

# ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, VENEZUELA REAFFIRM TIES

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Attorney-at-law Anthony Armstrong (right) was arrested in Jamaica on Saturday upon arrival at the Norman Manley International Airport and later charged with conspiracy and fraudulent conversion. He is pictured with his attorney, Hugh Wildman, (left) entering the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Court on 7th November, 2022. - Photo: Tanesha Mundle/Jamaica Gleaner. **Story on page 4.**

## PM Browne, President Maduro discuss issues of mutual concern

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has held discussions with the Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on a range of issues including Petro-Caribe.

A statement issued by the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the meeting held on Monday “discussed joint agreements and projects to benefit the Caribbean people”.

During the meeting, President Maduro reaffirmed his commitment to the Bolivarian Integration Alliance (ALBA-TCP) and support and assistance for energy through Petro-Caribe.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne, left, speaks with Venezuelan President Nicholas Maduro

“The government of Venezuela renewed its commitment to reactivate the Petro-Caribe Initiative to assist in post-pandemic recovery of ALBA member countries as well as the fight

against the adverse effects of climate change,” it continued.

PM Browne is reported to have criticised “the illegal” US trade embargo against Venezuela which in-

directly affects Caribbean nations.

The Petro-Caribe initiative has helped to buffer the adverse effects of the fluctuations in oil prices on Caribbean countries which have benefited under this arrangement.

Under the initiative, beneficiary countries purchase oil from Venezuela at concessionary rates that are lower than the market prices.

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# PM calls for greater South-South Cooperation

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has called on African leaders and heads of international corporations attending the MEDays Forum in Morocco to foster greater South-South cooperation in order to restore justice and equity.

The MEDays Forum is the only non-governmental event organised in Morocco and one of very few in Africa to open to foreign heads of state and government.

With an average of nearly 30 percent of government representatives among the nearly 200 speakers, the statement said “MEDays confirms its continued attractiveness to political decision-makers.”

As he delivered closing remarks at the MEDays Forum on Saturday, Prime Minister Browne called on delegates to continue heightening their collaboration and further integrate, as they pursue the path of global peace and international cooperation.

“Today, we live in a world characterised by crises, which incidentally are virtually all man-made. They include but are not limited to global injustices and inequity, political instability, terrorism, financial crimes, the refugee crisis, climate change, and the pandemics of wars and disease,” he said. “The resolu-

tion of these crises requires a global commitment; an all-of-society approach to resolve them.

“Resolving these crises requires a form of creative destruction to replace these perennial crises, (the old order), with new innovative approaches, (the new order) that will result in a more just, equitable, peaceful, and sustainable global human civilization,” the prime minister added.

“A new world order would require greater global collaboration and cooperation among all states, with the institutionalisation of socio-economic policies that are fair and equitable providing for a more equitable distribution of wealth and to significantly reduce or eliminate injustices, including poverty,” he added.

The Antigua and Barbuda leader said while there are sufficient resources on the planet to support the achievement of global sustainable development,



Prime Minister Gaston Browne addressing the MEDays Forum in Morocco.

“those resources are unevenly distributed to support profligacy and to fund senseless wars and conflicts.

He said this unification should be led by “a more integrated Africa to include its Caribbean diaspora.”

Browne said the global south is endowed with all of the required mineral and people resources “to make the necessary paradigm shift, to bring about a new equitable and just world order. (CMC)

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# Local News



## Anthony Armstrong appears before Jamaican court

Antigua and Barbuda's Director of Public Prosecution, Anthony Armstrong, who is facing fraud charges in relation to three land transactions, is to know on Thursday whether his passport will be returned to him.

The Jamaican attorney-at-law was arrested on Saturday on his arrival at the Norman Manley International Airport and later charged with conspiracy and fraudulent conversion.

His passport was confis-

cated by the court when he appeared on Monday.

According to the Jamaica Gleaner, he was released on J\$500,000 bail.

The charges reportedly stem from the sale of three properties 18 years ago in Jamaica, in which Armstrong represented the complainant, who was the vendor.

The complainant in the matter reported Armstrong to the General Legal Council (GLC) over the matter.



Anthony Armstrong

The Disciplinary Committee of the GLC in February found that Armstrong

was guilty of professional misconduct for signing as witness to a document for a client who was not present.

On Monday morning when the matter was taken before the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Court, attorney-at-law Hugh Wildman, who expressed shock at the arrest of his client, said the charges against Armstrong were baseless.

Wildman said that the GLC had found his client not guilty of the charges related to the sale of the properties and added that the complainant is a self-confessed rogue and drug trafficker who is trying to muddy his client's reputation.

Wildman also asked that his client's passport be returned.

The investigating officer in the matter objected to the return of Armstrong's passport.

She told the court that the police had asked Armstrong to come in for an in-

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## Political analyst not convinced Michael's independent run will bear fruit

With general elections looming, the chances of the incumbent Asot Michael being able to return as the MP for St. Peter, or at least inflicting some damage to the leading candidate the Antigua Barbuda Labour Party's (ABLP) Rawdon Turner, has been a hot topic.

While some think either outcome is possible, political analyst Peter Wickham is unconvinced.

Wickham's reservations stem from the results of the latest Caribbean Development Research Services (CADRES) poll which was commissioned by the ABLP.

Wickham explained while Michael was popular in past elections, his controversial divorce from the ABLP could impact whether electors embrace him now or place their support elsewhere.

"The challenge is now will that stand now that he is outside the ABLP.

"Our polling suggests that he has not reached the bar of 20 percent, and I said in the press release that what we find is that with the independent candidate, if they can reach 20 percent penetration in terms of a public opinion poll, then that person is in with a fighting chance.

"I see no evidence in the poll that he has reached that far. He has fallen well short of it, which essentially means that he is not even likely to be a spoiler because 205 (votes) is certainly the level you would want to be as a spoiling candidate in that instance.

"The theory now for us is that he will not impact significantly, that he has not taken a sufficient chunk of the ABLP support to become a key player," Wickham said.

Wickham did note that Michael is doing well when compared with the performance of past independent candidates in Antigua and Barbuda.

"He is not getting one or two percent. He seems to be doing certainly better than the DNA in some instances, so I think that is good for him, however, it means he may very well save his deposit because I don't know that he is likely to be a main contender based on the poll data that I have received," the Barbadian political scientist added.

The most recent poll results were made available, in part, last week.

Prior to this, CADRES conducted another poll in April.

Participants were asked a series of questions in specific constituencies to gauge the temperature of the elector-



Peter Wickham

ate.

Wickham maintains that despite the poll's findings, the political dynamics in the country can change at any moment.

In July, Michael hinted that he would seek reelection as an independent candidate after the ABLP confirmed Turner as the candidate to replace Michael.

For months, Michael and the ABLP had been locked in a legal battle after a dispute arose over the party's determination that he was an "unsuitable" candidate and would not be returned as its candidate in St. Peter.

The three-member Suitability Committee voted 2-1 against Michael.

The former tourism minister and his legal team still maintain that based on the court's last ruling on the matter, the ABLP had no authority to confirm Turner as the candidate.

To support his point, Michael has argued that no ABLP spokesperson has explicitly stated that Turner is the confirmed candidate, and he has challenged the ABLP to do so.

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interview in August, but he refused.

Wildman dismissed the investigator's claim.

He contended that his client returned to Jamaica to cooperate with the investigation and was under the impression that he would only be interrogated. Instead, he was arrested and charged.

Wildman also rejected the accusation that his client refused to come in to be interviewed.

Parish Judge Venise Blackstock Murray indicated that she would rule on the passport request this Thursday.

Meanwhile, Crown Counsel Shannon Jones-Gittens is tipped to act as DPP here in Antigua and Barbuda until further notice.

There has been no word from the Attorney General's chambers on this unfolding saga since it confirmed that an Interpol Red Notice was issued for Armstrong's arrest on 31st October but was withdrawn on 1st November.

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## Inquest into AUA student's death held on Monday

The inquest into the death of Kenneth Matthew, the American University of Antigua student who died after being struck by a vehicle in October, took place on Monday.

Presiding over the inquest was coroner, Chief Magistrate Joanne Walsh.

A panel of jurors also attended the inquest and viewed the 21-year-old first year medical student's body.

Matthew's father and uncle are in the country and have requested that the autopsy which will follow be expedited so that his body



can be transported home to Qatar for burial.

The family will not be able to return home with his body until a death certificate is issued which states his cause of death.

Matthew died on 2nd November, two weeks after being struck by a car driven by 45-year-old accountant, Karim Edwards.

Matthew's 19-year-old pre-med companion, Pri-

yanjana Das lost her right arm and suffered several broken bones when she too was struck by Edwards' car as they left the Stratos Bar and Lounge on Friars Hill Road on 23rd October. Das is expected to recover fully.

Edwards, who is free on \$20,000.00 bail, has been charged with dangerous driving.

He has not yet been charged with causing death by dangerous driving, however this could change following the results of the inquest, autopsy and ongoing police investigations.

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## Customs issues details of the dollar barrel initiative

The Customs Division has issued guidelines on the operation of the annual Christmas Barrel initiative which is already in effect.

A statement issued by the ASYCUDA Customs

Division team confirmed that the initiative, which began on 2nd November, will run until 6th January, 2023.

“Under this initiative, each household will be allowed to import the fol-

lowing in a standard size shipping barrel or an E-container for personal use (a) Clothing (not more than seven pieces of the same type). (b) Foodstuff and (c) toiletries,” the statement said.

According to the Customs team, each barrel

will attract a 10 percent Revenue Recovery Charge (RRC) and a processing and handling fee of \$10.00.

This initiative is one that is popular with the general public as many families are able to purchase items abroad and to take advantage of reduced taxes.



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## St. John's Catholic Early Childhood Centre wins DOE Climate Change Awareness Competition

The St. John's Catholic Early Childhood Centre received a new Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) on October 6th as part of the awards ceremony for the Department of Environment's Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) Project's 2022 Climate Change Awareness Competition.

The preschool was one of seven awarded with technologies that will help them to become more resilient to climate change events such as drought.

The Atmospheric Water Generator is a device that extracts water from the outside air, producing drinking water and eliminating the need to purchase bottled water.

The campaign was focused on raising awareness on the Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) Project, as well as other climate change related



documents such as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the National Gender Assessment Survey 2021.

As part of the campaign, a survey was launched on climate change with

respondents choosing a preschool to be awarded a climate-smart technology.


The other winners were:

- Beacon Light Nazarene Academy Preschool – Water Tank
- Greenbay Preschool – Atmospheric Water Generator
- Simon Bolivar Preschool – Solar AC Unit
- Sir Luther Wynter Preschool – LED Lights
- Deanery Lane Daycare/Preschool – Water Tank
- Eleven Hour Sunshine Daycare and Preschool – Atmospheric Water Generator

The Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) Project is a set of country-driven activities funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) aimed at identifying and prioritizing technologies for climate change mitigation and adaptation in developing countries.

Antigua and Barbuda is currently completing part in Phase III of the TNA Project which is implemented by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and executed through the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEPCCC).

Antigua and Barbuda assessed the buildings, transport and water sectors under the TNA project.




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## Influencers debate leaving Twitter, but where would they go?

By Alexandra Olson and Maryclaire Dale

Pariss Chandler built a community for Black tech workers on Twitter that eventually became the foundation for her own recruitment company.

Now she's afraid it could all fall apart if Twitter becomes a haven for racist and toxic speech under the control of Elon Musk, a serial provocateur who has indicated he could loosen content rules.

With Twitter driving most of her business, Chandler sees no good alternative as she watches the uncertainty play out.

"Before Elon took over, I felt like the team was working to make Twitter a safer platform, and now they are kind of not there. I don't know what's going on internally. I have lost hope in that," said Chandler, 31, founder of Black Tech Pipeline, a jobs board and recruitment website. "I'm both sad and terrified for Twitter, both for the employees and also the users."

Those qualms are weighing on many people who have come to rely on Twitter, a relatively small but mighty platform that has become a digital public square of sorts for influencers, policy makers, journalists and other thought leaders.

Musk, the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, took over Twitter last week in a \$44 billion deal, immediately making his unpredictable style felt.

Just days later, he had tweeted a link to a story from a little-known news outlet that made a dubious claim about the violent attack on Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband at their California home. He soon deleted it, but it was a worrying start to his tenure for those concerned about the spread of disinformation



Pariss Chandler, of Randolph, Mass., founder of the recruitment platform website Black Tech Pipeline, sits for a photograph at her home, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, in Randolph. Chandler built a community for Black tech workers on Twitter that eventually became the foundation for her own recruitment company. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

online.

Musk has also signalled his intent to loosen the guardrails on hate speech, and perhaps allow former President Donald Trump and other banned commentators to return. He tempered the thought after the deal closed, however, pledging to form a "content moderation council" and not allow anyone who has been kicked off the site to return until it sets up procedures on how to do that.

Yet the use of racial slurs quickly exploded in an apparent test of his tolerance level.

"Folks, it's getting ugly here. I am not really sure what my plan is. Stay or go?" Jennifer Taub, a law professor and author with about a quarter million followers, said Sunday, as she tweeted out a link to her Facebook page in case she leaves Twitter.

For now, Taub plans to stay, given

the opportunity it provides to "laugh, learn and commiserate" with people from across the world. But she'll leave if it becomes "a cesspool of racism and antisemitism," she said in a phone call.

"The numbers are going down and down and down," said Taub, who has lost 5,000 followers since Musk officially took over. "The tipping point might be if I'm just not having fun there. There are too many people to block."

The debate is especially fraught for people of colour who have used Twitter to network and elevate their voices, while also confronting toxicity on the platform.

"As a user of Twitter — as a power user in a lot of ways — it has had a great utility and I'm very concerned about where people go to have this

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 conversation next,” said Tanzina Vega, a Latina journalist in New York who once received death threats on Twitter but also built a vital community of friends and sources there.

A software engineer, Chandler hoped to counter the isolation she felt in her white-dominated field when she tweeted out a question and a selfie four years ago: “What does a Black Twitter in Tech look like? Here, I’ll go first!” The response was overwhelming. She now has more than 60,000 followers and her own company connecting Black tech workers with companies large and small.

She also received hate messages and even some death threats from people accusing her of racism for centering Black technologists. But she also had connections with Twitter employees who were receptive to her concerns. Chandler said those employees have either left the company or are no longer active on the platform.

Chandler’s company also uses Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn but none can replicate the type of vibrant community she leads on Twitter, where people mix professional networking and light bantering.

Instagram and TikTok are fueled more by images than text exchanges. Facebook is no longer popular with younger users. Linke-

dIn is more formal. And although some developers are trying to rush out alternative sites on the fly, it takes time to develop a stable, user-friendly site that can handle millions of accounts.

Joan Donovan, an internet scholar who explores the threat that disinformation poses to democracy in her new book, “Meme Wars,” said it’s not clear if Twitter will remain a safe place for civic discourse. Yet she called the networks that people have built there invaluable — to users, to their communities and to Musk.

“This is the exact reason that Musk bought Twitter and didn’t just build his own social network,” Donovan said. “If you control the territory, you can control the politics, you can control the culture in many ways.”

In his first few hours at the helm, Musk fired several top Twitter executives, including chief legal counsel Vijaya Gadde, who had overseen Twitter’s content moderation and safety efforts around the globe. And he dissolved the board of directors, leaving him accountable, at least on paper, only to himself. On Friday, Twitter began widespread layoffs.

European regulators immediately warned Musk about his duty under their digital privacy laws to police illegal speech and disinformation. The U.S. has far more lax rules gov-

erning Twitter and its 238 million daily users. But advertisers, users and perhaps lenders may rein him in if Congress does not first tighten the rules.

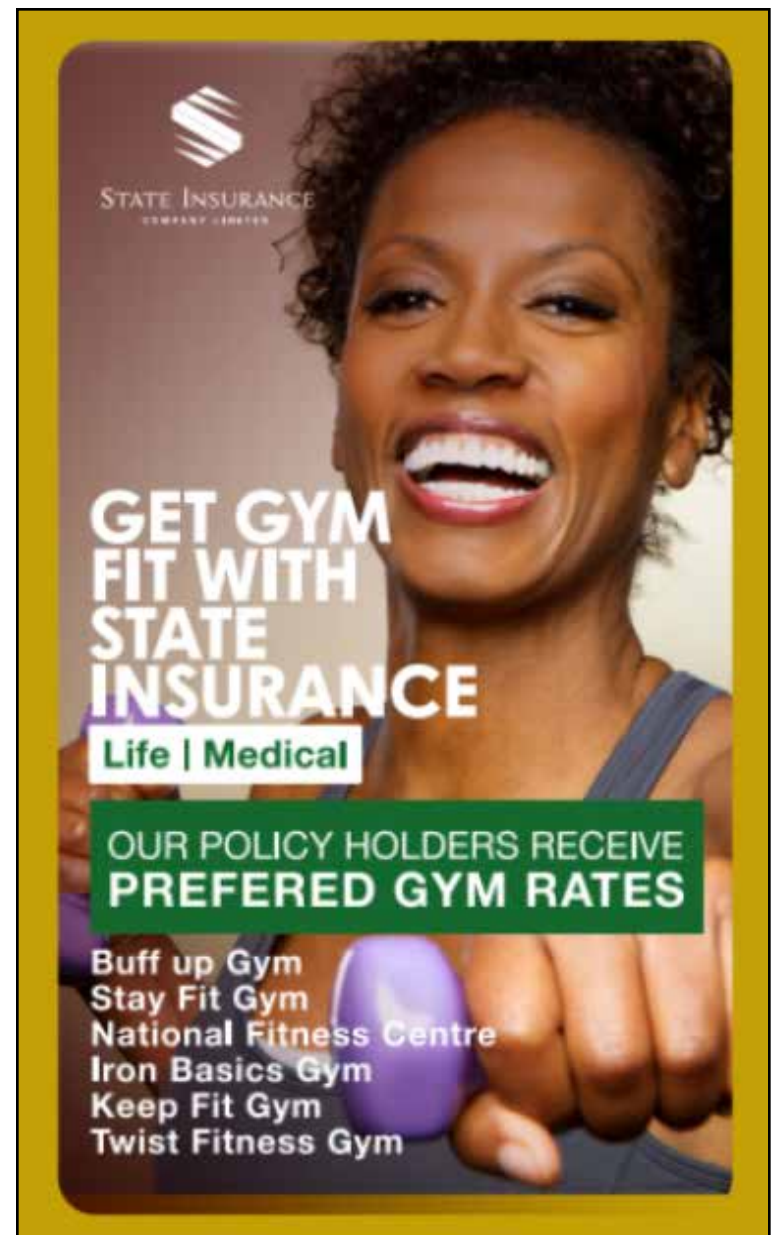
“If the advertisers go and the users go, it may well be that the marketplace of ideas sort of sorts itself out,” said Cary Coglianese, an expert on regulatory policy at the University of Pennsylvania law school.

That could leave Twitter to be just another magnet for extremists and conspir-

acy theorists — a concern driving some to urge their network of friends to stay, in order to counter those narratives.

Chandler said she can only “walk on eggshells” and take a wait-and-see approach.

“I’m personally going to stay on Twitter until there is really not a reason to stay anymore. I don’t know what the future holds, I’m kind of hoping for some sort of miracle,” she said. “For now, I won’t be going anywhere.”



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## CARICOM Central Bank governors meet in Bahamas

Central Bank governors from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping have endorsed the importance of improving both domestic and intra-regional payments arrangements and agreed to strengthen regional central bank cooperation and knowledge sharing in this area.

A statement issued at the end of the 59th bi-annual meeting of the CARICOM Committee of Central Bank Governors that ended here

over the last weekend, noted that their deliberations focussed on regional economic development and prospects, as Caribbean countries and territories emerge from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The meeting, the first in-person since the formal easing of COVID-19 restrictions, also discussed “monetary, fiscal and financial sector policy priorities to encourage sustainable economic growth and maintain

financial stability, particularly in the wake of mounting climate change-related challenges.

“The Governors also acknowledged regional priorities related to significantly elevated inflation, and the potential spillover impact within the region of the interest rate tightening response of global central banks,” the statement said.

It said that the Central Bank governors also took note of progress on the dig-

ital transformation of financial services, including further regional developments on central bank digital currencies and the role that these could play in promoting financial inclusion and disaster recovery resilience.”

The statement said that the governors welcomed insights from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on its ongoing engagement with small states, and the Caribbean region in particular, with heightened emphasis on climate change risks within the context of financial stability and growth.

It said that the delegates welcomed a keynote address by IMF Deputy Managing Director Bo Li, on this important topic, and an extended panel discussion with Li and the IMF executive directors, representing the region.

“The deliberations also focussed on the IMF’s expanded toolkit to support vulnerable countries adaptation, including tailored instruments akin to the newly introduced Resilience and Sustainability Trust Fund (RST).

“Updates on the capacity development activities of multilateral partners were also received. Governors reaffirmed the importance of maximising the regional benefits from such engagements,” the statement added. (CMC)

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# UN chief tells climate summit: Cooperate or perish

By Seth Borenstein

With the world on “a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator,” the United Nations chief on Monday told dozens of leaders to “cooperate or perish,” on avoiding further climate catastrophe, singling out the two biggest polluting countries, China and the United States.

He was not the only one preaching with tones of fire and brimstone, alternating with pathos and tragedy, trying to shake up the world’s sense of urgency at this year’s annual U.N. climate conference. “Choose life over death,” former U.S. Vice President Al Gore urged. “It is not time for moral cowardice.”

In calling for a massive overhaul of international development loans and a 10% tax on fossil fuel companies that made “\$200 billion in profits in the last three months,” Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said, “Our people on this Earth deserve better.”

“I don’t need to repeat the horror and the devastation wreaked upon this Earth over the course of the last twelve months since we met in Glasgow,” Mottley said. “Whether the apocalyptic floods in Pakistan or the heat waves from Europe to China or indeed in the last few days in my own region, the devastation caused in Belize by Tropical Storm Lisa or the torrential floods a few days ago in St. Lucia.”

Ahead of this year’s conference, known as COP27, leaders and experts have been ringing alarm bells that time is fast running out to avert catastrophic rises in temperature. But the dire warnings may not quite have the effect as they have had in past meetings because of multiple other challenges of the moment pulling leaders’ attention — from midterm elections in the U.S. to the Russia-Ukraine war.



World leaders pose for a group photo during COP27 in Egypt on 7th November, 2022

More than 100 world leaders will speak over the next few days at the gathering in Egypt, most from developing countries demanding greater accountability from the richest, most polluting nations. Much of their focus will be on telling their stories of being devastated by climate disasters, culminating Tuesday with a speech by Prime Minister Muhammad Sharif of Pakistan, where summer floods caused at least \$40 billion in damage and displaced millions of people.

“Is it not high time to put an end to all this suffering,” the summit’s host, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, told his fellow leaders. “Climate change will never stop without our intervention... Our time here is limited and we must use every second that we have.”

El-Sisi, who called for an end to the Russia-Ukraine war, was gentle compared to a fiery United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who said the world “is on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accel-

erator.”

He called for a new pact between rich and poor countries to make deeper cuts in emissions with financial help and phasing out of coal in rich nations by 2030 and elsewhere by 2040. He called on the United States and China — the two biggest economies — to especially work together on climate, something they used to do until the last few years.

“Humanity has a choice: cooperate or perish,” Guterres said. “It is either a Climate Solidarity Pact – or a Collective Suicide Pact.”

Guterres insisted, “Today’s urgent crises cannot be an excuse for backsliding or greenwashing.”

But bad timing and world events hangover the gathering.

Most of the leaders are meeting Monday and Tuesday, just as the United States has a potentially policy-shifting midterm election. Then the leaders of the world’s 20 wealthiest nations will have their powerful-only club confab in Bali in Indonesia days later.

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# COP27

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Leaders of China and India — both among the biggest emitters — appear to be skipping the climate talks, although underlings are here negotiating. The leader of the top polluting country, U.S. President Joe Biden, is coming days later than most of the other presidents and prime ministers on his way to Bali.

“There are big climate summits and little climate summits and this was never expected to be a big one,” said Climate Advisers CEO Nigel Purvis, a former U.S. negotiator.

United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was initially going to avoid the negotiations, but public pressure and predecessor Boris Johnson’s plans to come changed his mind. New King Charles III, a longtime environment advocate, won’t attend because of his new role. And Russia’s leader Vladimir Putin, whose invasion of Ukraine created energy chaos that reverberates in the world of climate negotiations, won’t be here.

“We always want more” leaders, United Nations climate chief Simon Stiell said in a Sunday news conference. “But I believe there is sufficient (leadership) right now for us to have a very productive outcome.”

In addition to speeches given by the leaders, the negotiations include “innovative” roundtable discussions that “we are confident will generate some very powerful insights,” Stiell said.

The leaders showing up in droves are from the host continent Africa.

“The historical polluters who caused climate change are not showing up,” said Mohammed Adow of Power Shift Africa. “Africa is the least responsible, the most vulnerable to the issue of climate change and it is a continent that is stepping up and providing leadership.”

“The South is actually stepping up,” Adow told The Associated Press. “The North that historically caused the problem is failing.”

For the first time, developing nations succeeded in getting onto the summit

agenda the issue of “loss and damage” — demands that emitting countries pay for damage caused by climate-induced disasters.

Nigeria’s Environment Minister Mohammed Abdullahi called for wealthy nations to show “positive and affirmative” commitments to help countries hardest hit by climate change. “Our priority is to be aggressive when it comes to climate funding to mitigate the challenges of loss and damage,” he said.

Monday will be heavily dominated by leaders of nations victimised by climate change — not those that have created the problem of heat-trapping gases warming up the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuel. It will be mostly African nations and small island nations and other vulnerable nations that will be telling their stories.

And they are dramatic ones, droughts in Africa and floods in Pakistan, in places that could least afford it. For the first time in 30 years of climate negotiations, the summit “should focus its attention on the severe climate impacts we’re already seeing,” said World Resources International’s David Waskow.

“We can’t discount an entire continent that has over a billion people living here and has some of the most severe impacts,” Waskow said. “It’s pretty clear that Africa will be at risk in a very severe way.”

Leaders come “to share the progress they’ve made at home and to accelerate action,” Purvis said. In this case, with the passage of the first major climate legislation and \$375 billion in spending, Biden has a lot to share, he said.

While it’s impressive that so many leaders are coming to the summit, “my expectations for ambitious climate targets in these two days are very low,” said NewClimate Institute’s scientist Niklas Hohne. That’s because of Putin’s invasion of Ukraine which caused energy and food crises that took away from climate action, he said.



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## Haiti gang leader to lift fuel blockade amid shortages

AP – A powerful gang leader announced Sunday that he was lifting a blockade at a key fuel terminal that has strangled Haiti's capital for nearly two months.

The announcement by Jimmy Cherizier, a former police officer nicknamed "Barbecue," followed government claims of at least some success in efforts to reclaim the terminal, as well as a United Nations resolution targeting Cherizier with sanctions. But it remained unclear who actually controls the terminal and the surrounding area, and there had been no evidence that any fuel had been able to leave.

In a speech posted on social media, Cherizier called on truck drivers to come and fill their tanks.

"Drivers can come to the terminal without any fear," he said.

If fuel can leave, that would ease a crisis that began when Cherizier's G9 gang federation seized control of the area surrounding a fuel depot in Port-au-Prince on Sept. 12 to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

The gang's blockade cut off access to about 10 millions gallons of diesel and gasoline and more than 800,000 gallons of kerosene, forcing gas sta-



*A fuel terminal is seen from a plane in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Haiti's National Police has been fighting to remove a powerful gang that surrounded the key fuel terminal in Port-au-Prince for almost two months — though it's not immediately clear if the blockade has been fully lifted. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)*

tions to close, hospitals to cut back on critical services and banks and grocery stores to operate on a limited schedule.

It also hindered efforts to cope with a cholera outbreak that has killed dozens and sickened thousands.

Clinics have warned they were running out of fuel and had difficulty accessing potable water.

Gunfire echoed from the area around the terminal on Thursday as Haiti's National Police fought to reassert control. Police Chief Frantz Elbé said in a voicemail shared with The

Associated Press on Friday: "We won a fight, but it is not over."

Official police social media accounts posted a video on Sunday with no sound stating officers were still "busy" at the terminal and saying "an important provision is taken to secure the perimeters."

Cherizier stressed that neither the gang nor anyone working on its behalf has negotiated anything with the prime minister, despite claims by some politicians to have done so.

"This is a fight for a better life," he said of the gang's actions. "The sit-

uation has worsened. ... We are not responsible for what happened to the country."

Cherizier then asked whether Haitians are happy with their living conditions, whether they feel safe, whether their children can go to school without being kidnapped and whether they have food and medical care.

Many in the country of more than 11 million people are living in even deeper poverty at a time of double-digit inflation. Meanwhile, kidnappings and gang violence has in-

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## Bermuda to scrap controversial travel form

CMC –On Friday, the government said the TA’s elimination will be effective November 13, saying the move will “streamline the overall travel experience for visitors”. Previously the government said the TA form would end on November 30.

It means the US\$40 fee, along with proof of vaccination or medical insurance, will end on that date.

From November 14, the Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) is to reinstate the Bermuda arrival card, a digital form for visitors only, which was in place before the pandemic.

The card captures visitor data, generating tourism statistics for the country and provides visitors, who opt-in, with relevant, timely communications to enhance their stay. It is meant to be completed before travel to the island.

Tourism Minister Vance Campbell, said: “Our government has de-

livered on our pledge to protect the health and safety of our residents and visitors, and now with the earlier end date for the TA, travel to Bermuda will be simpler for our visitors.”

Tracy Berkeley, the interim chief executive officer at BTA added: “Bermuda’s tourism industry fully supports the decision to eliminate the TA and bring the island’s public health emergency orders to an end.

“We are especially appreciative of our partners in the Ministry of Health for the collaborative approach to solving our shared challenges. This is exciting news that will help to restore a frictionless travel experience for our visitors.”

Stephen Todd, the chief executive officer at the Bermuda Hotel Association said: “Bermuda’s hoteliers are thrilled with the decision to end the TA three weeks early.


“This move comes at a crucial

time before the US Thanksgiving travel period. This is a time when we anticipate welcoming visitors looking to take advantage of the current fall-into-winter promotions. It should also support demand in time for the return of three additional direct flights from Miami, JFK, and Toronto.”

Premier David Burt initially said the TA form — which had to be completed by visitors and returning residents alike — would continue until next spring. It is expected to rake in more than US\$20 million for government coffers, with the current fee down from the original \$75.


The opposition One Bermuda Alliance had long called for the form to be scrapped, with former premier Michael Dunkley claiming it was a stealth tax. Leading restaurateur Philip Barnett said the government had scored “an own goal” with its testing requirements.

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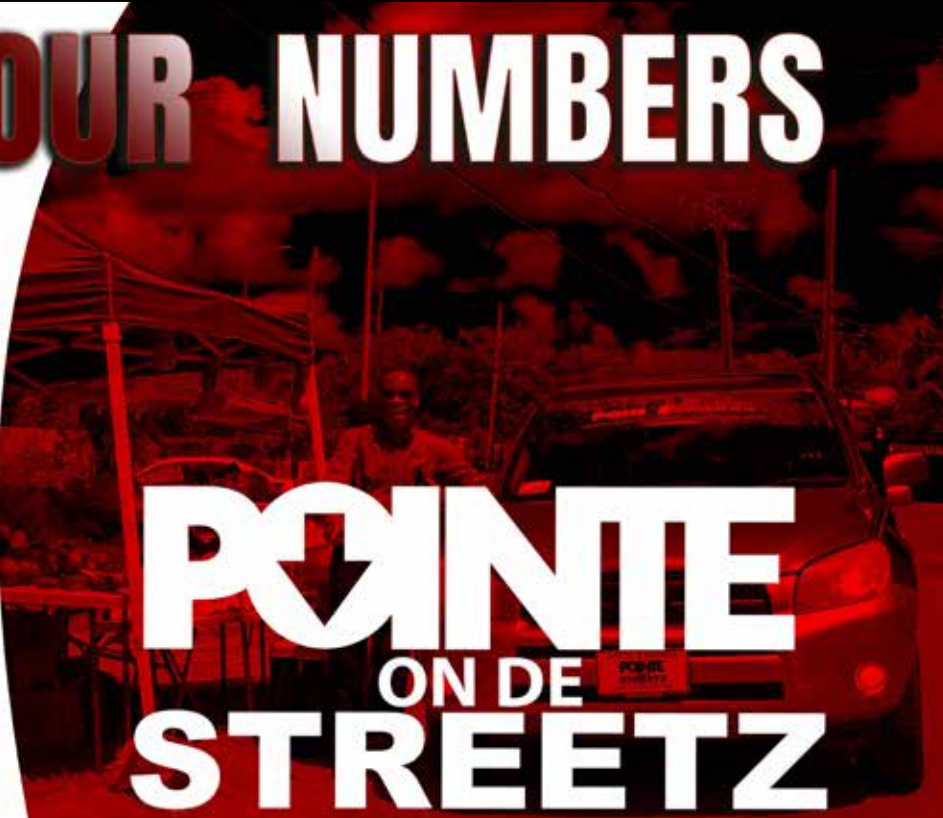
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## Dominica heading to the polls, General Elections on December 6

Loop – Dominica is heading to the polls.

In an address to the nation tonight, Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit announced that general elections would be held on Tuesday, December 6.

Skerrit said that he asked the President to dissolve the current parliament effectively immediately.

Nomination day will be on Friday, November 18.

Calling for a national reset, Skerrit indicated that he has no intention of serving in office beyond April 2025.

“You have given me a mandate that allows me to remain in office until April 2025. I don’t intend to go beyond that date. I have run my race and I intend to finish the course with Dominica safely back on



*Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit*

the road of sustained progress and prosperity. That is why I am calling for a national reset,” he said.

While he would be leading a new slate for the election, Skerrit said he wants to preside over the peaceful and dignified tran-

sition of Prime Ministerial leadership to someone of his party’s choosing.

He said it is his intention to stay on for another two and half years but some of his colleagues have collectively agreed that the time for renewal is

now.

Skerrit said he wants 2023 to begin with a new mandate and with a new team to tackle the challenges presented by COVID-19, the effects of the war in Ukraine and other issues.

The new DLP slate will be presented in Roseau on Tuesday, November 8.

Skerrit’s DLP won an unprecedented fifth term in the 2019 elections. The DLP won 18 seats with the United Workers Party winning the remaining three seats. The election was marred by protests in the Marigot and Salisbury constituencies, two UWP strongholds.

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created following the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, forcing thousands of people to flee their homes.

Spokespeople for Haiti’s National Police and the office of the prime minister could not be immediately reached for comment following Cherizier’s announcement.

But some people on social media celebrated Cherizier’s announcement, referring to him as “Father” or “Mr. Pres-

ident.”

In early September, Henry announced his administration could no longer afford to subsidise petroleum, leading to sharp increases in prices that unleashed large protests.

On Oct. 7, almost a month after the blockade began, Henry requested the immediate deployment of foreign troops. The U.N. Security Council has yet to vote on the request, though it voted to impose sanctions on the gang leader himself.

## World in crisis a grim backdrop for UN climate talks

AP—Envoys from around the globe gathered Sunday in the Egyptian seaside resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for talks on tackling climate change amid a multitude of competing crises, including the war in Ukraine, high inflation, food shortages and an energy crunch.

Notching up a first small victory, negotiators agreed after two frantic days of preliminary talks to formally discuss the question of vulnerable nations receiving money for the loss and damage they've suffered from climate change. The issue has weighed on the talks for years, with rich nations including the United States pushing back against the idea of climate reparations.

"The fact that it has been adopted as an agenda item demonstrates progress and parties taking a mature and constructive attitude towards this," said the U.N.'s top climate official, Simon Stiell.

"This is a difficult subject area. It's been floating for thirty plus years," he said. "I believe it bodes well." The decision was also welcomed by civil society groups.

"At long last, providing funding to address losses and damages from climate impacts is on the agenda of the U.N. climate negotiations," said Ani Dasgupta, president of the World Resources Institute.

But he cautioned that



Merem Taher, right, speaks with delegates at the COP27 U.N. Climate Summit, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

participants "still have a marathon ahead of us before countries iron out a formal decision on this central issue."

German climate envoy Jennifer Morgan, who led negotiations on the issue together with Chile in the run-up to the talks, said the agreement could help negotiators also make "serious progress" on the issue of reducing emissions.

The outgoing chair of the talks, British official Alok Sharma, said countries had made considerable progress at their last meeting in Glasgow in keeping alive the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit) by the end of the century.

Experts say that chances of meeting that target, agreed in the 2015 Paris climate accord, is fast slipping away though. Already, temperatures around the world have

increased by about 1.2 C (2.2 F) since pre-industrial times

Sharma warned that other global crises meant international efforts to curb climate change were being "buffeted by global headwinds."

"(Russian President Vladimir) Putin's brutal and illegal war in Ukraine has precipitated multiple global crises, energy and food insecurity, inflationary pressures and spiralling debt," said Sharma. "These crises have compounded existing climate vulnerabilities and the scarring effects of the pandemic."

"As challenging as our current moment is, inaction is myopic and can only defer climate catastrophe," said Sharma. "We must find the ability to focus on more than one thing at once."

"How many more wake up calls does the world to world leaders actually need," he said, citing recent devastating floods in Pakistan and

Nigeria, and historic droughts in Europe, the United States and China.

His successor, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, said Egypt would "spare no effort" to make the meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh a success and achieve the goals of the Paris accord.

In an opening speech, the chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Hoesung Lee, said countries have "a once in a generation opportunity to save our planet and our livelihoods."

Cutting emissions is only part of the task, however. Scientists and campaigners say the world also needs to do more to adapt to those effects of global warming that can't be avoided anymore.

The head of the U.N. migration agency urged the international community Sunday to mobilise human and financial resources to address growing climate migration.

António Vitorino told The Associated Press that millions of people across the world "are already suffering in their daily lives because of the impacts of natural disasters and climate change."

"We are running short of time to act," Vitorino said. "The international community needs to mobilise the expertise, human resources but also the financial resources to come in to support those who are already today seriously impacted by climate change."

## North Korea says launches were simulated attack, as South recovers missile parts

Reuters – North Korea said on Monday that its recent missile launches were simulated strikes on South Korea and the United States as the two countries held a "dangerous war drill", while the South said it had recovered parts of a North Korean missile near its coast.

Last week, North Korea test-fired multiple missiles, including a possible failed intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), and hundreds of artillery shells into the sea, as South Korea and the United States carried out six-day air drills that ended on Saturday.

The North's military said the "Vigilant Storm" exercises were an "open provocation aimed at intentionally escalating the tension" and "a dangerous war drill of very high aggressive nature".

The North's army said it had conducted activities simulating attacks on air bases and aircraft, as well as a major South Korean city, to "smash the enemies' persistent war hysteria".

The flurry of missile launches included the most ever in a single day, and come amid a record year of missile testing by the nuclear-armed North Korea.

South Korean and U.S. officials have also said that Pyongyang has made technical preparations to test a nuclear device, the first time it will have done so since 2017.

Senior diplomats from the United States, Japan, and South Korea spoke by phone on Sunday and condemned the recent tests, including the "reckless" launch of a missile that landed off South Korea's coast last week, according to a U.S. State Department statement.

An official at South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said on Monday that a South Korean ship had recovered de-



Recent North Korean missile tests are pictured in this undated combination photo taken at undisclosed locations and released on November 7, 2022 by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). KCNA via REUTERS

bris believed to be part of that North Korean short-range ballistic missile (SRBM). was the first time a North Korean ballistic missile had landed near South Korean waters.

The South Korean Navy rescue vessel used an underwater probe to recover the parts, which are being analysed, the official said.

The North Korean military said it fired two "strategic" cruise missiles on Nov. 2 toward the waters off South Korea's Ulsan, the southeastern coastal city housing a nuclear power plant and large factory parks.

South Korean officials called that claim "untrue" and said they had tracked no missiles near there.

Analysts said some of the photos released by North Korean state media seemed to be recycled from launches earlier in the year.

The operations also included a launch of two "tactical ballistic missiles loaded with dispersion warheads," a test of a "special functional warhead paralyzing the operation

command system of the enemy," and an "all-out combat sortie" involving 500 fighter jets, according to a statement carried by the official KCNA news agency.

Five hundred fighters would represent almost every dedicated combat aircraft in the North's inventory, which seems unlikely given many are 40-80 year old airframes and not all are serviceable or kept in the active fleet, said Joseph Dempsey, a defence researcher at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"(The) 500 figure seems exaggerated or at least misleading," he said in a post on Twitter.

The General Staff of the North's Korean People's Army (KPA) accused Seoul and Washington of eliciting a "more unstable confrontation," and vowed to counter their drills with "sustained, resolute and overwhelming practical military measures."

"The more persistently the enemies' provocative military moves con-

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# Congo trains 3,000 new army recruits amid Rwanda tensions

AP – More than 3,000 new military recruits began training Monday as the Congolese army steps up its fight against the M23 rebels that it alleges are backed by neighbouring Rwanda.

The Rwandan government, which has repeatedly denied supporting M23, meanwhile said that a Congolese fighter plane had “violated Rwandan airspace” by landing briefly at Rubavu airport.

“No military action was taken by Rwanda in response, and the jet returned to the DRC,” the Rwandan government said in a statement.

The M23 rebels rose to prominence more than a decade ago when they seized Goma, the largest city in Congo’s east that sits along the border with Rwanda. After a peace deal, many of M23’s fighters were integrated into the national military.

But then a year ago, the group re-emerged saying the government had failed to live up to its decade-long promises.

Tensions have mounted as the M23 rebels have advanced in recent weeks, seizing several key towns including Kiwanja. Congo’s government has blamed Rwanda and expelled the Rwandan ambassador about a week ago.

Representatives from the two countries met over the weekend in Angola where they agreed to “maintain dialogue.” Other peace talks are expected to resume in Kenya next week. However, Congolese government spokesman Patrick Muyaya said representatives of M23 will not be allowed to take part unless conditions are met.

“The M23 must withdraw from occupied positions before being reintegrated into the process like other armed groups,” he told journalists over the weekend.

In Goma on Monday, North Kivu military spokesman Lt. Gen. Guillaume Djike Kaiko said more than 3,000 people had stepped forward to join the military’s efforts against



Democratic Republic of the Congo youth get the first steps of basic military training in Goma, eastern Congo, Monday, Nov. 7, 2022. More than 3,000 new Congolese military recruits began training Monday as the army steps up its fight against the M23 rebels in the country’s east that the government alleges are backed by neighbouring Rwanda. (AP Photo/Moses Sawasawa)

M23.

Among them was Clarisse Mahamba, a 19-year-old who said she’s been interested in the military since childhood and wanted to serve her country.

“I see that things are not going well in our country,” she told The Associated Press. “I saw the Rwandans coming to invade us because I was in Rumangabo. I saw how our soldiers were suffering, I fled and that’s why I have also joined the military service.”

Edison Butsira, 27, has a college degree in economics but said he wants to follow the example set by young Ukrainians who took up arms to defend their country.

“Young people decided to abandon their activities — they left to enlist in their army to fight because Ukraine was invaded,” Butsira told AP.

“Here I also gave up my job and I joined my friends to go fight.”

Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi also called on his citizens to mobilise against “Rwandan aggression” in Rutshuru territory on Thursday.

“We must be aware that no one but ourselves will save our nation and that this requires from each of us a mobilisation all around,” he said on RTNC radio.

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tinue, the more thoroughly and mercilessly the KPA will counter them,” it said in the statement.

The photos released by state media appeared to show a previously unreported new type or variant of ICBM, analysts said.

“It’s not explicit in their statement, but the design doesn’t correspond to one we’ve

seen before,” said Ankit Panda, a missile expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

He said the launch shown may have been a developmental platform for evaluating missile subsystems, including possibly a vehicle for multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs), which allow a single missile to drop nuclear warheads on different targets.



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## Champions League last 16 draw: Liverpool to face Real Madrid again

BBC – Liverpool have drawn holders Real Madrid in the last 16 of the Champions League in a repeat of last season's final.

Fourteen-time winners Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 in last year's final in Paris thanks to a goal from Vinicius Junior in the 59th minute.

Premier League champions Manchester City face German side RB Leipzig, while Tottenham play Italian giants AC Milan.

Chelsea also have German opposition in Borussia Dortmund.

Elsewhere, French champions Paris St-Germain have drawn Bayern Munich.

The last-16 first legs will take place on 14-15 and 21-22 February, with the second legs on 7-8 and 14-15 March.

It is the fourth time in six seasons that six-time winners Liverpool have taken on Real Madrid in the Champions League.

Two of those occasions have been in finals, with Real Madrid winning both in 2017-18 and 2021-22.

The Spanish champions also knocked Liverpool out in the quarter-finals in the 2020-21 season.

Jurgen Klopp's side have been in three of the last five European finals, including last season's in Paris, and only AC Milan and Real Madrid have



*Real Madrid will face Liverpool for the fourth time in six seasons in the Champions League last 16*

won the competition more times.

The organisation of the Reds' final defeat in Paris was later described as "an abject failure" by European football's ruling body Uefa after fans were robbed and tear-gassed outside the Stade de France and kick-off was delayed by 36 minutes.

More than 480 testimonies by supporters and journalists at the 28 May final were examined by an independent panel, which included Professor Phil Scraton, who previously led a report into the 1989 Hillsborough stadium disaster.

In the 2018 final, Gareth Bale scored a sensational goal as Real Madrid won their third successive Champions League title with a 3-1 win over Liverpool.

English champions City are still yet to win the Champions League but are favourites to go all the

way in this season's competition.

They reached the final in 2020-21 but lost 1-0 to Chelsea before being knocked out by Real Madrid in the semi-finals last year, despite being two goals ahead on aggregate going into the 90th minute.

Their last-16 opponents RB Leipzig failed to progress from the group-stages last season and they currently sit sixth in the German Bundesliga table.

Two-time champions Chelsea also lost to Real Madrid last season in the quarter-finals, while opponents Borussia Dortmund have not gone further than the last eight since reaching the 2012-13 final under former boss Klopp.

England midfielder Jude Bellingham, who captained Borussia Dortmund in their group-stage win over Sevilla, will face several international teammates at Chelsea.

Tottenham, who lost to

Liverpool in the 2018-19 final in Madrid, will take on seven-time European champions AC Milan for the first time in 11 years.

It is a return to Italy for manager Antonio Conte, who managed AC Milan rivals Inter between 2019 and 2021 before joining Spurs.

Paris St-Germain have not lost a competitive game since March and are bidding for a first European crown with stars Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe part of the squad.

Italy's Serie A leaders Napoli take on Frankfurt with their only defeat so far this season coming in the final group-stage match against Liverpool.

Portuguese side Benfica, who face Club Bruges, went through as group winners after an injury-time sixth goal over Maccabi Haifa moved them level with Paris St-Germain in all scenarios and they took top spot by scoring more away goals in the group.

Full last-16 draw:

RB Leipzig v Manchester City

Club Bruges v Benfica  
Liverpool v Real Madrid

AC Milan v Tottenham  
Frankfurt v Napoli  
Borussia Dortmund v Chelsea

Inter Milan v Porto  
Paris St-Germain v Bayern Munich

## Iga Swiatek knocked out in semi-finals by Aryna Sabalenka

BBC – World number one Iga Swiatek is out of the season-ending WTA Finals in Texas after a shock three-set semi-final defeat by Aryna Sabalenka.

Belarusian seventh seed Sabalenka won 6-2 2-6 6-1 and will face France's Caroline Garcia in the final on Monday.

Poland's Swiatek had not dropped a set throughout the Finals but was undone by her opponent's powerful forehand.

"The only thing I had in my mind was 'just make her work'. And that's it," said 24-year-old Sabalenka.

"It's only because of that I was able to show unbelievable tennis tonight and get this win."



Victory marked Aryna Sabalenka's first win over Iga Swiatek this season

Victory marked Sabalenka's first win in five meetings with Swiatek this season.

She is only the third female player to beat the first, second and third seeds at a tournament since 2000 after

her wins over Swiatek, Ons Jabeur and Jessica Pegula.

Earlier, sixth seed Garcia stormed past Maria Sakkari in straight sets to reach the final, taking 75 minutes to win 6-3 6-2.

Greece's Sakkari, 27, had qualified by topping her group unbeaten, while 29-year-old Garcia - who has claimed three titles in 2022 - went through as group runner-up.

Garcia, who beat Russia's Daria Kasatkina in a gruelling three-set match on Saturday, said she was feeling tired heading into the semi-finals.

"I was a little bit tired - nothing unusual after such a big match," she said in her on-court interview.

"This morning, obviously the legs were a bit heavy, but I was just so excited, the emotion and the win yesterday to be playing a semi-final today of the WTA Finals."

## Sri Lanka suspend Danushka Gunathilaka after rape charge at T20 World Cup in Australia

BBC - Sri Lanka Cricket have suspended Danushka Gunathilaka after he was charged with raping a woman in Sydney.

Gunathilaka, 31, has been charged with four counts of sexual intercourse without consent while at the T20 World Cup in Australia.

He was denied bail on Sunday and again on Monday by a court in Sydney.

Sri Lanka Cricket said Gunathilaka, who was arrested around 01:00 local time on Sunday, had been suspended "from all cricket with immediate effect".

It added: "Sri Lanka Cricket will take the necessary steps to promptly carry out an inquiry into the alleged



Gunathilaka has played eight Tests, 47 one-day internationals and 46 Twenty20s for Sri Lanka

offence, and, upon conclusion of the court case in Australia, steps will be taken to penalise the said player if found guilty.

"Sri Lanka Cricket wishes to emphasise that it adopts a 'zero tolerance' policy for any such conduct by a player and will provide all the required sup-

port to the Australian law enforcement authorities to carry out an impartial inquiry into the incident."

It is alleged he sexually assaulted a 29-year-old woman on Wednesday, 2 November.

The arrest came hours after Sri Lanka's final game of the World Cup - a four-wicket defeat by England on Saturday.

Gunathilaka played in the first game, against Namibia, but was ruled out of the rest of the tournament with injury on 20 October. He had remained with the squad in Australia.

New South Wales police say he met with the woman after communicating for a number of days on a dating app.

# Sports News



## Knight says 2022 Business Basketball League is a success

Coordinator Carl “Bolie” Knight said this year’s Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association’s (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business League has been a successful one.

The competition that involved 15 teams commenced on Sunday, 11th September, and concluded on Sunday, 30th October, with Graphic Impact Shooters crowned as Playoff champions and Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care claiming the league title.

Knight said he is quite pleased with the support

of the basketball fans who came out in good numbers to watch the best of three business league playoff finals, which was won 2-1 by Graphic Impact Shooter against Anjo Wholesale.

“I am extremely pleased. I give God thanks for everything he has done. He has brought us through and it was a fantastic business league. It has been a tremendous success for the teams, players, officials, fans and just about everyone who are associated with this event,” Knight stated.



Coordinator Carl ‘Bolie’ Knight, right, helps to unpack the trophies for the presentation of prizes and awards at the closing ceremony of the 2022 ABBA’s Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 30 October, 2022. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

“You saw what happened at the finals where the fans came out. You also saw two teams, Anjo Wholesale and Graphic Impact Shooters, who gave us a good contest and the fans are pleased.”

Following a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the business basketball league returned this year with the support of longtime sponsors, Cool and Smooth.

Knight said the organizers are grateful to the owners of Cool and Smooth, brothers Amir and George Hourani, for once again giving their support to the business basketball league.

“I want to big up and say thanks to the greatest sponsors in the Caribbean. I am taking about Cool and

Smooth for their continued sponsorship,” Knight said.

“As we look around in the stands, we could see even the fans are rewarded from their sponsorship. That is how we and Cool and Smooth do it, even the fans are rewarded for their support of business league basketball.

“So we want to say big up again to Cool and Smooth and also say thank you to the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association for letting us continue to run this league.”

Several fans who patronize the business league competition were presented with gifts of appreciation during the awards and closing ceremony at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 30th October.

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## TG Welding extends unbeaten run in softball cricket league

TG Welding maintained their unbeaten run in the Mandy Premier League's Cool and Smooth Sherma Jackson Business Softball Cricket Competition at the Potters playing field on Sunday, 6th November.

TG Welding coasted to a comfortable 60-run victory over Living Styles to notch-up their fourth victory in as many matches.

Batting first, TG Welding made 114 for six off their 10 overs. Kimberly Anthony top scored with 25 and Martin Singh contributed 23.

Alfred Jarvis grabbed three wickets for nine runs and Amos Bruney captured two wickets for 12 runs.

In reply, Living Styles were restricted to 54 for four off their 10 overs. Steve Martin made 18, while Azim Panlall took two wickets for 10 runs.

Martin Singh was later named male player of the game, while Kimberly Anthony was adjudged the female player of the game.

Time of Victory recorded their second win of the competition by cruising to a 10-wicket triumph over AFBAHLUR (Agriculture United).

AFBAHLUR could only muster 58 for five off their allotted 10 overs.

Vernon Samuel got 15, while Stanley Farrell captured two wickets for three runs.

Time of Victory then quickly wrapped up the match, achieving their 10-wicket win by scoring 61 for the loss of no wicket in just 3.1 overs.

Male player of the game Essan Warner hammered an unbeaten 43 and Michael Greaves was not out on 12. Rachel Greaves was adjudged the female player of the game. Fitzroy Rewinding are co-sponsors of the player of the game award.

PEL Desi Boys and Grill Box had a share of the points after their encounter was abandoned as a no result due to a wet playing field.



Time of Victory players, Rachel Greaves, left, and Essan Warner, right, were adjudged the female and male player of the game respectively during their team's victory against AFBAHLUR in the Mandy Premier League's Cool and Smooth Sherma Jackson Business Softball Cricket Competition at the Potters playing field on Sunday, 6th November, 2022. (Photo courtesy Mandy Weatherhead)

After four rounds of matches, TG Welding is perched at the top of the standings with maximum 40 points.

The Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) and Time of Victory are tied in joint second place with 20 points each.

They are followed by Grill Box with 15 points, AFBAHLUR and Living Styles with 10 points each and PEL Desi Boys, who are currently occupying the cellar position, with five points.

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Warrican also picked up two wickets for 52 runs in 9.4 overs.

There was a wicket each for right-arm fast bowlers Roshon Primus and Shemar Springer as well as off-spinner Roston Chase.

With both teams getting two points for the no result, the Leewards Hurricanes are still leading the four-team Zone B point standings after three matches.

Having won their previous two matches, the Hurricanes are on 10 points, four ahead of Barbados Pride, while Jamaica Scorpions and West Indies Academy each have four points.

Action in Zone B of the CG United Regional Super-50 Cup will resume at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium today, Tuesday, 8th November. The Barbados Pride will clash with the Jamaica Scorpions at 2 pm.

## Rain forces abandonment of Super50 Cup match at SVRCS

Rain forced the abandonment of the Cricket West Indies (CWI) CG United Super50 Cup match between the Barbados Pride and the Leeward Islands Hurricanes as a no result at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium (SVRCS) on Sunday evening.

The day/night match, which started in hazy sunshine on a cloudy day, was eventually abandoned following a second rain interruption with the Leeward Islands Hurricanes on 243 for eight in 46.4 overs after they were sent in to bat.

Opener Devon Thomas struck 94, Keacey Carty made 59 and Terrance Ward got 34.

The premature end to the match and the Leewards Hurricanes' innings came just two balls shy of completing the revised allotment of 47 overs.

The 50-over match was reduced to a 47-over-a-side affair after rain had interrupted the encounter for the first time with the Leewards Hurricanes well positioned on 171 for one off 31 overs.

At that stage, Thomas was not out on 94 off 94 balls and middle-order batsman Carty was unbeaten

on 45 off 69 balls and the pair had already scored 134 runs of their 137-run second wicket partnership.

However, the partnership did not last much longer following the first rain interruption. The pair only added another three runs together as Thomas failed to add to his score and was dismissed in the 33rd over after facing 98 balls in which he struck four sixes and three fours.

The pair came together after left-handed opener Kieran Powell was dismissed for 18 off 22 balls to leave the Hurricanes on 37 for one.

Carty, who was playing a sheet-anchor role, went on to add another 44 runs with Ward for the fourth wicket after Thomas' departure was quickly followed by the removal of Rahkeem "Jimbo" Cornwall, without scoring, as the Leewards lost their last seven wickets for just 69 runs in their quest for quick runs in the latter stage of the innings.

Carty eventually fell for 59, striking a solitary four in the 100 balls he faced. Ward quickly followed him back into the pavilion, having faced 37 balls in which he



Leeward Islands Hurricanes batsman Devon 'Boobie' Thomas narrowly missed out on a century in his team's CWI's CG United Super50 Cup match against the Barbados Pride at the Sir Vivian Richards at Stadium in Antigua and Barbuda on Sunday, 6th November. It was, however, all in vain as the match ended in a no result after it was abandoned due to rain. (Photo courtesy CWI)

struck four boundaries.

No other Leewards Hurricanes player managed to reach double figures with Antiguan Kariman Gore (4) and Kofi James (0) at the crease when the rain

brought a premature end to the match.

Left-arm spinner Camarie Boyce captured two for 35 in nine overs and fellow slow left-arm spinner Jomel

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