

# TONY ASTAPHAN: ABLP NOMINATION CHALLENGE WILL SET LEGAL PRECEDENT

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*On the 26th January, India's 74th Republic Day was celebrated by the Honorary Consul of India to Antigua and Barbuda Vijay Tewani who was joined by members of the Indian diaspora living in the country. The day began with a flag raising ceremony which was followed in the evening by a social event attended by members of the Indian community, chief guest, Minister of Tourism, Charles "Max" Fernandez, members of the local diplomatic corps and other invited guests. Minister Fernandez offered best wishes to the Government and People of India and the Indian community on behalf of the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda.*

## Anthony Astaphan: Election case to set legal precedent

Anthony Astaphan SC of Dominica has weighed in on the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party’s decision to challenge Kelvin Simon’s nomination to contest the St. Mary’s South seat in court.

Last week, prominent local Attorney Hugh Marshall Jr. filed a petition in the High Court on behalf of the ABLP and its St. Mary’s South candidate, Samantha Marshall, in which the court has been asked to declare that Simon’s nomination contravened both

the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda and the Civil Service Act as he was still a civil servant at the time of his nomination in December, 2022.

Simon, who went on to unseat Marshall on 18th January, was a counsellor at the St. Mary’s Secondary School.

The ABLP contends that Simon remained an employee of the government of Antigua and Barbuda when he was nominated as the United Progressive Party’s candi-



Anthony Astaphan SC

date for St. Mary’s South last month.

According to Astaphan, the case aims to set a legal precedent.

“Mr. Marshall has decided to take it to court on behalf of his client. It’s not being done out of any malice.

“I think it’s a very important question that needs to be settled by the courts, so the next time, every and anybody who is going up for election and their political and legal advisors would know what the true situation is so that they’re not misled down the wrong path,” Astaphan said on the Browne and Browne show on Saturday.

He added the High Court will also consider carefully how widespread the knowledge of Simon’s disqualification was.

“What would be in dispute is how widespread was the knowledge of the disqual-

ifying factor in that constituency, St. Mary’s South. So, that’s the threshold Mr. Hugh Marshall is going to have to meet in order to avoid a by-election and get this person with the second highest vote elected as the member of Parliament.

“What I can say without discussing the merits, is that the date of nomination, the date of the resignation letter and the date of the election are not in dispute, and I don’t think it is in dispute that the United Progressive Party had put out press releases indicating he was only required to resign for the election and not nomination day.

“So, the essential disqualifying factors are not in dispute. I think the importance of this case is going to be the order made by the trial judge should she find that he [Kelvin Simon] was disqualified,” Astaphan said.

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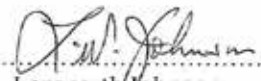
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# APUA and Ministry of Works guarantee greater collaboration

The minister with responsibility for Antigua Public Utilities Authority, Melford Nicholas, has committed to greater collaboration between the statutory body and the Ministry of Works on projects that involve road repairs and work on underground pipes.

The utilities company has received heavy public criticism for its record of causing damage to roads shortly after work to repair them would have been completed by the Ministry of Works.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday during the post-Cabinet Press Briefing, Minister Nicholas said going forward, all parties involved in utilities and road infrastructure will work in tandem to eliminate the existing problems stemming from a lack of communication and reduce the waste of public resources.

“It is a matter that is on the front of my agenda.

“In so far as my approach to this task is concerned, I would want to see a different approach. There has to be a collaboration, a joint productivity, to ensure we have all the tools and resources if, and whenever, there is a need to make

an intervention beneath the surface of the road,” Nicholas stated.

The public utilities minister said a new plan will be implemented by the second quarter of 2023 that will end APUA’s practice of breaking up paved roads and streets in order to facilitate the installation and repairs of pipes.

He added that the public deserves to be adequately notified when APUA and the Ministry of Works are carrying out work that could cause delays and interruptions to the flow of traffic.

“I want to ensure that all of the right equipment is available on both sides and all of the right planning is done, such that when there is a need to go below the surface of the road, we can both notify the public, we execute the work at the appropriate time to minimise the disruption to vehicular



Minister with responsibility for Antigua Public Utilities Authority, Melford Nicholas

and pedestrian traffic, and perhaps maybe, sometimes the best time to do the repairs would be the wee hours of the morning when it has the least impact.

“We certainly will have to have better communication to indicate to road users, both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, at what times

we are going to take a road out of service.”

Minister Nicholas said he and Works Minister, Maria Browne, are committed to making resources available to ensure that there is a change in the way both entities approach road work and the maintenance of underground pipes.

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# Chinese scholarship recipients resume studies

Nine Antiguan and Barbudan students are entering the second month of face-to-face learning in the People's Republic of China following a two-year break during which the students were unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zuriel Lackna, a first year Architecture student at Beijing Jiaotong University said the Antiguan and Barbudan students have settled successfully and added that several of them have begun first-year language studies.

Lackna said that a few of the students, including himself, had completed the language year online while in Antigua and have now

begun their first year of undergraduate studies.

"Despite the bone chilling cold and adjusting to the Chinese cuisine, we are doing very well and are enjoying our studies and also making new friends and exploring the rich historical cities of China," he said.

Daniel Perez, Zuriel Lackna, McKenzie James, Gerrick Schouten, Danny Perez, Micheal Murray, Ahliya Samuel, Joel Holder and Alexia Turner are pursuing first degree studies in the disciplines Architecture, Medicine, Urban and Rural Planning, Hotel Management and Engineering.

They will all spend a



maximum of six years in China while they pursue their programmes.

As the deadline to apply for scholarships to study in China fast approaches, the Prime Minister's Scholarship Committee, under which the programme falls,

says only twenty scholarships are available for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Scholarship application forms are available at the Scholarship Division within the Office of the Prime Minister or by emailing [antigua-scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:antigua-scholarships@gmail.com).

# Robinson pleads for mercy on behalf of client

Attorney Wendel Robinson has asked the High Court to consider his client's age and the extenuating circumstances when it hands down its sentence against his client next month on a charge of shooting with intent to murder.

Robinson appeared for Desbones St. John who was convicted this week of the crime by a nine-member jury by a majority verdict of 8 to 1. On 25th March, 2018, St. John was accused of shooting James Elliot in the face with his 9mm pistol at close range.

The men became embroiled in a dispute over payment Elliot claimed he was owed by St. John, a contractor and his former employer.

The dispute deteriorated into a physical altercation between the men. At some point, St. John produced his weapon and allegedly discharged it in Elliot's direction. The bullet went through the

victim's lips, damaged the right side of his jaw and remained lodged in his head.

Initially, St. John reportedly told police that someone else shot Elliot, but later admitted to the shooting.

Claiming that he had acted in self defence, he also said that he did not intentionally discharge the gun.

Robinson asked the Court to show St. John mercy when sentencing his 59-year old client as if Biblical teachings were observed, "the defendant has a biblical life of eleven years remaining".

Robinson appealed to the Court to consider the circumstances of the case in its entirety, including the fact that when the incident occurred in Barbuda, his client attempted to avoid an altercation with the virtual complainant, who allegedly confronted him twice, as he attended his vehicle.

"The circumstances may be con-

sidered a provocation, and even though provocation is not a defence, the Court ought, quite properly, to consider his conduct.

"St. John had no previous antecedent and everything in the Probation Report speaks of his being a community man and quiet," Robinson pleaded.

Robinson was also vocal about his disagreement with the jury's verdict because, in his view, the evidence suggests that the shooting was an unintended freak accident.

"I am as constant as the Northern Star that the conviction will be overturned," Robinson said, quoting Shakespeare.

He asked the Court to show mercy, as it is an "attribute of God himself".

On 10th February 2023, Justice Colin Williams will hand down the court's sentence in this matter.

## APA boss: Accommodating the Arvia is “a great achievement”

The ease with which the Arvia was able to sail into the St. John’s Harbour on Saturday has been hailed as a great achievement for the country.

That was the word of General Manager of the Antigua Port Authority, Darwin Telemaque, who credited months of dredging of the harbour’s seafloor for making it possible for the vessel to enter the harbour.

P&O Cruises Ariva, which is part of Carnival Corporation and plc, sailed into the harbour on Saturday morning facing winds of up to 28 knots. According to Captain Paul Brown, however, the vessel experienced no issues navigating the channel into the harbour.

“To be able to bring in the

largest ship to visit the island so far into the harbour due to the widening and expansion work that we did and the dredging was a tremendous feat. There is still work to be done but so far so good,” Telemaque stated.

Telemaque also reported that Blue Ocean Dredging, which is partly owned by the government, has continued to dredge the harbour and to widen the channel to ensure that Antigua and Barbuda can welcome the world’s largest Oasis Class ships.

“Blue Ocean Dredging is continuing to widen the channel, in many areas they have achieved the required depth, but we have to deepen the access channel down to 12.3 metres. In many areas



General Manager of Antigua Port Authority, Darwin Telemaque we have already achieved areas they need to catch up,” Telemaque reported.

Adding that only small areas of the harbour remain to be dredged to widen the channel, he continued that this will be completed within months.

“We need to move the width of the channel from seventy metres from the centre to one hundred and forty from the centre. We are not up to that requirement just yet, but we are getting there,” he assured.

Telemaque said Blue Ocean Dredging’s work had been regrettably delayed by challenges including unfavourable weather, equipment sourcing and financing. These were compounded by setbacks created by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Captain Paul Brown and Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez, exchange pleasantries with the Arvia in the background.

## New senator credits her service to the community for her selection

The newest senator appointed to the Upper House, Kiz Nathaniel-Johnson, has credited her work in the community and with her church for her selection by the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, as his choice to serve in the Senate.

Under the Antigua and Barbuda Constitution, sixteen senators are appointed by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister (11), the Leader of the Opposition (4) and the Barbuda Council (1), while the Governor General appoints the seventeenth person to the Senate.

Last week, Sir Rodney named Nathaniel-Johnson as his choice for the Senate.

A Freetown native, Senator Nathaniel-Johnson is a marketing specialist



Senator Kiz Nathaniel-Johnson

who was employed for a decade by the West Indies Oil Company Ltd.

Less than a year ago, she moved on to pursue a new career path.

“I feel humbled, deeply honoured and blessed to have been selected by Sir Rodney as his pick to become a member of the Senate.

“It was always my

dream to one day serve my country at the national level, so naturally, I am very elated that the time has come sooner rather than later,” she told Pointe Xpress.

According to Nathaniel-Johnson, she has always been passionate about community service and service to her church, the Bethesda Pentecostal House of

Prayer, where she is the leader of the Internal Relations team.

“I am highly and actively involved in my church and there are some who have seen my work and my potential and made recommendations to the Governor General that eventually led to my appointment,” she explained.

The senator said whilst there are a number of areas upon which she wishes to focus during her tenure, her work in the Senate will be guided by recommendations coming from Government House.

On Monday, Senator Nathaniel-Johnson had an audience with Sir Rodney in which his recommendations for her role as an independent in the Senate were discussed.

## Past student donates to Nelvie N. Gore Primary School

A former student of the Nelvie N. Gore Primary School in Willikes has donated several essential items to the school.

Randy Baltimore said he responded to a call from the school to fill their need for a refrigerator, microwave and transformer.

The items will be used to improve conditions for the institution’s faculty and student body.

“I will continue to respond to the needs of the school from time to time. This is a continuation of a

programme of assistance to the school that I started some time ago. Through this programme, students have received school supplies as well as masks, sanitizers and other such supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Baltimore explained.

He pledged to continue his civic duty to both the school and his community.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the Nelvie N. Gore Primary School was educator, Patsy LeBlanc, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely donation.



## Developing healthy eating habits: Reflect, Replace and Reinforce

By Micaiah Morgan

Changing eating habits is one of the most difficult things for some people to achieve.

Some people modify their eating habits due to health concerns, some to attain an attractive physique, and some simply don't care and will eat and drink anything they want. The question is, which do you identify with?

If you don't care when it comes to your eating lifestyle, then you need to do some introspection and assess the possible deteriorating effect this unhealthy eating will have on your health.

People have adopted various eating lifestyles, low-carb, low-fat, vegetarian, or vegan lifestyles, but that does not preclude you from living a healthy life.

In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends three simple steps to evaluate and alter your poor eating habits for a healthier lifestyle: Reflect, Replace and Reinforce.

Reflect:

- The CDC suggests creating a list of your eating and drinking habits. Take note of what you eat and drink. This includes sugary drinks and alcohol. Also, record the time of day you ate or drank the item.

- Note how you felt when you decided to eat



or drink the item, especially if you were eating when not hungry. Were you tired? Were you stressed? Were you sad?

- Highlight what may have led you to overeat and ensure you have identified the triggers.

Below are some common triggers that may cause you to engage in unhealthy eating habits:

- Constantly opening the cabinet or fridge and seeing something you love
- Sitting at home watching television
- Before or after a stressful situation
- Seeing your favourite pastry
- Seeing someone eating a meal
- Having someone offer you a meal they made or bought for you
- Passing your favourite fast-food restaurant

- Feeling bored or tired

Now that you have reflected and have identified some triggers, the CDC advises replacing these habits with healthy ones.

Replace:

- Try to cut down on unhealthy foods and drinks like sweets, fried foods, alcohol, and sodas, and replace them with nuts, fruits, vegetables, and water.

- If you notice you eat more while watching your favourite show, try to eat without watching the tv next time.

- Aim to minimise the distractions that keep you from paying attention to how quickly and how much you eat or drink.

- Try paying attention to whether your hunger is satisfied rather than aiming to clean your plate.

- Only eat when

you're truly hungry instead of when you are tired, anxious, or feeling overwhelmed. If you usually use food for comfort, next time try to find an activity or talk to a friend to help you feel better.

- Practice meal planning ahead of time to ensure you eat a nutritious, well-balanced meal.

Finally, the CDC recommends reinforcing these practices to improve your new healthy eating habits.

Reinforce:

Developing healthy habits will take time and will require practice, patience, and discipline. Take time with yourself, and if you engage in an unhealthy habit, try to figure out what caused it and what changes you need to make. Over time, you will improve your eating habits, resulting in a healthier lifestyle.

## Tobacco restrictions to be enforced in British Virgin Islands

The government is planning to crack down on and implement restrictions relating to the smoking of tobacco products in the British Virgin Islands.

In delivering his Throne speech to the legislature last week, Governor John Rankin indicated this will take the form of legislative amendments to the Tobacco Products Control Act.

“The Government will seek to amend the Tobacco Products Control Act, 2006 (No 18 of 2006) to provide for restrictions on the use of electronic smoking de-



vices and the creation of the new offences of prohibiting smoking in a public place,

smoking by a person under 18 years of age, and smoking in a motor vehicle while

a person under 18 years of age is present,” Rankin

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## China's Sichuan frees unmarried people to legally have children

Reuters - Health authorities in China's southwestern province of Sichuan will allow unmarried individuals to raise a family and enjoy benefits reserved for married couples, in the latest effort to bolster a falling birth rate.

The government dictates that only married women are legally allowed to give birth, but with marriage and birth rates having fallen to record lows in recent years, provincial authorities revamped a 2019 rule to cover singles who want to have children.

From Feb. 15, married couples and any individuals who want offspring will be allowed to register with the government in China's fifth most populous province, with no ceiling on the number of children they can register for.

The measure aims to "promote long-term and balanced population development," Sichuan's health commission said in a state-



People shop ahead of the Chinese Lunar New Year at an outdoor market in Beijing, China January 13, 2023. REUTERS/Tingshu Wang

ment on its website.

Until now, the commission had allowed only married couples who wanted to have up to two children to register with local authorities.

China's population

shrank last year for the first time in six decades, a historic turn expected to usher in a period of decline. That prospect is pushing authorities to roll out incentives and measures to boost the population.

A nationwide registry system for couples to register with local authorities ensures maternity insurance to cover medical bills, while letting married women keep their salary during maternity leave.

These benefits will now be extended to single women and men in Sichuan, which ranks seventh in the nation in terms of those older than 60, or more than 21% of its population, government figures show.

Much of China's demographic downturn stems from its one-child policy imposed between 1980 and 2015.

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said.

This follows reports from Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley that the government has made headway with the United Kingdom as it relates to developing a medical marijuana industry for the territory.

Following his trip to the UK last week, Wheatley announced he had "very good discussions" on medicinal cannabis; "particularly with respect to the licensing of medical practitioners in the Virgin Islands to administer medicinal cannabis to

patients".

"We have found a way forward on this aspect of medicinal cannabis and we are proceeding to put the necessary regimes in place for approvals," Wheatley said at a recent press conference.

But according to the premier, the territory may not need to rely on the Cannabis Licensing Act - the legislation that sets the framework for the establishment of a local medical marijuana industry - to get things started, as the Act has been wrapped up in UK red tape for almost three years.

## Barbados to lay Integrity legislation in Parliament next week

CMC - The Mia Motley administration will be bringing the Integrity in Public Life legislation to Parliament next Tuesday and has cautioned that senior government officers and senior judicial officers hired in Barbados in the future will fall under the legislation approved by Cabinet on Friday.

This was disclosed by Attorney General Dale Marshall during a post-Cabinet press conference where he pointed out that to impose the change on appointed judges, the director of public prosecutions and the auditor general would be a breach of their constitutional protection.

Marshall stressed that current constitutional pro-

visions made top judicial officers exempt from the proposed law, but those hired in the future will have to comply with the provisions.

The attorney general noted that when Trinidad and Tobago sought to subject their judges to integrity legislation, a high court suit was filed, and the measure was ruled unconstitutional.

“We’ve carefully analysed the Trinidadian provisions. Trinidad and Barbados have the same common law heritage and our Constitutions are very similar, and it is therefore fair to conclude that such a challenge would be received and supported by our courts, if we sought to make our high court judges



Attorney General Dale Marshall

subject to the provisions of the integrity legislation,” Marshall stressed.

“We think that we’ve reached a reasonable compromise. In my view, it would be distinctly unconstitutional ... to try to impose these obligations

on our current judges, but there’s nothing wrong with imposing them on future appointed judges as a condition of their appointment. And, therefore, the bill, as Cabinet has approved it, will be laid in Parliament

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## Bahamian diplomats airlifted out of Haiti

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs says all seven Bahamian diplomats, including the spouse of the charge d’Affaires, were airlifted out of Port-au-Prince, Haiti by helicopter on Friday and have landed safely in the Dominican Republic.

In a statement late Friday, Prime Minister Dr. Phillip Davis expressed “deep gratitude to the President of the Dominican Republic Luis Abinader and Foreign Minister Roberto Alvarez for the execution of this process.”

On Thursday, the prime minister ordered all Bahamian diplomatic personnel in Haiti to immediately leave the country as soon as security conditions permitted, citing the rapidly



Prime Minister of Bahamas Phillip Davis devolving and unstable conditions in the wake reported violent gang killings of police officers and protests in the Community (CARICOM) member state.

Over the past few days outraged

rebel police officers “paralyzed” Port-au-Prince in protest against a slew of killings of police officers by Haitian gangs.

This week, more than one hundred protesters blocked roads, shotguns into the air, and broke through gates in the capital’s airport and the prime minister’s house.

This comes after a protracted period of violence and tension in Haiti after its President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in his home by armed men in July 2021.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, once conditions improve, a team from The Bahamas will be sent back into Haiti.

## Bloody weekend of 11 murders

Trinidad Express - There were 11 murders in Trinidad between Friday night and Sunday evening.

The latest was the owner of a mini-mart in Sangre Grande, who was shot and killed at his business-place on Sunday afternoon.

Police said that at around 4.30pm, Sherwyn Bernard was at his mini-mart, located at the corner of the Toco Main Road and Sahadeen Trace in Vega De Oropouche, Sangre Grande, when he was ambushed and shot by a gunman.

The killer then got back into a Nissan Tiida and fled the scene.

Up until Sunday night, the police did not have a motive as to why Bernard was killed.

The murder toll stood at 59 up to Sunday night surpassing 46 at the same time in 2022.

Early on Saturday morning, gunmen stalked and then killed the first two men during which two women were also shot.

Shakeel Ferdinand, 28, and Shaheed Jaboolal, 35, were standing in the car park of the Roxbury Bar, off Southern Main Road,

Cunupia, about 500 feet from the Cunupia Police Station, when they were ambushed around 1 a.m.

They did not know each other.

Police said one man wearing a T-shirt around his head and another man wearing a hat ran up behind the two and opened fire on them.

Police said CCTV footage showed the killers waiting for the two outside the bar.

Ferdinand was shot first. He was hit multiple times about the body, fell to the ground and died on the spot. Jaboolal was also shot multiple times and was said to be still breathing when someone in a Nissan Tiida car took him to the Chaguanas Health Centre, where he was pronounced dead around 1.15 a.m., police said.

Patrons at the bar scampered in different directions to escape being shot. But the gunmen also injured two women, ages 40 and 41.

Relatives of both men described them as being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

On Saturday evening,

two men and a woman were shot and killed in Carapo. Police said around 3.45pm Justin Paul, another man who was identified only as his brother, and a woman (also unnamed) were driving along Rose Drive in Carapo, when they were ambushed.

Police said gunmen opened fire on the Nissan Sentra car they were in, hitting all three about their bodies. Paul and the woman were killed in the car. Police said someone took Paul's brother to the Arima Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Police believe the killers in this shooting used assault rifles and pistols.

Hours later, three men were shot and killed in Cunupia in what police described as a "revenge hit," following the murders of Ferdinand and Jaboolal in Cunupia.

This was the ninth multiple murder in Trinidad since the start of 2023. Police said that out of the three men, two had been targeted while one was shot because he had been standing near to the two.

Police said that around 8.15 p.m. Kevin Ramjat-

tan, 36, Javon Ince, 20, and Sean Thomas, 37, were at Jerningham Junction Road, Cunupia, were at Ramjattan's fruit stall when two gunmen walked up to them.

Armed with a mix of assault rifles and pistols they opened fire on the three. The three fell to the ground as the gunmen ran off.

Police said that Ramjattan and Thomas were killed on the spot while Ince was barely breathing.

Officers of the Cunupia Police station took Ince to the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, Mt Hope where he died around 2 a.m. yesterday.

Police said that Ramjattan and Ince were suspects in the murders of two men which occurred around 1 a.m. on Saturday in the car park of the Roxbury Bar in Cunupia. They added that Thomas may have been standing close to the other two when gunmen attacked them.

And yesterday police found the body of a male "burnt beyond recognition," in a car at Cedar Hill Road, Claxton Bay around 10 a.m.

One hour later, Nkosi Lewis was walking near his home at Grenado Street, off Sawmill Avenue, Barataria, shortly before 11 a.m. when a gunman walked up to him and shot him several times about the body.

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on Tuesday; will obligate future appointed judges, future appointed directors of public prosecutions, future appointed auditors general because all of those have the same constitutional protection now."

Marshall said he was satisfied that the "bill as presented today" would sat-

isfy the requirements of the Senate. He recollected that the first attempt to pass the legislation did not receive the two-thirds majority support in the Senate and the bill was defeated.

The current Bill was also tweaked to reflect Barbados' change to republican status.

## Suicide bomber kills 34, wounds 150 at mosque in NW Pakistan

AP - A suicide bomber detonated explosives during crowded prayers at a mosque inside a police compound in Pakistan on Monday, causing the roof to cave in. At least 34 people were killed and 150 wounded, officials said.

Most of the casualties were police officers. It was not clear how the bomber was able to slip into the walled compound, which houses the northwestern city of Peshawar's police headquarters and is itself located in a high-security zone with other government buildings.

Sarbakaf Mohmand, a commander for the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attack on Twitter. The main spokesman for the militant group was not immediately available for comment.

Pakistan, which is mostly Sunni Muslim, has seen a surge in militant attacks since November, when the Pakistani Taliban ended their cease-fire with government forces. Monday's assault on a Sunni mosque was one of the deadliest attacks on security forces in recent years.

More than 300 worshippers were praying inside the mosque, with more approaching, when the bomber set off his explosives vest. Many were injured when the roof came down, according to Zafar Khan, a local police officer.

Rescuers scrambled to remove mounds of debris from the mosque grounds to reach worshippers still trapped under the rubble, police said.

Meena Gul, who was inside the mosque when the bomb went off, said he doesn't know how he survived unhurt. The 38-year-old police officer said he could hear cries and screams after the blast.

Siddique Khan, a police official, said the death toll rose to 34, and the dead included Noor-ul-Amin, the



Security officials and rescue workers gather at the site of suicide bombing, in Peshawar, Pakistan, Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. A suicide bomber struck Monday inside a mosque in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, killing multiple people and wounding scores of worshippers, officials said. (AP Photo/Zubair Khan)

prayer leader. He said the attacker blew himself up while among the worshippers.

Peshawar police chief Ijaz Khan said at least 150 were wounded. A nearby hospital listed many of the wounded in critical condition, raising concerns the death toll could still rise.

Peshawar is the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where the Pakistani Taliban have a strong presence, and the city has been the scene of frequent militant attacks.

The militant group, also known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan or TTP, has waged an insurgency in Pakistan over the past 15 years. It seeks the stricter enforcement of Islamic laws, the release of their members who are in government custody and a reduction in the Pakistani military presence in areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province that it has long used as its base.

The group is separate from but a close ally of the Afghan Taliban, who

seized power in neighbouring Afghanistan in August 2021 as U.S. and NATO troops pulled out of the country after 20 years of war.

The government's truce with the TTP ended as Pakistan was still contending with unprecedented flooding that killed 1,739 people, destroyed more than 2 million homes, and at one point submerged as much as one third of the country.

Mohmand, of the militant organisation, said a fighter carried out the attack to avenge the killing of Abdul Wali, who was widely known as Omar Khalid Khurasani, and was killed in neighbouring Afghanistan's Paktika province in August 2022.

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif condemned the bombing, and ordered authorities to ensure the best possible medical treatment for the victims. He also vowed "stern action" against those who were behind the attack.

Sharif travelled to Peshawar and  
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## New Zealand city to get more dangerous rainfall after flood

AP - A dangerous amount of rain is forecast Tuesday for New Zealand's most populous city four days after Auckland had its wettest day on record in a storm that claimed four lives.

A state of emergency was declared on Friday when a volume of rain that would typically fall over an entire Southern Hemisphere summer hit in a single day. At least 5,000 homes and businesses were being assessed for flood and landslide damage and several roads remained closed after more than 15 centimetres (6 inches) of rain fell in three hours.

The state of emergency for Auckland and surrounding districts was lifted on Monday morning. But Auckland Mayor Wayne Brown warned that dangerous conditions were forecast to return on Tuesday.

"My team's current focus and our big worry is that some Aucklanders might think the worst is behind us, but it isn't," Brown told reporters.

Brown said up to 12 centimetres (almost 5 inches) of rain was forecast in some areas that were already waterlogged.

"That's nothing like Friday night, but the ground is so saturated and the drains are so full that if anything, it could be more dangerous than even Friday," Brown said.



An excavator works at a home badly damaged by flooding and landslides in Auckland, New Zealand, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023. A dangerous amount of rain is forecast Tuesday for New Zealand's most populous city four days after Auckland had its wettest day on record in a storm that claimed four lives. (Alex Burton/New Zealand Herald via AP)

Brown said the number of residents of Auckland and surrounding areas asking for help due to storm damage would continue to rise.

"It has taken some time for everyone to appreciate just how big and widespread an event this has been and it hasn't finished yet," Brown said.

"The downfall was by far the biggest in our history. It was well beyond even what our emergency people either imagined or planned for," Brown added.

The heavy rain warning for Tuesday covered Auckland and further

north on the North Island.

"This rain is expected to cause dangerous river conditions and significant flooding. Slips and floodwaters are likely to disrupt travel, making some roads impassable and possibly isolating communities," a MetService statement said.

Auckland schools will remain closed until next week.

Auckland Airport has resumed operations that were shut down by the storm Friday, but the airport warned in a statement that flight schedules may be disrupted for several days.

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visited the wounded at the hospital. His office said he would receive a briefing about the security situation in the northwest.

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan called the bombing a "terrorist suicide attack" in a Twitter post.

"My prayers & condolences go to the victims' families," said the ex-premier. "It is imperative we improve our intelligence gathering & properly equip our police forces to combat the growing threat of terrorism."

Cash-strapped Pakistan is currently facing a

severe economic crisis and is seeking a crucial instalment of \$1.1 billion from the International Monetary Fund - part of its \$6 billion bailout package - to avoid default. Talks with the IMF on reviving the bailout have stalled in the past months.

Sharif's government

came to power last April after Imran Khan was ousted in a no-confidence vote in Parliament. Khan has since campaigned for early elections, claiming his ouster was illegal and part of a plot backed by the United States. Washington and Sharif have dismissed Khan's claims.

## Tropical storm leaves 30 dead, 20 missing in Madagascar

AP - Flooding and landslides caused by the passage of tropical storm Cheneso across Madagascar caused 30 deaths, left 20 people missing and affected tens of thousands across the Indian Ocean island nation, according to a provisional assessment Monday.

The storm made landfall in the northeast of the island last Thursday and impacted close to 89,000 people, Madagascar's National Office for Risk and Disaster Management said.

Madagascar's meteorological agency said the storm, which has now passed across the country into the Mozambique Channel, saw winds gusting up to 170 kilometres per hour (105.63 miles per hour) and unleashed torrential rains.

Colonel Faly Aritiana, of the risk and disaster office, said there had been house collapses and landslides in which people have become trapped.

"People have been reacting generally in the right way, but some people have not been taking enough note



A man steers his boat that is used by residents to move around the street flooded with rain water in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. A tropical storm Cheneso made landfall across north-eastern Madagascar on January 19, bringing strong winds to coastal regions, while heavy rain brought significant flooding to northern parts of the country. (AP Photo/Alexander Joe)

of our warnings not to cross rivers in flood because the flow is much stronger than usual," Aritiana said.

The storm has damaged infrastructure, with many roads cut by rising waters, landslides and collapsed bridges.

Nearly 33,000 people have had to

leave their homes in the Boeny region, in the northwest of the island. Locals say the prices of basic foodstuffs have skyrocketed.

"Prices of vegetables and rice increased a lot after the storm" with the cost of tomatoes quadrupling, said Véronique Mamitiana, a teacher in the city of Mahajanga. "The merchants say it's because the national road is cut," she said.

Marovoay, 100km (60 miles) further south, was one of the regions worst hit by the storm, with stagnant flood waters still affecting many localities. District leader Tolotriniaina Rakotonindriana said the water level is decreasing very slowly.

"Many houses are still flooded and that is why most of the victims are still in the accommodation sites," Rakotonindriana added. "Roads are covered with water and we have to travel by canoe."

Local authorities said essential food supplies are being distributed to help support those in need.

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## Referees' union says James was fouled on controversial play

AP - The National Basketball Referees Association said Sunday that LeBron James was fouled on the last play of regulation in the Los Angeles Lakers' game against the Boston Celtics.

The NBA office also confirmed for the second time that a foul should have been called.

"Like everyone else, referees make mistakes," the union wrote in its tweet. "We made one at the end of last night's game and that is gut-wrenching for us. This play will weigh heavily and cause sleepless nights as we strive to be the best referees we can be."

James got the ball about 35 feet from the basket, with 4.1 seconds remaining in what was a tied game at Boston on Saturday night. He split two defenders as he got into the lane, then went airborne and got past Jayson Tatum as well.

James laid the ball up with his left hand, Tatum clearly made contact with James' shooting arm, no foul was called and the game went to overtime. Had a foul been called, James would have gone to the free-throw line with an opportunity to put the Lakers ahead with 1.8 seconds remaining.

The Celtics wound up winning the game in overtime, 125-121.

"We got cheated tonight, honestly. ... It's unac-



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (6) misses a shot against Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum, top centre, late in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, in Boston. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

ceptable," Lakers forward Anthony Davis said after the game.

The NBA acknowledged shortly after the game that a foul should have been called - "There was contact. At the time, during the game, we did not see a foul. The crew missed the play," crew chief Eric Lewis told a pool reporter - and reaffirmed that Sunday in the report detailing calls made and missed in the final two minutes of regulation and overtime.

The Lakers entered Sunday 13th in the Western Conference at 23-27, only two games back of the final play-in spot and four games back of the fourth-place Los Angeles Clippers. But the Lakers have also spent virtually the entire season on

the outside of the playoff picture.

"We don't have room for error," James said after Saturday's game. "And it's one of the best games we played all year. For it to fall on somebody else's judgment, or non-judgment, it's just ridiculous. It's ridiculous."

Neither James nor Davis will play in the Lakers' next game on Monday at Brooklyn, the team said. Injuries are the reason; James has left ankle soreness and Davis continues to deal with a right foot stress injury.

James reacted with no shortage of animation after the missed call on the Tatum play, immediately pointing to his arm and eventually slumping to the court, resting on his knees and elbows

as he tried to come to grips with no foul being called.

Lakers guard Patrick Beverley brought a camera onto the court during the ensuing stoppage to show Lewis an image of the contact; Beverley got a technical foul, and the Celtics wound up starting the overtime with a 106-105 lead because of the resulting free throw.

It marked at least the fourth time in recent weeks that the Lakers felt a late-game call went against them in what became a loss.

"I don't see it happening to anybody else," James said. "It's just weird."

Added Lakers coach Darvin Ham: "As much as you try not to put it on officiating, it's becoming increasingly difficult."

## McIlroy overcomes Reed, wins Dubai Desert Classic by one shot

AP - Rory McIlroy watched his 15-foot birdie putt roll into the cup, clenched his fist and let out a roar to celebrate a victory that felt bigger and sweeter than most.

Because of the guy he beat as much as the big title he won.

The top-ranked McIlroy overcame a final-round charge from Patrick Reed to win the Dubai Desert Classic for the third time Monday after a tense duel between players who were involved in a pre-tournament spat.

McIlroy finished birdie-birdie to shoot 4-under 68 and win by a stroke from Reed, who shot 65.

"Mentally, today was probably one of the toughest rounds I have ever had to play because it would be really easy to let your emotions get in the way," McIlroy said. "I just had to really focus on myself and forget who was up there on the leaderboard."

McIlroy and Reed traded verbal blows Wednesday after an interaction - of sorts - at the practice range on Tuesday that saw McIlroy snub Reed, who had gone over to wish the Northern Irishman a happy new year.

Reed walked away before lightly tossing a tee - featuring a logo of his 4 Aces team in the LIV Golf league - in the direction of McIlroy, one of the most vocal critics of the Saudi-run breakaway

series.

Reed said it was "unfortunate" that McIlroy didn't shake his hand and was quoted as describing McIlroy as "an immature little child."

Hence McIlroy's sense of satisfaction after making the title-clinching putt on the par-5 18th - a hole where he has encountered big problems over the past year.

"This is probably sweeter than it should be," McIlroy said.

McIlroy started the year with a win for the first time in his career - he has come close numerous times in nearby Abu Dhabi, where he has typically chosen to play his year-opening tournament - and backed up victories at the Dubai Desert Classic in 2009 and 2015.

He decided to take extra time off around Christmas because, in his words, he was "mentally drained" by effectively being an anti-LIV spokesman last year.

He couldn't escape those issues during his time off, either. McIlroy said he was served a subpoena on Christmas Eve from Larry Klayman - an attorney who has filed a lawsuit against the PGA Tour and European tour for suspending players who have signed with LIV Golf. Reed is not involved in that lawsuit. Klayman also represents Reed in lawsuits filed against a number of media outlets.

A final-day duel between



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland celebrates after he won the the Dubai Desert Classic, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. (AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

McIlroy and Reed looked unlikely, with McIlroy starting Monday with a three-shot lead - and four ahead of American. However, he was overtaken on the back nine by Reed, who picked up seven shots in his first 13 holes while McIlroy was playing safety-first golf.

Reed bogeyed No. 16, could only make par at the drivable 17th after hitting his tee shot into a small bush but birdied No. 18 to put pressure on McIlroy, who had two-putted for birdie at No. 17 to move back into a share of the lead.

McIlroy's drive on No. 18 dribbled into the rough beside the water to the right of the fairway - he watched it all the way, clearly fearing the worst - and he decided to lay up. His third shot from 92 yards was close enough and,

as Reed watched from the scorer's hut, McIlroy made the putt.

McIlroy finished on 19 under overall. He wound up winning with his B game and was particularly proud how he held up down the last, having hit shots into the water in front of the green on Sunday and also in the final round last year, costing him the title.

"It was a battle all day - honestly, it's been a battle all week," McIlroy. "I feel as if I haven't had my best all week but just managed my game so well and played really smart. Even that second shot at the last. I probably could have got to the green but with what happened yesterday and last year, I tried to give myself a wedge and get it up and down for the win.

"Ecstatic that I gave myself the opportunity the first  
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## Russia says any attempts to oust it from global sport over Ukraine will fail

Reuters - Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Friday that any attempt to squeeze Moscow out of international sport because of what it calls its special military operation in Ukraine was "doomed to fail."

Since Russia sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February last year, some sports bodies have suspended Russian teams or athletes to protest against Moscow's war in Ukraine.

Kyiv said earlier on Friday that Ukraine did not rule out boycotting the Olympic Games if Russian and Belarusian athletes were allowed to compete in the Paris 2024 Games.



Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova listens during the annual news conference of Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow, Russia January 18, 2023. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov

## West Indies Women call up Under 19 Rising Stars as injury cover for final tri-series match

The Cricket West Indies' (CWI) Selection Panel have called up four of the West Indies Under 19 Rising Stars players who competed at the ICC Women's U19 World Cup to the West Indies Women's team. All-rounders Zaida James and Djenaba Joseph, wicket-keeper/batter Trishan Holder and fast-bowler Janelle Glasgow have been called up as injury cover for Monday's final Tri-Series match against India Women at Buffalo Park in East London.

Stafanie Taylor, Chinnelle Henry, Shakera Sel-

man and Chedean Nation are currently going through a return to play rehabilitation ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

CWI's Lead Selector Ann Browne-John said, "The selection panel has included four Under 19 players for the final match of the Tri-Series as potential replacements for injured players. The four have been training with the senior team in South Africa since the conclusion of the ICC Women's U19 World Cup."

Browne-John added, "We believe this is the per-

fect opportunity to utilise these four players, two of whom (Joseph and Holder) made their international debut against England last year, to reinforce the squad in the absence of injured senior players. They have been playing in South African conditions for the past three weeks so are well prepared. With final selection of the ICC T20 World Cup squad still to be done, it gives the selection panel another opportunity to see the best players available and select the best combination to participate."

Holder and Joseph made their West Indies senior debuts against England last December, while Glasgow and James were travelling reserves with the senior team last year. During the ICC Women's U19 World Cup, James struck two half-centuries and had a four-wicket haul, whilst Joseph struck an unbeaten 44 not out in their Super6s match against England. Holder had a well-compiled 34 not out off 14 balls against Indonesia and Glasgow was the spearhead of the bowling attack.

The West Indies Women play India Women on Monday 30 January in the final preliminary match at 3pm local time (9am Eastern Caribbean/8am Jamaica time). The match can be watched live on Flow Sports with ball-by-ball scoring live on the [windiescricket.com](http://windiescricket.com) match centre.

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week back out. I managed my game well."

Reed was attempting to become the first LIV Golf player to win an event on the European tour. Players from the Saudi-run series that changed the face of golf in 2022 are still able to play on the tour ahead of the imminent ruling of a British arbiter, who is reviewing whether the tour has the right to issue bans to those members who joined LIV

without clearance.

Initial bans were lifted last year by the arbiter, pending a full legal review.

Ian Poulter, another LIV golfer, joined Reed in attempting to hunt down McIlroy but his challenge ended after making double-bogey at the last. He shot 70 and was tied for sixth, six shots off the lead.

Lucas Herbert of Australia shot 66 and placed third, three strokes behind McIlroy.

## Ottos Coolers blow out RG Slam by 55 points in ABBA Second Division

Ottos Coolers blew out Raeburn Generators Slam by a 55 point margin in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday night.

Lincoln Weekes shot a game high of 39 points with 8 steals and 6 assists as Ottos Coolers romped to a commanding 109 - 54 victory in the second game of the Zone I double header.

Michael Barton scored 18 points and grabbed 26 rebounds; Ismael Palemo converted 14 points and snatched 9 rebounds; Vladimir Castro sank 10 points, snapped up 10 rebounds 6 assists and 6 steals and

Aidian Doumith chipped in with 10 points for Ottos Coolers.

Jesus Lopes had 22 points and claimed 10 rebounds; Joender Lopez sank 12 points and Manlight Simmons scored 10 points and snapped up 15 rebounds for Raeburn Generators Slam.

Rebels snatched a 96 - 81 victory against Jan Serv Fearless Crew2 in the first game of Sunday's double header.

Bruce Whyte scored 27 points and snatched 10 rebounds; Tyndale Telemaque had 23 points; Kirwan Peterson sank 17 points; Zuri Nesbitt converted 15 points, distributed 14 assists and grabbed 8 rebounds, while

Buell Henry produced 12 points, 15 rebounds and 6 steals for Rebels.

Tajarn Gage scored 24 points, claimed 6 rebounds and dished out 6 assists; Daysher Samuel netted 15 points and distributed eight assists; Takeem Martin converted 14 points and grabbed 9 rebounds while Delroy Foster chipped in with 10 points for Fearless Crew2.

The Second Division league will continue with another Zone 1 double header at the JSC Sports Complex this evening.

Wadadli Elites1 will face New Generation Slam at 6:45pm while Cutie's Ovals Superiors will clash with Rebels at 8:30pm.



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## Walsh hits century in ABCA national team trial match

A century by young opening batsman, Malique Walsh, was among the highlights of the second Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) Senior National team two-day trial match at Pigotts over the weekend.

The diminutive right hander hit an even hundred in the Tyrone Williams Jr. XI's first innings total of 210 all out in 61.5 overs against the Elroy Francis Jr. XI in a drawn affair that ended on Sunday, 29th January.

Walsh batted for 205 minutes and faced 155 balls of which he struck 11 fours and a six.

He shared in an 81 run fourth wicket partnership with Kenrick Scott who made 35.

Essan Warner captured 5 wickets for 43 runs and pacer Jedediah Martin took two wickets for 14 runs.

In reply, the Elroy Francis Jr. XI made 220 all out in 55.1 overs.

Opener Shacoy Floyd hit a top score of 78 off 118 balls with 10 fours and a six. He shared a 60 run opening stand with Kadeem Henry who made 21.

Leg spinner Kadeem Josiah picked up 5 wickets for 65 runs in 14 overs; left-arm seamer Yanique Watley claimed 2 for 16 and off spinner Michael Marcellin took 2 wickets for 27



Young opening batsman Malique Walsh, left, hits a century during the second Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) Senior National team two-day trial match at Pigotts over the weekend. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

runs in 10 overs.

Trailing by 10 runs, the Tyrone Williams XI made 161 all out in 55.1 overs.

Opener, Michael Dover, top scored

Anthony Forsythe in the 68th minute after he was given a red card for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

Calvin then sealed Ottos Rangers' victory with a 76th minute conversion.

The result lifted Ottos Rangers to 12 points, one point behind Tryum who remain on 13 points after slumping to their fourth loss in nine appearances.

with 36. He shared a 65 run opening stand with Walsh who made 25.

Middle order batsman Kenrick Scott contributed 33.

Teenage leg spinner, Micah McKenzie, snapped up 6 wickets for 39 runs in 14 overs and off spinner Demari Benta captured 2 wickets for 9 runs.

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

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

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Tryum's number was also reduced to 10 in the 50th minute when Kareem Burrell received a red card for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

Romario Dennie then scored for Tryum in the 64th minute, but one minute later, Jalmaro Calvin scored his first of two goals to restore Ottos Rangers' two goal advantage.

Tryum also lost the services of

## Parham trounce Swetes to claim second win in Premier League

After losing five of seven matches, Parham claimed their second consecutive win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division on Sunday night.

Following a 1 - 0 win over Pigotts Bullets in their previous outing, Malcolm Stewart produced a hattrick as Parham romped to an emphatic 6 - 1 drubbing of Swetes in the feature match of a triple header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Stewart scored in the 14th and 18th minutes to give Parham a 2 - 0 lead while Isaiah Thomas netted Swetes' lone conversion in the 20th minute.

Kenja Benjamin then scored in the 29th and 31st minutes to give Parham a 4 - 1 halftime lead.

John Francis added a fifth goal with a 49th minute strike and Stewart completed his hattrick and Parham's scoring by converting a penalty in the second minute of added on time (90+2 minutes).

Their second win in nine matches lifted Parham to 8 points, while only their second loss in nine encounters ensured that Swetes remained fifth in the standings on 15 points.



Parham celebrate after scoring a goal against Swetes during their Premier Division encounter at the ABFA Technical Center on Sunday, 29th January, 2023. (Photo: ABFA)

Villa Lions continued their impressive run, claiming a fourth consecutive win by snatching a 2 - 1 victory over Greenbay Hoppers in the opening game on Sunday.

But it was Greenbay Hoppers who took an early lead via a penalty kick which was converted by Javorn Stevens in the 10th minute.

Cuban forward, Yasnay "Porshar" Torres, scored both goals in his first appearance for Villa Lions this

season.

Torres, who has represented Villa Lions for the past two seasons, scored the equaliser in the 41st minute and struck the winner in the 84th.

Their seventh win in nine encounters propelled Villa to join leaders, All Saints United and Jennings Grenades, on 21 points, but the Lions remain third in the standings on goal difference.

Ottos Rangers recorded their fourth win in the

competition overcoming the 9 man Tryum 4 - 1 in Sunday's second encounter.

Junior Benjamin scored in the 38th minute to give Ottos Rangers a 1 - 0 half-time lead after being reduced to 10 men in the 25th minute when Kelly Roberts was given a red card by the match referee for committing serious foul play.

Josue "Naymar" Arias doubled Ottos Rangers' lead with a goal in the 48th minute.

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