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# ABLP: UPP BRIBERY CLAIM SIGNALS DESPERATION

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Their Excellencies Sir Rodney and Lady Williams and Acting Prime Minister Steadroy Benjamin are flanked by the National Academic Award recipients. [Photo Credit: Office of the Governor General] *Story on page 6.*

# Local News



## UPP bribery claim dismissed as a sign of desperation

The government is confident that existing legislation is adequate to address any cases of bribery and treating which may take place in respect of political campaigns.

Sections 40 and 41 of the Representation of the People Act speak widely to both offences and the consequences facing any person - whether they are candidates or not in an election campaign - should they breach these laws.

Accusations of bribery against Prime Minister Gaston Browne made their way into the media this week when videos circulated of him giving what appeared to be cash to people who approached him as he drove through his constituency.

On Thursday during the post-Cabinet press briefing, Ambassador Lionel Hurst made it clear that the accusations raised by the United Progressive Party (UPP) were a political tactic to distract the public from

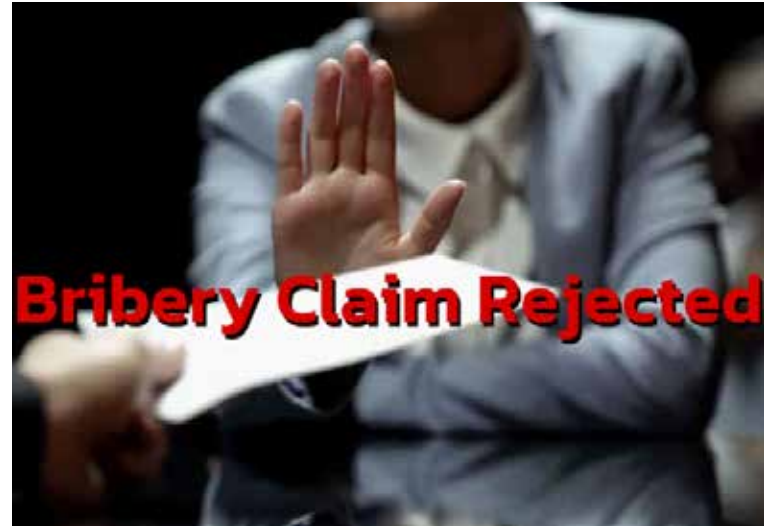
their failures.

“Political parties - especially the opposition political party in Antigua - will say and do anything in order to change people’s minds, and we say that those people are intelligent enough to know the difference between a gift that is sourced from any political party member at any time, and what is intended to compel people on election day to vote in a particular way.

“There is a significant difference between both,” said Ambassador Hurst.

Hurst added that the UPP’s bribery accusation smacks of hypocrisy, as just this weekend they too organised activities which involved the exchange of money with business owners in the St. John’s City West Constituency.

“When the opposition political party pulls up at a store and the candidate for the area goes in and purchases goods that he really doesn’t need, it’s not



regarded as bribery, but if someone who asks for a little help is given a cash component, and the person handing out the cash is connected to the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, somehow it becomes bribery.

“These are political terms that are being used rather loosely.”

Under the Representation of the People Act Section 40, bribery, in summary, involves the corrupt exchange of money, gifts, or the promise of the procurement of an office in exchange for either voting

for, or withholding their vote, whether by the candidate as the beneficiary, or by any person acting on their behalf.

Treating, which is addressed in Section 41 of the Act, speaks of a candidate, or any agent acting on their behalf, corruptly covering the cost of food, drink or entertainment for the purpose of influencing a person to vote or abstain from voting.

As he expounded his position, Hurst said nothing in the videos circulated this past week indicates that Prime Minister Browne’s engagements with his constituents last week breached any laws related to bribery or treating.

“There is no evidence, one, that the person who received the money is a resident or a registered voter in that constituency.

“Second, there is no attempt on the part of the per-

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## ECSC rolls out first Family Court E-Litigation portal

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court has launched its first E-Litigation Portal in the Family Court division here in Antigua and Barbuda.

The formal launch took place Thursday afternoon at the High Court of Justice in St. John's, with Chief Justice, Dame Janice Pereira and Attorney General Steadroy Benjamin among those in attendance.

Dame Janice said the introduction of the E-Litigation Portal forms part of her drive to employ information technology to improve the efficiency of the legal system within the OECS countries.

"It is another great joy of mine to see this moment come to fruition. Everyone in the chambers knows that I have been on a mission to use IT to enable our court systems to become more efficient, more accountable.

"What we do in courts is a service; a service to the people and we must always be looking, despite the challenges, to give better service to the people we serve," she stated.



Chief Justice, Dame Janice Pereira, left, and Attorney General Steadroy Benjamin, centre, attended the launch.

Dame Janice described the mission of the court as delivering quality justice in a fair, independent, impartial, importantly accountable manner. She explained that there was a quest to find a system that would bring efficiencies to the work of the court and this led to starting with the E-Litigation Portal introduced to the courts within the ECSC's nine jurisdiction, starting in 2018.

This move affected all civil matters in both the High Court and the Appeals Court. When this was com-

pleted, the attention then turned to family court matters in the magistracy.

The Chief Justice further explained that the entire court system in the OECS will eventually move to E-Litigation, covering criminal matters and all matters brought before the Magistrates' Court. She also thanked Attorney General Steadroy Benjamin for his continued support of the several initiatives being implemented to improve the efficiency of the ECSC.

AG Benjamin again pledged the support of the Antigua and Barbuda government for efforts to improve the administration of justice in the country.

"We in Antigua and Barbuda stand in full support of the Chief Justice in her quest to bring the OECS

into the modern era. We in Antigua and Barbuda have caught the vision; we in Antigua and Barbuda will live the dream; the dream of this visionary, inspirational and transformational leader to make the OECS a model for the rest of the region," he declared.

Head of the Family Division, Magistrate Veronica Thomas explained the many benefits of the E-Litigation Portal as including the elimination of the need for paper files, providing ready access to information regarding a matter, the introduction of a Customer Service Bureau, which will provide service to those who do not have a lawyer and lastly, it will provide electronic management and monitoring of payments in respect of maintenance orders made by the court.

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son handing out the money to make any deal with the person receiving it not to vote or to vote in a particular way.

"The...law is very

specific about what constitutes bribery. Clearly, none of this which takes place would fall into the categories that would define what takes place as bribery," Hurst said.

# Local News



## Psychologists to be deployed in RPFAB, schools

For months Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney has advocated for priority to be placed on the mental health of police officers. Now, at long last, the decision has been made to appoint a Mental Health Specialist/Counselling Psychologist to the Royal Police force of Antigua and Barbuda.

This development was confirmed by Minister of National Security, Steadroy Benjamin, this week.

In the post-Cabinet press briefing on Thursday, Chief of Staff in the Prime Minister's Office, Ambassador Lionel "Max" Hurst, further revealed that there are also plans for mental health counsellors to be deployed in schools.

When asked if prisoners with mental health challenges at His Majesty's Prison (HMP) will also benefit from

the new service, Hurst said they will not be included at this time; the counsellors will only be available to police officers and in schools at this time.

He noted, however, that the government does intend to also provide counselling services for prison officers at a later date.

"More than 700 men and women make up the Royal Police force of Antigua and Barbuda and some of their duties can be very taxing.



Remember they too have families, and the counselling psychologist for the police is to be for the police only.

"For the prison officers, I think that later on we will address that. But at the moment, these two psychologists are going to be attached to the RPFAB," Hurst said.

The ambassador continued that at schools, the counsellors will focus "primarily on teachers, to assist teachers in what has been a rather difficult period com-

ing out of COVID".

"We know that many teachers in fact appealed for the kind of services these counsellors will offer, so, the government has gone out of its way to bring on board these four counsellors that will be assigned to the four regions or for the four zones for which education is divided and each will have a zone of his or her own.

"Maybe sometime in the near future, we will consider the same thing for prison officers because we know some of the conditions under which they work are not the best, but that has not yet been contemplated by the Cabinet," Hurst said.

Rodney upon hearing the news expressed his gratitude "for making this professional available to the police given the stresses of their job".

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## Greene: Health Month a decade-long commitment

The annual observance of Health Month in the St. Paul constituency dates back to 2012 and serves as testimony to the commitment of the Member of Parliament, E. P. Chet Greene, to the health and well-being of the area's residents.

Greene said he initiated the event while he served in the Senate, long before he became a member of the House of Representatives.

"Over the years, the programme has grown to include different aspects of health. Among them was the introduction of Water Day held each Wednesday during the month of October.

"Clearly, the intention is not only to provide water to the schools where residents are encouraged to drink water not just during the month, but to continue after as a lifestyle change," he said.

Other areas of focus during the month have been matters related to senior citizens, health screenings for prostate and breast health, general health checks and support.

Greene added that the scale of Health Month this year has grown significantly.

"We are now operating from the St. Paul's Empowerment Centre where we have more space, more control, so that we up the ante with the inclusion of vision health.

"We have engaged the services of OneSight, a foundation out of the United

States which has sent a team of eyecare specialists to assist us with the eye clinic for the purpose of providing free eye-screening and eyeglasses for those who are in need," he revealed.

Primary schools in the community have already benefited as hundreds of students have taken advantage of the free service.

The programme has been extended to students who attend the neighbouring All Saints Secondary School and the Irene B. Williams School which is in Swetes.



*Students waiting to see the specialist at the St. Paul's Eye-Clinic*

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# Local News



## Eight students honoured during National Academic Awards Ceremony

Eight of the country's top academic achievers over the last three years were honoured at a ceremony yesterday morning at Government House.

Shanika Semper, Mjolinir Messiah, Shequanie King, Pia Nichols, Aliane Challenger, Amya James, Chidindu Ohaegbulum, and Elyssa Athill received academic awards for being top performers in the CAPE and CSEC exam-

inations and the Grade Six National Assessments dating back to 2020.

The ceremony recognising the students was excluded from the annual youth rally programme this year due to delays and the cancellation of activities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, congratulated the students for their stellar performances,

he noted that despite the challenges encountered along the way, they persevered with support from key individuals including their families.

"As we reflect on the past years, and in particular the last three years, we are easily motivated to give special thanks to our education policymakers, administrators, tutors and support staff and all the teachers who played a key

role in keeping our school system operating in spite of the challenges.

"That could not have been an easy task, and it still has its challenges, but the successes achieved were made possible by the dedication and commitment of people at all levels. Please accept our deepest gratitude for them."

Chidindu Ohaegbulum, who secured grade

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one and two passes in 23 subjects in the June, 2022 sitting of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examination, recalled his preparation for the exit exams and said his results are a dream come true.

"This has been a dream of mine since first form and I'm elated that I'm now able to share it and cross this one off the bucket list, as my peers and I move on to bigger and better things" he noted.

"I remember the countless nights we [study group] spent doing past paper after past paper, running through text book after text book, study guide after study guide and then waking up the next morning to do an exam, only to rinse and repeat the process for forty more exams."

Ohaegbulum, who is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Island Academy, has his

ambitions set on becoming a teacher and lead researcher at the prestigious Oxford University.

For those considering

the academic challenge he undertook, the former St. Joseph's Academy student said he would encourage them to follow their heart.

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## Clarevue Hospital to receive new steel toilets

Just over US\$30,000.00 will be spent by the government to acquire 20 steel toilets for the country's lone mental health facility, Clarevue Psychiatric Hospital, to finally resolve its bathroom woes.

This development was revealed in this week's Cabinet notes which indicated that the toilets will cost taxpayers US\$1500 each.

About a month ago, Minister of Works, Lennox Weston explained that the indoor, porcelain toilets at the hospital were out of service because patients destroyed them. As a temporary measure, pit latrines were dug on the hospital's grounds by the Public Works Department. The new toilets will restore indoor toilet facilities for patients.

The latrines were the centre of controversy in September this year when a senior staff member raised concerns with a local media house about the swarms of

flies the uncovered latrines had attracted and the odour emanating from them.

They also said that difficulty was experienced cleaning the latrines.

Following the revelation, Ambassador Hurst said while the situation was not ideal and challenges were being experienced, waste was being removed from the latrines at the hospital regularly.

The Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Sir Molwyn Joseph, has since revealed that the toilets have been ordered.

A timeline for their arrival on the island and installation has not yet been shared.

For some time, the Clarevue Psychiatric Hospital has faced several issues. In addition to the toilet malady, the hospital's staff have protested unsanitary working conditions, including their own bathroom facilities.



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# Opinion

## No trust in Truss: General elections should be called

By Sir Ronald Sanders  
*(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)*

The present Conservative party in Britain has now established a remarkable list of records; none of them good.

Liz Truss, who has now resigned as leader of the Party and Prime Minister, has the record for serving the shortest period as Prime Minister in the history of Britain. Kwasi Kwarteng, who she appointed as Finance Minister, has the notorious distinction of serving the shortest period in that position, except for one previous occupant who died of a heart attack. Suelia Braverman, Liz Truss' Home Secretary, also holds the record for the briefest period in that office.

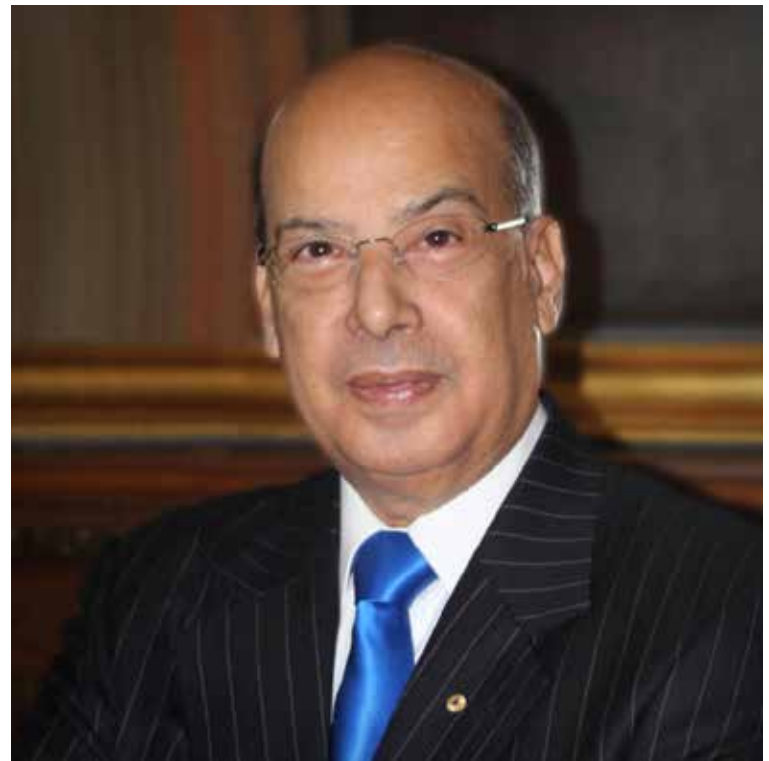
But the greatest record of all is that Liz Truss' short-lived government has succeeded in wrecking the British economy in almost blinding rapidity. In six short weeks from her assumption of office, the British economy plunged into freefall with disastrous effects. The value of the Brit-

ish currency plummeted; pension funds lost billions of dollars, depriving thousands of persons of their pensions; and mortgage costs for millions of people skyrocketed overnight.

She should have resigned then. But claiming that she was "a fighter not a quitter", she fired Kwarteng instead. He was to be the sacrificial lamb on the altar of her own ambition, when even casual observers of politics knew that Kwarteng's disastrous budget, which cut taxes for the rich among its other disasters, could not have been presented without her participation and approval.

Forced to appoint a new Finance Minister, Jeremy Hunt, who was opposed to her leadership, she boldly swallowed any dignity she may have had by approving his new budget, which reversed all the measures of the previous Kwarteng budget including all the policies for which she claimed to represent.

Such was the depth of her lust for power. But it is not she alone. No leader clings to power against obvious odds without the encouragement and urging of a coterie of persons whose political and economic fortunes are tied to that leader. That coterie is now either scrambling to find some other person, who would



Sir Ronald Sanders

serve their interests, or they are busy trying to influence persons in the opposition Labour Party.

The Conservative Party has only itself to blame for its present highly detested position in the British body politic. Liz Truss was elected by party officials over Rishi Sunak, a former Finance Minister. Sunak is of Indian origin and while the Conservative party has done more, in recent years, to recognize the quality of immigrants and their contribution to British economic development than the Labour Party, the same underlying prejudice that gave BREXIT its success, resulted in Truss' triumph over Sunak. They will not admit it, but many in the Conser-

vative party establishment could not stomach an immigrant as their leader and Prime Minister.

While that view was not dominant among the Conservative members of parliament who favoured Sunak over Truss, it was the natural instinct of the Conservative rank and file.

It should be noted that, in the debates between the candidates leading up to the election of Truss by officials of the Conservative Party, Sunak had time and again questioned the economic and financial policies that were espoused by Truss. Sunak argued against tax cuts advocated by Truss, focussing instead on fighting soaring inflation and

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using targeted measures to offer support to those most in need. As former Finance Minister, he knew that Britain was already in a precarious financial position and that making tax cuts, which benefitted corporations and the rich, would leave a gaping hole in revenues.

Even in these circumstances, Truss was not a popularly elected leader of the Conservative Party. She secured 57 % of the members' votes, compared to Boris Johnson's 66.4 % in 2019, David Cameron's 67.6% in 2005 and Iain Duncan Smith's 60.7% in 2001.

Now with no trust in Truss, and a vacancy existing again for the office of leader of the Party, Conservatives have to elect a new leader by October 31. The talent pool has narrowed considerably. Therefore, three names have quickly emerged - Rishi Sunak, Penny Mordaunt who was a contender in the last contest; and, lo and behold,

Boris Johnson who had predicted his own return with the words "Hasta la vista, Baby", not goodbye, when he was forced to resign. Per force, in the bargaining that will ensue in the battle, no person with solid party backing will emerge.

The question is: for how long will the Conservative party last as the Government? The party is now a gravely wounded organization, divided inside and disliked outside. Not only does it not have the capacity to heal its self-inflicted wounds, but it is also clear that, apart from its die-hard supporters, the British public wants the Party gone from office in the interest of attaining a higher level of political stability, and the chance to rebuild their tattered economy.

The best option for Britain is to take the matter of the leadership of the country out of the self-interested hands of Conservative party officials and locate it where it now cries out to

be placed; and that is in the votes of the British electorate.

Unfortunately, no person, elected as leader of the party in the next few days, would be willing to take the decision to call a general election to seek a fresh mandate from the people.

The next general election must be called by January 2025. This means that if the next Conservative party leader decides to hold out until then, Britain faces the real possibility of political turmoil for the next 2 years and 3 months, and with it can come further economic collapse.

The one guarantee in all this is that the Labour Party and its leader, Sir Keir Starmer, will be relentless in their efforts to remove the Conservative party from government. Without an early general election, the British people and their economy are set for a torrid time.

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# Travel



## You don't want to miss these incredible turtle hotspots in Antigua And Barbuda

By **Sandra MacGregor**

Spectacular beaches, incredible seafood, and impressive resorts represent just a fraction of the many reasons Antigua and Barbuda makes an ideal winter escape. It's also an idyllic spot for anyone interested in experiencing the abundant turtle life these dual islands have to offer. When visiting Antigua and Barbuda, you'll likely see sea turtles swimming in the warm water while snorkelling, unless you visit during the summer months, since that's when the turtles waddle onto the beach to nest in the beautiful white sand. Nesting season for most turtle species goes from June to October, so if you visit Antigua during those months, you might be lucky enough to witness hatching baby turtles.

Of the many different marine species that live on the islands, some of the most common are Green turtles, Hawksbill turtles, and Leatherback turtles. Sadly, each of these species is listed as endangered; thankfully, the Environmental Awareness Group of Antigua and Barbuda is working with local conservationists to protect these turtles.

Antigua and Barbuda is a turtle's playground, so when visiting the islands, there are many exciting excursions that will bring you up close and personal with the majestic creatures. Snorkelling and diving are among the most popular ways to interact with



*Antigua and Barbuda are an idyllic spot for anyone interested in experiencing abundant turtle life.*

sea turtles, but there are many other options. You may even casually bump into some turtles if you're in the right spot! Here is a list of some locations in Antigua and Barbuda where you're guaranteed to see turtles.

### **Galleon Beach**

This beautiful beach is not only a great place to de-stress and absorb some Vitamin D, but also the perfect spot to swim with turtles! Galleon Beach is located on the southern tip of Antigua and can only be accessed by car or water taxi, making it a peaceful escape. While the view of the turquoise waters from the soft sand at Galleon Beach might seem hard to beat, wait until you're in the water swimming next to a family of Hawksbill turtles. One of the best ways to swim with turtles at Galleon Beach is to join a snorkelling tour. Tours run all year round, and your guide will lead you to all the turtle hangout hotspots.

Besides swimming parallel to sea turtles and many species of tropical fish, you'll also get the chance to explore one of the best shipwrecks in Antigua!

### **Long Island**

Postcard perfect beaches, tranquillity, and rich biodiversity draw many people to Long Island. Just a six-minute boat ride from the main island of Antigua, Long Island (home to the ultra-luxury Jumby Bay) can best be described as a secluded oasis. The island is as much a refuge for people as it is for turtles. Long Island is home to one of the world's primary preserves for Hawksbill Sea Turtles: the Jumby Bay Hawksbill Turtle Project. The project focuses on researching the endangered Hawksbill Turtle and aims to ensure their survival and recovery. This project has made Jumby Bay a haven for sea turtles, so if you decide to take a dip in the crystal-clear waters surrounding Long Is-

land, you're almost guaranteed to swim alongside some sea turtles!

### **Stingray City Antigua**

Stingray City Antigua is the ultimate animal-lovers excursion. Don't be fooled by the name: Stingray City isn't just for those wanting to swim with stingrays. Guests can start their day of adventure by swimming with and feeding stingrays, who are remarkably friendly and love being fed by people. Of course, stingrays aren't the only animals on this excursion that enjoy human interaction. The second half of the tour takes you to Laviscount Island, where you can observe and feed the endemic Giant Aldabra Tortoise. Just to be clear, this isn't your average tortoise: it's one of the planet's oldest species and can grow to 600 pounds and 200 years old! So, have your camera ready because this excursion offers many moments you won't want to forget!

For turtle-enthusiasts, there are even a few resorts in Antigua with options to catch a glimpse of sea turtles. The Pineapple Beach Club is a great all-inclusive resort that offers turtle-watching excursions and other flora and fauna island tours. Galley Bay Resort and Spa is a tranquil resort that prioritises sustainable tourism. Galley Bay Resort created a turtle sanctuary on its property, so guests are just steps away from seeing the turtles up close!



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# Bodyguard appears on stage with gun at St. Lucia concert featuring Skillibeng

A St. Lucia senior government minister has expressed concern that a person appeared on a stage armed with a gun during a concert with dancehall artiste Skillibeng over the weekend.

“We need to ask some serious questions. As far as I knew, the police took a position that they were not approving the show

because the individual in question is someone who has been involved in singing and promoting music that glorifies crime and gun violence. And I know because I was in discussion with the police force,” said Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture and Information Minister, Dr. Ernst Hilaire.

“The police were very

clear that they were not going to approve it on the grounds of national security and events security,” he told reporters, adding that the police had regarded the event last Saturday night as a threat to the fight against gang crime.

He said the police also regarded it as a threat to the event itself because they were not satisfied that

security was fully in place.

Hilaire said the police position was known late Friday and despite that, somebody gave approval for the concert at the Darren Sammy Grounds, which featured Skillibeng, as well as several leading local artistes.

“We need to know who is that somebody and under

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## N.O.R.E. apologises to George Floyd's family for Kanye West's comments

CNN — N.O.R.E., co-host of “Drink Champs,” is expressing regret over allowing Kanye West to make controversial comments during the podcast.

The rapper called “The Breakfast Club” radio show Tuesday to address what happened with West on the Revolt.TV show.

“I just want to be honest, I support freedom of speech,” N.O.R.E. said. “I support anybody not being censored. But I do not support anybody being hurt. I did not realise that the George Floyd statements [made by West] on my show were so hurtful.”

During his appearance, West made antisemitic comments and suggested George Floyd was killed by a fentanyl overdose, despite a medical examiner's testimony that fentanyl was not the direct cause of Floyd's death, only a contributing factor when he died after being knelt on by



*N.O.R.E. on September 30.*

a police officer.

N.O.R.E. has come under fire for not pushing back on West during the interview. He explained to “The Breakfast Club” that the controversial Floyd comments happened during the “first five minutes of the show” and said West told the producer that if they stopped filming he

would walk out.”

“I wanted the man to speak,” N.O.R.E. said. “Later on I actually checked him about the George Floyd comments, I actually checked him about the ‘White Lives Matter’ but it was so later in the episode...I was so inebriated at the time that maybe people looked over it.”



## Trinidadian Triniboi Joochie in the Voice UK Semi-Finals

Trinidadian Triniboi Joochie is a semi-finalist on the Voice UK.

Joochie, whose given name is Rodell Sorzano, wowed judge Anne-Marie and guest judge MNEK in the new callbacks round of the competition.

In this round, the ten contestants selected by each judge from the blind auditions had to battle it out to make it into the semifinal round. Triniboi's group was given "I Don't Care" by Ed Sheeran.

The contestants were asked to do their own spin on the song and of course, Triniboi Joochie represented the people of Trinidad and Tobago proudly with his soca rendition.

Anne-Marie selected him as one of the final three for the semifinal round describing him as a fun one-of-a-kind contestant.



*Triniboi Joochie.*

The former Soca News UK Soca Monarch made it through to the callbacks round of the competition, singing an original composition, Bottle Over Head.

As he performed his 2020 soca hit to coaches Sir Tom Jones and Olly Murs, it was Anne-Marie who was first to turn, closely followed by will.i.am.

There are four rounds to the competition: blind auditions, callbacks, knock-outs, and the live performance shows. Triniboi is now through to the knock-out rounds and will be mentored by Anne-Marie.

The Trinidadian has always been soca's foremost ambassador in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Best known for his 2020 hit collaboration with Wetty Beatz titled 'Bottle Over Head' he has been successfully advocating for soca in Europe for over ten years.

He described his entry into The Voice UK as an intentional attempt to advance his career and showcase the culture of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean by extension.

The winner of the competition will be given a recording contract with Universal's label UMOD.

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what circumstances they approved it," Hilaire said, adding "what assurances were given to that individual to make that decision?"

Hilaire said the promoters of the Onyx concert will have to account for the person carrying an open-carry firearm on stage. Images of the gun-toting man have been circulating on social media and the organisers have since apologised.

Hilaire told reporters the gun was not an ordinary firearm, and he had no information regarding whether the weapon had been authorised.

Hilaire said the police have established that once someone promotes or signs songs glorifying violence, they will not be allowed to perform in St. Lucia, noting that the island's creative space cannot have individuals with open-carry firearms on stage.

He said if a promoter misled the police, there will be a need for a serious discussion regarding that promoter's role within St. Lucia's creative space.

"To say to me as the promoters did, it was incident free – so what is incident free? You mean there was

no shoot-out, and therefore, it was a success?" Hilaire told reporters, adding that someone on stage with an open-carry firearm constitutes an incident.

"It was pointed at the crowd. What if people had rushed the stage what would have happened? Would you have shot the crowd?"

"Why was it necessary for an open-carry firearm on stage?" Hilaire said, adding somebody needs to account for that.

"The promoters who were involved in this will have to account," Hilaire declared. (CMC)

## Cardi B battles with lawyer in racy mixtape artwork case

AP — A heated exchange between rapper Cardi B and the lawyer for a man suing her for copyright infringement got so intense Wednesday that the judge briefly stopped the trial.

The Grammy winner delivered pointed answers to several questions by attorney A. Barry Cappello, who is representing a man who claims the rapper misused his likeness on the cover of a 2016 mixtape.

The testy back-and-forth between Cappello and the star witness prompted U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney to send jurors out of the Santa Ana, California courtroom and tell both sides he was considering a mistrial. After a break, he called the arguing “unprofessional” and “not productive” but allowed questioning to resume — placing new restrictions for both sides.

Kevin Michael Brophy is seeking \$5 million from Cardi B over the appearance of some of his distinctive back tattoos on the mixtape’s artwork, which shows a tattooed man from behind with his head between the rapper’s legs.

The rapper said she felt Brophy hadn’t suffered any consequences as a result of the artwork, yet has harassed her legally for five years. At one point she said she missed a special moment with her youngest child, who recently



turned 1-year-old.

“I have empathy for people,” she said. “I care about people. I feel like I’m being taken advantage of. I missed my child’s first step by being here.”

Brophy told jurors Tuesday that he felt “humiliated” by the racy artwork.

At one point, Cardi B pointed out that the man’s face cannot be seen in the artwork. Capello asked her to calm down, but she instead barked back at the lawyer’s contention that she knew about photo-editing software used to put Brophy’s tattoos — which have been featured in magazines — on another model’s body.

“It’s not your client’s back,” she said about the image, which features a Black model. Brophy is white. The rapper said she posted a photo of the “famous Canadian model” on her social media.

Cardi B, whose real name is Belcalis Almanzar, said an artist used only a “small por-

tion” of the tattoos without her knowledge. She had previously said the cover art — was a transformative fair use of Brophy’s likeness.

Cappello said Gooden was paid \$50 to create a design but was then told to find another tattoo after he turned in an initial draft. He said Gooden googled “back tattoos” before he found an image and pasted it on the cover.

Cardi B’s lawyer, Peter Anderson, said Brophy and the mixtape image are unrelated, noting the model did not have neck tattoos, which Brophy does.

“It’s not him,” the rapper said. “To me, it doesn’t look like his back at all. The tattoo was modified, which is protected by the First Amendment.”

She said the image hasn’t hindered Brophy’s employment with a popular surf and skate apparel brand or his ability to travel the world for opportunities.

“He hasn’t gotten fired from his job,” said Cardi B, who implied that the mixtape was not a lucrative one for her. “He hasn’t gotten a divorce. How has he suffered? He’s still in a surf shop at his job. Please tell me how he’s suffered.”

Brophy, a self-described family man, said he sent a cease-and-desist letter to Cardi B’s representatives to remove the image, but he never received a response. The rapper said she hadn’t seen the letter.

At one point, Cardi B said she doesn’t check her mailbox because that’s for “old people” — leading some in the courtroom to chuckle.

When Cardi B left the courthouse, she was swarmed by around 30 high schoolers who were attempting to take selfies with her. As the rapper walked toward her vehicle with security, she smiled and waved before telling them she would be more responsive after the trial.

Last month, Cardi B pleaded guilty to a criminal case stemming from a pair of brawls at New York City strip clubs that required her to perform 15 days of community service. Earlier this year, the rapper was awarded \$1.25 million in a defamation lawsuit against a celebrity news blogger who posted videos falsely stating she used cocaine, had contracted herpes and engaged in prostitution.



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½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Kosher salt and ground black pepper

4-pound whole chicken

Heat the oven to 425°F. Set a wire rack in a rimmed baking sheet. Mix the butter, chutney, garam masala, cinnamon, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Using your fingers, loosen the skin from the meat on the chicken's breast and thigh areas, then smear the mixture evenly under the skin. Season all over with salt, then tuck the wings to the back and tie the legs. Set the bird breast up on the rack and roast until the thighs reach 175°F, 60 to 80 minutes. Let rest for about 30 minutes, then carve. Drizzle with additional chutney.

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## CCJ says Guyana Court of Appeal has no jurisdiction in election petition

CMC - The Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) Wednesday allowed the appeal against the decision of the Court of Appeal of Guyana regarding the election petitions filed following the controversial March 2 regional and general elections in the country.

The CCJ, which is Guyana's highest court, said it agreed with the majority of the Court of Appeal that it had jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from a decision of the chief justice, sitting in

the High Court, dismissing an election petition for improper and or late service.

Following the elections and the release of the official results in August, an election petition, 99P/2020 was filed by the petitioners, Monica Thomas and Brennan Joette Natasha Nurse challenging the validity of the election as well as seeking an order that the election be deemed unconstitutional, null, void and of no legal effect.

The petition was heard by acting Chief Justice,



Roxane George, and at the case management stage, she raised the issue of whether former president David Granger, the representative of the coalition, A Partnership for National Unity, and

Alliance for Change (AP-NU+AFC), was a proper and necessary party to the petition.

The chief justice also raised the question of whether he had been properly served within the required statutory period. Granger should have been served by September 21, 2020, but was, in fact, served on September 25.

As a result, the acting chief justice dismissed the petition, ruling that it was a nullity.

The petitioners appealed the decision, but Attorney General Anil Lall and Vice President, Bharrat Jagdeo objected on the ground that the Court of Appeal lacked jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

They argued that Article 163 of the Constitution creates a regime for hearing election petitions, and only provides two circumstances for appeal: one, an appeal from a decision of the judge granting or refusing leave to institute proceedings to determine questions stated

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## UN vote delayed on sanctions to curb Haiti violence, crime

AP - Supporters of a U.N. resolution that would demand an immediate end to violence and criminal activity in Haiti and impose sanctions on influential gang leader Jimmy Cherizier, nicknamed "Barbecue," said Wednesday a vote has been delayed.

The Security Council vote had been called for the afternoon but key Security Council members confirmed the postponement for a few days. France's U.N. Ambassador Nicolas De Riviere told reporters earlier: "I'm not sure the vote will be today -- it could take a little more."

The sanctions measure is the first of two resolutions on Haiti sponsored by the United States and Mexico to be considered by the U.N.'s most powerful body. A second resolution, which is still being worked on, would authorize an international force to help improve security

in the country in response to an Oct. 7 request from Haiti's Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

Russia's Deputy U.N. Ambassador Dmitry Polyansky told the council Monday that Moscow can't support "attempts to push through a sanctions resolution" and agreed to look into imposing restrictive measures only after considering their "efficiency," targeted nature and humanitarian consequences.

The sanctions resolution names Cherizier, but would also impose sanctions on other Haitian individuals and groups whose actions threaten the peace, security or stability of the Western Hemisphere's poorest country, according to the final draft obtained by The Associated Press.

Daily life in Haiti began to spin out of control last month just hours after prime minister Henry said fuel subsidies would be



*Jimmy Cherizier, alias Barbecue, a former police officer who heads a gang coalition known as "G9 Family and Allies," leads a march to demand justice for slain Haitian President Jovenel Moise in Lower Delmas, a district of Port-au-Prince, Haiti July 26, 2021. The United Nations Security Council is expected to vote Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 19, 2022, on a resolution that would demand an immediate end to violence and criminal activity in Haiti and impose sanctions on influential gang leader Cherizier. (AP Photo/Odelyn Joseph, File)*

eliminated, causing prices to double. Gangs blocked the entrance to the Varreux fuel terminal, leading to a severe shortage of fuel at a time when clean water is also scarce and the country is trying to deal with a deadly cholera outbreak.

Cherizier, a former police officer who leads an

alliance of Haitian gangs known as the "G9 Family and Allies," would face an international travel ban, asset freeze and arms embargo if the resolution is adopted.

A Security Council committee would be established to designate other Haitians and groups to be put on a sanctions blacklist.

"Cherizier and his G9 gang confederation are actively blocking the free movement of fuel from the Varreux fuel terminal — the largest in Haiti," the draft resolution says. "His actions have directly contributed to the economic paralysis and humanitarian

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in Article 163(1) of the Constitution and two, an appeal from the determination of any of those questions in Article 163(1) or an order made in consequence of such determination.

The attorney general and Jagdeo argued that the acting chief justice's decision did not fall into either circumstance and therefore, neither Thomas nor Nurse had any right to appeal the decision.

The majority of the Court of Appeal

disagreed, holding that it did have jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

In delivering the majority ruling of the CCJ, Justice Winston Anderson disagreed with the Court of Appeal, finding that the Court of Appeal lacked jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

The CCJ noted that the election petition, 99P/2020, had to be determined in accordance with this framework, including whether there was compliance with the provisions for service of the petition.

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crisis in Haiti.”

Cherizier also “has engaged in acts that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Haiti and has planned, directed, or committed acts that constitute serious human rights abuses,” the draft resolution says.

While serving in the police, it says, he planned and participated in a deadly attack in November 2018 in the capital’s La Saline neighborhood where at least 71 people were killed, over 400 houses destroyed and at least seven women raped by armed

gangs.

In a video posted on Facebook last week, Cherizier called on the government to grant him and G9 members amnesty and to void all arrest warrants against them.

He said in Creole that Haiti’s economic and social situation is worsening by the day, so “there is no better time than today to dismantle the system.”

He outlined a transitional plan for restoring order in Haiti.

It would include creation of a “Council of Sages” with one representative from each of Haiti’s

10 departments to govern the country with an interim president until a presidential election could be held in February 2024.

It also calls for restructuring Haiti’s National Police and strengthening the army.

The draft resolution expresses “grave concern about the extremely high levels of gang violence and other criminal activities, including kidnappings, trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, and homicides, and sexual and gender-based violence including rape and sexual slavery, as well as ongoing

impunity for perpetrators, corruption and recruitment of children by gangs and the implications of Haiti’s situation for the region.”

It demands “an immediate cessation of violence, criminal activities, and human rights abuses which undermine the peace, stability and security of Haiti and the region.”

And it urges “all political actors” to engage in negotiations to overcome the crisis in Haiti and allow legislative and presidential elections to be held “as soon as the local security situation permits.”

Political instability has simmered ever since last year’s still-unsolved assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, who had faced opposition protests calling for his resignation over corruption charges and claims that his five-year term had expired. Moïse dissolved Parliament in January 2020 after legislators failed to hold elections in 2019 amid political gridlock.

Haiti has been gripped by inflation, causing rising prices that have put food and fuel out of reach for many, as well as protests that have brought society to the breaking point. Violence is raging, making parents afraid to send their kids to school.

Hospitals, banks and grocery stores are struggling to stay open. Clean water is scarce and the country is trying to deal with a cholera outbreak.

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## Caribbean region not immune to political instability - Grenada PM

CMC - Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell on Wednesday marked the 39th anniversary of the demise of the left-wing People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) in his homeland, with a warning that the region is not immune from political instability.

On October 19, 1983, then-prime minister Maurice Bishop and several members of his cabinet were executed during a palace coup orchestrated by his deputy, Bernard Coard, three days earlier.

The demise of the left-wing government that itself had come to power on March 13, 1979, after removing the Eric Gairy administration, led to the United States launching an invasion of the Caribbean island to restore democratic rule.

Addressing the 72nd meeting of the leaders of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Prime Minister Mitchell, who came to office in the June 23 general election, said the assassination of Bishop and senior members of his cabinet, 39 years ago, is still an issue for Caribbean people.

"While Grenada and the OECS have made significant progress, there are still countries in the region which have had to face the horrific fact of another head of state being assassinated, and as we are all aware not too long ago, the President of Haiti, (Jovenel Moïse) was assassinated, and our colleagues ... in Haiti are still reeling from the assassination of that President".

He said the anniversary in Grenada is a "sobering reminder and perhaps fitting that we should bring it up today that we too in the region are not immune from political instability and that we should not take our institutions and our democracies for granted.

"I wish to pledge to my colleague

heads that Grenada firmly remains committed to the ideals of democracy and to further integration and union in the OECS movement," Dickon Mitchell said.

His St. Kitts-Nevis counterpart, Dr. Terrence Drew, also commented on the situations in Grenada and Haiti, saying his twin island Federation continues "to hurt with you".

"We also continue to be hopeful because we are all resilient people...and you have our support."

He said regarding Haiti, he listened to the song "Haiti I am sorry," by the Trinidadian artiste David Rudder, a few hours before the summit, adding "that after so many years we are back to the same place and possibly even worse."

Last weekend, Canada and the United States said in a joint statement



Grenada Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell addressing OECS leaders in Montserrat [Photo: CMC]

they had delivered 'vital equipment' to Haiti that will "assist the HNP (Haitian National Police) in their fight against criminal actors, who are fomenting violence and disrupting the flow of critically needed humanitarian assistance, hindering efforts to halt the spread of cholera.



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## Liz Truss resigns: PM's exit kicks off another Tory leadership race

BBC - Liz Truss has resigned as prime minister after 45 days in office marked by turmoil, triggering the second Tory leadership election in four months.

Ms Truss said her successor would be elected by next week after a rebellion by Tory MPs forced her to quit.

Boris Johnson is among MPs said to be considering bids but Chancellor Jeremy Hunt has ruled himself out.

Tory MPs revolted against Ms Truss after a series of U-turns on her economic plan sapped her of authority.

In a brief speech outside Downing Street, Ms Truss said the Conservative Party had elected her on a mandate to cut taxes and boost economic growth.

But given the situation, Ms Truss said: "I recognise that I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative Party."

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer and other opposition parties called for an immediate general election following Ms Truss's resignation speech.

Ms Truss said she would remain in post until a successor formally takes over as party leader and is appointed prime minister by King Charles.

While Mr Hunt - who was appointed chancellor last week - will not challenge for the leadership, none of



*Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss addresses the media in Downing Street in London, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. Truss says she resigns as leader of UK Conservative Party. (AP Photo/Alberto Pezzali)*

the candidates who stood against Ms Truss in the previous contest have indicated whether they would stand.

Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of the 1922 committee of backbench Conservative MPs, said it would be possible to conclude a leadership ballot by Friday next week.

He said he expected Conservative members to be given a say on who succeeds Ms Truss, but would set out further details later.

But he sidestepped questions about whether one or two candidates would be likely to run, telling reporters: "The party rules say there will be two candidates unless there is only one candidate."

Ms Truss will become the shortest-serving PM in British history when she stands down.

Leaders of allied nations thanked Ms Truss for

her co-operation, including US President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron, who said he wanted "stability" from the next UK prime minister.

In her speech, Ms Truss said she entered "office at a time of great economic and international instability", as war rages in Ukraine and living costs skyrocket.

The prime minister said her government delivered on providing support for energy bills and reversing a rise in National Insurance, a tax on workers and companies.

But Ms Truss's resignation comes after a period of political and economic turbulence, which forced her government to ditch tax cuts that sent financial markets into a tailspin.

The prime minister sacked close political ally Kwasi Kwarteng as chancellor and appointed Mr Hunt as his successor as she at-

tempted to calm the markets.

At Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday, Ms Truss insisted she was a "fighter, not a quitter" after Labour's leader asked her why she had not resigned.

But more instability followed, when Suella Braverman quit as home secretary and a vote on fracking fell into disarray, with some Tory MPs accused of bullying.

Remarks made by Sir Graham Brady - that under current rules, the last two candidates from the leadership contest go to the membership unless there's only one left - suggest there is still a bit of wiggle room.

One of the wheezes that's been discussed in Parliament in the last few days is that MPs could set such a high threshold that only an MP with a lot of support would get there.

It's not certain what's going to happen, to be frank. This is an unprecedented situation.

We should have more details by the end of the day. Sir Graham will be conscious of spelling out how the next leader will be chosen.

There are a lot of MPs who don't want this to go to the Conservative Party membership - they think a new leader needs to be chosen as quickly as possible.

The logistics of trying to consult the membership

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## Mexico activists file Hague case over disappearances

AP— Mexican activists filed a criminal complaint Wednesday at the International Court of Justice at The Hague, arguing authorities cooperated with or allowed drug cartels to abduct people who were never seen again.

The case involves hundreds of people who disappeared in Mexico's Gulf coast state of Veracruz between 2010 and 2016. While many are believed to have been kidnapped and killed by drug gangs, corrupt police are believed to have abducted many, as well.

The International Federation for Human Rights filed the complaint on behalf of activist groups that have helped locate hundreds of clandestine graves in Veracruz.

The federation presented evidence of 22 cases in which there was a systematic pattern to the disappearances, which may have applied to many of the estimated 600 bodies found.

In Veracruz, members of one state police unit have been convicted for carrying out illegal detentions and



disappearances of people in the mid-2010s, during the administration of then Gov. Javier Duarte

"This is one more piece of evidence on crimes against humanity in Mexico committed by organised crime, government authorities or both

acting together," said Jimena Reyes, the Federation's director for the Americas.

The Federation has filed similar complaints regarding cases in the states of Coahuila and Nayarit; those cases have not yet been ruled on.

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in only a week are hard to figure out - unless it was a quick online ballot. But even that would be a hard task.

As for MPs, if they're to end up choosing the next leader themselves, how can they coalesce around one person? It seems unlikely, impossible even.

Ms Truss's resignation sets off a scramble to find a successor to lead a deeply divided party, which is lagging behind Labour in the polls after 12 years in power.

Candidates who contested the last leadership election earlier this year in-

cluded Ms Braverman, International Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch, Commons Leader Penny Mordaunt, and former Chancellor Rishi Sunak.

Their supporters are talking them up as potential candidates in the contest to succeed Ms Truss, but none have confirmed their position on standing.

Nor has former Prime Minister Boris Johnson, whose supporters have not denied reports that he is considering standing again for the Conservative leadership.

A source close to Mr Johnson told the BBC they

were "not saying anything either way" at the moment.

In a tweet, another former prime minister, Theresa May said "MPs must now be prepared to compromise."

"It is our duty to provide sensible, competent government at this critical moment for our country," she wrote.

As Tories assessed their chances of winning the leadership, opposition parties poured scorn on the idea of another prime minister taking office without having a general election.

Sir Keir said the Conservative Party "no longer has a mandate to govern", saying

"the British people deserve so much better than this revolving door of chaos".

Liberal Democrat leader Sir Ed Davey said his party would be willing to work with Labour to "get the general election our country needs to let the British people have their say".

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said a general election was a "democratic imperative" following Ms Truss's resignation. The next general election is not due to take place until at least 2024, after the Conservatives won a landslide majority in the last one in 2019.

## WHO: Ugandan Ebola outbreak 'rapidly evolving' after one month

AP - Uganda's Ebola outbreak is "rapidly evolving" a month after the disease was reported in the East African country, a top World Health Organization official said Thursday, describing a difficult situation for health workers.

"The Ministry of Health of Uganda has shown remarkable resilience and effectiveness and (is) constantly fine-tuning a response to what is a challenging situation," Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, the U.N. health agency's regional director for Africa, told reporters. "A better understanding of the chains of transmission is helping those

on the ground respond more effectively."

Uganda declared an outbreak of Ebola on Sept. 20, several days after the contagious disease began spreading in a rural farming community. Ebola has since infected 64 people and killed 24, although official figures do not include people who likely died of Ebola before the outbreak was confirmed.

At least three of the confirmed patients travelled from the virus hot spot in central Uganda to the capital, Kampala, about 150 kilometres (93 miles) away, according to Moeti. Fears that Ebola could spread far from the outbreak's



epicentre caused authorities to impose a lockdown, including night time curfews, on two of the five districts reporting Ebola cases.

Ebola "numbers that we are seeing do pose a risk for spread within the country and its neighbours," Dr. Ahmed Ogwell, the acting head of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in a separate briefing Thursday.

While the risk of cross-border contamination is there, "it's a manageable risk," Ogwell said, adding that the outbreak does not yet necessitate going into what he called "full emergency mode."

There is no proven vaccine for the Sudan strain of Ebola that's circulating in Uganda. A WHO official in Uganda told the AP Wednesday that plans are underway to deploy two experimental vaccines in a study targeting health workers and contacts of Ebola patients.

Ugandan officials have

documented more than 1,800 Ebola contacts, 747 of whom have completed 21 days of monitoring for possible signs of the disease that manifests as a viral hemorrhagic fever, Ogwell said.

Ebola is spread by contact with bodily fluids of an infected person or contaminated materials. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, muscle pain and, at times, internal and external bleeding.

Scientists don't know the natural reservoir of Ebola, but they suspect the first person infected in an outbreak acquired the virus through contact with an infected animal or eating its raw meat. Ugandan officials are still investigating the source of the current outbreak.

Uganda has had multiple Ebola outbreaks, including one in 2000 that killed more than 200 people. The 2014-16 Ebola outbreak in West Africa killed more than 11,000 people, the disease's largest death toll.

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## Iran's Olympic chief claims no punishment coming for climber

AP - The president of Iran's national Olympic committee claimed Thursday that competitive climber Elnaz Rekabi will not be punished or suspended after competing in South Korea over the weekend without wearing her nation's mandatory headscarf.

Supporters of Rekabi, however, remain worried for the 33-year-old climber as other athletes have been targeted by the government for supporting the weeks-long protests rocking Iran. Activists say security forces already have killed over 200 people and arrested thousands in an ongoing crackdown on dissent.

Speaking to The Associated Press in the South Korean capital of Seoul, Mahmoud Khosravi Vafa said there was no reason to take disciplinary measures against Rekabi because not wearing a headscarf, or hijab, was an "unintentional" act on her part.

An Instagram account associated with Rekabi also described the decision as "unintentional," and she did as well after reaching Tehran early Wednesday. She blamed being rushed to compete, though a video of her climb Sunday showed her relaxed and waving to the crowd.

"It's a small issue. I'm surprised that it is being talked about so much,"



*Mahmoud Khosravi Vafa*

Khosravi Vafa said, despite protests over the mandatory hijab reaching over 100 cities in Iran so far. "In our view it was not a big issue."

Khosravi Vafa said he discussed Rekabi with International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach on Wednesday on the sidelines of the Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly in Seoul. Khosravi Vafa said he spoke to Rekabi as well.

"I talked to her and told her that you definitely are very talented in sports and you should continue down this path to maybe qualify for the Paris Olympics and you'll be fully supported by the Iranian Olympic committee," he added in remarks made in Farsi.

The International

Olympic Committee described Rekabi on Wednesday as having "returned to Iran safely and with her family."

Khosravi Vafa, however, described Rekabi as being "a guest at Iran's Olympic committee hotel for one day, along with her family." It wasn't clear if Rekabi had a choice over the stay. A later image published by Iranian state media showed her in a meeting hours after returning to Tehran in the same black baseball cap and hoodie she wore after her flights.

Khosravi Vafa said Rekabi would return to her hometown Thursday.

Rekabi's decision not to wear the hijab was seized upon by demonstrators who have protested for weeks in the Islamic Republic. Hun-

dreds of people gathered outside Imam Khomeini International Airport for her arrival and cheered a woman they called "Elnaz the Champion" and saw as an inspiration for their continued protests.

When asked whether he discussed the issue with Iranian delegates, Robin Mitchell, a Fijian sports official who was elected the new president of the Association of National Olympic Committees at the assembly on Thursday, said they had not spoken and indicated he wasn't aware the Iranians were at the meetings.

Khosravi Vafa didn't specifically address suspicions that Iranian authorities confiscated Rekabi's passport after the event in Seoul and forced her to leave early.

Iran has been swept by nationwide protests since the Sept. 16 death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who had been detained by the country's morality police over her clothing.

The demonstrations, which have prompted women to remove their hijabs in public, have drawn school-age children, oil workers and others to the streets and represent the most serious challenge to Iran's theocracy since the mass protests surrounding its disputed 2009 presidential election.

# Sports News



## Holder urges 'mature' Joseph to 'lead the attack' and get WI back 'on the right track'

There's a familial feel to this West Indies camp at the moment. On other occasions, a limp defeat against an Associate nation to start off a World Cup campaign might have been all the spark required for any internal harmony to implode.

When head coach Phil Simmons seethed at the "unprofessionalism" in the way his side batted, it may have been little surprise to see murmurs of discontent begin to find their way out of that camp. When Zimbabwe looked like putting them to the sword, it wouldn't have taken much for the campaign to go bust before it had taken off, recriminations and disillusionment circling each other in vicious cycles.

But when Alzarri Joseph took the

first Zimbabwe wicket, his team-mates huddled around him. Jason Holder enveloped him in a warm embrace, a tender, parental hand on the young bowler's head.

Despite most wickets falling to individual bowling brilliance, no bowler set off on self-congratulatory laps around the Bellerive Oval, the young side huddling together instead, pumping their fists, roaring in celebration and firing each other up on a frigid Tasmanian night. Following the game, Joseph referred to Holder as a "fatherly figure to all in the camp".

A few hours after that Holder, who went past 50 T20I wickets on Wednesday, found himself facing up to a press conference of his own. It was past 11 pm the previous night before the West

Indies players broke free from media duties, but at half past nine in the morning, Holder had been roused to do another round. He might have wondered why the press conference was necessary at all, but, as ever, struck the right, thoughtful notes with his usual poise and eloquence. At the first mention of Joseph's performance the previous night, his eyes lit up.

"Alzarri should be proud of his progression," Holder said, adopting the sort of solemn tone a father might while talking up his son's achievements. "I see him as a leader. He's leading the attack at a young age and showing great attributes as a leader. His performances don't surprise me because of the work he's put in. His

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## West Indies T20I series in Pakistan postponed to 2024

Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) have agreed to postpone the three-match T20 International (T20I) series that was due to take place in January 2023 in Pakistan to the first quarter of 2024.

The decision has been made considering 2024 is an ICC Men's T20 World Cup year, with the event due to be hosted in the West Indies and USA in June 2024 and the shortest format matches will therefore help both the sides to prepare for the tournament.

The three-match T20I series in Pakistan scheduled for January 2023 was not part of the recently announced 2023-2027 ICC Future Tours Programme.

The West Indies played their ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League matches against Pakistan



in Multan in May 2022, series comprised three while the December 2021 T20Is in Karachi.

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discipline, dedication towards the cause and his business-like attitude is really great to see for a young player. My simple words to him are: 'Just lead the attack. Get us onto the right track'.

"That's what he did yesterday, got us that first breakthrough and that really set the tone. I see him as an impact player. He's got pace and skill too, and when he has the ball in hand, I expect big things from him. He's now really matured as an all-format bowler, one of our only at the moment. It's great to see that progression and I hope he can fulfil his dreams."

"Alzarri should be proud of his progression. I see him as a leader. He's leading the attack at a young age and showing great attributes as a leader."

Holder on Joseph

Holder's face never seems to give much away, but even when delivered in the most inscrutable monotone, the pride behind those words is impossible not to spot. For all the plaudits that have come Joseph's way following Wednesday's win where he picked up a four wicket-haul, it is easy to forget Holder's own sensational bowling

performance and the part he played in freezing Zimbabwe out of that contest. He was full value for his figures of 3.2-0-12-3, even if two of those wickets were numbers nine and ten. There's a reason it's easy to forget: because Holder himself would be the last man to bring them up while talking up a younger team-mate.

"We were all pumped up for the game," Holder said. "We knew what was at stake and the importance of the match. For us, this is just a way of really driving ourselves to the right direction. We spoke a lot about attitude and it was important we brought the correct attitude to the game. It was just us showing our love and passion that we've honed through years playing this sport and it was important we brought the right energy to the game yesterday."

Aware that the side will often be held to the near-impossible standards of the ones that went all the way in 2012 and 2016, Holder has the empathic intelligence to extend his protective embrace to the under-fire batting group.

"The teams that won in 2012 and

2016 were dominant," he said. "They had some very big T20 players. This current team, we've still got some young batting stars who've really established themselves on these circuits. It's for us now to be a lot more senior and spend a bit more time on the international circuit. When you look around the dressing room, we've got a fairly young team. Most of the guys are around mid-to-late 20s. It's a great sign for West Indies cricket. My point was basically us rejigging our T20 mantra to try and establish ourselves as a new-look T20I side."

This is the same side that, remember, just days before the start of the tournament, lost one of its brightest batting stars in Shimron Hetmyer to a disciplinary issue. A stray question hinting at that is picked up and brushed aside by the media manager, unwilling to sully the mood of a happy family that's more famous for its bickering. This West Indies side has been through the whole gamut of emotions over the first two games, and continue to have each other's backs. And with men like Holder and Joseph at their core, why wouldn't they?

# Sports News



## WTA Finals: Coco Gauff becomes youngest player since 2005 to qualify

Coco Gauff has become the youngest player since Maria Sharapova in 2005 to qualify for the WTA Finals in singles.

The 18-year-old has also achieved the rare feat of qualifying for the season-ending finals in both singles and doubles, with partner Jessica Pegula.

Gauff and Pegula will be the first Americans to play at the WTA Finals in singles and doubles since Serena and Venus Williams in 2009.

Gauff sealed her place by reaching the third round of the Guadalajara Open.

The WTA Finals take place in Fort Worth, Texas, from 31 October-7 November.

"It means a lot," said world number seven Gauff, who beat Elisabetta Cocciaretto 7-6 (7-1) 6-3.

"Honestly I didn't think about it until I realised how close I was and I think I went maybe a little bit nervous in



*Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula will play both singles and doubles at the WTA Finals*

the end but I'm super excited to be playing in the WTA Finals, especially in the USA, and qualifying in singles and doubles is definitely a good achievement.

"I didn't expect that when I set my goals at the beginning of the year. I'm really happy and I hope I

can do a good performance there."

Gauff will be the youngest American to play at the WTA Finals since Lindsay Davenport 28 years ago.

She reached her first Grand Slam final this season, losing to Poland's world number one Iga Swiatek at

the French Open, while she also made the quarter-finals of the US Open for the first time.

Gauff joins Swiatek, Pegula, Ons Jabeur and Caroline Garcia in qualifying for the eight-woman singles field, with three places still to be secured.

## Olympic officials talk with 10 bidders for 2036 Summer Games

AP - The IOC is in talks with 10 potential candidates to host a future Summer Games, the global group of national Olympic leaders was told Thursday.

Interest in hosting the 2036 Olympics has been expressed by officials in countries including Egypt, England, India, Indonesia and Qatar.

"We are currently working with 10 interested NOCs and regions across four continents," International Olympic

Committee director general Christophe de Kepper said at the Association of National Olympic Committees meeting in Seoul, South Korea.

That Olympics is the next Summer Games available to be awarded in a mostly secretive process led by IOC officials to avoid both expensive public campaigning and a vote contested by multiple candidates.

The system that picked Brisbane as

the 2032 host 11 years in advance was introduced after French-led investigations of alleged vote-buying in the 2016 and 2020 Olympics bidding. Those campaigns were won by Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo, respectively.

De Kepper said the 10 bid projects who he did not identify "are at very different stages and are developing their ambitions according to their own regional or national timelines."



## Another defeat for Antigua and Barbuda's netballers at Americas World Cup Qualifiers

Antigua and Barbuda were beaten for the fifth time in as many matches at the Americas World Cup qualifiers at the National Indoor Sports Centre in Kingston, Jamaica, on Wednesday night.

After suffering their fourth consecutive loss when they were crushed 80-23 by host Jamaica Sunshine Girls earlier in the day, Antigua and Barbuda were beaten for the fifth time, narrowly losing by five goals against the Cayman Islands on Wednesday night.

It was a ding-dong battle on court two, with the Cayman Islands edging Antigua and Barbuda 47-42 in the last game on Wednesday night.

The first quarter scores were tied 12-12. Not much separated the teams at half-time as Antigua and Barbuda scored 25 points at that stage to lead the Cayman Islands by one goal.

The game was deadlocked at 35-35 at the end of the third quarter, before the Cayman Islands sneaked ahead in the fourth and final quarter to record their first win of the tournament.

Cayman Islands head coach Janet Lettman said they used their morning match on Wednesday against Trinidad and Tobago to fine-tune their strategies for Antigua and Bar-

buda, which were fruitful.

"I'm happy!" Lettman said. "(However), it's going back to the drawing board. We've got two more games... so it's for us to be calm, relax and think about our next move and how we are going to get better and stronger," Lettman said.

As the Americas Netball World Cup qualifiers continue inside the National Indoor Sports Centre, Barbados, after getting past St. Vincent and the

Grenadines, 57-36 to notch their fifth win of the competition, are almost certainly one of the two teams to advance to the Netball World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa next year.

Barbados' coach, Margaret Cutting, was pleased with the performance of her charges to date.

"I am pleased. They are doing great. After the two games today, you can say that we have already qualified," she said.

The game was close at the beginning with Barbados ending the quarter leading 12-10. The second was just as tight, the half ending 25-20 in the Bajan girls' favour.

But then Barbados' quality began to shine through as they stormed the third quarter to lead 43-26 at the end of it.

Earlier on Wednesday, Barbados had got by Grenada 60-38. The result en-

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sured Barbados advance to 10 points, making it very difficult for more than one team to overhaul their total heading into the final three games of the competition.

In the meantime, Sunshine Girls coach Connie Francis continues to express concerns over her charges' tendency to go flat towards the back end of games.

On Tuesday, she seemed to have got over a fourth-quarter issue, but on Wednesday, the issue reared its head again, this time in the third quarter. The game, in particular,

was a comprehensive 74-38 win over Grenada.

The Jamaicans, who defeated Antigua and Barbuda 80-23 in the morning session, faced a resilient Grenada team and gave up the third quarter 15-11.

"The girls went away from the game plan. The game plan wasn't to double team but to stifle the midcourt.

"But young players will go away from the game plan, so it is good we could have capitalised on the fourth quarter," Francis commented.

"It wasn't pleasing. I didn't like the third quar-

ter. The senior team and now this young team tend to go flat, especially in a third quarter, and I thought we fixed it.

"So I thought we would have handled it a little better. Today, we lost the third quarter, so we are going to see where we went wrong."

The first quarter was keenly contested, and the Jamaicans had to work to take an 18-13 advantage.

The home team started to show their quality during the second quarter, although the Grenadians still tried to make it difficult. Jamaica took the quarter 26-10 for a 44-23

lead at half time.

The substitution of Jhaniele Fowler saw a dip in the effectiveness of the Sunshine Girls, and they lost the period 15-11 although they led comfortably 74-38 at its end.

Fowler would return to the line-up for the last quarter and pilot the Jamaicans to a 36-point victory.

Trinidad and Tobago continued their winning ways after beating strugglers the United States of America (USA) 43-27 in the other game that was played on Wednesday night.

Head coach Kemba Duncan said she rested her stronger players to go up against the world's No 14-ranked Barbados yesterday (Thursday). Trinidad and Tobago are ranked 11th.

The USA, who have won one game, scored eight points in the first quarter while the twin island republic scored 18. Trinidad and Tobago furthered their lead by half-time to 27 goals while the USA moved to 13.

At the end of the third quarter, Trinidad and Tobago were leading the USA 38-19. The tournament will conclude tomorrow Saturday, 27th October.

Antigua and Barbuda will face St. Lucia in their penultimate match this evening (Friday) and will take on Barbados in their final encounter tomorrow (Saturday).

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## Antigua Vision Care & Anjo Wholesale ease into Business League semis

Favourites Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care and Anjo Wholesale booked places in the semi-finals of the knockout phase of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday night.

Top seed Antigua Vision Care advanced to the next round by cruising past eighth seed, Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, 72-47 in the first game of the knockout or playoff stage of the competition.

Tehran Zachariah scored 11 points, while Daryl Goodwin and Tequan Brodie each chipped in with 10 points for Antigua Vision Care who are yet to lose a game so far in 14 encounters in the competition.

Baldwin Anthony Jr. shot a game high 16 points and Damion Floyd converted 12 points for Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, who are now out of the competition.

Second seed Anjo Wholesale also eased into



Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care basketball team. (File photo)

the semi-finals stage with a comfortable 77-32 victory over seventh seed Fitzroy Rewinding in the second game of the knockout stage of the competition on Wednesday.

Iornie Joseph produced 16 points, Leroy Percival had 11 points, while Humroy Wright and Cohen Desouza each contributed 10 points for Anjo Wholesale.

Lindsay McDonald with nine points and Amare Browne with eight points were the main scorers for Fitzroy Rewinding as their

campaign in the Business Basketball League came to an end.

All the losers of the first round playoff games will go home, while the winners will advance to the semi-finals, which will be the best of three encounters.

The two semi-finals winners will also clash in a best of three finals to decide the 2022 ABBA Cool and Smooth Business League Champions.

Meanwhile, players of all 14 teams that partici-

pated in this year's competition will converge at the JSC Sports Complex tomorrow, Saturday, 22nd October, for the ABBA Cool and Smooth Business League All Star Night.

The night of fun, competition and entertainment will feature an All-Star Game, Slam Dunks, Three-Points Shootouts, Skills Challenge Relay and Two-Man Shootout.

Saturday's all-star night will commence at 7 pm and the entrance fee is EC\$10.

## Nine-member team to attend regional shooting contest

A nine-member team from the Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association will represent the twin-island state at the West Indies Fullbore Shooting Championship (WIFBSC) in Jamaica next week.

Christopher Joseph will captain the team during the championship,

which will be held at the Twickenham Park Range in Jamaica from 24th to 29th October.

Also included are Laurne Benjamin, Daryl Charles, Pastor Olson Daniel and Thomas Greenaway.

The rest of the team are Desroy Maile, Valerie Newman, Anderson

Perry and Noah Lee St. Clair.

The rifle championship will involve the individual contest, the Short-Range competition which will involve shooting in the prone position over distances of 300, 500 and 600 yards, and the Long-Range contest, shooting

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## SAP and Grenades to clash for ABFA Knockout Cup on Sunday

After playing over 40 matches for the past several weeks, the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool and Smooth Knockout Cup Competition has come down to a round south derby between SAP FC and Grenades FC to determine the winners.

Both sides will clash in the grand final at the ABFA's Technical Training Centre at Paynters at 7 pm on Sunday, 23rd October.

At stake will be the biggest single monetary cash prize in Antigua and Barbuda's domestic football history.

The winners will receive the grand cash prize of EC\$50, 000, while the losing team will take home EC\$20,000.

With so much at stake, both teams are expected to give everything in their quest to capture the coveted championship.

SAP will be led by former national striker Peter "Big Pete" Byers, who has



*The SAP Football team prior to the start of their knockout quarter-final game against Garden Stars at the ABFA's Technical Center in Paynters on 9th October, 2022. (Photo courtesy SAP FC)*

scored eight goals, including two hat-tricks, in four matches in the competition.

Javaughn Parker, who produced a man of the match display in which he and Byers were on the scoresheet in SAP's 2-1 win over Willikies FC in last Sunday's semi-finals, is another key player that will be hoping to continue his outstanding form with another top-class performance in the final.

While SAP FC has been the more prolific of the two

teams in goal scoring in the competition, Grenades, marshalled by national utility player Quinton Griffiths, have been the top defensive team in the knockout contest.

Ex-national striker and head coach Derrick "Pretty Boy" Edwards, a former player and coach of SAP, now plying his trade as Grenades FC head coach, will be hoping to orchestrate a famous win against his former team on Sunday.

Grenades will certainly

pose an attacking threat via Keanu Barrett, Rick Gordon and Tev Lawrence, who is fresh from scoring a hat-trick in leading his team to a 4-3 win over Pigotts Bullets FC in last Sunday's semi-finals.

The final will be preceded by a third-place play-off between losing semi-finalist Willikies FC and Pigotts Bullets FC at 5 pm at the same venue on Sunday.

Entrance fee will be EC\$10 per adult and EC\$5 for children.

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over a distance of 900 and 1000 yards.

The competition is making a return to the regional calendar after a two-year hiatus.

Antigua and Barbuda was slated to host the event in May 2020, but it was cancelled in that year and in 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Jamaica, which was selected to host in 2021 by the West Indies Fullbore Council, has been retained

as hosts of the 2022 event later this month.

Hosts Trinidad and Tobago surged to the West Indies Fullbore Shooting Council Short Range title in 2019, dethroning Barbados in the process who had won on their home soil in 2018.

Led by 2019 Individual champion Varma Rambarran, who shot a total of 147.18 points, T&T amassed 1130.80 points, just two more than the Guyana team (1128.65) to win the most cov-

eted Short Range team trophy among the Caribbean's marksmen and women.

Former champions Barbados ended third with a total score of 1075.60 with Antigua and Barbuda fourth with 1063.58 points.

The Guyanese remain the kings of the Long-Range Team Title and will hold on to the Milex/Crown Mining trophy until this year's championship in Jamaica.



## OCS maintains good start in Schools' U/20 Girls' title defense

Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) maintained their good start to their defense of the Under-20 Girls title in the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools' League Competition by recording their second win on Wednesday.

After pulling off a 2-0 win against the Antigua Girls High School in the first round the previous week, Ottos Comprehensive hammered Jennings Secondary 4-0 in their second round match at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Donesha Samuel scored a hat-trick and Shajary Samuel had the other conversion for Ottos Comprehensive.

Princess Margaret School (PMS) and the Antigua State College also notched up their second win in as many matches on Wednesday.

National Under-15 player Gabri-

elle De Suza, who netted four times in leading Princess Margaret School to a 12-0 drubbing of St. Anthony's Secondary School in the first round, scored her second consecutive hat-trick and Breann Willett converted once to lead Princess Margaret to a 4-1 victory over All Saints Secondary at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

Kevoncia James had the lone conversion for All Saints Secondary, who suffered their first loss after playing to a 3-3 draw with Jennings Secondary in their first round encounter the previous week.

After crushing Clare Hall Secondary 7-0 in their opening affair, the Antigua State College made it two wins in a row by romping to a 4-0 victory against the Antigua Girls High School at the PMS playing field.

Safiya Joseph scored a brace while

the other two goals were scored by Nadisa Jardine and Azaliyah Peterson.

However, the other encounter between Clare Hall and St Anthony's Secondary was not played because the match officials failed to show up for the game at the St Anthony's playing field.

The Secondary Schools' Football League will continue with three matches in the West Zone of the Under-20 Boys Division league at 3 pm today, Friday, 21st October.

Defending champions Ottos Comprehensive will host Jennings Secondary at Radio Range in Ottos.

St Mary's Secondary School will take on the Antigua State College at the Golden Grove playing field and Princess Margaret School will clash with the Antigua Grammar School at the PMS playing field.

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matted golf tournament, which started between Antigua and Barbuda and St. Kitts and Nevis, and was first played in St. Kitts back in 2015.

This tournament became a reality and a permanent fixture on the national golfing calendar after numerous and lengthy discussions between Zeke Percival of St. Kitts and Mike Pigott and others from Antigua and Barbuda. Mike Pigott became the first president of Z-Cup Antigua.

Each year, the tournament alternates between the two countries. Both islands have ably defended

their home course tournaments, with St. Kitts winning in 2015 and 2017 and Antigua and Barbuda victorious in 2016 and 2018.

In 2019, the tournament was held in Anguilla. The objective was to have an "away from home" experience to break the "2-2 tie" that existed between the teams at that time. St. Kitts won that tournament.

Due to the Covid -19 Pandemic, no tournaments were held in 2020 and 2021.

This year, the Z-Cup Antigua team will be travelling to St. Kitts and plans on becoming the first of the two teams to win on the other's home course.



Ethan Henry and Maleah George.

## Large junior golfers' contingent to represent Team Antigua & Barbuda at Z-Cup Tournament

A large group of junior golfers will form part of the Antigua and Barbuda contingent that will represent the twin-island nation at the Z-Cup Tournament in St. Kitts this weekend.

This follows an impressive debut in which four junior golfers inspired Antigua and Barbuda to the overall Gross team title at the Eastern Caribbean Golf Association's (ECGA) Championship in St. Lucia from 7-9

October.

Three junior golfers, Andreina De La Cruz, Lexi Hunt and Akevia Warner, comprised the Antigua and Barbuda three-member women's team that dominated the recent ECGA Championship on their way to winning the title.

De La Cruz won the ECGA women's individual title, with Hunt finishing second and Warner claiming third place. Another junior golfer Marquise George, also represented Antigua and Barbuda as a member of the four-man Men's Team at the recent ECGA Championship.

All four youngsters are part of a 14-member junior team that for the first time, will be part of the Antigua and Barbuda contingent at the Z-Cup Tournament, which will take place on the golf course at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel on 22nd and 23rd October.

Team Antigua and Barbuda will be a mixture of youth and experience, consisting of 27 persons. The full squad of Juniors are Lexi Hunt, Ashley Francis, Keiohn James, Maleah George, Ethan Henry, Anya Tavernier, Andreina De La Cruz, Siyolo Joseph, Taj Hill Barnes, Iman Henry, Marquise George, Lenijah Thomas, Jahir Matthew and Akeiva Warner.

The rest of the Team Antigua and Barbuda contingent comprised all seniors. They are Navin Singh, Byron Andrew, Manfred Schweizer, Ivan Hixon, Sylvester "Bouncing" Joseph,



Akeiva Warner and Siyolo Joseph.

Patrick Ryan, Michelle Millington, Ceri Mort, Leon "Kuma" Rodney, Josh Crooke, John Warren and Hilroy Humphreys.

The tournament tees off tomorrow, Saturday, 22nd October, with the doubles matches and the players will compete in the singles match play on Sunday, 23rd October.

The team departs today, Friday, 21st October, and will play a practice round sometime during the day and will return home on Sunday evening.

The Z-Cup is a Ryder Cup for-  
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Lexi Hunt and Marquise George.