

TEEN GANG TERROR: 2 DRILLY V. 700 BONES

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Immigration officers attending this week's training exercise on strengthening border security at the Trade Winds Hotel organised by the Ministry of Immigration and Immigration Department with the assistance of the UK government.

Police investigate teen gang violence

Police officers from the Criminal Investigation Department descended on the Princess Margaret School yesterday in what is believed to be a probe into the recent gang related attacks on several school children.

The police have been criticised for their seemingly slow response to the slew of violent attacks which began this year involving teenagers from several secondary schools based mainly in St. John's.

Students who attend the Ottos Comprehensive School, Princess Margaret School and Antigua Grammar School have all been implicated in the vicious, ambush style assaults.

Photographs, widely circulated by the members of the 2Drilly gang and its affiliate, the 2Drilly girls, show children in school uniform issuing threats to targets who are also juveniles.

Pointe FM has learned while innocent students are now being pulled into the fray, the conflict appears to exist between the 2Drilly gang and rivals 700 Bones.

On Monday in an interview with another media house, the police said they were investigating yet another attack on a male minor who was hacked sever-



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al times with a machete and had to be rushed to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre for treatment.

The attacks are particularly alarming because of the use of weapons.

At least three of the school attacks have involved the use of machetes.

Earlier this year, a teen almost lost a finger when he attempted to defend himself from the attack.

A gang of boys chased a male student through YMCA hurling stones and other missiles.

Over the weekend, the violence made its way to a local movie theatre when a machete wielding teen attacked



another while other gang members hurled bottles.

Most concerning to many who question the police force's slowness to act, is the fact that the ring leaders and members of the 2Drilly unit and their female affiliates are active on social media and often share disturbing images featuring themselves posing with various weapons or issuing threats to their next targets along with their victim's images making them vulnerable, sitting duck targets.

The oldest member of the gang is around 16 years old, while the youngest in the photographs is believed to be about 13.



AGS student was target of gang members

More details have emerged of Monday's cutlass attack on an Antigua Grammar School student by three young men outside Teachers' Place.

The 15-year-old student, a resident of Greenbay, related to investigators that on leaving school on Monday, he was walking just outside the headquarters of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, when a young man approached and began attacking him with a cutlass.

As the two struggled, two other males with their faces covered began advancing towards them.

The AGS student reportedly told the police that he began running away from the boys but fell in the process.

While on the ground, one of the at-

tackers fired several chops in the direction of his head, but he used his hand to block the blows and sustained injuries to his right elbow.

A passerby intervened and the 15-year-old ran towards St. John's Fire Station in order to escape his attackers.

A source said the injured student was apprehensive about revealing the identity of the three attackers. He allegedly told the investigating officers he has been experiencing difficulties for some time with gang members located in Villa and Potters.

The injuries the student sustained on Monday are not life threatening and he was not required to be hospitalised.

Investigations are continuing as the police search for his attackers.



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Browne rubbishes ABWU claims, says gov't stepped in to provide relief to JBR staff

Following this week's showdown between the Antigua Barbuda Workers' Union and the government over the release of EC\$12.9 million in severance and other payments due to former Jolly Beach Resort staff, Prime Minister Gaston Browne is suggesting that the outstanding severance issue is being politicised to mislead the public.

In an appearance on Pointe FM on Tuesday, the prime minister provided context to the Jolly Beach Resort saga and explained that his government only interceded to protect the workers who would have been left empty handed after the hotel went belly up under its previous owners.

Browne said while his administration had no financial obligation to the workers after the company flopped, it could not stand idly by and watch hundreds of people put on the breadline.

"Jolly Beach hotel was privately owned. The company ended up in financial difficulties and they ended up owing the former employees \$12.9 million comprising severance as well as outstanding thrift fund payment which were unlawfully utilised by the previous management of Jolly Beach.

"So, the government had no liability whatsoever to the staff, not zero. However, recognising the difficulties that the staff were experiencing, we decided to step in and to buy the property and then to subsequently resell a portion of it, which we have succeeded in doing," Prime Minister Browne told Talk Your Mind host, Troy Allen.

"The transaction concluded just about a month ago and as a consequence, 12.9 million of the proceeds were deposited into an account and the proceeds have been held in escrow for approximately three weeks. The attorney is Kenny Kentish of Lake &



Prime Minister Gaston Browne Kentish," he continued.

Browne's explanation followed assertions made on Monday by the Deputy General Secretary of the ABWU, Chester Hughes that the prime minister had been dishonest over the disbursement of money for the payment of Jolly Beach's former employees.

"Our recent conversation with attorneys representing the company informed us that the funds were received by them early last week. Further, they were waiting on documents to be sent from the Survey Department, which they should receive today [Monday]. Therefore, when they receive those documents, they would be in touch with us to have the matter expedited," Hughes said in a statement released by the ABWU.

The government responded less than 24 hours later in a statement that accused the union of "spreading untruthful and incredibly inaccurate claims regarding the payments to be made to former workers of the Jolly Beach Hotel".

In his conversation with Allen,

Prime Minister Browne said that it fulfilled the obligation to the workers, which was assumed when it purchased the failed hotel, once the money was turned over into the escrow account and care of Lake & Kentish.

"We would have discharged of those undertakings by placing \$12.9 million in the escrow account of Lake & Kentish.

"So, as it stands now, we have no obligation to anyone, to the union, the staff. We have fully discharged of those responsibilities," said Browne.

He further noted that the ABWU will also benefit from the settlement for their role in representing the workers through the long negotiations.

"In fact, there is also a sizable... amount paid to the union...to cover their outstanding fees over the years, the unpaid fees.

"So, what is required now is for the union to cooperate with the escrow agent to ensure that payments are made on a timely basis."

The prime minister further accused the union of attempting to frustrate the payment process for the out-of-pocket workers and mislead them concerning the situation's progress.

"What they're seeking to do, obviously, is to frustrate the payment, to frustrate the employees and they would have given the employees the wrongful impression that it is the government that is holding up the process when we have discharged our responsibility in full."

This deliberate deception on the part of the union, Browne said, has caused the misled workers to stage pickets outside the Office of the Prime Minister when all parties who were a part of the negotiations of the settlement are aware that the matter has been resolved.

Caleb Gardiner to become youngest government senator

At 22-years old, Caleb Gardiner will become the youngest senator in the Upper House of Parliament when he is appointed to the position.

When Gardiner takes his seat in the senate chamber, he will also hold the record for being the youngest serving Senator in such a position within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Moves by Barbadian Prime Minister Mia Mottley to appoint 18-year-old Khaleel Kothdiwala to the upper house in Barbados failed earlier this year, when independent senators rejected an amendment to reduce the minimum age required to serve as a member of parliament and senator from 22 to 18 years.

Just one week after hinting that a young Antiguan and Barbudan will be ap-



Caleb Gardiner

pointed as a government senator, Prime Minister Gaston Browne on Saturday revealed his pick to replace Eustace 'Teco' Lake.

Gardiner's appointment will be effected in December, Prime Minister Gaston Browne explained on his radio programme.

"We'll be appointing next week a young man, Mr. Caleb Gardiner, 22 years of age to the senate effective December 1st. So, they [United Progressive Party] speak to the issue of youth leadership, we

have demonstrated that we're committed to the youth.

Mr. Browne said including the youth in key positions is not new for his administration, referring to Senators Shenella Govia, and Knacyntar Nedd-Charles, and Shanique Fortune who secured appointments in the senate of Antigua and Barbuda all in their 20s.

The prime minister stated the ABLP has been proactive rather than reactive in creating an environment in which the contributions of young people are valued.

"When they [UPP] were in government for ten years they didn't appoint a single youth. Even in the case of the Honourable Maria Browne, she became elected at age 26, one of the youngest in the region in the lower house. So, we are committed to youth

leadership," he affirmed.

Caleb Gardiner is a graduate of the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management.

He attended Antigua Grammar School and Antigua State College.

He is a member of service organization Junior Chamber International and served in the Youth Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda.

Last week at the Public Advocacy Series hosted by The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, Prime Minister Browne said his administration is giving priority to succession planning as veteran politicians within the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party prepare to take leave to make way for new faces and talents.



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Team Antigua Barbuda 69F: Road to victory

Nationals Rocco Falcone and Junella King, along with their Italian teammate Filippo Amonti, stunned in Pensacola, Florida earlier this month when they captured the first leg of the 69F tournament.

Coming up against teams from Canada, the United States of America, Norway and other top contenders in the prestigious hydrofoil race, Antigua and Barbuda's sailors were among the underdogs.

Out of nowhere, the crew who had never sailed together before, shocked everyone when they secured the win.

Platinum sponsors of Team Antigua Barbuda, the Ministry of Tourism, the luxury Tuscan brand Locman and the Antigua Yacht Club, are working to welcome the 69F regatta here in 2023.

On Tuesday at a reception held in their honour to celebrate their magnificent achievement, Rocco and Junella told Pointe Xpress while the experience was exhilarating, it was also exceedingly physically challenging.

As they had never worked

together in the past, Rocco, a multiple National Sports Man of the Year nominee, explained that quick thinking and effective communication were critical in overcoming temperatures as low as 7 degrees and winds between 7 - 13 knots.

"It was actually our first time ever sailing together as a team on the boat so to come out and go into the deep end and win our first regatta was honestly an amazing achievement and we honestly couldn't believe," Rocco said.

"It's a very physical sport," Junella continued, "because [the boat] is very 'tippy' as well so you gotta just be able to move quickly."

Rocco also explained that in a foil race, because of its rapid pace, everyone aboard has a key role to play which also requires significant mental focus.

"Everyone's role kinda ties in together and everyone has to be communicating really well, everything has to be working at a certain time.

"Junella's role really



involves pulling down the boards...she's involved in pulling up the big sail for when we go down wind and that involves a lot of power too.

"Once we're all working together, there's also the main sail trimmer, which is Filippo, he's involved with trimming in the sails and then I'm involved with driving and communicating with the guys on our next move.

"So, you know, it's a lot of things going on, especially at that speed," Rocco explained.

He also emphasised that a great deal of emphasis is placed on the collective safety of the team. This, he said, means at times while the aim is of course to win, that priority must shift to first ensuring personal safety and the safety of the entire crew.

This first victory has buoyed their spirits as they continue to train and participate in other 69F regattas around the world over the

next two years.

"Luckily, we've had the backing of some great sponsors," Rocco said. "The Ministry of Tourism of Antigua and Barbuda, they've helped us a lot with sponsorship and so has Locman and Antigua Yacht Club Marina, and so because of that, we're now able to do all the other events. We're able to go training in Europe, and we're actually going to have our own boat over there so we'll be moving there for the summer, we'll be training with some teams...tryna just build up for the final.

"To do that we need to win some more events, and once we're in the final, hopefully we're at our peak performance, we'll be comfortable with the boat [because] we have great coaches. Thanks to the support that we have, we're able to do this, so thank you to everyone!"

Rocco also extended sincere appreciation to the An-

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Prime Minister makes strong case for more local investment

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is encouraging more nationals to pool their financial resources so that they can invest in Antigua and Barbuda's economic development.

The prime minister issued the call as he congratulated the shareholders of the Antigua Investment Group (AIG) on the completion of the new 535-foot-long superyacht pier at the Falmouth Harbour Marina.

The new pier makes Antigua and Barbuda the only country in the OECS that can accommodate yachts a maximum of 400 feet long.

The launch of Falmouth Harbour Marina's superyacht pier came just weeks ahead of the expected launch of the fifth berth at St. John's Harbour which will be able to accommodate the world's largest Oasis class ships.

PM Browne said the develop-

ments by the Antigua Investment Group/Falmouth Harbour Marina's success gives a positive signal that the private sector is moving lockstep with the government's port development efforts.

"Previously, we could not accommodate the Oasis Class of cruise ships. Now, with the fifth berth, we are able to do so.

"Similarly, we could not accommodate the largest cargo vessels, however, with the upgrade of the cargo port, we can now accommodate any cargo boat in the world today because of the rebuilding of the port.

"In terms of the superyachts, which they are making now and which are more than 400 feet, the AIG directors built a facility that can now accommodate these vessels," he revealed.

Browne also commended AIG for

its foresight and creativity in establishing the marina 28 years ago and constantly upgrading and expanding its facilities to be able to serve the growing needs of the industry as the years progressed.

PM Browne said the AIG serves as a sterling example for Antiguan and Barbudans of the need for and benefits of investing in their country.

"It is a model that other nationals should follow, to pool their resources which is one of the examples of the benefits of partnerships. If we didn't have these original nine persons pooling their resources - some even took out mortgages - we would not have had Falmouth Harbour Marina today. They are a good example of how we can sustain partnerships. It is also an example of how Antiguan and Barbudans should invest in order to generate wealth," he emphasised.

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ABYSO holds string workshops and plays out

The Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra (ABYSO) string players recently completed an intensive and rewarding week of master classes and performances facilitated by Braimah Kanneh-Mason and Konya Kanneh-Mason.

The workshops focused on building the technical capacity of the string players and supporting the work of the ABYSO string tutors. The musicians benefited from a combination of individual, sectional, ensemble and tutti sessions.

The visit was timed to coincide with the launch of the ABYSO Play Out Concert series which will see string and wind ensembles from the ABYSO perform at different venues across the country.

The first two Play Out performances took place at Nomad Restaurant and at Heritage Quay in partnership with Global Ports. Both performances delighted audiences and demonstrated the growth in technical ability and confidence of the musicians.

Braimah headlined these first two performances.

Speaking of the workshops and performances, Braimah stated, “Once again, it has been an enormous pleasure to work with the ABYSO. Each time I hear them, they have jumped to another level. This is all thanks to the hard work and dedication of the tutors, the commit-



ment of the Board of Directors and of course the students themselves.”

ABYSO String Coordinator, Alfraniq Joseph, said, “The feedback from the students after this week was incredible. This past week was very productive, informative and enjoyable. I’m excited for what’s next to come and to put everything we have learnt from Braimah into practice.”

Music students in the ABYSO Outreach programme at the Potters Primary School were also treated to a workshop and private performance by Braimah as part of the week of activities.

The Potters Primary School was selected to be part of a multi-year outreach programme in keeping with the ABYSO’S vision to develop a vibrant and inclusive youth Orchestra that inspires excellence through music.

The students in that programme will be regularly included in ABYSO events as part of this partnership and are en-



couraged to join the Orchestra.

The Board of Directors of the ABYSO extended thanks to its patrons, Their Excellencies Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams, the Curtain Bluff Resort, the Ocean Point Resort & Spa and Director Christiane Hansen for their sponsorship of this workshop.

The ABYSO said in a statement, “Without the support of our donors, the ABYSO would not be able to offer its programmes and deeply values the contributions of its partners.” The ABYSO has extended an invitation to the public to attend its concert, “The Spirit of Christmas” on Sunday 18th December at 5 pm at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church.

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Antiguan and Barbudan public who have cheered them on.

On behalf of the team,

Junella called on the public to continue their support of Team Antigua Barbuda 69F as their journey continues.

One way to actively keep track of their adventures, she said, is on social media.

“We do have our Ins-

tagram page, TeamAntiguaBarbuda_69F, so you can keep up with us on that.”

“We look forward to representing Antigua, representing our sponsors and representing ourselves too.

“We’re going to try to hopefully get up to the next level; after this maybe go for the Olympics or the Americas’ Cup. This is a great opportunity for all of us,” Rocco concluded.

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Know workplace violence, discrimination and harassment

A sharp “cut-eye”. A snide remark. A vicious rumour. An inappropriate touch.

According to the International Labour Organizations (ILO) Convention C190, the term “violence and harassment” in the world of work refers to a range of unacceptable behaviours and practices, or threats thereof, whether a single occurrence or repeated, that aim at, result in, or are likely to result in physical, psychological, sexual or economic harm, and includes gender-based violence and harassment.

The term “gender-based violence and harassment” means violence and harassment directed at persons because of their sex or gender or affecting persons of a particular sex or gender disproportionately and includes sexual harassment.

If we are honest, we all know victims of workplace harassment and probably that victim may have been you. Maybe you were on a workplace trip or a work-related social event when it happened. Or maybe on that evening when you clocked

a few extra hours and there were no witnesses.

The resultant feelings of guilt, worthlessness, hurt, bitterness and anguish are all too common in our occupational spaces.

As Antigua and Barbuda considers the ratification of the ILO’s Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019, HRPAB invites you to learn the basics of this very relevant issue.

Violence and harassment in the workplace may raise their heads in multiple forms. It may be physical in the form of unwanted and offensive physical conduct such as “shoving” an employee.

Harassment may also be psychological where antagonism towards the victim usually results in their diminished self-worth. In this instance, a malicious rumour about one’s personal life may suffice as an example.

Sexual harassment includes offensive and inappropriate advances or behaviour that is unwelcomed by the victim. An example is an unwanted and sensual



caress by one worker to another.

Another form is verbal where words are used to intimidate and demean a victim. Examples include shouting at an employee in the presence of customers.

So why should organizations care about violence and harassment in the workplace? Research shows that if these two beasts are not kept at bay, their effects will be far-reaching and hazardous to any organization, regardless of the industry.

For instance, harassment leads to a demotivated and disengaged workforce, increased absenteeism and tardiness, high employee turnover, decreased productivity, a tarnished public image and the list goes on. There is nothing positive about a violent and harassed workforce.

So, what can your organization do to reduce the likelihood of violence and harassment in the workplace? Here are a few practical tips.

Firstly, acquaint yourself fully with the ILO’s Convention on Violence and

Harassment so that you are aware of your obligations.

Become a member of a local, regional and international HR association (such as the Human Resource Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda, the Caribbean Society of Human Resources Professionals and the Society for Human Resource Management) to stay abreast of anti-harassment best practices.

Develop an anti-harassment policy and enforce it. If you operate within a unionized environment, have a discussion with your union representative and ensure that a whistleblowing statement and anti-harassment processes are included in your collective bargaining agreement. If you are not unionized, contact a Labour Officer to receive guidance on this activity.

Then, introduce incentives for employees who foster positive and inclusive workplace behaviours and implement sufficient and relevant consequences for deviant behaviours.

Finally, become an advocate for victims of violence and harassment. *cont’d on pg 10*

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Brazilian Ilan Goldfajn elected president of Inter-American Development Bank

CMC - Brazilian Ilan Goldfajn was elected president of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) during a special meeting of the Board of Governors on Sunday with delegations attending virtually and in person.

Goldfajn, a former central bank governor, who was nominated by Brazil, will take office for a five-year term on December 19. He defeated four other candidates including Gerard Johnson, who was nominated by the Trinidad and Tobago government.

The Trinidadian is the IDB's general manager

of the Caribbean Country Department with the other nominees coming from Argentina; Mexico; and Chile.

In September, the IDB said the board of governors, following the unanimous recommendation by the board of executive directors, "resolved that Mr. Mauricio Claver-Carone will cease to hold the office of President of the Bank, effective on September 26, 2022."

In its latest statement, the IDB said Goldfajn will manage the operations and administration of the bank, which works with the public sector of Latin America



Ilan Goldfajn

and the Caribbean.

"In addition, he will chair the Board of Executive Directors of the IDB and the Board of Executive Directors of IDB Invest, which works with the region's private sector. The president also chairs the Donors Committee of IDB Lab, the Bank's laboratory for innovative development projects."

The IDB said to be elected president, a candi-

date must receive a majority of the total voting power of the IDB's member countries as well as the support of at least 15 of the 28 regional member countries (26 borrowing member countries, plus Canada and the United States). The IDB has a total of 48 member countries, with offices in all borrowing countries as well as in Europe and Asia.

Goldfajn will be the IDB's seventh president.

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lence and harassment and lobby your parliamentary representative to enact legislation against occupational violence and harassment.

It is said that ignorance is bliss but we respectfully disagree with this sentiment. The more we know about workplace violence, discrimination and harassment, the more equipped we will be to engender positive and inclusive workforces.

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The tensions that fan tricky in-law relationships

By Megan Carnegie

BBC-Precarious in-law relationships are a trope that can seem overblown. But for some people, these conflicts are real – and there are many reasons why.

In-law relationships hold the potential for mutual appreciation, joy and even love – in theory, people gain a whole new family and, with it, access to a wider support network. Most people don't start off expecting to hate their in-laws; 2012 research from Purdue University, US, showed the vast majority of couples go into their marriages anticipating positive ties.

Yet a potent mix of patriarchal traditions, media tropes and characters in pop culture also popularise the idea that in-law relationships will be tense at best, toxic at worst – especially among women.

For instance, one needn't look far to find a rich set of diabolical in-law characters. In *Hamlet*, Gertrude's brother-in-law kills her husband, then lies to her to gain her hand in marriage. In the *Meet The Parents* film series, Robert DeNiro's character uses his ex-CIA skills to uncover dirt on his daughter's fiancé (and that's the least of it). The trope is particularly potent on television: in the *Sopranos*, Livia Soprano estranges her daughter-in-



Child-rearing, particularly the early years, can be a flashpoint in relationships with in-laws, experts say (Credit: Getty)

law Carmela from her own parents; the *Simpsons* sees Marge's sisters Patty and Selma at constant odds with Homer Simpson; and Debra Barone and her mother-in-law Marie in *Everybody Loves Raymond* veer cyclically between niggling combat and genuine affection.

Real-life examples of tricky in-laws bombard us, too, as evidenced by numerous reports on Zayn Malik's rocky relationship with mother-in-law Yolanda Hadid, or Victoria Beckham's purported feud with son Brooklyn's wife, Nicola Peltz. The media's thirst for woman-on-woman conflict takes a particularly dark sway, adding ballast to the looming figure of the monster-in-law in culture.

These representations

serve to feed the assumption that in-law conflict is normal. And indeed, say experts, there are both well-founded historical reasons for these beliefs as well as particular flashpoints today – both events and life stages – that are known to fan the flames of in-law conflict, making stereotypically bad relationships very real for some.

'Precarious environment'

Part of the reason that navigating in-law relationships can be tricky is the fact that there is no rulebook for them. For example, it's not clear how close people should live to their in-laws, how often couples see them and what responsibilities they might shoulder.

Gretchen Perry, professor at the University of Can-

terbury, New Zealand, and co-author of the paper *In-Law Relationships in Evolutionary Perspective: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, points out that there won't necessarily be shared beliefs and mutual understanding. While people might have friction with their own families, she says, "it's more likely you're going to agree and have common interests with them", while there might be "less of an overlap in common agreement" with in-laws.

The historic formation of heterosexual family structures may be partly responsible for creating an environment of tension with in-laws, and form the basis of the trope of the meddling mother-in-law specifically

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ly. In some patrilineal societies, parents choose who their child marries, and once married, the daughter-in-law moves in with her husband's family.

As the senior woman of the household in these arrangements, the mother is in charge of the domestic sphere, and gains higher social status and decision-making authority over her daughter-in-law. "It's a precarious environment because the new wife is separated from their family of origin and those who may be more protective of her," says Perry. "Depending on the nature of that circumstance, it can be a difficult, controlling environment, with a lot of conflict." So, experts say the omnipresent trope of the meddling mother-in-law is partly a hangover from this setup, where a daughter-in-law is under the thumb of a matriarch.

Today, these kinds of living arrangements are far less common, but

statistics still support the belief that a woman and her mother-in-law are more likely to clash than male members of the family.

In a US study from 2022, both men and women reported having more conflict with their mothers-in-law than their mothers, and mothers indicated having more conflict with their daughters-in-law than their daughters. Terri Apter, a psychologist and senior tutor at Newnham College, Cambridge University, who conducted more than two decades of research, and published in a book in 2008, found that 60% of women admitted the relationship with their female in-law caused them long-term unhappiness and stress. Two-thirds of daughters-in-law believed that their husband's mother frequently exhibited jealous, maternal love towards their son. Seventy-five percent of couples reported having problems with an in-law, but only 15% of mother-in-law/son-

in-law relationships were described as tense.

One factor that could contribute to the prevalence of female in-law tension is child-rearing, and its disproportionate impact on women, which could potentially compound any pre-existing conflict.

In a Finnish study, researchers found that compared to child-free couples, mothers and fathers were as likely to report conflict with their own parents, but more likely to report individual conflict with their in-laws. Many young adults found in-law conflict increased after the birth of their first child, with the shared interest of a grandchild providing fresh reasons for grandparents to "influence and interfere in the lives of other family members".

During the early child-rearing period, new mothers and their mothers-in-law may well have more frequent

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contact than before. “When pregnant, breastfeeding and caring for a young baby, mothers are faced with a challenging time and need extra support,” explains Perry. Although a new mother’s partner and father-in-law can help, it’s often her own mother and mother-in-law who provide the most robust support. Plus, child-rearing is an emotive topic that comes with a plethora of generational differences. With a mother-in-law expecting to have her grandchild raised one way, and an exhausted mother adamant about doing some things differently, the conditions are ripe for disagreements.

Helping a mother through the early months of parenthood is just the beginning of the grandparental care journey, however. More so than grandfathers, it is grandmothers who often cover gaps in childcare, which can result in their own work hours being curtailed and a drop in earnings potential. Yet more help does not necessarily equate to better ties.

The Finnish study found that the more grandchild care a paternal grandmother performs, the more likely a daughter-in-law is to report some form of conflict - the rule of thumb being, the more involved they are in each other’s lives, the more opportunities there are for friction.

Holiday flashpoints

While the mother-in-law to daughter-in-law link is surely the most complex, all in-law relationships come under tension as couples move through life together.

The most frequent intra-familial flashpoints are religious celebrations and holidays. “If both sets of in-laws are adamant that you’re all going to theirs for Christmas, you’re going to have a problem,” says Martin Daly, a professor of psychology, neuroscience and behaviour at McMaster University, Canada and co-author of *In-Law Relationships in Evolutionary Perspective*.

“Occasions like Christmas are a major point of conflict, because it’s where people are expected to be together.”

Thrown together for an extended period of time, without sufficient room for autonomous behaviours, families come up against the phenomenon of ‘hypercopresence,’ which can happen with any interaction involving forced closeness – holiday gatherings included. Melanie Booth-Butterfield, a professor of communication studies at West Virginia University, US, who is writing a book on the topic, says that the negative effects can be long-lasting. “Hypercopresence can result in conflicts with relatives, angry words that cannot be taken back, and cold, rude nonverbal behaviours which leave lasting impressions,” she explains.

Plus, holidays are when families carry out much-anticipated traditions and rituals, which research shows makes them feel closer and increases people’s enjoyment of these occasions. However, each family’s traditions might be different – and when in-laws diverge from our beloved rituals and traditions (or vice versa), tensions can flare.

There are other common points of conflict, says Perry, including potentially different opinions on how much time, including holidays, that you spend together, how children are raised, how money is spent, whether money is borrowed and so on.

Indeed, a 2016 survey by digital lifestyle brand Fatherly showed that of those couples who do argue with their in-laws, 29% said it was about parenting style, followed by 15% who brought up politics, 14% said money and 4% said their in-laws needled them about career success.

More space, less tension

Perry believes that building positive in-law relations can depend on how much people rely on extended families as they move through life. Tensions may occur when couples can’t afford to

live independently, grandparents shoulder more childcare responsibilities and adults take on the care of their parents as they age. “If social constraints and financial shortfall mean that people need to care for each other more, and spend more time in each other’s business, the conflict may increase,” says Perry.

But these days, it’s becoming more common for couples to operate as solitary units, moving further away from a larger familial network, and staying in touch on their own terms. “If couples can be independent and flexible, not beholden to in-laws and extended families, they can pick and choose when they ask for help, [then] the window of opportunity for conflict is smaller,” says Perry.

And while some people may struggle with in-law relationships, it’s also clear that people can also build positive, rewarding ties. A survey of American women conducted in 2021 found that 51% of daughters-in-law are satisfied or very satisfied with the relationship with their mother-in-law, while three quarters of mothers-in-law are satisfied or very satisfied with the relationship with their daughter-in-law.

So where does that leave us? These days, it’s certainly possible that some of the foundational areas of conflict with in-laws might be reduced, due to the different ways we live today. But the stereotypes do contain a grain of truth, as there are inherent aspects of these relationships that could serve to make them fraught. Usually, though, they aren’t as extreme as the ones we see on television.

Moreover, people go through countless changes in life, and there are just as many opportunities to reframe in-law relationships – even during the holidays. After all, you have one irrefutable attachment in common. As Daly points out, people related by marriage often derive solidarity from the fact they care deeply about the wellbeing of the same person.

Brazil's Lula discharged from hospital after throat treatment

Reuters - Brazilian President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva left hospital on Monday after a procedure to remove potentially pre-cancerous patches from his vocal cord, doctors said, adding that they had found no abnormal tissue mass in the process.

Doctors at Sao Paulo's Sirio Libanes Hospital, where the 77-year-old Lula was treated for throat cancer 11 years ago, said the procedure had removed small white patches called



Brazil's President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva attends the COP27 climate summit, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, November 16, 2022. REUTERS/Mohamed Abd El Ghany

'leukoplakia' from his vocal cords.

Leukoplakia, also called 'smokers keratosis', can be

caused by repeated injury and irritation or exposure to smoking and alcohol. In a minority of cases, it can develop into cancer.

The doctors said in a note that they had found no signs of "neoplasm," or abnormal tissue mass, during the procedure.

Lula's gravelly voice had gone hoarse in the final months of Brazil's presidential election, which he won last month, denying a second term to right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro.

Evoking Castro, Putin and Cuban leader pledge to deepen ties

Reuters - Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Cuban counterpart Miguel Diaz-Canel unveiled a monument in a north Moscow square on Tuesday to Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro, pledging to deepen their friendship in the face of U.S. sanctions against both countries.

Castro, who took power in 1959, is not commemorated by statues in his homeland because, his brother Raul said after his death in 2016, he wanted to avoid a personality cult.

But Putin evoked his memory as he told Diaz-Canel the two countries needed to build on the "solid foundation of friendship" established between Castro and Soviet leaders.

"It's a real work of art - dynamic, in motion, moving forward. It creates the image of a fighter," Putin said of the statue, which portrays Castro gazing into the distance with



Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend an unveiling ceremony of a monument to late Cuban leader Fidel Castro in Moscow, Russia November 22, 2022. Sputnik/Sergey Guneev/Kremlin via REUTERS

hands on hips.

Diaz-Canel said through a trans-

lator: "I think it reflects the person-
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Trial date set for trio as former ports boss pleads not guilty

BVI News - Former BVI Ports Authority Director Oleanvine Pickering Maynard pleaded not guilty to charges of racketeering when she appeared before Magistrate Judge Melissa Damian in a Miami court last Thursday.

The former ports boss was arraigned separately from her co-accused — the former Premier Andrew Fahie and her son, Kadeem Maynard aka Blacka; both of whom earlier pleaded not guilty to the charge of Interstate and Foreign Travel in Aid of Racketeering.

According to the new charge, Maynard knowingly travelled in interstate and foreign commerce with the intent to promote, manage, establish, carry on and facilitate the promotion, management, and/or establishment of an unlawful activity that is a business enterprise involving narcotics or controlled substances in violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 963.



Former Premier of the BVI Andrew Fahie.

The racketeering charge was brought in a superseding indictment and is in addition to the trio's previous charges of conspiracy to import a controlled substance; conspiracy to engage in money laundering; and attempted money laundering.

The racketeering offence carries a

maximum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 upon conviction.

Maynard remains incarcerated after declining pre-trial liberty, and has retained a separate attorney, D'arsey Houlihan, from each of her co-accused. Fahie is represented by attorney Theresa Van Vliet while Kadeem is represented by attorney Jose Rafael Rodriguez.

Trial date set

In the meantime, the trial for the trio has been set to begin on January 9, 2023 before US District Judge Kathleen Williams and is expected to be held during a two-week period.

A court document noted if the case cannot be tried during this two-week period, it will be reset for each successive trial calendar until it is tried or resolved. The document further advised that all counsel must be present for a video Zoom calendar call on January 3, 2023.

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ality of Fidel in the struggle, as we find ourselves in struggle today."

Russia, hit by Western sanctions over the conflict in Ukraine, is looking to strengthen political and economic ties with other countries opposed to what it calls U.S. hegemony. Cuba has been under a U.S. economic embargo since 1962 after the Communist revolution led by Castro.

Addressing the Russian parliament, Diaz-Canel showed his solidarity by directly endorsing Moscow's stated pretext for

sending its troops into Ukraine.

"The reasons for the current conflict in this zone must be sought in the aggressive policy of the United States and the expansion of NATO towards Russia's borders," he said.

Ukraine and its Western allies reject that argument as a specious justification for an illegal war of occupation.

Under Castro, Cuba was a close ally of Moscow and found itself at the centre of one of the gravest crises of the Cold War when, in 1962, the United

States detected the construction of Soviet launch sites on the Caribbean island for firing ballistic missiles capable of hitting U.S. cities.

The resulting standoff, known as the Cuban Missile Crisis, brought the United States and the Soviet Union close to the brink of nuclear war.

U.S. President Joe Biden said last month that the world was closer to "Armageddon" than at any time since that date, as the Ukraine conflict has raised fears of a wider confrontation between Russia and

NATO. Russian politicians have also evoked the Cuban crisis as a warning from the past.

Asked about possible parallels, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "The crises are different, although both then and now we are talking about a clash between us and the collective West led by the United States."

He added: "The experience of the Caribbean crisis has been studied and will continue to be studied, but this will not be the main thing in the talks" between Putin and Diaz-Canel.

FARC dissident fighting leaves 18 dead in southern Colombia

Reuters - At least 18 people died in fighting between two FARC dissident factions for control of a drug trafficking area in Colombia's southern jungle, said Defense Minister Ivan Velasquez on Monday.

The clashes took place over the weekend in a ru-

ral area of Putumayo province, bordering Ecuador and Peru.

The incident is the highest death toll from fighting among illegal armed groups since President Gustavo Petro took office in August as Colombia's first leftist leader.

"People from the pop-

ulation collected corpses and moved them to the cemetery (...) 18 people died in the confrontations, there are no reports of people from the community, although some families have been displaced," Velasquez told reporters.

Petro has promised to bring "total peace" to Co-

lombia by ending a nearly six-decade bloody internal armed conflict that left at least 450,000 dead between 1985 and 2018 alone.

Negotiators from his government will begin renewed peace talks with the leftist National Liberation Army (ELN) rebels later on Monday. [read more](#)

A peace agreement signed in 2016 allowed more than 13,000 members of the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) to reintegrate into civilian life and form a legal political party.

But some FARC fronts never accepted the agreement and former leaders who signed it formed a major dissident group in 2019, alleging betrayal of the deal's conditions by the state.

Petro has said his peace plans include FARC leaders who abandoned their group's agreement and reduced sentences for criminal gangs who surrender.

Security sources estimate there are around 2,400 FARC dissidents and say the groups are involved in drug trafficking and illegal mining.

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Indonesian rescuers search through rubble of quake; 268 dead

AP - Indonesian rescuers used jackhammers, circular saws and sometimes their bare hands Tuesday to shift the rubble of flattened buildings as they searched for the dead and missing from an earthquake that killed at least 268 people.

With many missing, some remote areas still unreachable and more than 1,000 people injured in the 5.6 magnitude quake, the death toll was likely to rise. Hospitals near the epicentre on the densely populated island of Java were already overwhelmed, and patients hooked up to IV drips lay on stretchers and cots in tents set up outside, awaiting further treatment.

Indonesia is frequently hit by earthquakes, many much stronger than Monday's whose magnitude would typically be expected to cause light damage. But experts said the shallowness of the quake and inadequate infrastructure contributed to the severe damage, including caved-in roofs and large piles of bricks, concrete, and corrugated metal.

The quake was centred on the rural, mountainous Cianjur district, where one woman said her home started "shaking like it was dancing."

"I was crying and immediately grabbed my husband and children," said Partinem, who like many Indonesians only goes by



Enjot, 45, who lost his house and few relatives, walks past the rubble of a building collapsed in Monday's earthquake in Cianjur, West Java, Indonesia Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. Rescuers on Tuesday struggled to find more bodies from the rubble of homes and buildings toppled by an earthquake that killed a number of people and injured hundreds on Indonesia's main island of Java. (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

only one name. The house collapsed shortly after she escaped with her family.

"If I didn't pull them out, we might have also been victims," she said, gazing over the pile of broken concrete and timber.

More than 2.5 million people live in Cianjur district, including about 175,000 in the main town of the same name.

The quake struck at a depth of 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) and also caused panic in the capital of Jakarta, about a three hour-drive away, where high-rises swayed and some people evacuated.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency head Suhary-

anto, who uses one name, told reporters that 1,083 people were injured and at least 151 missing. But not all of the dead have been identified, so it's possible some of the bodies pulled from the rubble are of people on the missing list.

Rescue operations were focused on about a dozen locations in Cianjur, where people are still believed trapped, said Endra Atmawidjaja, the public works and housing spokesperson.

"We are racing against time to rescue people," Atmawidjaja said.

Initial rescue attempts were hampered by damaged roads and bridges and power outages, and a lack of

equipment to help move the heavy rubble. By Tuesday, power supplies and phone communications had begun to improve, and Atmawidjaja said that seven excavators and 10 large trucks had been deployed from neighbouring areas to clear roads.

In the village of Cijedil, the quake triggered a landslide that blocked streets and buried several houses, said Henri Alfiandi, chief of the National Search and Rescue Agency.

"We are maximising operations at several points where it is suspected that there are still casualties. Our team is also trying to reach remote areas," he said.

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Many of the dead were public school students who had finished their classes for the day and were taking extra lessons at Islamic schools when the buildings collapsed, West Java Gov. Ridwan Kamil said.

More than 13,000 people whose homes were heavily damaged were taken to evacuation centres, Kamil said, though thousands spent the night in the open fearing aftershocks.

Cargo trucks carrying food, tents, blankets and other supplies from the capital, Jakarta arrived early Tuesday in temporary shelters.

Outside the Cianjur Regional Hospital, hundreds waited for treatment.

"I was working inside my office building. The building was not damaged, but as the quake shook very strongly, many things fell.

"My leg was hit by heavy stuff," said Dwi Sarmadi, who works for an

Islamic educational foundation in a neighbouring district.

He was waiting near a tent outside the hospital after some overwhelmed clinics were unable to see him. Many people were arriving in worse shape. "I really hope they can handle me soon," he said.

Hasan, a construction worker who uses one name, was also taken to the hospital.

"I fainted. It was very strong," Hasan recalled. "I saw my friends running to escape from the building. But it was too late to get out, and I was hit by the wall."

President Joko Widodo visited Cianjur on Tuesday and pledged to rebuild infrastructure, including the main bridge connecting Cianjur to other cities, and to provide government assistance up to 50 million rupiah (\$3,180) to each resident whose house was damaged.

"On behalf of myself and on behalf of the government, I would like to express my deep condolences to the victims and their families in this Cianjur earthquake," he said after visiting survivors in shelters on a soccer field.

The country of more than 270 million people is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin known as the "Ring of Fire."

In February, a magnitude-6.2 earthquake killed at least 25 people and injured more than 460 in West Sumatra province. In January 2021, a magnitude-6.2 earthquake killed more than 100 people and injured nearly 6,500 in West Sulawesi province.

A powerful Indian Ocean quake and tsunami in 2004 killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries, most of them in Indonesia.



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Dominican Republic rejects criticism of Haitian deportations

AP — The Dominican Republic said it “profusely rejects” criticism of its crackdown on Haitian migrants from a growing number of countries and human rights agencies.

Dominican authorities have ramped up border enforcement and deportations of Haitians, saying such actions are crucial to national security amid intensifying turmoil in the neighbouring country due to a gang blockade of fuel supplies and a cholera outbreak.

Authorities say they deported 43,900 migrants, largely Haitians, between July and October. In September and October alone, deportation figures shot up by about 50%.

The government’s actions have sparked heavy criticism in recent weeks from Haiti, the U.N. human rights chief and the United States.

On Saturday, the U.S. Embassy in the capital of Santo Domingo sent out a warning saying Dominican migration authorities “have carried out widespread operations” to detain largely Haitian migrants who they believe are in the country illegally.

“There are reports that detainees are held in overcrowded detention centres, without the ability to challenge their detention and without access to food or toilets, sometimes for days, before being released or deported to Haiti,” the Embassy wrote.

The Embassy also warned that the government’s actions could pose a problem for darker-skinned Americans and African Americans travelling in the Dominican Republic.

Unlike the U.N. and Haiti, however, the U.S. did not explicitly call for the country to halt deportations. President Joe Biden’s administration has defended its own practice of deporting and expelling Haitian migrants



Haitians wait to cross the border between Dominican Republic and Haiti in Dajabon, Dominican Republic, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021. The Dominican Republic said on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2022 that it “profusely rejects” the denunciation of its migratory crackdowns on Haitian migrants by a growing number of countries and human rights agencies. (AP Photo/Matias Delacroix, File)

arriving at its southern border, despite heavy criticism from human rights organisations.

The Dominican Ministry of Foreign Relations lashed back at the criticism on Sunday, saying the American government had “no evidence” of any sort of systematic human rights violations. It also decried what it said was a lack of international support to handle the migration from Haiti.

“The Dominican government never could have imagined there would be such a harsh insinuation made about our country,” the ministry wrote, “much less from an ally that has been subject to accusations of xenophobic and racist treatment of migrants, including in parts of its own population.”

Tensions fueled by migration have simmered for years between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which share a 240-mile (390-kilometre) border on the island of Hispaniola. But they have

only deepened since the 2021 assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, which thrust an already crisis-stricken Haiti into chaos.

Since then, deportations from the Dominican Republic have ramped up and the country’s government has increasingly militarised its border, even beginning construction of a border wall.

Last week, President Luis Abinader called the U.N. human rights chief’s recent demand for the end of the deportations “unacceptable and irresponsible.” He said his country “has been more affected” by Haiti’s problems and steady migration and “more supportive than any other country in the world.”

“You can’t ask anything more from the Dominican Republic. ... We’re going to continue the deportations and next week we’re going to increase them,” he said.

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Loss for Messi and Argentina among biggest World Cup upsets

By Gerald Imray

AP— The staggering loss for Lionel Messi and Argentina at the World Cup at the hands of Saudi Arabia is right up there with the biggest upsets in tournament history.

Messi, who had given Argentina the lead before the Saudis came back to win 2-1, is playing at likely his last World Cup.

But Messi and his highly-rated team, one of the title favourites in Qatar, now have an unwanted place on a very different list after losing to a team ranked 48 places below them. Saudi Arabia had won only three games previously at the World Cup, and only one in the last 28 years before Tuesday's shocker over the two-time champions.

Here is a look at some of the other major World Cup surprises through the years:

CAMEROON 1, ARGENTINA 0 (1990)

Diego Maradona, another Argentina great, led his country to the 1990 World Cup tournament in Italy as the defending champion. Maradona was established as the best player in the world and Argentina was favoured to retain the title.

A little-known Cameroon team that was playing at only its second World Cup had other ideas in the tournament's opening match against Argentina. Francois Omam-Biyik scored with a second-half header for the African team, which was also down to 10 men at the time after a red card. Cameroon eventually finished the game with nine men after another sending off but kept Argentina and Maradona out.

Argentina did recover to reach the final — something that may raise Messi's spirits slightly in Qatar — but lost to West Germany in that deciding



Argentina players leave the field at the end of the World Cup group C soccer match between Argentina and Saudi Arabia at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. (AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan)

game.

SENEGAL 1, FRANCE 0 (2002)

France was also World Cup champion when it came up against another African underdog at the start of the 2002 tournament in South Korea and Japan.

France's team was packed with some of the best players in the world and no one thought they could lose the game. But Papa Bouba Diop bundled in a goal in the 30th minute and Senegal kept its nerve for a famous win on its World Cup debut.

France ended up exiting in the group stage. Senegal went on to reach the quarterfinals, just as Cameroon did in 1990.

SOUTH KOREA 2, ITALY 1 (2002)

The 2002 World Cup threw up another eye-opener when co-host South Korea made a run to the semifinals.

South Korea had beaten Portugal in the group stage but bettered that upset with a 2-1 win in extra time over Italy in the last 16. Italy was a three-time champion at the time while South Korea had never won a World Cup game

before the tournament.

Ahn Jung-hwan, who was playing his club soccer in Italy at the time, headed in a golden goal three minutes from the end of extra time to send the Italians home and reward a fanatical home crowd with a lasting World Cup memory.

UNITED STATES 1, ENGLAND 0 (1950)

Haitian-born Joe Gaetjens was the unlikely hero for the United States in a 1-0 upset over England at the 1950 World Cup in Brazil.

The American team was basically made up of part-timers and the result reverberated across the game as one of the first big World Cup upsets.

NORTH KOREA 1, ITALY 0 (1966)

Italy was also on the wrong end of another upset in 1966 in England, when North Korea beat the Azzurri 1-0 in the first World Cup it ever played in. The result eliminated the Italians and sent the North Koreans to the quarterfinals.

North Korea wasn't even expected to qualify for the tournament and didn't play at another World Cup until 2010.

PM Keith Rowley speaks on Warner's extradition issue

CMC-Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley says he is not surprised at the latest developments surrounding former FIFA vice president, Austin "Jack" Warner, as he had strenuously denounced the "appointment of Jack Warner to the cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago" in 2010.

"I took objection to Jack Warner being appointed to the Cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago and the reason being, not that I had a problem with people... electing whom they want to elect to serve them you know, but I made the point that when you're talking about a Cabinet member, you cannot have a gentleman who had that kind of reputation and worse, a job at FIFA and I told this country that his involvement at FIFA could and would embarrass

Trinidad and Tobago," Rowley said.

Last Thursday, a defiant Warner said he would continue to fight his extradition to the United States to answer corruption charges, even after London's Privy Council ruled that the extradition proceedings are not unlawful.

The former football administrator, businessman and politician also defended the decision by FIFA to give preference to South Africa, Russia and Qatar to host World Cup Finals.

The award of the 2018 World Cup Final to Russia was among the issues at the centre of corruption allegations against the 79-year-old Warner who is facing 12 charges of wire fraud, racketeering and money laundering.

The Privy Council, Trinidad and



Trinidad PM Dr. Keith Rowley

Tobago's highest court of appeal, dismissed Warner's lawyers' contention that the extradition proceedings in the magistrate's court were unlawful, thus paving the way for the matter to resume.

Warner, who also served as CONCACAF president, is one of 14 people charged in connection with what US prosecutors said was a 24-year scheme designed to "enrich themselves through the corruption of international soccer".

The US Department of Justice claims that from as far back as 1990, Warner leveraged his influence and exploited his official positions for personal gain. He is accused of receiving five million US dollars in bribes to vote for Russia to host the 2018 World Cup.

Prime Minister Rowley, addressing the Women's League of the ruling People's National Movement (PNM) in San Fernando, on Sunday, told the audience that when he was appointed Opposition Leader following the 2010 general election that brought the People's Partnership government to office headed by Kamla Persad Bissessar, his first order of business was to oppose the selection of Warner into the cabinet.




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West Indies Women's under-19s rising stars team learning quickly in tough Indian conditions

West Indies Women's Under-19 Rising Stars are on a learning curve on their ongoing T20 tour of India. After competing in a quadrangular tournament against India A, India B and Sri Lanka, the Women's Under-19 squad stay on in India to play New Zealand Under-19s. They are experiencing Indian conditions for the first time and the challenges that come from playing on the Indian subcontinent. According to Head Coach, Steve Liburd, they are in the process of developing and enhancing their skills and gaining vital knowledge and experience of the game.

The team participated in last week's quadrangular tournament at the Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy International Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam. The Women's Under-19 Rising Stars lost all three of their matches as they had their first experience of playing in India. The final was won by a very strong India A team on Saturday, November 19.

"This tour is a vital part of our preparation as we build towards the ICC Women's U19 T20 World Cup, so we looked at combinations to give different players opportunities. We want to make sure we're really clear of what is our best



XI by time we get to the World Cup in South Africa," Liburd said.

"Despite the results, the team has been upbeat, and the players are very keen to learn and get better. They adapted well to conditions, considering they are playing in this part of the world for the first time, and we believe they are heading in the right direction. The biggest challenge has been the batting, especially in the middle overs, but we have seen improvement in rotating the strike back against spinners and picking up singles. One of the things we need to continue to develop is getting the players to look at their 'boundary options' once they get going."

Following the end of the four-team series West Indies Women's Under-19 Rising Stars travelled to Mum-

bai where they faced New Zealand Women U19 at the D.Y. Patil Stadium. The first of two matches went down to the wire with New Zealand narrowly emerging victorious by one wicket.

Liburd added: "The tournament was really well organised and gave the players from all four teams a great opportunity to play at an international stadium and to see how things operate on the international stage. Once we get more opportunities, we will be more comfortable with the environment. We have the two-match series against New Zealand, and they are in our group in the World Cup so this will be a chance to see what they have and to develop our plans. I also want to urge the people of the Caribbean to continue to support the girls on their

journey. Under-19 women's cricket is something new to the region and we will continue to build and get better as we get ready for the World Cup."

The inaugural ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 will be played from 14 to 29 January in South Africa. The global event will feature 41 matches with the official warm-up matches played from 9 to 11 January. The 16 participating teams will play in four groups in the preliminary round. West Indies have been drawn in Group C alongside New Zealand, Ireland and Indonesia. Teams will play in the Super 6s, followed by the semifinals and final.

FULL SQUAD: Ashmini Munisar (captain), Trishan Holder (vice-captain), Asabi Callendar, Kenika Cassar, Jahzara Claxton, Najanni Cumberbatch, Jannillea Glasgow, Realeanna Grimmond, Zaida James, Djenaba Joseph, KD Jazz Mitchell, Shalini Samaroo

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Match Schedule

Tuesday, 22 November
– vs New Zealand at Mumbai (1pm local time)- New Zealand one by 1 wicket

Thursday, 24 November
– vs New Zealand at Mumbai (1pm)

Grenades refute claims about its team composition

The Jennings Grenades Football Club is refuting claims that its team which competes in the nation's top domestic league, the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier League, is comprised of mainly overseas-based players, particularly Jamaicans.

Founding member and current General Secretary of Jennings Grenades Football Club, Edson "Bedi" Joseph, said the current composition of the team is primarily nationals of Antigua and Barbuda.

"Contrary to what you hear in the public and in some areas of the local media, the majority of the players at Jennings Grenades are Antiguan," Joseph stated.

"Most of them are born Antiguan and others are Antiguan by naturalization. I want to stress that we only have five overseas based players, five players who do not possess an Antigua and Barbuda passport."

Jennings Grenades, a team which originated in Jennings Village in 1990, had to play in the shadows of then premier division neighbours Jennings United, which at the time, was easily the more recognized and established team of the same community.

As time went by, Jennings Grenades, supported by its strong club administrative structure, has been able to develop a strong football programme, which enabled it to surpass Jennings United to become the top team in the south.

Grenades' strong growth and development rose to new heights during the ABFA's 2019/20 domestic season, when the club was in a strong position to win its first ever Antigua and Barbuda premier league title.

However, they were denied the op-



The Jennings Grenades Football Club team celebrate with their 2022 ABFA's Cool and Smooth, Joma Caribbean Knockout Cup trophy. (Photo courtesy Jennings Grenades FC)

portunity to win the nation's top domestic league because on March 12th, 2020, the ABFA stopped all its competitions and the 2019-20 season was later abandoned without the crowning of any winners of its three divisions due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

When the ABFA's 2019/20 Premier Division was halted on 12th March, 2020, Jennings Grenades was leading the competition with just two rounds of matches remaining.

Following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Jennings Grenades picked up from where they left off, playing unbeaten to capture the 2022 domestic season opening ABFA's Cool and Smooth, Joma Caribbean Knockout Cup title and a grand prize of EC\$50,000 on Sunday, 23rd October.

Joseph, a former assistant general secretary of the ABFA, said Grenades is a club committed to excellence and development and utilize players from within the Jennings community.

"A lot of people have a lot of mis-

conception about the team and the composition of the team. We are a club about excellence and contrary to what people say, we promote development," Joseph said.

"We encourage the young people from the community to come around, and in recent time, we have developed a policy where if we have the material at home, we will not go outside for players.

"So we give players from within the Jennings community the first opportunity to come and train with the team.

"Some of those players would come and we would agree that they are at a level where we could work with them, but then they get discouraged because some persons give them bad advice."

The 2022/23 premier league season will commence at the ABFA's Technical Center in Paynters this weekend and Jennings Grenades will open their campaign against Old Road in the first game of a triple-header at 4 pm on Sunday, 27th November.

SJA hold defending champs OCS to draw in Under-14 league

Cupholders Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) were held to a 1-1 draw by St. Joseph's Academy (SJA) upon the resumption of matches in the Under-14 Boys' Division of the Secondary Schools' Football League on Monday, 21st November.

Tafari Looby scored for Ottos Comprehensive, while D Sebastian netted for St. Joseph's Academy in the drawn affair, which was one of four matches that were played following

a three-week break to the Under-14 Boys' competition, caused by recent heavy rain across Antigua and Barbuda.

However, there were wins for Princess Margaret School, All Saints Secondary and the Antigua Grammar School in the other matches.

A Malik Nathan conversion and an own-goal scored by Anthony Reid gave Princess Margaret a 2-0 win over St. Mary's Secondary School.

Goals by Kemari Lawrence and Shamar Anthony propelled All Saints Secondary to a 2-0 win over Clare Hall Secondary.

Antigua Grammar School snatched a 3-2 victory over Sir Novelle Richards Academy. Kevonte Lewis scored twice and Espirit Shaw netted once for Antigua Grammar School.

Ajay Barthley and Lennox Phoenix each converted once for Sir Novelle Richards Academy.

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ever been.

"I am excited, just like many other persons. I think the future of golf in Antigua and Barbuda is in pretty good hands," Jonas stated.

"I haven't been around golf for an extremely long time, but I don't recall any time where I was involved during the time that there were so many opportunities for the junior golfers to be a part of our ECGC team."

Jonas also commended coach Vincent James for creating his junior academy and coach Marlon "Boozie" George, who, along with coach Skey Anthony, initiated and are currently managing the affairs of Striving for Excellence Academy.

"I have to give recognition to Mr. Marlon George and the work that he has been doing with the junior golfers and also to Mr. Vincent James, who also runs a junior golf programme

there at Cedar Valley," Jonas said.

"These guys are pushing out a lot of talent. Per-

haps before my time, but we have never seen so much talent in the juniors as we are seeing now this

year and this present time. So that is a testament to the jobs those guys are doing, so kudos to them for that."

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ABGA President Jonas praises the work of junior golf academies

President of the Antigua and Barbuda Golf Association (ABGA) Avery Jonas is commending the Striving for Excellence Academy along with the Vincent James Golf Academy, the two major organizations in Antigua and Barbuda which have been producing a strong crop of junior golfers in recent times.

Antigua and Barbuda is currently blessed with an abundance of top quality junior golfers and Jonas is crediting both academies for the work they have been doing to develop the young and talented golfers.

“We have several interest groups associated with golf in Antigua and Barbuda. We also have two separate junior programmes that are producing very good talent,” Jonas said.

“The four juniors that were included in the Antigua and Barbuda team at this year’s East Caribbean Golf Championship in St. Lucia all came from the Striving for Excellence Academy, so perhaps that is a testament to the type of work that they are doing at Striving for Excellence.”

Four of the nation’s top junior golfers, all from the Striving for Excellence Academy, were included in a 12-member Antigua and Barbuda team that won this year’s overall gross team title at the Eastern Caribbean Golf Championship (ECGC) in St. Lucia from 7th to 9th October.

Marquise George was selected in the four-member men’s team, while Lexi Hunte, Andreina De La Cruz and Akevia Warner comprised the



The three Antiguan and Barbudan female junior golfers who captured the ladies team title and claimed the top three places in the women’s individual competition at the ECGC in St. Lucia from 7th to 9th October, 2022. From left to right: ECGC third-place finisher Akevia Warner, runner-up Lexi Hunte and champion Andreina De La Cruz. (Photo courtesy ABGA)

three-member national female team that won the ECGC women’s team title as well as claiming the top three positions in the individual women’s competition.

Jonas, who has been involved with the ABGA since 2013, said the current crop of national junior golfers, is arguably the strongest it has

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