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DEAN JONAS' LAWYER WANTS CHARGES DISMISSED

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Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) staff celebrate Black History Month.

Jonas' lawyer wants charges against his client dismissed

Attorney Wendel Robinson is demanding that the police high command dismiss the charges filed against former parliamentarian, Dean Jonas, who was arrested and charged when police visited his home last Thursday in relation to a civil matter.

In a letter to Commissioner of Police Atlee Rodney, Robinson, himself a former commissioner, described Jonas' arrest as 'unlawful and unnecessary' and he proposed that disciplinary action be taken against the two officers involved in the matter.

The former minister of government was charged with resisting arrest, battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct and using threatening language. The incident unfolded on Thursday afternoon at Jonas' residence located at Scott's Hill, over a matter related to the custody of a child the minister shares with a young woman.

In a video recording of the incident that has been widely circulated, Jonas was seen to be politely engaging the officers, but at a later stage, he demanded that both the officers and the young woman leave his property, a request he repeated several times on the video.

"I have looked at the footage and I thought it is regrettable, because clearly, the police acted unlawfully. If a pri-



Wendel Robinson

vate citizen allows the police onto his property and then at a later point asked them to leave, without a warrant from the court, they have to leave," Wendel Robinson explained.

Robinson described the actions of the police as 'discreditable conduct' and bringing the entire police department into disrepute. He said there is a strong case for further training for the rank and file police officers who come into contact with members of the public on a daily basis.

He revealed that he had expressed to the commissioner in an earlier correspondence that there was a serious need for an investigation into the police force. "There needs to be training in police public relations on how to deal



Dean Jonas

with members of the public, second, on police procedures and three, which is very critical, criminal investigations," he stated.

Robinson is also recommending that the police drop the charges. "I hope they do the honourable thing when the case opens in the magistrates' court on Monday (today)," he declared.

Meanwhile, after much criticism of the police over their handling of the matter, the communications unit issued a statement on Sunday.

"On Thursday, February 23, the police went to the home of former minister Dean Jonas to make inquiries into a report that resulted in him being arrested and charged.

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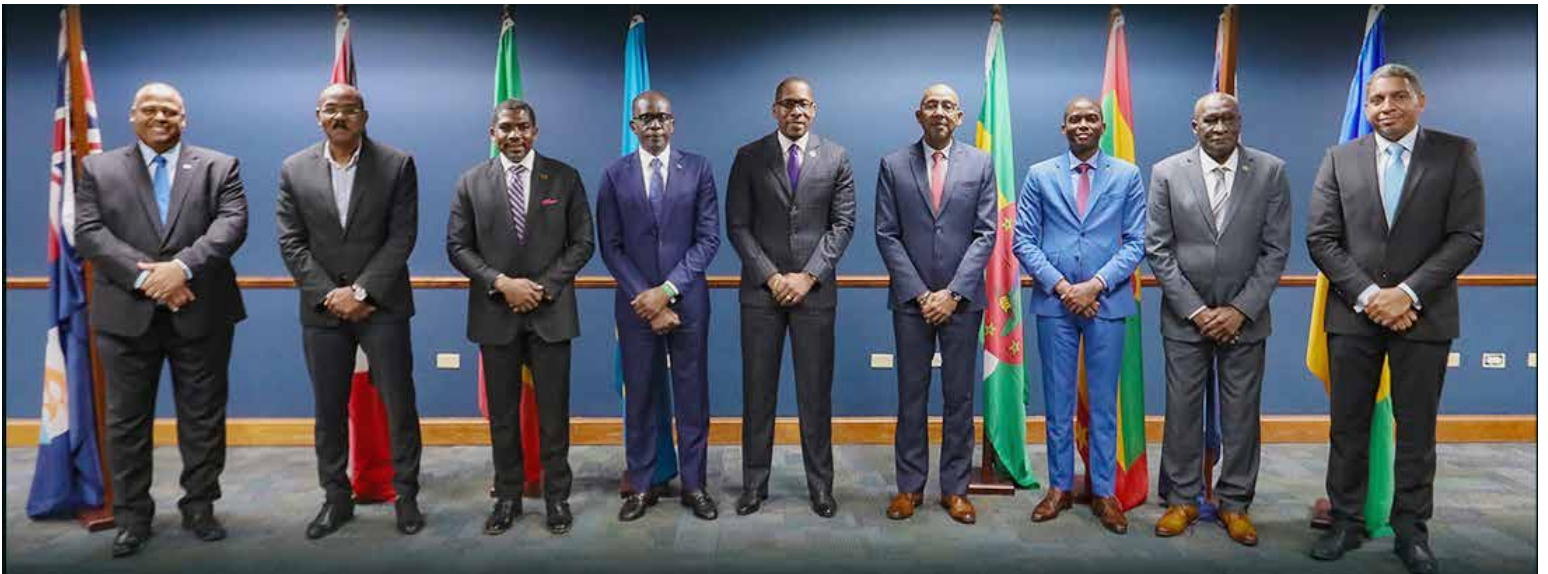


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PM Gaston Browne (second from left) and regional leaders at the 104th meeting of the ECCU in St. Kitts

A&B represented at crucial meetings in St. Kitts & Nevis

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has returned to the country following his attendance at two crucial meetings that took place in St. Kitts-Nevis last weekend.

The prime minister led Antigua and Barbuda's delegation to the One Hundred and Fourth (104th) Meeting of the Monetary Council of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank and a U.S. – Caribbean Citizenship by Investment Roundtable.

Prime Minister Browne stated that high on the agenda was the state of the monetary, financial and credit conditions in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) and noted that the financial system stability

which was brought forward from 2021 continued in 2022. He also pointed out that the meeting concluded that the banking system across the Union remained in a “stable condition with ample levels of liquidity and strong levels of capital.”

The meeting also commended Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada for having passed all of the critical legislation required for uniform financial legislation within the ECCU.

Prime Minister Browne also pointed out that the meeting addressed the BAICO and CLICO issues and the grouping received an update from the BAICO Judicial Manager to deliver an

additional payout to BAICO policyholders. It was also stated that there are efforts to secure funds from the Government of Barbados to make a payment to CLICO policyholders.

Prime Minister Browne also commended Antigua and Barbuda's Dr. Vincent Richards who was appointed as the new Deputy Chairman of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission (ECSRC).

Newly appointed Financial Secretary, Rasona Davis-Crump accompanied Prime Minister Browne to the Council Meeting. The next meeting will be held in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 21st July, 2023,

under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Prime Minister Browne also participated in a U.S.-Caribbean Citizenship by Investment Roundtable with the United States Department of the Treasury on Saturday.

Prime Minister Browne, who was accompanied to that engagement by CEO of the country's Citizenship by Investment Unit, Charmaine Donovan, said the purpose of the meeting was to address ways to strengthen risk mitigation in CBI programmes and collaborating with the United States to combat illicit financing.

During the roundtable, Antigua and Barbuda highlighted typologies training sessions for local agents as one of the unit's best practice.

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The Police Administration is cognizance [sic] of the public's reactions and concerns since the incident occurred, and wishes to inform the general public that this matter will be fully investigated by senior

officials.

The public is further reassured that the Police Force remains committed to providing the best professional policing services to the people of this nation,” the statement concluded.

Davis-Crump becomes country's first female Financial Secretary

Rosana Davis-Crump has been named Antigua and Barbuda's Financial Secretary, becoming the first female to be appointed to this critical post within the administration of the country.

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Corporate Governance, Gaston Browne, hails the appointment as further testimony of his government's commitment to advance women within the corporate structure of the government.

"The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party Government remains committed to the advancement of women in the public service and every sector within the society. Women will continue to be recognized and advanced by my administration," were the words of Prime Minister Browne as he commented on Davis-Crump's appointment.

Prime Minister Browne said the appointment of the seasoned professional and career public servant with over 25 years of experience in the areas of development economics, fiscal management, and public policy, is a demonstration that his government is serious about taking the country to the 'Next Level'. "Next Level development is respectful of the crucial and equal role that women play in all aspects of our nation's development," he added.

Rosana Davis-Crump



Rosana Davis-Crump

began her career as a public servant in 1996 at the Ministry of Trade. She was recruited in 1997 by the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat in St. Lucia, where she initially worked in the Office of the Director General and then the Economic Affairs Division before returning home in August 2004 to work with the Ministry of Finance. She was subsequently appointed to the position of Deputy Financial Secretary with responsibility for policy execution and management.

As Deputy Financial Secretary, she negotiated technical and financial support from bilateral, regional and international donors and creditors; developed and implemented strategies for improved fiscal oversight and management; and served as the Ministry's focal point on various projects and programmes funded by institutions such as the World Bank, International Mon-

etary Fund, and Caribbean Development Bank.

Davis-Crump played a significant role in crafting several government policies. Among her most gratifying achievements is being a team leader in the creation of the National Student Loan Fund, which has supported the educational aspirations of citizens for many years.

Prime Minister Browne stated that Davis-Crump has served on and/or chaired several committees and boards including PDV Caribe Antigua Barbuda Ltd., the Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank, the National Student Loan Fund Committee, the Financial Services Regulatory Commission, the Depositor Protection Trust, and the Eastern Caribbean Partial Credit Guarantee Corporation.

"I committed to the economic and social advancement of Antigua and Barbuda and will, in my new role as Financial Secretary, con-

tinue to champion initiatives that improve Government's ability to serve the population," she said.

Rosana Davis-Crump credits her success to God's providential care and grace; the sacrifice, determination, love, and support of her parents; and encouragement from many mentors and teachers including the late George Goodwin, Denise Gardiner, Sharon Peters, and Glendina McKay, Cynthia Quallis and Ms. Parker from the Greenbay Primary School.

"I am grounded by my faith in Christ and strengthened by the loving support of my husband, family, and friends," she said.

Rosana Davis-Crump holds a Master's Degree in Development Economics from the Centre for Development Economics, Williams College, Massachusetts, USA and a Bachelor's Degree with honours in Economics from the University of the West Indies. In 2014, she successfully completed the requirements for the designation of Accredited Director from the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (now Corporate Governance Institute of Canada).

She also acquired audit committee and risk committee certification from the Caribbean Governance Training Institute.

Another robust month of cruise ship calls set for March

The schedule of cruise ship calls for the month of March has been released and it again reflects the robust nature of Antigua and Barbuda as a popular cruise destination among holidaymakers.

Antigua Cruise Port Limited has released the schedule that shows a total of 58 calls booked for the month. It follows a successful month in February which had over 50 calls booked as well.

Just two weekends ago, the country notched up its 100th cruise call for the year, an achievement it accomplished in under 50 days. Already, close to two hundred thousand visitors have visited the island aboard cruise ships since January this year.



ACP General Manager, Dona Regis-Prosper said the target is to achieve over six hundred thousand visitors for this year; still short of the

2019 figure of over 800,000, but a recovery from the dark days of 2020 when the pandemic caused cruise *cont'd on pg 6*

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National Parks intensifies focus on contributions of enslaved people

Several activities have been organised by the National Parks Authority geared at increasing awareness about its ground-breaking research project into the contribution of enslaved Africans and soldiers to the development of the Nelson's Dockyard National Park.

"The enduring legacy of our people dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries has been the subject of a genealogical research initiative led by the Park's Heritage Department.

"It has uncovered priceless details about these early contributors to an invaluable area of Antigua's landscape, including the events of 8th of March, 1744, where the lives of eight enslaved African men were tragically lost during an explosion of a tent where gunpowder was being stored in English Harbour," the NPA said in a press statement.

According to the release, that discovery inspired the Heritage Department to intensify its research and the names of many more Af-

ricans were discovered. It prompted the community driven and interdisciplinary research undertaking, known today as the 8th of March Project.

"The project is today seeking to help the present members of the English Harbour community to connect with a past that dates back centuries ago. It is providing a generation today with resources of information that can be used for generations to come," explained National Parks Commissioner Ann Marie Martin.

"This is why we are seeking to deepen our engagement with the people around us so we can learn their stories and they in turn can hear and benefit from what we have discovered," she further explained.

The highlight activity of the 8th of March programme will therefore feature a Community Genealogy Workshop this year, bringing the researchers face-to-face with community members for an open and free



National Parks Commissioner Ann Marie Martin

exchange of thoughts and information about the findings and their history.

The workshop will take place on two separate days, the first on Wednesday 8th March and the second on Wednesday 15th March, both starting at 6pm at the Cobbs Cross School.

A number of schools have also been targeted in an educational outreach exercise, where the Heritage Department team will share

the results of their ongoing efforts with History, Biology and Social Studies students.

"This initiative serves a two-fold purpose. We also see it as an ideal opportunity to sensitise the students about the various skills and possible professions that are to be found in heritage management and preservation," Manager of the Heritage Department, Dr. Christopher Waters revealed.

The National Park's increasingly popular Rum in the Ruins tour will feature highly as part of the activities with two specially themed tours. The first one on Friday 3rd March, 2023, will take place at the usual venue at the Interpretation Centre at Dow Hill and the second will take place at the Block House ruins.

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tourism to take a severe hit.

Meanwhile, the P&O Cruise Lines vessel, Arvia, which has been home porting in Antigua and Barbuda every two weeks since January 28, arrived on its third visit last Saturday.

ACP Marketing Manager, Jessica Russell, said there were 900 passengers who arrived on the island to begin their cruises here in Antigua and 700 ending

their trips here and departed aboard charter flights for their various destinations.

With the final homeporting call for this season scheduled for 11th March, the ACP has been working on improving all aspects of guests' interactions to make the operation as seamless as possible.

The Arvia's second round of homeporting at St. John's Harbour will commence in November, 2023.

Ministry of Agriculture to convene meeting with stakeholders

The series of one-on-one engagements between the new Minister of Agriculture, E.P Chet Greene and farmers are continuing as part of his efforts to hear

directly from the farming community about the challenges they face.

Chief Extension Officer, Owolabi Elabanjo, said these meetings are continuing

until the minister visits farmers in every section of the island and hold discussions with them. Last Friday, Greene and a team of extension officers traveled



Agriculture Minister, E.P Chet Greene, relishes the aroma of locally grown Rosemary.

to McKinnon's, Cassada Gardens and Weatherills to meet with farmers in those areas. The meetings have been described as quite informative.

The agricultural specialist said the engagements are a lead up to a major stakeholder meeting that will include farmers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, supermarkets, and those involved in the sale of agricultural products.

Elabanjo said the consultation will examine all issues surrounding the production, marketing and sale of agricultural products and how the government can resolve the issues on behalf of those who drive the agricultural sector in the country.

No date has been set for the stakeholders' meeting, but it is expected to take place sometime after the one-on-one engagements conclude.

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porary location, for all matters relating to the Family Court, including the hearing of cases, maintenance and

access applications, domestic violence proceedings and hearings before the Juvenile Court and Child Justice Board.

Matters that were adjourned on Election Day and the public holiday that followed, in addition to the period 16th February to 25th February, 2023, due to the early closure of the offices of the court, will be assigned new hearing dates.

Affected parties will be individually contacted by the court's office and advised of new hearing dates.

Filing services for unrepresented litigants will continue to be available by appointment with the court's Customer Service Bureau, which has also been relocated to the High Court building.

Members of the general public are also advised that child maintenance payments are now to be made at the cashier window designated for this purpose on the ground floor of the High Court of Justice until further notice.



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Calypso gets a hiding

By **Tony Deyal**

Dedicated to Zeno Obi Constance, lecturer, historian, archivist, playwright and the most knowledgeable and helpful expert on calypso in Trinidad and Tobago.

Mum's the word, I thought, but not for keeping quiet. I had planned this week's article to feature calypsoes on women. My Jamaican friends don't have calypsoes but they had the kings of reggae like Marley, Dekker, Tosh and Shaggy who presented them with songs like *She's Royal*, *Strength of a Woman*, *Bam Bam* and *Princes Black*, to the point that no woman no cry for calypso. I wanted to start with the stick-fight era and chose for my first lick, "Mooma, Mooma, your son in the ring already/ Your son in the ring already so take a towel and band youh belly." Then, from my schooldays, the Trinidad version of an English folk song, "You better tell youh mama don't send you down dey." I remembered the *Mighty Destroyer's* great calypso of the 1930s which was very popular at least once a year when I was growing up and all of us were forced to learn the chorus, "A mother's love is the master key of this world." There was also the mature women or 'mamas' like Sukkee with whom the Calypsonian pleaded, "Come leh we go Sukeee come leh we go", and the one who

told Sparrow, "Ah fraid you make a calypso on me. Not me. Ah don't want you to make a calypso on me. Ah know nobody go see, that is only the two ah we, but ah fraid you go make a calypso on me."

Then I thought about Calypso Rose who received every award available to living artistes in the Caribbean. She is now 83 years old and, thinking about her, I started singing "I going down San Fernando", her carnival hit about the southern Trinidad city of uphill and downhill. Then it hit me that while Rose and other heroes rose and took calypso to the heights with them, it has now fallen into the slough of despond. Their calypsoes had depth but now, hearing the calypsoes chosen as the best for this year in the most recent 'Dimanche Gras' or national carnival calypso contest, it is clear that calypso in Trinidad is not just down in the depths and dumps but heading for the deepest part of the Caribbean Sea, the Puerto Rico Trench.

YOUNG BRIGADE

The question I asked myself and a few other friends who are from the old brigade and remember the 'Young' Brigade of Kitchener (Kitch), Melody and Spoiler, as well as Sparrow, came from the Calypsonian Valentino, "Why only one type of calypso/ Must dominate the Dimanche



Tony Deyal

Gras show?/ What about the valuable contribution/ Made by the other calypsonians/ Too much injustice in calypso/ Especially on that Dimanche Gras show..." Most of my other friends strongly supported Valentino's concern. One insisted, "Boy, when Rudder sing Calypso Music now and ask you 'Can you hear a distant drum, bouncing on the laughter of a melody and the rhythm tell you come, come, come' is Barbados, Grenada, Antigua or any other place in the Caribbean except the Trinidad savannah when the supposedly best Trini calypsonians are singing."

Another friend started singing Lord Kitchener's *Jerico* for me and said, "Look, Kitch advised in his calypso that, if you looking for *Jerico* you should tell them that he is in town,

but I warning you and everybody else, don't try that. Kitch tells us flat that "Jerico 'eh dey (not there)". He left Trinidad in a hurry and stopped off in Barbados on his way to the other so-called 'small' islands." The one that hit me hardest was, "Tony, remember the calypso which claimed that 'calypso and steelband is the culture of Trinidad'? Well, half the culture, the calypso part, done gone and, instead of a culture, calypso has become a cult and those who like this particular cult could haul their mother cult from here."

This stunned me to the point that I went and looked up "calypso" in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. It read, "Calypso: a type of folk song from Trinidad though sung elsewhere in the southern and eastern Caribbean islands. The subject of a ca-

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lypso text, usually witty and satiric, is a local and topical event of political and social import, and the tone is one of allusion, mockery and double entendre.” This fits in with what the great Black Stalin saw as the role of the calypsonian. He said, “We are the people’s watchdog, elected for life.” He also made it clear that calypsonians should never put “party before country”. Brother Valentino, Stalin’s good friend, added, “The calypsonian is the only true opposition.”

NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE JOKES

Seeing that even the comedians in Trinidad are not allowed to make jokes against the Government now in power, and the singers are much less than a Shadow of what they were, or even a Swallow, I decided to ask two of the greats of Caribbean calypso for their views. First, I called the man who took his government boots by the boots and booted them out of power, the great and Mighty Gabby (Anthony Carter). He described many of the present songs in Trinidad as “ringle dingle” that are totally lacking in the key elements of the calypso art form. What he did was show me a video of his eight-year-old son, The Mighty Bit-Bit, who sang a genuine calypso managing his stage craft like a veteran. That was all the proof I needed that Trinidad is out of contention now and in the future.

Then I spoke to my other favourite – Statson Wiltshire, the great Red Plastic Bag (RPB) or just ‘Bag’. He said that carnival songs are played by DJs who are not “true-true radio people” and who now control the radio stations so that the festival – the jump, wave and jam – drive the carnival when it should be the other way around. The carnival festival - what it is and stands for – should drive the music. He believes that, in the old days, we first heard of the important “happenings” or events in our society or the outside world, and what they meant or signified, the

consequences and the actions we should take, from the calypsonians. Now, calypso seems to have become a subculture. Social media has also diluted what calypsonians brought to the forefront. However, RPB is convinced that calypso is going through a rough period now but it will get back. He stressed that calypso is not going anywhere and will always have impact because, when politicians open their mouths, calypso will fall out. His view is that, regardless of what is happening in Trinidad now, the voice of the people will eventually speak out again.

He ended with, “Tony, the only thing that is better than genuine calypso is a steelband – playing calypso.”

While I was glad to hear this, I remembered Greek mythology and what the Olympians under Zeus did to the Titans when they won the battle. They exiled Calypso. I get the impression she had moved to Trinidad and, as soon as Zeus found out, he packed her up again.

Tony Deyal was last seen saying, if you know where Calypso is, let’s ask the present Government to bring her back, if not to Trinidad but at least to Tobago.

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Regional News



ECCU's progress in reducing fiscal deficits on track, although debt still remains a challenge for the region

By Kevon Browne

St. Kitts and Nevis (WINN): At the end of 2022, the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union saw a decline in fiscal deficits – that is, according to the Chairman and Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Hon. Phillip J Pierre, during his presentation of the Communique of the 104th Meeting of the Monetary Council of the ECCB.

“The economic recovery from 2021 supported revenue growth in the ECCU and led to reductions in overall fiscal deficits.

Alongside the economic recovery, there was some progress toward the regional debt target. The ECCU governments continue to commit to reducing debt levels to 60.0 percent of GDP by 2035. At the end of 2022, the ECCU average was 78 percent, down from 88 percent at the end of 2020.”

The decrease in the fiscal deficits indicated that the region is moving



ECCB headquarters

further along the path to recovery and economic stability; however, as seen over the last three years, exogenous shocks (COVID-19, food shortages, supply chain issues, rising interest rates, inflation, the war in Ukraine, etc.) could still pose a considerable threat to the financial standing of the region.

Governor of the ECCB, Timothy N.J. Antoine, credits the ECCU's standing amid the exogenous shocks to the financial buffers the bank has in place backed by the ECCU's strong exchange rate, monetary union and foreign reserves.

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ic with higher levels of liquidity. In fact, sometimes we say we need to see the banks lend more money, make more loans, so they were very liquid.

“Secondly, adequate levels of capital and capital is important because what capital does is the capacity to absorb shocks, even losses and still remain a going concern and still remain stable and strong. And so the banks went into the pandemic with those buffers.

“The fact of the matter is that no bank, no licensee came or has come to the Central Bank for liquidity support during this period.

“That is a testament to the stability of our financial system. And even in the challenge with the moratorium, as we’ve heard from the Chairman, most of those have not ended, and people have resumed payments, or they will restructure based on the current circumstances, and a new payment regime has been agreed upon.”

While the foreign reserves remain strong at the moment, a question was raised about the ability of the reserves to stand up against any other shock that may threaten global financial markets.

The ECCB Governor said that based on the present recovery, reserves are currently growing, and thus they are not overly concerned about shocks that may decrease the reserves.

“At the start of the pandemic, we were just over

10; we came all the way down to around 90. Now, remember the law says the minimum is 60, so we are aware of the legal requirements.

“Today we are at 91 we are starting to see it actually going back up. So I think we’re in good shape... You know, in the global financial crisis, you had significant credit shocks in the system. We did not see that even with high inflation, we have not seen massive credit shock events where you have liquidity dries up.”

What the Governor said concerns the region and the global financial systems is debt.

“As interest rates rise, some emerging markets – not so much the ECCU because we have very limited access to the capital markets – but some of the bigger developing countries are going to come into serious debt difficulties and debt distress because all of a sudden they’re debt servicing has significantly increased because of high-interest rates.

“That is something we have to watch very carefully. Just by the way, as the Chairman indicated in this report – his statement – the debt to GDP ratio in the currency union is actually coming down. So at the end of 2020, the first year the pandemic, it rose to 88 per cent – from 66, it jumped to 88.

“Last year it came down to 78 per cent, and this year it would fall even further because the growth is coming back. So the reserves

are in good shape, the exchange rate regime is stable and strong, but we have to look at the global issues, and that’s why I mentioned the debt issue, which is a big concern for the international community.”

Despite concerns about debt and continuing increases in interest rates and inflations, economic growth in the ECCU had strengthened to an estimated 8.9 percent in 2022, a 3.1 percentage-point improvement over the previous year when it was recorded at 5.8 percent.

According to the 104th

Communique, the economic recovery of the “ECCU is being driven by Tourism, but ongoing challenges with air connectivity remain a binding constraint to faster recovery. A sustainable recovery and faster progress for all requires strong support for initiatives at the regional level and accelerated implementation of reforms at the national level.”

Innovation, financial inclusion, energy security, digital transformation, and increased investments in building resilience are critical to the region’s continued recovery.



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Deadline for submission of applications and accompanying documents to the Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries is Friday 31st March, 2023.

PM: Kamla's claim pathetic

Dispute over 'government member' in US report

Trinidad Express - Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley and Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar disagreed yesterday over the "senior government" member a United States report alleged was involved in human trafficking.

The Prime Minister said the alleged perpetrator sits on the Opposition bench whilst the Opposition Leader hit back that the person was a member of the Rowley Government.

Persad-Bissessar called on Rowley to say which UNC member the report is referring to as the report stated that the person is a "Government" member.

The Sunday Express contacted the Prime Minister via WhatsApp for a response to Persad-Bissessar's questions and claims.

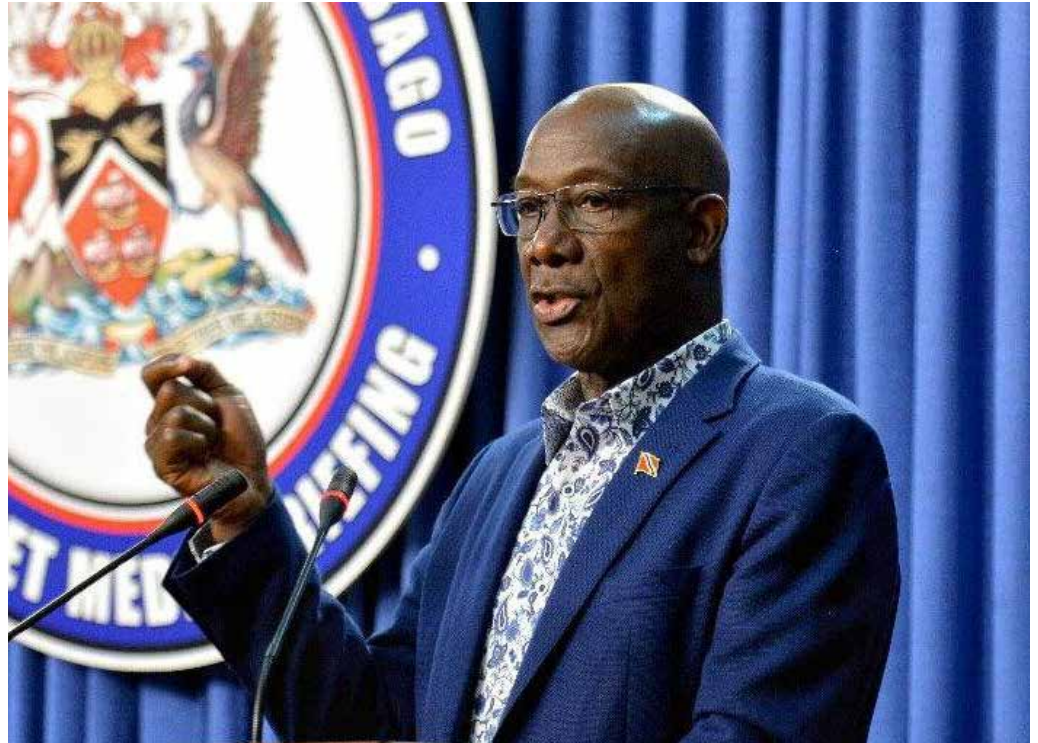
He responded that Persad-Bissessar's claim was "pathetic" and that it is normal for US reports to view all parliamentarians as "senior government officials".

At the Parliament sitting on Friday, Opposition MP Rodney Charles said the July 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report stated that T&T maintains its position on the Tier 2 Watchlist in part because it did not take action against "senior government officials alleged in 2020 to be involved in human trafficking".

In response, the Prime Minister said they did hear the allegation and, when investigated, they found the report was referring to current Members of Parliament—who are not on the People's National Movement benches.

He said further it was the duty of the police to investigate, and not the Government.

Yesterday, Persad-Bissessar issued a release, asking Rowley to "be so kind as to tell the country which member of



T&T Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley the Opposition UNC is currently a senior official in his government".

She said any primary school pupil could read the US report and understand the words "senior government officials".

Asked about Persad-Bissessar's claim that the alleged offender is in the PNM Government, Rowley responded: "Pathetic. I notice she (Opposition Leader) has steered clear of the very serious personal experience of a former minister of her Cabinet who spoke out about what he knows and what he knows that she knew."

He continued: "She elevated them to become (not councillor, where they were aspiring) but to the Parliament. In case she doesn't know, it is quite normal for reports to view all parliamentarians as 'senior government officials' since, unlike the UNC, they view all members of Parliament as part of the government, unlike councillors, etc."

The Prime Minister continued to lambaste Persad-Bissessar.

He said: "On a second note, since the Opposition leader shamelessly invokes and accuses her parliamentary colleagues of covering up the crime of paedophilia, can she point to any person, situation or shred of evidence to support her disgraceful slander.

"Then again, nobody should be surprised by her behaviour here. This is her horrible character at work. This is the same grab bag from which she produced Vernella Alleyne-Toppin, eight years ago, to defile our Parliament with baseless rape charges against member and non-member. Today, she, the author of that outrage, is talking about 'hiding behind parliamentary privilege'?"

But Persad-Bissessar insisted the report made no mention of a UNC member.

She said the report clearly speaks to allegations in 2020 and no UNC member was a Government official.

Persad-Bissessar also reminded that it was under her tenure as prime

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Regional energy sector stakeholders to discuss sustainable energy investment

Barbados Today - Energy sector stakeholders from across the Caribbean will meet in Barbados this week to strategise on how they can strengthen their regulatory frameworks to expedite renewable energy investments in the region.

The two-day engagement is being led by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) as part of its Accelerated Sustainable Energy and Resilience Transition-2030 (ASERT-2030) framework, in partnership with the Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR).

It will take place on February 28 and March 1 at the Hilton Barbados Resort.

It will see decision makers and leaders from government energy ministries and regulatory bodies from CDB's 19 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs), as well as regional and international development partners, come together to look at how best to pool efforts and resources to increase the speed and scale of the sustainable energy transition through improved regulatory frameworks.

The meeting comes as the region continues to reel from the energy price shocks experienced last year, which further highlight the acute energy insecurity and economic vulnerability associated with over-dependence on



imported fossil fuels.

It also comes against the background of slow progress towards the achievement of the regional renewable energy targets.

Coordinator of the Sustainable Energy Unit at CDB, Joseph Williams pointed out the figures, which he said underscored the need for urgent and transformative action to rapidly accelerate the regional sustainable energy transition.

“As of 2021, the total amount of renewable energy generating capacity was only approximately 12 per cent of the total regional installed electricity generation capacity, which is a far way off from the goal of approximately 47 per cent by 2027 (or 55 per cent

by 2030). To meet these goals, CDB's BMCs, would need to install approximately 2,600 MW of renewable energy in the next eight years. This is a 1,400 per cent increase over the current rate.

“To get near to this, we need to think big, work collectively and coordinate actions and funding. This is why CDB has conceptualised our ASERT-2030 framework – to promote bold decision-making and transformative initiatives. Given the criticality of enabling regulatory environments this regional regulatory dialogue is intended to put plans into action,” said Williams.

In a sign of the commitment to coordinated efforts, the event is being supported by a wide range of key development partners working in the energy space in the Caribbean.

These include the government of Canada, the government of the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE).

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minister that her Government established the counter trafficking unit.

The Counter Trafficking Unit works closely with law enforcement partners to investigate trafficking in persons in Trinidad and Tobago.

There was also an attempt to give the impression that there was further dissent within the UNC party over the human-trafficking issue.

A purported release, bearing a Parliament letterhead from Chaguanas West MP Dinesh Rambally was circulated on social media, calling on Persad-Bissessar to answer questions about an investigation into a UNC member with respect to prostitution.

“I am not responding to give credence to what is obviously untruthful mischief,” replied Rambally, when contacted by the Express.

Italy migrant boat shipwreck: Nearly 60 killed off Calabria coast

BBC - At least 59 migrants, including 12 children, have died and dozens more are feared missing after their boat sank in rough seas off southern Italy.

The vessel broke apart while trying to land near the coastal town of Crotona in the Calabria region. Survivors said at least 150 people were aboard.

Many of them were fleeing difficult conditions, Italy's president said.

Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi, who visited the scene, said as many as 30 people may still be missing.

A baby thought to be only a few months old was among the dead, according to Italy's Ansa news agency.

Bodies were recovered from the beach at a nearby seaside resort.

The coastguard said 80 people had been found alive, "including some who managed to reach the shore after the sinking".

The exact number of people who were on the boat when it broke apart is not clear - rescue workers told the AFP news agency that the vessel had been carrying "more than 200 people", which would mean more than 60 people unaccounted for.

The boat, which sailed from Turkey several days ago, was carrying passengers from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Iran.



Dozens of people managed to survive the boat's sinking.

Large numbers of people fleeing conflict or poverty cross from Africa to Italy every year.

The vessel is reported to have sunk after it crashed against rocks during rough weather, sparking a large search-and-rescue operation on land and at sea.

Video footage shows timber from the wreckage that had been smashed into pieces washing up on the beach, along with parts of the hull.

Survivors are seen huddled under blankets, attended to by Red Cross workers. Some have been taken to hospital.

"There had been landings but never a tragedy like this," the mayor of Crotona, Antonio Ceraso, told Rai News.

One survivor was arrested on migrant trafficking charges, customs police said.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni - elected last year partly on a pledge to stem the flow of migrants

into Italy - expressed "deep sorrow" and blamed the deaths on traffickers.

"It is inhumane to exchange the lives of men, women and children for the price of the 'ticket' they paid in the false perspective of a safe journey," she said in a statement.

"The government is committed to preventing departures, and with them the unfolding of these tragedies, and will continue to do so."

Ms Meloni's right-wing government has vowed to stop migrants reaching Italy's shores and in the last few days pushed through a tough new law tightening the rules on rescues.

Carlo Calenda, Italy's former economy minister, said people in difficulty at sea should be rescued "whatever the cost", but added that "illegal immigration routes must be closed".

European Commission President Ursula van der Leyen said she was "deeply saddened" by the incident,

adding that the "loss of life of innocent migrants is a tragedy". She said it was crucial to "redouble our efforts" to make progress on reforming EU asylum rules to tackle the challenges regarding migration to Europe.

Pope Francis, who often defends the rights of migrants, has said he is praying for the dead, the missing and those who survived.

According to monitoring groups, more than 20,000 people have died or gone missing at sea in the central Mediterranean since 2014.

Regina Catrambone, director of the Migrant Off-shore Aid Station, which carries out search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean, told the BBC that European countries must work together to help those in need.

She also called for an end to the "myopic vision" that says that countries that are physically closer to Africa and the Middle East should take the lead on tackling the issue.

"Still there is no co-operation among the European states to actively co-ordinate together to go and help the people in need," she said, urging governments to work together to improve search and rescue efforts and develop safe and legal routes.

About 160,000 people protest against Netanyahu's judicial overhaul in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem CNN — About 160,000 people demonstrated in Tel Aviv Saturday night against the Israeli government's plans to weaken the country's judicial system, crowd expert Ofer Grinboim Liron told CNN. That would make it one of the biggest single demonstrations yet against the legislation.

Grinboim Liron, the CEO of Crowd Solutions, which specializes in crowd dynamics at events and venues, based his estimate on drone photos at 8 p.m. local time (1 p.m. ET).

Organizers of the protests said an additional 130,000 people protested in other demonstrations across the country Saturday night.

Numbers from organizers have been higher than estimates from independent experts such as Grinboim Liron.

Tel Aviv and other cities around Israel have been seeing regular Saturday night demonstrations against the judicial overhaul plans for eight weeks.

The package of legislation would give Israel's parliament, the Knesset, the power to overrule Supreme Court decisions with a simple majority.

It would also give the government the power to nominate judges, which currently rests with a committee composed of judges, legal experts and politicians.

It would remove power and independence from government ministries' legal advisers, and take away the power of the courts to invalidate "unreasonable" government appointments, as the High Court did in January, forcing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to fire Interior and Health Minister Aryeh Deri.

Four legislative clauses that are part of the overhaul took steps for-



People demonstrate in Jerusalem on Saturday against the Israeli government's plans to weaken the country's judicial system.

ward this week. The bills allowing Knesset override of Supreme Court decisions and removing the court's power to rule government appointments unreasonable both passed early stages of the process on Wednesday and now go to the committee stage. Two other clauses passed first readings on Monday and require two more readings to become law.

Critics accuse Netanyahu of pushing the legislation in order to get out of corruption trials he is currently facing.

Netanyahu denies that, saying the trials are collapsing on their own, and that the changes are necessary after judicial overreach by unelected judges.

About two out of three (66%) Israelis believe the Supreme Court should have the power to strike down laws incompatible with Israel's Basic Laws, and about the same proportion (63%) say they support the current system of nominating judges, a poll for the Israel Democracy Institute found last week.

People who say they voted for opposition parties were far more likely

than voters for the parties in the coalition to oppose the changes.

Nearly nine out of 10 (87%) people who voted for the opposition said the Supreme Court should have the power to strike down laws incompatible with Basic Laws, while only 44% of coalition voters said it should.

The percentage was slightly higher among people who voted for Netanyahu's Likud party, with nearly half (47%) saying the Supreme Court should have that power.

Israel does not have a written constitution, but a set of what are called Basic Laws.

The survey, which was released February 21, found that about half (53%) of Israelis believed that removing the political independence of the judiciary would harm Israel's economy – as Israeli economists and businesspeople have been warning. About a third (35%) do not believe the changes would harm the economy.

The online and telephone survey of 756 adults in Israel was carried out between February 9 to 13, 2023, and has a margin of error of 3.56 points.

UK and EU leaders to meet amid hope of Brexit trade

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and European Union leader Ursula von der Leyen are set to hold face-to-face talks, with expectations high they will seal a deal to resolve a thorny post-Brexit trade dispute.

That would mark a breakthrough after months of bitter wrangling that has soured U.K.-EU relations, sparked the collapse of the Belfast-based regional government and threatened to set back Northern Ireland's decades-old peace process.

In a joint statement on Sunday the U.K. and the EU said European Commission President von der Leyen will travel to Britain on Monday so the leaders can work towards "shared, practical solutions for the range of complex challenges around the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland."

Sunak's office set out a tightly choreographed agenda for Monday suggesting a deal is all but done. It said the leaders' lunchtime "final talks" would be followed by a meeting of the U.K. Cabinet, then, if there is a deal, by a joint news conference and a statement by Sunak to the House of Commons.

U.K. Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab said earlier Sunday that the two sides were on the "cusp" of striking an agreement over trade rules known as the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU member, the Republic of Ireland. When the U.K. left the bloc in 2020, the two sides agreed to keep the Irish border free of customs posts and other checks because an open border is a key pillar of Northern Ireland's peace process.

Instead there are checks on some goods entering Northern Ireland from



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, left, and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak meet during the COP27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, Nov. 7, 2022. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and European Union leader Ursula von der Leyen are due to meet, the two sides said Sunday Feb. 26, 2023, with expectations high they will seal a deal to resolve a thorny post-Brexit trade dispute. (Steve Reigate/Pool Photo via AP, File)

the rest of the U.K. That angered British unionist politicians in Belfast, who say the new trade border in the Irish Sea undermines Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom.

The Democratic Unionist Party collapsed Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic power-sharing government a year ago in protest and has refused to return until the rules are scrapped or substantially rewritten.

Relations between the U.K. and the EU, severely tested during years of Brexit wrangling, chilled still further amid disputes over the Northern Ireland Protocol. The British government introduced a bill that would let it unilaterally rip up parts of the Brexit agreement, a move the EU called illegal. The bloc accused the U.K. of failing to honor the legally binding treaty it had signed.

The mood between London and Brussels improved after Sunak, a pragmatic Brexit supporter, took office in October, replacing more belligerent predecessors Boris Johnson and Liz

Truss.

Striking a deal would let Sunak "get Brexit done" in a way that eluded Johnson, who won a landslide election victory on that very slogan in 2019, three years after British voters narrowly opted in a referendum to leave the bloc.

Johnson did lead the U.K. out of the now 27-nation EU in 2020, but with a divorce deal that left Northern Ireland still bound to some EU rules and standards in a way that caused headaches for businesses and upset Northern Ireland's delicate political balance.

U.K. and EU negotiators have been inching towards a solution during weeks of intense talks, but any deal with the bloc carries political risk for Sunak. Hints of compromise towards the EU have sparked opposition from hard-line euroskeptics in Sunak's governing Conservative Party, including Johnson.

The DUP also has warned it will oppose any deal that does not meet its demand for "significant, substantive change." *cont'd on pg 19*

Bethesda and Fort Road record wins in domestic football league

Bethesda recorded an impressive win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division last Friday evening.

O'Shale Simon scored four goals as Bethesda hammered Golden Grove 7-1 in their encounter at the ABFA's Technical Center.

Simon scored in the 40th, 74th, 86th and 89th minutes, while Chun-sae Martin converted twice with goals in the 71st and 75th minutes. The other goal for Bethesda was scored by Joshua Thomas in the 54th minute.

Jeffrey Golbourne scored the lone goal for Golden Grove in the 27th minute which had given his team a 1-0 lead. Their fifth win in 11 matches lifted Bethesda to 17 points and sixth in the standings.

The 5th loss in nine matches pushed Golden Grove down to 10th place on goal difference with 10 points.

There were wins for Fort Road and Young Lions in the ABFA's First Division last Thursday. Fort Road beat Potters Tigers 2-1 at the Potters playing field.

Alren Lewis scored two second half goals with strikes in the 49th and 59th minutes to snatch victory for Fort Road, after Kluivert Ferdinand's 24th minute conversion had given Potters Tigers a 1-0 halftime lead.

The fourth win in 12 matches lifted Fort Road to 14 points and 9th in the standings, while Potters slipped to



The Fort Road Football Team. (File photo)

10th in the standings after suffering their 6th loss in 12 matches to remain on 12 points.

Young Lions defeated bottom team JSC Progressors 2-1 at ABFA's Technical Center. Ajani Hippolyte scored in the 5th minute and Zavier Joseph converted a penalty in the 32nd minute to give Young Lion a 2-0 halftime lead.

Alex Browne scored in the 50th minute for JSC Progressors but could not stop his team from crashing to their 10th defeat in 12 outings, thus remaining in the cellar of the 12-team competition with 4 points. Their 5th win in 12 outings lifted Young Lions to 8th place with 15 points.

John Hughes and Lion Hill played to a 1-1 draw at ABFA's Technical Center. Following a goalless first half, Garcel Morrison scored in the 62nd

minute to put John Hughes ahead, but Cassell Southwell found the back of the net in the 69th minute to equalize for Lion Hill.

Their third draw in 12 appearances lifted John Hughes to 24 points and ensured they remain in second place, 10 points behind unbeaten leaders Garden Stars.

The fourth draw in 12 matches lifted Lion Hill to 17 points and they remain 5th in the standings on goal difference.

Green City and Bolans played to a goalless draw at Bendals. Their first draw in 11 matches meant that Green City remain in third place after advancing to 22 points.

Their second draw in 12 outings lifted Bolans to 17 points, but they remain 6th in the standings on goal difference.

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A deal is likely to remove customs checks on the vast majority of goods moving between the U.K. and Northern Ireland.

The thorniest issue is the role of the European Court

of Justice in resolving any disputes that arise over the rules. Britain and the EU agreed in their Brexit divorce deal to give the European court that authority, but the DUP and Conservative Brexiteers insist the court

must have no jurisdiction in U.K. matters.

Sunak insisted a deal would meet unionist demands.

"As someone who believes in Brexit, voted for Brexit, campaigned for

Brexit, I want to demonstrate that Brexit works and it works for every part of the United Kingdom," he told the Sunday Times.

"There's unfinished business on Brexit and I want to get the job done."

Grenades regain top spot in premier league after All Saints loss

Jennings Grenades have reclaimed the lead in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League.

Jennings Grenades beat Swetes 2-0 at the ABFA's Technical Center on Friday to overtake All Saints United at the top of the 16-team competition.

United relinquished the lead after losing 4-3 against Tryum in the second game of a triple header at the same venue on Saturday.

Following a goalless first half, Carl Osbourne scored in the 52nd minute and Barrington Blake had an 88th minute conversion to give Grenades their 2-0 victory over Swetes.

Their 11th win in 13 matches lifted Grenades back to the top of the premier league with 33 points, two points ahead of All Saints United in second place. The fourth loss in 13 outings left Swetes on 21 points.

Two late goals by forward Chev-el Cunningham propelled Tryum to their surprising 4-3 win over All Saints United.

Cunningham scored with a winner for Tryum in the 76th minute after Leroy Graham had scored an equalizer for All Saints United to level the score at 3-3.

Cunningham had scored his first goal of the match by converting a penalty in the 65th minute to give Tryum a 3-2 lead. An 8th minute conversion by Zafique Drew and an Escalliere Bennett own-goal in the 11th minute had given All Saints United a 2-0 lead.

But Tryum clawed their way back into the match with a 44th minute conversion by Eliot Donawa to reduce the deficit at halftime. An own-goal scored by Blake Thompson in the 54th minute allowed Tryum to draw level 2-2 with United.



Players of Jennings Grenades huddle prior to kick-off of their premier division encounter against Swetes at the ABFA's Technical Center at Paynters on Saturday, 25th February, 2023. (Photo courtesy ABFA)

It was only the second defeat in 13 matches for All Saints United who remain on 31 points, while their sixth win in 13 outings lifted Tryum to 19 points.

Old Road and Parham also record wins in the premier league on Saturday. Forward Rakeem Deterville scored a hat-trick to fire Old Road to a 4-0 victory over bottom team Liberta Black Hawks in the opening encounter on Saturday.

Deterville had conversions in the 10th, 65th and 73rd minutes, while Johnathon Shoy scored the other goal for Old Road in the 62nd minute.

Their fifth win in 13 appearances lifted Old Road to 21 points, while

Liberta Black Hawks remain in the cellar position with -4 (minus 4) points after slumping to their 8th loss in 10 matches.

Parham claimed only their third win this season by pulling off a 2-1 victory against SAP in Saturday's feature match. Striker Trevaughn "Peter Blue" Harriette snatched the winner for Parham with an 87th minute conversion.

Malcolm Steward had given Parham a 1-0 lead with a 21st minute conversion, but Kevon Samuel scored in the 35th minute to equalize for SAP.

The result carries Parham to 12 points from 13 matches, while SAP remains on 16 points after suffering their sixth defeat in 12 outings.

PMS trounce Christ the King High in school's basketball

Princess Margaret School (PMS) romped to an emphatic win over Christ the King High School in the Cool & Smooth Inter-Schools' Basketball Competitions at the YMCA Sports Complex on Friday.

Mellisa Haywood shot an impressive game-high 36 points to lead Princess Margaret School to their 42-7 drubbing of Christ the King High School. Rakiya Thomas scored four points for the losers.

Twenty-four hours earlier, All Saints Secondary School overcame Combine 38-22 in their Senior Girls' Division affair.

Kinisha James shot a game high 16 points and Shakorah Prince sank 12 points for All Saints Secondary. Jenah Andrew scored 13 points and Kinaya Lewis had nine points for Combine.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy snatched a narrow 17-16 win against St. Mary's Secondary School in their Junior Boys' Division encounter on Friday.

Shaquan Bishop sank nine points for Sir Novelle Richards Academy, while Yahan Nicholas scored five points for St. Mary's Secondary.

Clare Hall Secondary beat St Anthony's Secondary twice on Thursday.



Players of the Princess Margaret School (pink uniform) compete against Christ the King High School (black uniform) in the Cool & Smooth Inter-Schools' Basketball Competitions at the YMCA Sports Complex on Friday, 24th February, 2023. (Photo courtesy school's basketball league)

Clare Hall Secondary romped to an emphatic 54-23 victory over St. Anthony's Secondary in the Junior Boys' Division.

Aiden Christian shot a game high 24 points, while Orion Seraphine and Kevin Pimental each scored 12 points for Clare Hall Secondary.

Cajhorn Jeffers had six points and Aiden Crawford converted four points for St. Anthony's Secondary.

Clare Hall Secondary School then prevailed 46-31 over St. Anthony's Secondary School in the Senior Boys' Division.

Azandy Thomas and Aiden Christian each scored 13 points and Kevin Pimental sank 10 points for Clare Hall Secondary School. Devonte Carter also converted 13 points and Aidian Doumith chipped in with nine points for St. Anthony's Secondary.

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es, while Terrance Warde made 64 off 93 balls. Oliver Walker had two for 66.

Opener Larry Audain also hit a century in the St. Kitts first innings total of 248 in 84 overs after they had won the toss and decided to bat. Audain struck 110 off 209 balls with 14 fours.

Demetrius Adams

bagged three for 47, Ashley White claimed two for 50, Walker picked up two for 56 and Jaidel Richardson took two for 57.

In response, Anguilla amassed 406 off 141.1 overs in their first innings. Captain Jahmar Hamilton hammered 132 off 151 balls with 11 fours and three sixes.

Opener Montcin Hodge slammed 128 off 281 balls with 17 fours and wicketkeeper/batsman Demari Prince chipped in with 48.

Warde claimed four for 85, Jerickson Louis picked up two for 10 and Clayton Skeete had two for 48.

Antigua and Barbuda will play their third and final three-day match against

Nevis at the Elquemedo Willett Park in Nevis today.

St. Kitts will also take on Montserrat in their final round match at Conaree today.

Anguilla and St. Maarten will clash in their final round encounter at the Carib Lumber Ball Park in St. Maarten from 3rd to 5th March.

Second successive win for A&B in LI Three-Day Tournament

Antigua and Barbuda claimed their second win in as many matches in the Leeward Islands Senior Men's Three-Day Tournament, romping to an emphatic 222-run victory over Montserrat at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Saturday.

Chasing 380 runs to win, Montserrat conceded victory after reaching 157 for seven in 40.2 overs because three of their batsmen were unable to bat because of injuries or illness.

Shawn Tuitt, who shared a 90-run fourth wicket partnership with Stevel Rodney, tops cored with 69 off 83 balls with seven fours and three sixes.

Tuitt and Rodney came together with Montserrat struggling on 36 for three and staged a mini recovery to take their team's second innings total past the 100 mark.

Rodney was still at the crease at the end, not out on 46 from 87 balls with four fours (4x4) and two sixes.

Off-spinner and Captain Kofi James claimed two for 23, pacer Javier Spencer had two for 38 and fast bowler Kelvin Pitman captured two for 39.

Antigua and Barbuda had made 214 off 59.4 overs



The Antigua and Barbuda Senior Men's Squad on arrival in St Kitts for the Leeward Islands Three-Day Cricket Tournament on 18th February, 2023. (Photo courtesy the ABCA)

in their first innings after losing the toss and were sent into bat. Hayden Walsh Jr. top scored with 70 off 74 balls with 11 fours and a six.

Hayden Walsh Jr. added 70 runs for the 8th wicket with Spencer, who made 18 to lead a recovery after Antigua and Barbuda were struggling on 133 for seven.

Essan Warner struck 37 off 66 balls and James, batting in the middle-order, made 35 off 38 balls with six fours and a six. Shernyl Burns claimed four for 62 in 22 overs, Jemol Williams picked up three for 20 and fast bowler Damion Wil-

liams captured two for 37 in 12 overs.

In reply, Montserrat were dismissed for 154 in 42.4 overs in their first innings with Spencer grabbing three for 27 in 10 overs. Leg-spinner Hayden Walsh Jr. claimed three for 45 in 11 overs and left-arm spinner Glenton Williams captured two for 22.

After gaining a first innings lead of 60 runs, Antigua and Barbuda tightened their grip on the match by making 319 for seven declared off 74.1 overs in their second innings.

Middle order batsman

Karima Gore struck 82 off 123 balls, opener Tyrone Williams Jr. cracked 78 off 91 balls, Warner made 51 off 53 balls and opener Malique Walsh scored 45 off 98 balls. Tuitt captured four for 76.

In another encounter, St. Kitts and Anguilla played to a draw at Conaree in St. Kitts. The home side was on 224 for five off 53 overs in their second innings, with a lead of 64 runs when the game ended.

Akeem Saunders slammed 116 off 134 balls with 13 fours and three six-

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