface their seamers wreaked havoc taking three wickets inside the PowerPlay to leave the Royals in disarray.

Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and the 125 the Royals mustered was never likely to be enough on a track that offered good value for positive stroke play.

The Royals were able to take two early wickets of their own when they had their turn to bowl restricting the



Amazon Warriors to 18/2 but that was as good as it got.

Shakib Al-Hasan produced a scintillating half century to put the Amazon Warriors on the cusp of victory and the

remaining batters saw the chase home to win the game inside 15 overs.

Earlier Guyana Amazon Warriors had utilised the movement on offer to

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Mazzulla: Celtics 'can't rush trust' in wake of Udoka ban



Boston Celtics head coach Ime Udoka, centre left, talks with players during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in San Francisco, Sunday, June 5, 2022. The Boston Celtics are planning to discipline coach Ime Udoka, likely with a suspension, because of an improper relationship with a member of the organisation, two people with knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. (AP Photo/Jed Jacobsohn, File)

AP – Boston Celtics interim coach Joe Mazzulla said he will take his time giving people time to “feel and heal” after predecessor Ime Udoka was suspended for the season for an inappropriate relationship with a woman in the organisation.

“You can’t rush trust. You can’t rush healing. You can’t rush any of that,” he said to a packed room at Celtics media day on Monday, three days after he was elevated to interim head coach. “Regardless of what has happened, we have a

great roster and we have a great opportunity. That’s what I have to focus on.”

Udoka was suspended Thursday for what two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press was an inappropriate relationship with a woman in the organisation. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the details of his behaviour were not publicly released.

Mazzulla, 34, had been a Celtics assistant for two seasons. His only head coaching experience was at Division II Fairmont State.

Nations League: Spain seeks elusive win in Portugal

AP – Coach Luis Enrique tried to stay optimistic about Spain’s chances of advancing in the Nations League following a disappointing home loss to Switzerland.

After all, La Roja can still secure a spot in the finals with a win in Portugal on Tuesday.

“We see it as a final,” Luis Enrique said Monday, two days after the 2-1 loss to Switzerland dropped Spain from first to second in Group A2 ahead of the decisive match in Braga. “It’s positive to arrive in the last round with a possibility to win the group.”

But beating Portugal isn’t something Spain has been able to do recently. The Iberian neighbours have drawn their last four matches including friendlies, and Spain has not won at Portugal in nearly two decades.

Its last victory against Portugal came in a penalty shootout in the semi-finals of the 2012 European Championship, and before that it won in the round of 16 of the 2010 World Cup in a match where Portugal complained of an offside on David Villa’s winning goal in the second half.

In Portugal, Spain is winless since a 3-0 victory in a friendly in 2003, when Fernando Torres made his national debut with Spain, and not long after Cristiano Ronaldo began playing for Portugal.

“It’s all part of soccer. We have

three recent matches in which we played well but didn’t win and they ended in draws,” Luis Enrique said.

The teams have drawn four straight since coach Fernando Santos took over Portugal after the 2014 World Cup, including a thrilling 3-3 game to open their campaigns in the group stage of the 2018 World Cup.

“We just have to focus on winning rather than reaching the final four,” Santos said on Monday. “I want the players to face Spain on their merit, as they do all opponents. Do that and we will always be closer to getting where we want to go.”

Spain needs the victory after seeing its 22-game unbeaten run at home ended by Switzerland on Saturday. Portugal won 4-0 at the Czech Republic to take first place and earn a chance to advance with a draw on Tuesday.

Only the group winners advance to the final four next June. Portugal has 10 points, two more than Spain. Switzerland has six points, two more than the Czech Republic ahead of their match in Switzerland to try to avoid relegation.

Spain is looking for its second consecutive appearance in the final four after finishing runner-up to France last year. At that time, it also needed a last-day victory to advance to the final four, and it did it by shocking Germany 6-0 at home.

Luis Enrique said he didn’t ex-



Spain's manager Luis Enrique follows the game of the UEFA Nations League final soccer match between France and Spain at the San Siro stadium, in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021. Enrique has provided some surprises in his second-to-last squad before the World Cup. His list of 25 players for upcoming Nations League games includes newcomers Nico Williams and Borja Iglesias. (AP Photo/Luca Bruno, File)

pect many changes in the squad for the match against Portugal despite the loss on Saturday, though he admitted the team had to improve its defending of set pieces, which is how Switzerland scored both of its goals.

Portugal, the winner of the inaugural edition of the Nations League in 2019, may see the return of forward João Félix, who was not available for the match against the Czech Republic because of an injury. He rejoined his teammates in training on Sunday.

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unleash their cadre of seamers on the Royals.

Romario Shepherd, Keemo Paul and Odean Smith all weighed in with wickets to leave the Royals 97/9 and it was only late cameos from Ramon Sim-

monds and Mujeeb Ur Rahman that enabled the Royals to post 125.

Although the Amazon Warriors lost Chandrapaul Hemraj and Shai Hope in the PowerPlay, Shakib played an enterprising innings to take the drama out

of the chase. His knock of 53 came off 30 balls and laid the foundation for the Amazon Warriors to win with five over to spare.

The two sides will now do battle again in the first qualifier on Tuesday to determine who will earn the

right to go straight to the Hero CPL final.

Final: Guyana Amazon Warriors 126/5 (Shakib 53, Gurbaz 22; McCoy 2/22, Mayers 1/20) beat Barbados Royals 125 (Holder 42, Khan 20; Shepherd 3/14, Paul 2/9) by 5 wickets

Unbeaten Bath United wins Antigua-Nevis Cup

Bath United of Nevis captured the inaugural Antigua-Nevis Cup football competition, which concluded at the Old Road playing field on Sunday evening.

The Nevisians capped an unbeaten display in which they won all of their three matches with a 5-0 victory over Young Lions of Old Road in their final encounter in the four-team round robin tournament to claim the title.

Phillron Lavia scored twice, while the other goals for the visiting Nevisians were converted by Omarion Bartlette, Kenaicy Dorsett and Lyndon Joseph.

Pigotts Bullets claimed the runners-up position by romping to a 5-1 victory over Young Warriors in their final encounter at Old Road on Sunday.

Akeem Isaac scored a hat-trick,



Bath United's player Omarion Bartlette claimed the joint top scorer and best midfielder awards during the inaugural Antigua-Nevis Cup football competition which concluded at the Old Road playing field on Sunday, 25th September, 2022. (Photos courtesy Young Warriors FC)



Bath United of Nevis celebrate after winning the inaugural Antigua-Nevis Cup four-team football tournament at the Old Road playing field on Sunday, 25th September, 2022. Tournament organiser Colin James, far right, the 2022 Antigua Labour Party Labour Queen Ms Charity Henry, left, and Miss Show-Off 2016 Junelia James, second right, joined Bath United as they celebrated their title.

while Caseam Stevens and Jahmarlie Stevens each converted once for Bullets. Railique Browne scored a consolation goal for Young Warriors.

Despite Sunday's loss, Young Lions finished third in the tournament by virtue of their 3-1 victory over Young Warriors in their opening encounter at Pigotts last Friday.

Bath United ended the competition with a maximum nine points, followed by Pigotts Bullets with six points, Young Lions with three points and hosts Young Warriors finished in the cellar position without a point.

Champions Bath United also dominated the individual awards during the presentation ceremony at the end of the tournament.

Bartlette of Bath United and Isaac of Bullets finished as the top-joint scorers with four goals each from three matches. Bartlette was

also named the Best Midfielder of the tournament.

Bath United's custodian Vibert Stephens claimed the Best Goal Keeper Award, while fellow Nevisian Kofi Major claimed the Best Defender Award.

Reuben Rubel of Young Warriors captured the award for the Best Young Player of the tournament.

Trophies, medals and other prizes were sponsored by Cool and Smooth, Veg International, Citizenship by Investment Unit and AMA Bella and Alltech.

The tournament was organized by the Young Warriors Football Club with the matches being played in the Pigotts and Old Road communities.

The organisers are hoping to make the tournament an annual event between football teams from St. Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda.

Antigua Vision Care extend unbeaten run in business basketball league

Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care maintains their unbeaten record in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League.

Led by Najee George with 11 points, Antigua Vision Care prevailed 56-52 against Sandals Antigua at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday night to record their fifth win in as many matches.

Devorn Benjamin shot a game high 18 points for Sandals Antigua, who slipped to their second defeat in four encounters.

After losing their first five matches, the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre achieved their first win in their sixth outing as they pulled off a 58-48 victory against Galley Bay Resort in the first match of Sunday's triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Baldwin Anthony Jr. shot a game-high 25 points and Daniel Thomas contributed 11 points for the victors.

Davique Osbourne scored 22 points and Alister Nibbs sank 11 points



Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care maintains its unbeaten record in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League with another victory at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 25th September, 2022. (File photo)

for Galley Bay Resort. It was the sixth loss in as many matches for Galley Bay Resort.

Pointe FM's two-match winning streak came to an end as they went under 45-55 against Graphic Impact Shooters in the other game that was played on Sunday night.

Tavarus Benta scored 14 points and Sean Nich-

olas converted 12 points to lead Graphic Impact Shooters to their fourth win in as many encounters.

Josue David shot a game-high 17 points for Pointe FM, who slipped to their third loss in five matches.

The business basketball league will continue with another triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex

this evening, Tuesday, 27th September.

Mill Reef will oppose the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre at 6:30 pm, Sandals Antigua will challenge Fitzroy Rewinding at 7:30 pm and defending champions Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board will clash with Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care at 8:30 pm.

In tomorrow's triple-headers at the JSC Sport Complex, the Board of Education will tackle Fitzroy Rewinding at 6:30 pm, Pointe FM will challenge Galley Bay Resort at 7:30 pm and Fearless Crew will face Sledge O'Ballers at 8:30 pm.

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Liberta Black Hawks equalized in the 70th minute, courtesy of a Keyon Charles own goal.

But Gardens Stars snatched victory in the round of 16 knockout encounter when national Under-20 midfielder Wilden Cornwall Jr. scored the winner

in the 80th minute to send his team into the quarter-finals.

The ABFA knockout cup will continue with the final match of the round of 16 today, Tuesday, 27th September. Cedar Grove Blue Jays will meet John Hughes in a match that was rescheduled from Thursday, 22nd September.

Joseph scores double hat-trick to fire Empire into knockout quarter-finals

Striker Rakeem Joseph achieved the rare phenomenal feat of scoring a double hat-trick on Sunday to propel Empire FC into the quarter-finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool and Smooth Knockout Cup competition.

Joseph almost single-handedly scored six goals to lead Empire to a 7-1 victory over Bendals FC in their round of 16 matches in the knockout cup at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters.

Joseph opened the scoring with a smart finish past the Bendals custodians in the 9th minute.

But Empire's lead did not last long as Rajiel Parchment collected a through pass, which had split Empire's defense, to hit past the advancing goalkeeper into the back of the net to draw Bendals level in the 13th minute.

That was the closest Bendals would ever come in the encounter as Empire went on to dominate the match, with Joseph going on to score five more times in a brilliant display of clinical finishing.

Joseph scored in the 16th minute to restore Empire's one-goal lead and he completed his first hat trick of the match when he collected a cross in the 18-yard box to lob into an open goal in the 25th minute.

Bendals then contributed to their own demise as they conceded a penalty and were reduced to 10 men in the 40th minute when one of their players committed an infringement

against Joseph in the 18-yard box for which he was shown the red card by referee Iroots Appleton.

Joseph pulled himself up from the ground and proceeded to take the penalty kick, which he scored to give Empire a 4-1 halftime advantage.

After the interval, Zaheim Greene made it 5-1 when he scored Empire's fifth goal in the 60th minute.

Joseph then scored two more goals late in the second half, in the 82nd and 87th minutes, to complete Empire's scoring and his second hat trick of the match.

Two late second half goals by Tyrique Tonge and Javaughn Parker allowed SAP FC to overcome a one-nil deficit and salvaged a 2-1 victory over Police FC in another round of 16 encounter at the same venue on Sunday evening.

A Ferdinand Klivert's 17th minute conversion had given Police a 1-0 halftime lead which they held until the 75th minute when Tonge scored SAP's equalizer.

Parker then snatched the winner two minutes before the end of regulation, with an 88th-minute conversion to send SAP into the quarter-finals.

In what can be considered the first major upset of the knockout cup thus far, Garden Stars FC prevailed 2-1 over their community colleagues Liberta Black Hawks, who became the first premier league side to crash out of the competition in the second-round stage.

Garden Stars, a team that origi-



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nated from the Table Hill Gordon or New Village in Liberta, took a 1-0 halftime lead via a Jahred Williams 25th- minute conversion.

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