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# GOVERNMENT'S SENATORS SWORN IN

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# Local News

## Samantha Marshall named Leader of Government Business in the Senate

Several new faces were among the senators who were appointed on Monday as the government completed its roster of ministers, senators and parliamentary secretaries following the 18th January, 2023, general elections.

Samantha Marshall, who was unsuccessful in her bid to remain in the Lower House is now a senator who will take on the role as Leader of Government Business in the Upper House.

Marshall was also appointed as Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Environment and Social Transformation with responsibility for Social Transformation.

The Deputy Leader of Government Business is Senator Mary-Clair Hurst, who previously served as the Leader of Government Business.

They are joined by newcomers to the Senate, Clement Antonio and Rawdon Turner, who was the Antigua Barbuda Labour Party



*Senator Samantha Marshall candidate for St. Peter.*

Three senators were also named parliamentary secretaries.

Senator Shenella Goivia has been appointed to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries; Senator Clement Antonio has been appointed to the Ministry of Housing, Works, Lands and Urban Renewal and Senator Knacyncyntar Nedd-Charles will

assist the minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Agriculture and Barbuda Affairs.

Also returning to the Senate on the government's side are Alincia Grant, Osbert Frederick, Colin Browne, Caleb Gardiner and Phillip Shoul.

Following her appointment on Monday, Senator Marshall said she embraces her new role and gave

thanks to Prime Minister Gaston Browne for the confidence that he has placed in her in appointing her to such an important task.

She also noted that she has served as Minister of Social Transformation in the past.

"I would love to see much of the work started by the previous minister continue and I have already engaged the senior minister and we are scheduled to meet (Monday afternoon) to go through what we need to prioritise and then we will meet with the heads of department this week," she disclosed.

Commenting on the appointment of several women to the Senate, Marshall said the prime minister, who is an advocate for gender equity, had acted in accordance with his beliefs.

This move, she said, will open the opportunity to engage society, and especially women, to become involved in leadership roles in politics.







**Government of Antigua and Barbuda**  
**The CABINET**

**PORTFOLIO**

As of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**No. 1 Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister**  
**Minister for Finance, Corporate Governance AND**  
**Public Private Partnerships:**

- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ministry of Finance Headquarters
- Prime Minister's Scholarships
- Electoral Commission
- Financial Secretary's Office
- Treasury Department
- Inland Revenue Department
- National Asset Management Company (NAMCO)
- Entrepreneurial Development Programme
- General Post Office
- Property Valuation and Tax Compliance
- Customs Department
- Social Security
- State Insurance
- Insurance
- Public Sector Investment Programmes
- Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC)
- Gaming
- Defence Force
- Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
- Port Authority
- Sea Ports
- West Indies Oil Company Ltd.
- Corporatization Unit
- Antigua and Barbuda Development Bank
- Passport and Citizenship
- Citizenship by Investment Unit
- Merchant Shipping and Shipping Registration

**No. 2 Honourable Steadroy Cutie Olivero Benjamin**  
**Attorney General AND Minister for**  
**Legal Affairs, Public Safety, Immigration AND**  
**Labour**

- Attorney General's Office
- Immigration Headquarters
- Constitutional Affairs
- Legislature
- Law
- Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)
- Law Reform
- Legal Affairs
- International Treaties
- Courts
- Registrar & Provost Marshall
- Supreme Court
- Magistrates
- Industrial Court
- Land and Commercial Registry
- Intellectual Property
- Legal Aid Advice Centre
- Caribbean Court of Justice
- Government Printer
- Registrar & Provost Marshall
- National Security
- Police
- Fire Brigade
- National Drug Control
- Penal System (Administration/Reform)
- Special Investigations
- Department of Labour
- National Labour Board

**No. 3 Honourable Sir. Molwyn Morgorson Joseph**  
**Minister for Health, Wellness, Social Transformation AND**  
**The Environment**

- Ministry Headquarters
- Health
- Wellness
- Mt. St. John's Medical Centre
- Holberton Hospital
- Antigua and Barbuda Hospital Board
- Medical General
- Medical Benefits Scheme
- Fiennes Institute
- Mentally Handicapped
- Central Board of Health
- AIDS Secretariat
- Mental Hospital
- Health Information
- Health Education
- Persons Living with Disabilities
- National Solid Waste Authority
- Botanical Gardens
- The Environment
- Dog Registration and Control
- Social Welfare Division
- Community Development
- Social Improvement
- Probation
- Social Policy and Development
- Single Parents
- Persons with Disabilities
- Substance Prevention
- Boys Training School
- Youth Empowerment (Job Programme)
- National Youth Council
- Youth Department
- Poverty Eradication
- Care of the Elderly
- Rehabilitation & Assessment Centre
- Disaster Preparedness
- Rural Development
- Board of Guardians
- Gender Affairs
- Ecclesiastical Affairs
- Public Administration
- The Civil Service
- Establishment Department
- Training Division
- Human Resource Development and Management Services
- Pension Reform
- Public Sector Transformation & Empowerment
- Local Government
- Alliance for Social Well Being

**No. 4 Honourable Everly Paul Chet Greene**  
**Minister for Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade**  
**AND Barbuda Affairs**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Headquarters
- Ministry of Agriculture Headquarters
- Ministry of Trade Headquarters
- Overseas Missions
- International Trade
- WTO
- The Diaspora Unit
- VIP Lounge –V.C. Bird International Airport
- Regional Trade
- Manufacturing
- Industry
- Commerce
- Consumer Affairs
- CARICOM
- OECS
- CSME
- Enterprise Development Fund
- Entrepreneurship
- Bureau of Standards
- Statistics Division
- Free Trade Zone
- The Office of NAO for European Development Fund (EDP) & EPA Implementation
- The Blue Economy
- National Parks Authority & Heritage Sites
- Agriculture Development Corporation (ADC)

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- Antigua Fisheries Ltd.
- Food Production
- Animal Husbandry
- Veterinary Services
- Agricultural Extension Services
- Central Marketing Corporation (CMC)
- Chemistry and Food Technology Division
- Marine Resources
- Agro Industries
- Barbuda Affairs
- Sustainable Development:
  - Sustainable Development Goals SDG's

## **No. 5 Honourable Henry Charles Fernandez**

### **Minister for Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation AND Investment**

- Ministry of Tourism Headquarters
- Ministry of Civil Aviation Headquarters
- Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority
- Investment
- Antigua and Barbuda Airports Authority
- Meteorology
- St. John's Development Corporation
- Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority
- Overseas Tourism Offices
- Economic Development & National Economic & Social Council
- Deep Bay Development Corporation
- Antigua Isle Limited
- New Port (Antigua) Limited
- Antigua Pier Group Ltd.
- FCCA, CHTA, CTO & Yachting
- Beach Protection
- Vendors
- Small Business Development Centre SBDC
- Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute
  - Vehicular Control
  - Transport Board
  - Dispatching Facilities

## **No. 6 Honourable Melford Walter Nicholas**

### **Minister for Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), Utilities AND Energy**

- Ministry of Information Headquarters
- Information
- Broadcasting
- Telecommunications
- Antigua Public Utilities Authority
- Energy
- Antigua and Barbuda National Energy Council (ABNEC)
- PDV Caribe Antigua and Barbuda Ltd.
- ICT Centres
- Information Technology
- E-Government
- Public Sector Business Process Re-engineering
- Digitalization & Digitisation

## **No. 7 Honourable Maria Vanessa Browne**

### **Minister for Housing, Works, Land AND Urban Renewal**

- Ministry Headquarters
- Works Ministry Headquarters
- Public Works
- Lands
- Housing
- Urban Renewal
- Surveys
- Survey Office
- Procurement
- Stores
- Infrastructure
- Maintenance
- Quarries
- Government Workshop
- Roadworks
- National Mortgage and Trust Limited
- Land For Youth
- Development Control Authority (DCA)
  - Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA)
  - National Housing Development and Urban Renewal Co. Ltd.

## **No. 8 Honourable Daryll Sylvester Matthew**

### **Minister for Education, Sport and Creative Industries:**

- Ministry Headquarters
- University of the West Indies (UWI)
- General Education
- Training
- Antigua State College
- Antigua and Barbuda International Institute of Technology (ABIIT)
- National Library
- National Archives
- Board of Education
- Museums
- National Accreditation Board
- National Training Agency
- Technical Development
- Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE)
- Science & Technology
- School Uniforms Programme
- School Meals Programme
- National Commission on Education
- Sports
- Antigua Recreation Grounds
- Cedar Valley Golf Club
- Sir Vivian Richards Stadium & Community Sports Facilities
- Culture
- Carnival
- Independence
- One Nation Concert
- V.C. Bird Day Celebrations
- UNOPS
- The Arts

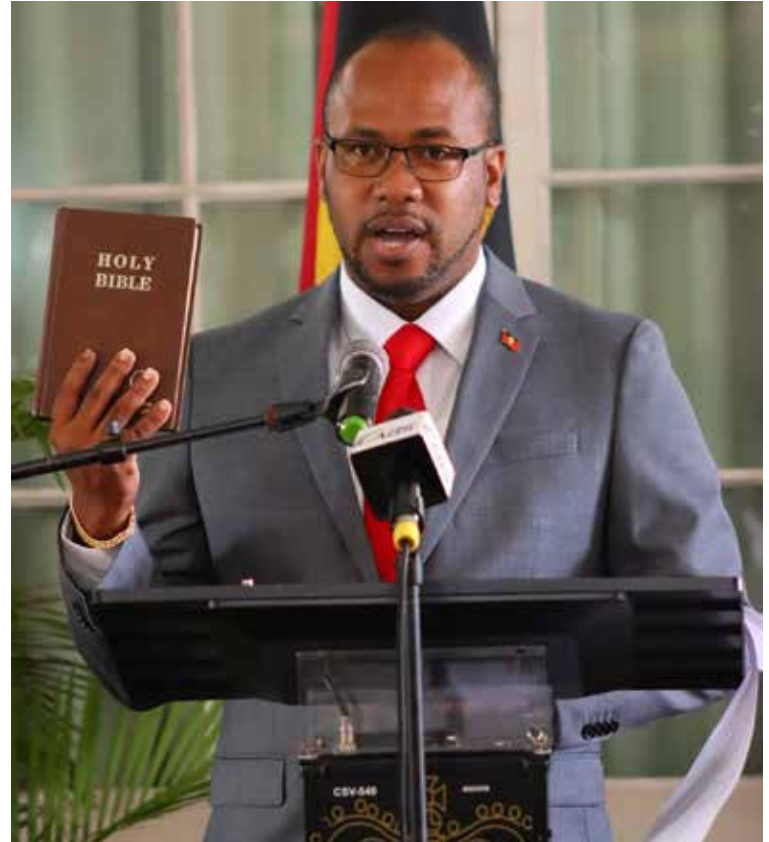
## Rawdon Turner pledges proper representation for St. Peter

The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party's St. Peter candidate, Rawdon Turner, has welcomed his appointment to the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda.

Turner is one of four new appointees on the gov-

ernment's side who will serve in the Upper House of Parliament.

He unsuccessfully contested the St. Peter constituency after his main rival, Asot Michael, retained the seat as an independent can-



Senator Rawdon Turner

### MINISTER OF STATE

1. **Senator the Honourable Samantha Nicole Marshall**  
Minister of State within the Ministry of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation AND The Environment with responsibility for Social Transformation

### PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

1. **Senator the Honourable Shenella Mary Shadida Govia**  
Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Sport AND Creative Industries
2. **Senator the Hon. Clement Marley Mandella Antonio**  
Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Works, Land AND Urban Renewal
3. **Senator the Honourable Knacyntar Nedd Charles**  
Minister of State within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade AND Barbuda Affairs

### Government Senators

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| 1.  | Senator the Hon. Samantha Nicole Marshall        | - | Leader of Government Business        |
| 2.  | Senator the Hon. Cheryl Mary-Clare Hurst         | - | Deputy Leader of Government Business |
| 3.  | Senator the Hon. Shenella Mary Shadida Govia     |   |                                      |
| 4.  | Senator the Hon. Clement Marley Mandella Antonio |   |                                      |
| 5.  | Senator the Hon. Knacyntar Nedd                  | - | Government Senator from Barbuda      |
| 6.  | Senator the Hon. Osbert Richard Frederick        |   |                                      |
| 7.  | Senator the Hon. Colin O'Neal Browne             |   |                                      |
| 8.  | Senator the Hon. Phillip Shoul                   |   |                                      |
| 9.  | Senator the Hon. Caleb Gardiner                  |   |                                      |
| 10. | Senator the Hon. Rawdon Nirobi Antonio Turner    |   |                                      |
| 11. | Senator the Hon. Alincia T. H. Williams-Grant    |   |                                      |

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Following his swearing-in at Government House yesterday, Mr. Turner described his new role as "a clear signal to the people of St. Peter that I have the confidence of the prime minister and the government".

Despite his election loss, Senator Turner has vowed to concentrate his energy on

advancing the constituency, which he believes will place him in a better position to win the St. Peter seat for the ABLP in the next general elections.

Expressing appreciation to the supporters who stood by him and to the people who voted for him as their preferred candidate, Turner said he is grateful for the love they have shown throughout the process.

As he prepares to take up his position in the Senate, Turner said proper representation for the people is paramount.

"The people need proper representation in St. Peter, and I'm in it for the long haul," he declared.

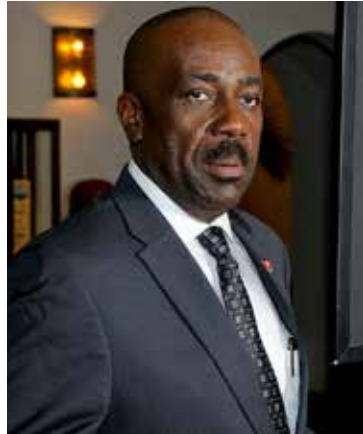
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Sunrise 6:40 am	Sunset 5:58 pm	Moonrise 9:07 am	Moonset 9:08 pm
		● Waxing Crescent	

# Local News



## FM Greene represents Antigua and Barbuda at CELAC

Fresh from last Wednesday's electoral victory and having been reappointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the new portfolios of Agriculture and Barbuda Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene is representing the country at today's Summit of the Community of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (CELAC). The one-day meeting of heads of government is taking place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Agriculture and Barbuda Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene*

committed to the mandate of CELAC as a regional body advanced in the process of integration, promoting unity and the political, economic, social and cultural diversity of its citizens.

FM Greene noted that Antigua and Barbuda, as a Small Island Developing State, for the past two years, held the Chairmanship of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

"As a body of 39 small island and low-lying coastal developing states, we have been advocating for climate and economic justice and fair approaches to our sustainable development and resilience building.

"A reduction in emissions today can prevent future economic and environmental losses for present and future generations, especially for SIDS who are threatened by

rising sea levels and the inundation of coastal areas," he said.

Greene said Antigua and Barbuda lauds the efforts of CELAC member states to encourage collaboration in science, technology, and innovation, as evidenced by the vital cooperation in healthcare, as well as the signing of the Convention establishing the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE).

"We are also eager to strengthen the regional disaster risk response to enhance resilience to natural and man-made hazards, and protect lives, property, and livelihoods," he stated.

## Regional leaders congratulate PM Browne on success at polls

Leaders from across the region continue to extend congratulations to Prime Minister Gaston Browne on his party's success in retaining the government for an unprecedented third term.

Over the weekend, Barbados' Prime Minister Mia Mottley offered congratulations on behalf of the people of her country.

She also expressed that she looked forward to cooperating with Prime Minister Browne to "build a stronger, more resilient Caribbean".

"On behalf of the Government and the people of Barbados, I wish to congratulate The Honourable Gaston Browne and the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party on their victory in the January 18 General Elections.

"Equally, I congratulate you on your re-election as Prime Minister and



*St. Lucia's PM Philip J. Pierre, left with Prime Minister Gaston Browne.*

eagerly look forward to working with you to build a stronger, more resilient Caribbean," Prime Minister Mottley wrote.

Also offering congratulations was St. Lucia's Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre.

In his letter of congratulations on Friday, Pierre extended wishes for the success of Browne's government "especially during this volatile global climate".

"The people have spoken and entrusted you with leading them for yet another term. I pray for your Government's success, especially during this volatile global climate," said Prime Minister Pierre.

Venezuela's President Nicholas Maduro also extended a message of congratulations.

"Venezuela salutes and applauds the successful election day that took place on January 18 in Antigua & Barbuda, where Prime Minister Gaston Browne of the ABLP was re-elected for a third term. Our sincere congratulations to all his people!"



## First vessel to homeport drops anchor this weekend

Cruise tourism stakeholders are finalising plans ahead of this weekend's inaugural call and welcome festivities for the first vessel to homeport in Saint John's, P&O Cruises Arvia.

On Monday, Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez toured the fifth berth facility where the vessel will be docked to facilitate the exchange of passengers this Saturday.

Approximately 800 passengers who will arrive in Antigua and

Barbuda on chartered flights will be transferred to Heritage Quay to board the Arvia.

According to the Ministry of Tourism, the entire exercise is logistics driven between air and seaport personnel and transportation service providers.

"We look forward to this exercise with great anticipation as it forms part of the plan to expand our cruise tourism platform. We anticipate that this activity will reap significant rewards for several of our stakeholders including our taxi operators," said Minister Fernandez.

The tourism minister expressed satisfaction with the added infrastructure at the fifth berth that is currently being outfitted with security, baggage, immigration, and customs resources to ensure that the transition process is seamless.

General Manager of Antigua Cruise Port, Dona Regis-Prosper explained that the homeporting arrangement is historic for two reasons.

"Firstly, the Arvia is the largest vessel to dock in Antigua with a capacity of over 5,200 passengers and 1,600 crew and secondly, this is the first of three homeporting operations scheduled for between now and



Photo Credit: Ministry of Tourism

March. So, it serves as the foundation which is extremely important."

Homeporting occurs when a ship uses a port or marine terminal as its base, regardless of its port of registry. This allows passengers to begin and end a cruise at the homeport, which positively impacts the local economy.

Antigua and Barbuda is positioning itself to become one of the premier homeporting destinations in the southern Caribbean.

## Man shot outside nightclub over the weekend

A 24-year-old man was shot in the behind after a scuffle broke out at a night spot on Independence Drive.

According to reports, police became involved when the medical staff at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre informed them that a patient arrived at the hospital

for treatment for a gunshot wound.

The shooting occurred at about 2:45am on Saturday.

The victim reportedly told police that as he left the G-Spot to head to his vehicle, he heard a loud noise which was followed by a

searing pain in his buttocks.

He realised at this point that he was wounded by what may have been a gunshot.

The man, a resident of Cassada Gardens, was then transported to the hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

He was expected to undergo surgery on Sunday to remove the bullet from his body.

Police say they are now investigating several leads which they received after questioning patrons who were at G-Spot when the incident took place.

# Environment



## Brazil's new president works to reverse amazon deforestation

By Fabiano Maisonnave and Diane Jeantet

AP - Shaking a traditional rattle, Brazil's incoming head of Indigenous affairs recently walked through every corner of the agency's headquarters - even its coffee room - as she invoked help from ancestors during a ritual cleansing.

The ritual carried extra meaning for Joenia Wapichana, Brazil's first Indigenous woman to command the agency charged with protecting the Amazon rainforest and its people. Once she is sworn in next month under newly inaugurated President Luiz Inácio da Silva, Wapichana promises to clean house at an agency that critics say has allowed the Amazon's resources to be exploited at the expense of the environment.

As Wapichana performed the ritual, Indigenous people and government officials enthusiastically chanted "Yoohoo! Funai is ours!" - a reference to the agency she will lead.

Environmentalists, Indigenous people and voters sympathetic to their causes were important to Lula's narrow victory over former President Jair Bolsonaro. Now Lula is seeking to fulfill campaign pledges he made to them on a wide



*Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, right, and congressional candidate Marina Silva, campaign in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022. Environmentalists, Indigenous people and voters sympathetic to their causes were important to Lula's narrow victory over former President Jair Bolsonaro. Now Lula is seeking to fulfill campaign pledges he made to them on a wide range of issues, from expanding Indigenous territories to halting a surge in illegal deforestation. (AP Photo/Andre Penner, file)*

range of issues, from expanding Indigenous territories to halting a surge in illegal deforestation.

To carry out these goals, Lula is appointing well-known environmentalists and Indigenous people to key positions at Funai and other agencies that Bolsonaro had filled with allies of agribusiness and military officers.

In Lula's previous two terms as president, he had a mixed record on environmental and Indigenous issues. And he is certain to face obstacles from pro-Bolsonaro state governors who still control

swaths of the Amazon. But experts say Lula is taking the right first steps.

The federal officials Lula has already named to key posts "have the national and international prestige to reverse all the environmental destruction that we have suffered over these four years of the Bolsonaro government," said George Porto Ferreira, an analyst at Ibama, Brazil's environmental law-enforcement agency.

Bolsonaro's supporters, meanwhile, fear that Lula's promise of stronger environmental protections will hurt the economy by

reducing the amount of land open for development, and punish people for activities that had previously been allowed. Some supporters with ties to agribusiness have been accused of providing financial and logistical assistance to rioters who earlier this month stormed Brazil's presidential palace, Congress and Supreme Court.

When Bolsonaro was president, he defanged Funai and other agencies responsible for environmental oversight. This enabled deforestation to soar to its highest level since 2006,

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## JOIN OUR TEAM

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY: HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) is seeking a highly motivated and experienced **Human Resources Manager** to join our team. The successful candidate will play a key role in developing and implementing HR strategies and programs that support the overall mission and objectives of the organization.

#### Key Responsibilities:

1. Identifying ABTA's immediate, mid-term and long-term staffing needs and guiding an organizational culture that aligns with the business and employer brands

2. Recruiting, selecting, and hiring talent

Completing cost effective recruitment and selection activities and ensuring compliance with applicable labour law in Antigua and Barbuda and across the overseas offices

3. Managing a comprehensive compensation program

Maintaining a cost-effective and competitive compensation and benefits program in alignment with the ABTA's Compensation Philosophy

4. Designing and executing employee engagement activities

Maximizing individual and collective employee performance by designing and implementing engagement plans and activities that recognize and reward performance, build talent, capacity performance... Designing and delivering or coordinating learning opportunities Working collaboratively within the Employee Engagement Advisory Committee

5. Counselling and coaching at all levels

Guiding and advising members of the leadership team and individual employees on relevant matters, maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality. Employing progressive discipline

6. Performing relevant and related duties, as necessary, to maintain the smooth business operations of the ABTA

#### Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Human Resource Management or related field and 2 years experience as a Human Resource Manager

- Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management or Business Administration or related field and 4 years experience as a Human Resource Manager

- Sound communication skills

- Sound knowledge of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Code

If you are a strategic thinker with a passion for HR and a desire to make a positive impact on our organization, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity. The ABTA is committed to diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from candidates from all backgrounds.

Please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your qualifications and experience to [HR@visitaandb.com](mailto:HR@visitaandb.com) by **Wednesday February 1 2023**.



## JOIN OUR TEAM

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY: CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) is seeking a highly motivated, highly qualified, and experienced **Chief Marketing Officer (Consultant)** - to join our team. The successful candidate will play a key role in the support and management of the Marketing Change process.

The position of Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) is a two (2) year consultancy reporting to the CEO. The successful applicant will be required to create a supportive environment and implement sound and reasoned systems that coordinate the strategic marketing plan. This is to be done simultaneously while promoting growth and exploiting new marketing opportunities for the destination.

#### Key Responsibilities:

1. Evaluating and strengthening, as necessary, the marketing service relationships (PR, Advertising, etc.) across the ABTA to maximize results with minimal waste (human, financial, etc.)

2. Guiding the Marketing Pillars Teams in a coordinated development and execution of the strategic marketing plan, e.g.

- a. prioritizing and scheduling high return activities across the Pillars
- b. translating KPIs to tangible actions
- c. evaluating ROI and other KPIs, Etc.

3. Collaborating with the HR Manager (HRM) to review the alignment of the matrix structure to the ABTA purpose by:

- a. Defining marketing service gaps
- b. Identifying growth areas of individual team members
- c. Delivering tailored hands-on learning opportunities, etc.
- d. Conducting objective assessment of team members to identify an empowered successor while boosting team morale and engagement, etc.
- e. Strengthening market research and analysis methods

#### Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Business Management, Tourism, Marketing or related field and 5 years' experience in the capacity of Destination Marketing Management

- Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Tourism or Business Administration or related field and 8 years' experience as a Destination Marketing Manager

- Sound communication skills

- Strong organisation and planning skills

- Sound knowledge of Destination Marketing with experience in the digital arena

If you are a strategic, analytical thinker with a passion for Destination Marketing who is results oriented with a desire to make a positive impact on our organization, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity. The ABTA is committed to diversity and inclusion and encourages suitably qualified applications from candidates from all backgrounds.

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## IDB to finance research on trade and environment in the Caribbean

Up to six research proposals related to the challenges of trade and the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean are to be financed by the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) and the Interdisciplinary Institute of Political Economy of Argentina.

'The Green Turn' call, directed at researchers, universities, and think tanks in Latin America and the Ca-

ribbean is open until February 28, and aims to support research that will contribute to the diagnosis of the current regional situation and policy recommendations specific on three thematic areas: environmental goods and services and productive/export supply; trade policy and environmental bias; and energy transition and international insertion.

"As Latin American and Caribbean countries transition to more environmentally friendly growth

patterns, trade can help generate new comparative advantages by encouraging exporting companies to incorporate cleaner and more sustainable technologies, energy sources, and process designs into their operations," said Fabrizio Opertti, manager of the IDB's Integration and Trade Sector.

The call includes a line open to researchers in general and another aimed especially at young people up to 35 years of age.

"We believe that academics, experts, and young researchers can contribute to the analysis of the challenges and opportunities for exports in the region while addressing the need to reduce the effects of climate change and achieve sustainable development goals," said Ana Basco, director of INTAL.

At the end of the process, six projects will be chosen each of which will receive a contribution of US\$8,000.

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as developers and miners who took land from Indigenous people faced few consequences.

Between 2019 and 2022, the number of fines handed out for illegal activities in the Amazon declined by 38% compared with the previous four years, according to an analysis of Brazilian government data by the Climate Observatory, a network of environmental nonprofit groups.

One of the strongest signs yet of Lula's intentions to reverse these trends was his decision to return Marina Silva to lead the country's environmental ministry. Silva formerly held the job between 2003 and 2008, a period when deforestation declined by 53%. A former rubber-tapper from Acre state, Silva resigned after clashing with government and agribusiness leaders over environmental policies she deemed to be too lenient.

Silva strikes a strong contrast with Bolsonaro's first environment minister, Ricardo Salles, who had never set foot in the Amazon when he took office in 2019 and resigned

two years later following allegations that he had facilitated the export of illegally felled timber.

Other measures Lula has taken in support of the Amazon and its people include:

- Signing a decree that would rejuvenate the most significant international effort to preserve the rainforest - the Amazon Fund. The fund, which Bolsonaro had gutted, has received more than \$1.2 billion, mostly from Norway, to help pay for sustainable development of the Amazon.

- Revoking a Bolsonaro decree that allowed mining in Indigenous and environmental protection areas.

- Creating a Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, which will oversee everything from land boundaries to education. This ministry will be led by Sônia Guajajara, the country's first Indigenous woman in such a high government post.

"It won't be easy to overcome 504 years in only four years. But we are willing to use this moment to promote a take-back of Brazil's spiritual force," Guajajara said during

her induction ceremony, which was delayed by the damage pro-Bolsonaro rioters caused to the presidential palace.

The Amazon rainforest, which covers an area twice the size of India, acts as a buffer against climate change by absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide. But Bolsonaro viewed management of the Amazon as an internal affair, causing Brazil's global reputation to take a hit. Lula is trying to undo that damage.

During the UN's climate summit in Egypt in November, Lula pledged to end all deforestation by 2030 and announced his country's intention to host the COP30 climate conference in 2025. Brazil had been scheduled to host the event in 2019, but Bolsonaro cancelled it in 2018 right after he was elected.

While Lula has ambitious environmental goals, the fight to protect the Amazon faces complex hurdles. For example, getting cooperation from local officials won't be easy.

Six out of nine Amazonian states

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## Barbados to host 41st Caribbean Travel Marketplace this spring

Barbados will host the 41st edition of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's (CHTA) Caribbean Travel Marketplace, May 9-11, 2023.



CHTA President Nicola Madden-Greig announced that the influential trade association's largest annual event, which brings together buyers and sellers of the region's tourism products and services, will be staged in Barbados for the first time in the organization's history.

"CHTA has a very strong relationship with both public and private sector stakeholders in Barbados, and as we position the region's top earner for robust growth this year, we are delighted to lock arms with our Bajan partners to drive business to the Caribbean," she stated.

Ian Gooding-Edghill,

Barbados' minister of tourism and international transport, said the Barbados tourism industry was undergoing a major renaissance in the post-Covid environment, and the timing could not be better to welcome Caribbean Travel Marketplace to local soil.

"We are honored to host such a preeminent gathering of tourism stakeholders from around the world," said Minister Gooding-Edghill, who believes the meeting aligns with Barbados' value offerings, which appeal, among others, to the very important MICE market.

Caribbean Travel Marketplace 41 will build on the success of last fall's 40th

edition, which was held in Puerto Rico.

A highlight of the Puerto Rico meeting was the launch of the first Caribbean Travel Forum & Awards, the second edition of which will be held in Barbados on Tuesday, May 9, ahead of the official opening ceremony of Caribbean Travel Marketplace. The Forum will once again focus on the business of tourism, while business appointments will be held on Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11.

"Our private sector partners, together with the BTMI and the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, are keen to showcase Barbados' exceptional product and ex-

periences and we cannot wait to welcome you to our island home," said Renée Coppin, Chairman of the Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association.

Meanwhile, Madden-Greig noted that this year's Marketplace will also provide unique access to the Eastern Caribbean for buyers and tour operators as the region places a strong focus on the revival of multi-destination travel.

Marketplace will be held at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre.

Registration details will be available soon.

For more information, visit [www.chtamarketplace.com](http://www.chtamarketplace.com).

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are run by Bolsonaro allies. Those include Rondonia, where settlers of European descent control local power and have dismantled environmental legislation through the state assembly; and Acre, where a lack of economic opportunities is driving rubber-tappers who had long fought to preserve the rainforest to take up cattle grazing instead.

The Amazon has also been plagued for decades by illegal gold mining, which employs tens of thousands of people in Brazil and other countries, such as Peru and Venezuela. The illegal mining causes mercu-

ry contamination of rivers that Indigenous peoples rely upon for fishing and drinking.

"Its main cause is the state's absence," says Gustavo Geiser, a forensics expert with the Federal Police who has worked in the Amazon for over 15 years.

One area where Lula has more control is in designating Indigenous territories, which are the best preserved regions in the Amazon.

Lula is under pressure to create 13 new Indigenous territories - a process that had stalled under Bolsonaro, who kept his promise not to grant "one more inch" of land to In-

digenous peoples.

A major step will be to expand the size of Uneiuxi, part of one of the most remote and culturally diverse regions of the world that is home to 23 peoples.

The process of expanding the boundaries of Uneiuxi started four decades ago, and the only remaining step is a presidential signature, which will increase its size by 37% to 551,000 hectares (2,100 square miles).

"Lula already indicated that he would not have any problem doing that," said Kleber Karipuna, a close aide of Guajajara.



# Regional News



## Haiti's death toll from cholera climbs to nearly 500

CMC - Nearly four months after the reappearance of cholera in Haiti, the death toll in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member state has risen to 496.

In a statement on Saturday, the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) said the country has already registered 25,182 suspected cases and 21,407 hospitalised, 73 new, while 312 of the 496 deaths occurred in health institutions and 184 in communities.

In a bulletin, the health authorities stated that the average age of those infected is 19 years, and the positivity rate is 37.25 percent, of the suspected cases – 56.60 percent are men, and the remaining are women.

The most affected age group is 1 to 4 years old, with 374 confirmed cases of more than 3,000 suspected cases.

The most affected department is the west, where Port-au-Prince is located



PAHO assisting in the latest outbreak of Cholera in Haiti (File Photo)

and where more than one-third of the population lives, with 1,155 confirmed cases for 16,408 suspected cases.

Last week, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that the world is suffering unprecedented cholera outbreaks in countries affected by climate disasters and other crises.

Cholera is an acute enteric infection caused by ingesting the bacteria *Vibrio cholerae* present in contam-

inated water or food. It is mainly linked to inadequate sanitation and insufficient access to safe drinking water

As a result, vaccines to prevent this disease have become “extremely scarce.”

Cholera was first reported in Haiti in October 2010. Nationally, a total of 820 000 cases of cholera including 9792 deaths were reported between October 2010 and February 2019.

The last confirmed case in this outbreak was reported in January 2019 in I'Estère in the Artibonite department of Haiti. The country did not report a single case of cholera in the three years from January 2019 to January 2022. The current outbreak is also occurring in the context of a complex humanitarian crisis that is exacerbating the burden of disease and hindering response measures.

## SVG: 'Mentally ill' man shot dead by police

Loop - The Royal St Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVG-PF) has launched an investigation into the death of Errol Walker after he was shot by an officer on January 18.

Police said they received a call that Walker, who they described as “mentally ill”, was behaving in an “aggressive manner”.

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When RSVGPF officers responded to the community of Long Piece, Lowmans Windward, they found Walker armed with



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro gives a state of the nation address at the National Assembly, in Caracas, Venezuela January 12, 2023. REUTERS/Leonardo Fernandez Viloria

## Venezuela calls off Maduro meeting with Lula, Brazil govt says

Reuters — Venezuela has decided to call off a previously arranged meeting between President Nicolas Maduro and his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Monday, Lula's press office said.

The Brazilian government had announced earlier in the day the two leaders were set to meet in Buenos Aires this afternoon as they attend a summit of Latin American and Caribbean

countries in Buenos Aires.

Later, however, Lula's team released a new update of his agenda saying the meeting would no longer take place as Venezuela canceled it.

Lula, who took office on Jan. 1, asked his foreign relations minister to restore relations with Venezuela. Diplomatic relations between the countries were broken in 2020 by Brazil's former far-right President Jair Bolsonaro.

several weapons.

"The police spoke to him and asked him to drop the weapons. Mr Walker rushed towards the police and attacked them with a weapon. An officer sustained an injury to his face," RSVGPF stated.

"In self-defence, an officer fired his weapon and injured Mr Walker in his hand and abdomen. Mr Walker and the officer were taken to the Georgetown Hospital for medical attention.

"Walker was later pro-

nounced dead by the District Medical Officer."

RSVGPF said officers have been receiving training on how to deal with persons suffering from mental illness.

Commissioner of Police, Colin John sent condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

RSVGPF said a thorough investigation will take place into the matter and a Coroner's Inquest may be held to ascertain the circumstances surrounding Walker's death.



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## Russia, Estonia expel ambassadors amid 'destroyed' relations

AP - Russia and Estonia on Monday were expelling the ambassadors from each other's countries in a tit-for-tat move, saying that their diplomatic missions will be headed by charges d'affaires.

The Russian Foreign Ministry summoned Estonian Ambassador Margus Laidre and ordered him to leave the country by Feb. 7.

The statement issued by the ministry said that Estonia's diplomatic representation from now on will be downgraded to a charge d'affaires that heads the European Union country's mission in Moscow.

The ministry said that the move was made in retaliation for Estonia's "new unfriendly step to radically reduce the size of the Russian Embassy in Tallinn."

In response, Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu said that the Russian ambassador will leave on Feb. 7 too, in accordance with "the principle of parity."



*In this handout photo taken from video released by Russian Foreign Ministry Press Service, Ambassador to Russian Federation Margus Laidre leaves the Russian Foreign Ministry's building in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Jan. 23, 2023. Russia is expelling Estonia's ambassador and the country's diplomatic mission will be headed by a charge d'affaires, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday. Estonian Ambassador Margus Laidre was ordered to leave the country by Feb. 7, the ministry said. (Russian Foreign Ministry Press Service via AP)*

The Estonian Foreign Ministry earlier this month ordered Russia to reduce the number of its embassy staff to eight diplomats and 15 administrative, technical and service staff members in order to "reach parity in embassy staff" by Feb. 1.

Estonia has reduced its bilateral relations with Moscow "to the abso-

lute minimum" since the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine, Reinsalu said in a statement on Jan. 11. "Now we are setting a limit to the number of Russian diplomats working in Estonia in order to achieve parity. Today's step is in correlation with the low point of our relations in general," he said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday that "the Estonian leadership has purposefully destroyed the entire range of relations with Russia."

"Total Russophobia, the cultivation of hostility towards our country have been elevated by Tallinn to the rank of state policy," the statement read.

## It's 'now or never' to stop Japan's shrinking population, PM says

Reuters - Japanese Prime minister Fumio Kishida pledged on Monday to take urgent steps to tackle the country's declining birth rate, saying it was "now or never" for one of the world's oldest societies.

Japan has in recent years been trying to encourage its people to have more children with promises of cash

bonuses and better benefits, but it remains one of the most expensive places in the world to raise a child, according to surveys.

Births plunged to a new record low last year, according to official estimates, dropping below 800,000 for the first time - a watershed moment that came eight years earlier than the

government had expected.

That most likely precipitated a further population decline in a country where the median age is 49, the highest in the world behind only the tiny city-state of Monaco.

"Our nation is on the cusp of whether it can maintain its societal

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## South Africa defends planned military drills with Russia and China

Reuters - South Africa's foreign minister on Monday deflected criticism of joint military drills planned with Russia and China, saying that hosting such exercises with "friends" was the "natural course of relations".

Naledi Pandor made her comments during a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who was visiting South Africa 11 months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

A South African official, who declined to be named because they were not authorised to speak, said Lavrov would afterwards visit Eswatini, Botswana and Angola.

South Africa is one of Russia's most important allies on a continent divided over the invasion and Western attempts to isolate Moscow because of its military actions.

Some opposition parties and South Africa's small Ukrainian community have said that hosting Lavrov is insensitive.

South Africa says it is impartial on the Ukraine conflict and has abstained from voting on U.N. resolutions on



South Africa's Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor shakes hands with Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, ahead of their bilateral meeting in Pretoria, South Africa, January 23, 2023. REUTERS/Siphiwe Sibeko

the war. It has close ties with Moscow, a friend of the governing African National Congress when it was a liberation movement opposing white minority rule, and will host a joint exercise with Russia and China on its east coast from Feb. 17-27.

"All countries conduct military exercises with friends worldwide. It's the natural course of relations," Pandor, alongside Lavrov, told reporters in the capital, Pretoria.

The exercise will be under way on Feb. 24, the first anniversary of **cont'd on pg 16**



Japan's Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki, Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attend an ordinary session at the lower house of parliament in Tokyo, Japan January 23, 2023. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon

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functions," Kishida said in a policy speech at the opening of this year's parliamentary session.

"It is now or never when it comes to policies regarding births and child-rearing - it is an issue that simply cannot wait any longer," he added.

Kishida said he would submit plans to double the budget for child-related policies by June, and that a new Children and Families government agency to oversee the issue would be set up in

April.

Japan is the third-most-expensive country globally to raise a child, according to YuWa Population Research, behind only China and South Korea, countries also seeing shrinking populations in worrying signs for the global economy.

Other countries are also coming to grips with ageing and shrinking populations. Last week, China reported that its population dropped in 2022 for the first time in 60 years.

# Sports News

## English FA launches appeal, wants longer ban for coach

AP - The governing body of English soccer appealed Monday against the sanction imposed by an independent panel on a lower-league manager banned for 15 months for using discriminatory language toward his players.

The Football Association said it believes “a longer sanction is appropriate” for John Yems, the former manager of fourth-tier club Crawley Town.

Yems admitted to one charge and was found guilty of 11 others relating to comments made from 2019-22 that referenced ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, belief or gender. Among the evidence heard by a disciplinary panel set up by the FA, Yems was



found to have used Islamophobic language, as well as racial slurs and stereotypes toward black players.

Yet the panel sided with Yems’ lawyers, who argued he was “not a conscious rac-

ist” and did not “ever intend to make racist remarks.”

Last week, the FA, which brought a total of 16 charges of discrimination against Yems, said it “fundamentally disagreed” with

the panel’s findings. It has been pushing for a two-year ban.

The governing body said it would not comment further until the appeal is complete.

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what Russia calls its “special military operation”. Ukraine and its allies say Russia has launched an imperial land grab.

President Cyril Ramaphosa’s government has expressed a desire to mediate in the Ukraine conflict as a neutral party.

Pandor emphasised that, though South Africa had initially called on Russia to withdraw from Ukraine unilaterally, that was no longer its position.

“To repeat that ... to Mr Lavrov today would make me appear quite simplistic and infantile, given the massive transfer of arms (to Ukraine) ... and all that has occurred (since),” she said.

NEUTRALITY

South Africa has little trade with Russia but champions a world view - favoured by China and Russia - that seeks to undo perceived U.S.-hegemony in favour of a “multipolar” world in which geopolitical power is more diffuse.

Lavrov said the military drills were transparent and that Russia, China and South Africa had provided all relevant information.

The South African armed forces said last week the exercise was a “means to strengthen the already flourishing relations between South Africa, Russia and China”.

Russia’s TASS news agency reported on Monday that a Russian warship armed with new generation hypersonic cruise weapons would take

part in the drills.

Lavrov was visiting ahead of a Russia-Africa summit in July. There was no official public comment from the Ukrainian embassy but officials said it had asked the South African government to help push a Ukrainian peace plan.

Pandor has said South Africa will not be dragged into taking sides, and has accused the West of condemning Russia while ignoring issues such as Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory.

“As South Africa, we consistently articulate that we will always stand ready to support the peaceful resolution of conflicts on the (African) continent and throughout the globe,” Pandor said in earlier remarks on Monday.



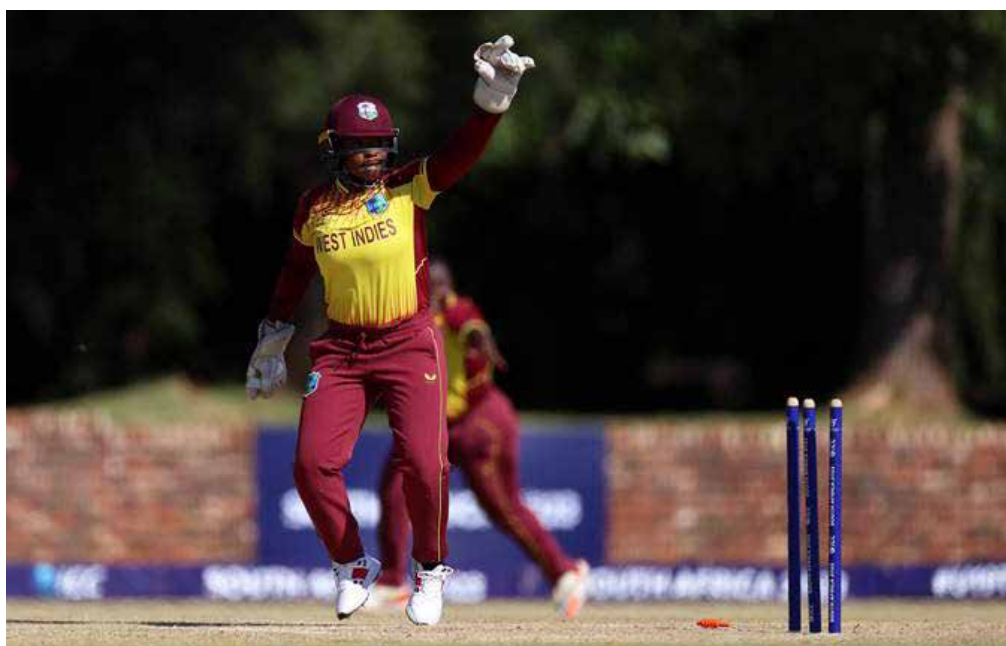
## Rwanda edge Rising Stars in Super6 thriller

CWI - Rwanda handed the West Indies Rising Stars a shocking 4-wicket loss in their first Super6 match at the JB Marks Oval in Potchefstroom.

Batting first, the Rwanda bowlers had the Rising Stars batters pegged back from early in their innings, thanks to disciplined bowling from Henriette Ishimwe and Rosine Irera. But it was spinners Sylvia Usabyimana (4/20) and Marie Josee Tumunkunde 4/8 who utilised the pitch's slow surface to bamboozle the Rising Stars batters.

Realeanna Grimmond was the lone Rising Stars batter to reach double figures, scoring 18 in a 21-ball stance as wickets kept tumbling around her. The Rising Stars posted 70 all out in 16.3 overs. Left-arm spinner Marie Josee Tumukunde was the pick of the bowlers finishing with figures of 3.3-0-8-4, followed by Sylvia Usabyimana with 4-0-20-4.

Rwanda had a nervous period in their run-chase as they lost wickets in close



succession, but Gisele Ishimwe took on the responsibility to get her team over the line to victory.

Ishimwe faced 53 deliveries to score her 31 runs which included two boundaries to keep the Rising Stars at bay, as they reached their 71-run target in 18.2

overs. Rwanda 71/6, Gisele Ishimwe 31 not out and Cynthis Tuyizere (12) were their top scorers. Rising Stars skipper Ashmini Munisar was their best bowler with figures of 4-0-8-1.

Head Coach was proud of his team despite the loss saying

“It’s a tough pill to swallow but the growth and development of this team has been our focus. As a batting group we can learn from the loss today and we will go back to analyse how we play against slower bowlers. I still believe in these players, and I know they will develop into better players.”

Liburd added, “We still have one game to play, and we are going to continue representing the Maroon with pride. This team can hold their heads high as we head into our last Super6 match against England.”

With the loss, the Rising Stars are on two points in fourth place in Group 2 of the Super6s. The Rising Stars will play England U19 in their final Super6 match on Tuesday January 26, 1:45pm local time (7:45am Eastern Caribbean/6:45am Jamaica time).

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# Sports News



## Nick Kyrgios has surgery after Australian Open withdrawal

BBC - Nick Kyrgios has had surgery after pulling out of the Australian Open with a knee injury.

The Wimbledon runner-up, who was among the favourites to win the title at Melbourne Park, withdrew a day before his opening singles match.

"I'll be doing everything I can to get back to my best," the 27-year-old said on Instagram, alongside a photograph of himself in a hospital bed.

The Australian was also unable to defend his doubles crown.

Kyrgios, who withdrew because of a cyst growing in his meniscus, expects to be fully recovered to play at Indian Wells in March.

"To the real ones checking in and sending the vibes.... I love you," he added.



Nick Kyrgios was aiming to win a first Grand Slam singles title after losing to Novak Djokovic in last year's Wimbledon final

## Ottos Coolers claim back-to-back wins in ABBA Division II

Ottos Coolers recorded back-to-back wins in Zone 1 of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division league at the JSC Sports Complex over the weekend.

Ottos Coolers snatched a 93 - 88 victory against Old Road Daggers in the first game of a double header on Sunday, 22nd January.

Lincoln Weekes shot a game high 54 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Javon Simon scored 15 points, snapped up 15 rebounds and distributed 7 steals for Ottos Coolers.

Ariel Quallis sank 35 points, grabbed 22 rebounds and distributed nine assists, Victor Osbourne had 34 points and claimed 9 rebounds and Ezekiel Francis scored 13 points and 21 rebounds for Old Road Daggers.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Ottos Clipper pulled off a 79 - 66 victory over Wadadli Elites1 who lost for the first time in this season's Second Division league.

Lincoln Weekes shot a game high 38 points, Ismael Palemo converted 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Ottos Clippers.

Tequan Brodie converted 23 points, Te-Ran Zachariah scored 16 points and Najae George contributed 11 points for Wadadli Elites1.

Raeburn Generators United were 75 - 44 winners against Jan Serv Fearless Crew2.

Kwame Huntley scored 20 points and snapped up 15 rebounds and Jesus Lopez contributed 17 points for Raeburn Generators United.

Delroy Foster scored 10 points and snatched 9 rebounds for Fearless Crew2.

Galaxia Bar Spanish

Heat defeated Flyers2 71 - 55 in a Zone 2 affair in the second game of Sunday's double header.

Stephen Matthews had 17 points and seven assists, Rohland Hamilton produced 12 points with nine rebounds, Kelvin Pimental sank 11 points and Antonio Cruzdehaa chipped in with 10 points and 9 rebounds for Spanish Heat.

T-Shawn Lewis scored 15 points and snatched seven rebounds, Adrian Carnegie converted 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Sadiq Philip sank 10 points with 15 rebounds for Flyers2.

## First ABCA two-day trial match ends in a draw

A two-day trial match involving a 24-man squad selected by the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) ended in a tame draw at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Sunday.

Playing against the Tyrone Williams Jr. XI, the Nino Henry XI were 175 for 7 off 41 overs in their second innings at the end of the trial match.

The encounters are being used to help select the Antigua and Barbuda squad to participate in this year's senior Leeward Islands Three-Day Tournament.

All the batsmen, except Demetri Lucas, made double digit scores, but this was still not enough to capitalise on their good start by getting a big score in the second innings of the Nino Henry XI.

Shacoy Floyd and Essan Warner each got a topscore of 28 and Jedediah Martin was not out on 24.

Kenrick Scott snapped up three wickets for 14 runs in five overs and Glenton Williams claimed three wickets for 43 runs in 14 overs.

The Nino Henry XI, who won the toss and decided to bat, were dismissed for 299 in 68.5 overs in their first innings.

Essan Warner top scored with 80 off 121 balls, including four sixes and eight fours.

Warner was involved in a 79-run sixth wicket stand with D'Ahri Francis who scored 34 off 39 balls.

Jedediah Martin made 61 off 46 balls with 7 fours and 2 sixes. Martin was involved in two significant half-century partnerships in the lower order.

He shared a 54 run last wicket partnership with Javier Spencer,



*The Pigotts Crushers batsman, Essan Warner, was one of only three players to score a half century in an Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's trial match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on 21st and 22nd January, 2023. (Photo courtesy ABCA)*

who made 14, and added 51 runs for the ninth wicket with captain Nino Henry who made 39 off 35 balls.

Yanique Watley picked up 2 for 22, Michael Marcellin claimed 2 for 27 and Glenton Williams captured 2 for 44.

In reply, the Tyrone Williams Jr. XI made 314 all out in 79 overs.

Shavon Moore top scored with 73 off 58 balls with 6 sixes and 4 fours.

Moore was also involved in two half century partnerships with the lower order batsmen.

He shared a 57 run last wicket stand with Watley, who scored

12 not out, and 51 runs with Taiem Tonge, who scored 17.

Opener Malique Walsh struck 42 off 56 balls, Jewel Andrew scored 38 off 74 balls, Elroy Francis Jr. made 34 off 65 balls before he retired and Kenrick Scott scored 34 off 43 balls.

Teenage leg-spinner, Micah McKenzie, captured 3 for 60 off 13 overs while off-spinner Demetri Lucas took 2 for 54 off 14 overs.

The Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB) is proposing to stage this year's Senior Leeward Islands Three-Day Tournament in St. Kitts and Nevis from 18th February to 4th March.



## Grenades trounce Empire to regain second place in Premier League

Forward Ridel Stanislas scored a hattrick to lead Jennings Grenades to an emphatic 6 - 2 victory over Empire in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division on Sunday night.

Stanislas scored his first in the 29th minute to equalise for Jennings Grenades after forward Ra-keem Joseph scored the first of two goals in the 7th minute to give Empire a 1 - 0 lead.

Goals by Barrington Blake in the 32nd minute and Quinton Griffith in the 36th minute propelled Grenades to a 3 - 1 lead at halftime.

Shortly after the interval, Joseph scored for the second time with a goal in the 51st minute to reduce Empire's deficit, but Stanislas restored Jennings Grenades' two-goal cushion with a 60th minute conversion.

Kieron Richards extended Grenades' lead with a goal in the 69th minute.

Stanislas sealed Jennings' victory when he scored his team's final goal in the 82nd minute to complete his hattrick.

Empire has now lost



Jennings Grenades forward, Ridel Stanislas, (#16 in orange uniform) is congratulated by a teammate after scoring one of three goals against Empire in the Premier Division league at the ABFA Technical Center on Sunday, 22nd January, 2023. (Photo courtesy ABFA)

for the fifth time in seven appearances, relegating them to the lower half of the 12-team competition with six points.

The win allowed Jennings Grenades to regain second place on goal difference, ahead of Villa Lions with both teams now level on 18 points from eight matches.

Both still trail All Saint United who consolidated their position at the top with a default victory over Cedar Grove Blue Jays.

Cedar Grove's failure to show up for the match, which should have been

the opening affair of a triple header on Sunday, resulted in All Saints United being credited a 3 - 0 victory.

This advanced them to 21 points from eight encounters and secured their place at the top of the standings.

The Blue Jays remain third from bottom of the standings with four points after five losses in seven matches.

Veteran striker Peter "Big Pete" Byers scored a brace to lead SAP to a 3-1 victory over Five Islands in Sunday's feature match.

Byers scored in the 15th and 96th minute while Tyrese Joseph scored an own goal in the 41st minute for SAP.

Samuel Semper had a 78th minute conversion for Five Islands who succumbed to their seventh loss in eight matches to remain second from bottom of the standings on one point.

Their fourth win in seven outings lifted SAP into sixth place on goal difference ahead of Tryum. Both teams have 13 points, but Tryum has played eight matches.