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SENIOR COURT OFFICER'S HUSBAND MOWS DOWN AUA STUDENTS

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Diwali, the Festival of Lights is being celebrated all over the world today. Here in Antigua and Barbuda, the Indian community celebrated the festival on Saturday at The Chimney restaurant. The event was attended by Chief Guests, Governor General H.E. Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams and Guest of Honor Minister Charles Fernandez. The Indian Consul Vijay Tewani invited the Governor General and the tourism minister to light the diya (lamp) along with Kishor Rajpal the owner of The Chimney. Sir Rodney wished the Indian diaspora Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year. The Festival of Lights was celebrated with Indian dances, music and food.

Local News



AUA students critically injured in hit and run accident

Two foreign students enrolled at American University of Antigua (AUA) College of Medicine are fighting for their lives at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre after they were struck by a vehicle early Sunday morning on Friars Hill Road.

The students' names were unknown up to press time, but their ages are 19 and 21.

Head of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda's Traffic Department, ASP Rodney Ellis, confirmed that the students left the Stratos Lounge and Bar on the com-

pound of Billy's Food Mart at 2:15am when they were struck by a northbound vehicle as they walked along Friars Hill Road toward their vehicle.

The students are now warded in the Intensive Care Unit of the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

The 19-year-old woman's arm was severed in the collision and has reportedly been amputated due to the severity of the injury.

A 17-second mobile phone video has since gone viral showing the students,

who are both Asian, lying on the grass surrounded by people who were trying to render assistance to them.

The 45-year-old male driver of the vehicle which struck the students fled the scene following the accident.

He surrendered himself to the police sometime after. Pointe Xpress was informed that he was accompanied by his lawyer when he returned.

His name has not yet been revealed by the police, however, unconfirmed reports indicate that he is the spouse of a judicial officer.



The charges the driver will face include leaving the scene of an accident, however Rodney said no charges will be laid until the investigation is complete.

He has, meanwhile, made an urgent appeal to the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) to hasten its street lighting programme, including along the Friars Hill Road.

Last week, APUA's general manager, Esworth Martin, reported to the Cabinet that increasing street lighting in several areas, including Friars Hill Road, is a priority of the country's lone utilities provider.

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Young woman found dead in Tindale Road home

Tindale Road residents were alerted of a tragedy in their community on Saturday night when the lifeless body of a young immigrant was discovered.

The Jamaican woman, who has been identified as Tasheika Latoya Davis, was found dead in her home at about 9:15pm.

Sources say the deceased woman was an employee of Cheetahs Night Club on Joseph Lane.

Davis' employer became concerned and visited her home on Saturday evening to check on her whereabouts af-



Residents looked on as the hearse arrived to remove the Jamaican woman's body [Photo: Sadique Armstrong]

ter she failed to report to work and did not make contact.

When she arrived at Davis' home and gained entry, the Jamaican's lifeless, partially dressed body was discovered lying face up.

Witnesses say she was foaming at the mouth and fluid was draining from her nose

when she was discovered.

It is not known if she suffered from any medical conditions.

Her body was removed by a St. John's funeral home after she was pronounced dead by a medical doctor.

An investigation has been launched into the death of the 23-year-old, however, police communications boss, Inspector Frankie Thomas, has said at this point, there is no indication foul play was involved in her death.

An autopsy will likely be conducted to determine her cause of death.

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The Big Issues host resigns after PM Browne invitation revoked by management

A decision by the principals of the United Progressive Party aligned NewsCo Limited to revoke an invitation extended to Prime Minister Gaston Browne has ended with the resignation of the host of The Big Issues, Keiron Murdoch.

Observer Media announced early Saturday evening on its Facebook page that the prime minister would appear as a guest in the final segment of the programme to discuss the allegations of bribery levelled against him recently.

The planned appearance was short-lived, however, as just hours after, Murdoch announced his resignation on his personal Facebook page.

"I have resigned from my position as host and producer of The Big Issues. I thank Observer for the opportunities it has afforded me over the years," his post

read.

Apologising to his seven guests for his abrupt departure on Saturday evening, Murdoch explained that the developments that followed the announcement of Browne's appearance created an untenable situation which would not allow him to continue working with NewsCo Limited.

"The station leadership resolved to cancel the interview which I had booked with the PM, and to announce this evening [Saturday] that it had been cancelled. I was unprepared to continue in the circumstances.

"Unfortunately, this leaves you in a bit of a quandary as to what will take place tomorrow."

He continued, "I do sincerely apologize. I have left Observer with the script of tomorrow's show mostly prepared, as well as all



Keiron Murdoch

guest contact information. I imagine they will nominate someone to reach out to you directly. I will not be hosting tomorrow [Sunday], however, as I am no longer an employee."

NewsCo's managing director, Algernon Watts, is contesting the upcom-

ing general election on the UPP's ticket as the candidate for the constituency of St. George.

There has been no official word from the company following Murdoch's resignation.

The Big Issues was not aired on Sunday.



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PM Browne: Observer and UPP "going insane"

Keiron Murdoch's resignation as the host of one of Observer Radio's flagship shows, The Big Issues, has drawn a response from Prime Minister Gaston Browne whose cancelled appearance on the Sunday programme triggered a chain of events leading to Murdoch's departure.

A statement issued by the prime minister on Sunday opined that the deep rooted, personal hatred high-ranking members of the United Progressive Party (UPP) bare toward him has clouded their professional judgement.

His comments took aim at the leader of the UPP, Harold Lovell, and Antigua Observer by NewsCo's Managing Director, who is the UPP St. George's candidate, Algernon "Serpent" Watts.

Browne said their unfet-



Prime Minister Gaston Browne tered hatred of him, which led to the decision to revoke his appearance on the show, has resulted in the censorship of the information UPP supporters have access to which is intended to keep them in darkness.

Prime Minister Browne's statement is printed in full below.

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing

over and over again and expecting a different result.

"Observer Media Group and their UPP Allies are going insane.

"They are hell bent on keeping their blind loyalists and unsuspecting supporters/followers in ignorance, even through censorship of discourse.

"He who seeks to undermine, or hide the truth has

no moral integrity.

"My political opponents have tried for over two decades to break me without success. As a consequence, they have now resorted to hatred. Their hatred is so egregious that they have become desperate, accentuating every mole hill, or articulation of humour into a mountain of immorality and illegality, without any supporting facts, or evidence.

"I will never allow the limited perceptions of my opponents and the mercenaries who they co-opt from time to time, to define me.

"I know who I am. I am a man of faith; I believe in doing good for the benefit of all. I am a realist, not a perfectionist. I do not practice falsities and fakery. What you see is what you get.

"I believe in and practice honesty and integrity

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uncompromisingly. And I am empathetic to the needs of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

“Any guilt surrounding my conduct is for doing what is right and saying what is true, without malice or ill-will.

“The Truth is not always beautiful, and it may be offensive, but inviolable. I stand [always] on the truth.

“Notwithstanding their like, or dislike; no one could justifiably condemn me for incompetence, any act of un integrity, or malevolence towards anyone. My philanthropy, empathy and kindness is well known and acknowledged.

“I do not have to have a motive, or reason to be kind and generous. It is [ingrained] in my psyche, in my being, to be kind and generous, even to those [who] have ridiculed me.

“UPP’s misleading and dumbing down rhetoric about Gaston Browne & ABLP, is nothing but cheap, unenlightened, valueless politics.

“UPP supporters need to take responsibility to seek other views and information to find the truth. PFM (Pointe FM) is a great source of information and truth, especially the Browne & Browne Show on a Saturday.

“It is frightful to see

the amount of people who lack integrity; competence, many of them functionally illiterate, with past criminal convictions, who are dominating the UPP’s hierarchy and exerting a crudely dumb influence on the institution and its supporters.

“As a consequence of their low-level discourse, issues of national, hemispheric, and global interests are ignored.

“The UPP has failed to join the ABLP in discussing:

“Global issues such as climate change, the war on Ukraine, nuclear disarmament, multi-dimensional vulnerability index, reform of UN and the International Financial architecture;

hemispheric issues including US policy on Cuba and Venezuela; Domestic policy issues including green and blue economies, digitalization, regional integration, reliable air and sea transportation, stem cells therapy, block chain/cryptocurrency, cannabis, and overall economic diversification.

“The subject of their choice, which has now grown to obsessive proportions, is the demonization of Gaston Browne using lies, half-truths and innuendos.

“The various polls, including theirs, confirmed that they are losing and losing badly. The demonization of Gaston Browne is evidently not working.”



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Appeal Court overturns cannabis conviction

A man who was jailed for the possession of cannabis in the Magistrates' Court had his conviction and two-year sentence overturned by the Appeal Court when it convened in Antigua on Friday.

Sheldon Aird of Villa was alleged to be in possession of 240 grams of cannabis in his cells at His Majesty's Prison.

He was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession with intent to transfer by two police officers attached to the prison.

Aird, who represented himself before Chief Magistrate Joanne Walsh, was convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment after she expressed that she was convinced by the evidence of the officers.

While serving his sentence, Aird, with the help of a fellow inmate, appealed Chief Magistrate Walsh's ruling.

His case was later taken over by defence attorney Wendel Robinson who argued that the chief magistrate established no foundation for her decision and failed to provide adequate rationale for the decision to convict.

Robinson argued that the Court of Appeal cannot entertain speculation and insisted that magistrates have

an obligation to apply the law to the facts presented to them and to state the basis of their decisions.

Robinson was also critical of the court's decision to sentence his client so harshly for 240 grams of cannabis.

Senior Crown Counsel in the office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Shannon Jones-Gittens, conceded and outlined the errors made by the chief



magistrate.

The Court of Appeal, presided over by Madame Justice Gertel Thom, having considered both arguments, agreed with the defence and

overturned the conviction and two-year sentence.

Aird had served eight months of his sentence when his matter was taken before the Court of Appeal.



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Independence 2022 celebrations move into top gear

Activities marking the annual celebrations of the anniversary of political Independence for Antigua and Barbuda are taking place across the twin-island state.

Minister responsible for Festivals, Dr. Michael Browne, launched the start of the 11-day programme of events when he addressed the audience attending the Festival of Choirs, one of the popular events that is held at this time each year.

“We are a small country but we are powerful; we are survivors. Tonight, is the launch of these activities, the

launch of our Independence activities and again I say there is nothing more fitting that to start with music,” he said in his opening remarks.

Independence 2022 celebrations are being held under the theme: Moving Forward, with Unity, Strength and Stability. It’s the 41st anniversary of Independence and the first such celebrations since the ‘end’ of the COVID-19 pandemic where activities were scaled down due to the health restrictions.

The other activities planned include the Golden Age celebrations tak-

ing place today (Monday) where the focus will be on the country’s senior citizens whose contributions helped build Antigua and Barbuda to what it has become today. On Tuesday, there will be a concert marking the 70th anniversary of the Community

Players, the oldest surviving cultural group in the country. That concert takes place at the Dean William Lake Cultural Centre.

The National Heroes Day and wreath laying ceremony takes place on Wednesday. Schools across Antigua and Barbuda will hold their annual Independence programmes on that day as well.

The spotlight will shine squarely on the nation’s youth on Thursday with the Youth Rally in the morning and a flag fest and youth concert that evening. Both activities take place at the Antigua Recreation Ground.

The National Dress Day is on Friday and Saturday night is the Evening of Drama at the Dean William Lake Centre.

The St. John’s Cathedral will host the annual National Service on Sunday with the Gospel Festival taking place that evening at the ARG. The popular schools panorama takes place next Monday at the ARG.

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APUA to improve lighting in several communities

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Last week APUA's general manager, Esworth Martin and electricity manager Andre Matthias, reported to Cabinet that under-lit areas along Sir George Walter Highway, Friars Hill Road and in parts of St. John's City will be corrected as well as areas in Liberta and Golden Grove.

With continued concerns about public school security following a wave of

criminal activity, APUA and the Cabinet also agreed that lighting on some campuses will be improved.

A total of 700 lights will be deployed; 200 are solar powered while the remaining 500 will require electricity supply.

The schools which will benefit were not disclosed.

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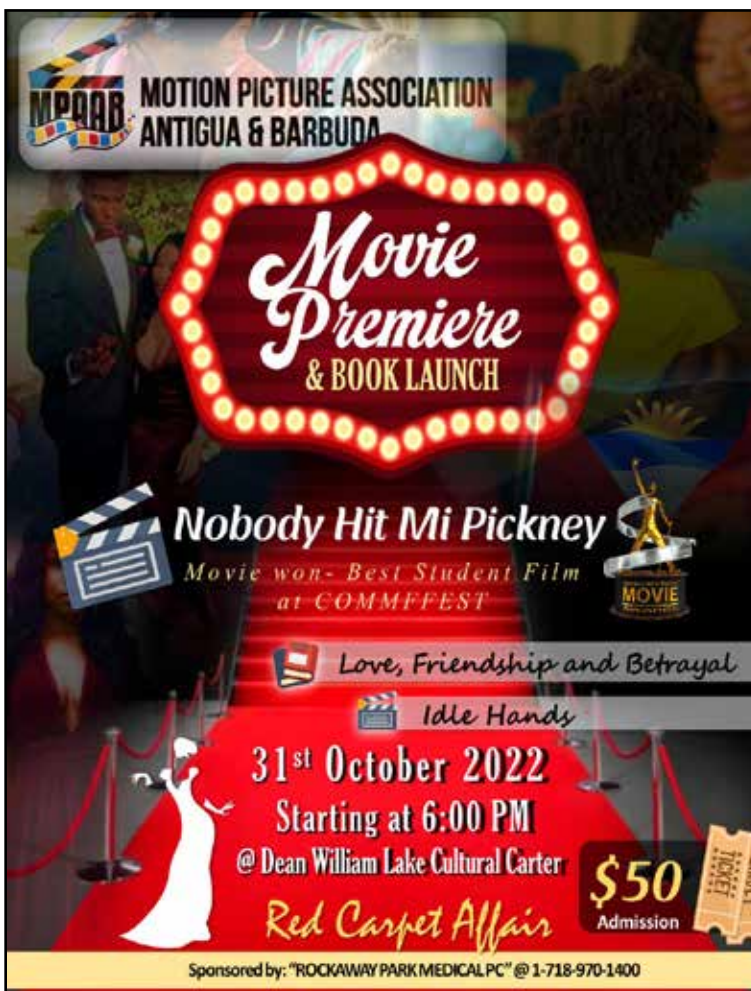
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mission to implement the Opportunities to Advance and Support Youth for Success (OASYS) project in the Eastern Caribbean

over the next four years.

The project aims to reduce crime and violence rates among young people across the Eastern Caribbean and will focus on strengthening youth justice systems in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

OASYS will strengthen existing, and invest in new programs that provide skills development, psychosocial support, and family interventions for youth in conflict with the law through collaborations with government and non-government partners, civil society organisations, and the private sector.

OASYS will also support partner countries to implement and institutionalise a case management system to monitor young offenders from their initial contact with law enforcement through to his/her successful reintegration into society.



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Opinion



Mile high and down to earth

By **Tony Deyal**

The Book of Life begins with a man and a woman in a garden. It ends with Revelations. As I grow older, my book of life is filled with revelations that are endless.

When I was a little boy, we had men, women and Owen. He was a male dancer who, in the little back room of a shack next to us, was visited only by men.

He was part of the group of village women who exchanged gossip, and he was the star of their daily show, regaling them with his exploits of the night before. Of course, our mothers chased us away to “go and play” or “the barrel empty, go an’ full some water by the stand pipe.”

While the men referred to Owen as a “buller”, my mind initially had no picture of the word except a “bulldozer” that prepared the cane-fields, or my uncle on his “bull”-cart. We eventually caught the drift and that remained for most of our young lives the third estate.

Then there was a fourth estate about women preferring other women to men. “She making ‘zami’ with Barbara,” we heard and I initially thought they were knitting something since this was a post-war pastime of many of the ladies in our community. For many, many years this was our sexual “thrillology” which we described in extreme and, many times, incorrect detail.

While for some older people sex was one damp thing after another, as teenagers we were all for it.

We made up for the lack of partners like the comedian who, when asked whether he had opened or closed his eyes during his first sexual experience, replied, “Closed of course. There was nobody else to see.” Our village people were better than Eve in at least one respect. When a West Indian woman complained that her husband was interested in hoes, we all knew it had nothing to do with gardening or with a snake for a husband, Eden.

These are different days far gone from the Biblical times of Revelation when blessed was the one who stayed awake and remained clothed so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed. It is true that the men of our post-war growing up days were “buy sexuals” in the brothels in the city but the term “bi-sexual” was unknown then.

There were some who were accused of “liking man or woman, or even both ah dem” but those were referred to with a kind of hush. And for us who went through such agony and impatience as “try sexuals”, there are people who go beyond “bi” to “tri”.

While our pleasure when growing up was to sit at the top of the mango tree talking sex, and even hoping for a sight of a lady in her



Tony Deyal

outside bathroom, there are now people who are part of the supposedly “elite” Mile-High Club who are Fly-sexuals- meaning they have sex while high in the sky. In fact, a company in Nevada, U.S. is offering those “seeking airborne sexual escapades” to have a 45-minute “romp”, with rump or any other parts included, in a twin-engined Cessna as it flies over Las Vegas.

The “trip” (for such it is) costs US\$995 for a forty-five-minute romp. However, if you and your lady or male friend (or both) can go for 90 minutes, the sex-capade costs US\$1,495 and, according to those who have done it, is worth a fly in the sky.

In addition to “fly-sexuals”, there are “cry-sexuals”. Women’s Health Magazine quotes family therapist, Rachel Wright, “While it may not be your favourite way

to engage in sex, crying is totally normal” And I suppose, Wright.

The article stresses that “It’s possible to be crying and enjoying it at the same time” because though crying is typically perceived as a sign of sadness, in reality it’s your body saying “too much” of any emotion, be it joy, fear, happiness or pain (or all of the above simultaneously).

If you think that tears it, check but not try what is known as “dry-sex” or having sexual intercourse without vaginal lubrication as it can be very painful for both or whatever number of parties. In researching the different variations, I did not really want to go there as it is literally far-fetched. It is common in Sub-Saharan Africa and a small area in Suriname.

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readers of the Spy Smasher serials and James Bond books, I was not so much surprised as comfortable with “Sexpionage” or the involvement (or possibility) of sexual activity, intimacy, romance or seduction to conduct espionage. Our little bits of spying through the door knobs or bathrooms are not even close to the reality of what men or women will do on behalf of their countries.

They are professionals, trained to steal secrets for an intelligence organisation. During the “Cold” war some hot female agents called “Mozhno girls” or “Moshnos” were used by the Russian KGB to spy on foreign officials by seducing them. Clearly that has not stopped. Donald Trump is supposed to have been bathed in urine while enjoying the hospitality of the Russian leader who lived up to his name, Putin.

Interestingly, about three weeks ago a viral video of Trump saying “We have to keep our country gay” received more than 1 million views on Twitter. He claimed that he was trying to say, “Keep America Great.” Members of the LGBTQ applauded loudly.

If you are not sure about what group you belong to, here are some you might wish to consider. There are “Alloromantics” or people who are romantically attracted towards others. “Allosexuals” who are like “Alloromantics” but want

to have sex with a partner and may identify with another sexuality as being gay, lesbian or bi-sexual. “Androsexuals” are attracted to men regardless.

Then there are people who have no romantic attraction to anyone and are “Aromatic”. If you’re “Asexual” you can be sex-averse, sex-favourable, sex-indifferent or sex-repulsed. In other words, it is a blanket term for sexuality. The list ends with “Spectrsexual” or those who are romantically and sexually attracted to multiple sexes, genders and gender identities but not all of them.

Whew!

When I read the entire list of different types and options, I thought of my youth and subsequent life of up to a few years ago when our sexual choices were clear and very limited. I remember one of my colleagues at a health conference complaining that the problems we were experiencing globally were caused by our having too much “gender” and not enough “sex”.

Then I dropped on him a few of the sexes and sexualities like hetro, metro, gamblers in “bet-row”, Trinis in “fete’ row”, Trump in “wet-row”, people in Las-Ve-

gas in “jet row”, men and women hiding from mosquitoes in “net-row”, and an increasing number in “Roe and Wade” who are not supporting Trump and his Republicans.

That did it but I still added, “Fortunately for me, I have reached the age in life where I am like a dog chasing a car. If I catch it, I can’t drive it!”

**Tony Deyal was last seen recalling the woman whose doctor asked her about her night vision and if she had a tough time finding her husband in the dark. “No,” she replied, “it isn’t hard.”*



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Who's behind Haiti's most powerful gang alliance?



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 Moïse 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)

By Dánica Coto

The U.N. Security Council has approved a resolution that imposes sanctions on Jimmy Chérizier, leader of a powerful gang federation in Haiti, who is accused of threatening the country's peace, security or stability. It also places a travel ban, asset freeze and arms embargo on Chérizier and would establish a committee to designate others to be put on a sanctions list.

The resolution comes nearly two weeks after Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry and his Cabinet requested deployment of foreign troops to help

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end Haiti's deepening crisis, a request that the U.N. is still mulling.

Chérizier and the federation he leads, known as "G9 Family and Allies," have blocked the entrance of a main fuel terminal in the capital of Port-au-Prince for more than a month as fuel, water and other basic supplies grow scarce amid a cholera outbreak.

The gang has said it would not budge until Henry resigns, but in a video recently posted on social media, Chérizier, who is nicknamed "Barbecue," called on the government to grant him and G9 members amnesty and to void all arrest warrants against them. The government has not responded as police struggle to contain gangs that have grown more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

Here's a look at Chérizier's life and rise to power:

WHO IS JIMMY CHÉRIZIER, AND WHY IS HE NICKNAMED "BARBECUE"?

Chérizier is a former officer with Haiti's National Police who worked with the Departmental Crowd Control Unit, which is deployed when there are riots or protests and has been accused of excessive force. He has since become what many consider Haiti's most powerful gang leader.

Chérizier told The Associated Press in a 2019 interview that he was born in the Port-au-Prince community of Delmas, next to La Saline slum, one of eight children whose father died when he was 5.

He said his mother was a street vendor who sold fried chicken, and that's how he was nicknamed "Barbecue," denying he earned the moniker due to accusations that he set

people on fire.

Chérizier told the AP that he is inspired by the late dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, who ruled Haiti with a bloody brutality from 1957 to 1971 and had himself declared "president for life."

HOW DID CHÉRIZIER BECOME SO POWERFUL?

Haiti's National Police fired Chérizier in December 2018 and he still faces an outstanding arrest warrant for his alleged role in a 2017 massacre.

Authorities accuse Chérizier of becoming a gang leader of Base Delmas 6, an impoverished Lower Delmas neighbourhood, and of organising large-scale massacres that occurred in the nearby slums of Grand Ravine in 2017, in La Saline in 2018 and in Bel-Air in 2019, accusations Chérizier denies.

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At least nine civilians were killed in Grand Ravine, another 71 people were killed, 11 women raped and 150 homes destroyed in La Saline and at least 24 people killed in Bel-Air, according to a report published by Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic.

In June 2020, Chérizier established a new alliance known as "G9 Family and Allies."

It originally was composed of nine gangs from Cite Soleil, La Saline and lower Delmas but has since

grown to include more than a dozen gangs, according to a U.N. Security Council report.

"The G9 ... is notorious because of the diversity of its membership," the report stated.

In mid-2020, the gang alliance was accused of killing at least 145 people in Cite Soleil and raping multiple women "in efforts to claim areas held by rivals with ties to Moïse's political opponents," according to the Harvard report.

"Residents believe they were targeted for their political affiliations, in an

effort to secure electoral support for (Moïse) and his party," the report stated, adding that "G9 reportedly enjoys ties to both the Moïse administration and (Haiti's National Police)."

Haiti's National Human Rights Defense Network has echoed those allegations, stating that local police have helped protect Chérizier even while he supposedly committed crimes.

In December 2020, the U.S. Treasury Department issued civil sanctions against Chérizier and others believed to be involved

in the massacres, accusing gangs of removing "victims, including children, from their homes to be executed and then dragged them into the streets where their bodies were burned, dismembered and fed to animals."

Chérizier has repeatedly denied any involvement in the massacres, saying he is a community leader who helps residents and is leading an "armed revolution," adding that he would "put guns in the hands of every child if we have to."

"I would never massacre people in the same social class as me," he told the AP. "I live in the ghetto. I know what ghetto life is."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR CHÉRIZIER?

Since mid-September, Chérizier and his allies have surrounded a key fuel terminal in Port-au-Prince, refusing to move until the prime minister steps down.

But after Haiti's government requested the immediate deployment of foreign troops, Chérizier announced that he was seeking amnesty and the removal of all arrest warrants against him and his allies.

The gang also is demanding Cabinet positions, the director of Haiti's National Disarmament, Dismantling and Reintegration Commission told radio station Magik 9.

The government has not responded publicly to those requests.

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Philippines: Student 'anti-cheating' exam hats go viral

By James FitzGerald

Images of students wearing so-called "anti-cheating hats" during college exams have gone viral on social media in the Philippines, sparking amusement.

Students at one college in Legazpi City were asked to wear headgear that would prevent them from peeking at others' papers.

Many responded by creating homemade contraptions out of cardboard, egg boxes and other recycled materials.

Their tutor told the BBC she had been looking for a "fun way" to ensure "integrity and honesty" in her classes.

Mary Joy Mandane-Ortiz, a professor of mechanical engineering at Bicol University College of Engineering, said the idea had been "really effective".

It was implemented for recent mid-term exams, which were sat by hundreds of students at the college in the third week of October.

Prof Mandane-Ortiz said her initial request had been



Students were asked to innovate headwear that would block their ability to see their peers' answer papers

for students to make a "simple" design out of paper.

She was inspired by a technique reportedly used in Thailand some years previously.

In 2013, an image went viral appearing to show a room of university students in Bangkok taking test papers while wearing "ear flaps" - sheets of paper stuck to either side of their head to obscure their vision.

Prof Mandane-Ortiz said her engineers-in-training

took the idea and ran with it - in some cases innovating complex headgear in "just five minutes" with any junk they found lying around.

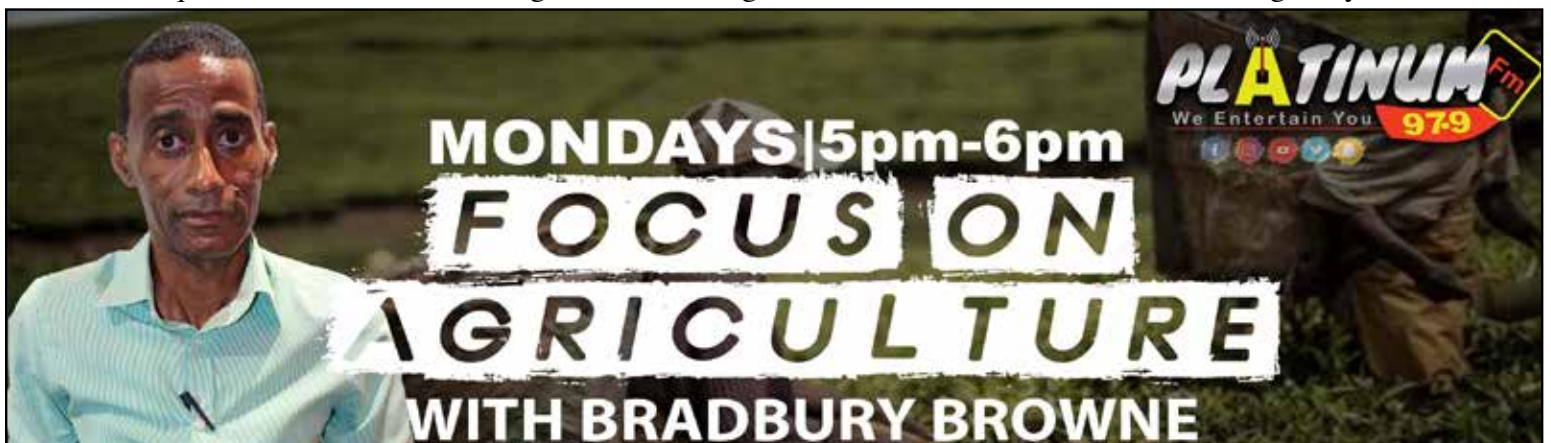
Others donned hats, helmets or Halloween masks to fulfil the brief.

A string of the professor's Facebook posts - showing the youngsters wearing their elaborate creations - garnered thousands of likes in a matter of days, and attracted coverage from Filipino media outlets.

They also reportedly inspired schools and universities in other parts of the country to encourage their own students to put together anti-cheating headwear.

Prof Mandane-Ortiz said her tutees performed better this year, having been motivated by the strict examination conditions to study extra hard.

Many of them finished their tests early, she added - and nobody was caught cheating this year.



Regional News



Barbados Deputy Speaker Neil Rowe to appear in court on rape charges

CMC - Barbados Deputy speaker and government legislator Neil Rowe has been charged with rape. The Police Sunday confirmed that Rowe is expected to appear in the Oistins Magistrate's Court on Monday to answer to the charges.

Police Public Relations Officer, acting Inspector Rodney Innis said that Rowe who had been in police custody for the past day being investigated on sexual assault allegations had indeed been charged with rape.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Mia Mottley told supporters of the ruling

Barbados Labour Party (BLP) that the Member of Parliament for St. Thomas, Cynthia Forde, will be nominated for the position of Deputy Speaker in the House of Assembly on Tuesday, replacing Rowe.

Mottley preempted word of the charges when on Saturday she announced her second major cabinet reshuffle in two years.

Mottley, who made the announcement at the 83rd Annual Conference of the Barbados Labour Party (BLP), said the changes will take effect this Wednesday.

Moments before making the announcement, the

Prime Minister said the changes were necessary to improve the efficiency of the Government.

"I have now like any good captain to make some adjustments again to make sure that we will extract the best and the most that we can extract in order for us to wrestle down these challenges that are within our capacity to fight. We need to come together strong to fight dem other ones," Mottley said.

"Accordingly, I have advised that there will be adjustments to my Cabinet as of Wednesday, October 26. The adjustments are intended to strengthen the Government's hand to deal with the issues that are before us. I have confidence that we can do it and when you understand what the adjustments are you will understand the wisdom of the decisions that we are making today."

Among the changes, BLP General Secretary Dr. Jerome Walcott will remain the Senior Minister in charge of the Social Sectors and Environment but he will take up the post of Minister of Health and Wellness.

Gooding-Edghill will now become the Minister of Tourism and International Transport. He spent his whole life in the tourism industry.

Senator Lisa Cummins



Neil Rowe

to take responsibility for the Ministry of Energy and Business Development with responsibilities for International Business and Trade.

Kerrie Symmonds will remain Senior Minister of Productive Sectors, "but as Cummins steps into his previous role, he will now become Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade," the Prime Minister added.

The Member of Parliament for the City of Bridgetown, Corey Layne, will serve in the Office of the Attorney-General and will be Minister of State with responsibility for Crime Prevention.

PM Mia Mottley also said that Cynthia Forde will be nominated as Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly on Tuesday morning.

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Venezuela's opposition unwilling to back interim Guaido government for 2023

Reuters – Venezuela's opposition parties have warned they are likely to withdraw backing for Juan Guaido's Washington-endorsed interim government in 2023, four people familiar with the matter said, raising questions about the future of the country's overseas holdings.

Guaido has been the public face of the country's opposition since the United States and many other governments rejected President Nicolas Maduro's 2018 re-election as a sham.

But most opposition representatives visiting Washington this week told U.S. officials they would not continue backing him or anyone else as their leader for another year of interim government.

Instead, they want to focus on choosing a candidate to compete against Maduro or whoever represents the government in the next election, tentatively scheduled for late 2023 or 2024.

Guaido in 2019 invoked the constitution to assume a rival presidency, but he has failed to dislodge Maduro, who has maintained a grip on power.

Guaido's loss of leadership would spell trouble for the parliament-appointed boards that supervise Venezuela's overseas companies, including Houston-based oil refiner Citgo Petroleum, considered the crown jewel of Venezuela's international assets.

U.S. courts have recognized the legitimacy of those boards based on the recognition of Guaido as leader.

Venezuelan opposition representatives who attended the meetings in Washington and a spokesperson for Citgo did not immediately provide a



Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido speaks during an interview with local media after the funeral of Father Francisco Jose Virtuoso, rector of the Andres Bello Catholic University, in Caracas, Venezuela October 21, 2022. REUTERS/Leonardo Fernandez Vilorio

comment.

The U.S. State Department said it recognised Guaido and coordinates with his administration "on the steps needed to move forward on a negotiated solution that leads to the restoration of democracy to Venezuela."

In an interview with CNN on Friday, Guaido said the U.S. administration "ratified one more time" its backing for his government, without providing details on timing, and that according to the Venezuelan constitution his tenure must last until a presidential election takes place.

The potential upheaval comes as U.S. President Joe Biden's government focuses on global energy security following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and efforts to curb its energy exports.

Five of six opposition-party rep-

resentatives told State Department officials on Tuesday they would not support Guaido, or any other interim leader, the four sources said. Guaido's party, Voluntad Popular, was the only one in favour of a continuation.

But Washington - which has signalled it could ease sanctions on Venezuela if Maduro returns to talks with the opposition in Mexico and takes steps toward holding free elections - had not yet taken a clear position on the matter, the sources added.

A similar move by opposition leaders to ditch Guaido last year was scrapped at the last minute following lawyers' warnings over the foreign assets, which have long lists of creditors seeking to seize them over expropriation claims.

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Regional News



Dominica's PM urges regional countries to collaborate more on climate change issues

CMC – Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit is calling on Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries to learn from the experiences of other regional blocs like Asia and the Pacific, particularly as it relates to dealing with the impact of climate change.

"Dominica is fully prepared to share the lessons and experiences from its efforts at becoming the first climate-resilient nation in the world," Skerit told the opening of the two-day High-Level Conference on Building a Science and Data Based Agenda for Decision-making on Resilience in the Caribbean on Thursday night.

Skerit told the event organised by the Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, and the Organization of American States (OAS) that it is his country's firm

desire to see the Caribbean become the first climate resilient region in the world.

"And so, I'm putting out a challenge to our regional organisations like CARICOM, CANARI, CIMH, CDEMA, the 5 C's, and others like the OAS and NOAA to set up a climate-resilient action learning program around the activities of CREAD," Skerit said.

"So serious am I about this that I intend to table resolutions on this, first in my Cabinet and Parliament and thereafter in the OECS and CARICOM. We must learn together, or we will stagnate apart," he added.

Skerit told the ceremony that the reality is that climate change is already upon the region and while "we are already dealing with its impacts, not only are we seeing stronger, larger, more frequent storms, but more intense droughts, record heat waves, invasive species, among others.

"The fact that the



Prime Minister of Dominica, Roosevelt Skerit

world's major polluters are not taking sufficient action to halt global warming beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius, makes it imperative that we accelerate action and our own efforts towards building resilience."

He said next month, the world will gather in Egypt for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27) to discuss these issues.

Skerit said consistent with the resilience-building

agenda of his country, he is fully committing himself and the government to the outcomes of the conference here.

Among the aims of the conference is to identify critical gaps in the availability and use of science-based data to support decision-making on vulnerability reduction and resilience building in the Caribbean.

It is also intended to assess good practice and lessons learned from national, regional, and global resilience building as well as develop an agenda of collaboration among Caribbean governments and regional and international agencies to address these critical data gaps in the short, medium, and long term.

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Lawyers and other experts have differing opinions on Venezuela's constitutional path to form and maintain an interim government, a situation complicated by the fact that the term of the parliament that appointed Guaido expired at the end of 2020.

U.S.-based Chevron has asked Washington to relax sanctions on Venezuela to allow it to expand its heavily restricted oil

operations there. U.S. officials are considering Chevron's request, but no decision has been made, according to people familiar with the matter.

Under U.S. President Donald Trump's administration, the United States recognized Guaido as rightful leader in January 2019, and dozens of other countries followed suit. Many of those governments have since backtracked.

Boris Johnson pulls out of Conservative leadership race

BBC - Former PM Boris Johnson has pulled out of the Tory leadership race, saying he had the support needed to stand but it would not be "the right thing to do".

Former chancellor Rishi Sunak and cabinet minister Penny Mordaunt remain in the contest - with Mr Sunak way ahead on declared support from MPs.

Mr Johnson said there was a "very good chance" he would have been suc-



Rishi Sunak listens as Boris Johnson addresses his cabinet, Downing Street, London, June 7, 2022. Leon Neal/Pool via REUTERS

cessful, and "back in Downing Street on Friday".

But he said there needed to be "a united party in Par-

liament".

The race began on Thursday after Liz Truss resigned as prime minister after 45 days in the job.

Nominations for the ballot close on Monday afternoon, and candidates need the support of at least 100 Conservative MPs to go forward.

The BBC's latest tally of publicly declared backers puts Mr Sunak on 155 and Ms Mordaunt on 25.

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Two pilots killed as Russian fighter jet crashes into Siberian home

Reuters - A Russian military jet crashed into a residential building in the Siberian city of Irkutsk on Sunday and the two pilots were killed, officials said, the second such fatal incident in six days involving a Sukhoi fighter plane.

In a post on Telegram, Irkutsk governor Igor Kobzev said the plane crashed into a two-storey house in the city.

He published a video showing firefighters clambering over the wreckage and directing jets of water at the still smouldering rubble.

No one on the ground was hurt, the governor said.

Officials said the plane was a Sukhoi Su-30 fighter on a test flight. Last Monday, a Sukhoi Su-34 crashed into an apartment block in the southern city of Yeysk, near Ukraine, and at least 15 people were killed.

Authorities said the initial investigation of that disaster - in which the



Firefighters work at the site of a plane crash into a residential building in the city of Irkutsk, Russia, October 23, 2022, in this still picture taken from a video. REUTERS/Stringer

pilots ejected - pointed to a technical malfunction of the aircraft.

Videos of Sunday's incident, shared on social media, showed the plane dived almost vertically before crashing in a fireball, sending dense black smoke into the sky. Kobzev said

150 nearby homes were without electricity and work was under way to restore power.

Russia's state Investigative Committee said it had launched a criminal investigation into violations of air safety rules.

Car explosion, gunfire hit hotel in Somalia's Kismayo

AlJazeera – A car laden with explosives rammed the gate of a hotel in the centre of Somalia's port city of Kismayo and was followed by a gun battle that killed at least three people.

Security forces were dealing with a "terrorist incident" at the hotel, the state-run Somali National Television reported on Sunday.

"There is a blast at Tawakal Hotel and there is gunfire being heard," said Mohamed Nur, a police captain.

Farah Mohamed, a security official, said in addition to three deaths eight people were wounded and taken to Kismayo hospital. Witnesses said a huge blast was heard before a gun battle began.

"The security forces have besieged the scene,"



There was no immediate word on casualties [File: Feisal Omar/Reuters]

said Farah Ali, a shopkeeper in Kismayo.

The armed group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack.

In the capital Mogadishu, journalist Jama Nur Ahmed quoted an official as saying an "exchange of fire" was still ongoing between security forces and the as-

sailants.

Mohamed Nasi Guled, a senior police official in Jubaland state, said three attackers entered the hotel's premises. He vowed security forces would end the attack. The hotel is popular as a meeting place for government officials.

Kismayo is the commer-

cial capital of Jubbaland, a region of southern Somalia still partly controlled by al-Shabab, which was driven out of the urban centre in 2012. The city's port had been a major source of revenue for the group from taxes, charcoal exports, and levies on arms and other illegal imports.

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Mr Johnson had 54, according to this tally - although he said he had 102. Not all of the 357 MPs have gone public with whom they are backing.

It is possible Mr Sunak could become prime minister by Monday, and there will definitely be a new prime minister by the end of the week.

Mr Johnson said he had been attracted by the race because "I led our party into a massive election victory less than three years ago - and I believe I am therefore uniquely placed to avert a general election now.

"A general election would be a further disastrous distraction just when

the government must focus on the economic pressures faced by families across the country."

He added: "I believe I am well placed to deliver a Conservative victory in 2024 - and tonight I can confirm that I have cleared the very high hurdle of 102 nominations, including a proposer and a seconder, and I could put my nomination in tomorrow.

"There is a very good chance that I would be successful in the election with Conservative Party members - and that I could indeed be back in Downing Street on Friday.

"But in the course of the last days I have sadly come to the conclusion

that this would simply not be the right thing to do.

"You can't govern effectively unless you have a united party in Parliament."

He said he had reached out to both Mr Sunak and Ms Mordaunt because he had "hoped that we could come together in the national interest - we have sadly not been able to work out a way of doing this.

"Therefore, I am afraid the best thing is that I do not allow my nomination to go forward and commit my support to whoever succeeds. I believe I have much to offer but I am afraid that this is simply not the right time."



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Batting needs to improve but Phil Simmons at a loss over WI performance

West Indies head coach Phil Simmons was left struggling to explain his side's shock exit from the Twenty20 World Cup, but pointed to inept batting performances as one of the reasons behind their poor showing.

Needing to beat Ireland Friday, West Indies instead crashed to a heavy nine-wicket defeat to finish bottom of their four-team qualifying group, and miss out on a place in the all-important Super 12s.

"I think we haven't been playing good enough cricket to be there as we would be there," he lamented following the defeat at Bellerive Oval.

"We have the batsmen, the capabilities. We just haven't been putting it together. Our bowlers are showing up nine out of 10 times but the batters haven't really shown up.

"I think all the batters will be disappointed in what they've produced, not just at the World Cup but just before the World Cup and everything like that."

He added: "We need to go back and batsmen need to take a look at themselves and work out how we score 170, 180 runs to be in the game because the bowlers are doing their job."

West Indies managed only 145 for five from their 20 overs after choosing to bat first, with only Brandon King with an unbeaten 62 from 48 balls displaying any real enterprise.

Defending the modest target, West Indies were placed under early pressure by veteran opener Paul Stirling who top-scored with an unbeaten 66 from 48 deliveries, in anchoring two successive half-century stands which erased any doubt over the result.

Simmons was quick to dismiss any notion that the West Indies had underestimated Ireland.



West Indies Head Coach Phil Simmons (left) and CWI President Ricky Skerritt

"We've worked hard. We've prepared well," he explained.

"It's just on the day we haven't done the correct things. We haven't assessed the situation properly on the day and done what's necessary for the situation.

"I don't think there was no disrespect [for Ireland] on our part. We prepared like if we were playing anyone else."

He added: "I don't know. We've got to go back and look at our structure and how we play the game and make sure that when we come to competitions and when we play in bilateral series we are ready and able to do

what's necessary for each situation of the game."

West Indies had on Monday lost their opening Group B qualifier to Scotland by 42 runs, leaving them needing to beat both Zimbabwe and Ireland in order to reach the Super 12s.

However, while they defeated Zimbabwe by 31 runs on Wednesday, Ireland proved too much for the two-time former champions.

Last year, West Indies also endured a chastening campaign at the 2021 T20 World Cup when they lost four of five first-round games to miss out on the semi-finals.

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FIFA slams unacceptable TV deal offers for Women's World Cup

AP – Broadcasters were criticised by FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Saturday for what he called unacceptably low offers for rights to screen the Women's World Cup next year.

Offers of just 1% of the value of men's World Cup rights deals have been rejected, Infantino said, for the tournament that starts in July in Australia and New Zealand.

The men's World Cup has driven FIFA's expected overall income toward \$7 billion for the four-year commercial cycle that ends in December after that tournament in Qatar.

"100 times less, even more than 100 times in some occasions, then this is not acceptable," the FIFA leader said at a news conference ahead of the finals tournament draw. "I don't want to mention them, but those who are there, they know it."

The time zones in Aus-

tralia and New Zealand mean many games, especially in the group stage, will be played in the night-time hours in lucrative markets in Europe and the Americas.

"We are not going to accept this," Infantino said of the broadcast offers, "because we know that the viewing figures for these broadcasters in some big footballing countries for the men's World Cup or for the Women's World Cup are actually very similar ... meaning their commercial income is very similar for men and for women."

Infantino took a further jibe at broadcasters who he said pushed FIFA to treat women's soccer more equally on issues such as World Cup prize money.

The 32 teams at the men's World Cup in Qatar will share \$440 million in prize money, while a prize fund of \$60 million was proposed for the first 32-



FIFA President Giovanni Infantino speaks during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 draw in Auckland, New Zealand, Saturday, 22, 2022. (Alan Lee/Photosport via AP)

team women's edition in 2023.

"In some countries, they are quite good at telling us ... that we should give more emphasis on equal opportunities, on equality, on non-discrimination, on treating men and women in the same way which is, of course, what we have to do, and we try to do that to the best of our ability," Infantino said.

"It's important that everyone puts actions, as well,

behind words and we all start to treat women's football the same way."

FIFA has changed the commercial model for the Women's World Cup to earn its own income instead of simply being packaged as an add-on for broadcasters and sponsors doing deals for the men's tournament.

Infantino suggested a further push for equality for women's soccer, noting that Olympic tournaments have 16 men's teams and only 12 for women.

"Women should have 16 teams as well at the Olympic Games," he said. "These are some discussions we are going to have."

Adding four women's teams would need more than 70 athlete quota places when the International Olympic Committee is asking some governing bodies to make cuts to help find space for new sports and control organisers' costs.

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Meanwhile, CWI President Ricky Skerrett issued a stern statement following the defeat and hinted that changes could follow an analysis of the team's performance.

"I am deeply disappointed with the performance results of our team in Australia and I appreciate the sense of utter frustration that is being experienced by many," Skerrett's statement said.

"The ongoing inability of our batsmen to prevail over opposing slow bowling continued to be an obvious weakness

in Australia, and untimely shot selections seem to be deeply embedded in the T20 batting culture of our senior team.

"I want to assure stakeholders that a thorough post-mortem will be carried out on all aspects of our World Cup preparation and performance and that solutions will be found in keeping with CWI's strategy to improve the quality and sustainability of cricket on all fronts, and in all formats.

"West Indies cricket is bigger than any one individual or event and continues to need the input and support of all stakeholders."



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OCS and PMS maintain dominance of senior boys division in Schools' Football League

Defending champions Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) and Princess Margaret School (PMS) recorded their third consecutive wins to maintain their unbeaten runs in the West Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division of the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools' Football League on Friday, 21st October.

Goals by Joylan Sinclair, Josue Arias and Elijah Whyte gave Ottos Comprehensive a 3-0 victory over Jennings Secondary School at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Princess Margaret School prevailed 2-1 against Antigua Grammar School at the PMS playing field. A Jahlanie Barzey 34th minute strike gave Princess Margaret a 1-0 halftime lead.

Greg Williams capitalized on a goalkeeping error in the 77th minute to double PMS' advantage.

Williams took full advantage after the AGS goalkeeper Te'Jae Edwards failed to hold on to the ball, which was firmly struck. Although Edwards made the initial save, he only managed to push the ball into Williams' path and the PMS striker gleefully accepted by tapping the ball past the stranded AGS custodian into the back of the net.

Antigua Grammar School's left-winger Sadique Adams, scored a



Greg Williams, left, and Jahlanie Barzey scored on either side of halftime to lead Princess Margaret to victory against Antigua Grammar School in the West Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division of the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools' Football League at the PMS playing field in St John's on Friday, 21st October. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

late consolation goal from the penalty spot in the 80th and final minute of the keenly contested game.

Adams, who had made an incisive run into the 18-yards box, was unfairly brought down by a PMS defender in the area. The referee had no choice but to award the penalty, which Adams struck beautifully past the PMS goalkeeper's left-hand side into the back of the net.

It was the second successive defeat for AGS, who were beaten 3-2 by the Antigua State College the previous week.

After losing their opening game to Ottos Comprehensive, Antigua State College recorded their second successive win when they pulled off a 1-0 victory over St. Mary's Secondary School at the Golden Grove playing field.

All Saints Secondary made it two wins in as many matches in the East Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division on Thursday, 20th October.

A hat-trick by Jevaughn Jarvis powered All Saints Secondary to an emphatic 6-0 win over Glanvilles Secondary School at the

Mack Pond playing field in All Saints Village.

The other goals for All Saints Secondary were scored by Steven Harriet, Shaquiel Carlos and Wilden Cornwall Jr.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy claimed their first win of the competition, when goals by Attienne Davis and Kenrieque Pennyfeather propelled them to a 2-0 victory against Pares Secondary at the Potters playing field.

However, the Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (AB-ICE) failed to win for the first time in three outings when they were held to a nil-all draw by Clare Hall Secondary at Clare Hall.

The Secondary Schools' Football League will continue with matches in the Under-14 Boys' Division today, Monday, 24th October.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy will meet All Saints Secondary in the first game of a double-header at Princess Margaret School playing field at 2:30 pm.

St. Joseph's Academy will take on Princess Margaret in the second game at 3:40 pm.

St. Mary's Secondary School will tackle Clare Hall Secondary in the first game of a double-header at King George V Grounds in Grays Farm at 2:30 pm.

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Sports News



Sandals and Graphic Shooters advance to Business League semis

Sandals Antigua and Graphic Impact Shooters claimed the remaining spots in the semi-finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League at the JSC Sports Complex last Thursday night, 20th October.

The third seeded Sandals Antigua romped to a 58-38 victory against sixth seed Pointe FM in the first game of a double-header.

Coy Quinland shot a

game-high 19 points, Keroi Lee scored 13 points and Kenya Achom chipped in with 10 points for Sandals Antigua.

Josue Hernandez converted 12 points and Roldando Hamilton scored 10 points for Pointe FM, as they bowed out of the Business League competition.

Graphic Impact Shooters snatched a narrow three-point win over defending champion Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board in Thursday's second encounter.

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Kwame Braithwaite shot a game high 17 points and Tavarus Benta scored 16 points to lead Graphic Impact Shooters to their 54-51 victory.

Kelvin Simon had 16 points for Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board to conclude a disappointing 2022 Business League basketball campaign.

Sandals Antigua will meet second seed Anjo Wholesale, while Graphic Impact Shooters will take

on unbeaten top seed Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care in the best of three semi-finals series.

The winners of the two semi-finals will advance to the final, where they will engage each other in another best of three series.

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Antigua Grammar School will clash with cup holders Ottos Comprehensive School in the second game at 3:40 pm.

The Under-16 Boys' League will resume with five matches tomorrow, Tuesday, 25th October.

Glanvilles Secondary School will tackle Jennings Secondary School at 2:30 pm in the first game of a double-header at the Potters playing field.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy will challenge Irene B. Williams in the second encounter at 3:40 pm and Clare Hall Secondary will host All Saints Secondary at Clare Hall at 2:30 pm.

Ottos Comprehensive will clash with Antigua Grammar School in the first game of a double-header at King George V Grounds in Grays Farm at 2:30 pm.

Princess Margaret School will take on St. Joseph's Academy in the second encounter at 3:40 pm.

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Giannis Antetokounmpo beats Milwaukee Bucks free-throw record mark

BBC – Greek star Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 44 points as the Milwaukee Bucks claimed a dominant 125-105 win over the Houston Rockets in the first of six consecutive NBA home games.

The two-time NBA Most Valuable Player made eight of 13 free throw attempts to make it to 3,508 career free throws.

It meant he overtook Sidney Moncrief's record of 3,505 to become the Bucks' all-time leader from the foul line.

"Just being up there, it's a great feeling," said Antetokounmpo.

"It's a part of my game that I've always tried to get better, always tried to improve."

Antetokounmpo, who played less than 28 minutes in the game, also made 17 of his 21 shots from the field, including two out of



Giannis Antetokounmpo proved a constant threat for the Bucks against the Rockets

three three-point efforts and had 12 rebounds.

Luka Doncic helped the Dallas Mavericks bounce back from defeat to the Phoenix Suns in their season-opener with 32 points in a 137-96 thrashing of the Memphis Grizzlies.

It was the largest margin of victory for the

Mavericks in their 105-game all-time series with the Grizzlies with Doncic scoring 21 points in the first quarter - four more than the Grizzlies team managed in the opening period.

Meanwhile, the Boston Celtics remain unbeaten after three games thanks to

a 126-120 success over the Orlando Magic.

Jayson Tatum scored 40 points and Derrick White added 27 while the Celtics made 19 three-pointers.

They went on a 5-0 run to go 116-111 in front with three minutes 35 seconds to go and led for the remainder of the game.

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teams as Trinidad and Tobago led 22-21.

The girls from the twin-island republic regained control in the third quarter and were up 35-30 at the end of the penultimate quarter of the match.

Also on Thursday, the USA defeated the Cayman Islands 44-35. At the end of the first quarter, the USA were leading 13-8 and stretched the lead at halftime with the scores being 25-16.

The Cayman Islands closed the gap in the third quarter as it ended 35-28 with the USA ahead.

Jamaica's Sunshine Girls secured their sixth victory from as many games by outclassing St. Lucia 85-30.

The Jamaicans had quarterly scores of 25-6, 43-14, and 68-20 before adding 17 goals in the final quarter for the 55-goal margin of victory.

Goal shooter Gizelle Allison was the top shooter for Jamaica with 56

goals from 66 attempts, while Kelsey Jonas supported with 22 from 27 and Amanda Pinkney had seven from 10.

Shem Maxwell had 22 goals from 26 attempts for the 22nd-ranked St. Lucia who were beaten for the sixth time in as many games.

Jamaica and fellow Americas region qualifiers, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados, will be among the 16 teams competing at next year's Netball World Cup in South Africa.

Barbados defeat Antigua & Barbuda to qualify for 2023 Netball World Cup

Barbados formalized their place in the 2023 Netball World Cup after brushing aside the winless Antigua and Barbuda team 68-29 on the final day of action at the Americas Netball Qualifier at the National Indoor Sports Centre in Kingston, Jamaica, on Saturday evening.

The win ensured the Barbadians joined Trinidad and Tobago as winners of the two qualifying places, which were up for grabs for next year's global showpiece in South Africa.

Barbados led Antigua and Barbuda 14-8, 37-14 and 53-22 at the end of each of the first three quarters.

Antigua and Barbuda were beaten for the seventh consecutive time when they lost 32-54 to St. Lucia on Friday.

Antigua and Barbuda also went under 30-66 against St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Thursday, 20th October.

The Vincentians led from start to finish and took a 17-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. They had chalked up a 31-14 halftime lead and were leading 51-19 by the end of the third quarter.

In the other games on



Antigua and Barbuda lost all eight matches at the Americas Netball Qualifier at the National Indoor Sports Centre in Kingston, Jamaica, from Sunday, 16th October, to Saturday, 22nd October, 2022. (File photo)

Saturday, hosts Jamaica Sunshine Girls inflicted a first defeat on Trinidad and Tobago, 69-47, leading 21-11, 38-23 and 57-37 at the end of the first three quarters.

Jamaica, who won all eight games played, participated for world ranking points only as they had already qualified for the tournament due to their number three world ranking.

St. Vincent & The Grenadines got the better of St. Lucia to finish one win behind Barbados on eight points. They won 69-50 behind quarterly scores of 16-16, 37-29 and 49-41.

St. Lucia defeated the Cayman Islands 37-34. The Cayman Islands held a one-point, 12-11 lead at the completion of the first quarter, before St. Lucia took charge to win the second and third quarters, 23-20 and 30-26.

In the other games on Friday, Grenada prevailed 58 over the United States. The Grenadians were led by formidable goal shooter Lattysha Cato, who bagged 39 from 42 attempts.

The United States ended the tournament with three wins from eight matches and Coach Keithan Grayson-Superville was pleased with the performance of her team

during the tournament.

Jamaica beat Barbados 75-37 and St. Vincent and the Grenadines crushed the Cayman Islands 69-45.

In the other games on Thursday, Trinidad and Tobago prevailed 50-40 against Barbados to become the first of the two teams to qualify for the 2023 Netball World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa.

The region's No 2-ranked Trinidad and Tobago were ahead of the No. 3-ranked Barbados from the first quarter, which ended 12-7. However, by halftime, only one goal separated the

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