

ANTIGUA SCORES BIG WITH HOMEPORTING



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The homeporting operations for the P & O Cruise vessel – Arvia – came to an end for this cruise season last Saturday with a big surprise in store for passengers and crew: a visit from National Hero, Sir Vivian Richards.

Antigua Cruise Port invited the National Hero to take part in their farewell activities for the Arvia on the fourth and final call for this season. It will return in November for a full season. Sir Viv interacted with passengers many of whom were from the UK where he played league cricket for Somerset, for many seasons and toured England with the West Indies Cricket team over two decades.

The visitors were in obvious awe of Sir Viv, and many used the opportunity to take photographs of and or with him. Such was the visitors' adulation for the National Hero that when it was time for him to leave, it was quite a challenge.

The surprise visit of Sir Vivian Richards was part of a programme of activities staged by the ACP to mark the end of the homeporting for this season. The programme also included Arrienne Whyte, Hell's Gate Steelband, Spirited Band and RT Performers.

ACP General Manager Dona Regis-Prosper said the ship's captain described the homeporting operations here in Antigua and Barbuda as 'an overwhelming success' and that Saturday's events brought the operations to an impressive close.



She noted that when the Arvia returns in November it will make stops every two weeks until the end of the season. However, ACP also has a commitment from Emerald cruises to begin homeporting in Antigua every week starting in November.

"Already," she said "the summer months are looking quite good with 18 scheduled calls. That's up from two for last year." The summer months are from May to September.

Sir Vivian boasted to guests during a tour of Arvia, "You've come to one of the best if not the best destination in the region."

The former West Indies player also handed Captain Paul Brown a signed cricket bat as a special token.

Antigua Cruise Port's General Manager Dona Regis-Prosper said, "We wanted to do something special for Arvia. We know the vessel has many

passengers from countries who love Sir Viv, so it was only appropriate to ask him to grace us with his presence."

Meanwhile, Minister of Tourism Charles Fernandez presented a plaque of appreciation to Captain Brown on behalf of Antigua Cruise Port, saying, "Captain Brown has spoken highly of the homeporting operation in Antigua, The first one was great...and it's just gotten better and better and we've seen improvements to the facilities that we've got here."

Four thousand, eight-hundred and fifty-nine passengers arrived aboard the vessel on Saturday with 864 disembarking and 878 boarding.

P & O has shown how pleased they are by announcing another of their vessels that will come to Antigua for the next season. Arvia will return in November to homeport again as previously announced.

Nicholas: Solutions are coming to the water woes

Utilities Minister Melford Nicholas, is again giving the nation assurances that he intends to bring an end to the longstanding water problems that consumers have had to contend with for far too long.

Speaking during the Budget debate, in the House of Representatives on Friday, Nicholas described the issues surrounding the inadequate and unreliable supply of water to consumers on Antigua as ‘a multi-facetted challenge’.

“The issue of the water is a multi-factor challenge. We have a production problem and we also have a distribution challenge and the distribution challenge is broken down even further.

“Some of the challenges that are there need a bit more focused attention and that’s what we are doing,” he stated.

He told the House that at a meeting of APUA’s senior managers he made the point that the water Division was being treated like a step-child, but that they corrected him to indicate, that with the attention the water Division has received over the past two years, their divisions are now the step child.

Nicholas promised them continued focus on the water division until the issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the consumers.

He made mention of a consumer, a young lady from Sea View Farm, who has made her displeasure with the water situation known publicly and quite often.

The minister took time to explain that the water line to Sea View Farm was laid long before the major developments in Lightfoot and the wa-

ter that once served Sea View Farm primarily, now has to also serve areas of Lightfoot East and West.

To solve the problem, a booster pump will be placed near the football field in Sea View Farm to provide adequate pressure, to pump the water properly through the village.

Other areas with water issues are also being identified, according to Nicholas and the solutions are being designed on a case by case basis.

He also announced that APUA will soon be drawing down a portion of the loan secured from a consortium of local banks.

That money will go towards financing some of the resources needed to solve the water challenges.



Utilities Minister Melford Nicholas

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Carnival gets bigger budget for 2023

The country's biggest cultural extravaganza, Antigua Carnival, is getting more money this year as the Ministry of Creative Industries seeks to improve on the quality of the product itself.

\$3.8 million to 4.2 million. This increase is to set the national festival on a path where it will be able to differentiate itself from the other festivals taking place around that time of year.

From this year's budget, Matthew said there will be 'start up' funds for artistes to begin their preparations for Carnival. This will include calypsonians getting seed money so that they can begin recording their carnival songs at an earlier date.

Funds, according to the minister, have also been allocated to help the steel bands with their preparations for participation in Carnival 2023.

Minister Matthew, however, appealed to the private sector to assist with financing the national festival, as their profits depend greatly on the successful staging of Carnival.


"The financing of Carnival cannot only be the government's responsibility. The private sector, those persons who benefit from carnival, must invest in it as well. I speak of the hotel sector; I speak of the



Minister of Education and Creative Industries, Daryll Matthew

beverage companies who sell alcohol etc. From these companies, there is a direct correlation between a successful carnival and their revenue stream. So, it is not unreasonable when the Festivals Office approaches these companies and says, we need your support to finance carnival. It is not unreasonable to say when you finance carnival, you work for your own benefit," he declared.

The senior minister for Carnival 2023 also noted that the festival is a major driver of economic activities in the country that benefits not just the major companies such as the beverage companies and wholesalers, but that many small businesses such as hair salons, nail technicians, restaurants and vendors also benefit tremendously from a successful carnival.



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- Scholarship application form for Graduate Studies: <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1136&Type=1&Lang=Eng>

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PAHO is advising government on national health insurance scheme

The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) is providing the government with expert advice on its plans to establish a national health insurance scheme for the country.

PAHO's Regional Director, Dr. Amalia Del Reigo is in Antigua as the head of a team that will spend the next two days, meeting with Minister of Health, Sir Mollwyn Joseph and his key advisors, on the way forward in setting up the scheme.

The PAHO team and the ministry officials will also discuss the matters dealing with updating the national health strategic plan and other health priorities set by

the ministry.

The Antigua and Barbuda government has set a goal of establishing a national health insurance scheme and the PAHO team includes an expert in health economics and finance, specifically to guide the ministry on the best approaches to implement the scheme.

"We have supported Antigua and Barbuda before on this matter and the visit is to see where we are, because as everyone is aware, the pandemic disrupted everything or delayed it, so we want to know just where the country is on this matter," she stated.

Dr. Reigo arrived in St.



PAHO Regional Director Dr Amalia Del Reigo presents her credentials to Foreign Affairs Minister E.P Chet Greene

John on Friday following which she presented her credentials to Foreign Affairs Minister E.P Chet Greene.

He expressed appreciation to PAHO for the assistance it offered Antigua and Barbuda. *cont'd on pg 6*

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A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

Parent charged following attack on school principal

The parent who is accused of physically assaulting the principal of Mary E. Pigott School last Wednesday has been charged.

Michael Samuel of Bath-lodge with Battery and Malicious Damage. He is expected to appear in court Monday.

topher Roberts in the head from behind, before hitting him several more times during an incident on the school compound, which shocked teachers and students.

He had reportedly gone to the school over concerns about punishment meted out to his child.

Education Minister, Hon. Daryll Matthew had deplored the attack on the teacher, during his contribution to the Budget Debate in Parliament's Lower House on Friday.

Director of Education, Clare Browne, said he supports 'prosecuting the parent to the full extent of the law' because even if he had a problem with something the principal may or may not have done, there are better ways to deal with the matter.

Police have charged

Samuel allegedly hit the principal, Father Chris-

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 buda during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Our relationship grew stronger during that period so you, coming on board now, is at a time when we expect to solidify and even deepen that friendship and close collaboration," he remarked.
 She told Greene that PAHO is committed to working along with the Antigua and Barbuda government to achieve its national health related objectives.
 "We have a list of things that were discussed in February when Minister Joseph went to observe the swearing in of the Director, Dr. Barbosa, so many areas of the priorities are already very clear, in terms of ways of dealing with the crisis generated by the pandemic, as well as to strengthen the health system's response with a dynamic that can build resilience to prepare for future pandemics," she noted.
 Dr. Reigo said while she hopes that there will not be another pandemic with the widespread impact as COVID-19, she emphasised that the region must nonetheless be prepared for any eventuality.

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Normality to return to schools after assault on principal

Normal school activities are expected to return to schools across Antigua today, following an incident last Wednesday, when a principal of a school was physically attacked by a parent.

Director of Education, Clare Browne, held meetings on Friday with senior officers of the government security apparatus from the Ministry of Works, as well as the private security providers to address some of the concerns expressed by teachers.

Teachers in a number of schools had engaged in ‘sit-ins’ last week to show their

displeasure with the situation where the principal of the Mary E. Pigott School, Christopher Roberts, was allegedly physically assaulted by a parent of one of the children attending that school.

Browne confirmed that Roberts was rushed to the SLBMC where he was treated and discharged; days after, he was still complaining of severe pains in his left arm.

Director Browne said the incident was not, in his mind, a break down in security, as he is of the view that a parent going to a school and asking for permission to



Director of Education, Clare Browne

enter, would under normal circumstances be allowed. He, however, conceded that there are issues with security at some schools.

According to Browne there is an agreement between the Ministry and the Antigua and Barbuda Union of teachers on the issue of security at schools. Ideally, each school should have a minimum of two security guards on duty between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm. Currently, there are some schools without guards and others with only one.

“We want schools to be safe and secure, nothing less would suffice. However, the government security personnel are a department of the Ministry of Works. We informed them

of our arrangement with the ABUT, but they are the ones who are responsible for assigning the security,” he explained.

Along with security from the Ministry of Works, the government has contracted Special Security Services to assist with security at the schools. This, according to Browne is a very expensive undertaking. Last Friday, Education Minister Daryll Matthew told parliament that the monthly security bill comes to approximately one hundred thousand dollars.

Director Browne said, he has been working feverishly over the weekend to resolve all the issues and his expectation is that school will operate today with a sense of normality.

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Opinion



Tony on the omlet heggspress

By Tony Deyal

Even though boiled eggs are hard to beat, in my case it was the poached eggs that got me and my friends into serious trouble. I should have remembered what the lady said when her male friend asked her, "How do you like your eggs?" Her response was "Unfertilised."

While poaching is reputedly the "number one healthiest way to cook and eat eggs", unfortunately our poaching had nothing to do with the way we cooked eggs so much as how we got, or gutted, them. While it is safe to eat up to two eggs a day depending on the cholesterol in your diet, poaching also means "to illegally hunt or take and use someone or something that belongs to someone or something else, especially in a secret dishonest and unfair way."

As a youngster hanging out with the bigger boys in the village, my only excuse is that they egged me on, not just to steal the neighbours'

eggs but also their chickens, oranges and mangoes. Fortunately, I stopped short of the unstoppable goal of my friend Tunos who had a penchant for cattle. He just couldn't help himself and was not cowed by either the police or the jail sentences he inevitably got for his rustling.

In our case, our mischief was always the end of our school week. Most of the time I was what the English would call "a good egg" but seeing that we had no homework to do, and after football or cricket in the savannah we were hungry and in a "sporting" mood, we hatched our plans and the poor eggs could do nothing to protect themselves. After all, for us it was TGIF or "Thank Goodness it was Fry-day".

It was just that one night when the owner of the "fowl coop", or as we called it the "fowl coob", took out his gun and behaved like an eggomaniac about his chickens and their produce. I can tell you, in retrospect, that it was the



Tony Deyal

sheer fright that made me find a quick "eggsit" by jumping a fence, getting some minor injuries from the wire, and running so fast you would think that a huge Alsatian was chasing me. However, having survived and once more full of bravado, when we reached under the streetlamp where we hung out I was shaken but not stirred enough to refrain from punning, "The man can't take a yoke self." Having been scared spittleless, my comment made us all crack up.

Actually, what made me crack up and remember those days of crime, bruises and excuses is that last Saturday I was not so much shanghaied as the victim of compulsory enforcement. I had to take my wife Indranie to the market. In other words, I was a basket case. So I let her out of the car, timed when she would have completed filling one receptacle, then grabbing another I went to meet her to take my rightful place at her

side. I was a "baggamuffin". As I reached the gate, a lady and her husband were coming out. With both hands she was holding on to what is called an egg-box or carton. She was really happy about her purchase and boasted to her husband, "De egg yolk it yellow and nice like home, home egg." True. I'm not yolking. This is what she said and I had a ball playing with words and ideas while standing with two baskets waiting for Indranie to fill them up with her catch for the week.

First of all, maybe because I was watching a cricket match between Australia and India until my wife, the umpire of my empire, called "time". Immediately, I had to hit the road with my bags and baggages. I thought it was a "bum rap" or an unfair demand on my time and that led me to "Bum nut", Australian for "egg" or what is supposedly a "humorous re-imagining of an egg as a roundish

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(nutlike) product of a hen's rear end." The example, from "The Honey Badger Guide to Life, 2018", was "Breakfast was a few bum nuts (eggs), bacon and some leftover goat that was hanging in the cool room."

I'm not sure if that is better or worse than "To get egg on your face" which means that you did something embarrassingly stupid like killing the goose that lays the golden egg, or putting all your eggs in one basket. This could put you in a chicken and egg situation (one in which it is impossible to know what came first) except that when a chicken and an egg walked into a saloon, the barman asked, "Who's first?" If that wasn't bad enough, a piece of toast and a hard-boiled egg walked into the same bar and the same guy made it clear, "Sorry, we don't serve breakfast here." They were so angry and upset they couldn't find the eggsit.

This led me to Jamaica and the way all visitors so quickly try to use the jargon and the accent. It is a country that I was always sad to leave. Where else can you hear "Sell mi wan bookle a iyl" (Sell me a bottle of oil). Is it that the person want to fry an egg or "hegg"? If so watch out for "Is which wan a oonu nyam mi hegg?" ("Which one of you ate my egg?") In a situation like this, especially the way some people lose their cool very quickly, you're walking on eggshells. You have to find an answer that is designed to calm the person

down because, if you don't handle it right, the next thing that comes your way, before the fight starts is, "How yuh nyam summuch?" ("How do you eat so much?"). The best way to deal with this is to make it clear that it is not you but, "A di dutty duppy man dweet." (The dirty ghost did it). Just don't play badder than bad and say, "Lef


mi nuh." You tell a person to leave you alone and you will definitely need a loan for the hospital or the court house or both.

Now, even if I ever become rich enough to have a nest egg that I could use to pay someone to take Indra-nie to the market, I wouldn't do it. There is nowhere else where I can stand, wait and

make jokes with myself like, "The police spent many hours questioning a bad egg and it never looked like if it was going to crack." If this doesn't crack you up then I'm Omlet, Prince of Denmark.

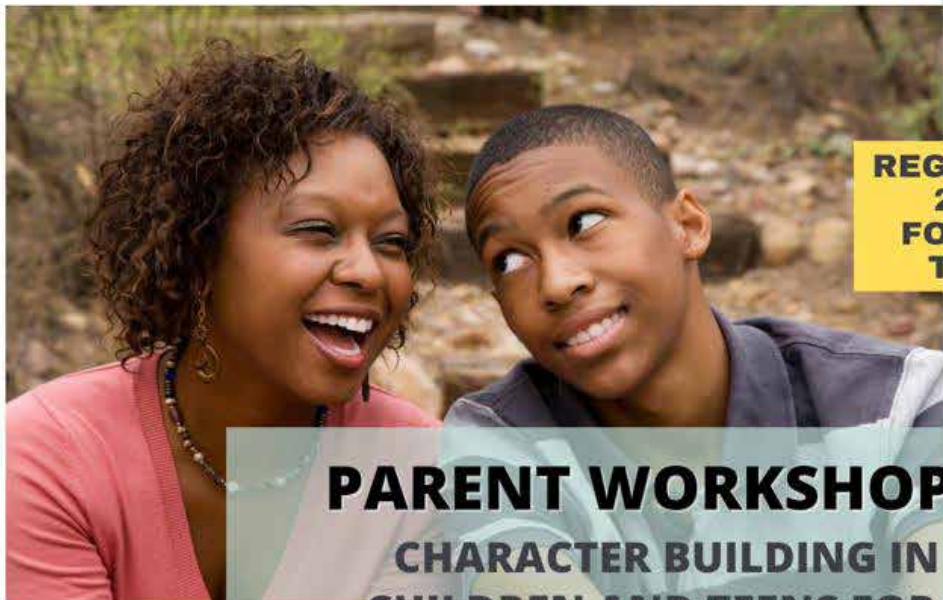
**Tony Deyal was last seen saying that we need to egg on the West Indies cricketers to do better. Right now, they're too easy to beat.*

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Commonwealth Day



Commonwealth Day message from British High Commissioner and Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda

Today is Commonwealth Day. In the UK we will celebrate this event in Westminster Abbey with our largest annual multi-faith gathering. It is a privilege for my country to host so many leaders and representatives, including Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Williams.

Occasions like these afford us the unique opportunity to meet and speak in the extended company of old and valued friends. But they are much more than that. Commonwealth Day is a chance to address our most pressing issues. To consider new cures for common concerns. For us to fashion a fresh vision for an uncertain future.

2023 is a particularly special year for our Commonwealth. It is the 10th anniversary of the Commonwealth Charter. It sets out the values and aspirations of our close partnership. Values like peace, security, rule of law, good governance and sustainability. These principles must always be our priorities. They are more relevant now than ever before. We look forward to hearing the musical pieces secondary school pan orchestras have created inspired by the Charter at the Commonwealth Day celebrations at Government House this morning.

It is also the Commonwealth Year of Youth. Home to 1.4 billion people young people, we should never forget that the destiny of the Commonwealth is dependent on the next generation. Let us think about what we want to bequeath them.

We have inherited a rich and significant legacy from the previous generation of leaders, including Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. Our challenge today is to engage and empower future leaders. To inspire the young people who will one day sit in the seats we cur-



Mr Scott Fursessedonn-Wood MVO, British High Commissioner to Barbados, and non-resident High Commissioner to Dominica, Grenada, Antigua & Barbuda, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Lucia and St Kitts and Nevis.

rently occupy. To provide them with an example of compassionate government and sensible administration.

As High Commissioner, and Resident British Commissioner, we are proud of our Commonwealth membership, and committed to doing what we can to ensure that this formidable fellowship of friendly nations delivers real benefits to the 2.5 billion people living in its 56 members states.

The foundation of our friendship might be based on a complex history, but it is also based on a shared understanding – that we can help one another; that we can meaningfully improve the lives of people around the world, that sovereignty, democracy and freedom should and must be defended no matter the price.

We should never forget the incomparable make-up of this progressive organisation. It includes some of the world's largest and most prosperous economies as well as some of the smallest and most aspirational. Our diversity of scale poses an excellent opportunity to address lingering economic imbalances; to protect our planet and enhance our chances for a sustainable future.

In an increasingly geopolitical



Ms Lindsay Thompson, Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda.

world, where sovereignty is being challenged, the Commonwealth is a vital network of prospering free nations.

While there is a lot the Commonwealth, or any other multilateral organisation, can do to make a real difference, we believe we are at our most effective when we focus our efforts on a few essential aims.

Firstly, the Commonwealth has the potential to deliver more on democracy, good governance and the rule of law. We saw this last year, when Commonwealth Law Ministers endorsed the first ever set of Commonwealth Media Freedom Principles.

Secondly, we should use the chorus of our combined voices to advocate for urgent action on climate change and the protection of biodiversity and the natural environment. Commonwealth leaders highlighted this urgent need for action on climate change when they met in Kigali in 2022. Let us take it forward.

At COP27, the global community agreed to new measures that build on the Glasgow Climate Pact and we congratulate Minister for Health, Wellness, Social Transformation, and the Environment, Sir Molwyn Joseph, and

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Tourism has officially bounced back from Covid-19, report says

Tourism in the Caribbean is now alive and well, according to latest statistics, and is recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) revealed that the Caribbean accounted for 3.1 percent of all arrivals worldwide, with 28.3 million registered tourist visits in the Caribbean by the end of 2022—this is 52.4 percent more than the tourists in 2021.

While the 3.1 percent is down one percentage point from the historically high share of 4.1 percent recorded in 2021, the numbers still look promising, according to Neil Walters, acting secretary general for the CTO.

According to data from the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), 2022 saw close to 917 million people travelling.

“It’s clearly apparent that even in the face of the devastating blows delivered by the pandemic, as a region we have responded with hope, strength, and determination to prevail,” shared CTO chair Kenneth Bryan during a press briefing on Tuesday.

CTO further revealed that in 2022, the Caribbean had improvements in the hotel industry. Hotel occupancy increased to 60.7 percent in 2022 from



44.4 percent in 2021.

Cruise visitors in the region, meanwhile, reached 19.2 million in 2022. This is five times higher than in 2021.

“The U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Maarten, Turks and Caicos, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Curacao are the six countries that have surpassed their total pre-pandemic arrival numbers,” Travel Market Report wrote.

In Dominica, for instance, three cruise ships have docked on the island as the nation restarts its series of festivals, treating tourists into a Caribbean revelry they will never forget.

And tourism in Dominica has become more conscious with the environment by keeping it eco-friendly

and close to nature. Its has given its massive support on eco-tourism, developing eco-resorts with the funds generated through the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI).

The same CBI program has also helped fulfill the government’s plans on providing more climate-resilient housing projects, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities, with private developing company MMC Development Ltd. overseeing these massive projects as mandated by the government.

Dominica’s airport, which is expected to be up and running by 2026, is also funded by the CBI programme.

Moving forward, the country hopes to usher in more tourists with the international airport.

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his team for their considerable efforts in this regard. And, in Montreal at COP15, we saw the historic agreement of a new global biodiversity framework. We now need to fully implement those commitments and to go further and faster in this critical decade. we believe the Commonwealth can and should be at the epicentre of this unfolding agenda.

We recognise the particular challenges that climate change poses for small and vulnerable states, particularly islands close to sea level. We continue to advocate in multilateral forums and the International Financial Institutions for enhanced access to finance and support.

Lastly, we must boost trade and investment between Commonwealth countries. The UK believes

that the Commonwealth can play a larger role by supporting developing members in attracting more investment during this economically turbulent time.

Achieving progress in these priority areas of values, climate, trade and investment won’t be easy. It will require member states to ensure the institutions of the Commonwealth are driving the agenda forward,

and focussing on actions and programmes that deliver real impact and positive change.

We know our Foreign Secretary, James Cleverly, is looking forward to discussing these issues with his fellow Commonwealth Foreign Ministers, including Minister for Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade, and Barbuda Affairs, the Hon. E.P. Chet Greene, this week in London.

CCJ dismisses claims by British American policyholders

Loop - The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) dismissed the majority of the claims brought by policyholders of British American insurance company limited who alleged that Trinidad and Tobago had breached various articles of the revised treaty of Chaguaramas in the aftermath of the collapse of Trinidad and Tobago conglomerate, CL Financial.

The CCJ yesterday delivered its judgment in *Ellis Richards & Ors. v The State of Trinidad and Tobago*, a case in its Original Jurisdiction.

The claimants, who were nationals of and institutions established in Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada, argued that the measures taken by the government of Trinidad and Tobago by its intervention in and assistance to CL Financial and its subsidiaries, CLICO investment bank limited, colonial life insurance company (Trinidad) Limited and British American insurance company (Trinidad) Limited were discriminatory and breached articles 7, 36, 37 and 38 of the revised treaty.

The claimants alleged that the bailout measures were taken to rescue CLF and CLICO, CIB and BAT, all subsidiaries registered in Trinidad and Tobago. This same protection was not offered to them as policy-



holders of British American insurance company limited. Further, the central bank of Trinidad and Tobago took active steps to exclude them from the rescue package. They also argued that the measures-imposed restrictions on the provision of cross-border insurance services in contravention of articles 36, 37 and 38 of the revised treaty.

When Trinidad and Tobago filed its defence before the court, it contended that the actions complained about by the claimants fell outside the scope of the revised treaty. In their view, the actions were 'activities in a member state involving the exercise of governmental authority' under articles 30(2) and (3) and such activities were excluded from the scope of operation of chapter three of the revised treaty.

When this issue was raised at the case management stage, the court directed the parties to make submissions on two preliminary issues.

First, assuming, for the sake of argument, the truth of the matters pleaded by the claimants in their originating application, do the actions of the state of Trinidad and Tobago, fall outside the scope of chapter three of the revised treaty because they fall within the meaning of article 30(2) and article 30(3)? And, if the answer was yes, what are the consequences of these proceedings?

Article 30(2) of the revised treaty states that activities in a member state involving the exercise of governmental authority shall be excluded from the operation chapter of the treaty. Article 30(3) further

provides that 'activities involving the exercise of governmental authority' means 'activities conducted neither on a commercial basis nor in competition with one or more economic enterprises.'

Explaining the purpose and objectives of chapter three of the revised treaty, the court observed that the chapter addresses four fundamental freedoms or rights that help to form the core of the CARICOM single market economy, namely the right of establishment; the right to provide services; the freedom to move capital and the freedom of movement of community nationals. Among those critical elements that advance the object and purpose of the revised treaty are the obligations imposed by chapter three on member states and the correlative rights ac-

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US Coast Guard offloads US\$160M in narcotics seized in Caribbean Sea

CMC - The United States Coast Guard says the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Spencer (WMEC 905) offloaded in Port Everglades, Florida about 4,810 kilos of cocaine worth over US\$160.3 million seized in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

Along with the illicit narcotics, the US Coast Guard said eight suspected smugglers were apprehended and face prosecution in US federal court by the US Department of Justice.

The US Coast Guard said the offloaded drugs were interdicted during three separate cases in the international waters of the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

The crews were from the US Coast Guard Cutter Spencer (WMEC 905);



USS Milwaukee (LCS 5) with embarked USCG Law Enforcement Detachment 104; Royal Netherlands Navy Ship HNLMS Holland (P840) with embarked USCG Law Enforcement Detachment 401; and a USCG Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron helicopter.

The US Coast Guard

said that, initially, a suspect vessel was “detected and monitored” by US or allied military or law enforcement personnel coordinated by Joint Interagency Task Force-South based in Key West, Florida.

“Once interdiction becomes imminent, the law enforcement phase of the operation begins, and control of

the operation shifts to the US Coast Guard throughout the interdiction and apprehension.”

It said interdictions in the Caribbean Sea are performed by members of the US Coast Guard under the authority and control of the Coast Guard’s Seventh District, headquartered in Miami.

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The court stated that by carrying out these obligations, the member states agreed to yield aspects of their sovereignty for the collective good. However, the inclusion of article 30 in the treaty made it clear that member states are still permitted to conduct certain activities which are excluded from the operation of chapter three.

If a member state engages in these excluded activities, its actions are exempted from the restraints and constraints imposed by the chapter and the court can and must so declare.

From an examination of the claimant’s pleadings, it appeared that Trinidad and Tobago’s actions were not commercial in nature. There was no suggestion that the intervention by the

government of Trinidad and Tobago, the ministry of finance and the central bank, was done on a profit-making basis or for the purpose of competing with economic enterprises within Trinidad and Tobago or within the member states. The activities involved, among other things, legal, accounting, and managerial intervention by the central bank and the direct use of financial resources of Trinidad and Tobago to mitigate the effects of the financial collapse of CLF, a private entity.

In these circumstances, the court dismissed the claims in relation to the following articles of the revised treaty, namely, article 36 (alleged breach of duty not to impose new restrictions on the provision of services), article 37 (alleged breach of duty not to impose discriminatory restrictions on

the provision of services) and article 38 (alleged breach of duty not to impose discriminatory restrictions on banking, insurance and other financial services) and article 7 (discriminatory treatment) as far as it relates to chapter three of the RTC.

The claimants’ claim with respect to an alleged breach of article 184(1) (j) (failure to promote the interests of consumers in the community) and article 7 (in so far as it is applicable to that claim) was not dismissed. The court reserved the issue of costs to the conclusion of the matter.

The matter was heard by the Honourable Justice Adrian Saunders, President and the Honourable Justices Winston Anderson, Maureen Rajnauth-Lee, Andrew Burgess and Peter Jamadar.

Two dead, others injured in Anguilla boating incident

Loop - An incident at sea in Anguilla has left two persons dead and four others injured.

According to a report from Anguilla's Department of Disaster Management (DDM), at around 10 am Emergency Services responded to an incident in West End involving a boat.

Following the incident, it was confirmed that six persons were involved. Two

persons are deceased. Four persons received treatment at the Princess Alexandria Hospital and have now been discharged.

An investigation has commenced into the incident.

The DDM says its thoughts and prayers are with the families of those affected and has expressed condolences to the friends and family of the deceased.



St. Lucia's PM contacts regional organisation to help in crime fight

CMC - Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre has called for help from the Regional Security System, RSS, and has also implemented 24 hour police patrols among measures in response to deadly gun violence in the southern town of Vieux Fort

"The Regional Security System (RSS) and other assets have been contacted and will be on the ground early next week," he said.

Since Thursday, seven people have succumbed to gunshot injuries in Vieux Fort.

"It is time to act, and I ask for your support. There will be some difficult decisions to be made, and some strong actions will be taken to deal with these cowards and criminals," said Pierre, who is also National Security Minister, in an address to the nation late Saturday.

In announcing other measures to deal with the violent crime spike, he disclosed that on Sunday, he would meet some civil society and business

leaders to discuss the current situation and seek solutions to the problems.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Allen Chastanet has voiced confidence in the police amid the following the incidents in Vieux Fort.

"This message really today is for our police officers to say to you that you certainly have my vote of confidence and that of many Saint Lucians. We are depending on you," Chastanet stated in a video posted to social media.

"We appreciate that you are leaving your own homes and your own family members to come and defend us," the former Prime Minister said.

"We really need the police officers to be strong, single-minded and to help bring calmness in our community."

And while expressing sympathy to those who lost loved ones in the Vieux Fort carnage, he noted that the situation in the Southern town had generated a wave of panic and unprecedented fear.

"I understand that some people are resorting to evacuation of the

South. But the reality is we are a small Island, so what's happening in Vieux Fort today we have no idea what tomorrow is going to bring," Chastanet noted.

He also appealed to everyone, including community leaders and churches, to give the people solace and comfort.

"Know that we are in this fight together. We have given recommendations to the government. Hopefully they will heed those recommendations," the former Prime Minister stated.

In addition, Chastanet observed that civil society and community leaders must play a strong leadership role, including supporting and instilling confidence in police officers to bring 'this madness' to an end.

Chastanet said he offered prayers and intended to play his role as a leader to bring calm to 'this sea of absolute chaos'.

"We can make it through this. Saint Lucia is better than what we are displaying."

North Korea tests submarine-launched missile, Seoul confirms

By *Hyung-Jin Kim*

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Monday it has conducted submarine-launched cruise missile tests, days after its leader Kim Jong Un ordered his troops to be ready to repel its rivals' "frantic war preparation moves."

The test on Sunday came a day before the U.S. and South Korean militaries begin large-scale joint military drills that North Korea views as a rehearsal for invasion.

North Korea's official news outlet, the Korean Central News Agency, said Monday that the missile launches showed the North's resolve to respond with "overwhelming powerful forces" to the intensifying military maneuvers by the "the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet forces."

KCNA also implied that the North aims to arm the cruise missiles tested with nuclear warheads.

It said the missiles flew for more than two hours, drawing figure-eight-shaped patterns in waters off the country's eastern coast, and hit targets 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) away.

The missiles were fired from the 8.24 Yongung ship, KCNA said, referencing a submarine that North Korea has used to conduct all its known submarine-launched ballistic missile tests since 2016.

Sunday's actions were the North's first underwater-launched missile tests since the country test-fired a weapon from a silo under an inland reservoir last October. Last May, the country test-launched a short-range ballistic missile from the same vessel.

North Korea's command of submarine-launched missile systems



Protesters hold signs during a rally to oppose to the planned the joint military exercises between the U.S. and South Korea, in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, March 11, 2023. North Korea said Monday, March 13, 2023, it test-fired two cruise missiles from a submarine off its east coast, the latest in the country's series of weapons tests. The test on Sunday came a day before the U.S. and South Korean militaries begin large-scale joint military drills that North Korea views as a rehearsal for invasion. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man, File)

would make it harder for adversaries to detect launches in advance and provide the North with retaliatory attack capability. Experts say it would take years, extensive resources and major technological improvements for the heavily sanctioned nation to build several submarines that could travel quietly in seas and reliably execute strikes.

After a record number of missile tests last year, North Korea has carried out several additional rounds since Jan. 1. Before Sunday's launches, the country also test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile potentially capable of reaching the mainland U.S.; short-range, nuclear-capable missiles designed to hit South Korea; and other weapons.

Experts say Kim, who sees his nuclear arsenal as his best security guarantee, is trying to pressure

the United States into accepting the North as a legitimate nuclear power and relax international economic sanctions.

Earlier Monday, South Korea's military said it had detected the launch from a submarine in waters near the North's eastern port city of Sinpo on Sunday. Sinpo has a major submarine-building shipyard.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said that South Korean and U.S. intelligence authorities were analyzing details of the operation.

North Korea sees regular South Korea-U.S. military exercises as a major security threat, though the allies say their drills are defensive. Some observers say North Korea uses its rivals' drills as a pretext to test weapons and modernize its nuclear arsenal to secure an upper hand in dealings with the United States.

Eight dead after boats, possibly used for people smuggling, capsize



A panga boat sits along the Black's Beach, San Diego, following an apparent migrant smuggling operation.

BBC - At least eight people have died after two boats capsized off the California coast, emergency services have said.

A search began after the boats got in trouble off Black's Beach, San Diego.

A 911 caller told emergency services she had been on a boat with eight people that made it to shore, but another vessel, carrying eight to 10 people, had capsized.

San Diego Lifeguard chief James Gartland called it one of the state's worst maritime smuggling tragedies.

Officials said they did not know

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At least 19 people killed in Congo by suspected extremists

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Rebels in eastern Congo killed at least 19 people and set fire to a health center and houses, authorities reported Sunday.

Gunmen suspected of being part of the Allied Democratic Forces, a militia with links to the Islamic State group, attacked civilians in Kirindera town, Carly Nzanzu, the former governor of North Kivu province, said in an interview with state media.

ADF attacks have killed dozens of people in several North Kivu villages in recent days. Congo's authorities say people were slaughtered with guns, knives and machetes.

Amaq, a news agency linked to the Islamic

State group, posted a statement Saturday in which IS claimed responsibility for killing more than 35 "Christians" and wounding dozens in eastern Congo last week.

Conflict has simmered for decades in eastern Congo, where more than 120 armed groups fight for power, influence and resources, and some to protect their communities.

The ADF has been largely active in North Kivu province but recently extended its operations into neighboring Ituri province.

Efforts to stem the violence against have yielded little. A nearly year-long joint operation by Uganda and Congo's armies did not defeat or substantially weaken the Allied Dem-



A burnt out hut is seen in the Democratic Republic of Congo North Kivu province village of Mukondi, Thursday March 9, 2023. At least 36 civilians were killed when the Allied Democratic Forces, a group with links to the Islamic State group, attacked the village and burned residents' huts. (AP Photo/Socrate Mumbere)

ocratic Forces, a panel of U.N. experts concluded in a December report.

The U.N. and human rights groups have accused the ADF rebels of maiming, raping and abducting civil-

ians, including children. Earlier this month, the United States offered a reward of up to \$5 million for information that could lead to the capture of the group's leader, Seka Musa Baluku.

AGS, AGHS and PMS record wins in schools' basketball

The Antigua Grammar School (AGS) romped to an impressive 34-point victory over the Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) in the Cool & Smooth Inter-Schools' Basketball Championships last Thursday, 9th March.

The Antigua Grammar School trounced the Sir Novelle Richards Academy 45-11 in their Junior Boys Secondary Division encounter at the YMCA Sports Complex.

Naeem Joseph sank 14 points and Raheem Sawyer converted 12 points for the Antigua Grammar School, while Shaquan Bishop scored six points for the Sir Novelle Richards Academy.

Aliana Jack shot a game-high 21 points to lead the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) to a com-



Players of the Antigua Grammar School compete against their peers from the Sir Novelle Richards Academy (green and black uniforms) in the Junior Boys Division of the Inter-Schools' Basketball Championships at the YMCA Sports Complex on Thursday, 9th March, 2023. (Photo courtesy Schools Basketball League)

prehensive 31-7 drubbing of the Christ the King High School in their Senior Girls' Division affair.

Twenty-four hours ear-

lier, Princess Margaret School (PMS) romped to an emphatic 63-11 victory against the Ottos Comprehensive School in the Junior

Boys Secondary Division.

Craig Massiah sank 22 points and Tyrese White converted 12 points for Princess Margaret School.

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the nationalities of the victims but they were all adults.

Emergency responders from several agencies found two overturned boats with bodies spread over an area of 400 yards (366m), and a search operation continued into Sunday morning.

It was unclear what caused the incident but Mr Gartland described the area as "hazardous" due to sand bars and in-shore rip currents.

Rescuers did not find any survivors, but some may have left the beach before the emergency services arrived, he suggested.

James Spitler, a sector command-

er for the San Diego Coast Guard, said one small boat which was carrying more passengers "overturned in the surf," while the other managed to reach the shore.

He described the incident as a tragedy and said: "This is not necessarily people trying to find a better life. This is part of a transnational criminal organisation effort to smuggle people into the United States.

"These people are often labour trafficked and sex trafficked when they arrive."

San Diego is close to the border between the US and Mexico and the US government has constructed a fence into the sea to the south of the

city to deter migrants.

Eric Lavergne, a US Border Patrol official in San Diego, told Reuters this was one of a few hundred migrant smuggling events recorded in the area over the past five months - which is similar to the rate in recent years.

It comes as the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is due to be in San Diego for the Aukus summit between the US, UK and Australia.

He has recently announced a policy aimed at stopping people from coming to the UK on small boats across the English Channel.

In 2021, four people died and two dozen were injured when a boat got into trouble off the coast of San Diego.

Villa Lions crush Cedar Grove to go top of premier league

Cuba's Yasney Torres scored five goals as Villa Lions inflicted an 8-0 drubbing on Cedar Grove Blue Jays to move to the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Friday, 10th March.

Torres produced a clinical display of scoring with conversions in the 22nd, 37th, 38th, 55th and 68th minute as the Villa Lions totally dominated their opponents during their encounter at the ABFA's Technical Center at Paynters.

The other goals were scored by goalkeeper Shahoi Dorsett, who converted a penalty in the 42nd minute to give Villa Lions a 4-0 halftime lead, midfielder Sean Tomlinson in the 53rd minute and forward Joshua Ferdinand in the first minute of added on time or the 91st minute.

Their 12th win in 15 matches has allowed Villa Lions to overtake Jennings Grenades and All Saints United at the top of the 16-team premier league.

The Villa Lions have advanced to 37 points, one ahead of former leaders Jennings Grenades and three points ahead of All Saints United who had previously occupied the runners-up position on goal difference.

However, the Villa Lions' stay at the summit could be a temporary one by the end of the current 15th-week of round of matches since both Grenades and United are slated to play their respective fixtures days later.

The Cedar Grove Blue Jays will remain third from bottom of the standings with seven points after crashing to their 11th defeat in 14 outings.

Meanwhile, Old Road consolidated their fourth place position in the league by coasting to a 5-0 victory against



Villa Lions forward Yasney Torres (#2) scored five goals during his team's Premier Division match against Cedar Grove Blue Jays at the ABFA's Technical Center on Friday, 10th March, 2023. (Photo courtesy ABFA)

Five Islands in the opening game of a premier division triple-header at the same venue on Saturday, 11th March.

Forward Raheem Deterville and Christian Hereira both scored twice each to propel Old Road to their seventh win in 15 matches to advance to 27 points.

Deterville found the back of the net in the 31st and 38th minute, while Hereira had conversions in the 7th and 68th minute. The other goal for Old Road was scored by Johnathan Shoy in the 8th minute.

Five Islands remained second from bottom of the standings on three points after succumbing to their 12th loss in 15 appearances.

Tryum and Parham also recorded wins in the other two matches on Saturday. Following a goalless first half, Tryum prevailed 2-1 against bottom team Liberta Black Hawks in Saturday's feature match.

Goals by Chevel Cunningham in the 51st minute and Curlon Joseph in the 71st minute gave Tryum a 2-0 lead before Abraham Barry scored a late

consolation goal in the 86th minute for Liberta.

Their 8th win in 15 matches lifted Tryum to 25 points and ensured they will remain in fifth place in the standings while Liberta Black Hawks will stay firmly rooted in the cellar position on minus four (-4) points after suffering their 10th loss in 12 encounters.

Malcolm Steward scored twice as Parham pulled off a 3-1 win against Willikies in Saturday's second encounter. Steward converted a penalty kick in the 21st minute and had a 41st minute conversion to give Parham a 2-0 lead at halftime.

James Simon scored in the 57th minute to reduce the deficit for Willikies, but Kenja Benjamin scored in the 67th minute to restore his team's advantage and sealed Parham's fifth win in 15 matches.

The result lifted Parham to 18 points and up to 11th place on goal difference in the standings, while Willikies will remain in seventh place on 20 points after losing for the sixth time in 14 matches.

English Harbour Rum onboard for ASW 54

Antigua Sailing Week (ASW) organizers are pleased to announce the renewal of a multi-year sponsorship with Antigua Distillery Limited.

Counting over 3 decades of partnership with Antigua Distillery Limited, the renewal will ensure another 3 years of smooth sailing with English Harbour 5 year old Rum (EHR5) as the Official and Exclusive rum of the event, available to all who come to race, chase and celebrate at Antigua Sailing Week 2023, 2024 & 2025.

The sponsorship includes naming rights to the first day of racing for the 2023 regatta - English Harbour Rum Race day on Sunday April 30th.

The winners of the days racing can look forward to receiving bottles of rum during activities at the English Harbour Rum Race Day prizegiving starting at 3pm at the Antigua Yacht Club.

Global Export Manager Calbert Francis shared his thoughts about the partnership, "We support a varied range of events in Antigua and around the world but our relationship with Antigua Sailing Week has been one of the longest running. Our brand has become synonymous with sailing



Crew of El Ocaso added the coveted yellow cap to their kit during 2022 Regatta ©www.pwpictures.com

on the island, and we are always sharing our rums with the sailors and spectators alike during the event, whether for hospitality, competitions or as prizes. This year our company will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary so everyone attending Antigua Sailing Week can look forward to some unique activations and you never know, we may just release something special during the celebrations".

He went on to say "We are inviting everyone who comes to participate or just

to be a part of the atmosphere to enjoy our products responsibly.

Prior to the start of the week-long regatta, Antigua Distillery Limited is treating sailors, spectators and rum lovers to 1 hours free EHR5 rum at the spectacular Neon Rave on Friday 28th April. During that event, attendees should be on the lookout for distribution of the 2023 edition of the EHR5 yellow cap, a token of memorabilia coveted by many – sailors and non-sailors alike.

Alison Sly-Adams,

President of ASW said, "We are very grateful for that Antigua Distillery Limited continues to express unwavering confidence in the event and do so much to make sure attendees at all of the individual events have a remarkable time. We thank them for their huge support and partnership and look forward to making Antigua Sailing Week 2023 a huge success.

The 54th edition of Antigua Sailing Week runs April 29th - May 5th, 2023 and entries are ongoing.

Wins for Antigua Grammar School and SNRA in schools' cricket competition

There were victories for the Antigua Grammar School (AGS) and the Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) in the two-day competition in the Under-19 Division of the Inter-Schools' Cricket Championship last week.

All-rounder Shamar Pereira slammed an unbeaten century as the Antigua Grammar School defeated All Saints Secondary School by an innings and 133 runs.

Pereira hit 100 not out in the Antigua Grammar School's first innings of 204 for three. Anthony Webster picked up two wickets for 41 runs in seven overs.

Matthew Miller then snapped up six wickets for 20 runs in seven overs as All Saints Secondary tumbled to 41 all out. Asked to follow-on 163 runs behind, All Saints Secondary crashed to 30 all out in their second innings with Millers grabbing five wickets for five runs to finish with an impressive match haul of 11 wickets for 25 runs.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy defeated Ottos Comprehensive School by six wickets.

Ottos Comprehensive School tumbled to 41 all out in 14.1 overs in their first innings with opener Xaveek Toppin getting a top-score of 20 off 16 balls.

Left-arm medium pacer Jared Jno Baptiste snapped up six wickets for two runs in five overs and Shawn Harris picked up two for 15.

In reply, Sir Novelle Richards Academy were all out for 92 in 23.2 overs. The leading contributor was

32 extras and Jared Jno Baptiste made 25 off 32 balls.

Xaveek Toppin captured seven wickets for 21 runs in 8.3 overs and J'quan Hunte grabbed the other three wickets for 24 runs in eight over.

Facing a deficit of 51 runs, Ottos Comprehensive could only muster 81 for eight in 17.5 overs. Toppin once again led the way with a top score of 49 off 47 balls with five fours and two sixes. There was also a contribution of 21 extras.

Demar Adams took two wickets for six runs, Jno Baptiste claimed two wickets for seven runs and Cheldon Charles picked up two wickets for 18 runs.

Set a target of just 31 runs to win, Sir Novelle Richards Academy secured victory by scoring 34 for four in 9.4 overs, which included a contribution of 17 extras. Yohance Marcellin captured two wickets for eight runs.

But the encounter between Pares Secondary and Clare Hall Secondary ended in a draw. Pares made 159 in their first innings with Diego Joseph getting 33. Tyree Moore captured five wickets for 32 runs in 10 overs.

In reply, Clare Hall Secondary made 69 for nine in their first innings with Christian scoring 51 runs. Tacit Watson grabbed four wickets for two runs in three overs and Tarin Watson bagged four wickets for 17 runs in six overs.

Pares then crashed to 59 all out in their second innings with Moore claiming six wickets for 11 runs to finish with a match haul of 11 wick-



Allrounder Matthew Miller captured an impressive match haul of 11 wickets for 25 runs to help lead the Antigua Grammar School to victory over All Saints Secondary in the two-day competition in the Under-19 Division of the Inter-Schools' Cricket Championship last week. (File photo)

ets for 43 runs.

Set a victory target of 150 runs, Clare Hall Secondary reached 62 for two in their second innings at the end of the time allocated for the match.



The Garden Stars Football Team. (File photo)

Garden Stars extend unbeaten run atop the first division league

Unbeaten leaders Garden Stars have extended their unbeaten run in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

Following a goalless first half, Garden Stars recorded their 13th win in 14 matches by cruising to a 3-0 victory over bottom team JSC Progressors at the ABFA's Technical Center on Thursday, 9th March.

The goals for Garden Stars were scored by Jared Williams in the 47th minute, Zedon Carr in the 55th minute and Courtney Clarke in the second minute of added on time or the 92nd minute.

Their latest victory lifted Garden Stars to 40 points at the top of the standings, while JSC Progressors remain in the cellar of the 12-team competition on four points after suffering their 12th loss in 14 matches.

Troy Jules and Garcel Morrison both scored hat-tricks as John Hughes remain in second place behind Garden Stars by romping to an 8-1 victory over West Ham at the ABFA's Technical Center.

Jules had conversions in the 5th,

26th and 32nd minute while Morrison scored in the first minute of added on time in the first half, along with conversions in the 57th and the 71st minute.

The other two goals for John Hughes were scored by Deno Bryan in the 27th minute and Donalds Bradley in the 85th minute. Ke Vaughn Baltimore scored a consolation goal for West Ham, who will remain second from bottom of the standings on eight points after crashing to their ninth loss in 13 matches.

Their 8th win in 14 matches lifted John Hughes to 27 points, 13 points adrift of leaders Garden Stars. Success as well for Young Lions and Potters Tigers in their respective first division encounters.

Young Lions crushed Police 5-0 and the goals were scored by Dante Fritz in the 14th minute, Xavier Joseph in the 47th minute, Kelandre Maynard in the 76th, Conrad Willock in the 86th and Marcus Joseph in the 87th minute.

Their seventh win in 14 matches lifted Young Lions to fifth place with 21 points, while Police remain in 9th place on goal difference with 16 points after

tumbling to their sixth loss in 14 outings.

Potters Tigers beat Bendals 3-0 at the Potters playing field. The goals were scored by Brian Davis in the 5th minute, Ordell Samuel in the 13th minute and Kluivert Ferdinand in the 60th minute.

Their fourth win in 14 outings lifted Potters Tigers to 15 points but they will remain in 10th place in the standings, while Bendals will remain on 20 points and slide down to sixth place on goal difference after losing their 6th game in 14 matches.

Bolans and Lion Hill fought to a 1-1 draw at the Bolans playing field in Thursday's other first division encounter.

A 22nd minute conversion by Tequan Teague gave Lion Hill a 1-0 half-time lead, but Orlando Peters scored in the 60th minute to equalize for Bolans.

Lion Hill advanced to 23 points to remain fourth in the standings on goal difference after recording their 5th draw in 14 outings, while Bolans moved on to 18 points to remain in 8th place after salvaging their third draw in 14 appearances.

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Stoneville suffer first loss at the hands of Storming Lions



The Caribbean Alliance Insurance Storming Lions volleyball team at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday, 11th March, 2023. (Photo courtesy the ABAVA)

Defending men's division champions Stoneville have been beaten in their second match in the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Local League.

Stoneville, who had recorded a 25-21, 25-20, 19-25, 25-21 victory over newcomers Pytonz on the opening night of the competition, were beaten in four-sets by Caribbean Alliance Insurance Storming Lions in their second encounter on Saturday night, 11th March.

Storming Lions took the opening set 25-18 before Stoneville hit back to level the match by winning the second set 25-20 in their encounter, which was the second game of a double header at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex.

However, Stoneville could not sustain their revival as the Storming Lions produced a ferocious attack to stave off the defending champions by winning the next two sets and match, 25-19, 25-15 to start their

campaign with a 2-0 record.

The Storming Lions had made a winning start to their campaign by surging to a comfortable straight-set, 25-22, 25-18, 26-24 victory over High Flyers in their opening men's division affair in the second game of a double header at the same venue last Wednesday night, 8th March.

Last year's third place finishers Jets opened their female division campaign with a comfortable straight-

set 25-15, 25-11, 25-19 victory over North Coast Hardware Starz Juniors in their first game of Saturday night's double-header.

There were also opening game wins for North Coast Hardware Starz Seniors and Renegades in the local volleyball league on Thursday, 9th March.

Starz Seniors prevailed 26-24, 25-12, 25-23 against Stoneville in their female division affair while Renegades overpowered Sharks 25-16, 25-18, 25-17 in their men's division encounter.