

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO EVERY PARISH

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Billionaire and philanthropist, Ambassador Calvin Ayre, seated left, is making a substantial donation to the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus to provide scholarships for as many as 200-students. *Story on page 7.*

Road improvements will extend to every parish

Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Housing, Works, Lands and Urban Renewal Senator Clement Antonio, is calling on residents to exercise patience as the government expands its Road Rehabilitation Programme.

During his contribution to the budget debate in the Upper House of Parliament on Tuesday, Senator Antonio told the nation, the government is working to improve the road network, but he noted that while the urgency is great on the part of residents, all the work cannot be undertaken at the same time.

“We must be reasonable and realistic in our expectations. Madam President, I assure you that by the end of 2023, we will see major improvements to our infrastructure in every parish, to say the least.”

As the government continues with re-paving and construction of new



Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Housing, Works, Lands and Urban Renewal Senator Clement Antonio

roads, the parliamentary secretary revealed that special emphasis will be placed on Saint John’s.

“Saint John’s is an area that bothers all of us. Madam President, to address Saint John’s, we must put together a comprehensive plan. Not a comprehensive plan only from the govern-

ment’s perspective, but a comprehensive plan to include all stakeholders,” Senator Antonio declared.

He pointed out that the attention being placed on the country’s road network is a manifesto promise that is being fulfilled by the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party administration, which will not fail in its mandate to improve the existing road infrastructure being undertaken by the Ministry of Works.

“The minister with responsibility for Housing, Works, Lands and Urban Renewal [Maria Browne] would have given her commitment on her appointment, to ensure that we see infrastructure being taken to the ‘Next Level’ and that is being done through Public Works, not being done through private [contractors] of overseas companies, Madam President. It is being done with the local capacity within the Ministry of Works,” Senator Antonio pointed out.



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Senator Govia: ABLP empowers women, youth

The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) Administration has lived up to its commitment to empower women and young people in this country, with its tangible moves of appointing them to key positions of power.

That is according to Government Senator Shenella Govia, who was speaking

during her presentation on the 2023 National Budget for Antigua and Barbuda in the Upper House, the Senate.

She noted that this was a policy decision of Prime Minister Gaston Browne ever since the ABLP took the reins of governance in the country in 2014, when she was first appointed as a senator, the



Senator Shenella Govia

youngest to have been appointed to the upper house.

That policy continues today, with the number of females and young people appointed not only to the senate, but to be parliamentary secretaries as well, in a number of ministries.

“I wish to thank Prime Minister Gaston Browne for continuing his commitment to provide opportunities for youth empowerment and youth development,” she began. By contrast, she noted that whilst the ABLP had demonstrated a commitment to provide opportunities for young people to serve in the senate, and elsewhere, the opposition United Progressive Party had squandered

its chances by not appointing anyone below the age of 40 years. “It’s disappointing to see that on the other side, they were recycling members and none of their senators is below age fifty,” she remarked.

Taking a cursory glance at the senators on the government’s side, she observed that, including the president, Alincia Williams-Grant, the top five positions in the ranking order of the senate were occupied by women. These appointed, also included a good representation of young people along with a few more seasoned members who bring their experience to the Upper House.

She then referred to the UPP’s manifesto for the 2023 general elections where they made many promises to young people, but these were ignored when the opportunity to appoint a young person in the senate presented itself. She also expressed disappointment on behalf of the youth who she believed, naturally expected to have been given ‘a seat at the table’.

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Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2023

Lenworth Johnson
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New independent Senator: Less blaming, more doing!

Newly appointed independent member of the Upper House, Sen. Kiz Johnson is making a national appeal for Antiguan and Barbudans to use the impact on food prices from external conditions, to look within themselves to find creative ways to become more self-sufficient.

Sen. Johnson made the point on Tuesday, during

her maiden presentation in the Senate on the National Budget 2023 for Antigua and Barbuda. She attributed the rise in the cost of living in the country to exogenous circumstances such as international inflationary pressures.

Rather than complain, the senator wants residents to be proactive and take steps to 'help themselves'

out of the situation.

“Although efforts have been made, such as subsidies to help cushion the squeeze, I want to implore our people to look within ourselves, as this may be the moment to identify some skill that we may have buried in ourselves, to find ways to create extra income for ourselves and to do something for our-

selves!

“Less blaming, more thinking, less blaming, more doing,” she urged.

Sen. Johnson noted that the situation globally, is beyond the country or the people of Antigua and Barbuda to solve.

She asked, “how long are we going to assign blame, as opposed to trying to come up with areas in our own lives that we can say we have a particular talent, that will allow me not only to generate income for myself, but to add value?”

The senator reinforced the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic had created an opportunity for many people to start their own businesses, and that she is relying on this creativity to help residents find a way out of the current difficulties they face.

“Increased cost of living may not go anywhere, but we are not blaming, we are doing. We are shifting the mindset, we are thinking and we are bringing our skills to the fore,” she stated.

Senator Johnson ended her presentation, by making a call for both sides of the political divide to come together in the interest of Antigua and Barbuda.

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A&B poised to reap benefits from Blue Economy

A report from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) named Antigua and Barbuda as one of two Caribbean countries seen as ‘well prepared’ to pursue the development of sustainable blue economies.

According to the report, targeted assessments carried out in Trinidad and Tobago as well as Antigua and Barbuda, show that these countries are well prepared to pursue the development of sustainable blue economies, while also facing a range of untapped opportunities and challenges.

The report is from a project carried out by the Commonwealth Secretariat, last year, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Howell Marine Consulting and the University of Portsmouth, after assessing the readiness of each government to shift to a sustainable blue economy.

In making this transition, countries can draw on ocean resources for economic development, while also effectively protecting the marine environment.

A new ‘Rapid Readiness Assessment’ (RRA) method was trialed, based on UNEP’s Sustainable Blue Economy Transition Framework. The RRA provides governments with



a focused snapshot of where to go next, informed by desk-based analysis, in-country stakeholder workshops and interviews.

According to the report in Antigua and Barbuda, the government has begun the transition, recognising the benefits of a sustainable blue economy for economic and climate resilience. Existing political support has led to the development of the draft National Ocean Policy, which is currently pending revision and endorsement by the Cabinet.

The RRA found that while the country’s legislative and policy environment are robust, a shared understanding is needed among all stakeholders of what a sustainable blue economy means in order to support collaborative approaches. Marine spatial planning was recommended, as well as enhanced coordination between various bodies and government agencies.

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must forge its own path, informed by the most effective practices and best available knowledge, while also accounting for the country’s unique history, culture and circumstances. The people of Antigua and Barbuda must be informed and engaged at every step of the way.”

The Rapid Readiness Assessments provide a high-level snapshot of a country’s existing ocean-based economy landscape and opportunities, with a view to establishing a unique blue transition pathway.

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To: The Commissioner of Police
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Mr. Rene’ Horsford
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Dear Madame,

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Sincerely,

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Rene’ Horsford



More than ten thousand visitors arrive aboard six cruise ships

Over ten thousand visitors arrived in Antigua and Barbuda on Tuesday, as the Antigua Cruise Port (ACP), has once again hosted six vessels simultaneously.

Five of the visiting ships - Seabourn Quest, AIDA-Diva, Marella Discovery, Costa Pacifica and Celebrity Millennium - were docked in St. John's Harbour, while Royal Clipper, was anchored at the Falmouth Harbour. The combined number visiting from the ships, total 10,911 passengers and crew.

ACP General Manager Dona Regis-Prosper said, "We are happy to see this growth in the sector. The rebound of cruise tourism is being felt by industry stakeholders." She said the benefits are both economic and social.

On Tuesday, the Old Road Primary School,



Grades 5 and 6 students and their principal Ryona Joseph toured AIDA-Diva. Grade 6 student, Anthony Edwards said, "It was like I was a tourist coming from a different country to Anti-

gua."

The students were able to learn a few words in German and facts about the ship. The principal said of the initiative, "I do hope that this will continue."

Three groups of primary school students have toured AIDA vessels for the year. The tours are a social outreach partnership between the cruise line and the Antigua Cruise Port.

Calvin Ayre provides 200 scholarships for UWI FIC students

Billionaire and philanthropist, Ambassador Calvin Ayre is making a substantial donation to the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus to provide scholarships for as many as 200-students.

The ceremony, to formally launch the project, was held at the campus on Tuesday afternoon, where Prime Minister Gaston Browne and officials of the University expressed their deep appreciation and thanks to Ambassador Ayre, for his generosity and commitment to the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

The prime minister delivered the feature address at the launch of the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus and the Calvin Ayre Foundation 75 Financial Care Project, which offers over 200 scholarships to



students of the campus over a two-year period.

The project is valued at EC \$540,000.00. The agreement for the project was signed by Ambassador

Calvin Ayre of the Calvin Ayre Foundation and Professor Densil A. Williams Pro-Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal of the UWI Five Islands Campus.

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An inmate at HM Prison sues the Commissioner of Police

An inmate who is on remand at HM Prison has filed a case against the Commissioner of Police, claiming among other things that his constitutional rights have been breached and that he has been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment.

The inmate, who cannot be named because of the nature of the allegations against him, wants the case heard by today (Wednesday March 22, 2023) and has asked that the Commissioner present himself to the court for the hearing.

The former Superintendent of the Prison and the Attorney General have also been named in the suit.

The inmate was arrested last October and charged with the offense two days after he was first arrested. Applications were made twice on his behalf for bail and each time he was denied and recommitted to remand.

The grounds for the affidavit filed in the court are that the actions by the police violated the provisions of the Criminal Prosecutions Act of 2017.



Commissioner of Police Atlee Rodney

“The Criminal Prosecutions Service Act No. 28 of 2017 Section 27(2) states; “Despite the provisions of any law enforced in Antigua and Barbuda, and subject to subsection (1), no public officer shall, after the commencement of this Act, institute any criminal proceedings or undertake the prosecution of any criminal case in any court, unless he is authorised so to do, in writing by the DPP,” and therefore, this is the Grounds for the Application filed at the High Court by the inmate’s attorney, Wendell Alexander, more commonly known

as Wendell Robinson.

The application continued by stating that, at the time no authorisation was ever given by the DPP, prior to the charging and filing of the criminal complaint as outlined in Section 27(2) of The Criminal Prosecutions Service Act. The operations of the said Act came into force since November 2021 by the Attorney General, by way of Statutory Instrument.

Therefore, according to the Affidavit, the charge against the Applicant is not properly before the Court, in effect making it null and

void, since the Police no longer had power to institute criminal proceedings by virtue of Section 29 of the Criminal Prosecutions Service Act, with the replacing of section 31 of the Police Act Cap. 330 which had allowed for the bringing to court and prosecuting offenders. Thus, it stated that the institution of the criminal charge which underpins the remand and what is before the court are unlawful, null and void.

The inmate is asking the court to set him free and to drop all charges that have been filed against him. He noted that while in prison he has been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment including being placed in the maximum security wing of the prison, being forced to sleep on a wooden structure and having to eat out of a water bottle cut in two. He also complained of not being able to be with his two children.

The outcome of this case could have ramifications on the case against former parliamentarian, Dean Jonas.

New hours of operation go into effect at the Passport Office today

The Passport Office will put into effect new hours of operation from today, Wednesday March 22, 2023.

According to a statement, this move is to allow the Passport and Citizenship Division of Antigua and Bar-

buda (The Passport Office) on Queen Elizabeth Highway to facilitate upgrades to the facility.

The new hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday until further notice.

The Passport and Citizenship Division of Antigua and Barbuda on Queen Elizabeth Highway, extends its thanks to the public for its cooperation and understanding and apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

Paternity Leave

Some would say that paid paternity leave is now a foregone conclusion in the world of work. So much so that it is only a matter of time before this benefit becomes common place in our region.

Even as we discuss paternity leave today, it cannot be taken for granted that paid maternity leave, which is now usual in our space, is still a dream in some jurisdictions.

Territories like Suriname and the United States of America are yet to see the implementation of this benefit.

To provide better care for young families, some countries have mandated paid paternity leave with a national policy.

They include Spain and Australia where fathers are entitled to two weeks' paid leave, Germany with two months and Sweden with ninety days.

Even though the policies and regulations regarding paternity leave vary by country, it is indicative of a global trend



to encourage work life balance and further efforts towards gender equity in the workplace.

The duration, eligibility criteria, and payment amount for paternity leave has no standard measure, but two weeks paid seems to be common practice.

According to research done in 2021 by the Boston College Center for Work & Family and the World Economic Forum, fathers who take paternity leave are more likely to be involved in their children's care long-term.

Studies also show an increase in the number of diapers changed, feedings given, and doctor visits attended.

In addition, children whose fathers were active and present in the formative years have been found to have better cognitive and behavioural outcomes.

The study further showed a correlation between offering paid paternity leave and higher employee retention rates and reduced turnover costs for

businesses.

With eighty-nine percent of fathers reporting that they would take more time off if it were available, implementing paid paternity leave can improve both family well-being and workplace productivity.

A meta-analysis of sixteen studies published in 2016 in the Journal of Marriage and Family, a peer-reviewed academic journal published by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the National Council on Family Relations in the United States, supports the statistic that fathers who take paternity leave are more involved in their children's care.

Information on national policies for paid paternity leave in individual Caribbean countries is limited.

However, many countries in the region are signatories to international labour conventions that require member countries to provide paid leave to

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OAS Scholarship Application Announcement

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More information can be obtained through the links listed below.

- Call for applications for Graduate Studies: https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/Academic_Program_OAS_2023.asp
- Call for applications for Undergraduate Studies: https://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/specaf_2023.asp
 · Scholarship application form for Undergraduate Studies (last two years of a Bachelor's degree): <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1137&Type=1&Lang=Eng>
- Scholarship application form for Graduate Studies: <https://www.oas.org/fms/Announcement.aspx?id=1136&Type=1&Lang=Eng>

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.

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new fathers.

Additionally, some countries, such as Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago all require that their employers pay team members during their paternity leave.

While in other Caribbean territories, although there is no national policy, some organizations have taken the progressive step to extend this benefit to their staff.

As recent as January this year, Scotiabank Guyana increased its paternity leave offering from five days to four weeks.

The Country Manager, when making the an-

nouncement, stated that the company had accepted their role of supporting their employees' physical, mental and emotional health so that their people could bring their best selves to work.

Other companies have offered paternity leave benefit with guidelines. For example, the JMMB Group in Jamaica has offered fourteen days, once annually, along with parenting resources for the father and flowers for their partners.

The specifics of these policies, such as the duration and frequency of leave, again vary by organization.

The reality is that paid paternity leave is catching on in our region as it is in some first world countries. But is there an appetite for this among our male team members?

And if there is, how do we as HR practitioners motivate our leadership to see the value in this proposition?

Studies have shown that employees are more productive and tend to remain with companies offering this benefit.

For advanced organizations that are more sensitive to workplace gender equity and inclusion this is already accepted but how do we get everyone else on

board?

Of course, there have been discussions on how to proceed in our space. Promiscuity is no secret and companies tend to use this as a reason to place this benefit on the proverbial back burner.

Providing paid paternal leave for every child would certainly have operational and financial ramifications if specific and non-discriminatory guidelines are not put in place.

This article is a collaboration between the Caribbean Society for HR Professionals (CSHRP) and the Human Resource Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB). CSHRP an organization dedicated to promoting dialogue, research, and thought-provoking discussions on various HR-related topics. To learn more please visit www.cshrpteam.com or contact rjames@cshrpteam.com. HRPAB was registered in 2011 as a non-profit, professional association dedicated to the advancement of the HR profession for national development. HRPAB's growing membership represents private and public organisations as well as independent consultants specializing in one or more areas of human resource management and development. You may contact us via email at hr-pro.ab@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram @HRPro268.

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Gastroenteritis concerns in St Kitts and Nevis

Loop - The Ministry of Health in St Kitts and Nevis has issued tips on curbing the spread of Acute Gastroenteritis as it says over the past several weeks, several children and adults have been diagnosed with and treated for gastroenteritis in St Kitts and Nevis.

According to a media release from the St Kitts Nevis Information Service (SKNIS), gastroenteritis is a medical condition marked by irritation or inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, in particular the stomach and small intestines. This condition can affect anyone – be it a child or an adult.

Gastroenteritis is typically caused by a germ or pathogen. The most common cause is a virus, but it can also be triggered by bacteria.

Signs and Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of GE include sudden onset of diarrhoea with three or more loose or watery stools in a day. These symptoms can occur with or without abdominal pain, vomiting, nausea, and fever.

Dehydration can result, if there is continued loss of body fluids/water through vomiting and diarrhoea leading to excess fluid loss compared to intake (drinking). Dehydration is marked by increased thirst, dry



mouth, weakness, sluggishness, dizziness, inability to sweat, decreased urine output and sometimes fainting.

Children who are affected by GE can become dehydrated quickly. Parents are advised to monitor affected children very closely and seek medical care urgently:

If your child is under the age of 2 years, regardless of the symptoms.

If your child is older than 2 years and has one of the following symptoms:

- * persistent or worsening abdominal pain
- * fever lasting for more than 48 hours
- * rash
- * frequent vomiting for 4 to 6 hours despite administering small amounts of fluids.
- * frequent and abundant diarrhoea lasting for more than 7 days
- * frequent diarrhoea if the child is under 6 months
- * worsening of child's general health

You should take your

child straight to emergency if they have one of the following symptoms:

- * has refused to drink for more than 4 to 6 hours
- * moderate to severe signs of dehydration
- * signs of mental confusion, dizziness, or headache
- * blood in the vomit or stool
- * black stools
- * vomit is bright green
- * your child has a chronic disease, a weakened immune system or an immunodeficiency disorder AND has a temperature higher than 38.5 °C (101.3 °F)

Adults should go straight to emergency if one of the following situations applies:

- * A lot of blood in your stool, or your stool is black
- * Diarrhoea with intense abdominal pain
- * Diarrhoea with extreme thirst and no urination in over 12 hours
- * Frequent vomiting which does not slow down after 4 to 6 hours

* Stool or blood (red in colour or resembling coffee grounds) in vomit

* Deterioration of general health (weakness, drowsiness, irritability, confusion)

An infected person can transmit the illness as long they have symptoms and up to two weeks after they have disappeared. Gastroenteritis spreads when a person comes in contact with the vomit or faeces of an infected person, including:

- * Person-to-person contact (eg. shaking hands with someone who has been sick and has the virus on their hands)
- * Contaminated objects (eg. door handles, toys, utensils etc.)
- * Contaminated food or drink

Prevention of Gastroenteritis

The following steps will help reduce the chances of contracting gastroenteritis. You must:

- * Avoid contaminated water and ice cubes; there is no harm in boiling tap water before use (make sure it is cooled prior to drinking).
- * Wash fruits & vegetables thoroughly.
- * Not eat raw or undercooked foods (meats).
- * Avoid contaminated food (especially when travelling abroad).

* Wash your hands often

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Business

Stocks rebound as US and UK seek to calm investors

Stock markets around the world have bounced back after the US and UK governments again reassured markets about banks' stability.

Investors have recently been unnerved by a string of bank failures.

But US stock markets were higher after Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen signalled the US government would protect people's deposits if another bank collapsed.

In the UK, the FTSE closed 1.79% higher after gains in top bank shares.

NatWest, Prudential and Barclays shares gained about 5%, while Standard Chartered and Lloyds also traded higher.

Ms Yellen said "the situation is stabilising, and the US banking system remains sound" in a speech on Tuesday.

This follows the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank earlier this month.

The failures were triggered by depositors rushing to withdraw money after anxiety over the banks' health.

Meanwhile, in the UK Chancellor Jeremy Hunt told MPs that the UK's financial system is "fundamentally strong" after facing questions from Labour's shadow chancellor Rachel



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange this week.

Reeves.

Ms Reeves asked whether the system is "adequate to protect taxpayers and depositors" and if the government can be confident that no other UK banks are vulnerable to failure after Silicon Valley Bank UK's collapse.

There has also been further instability, including Swiss bank Credit Suisse having to be rescued by rival UBS.

Mr Hunt said that markets are unsettled, but the UK financial system is "fundamentally strong" and UK banks are have enough money - much more than before the 2008 financial crisis.

"We continue to monitor the situation carefully," he added.

The Bank of England along with six central banks around the world, including the US Federal Reserve, joined forces on Monday to help contain the spread of the crisis by boosting dollar flows into the financial system.

It means that banks can borrow dollars from the central bank through the course of the seven-day-a-week facility.

But so far, no banks have used the so-called swap line, suggesting that stress levels in the UK banking system are currently low.

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with soap and water (use alcohol-based hand sanitiser until you can access soap & water).

The following steps will help to prevent the spread of gastroenteritis to others. You must:

* Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom or

changing a child's diaper.

* Wash your hands before, during and after preparing food.

* Wash your hands before eating.

* Ensure that towels are not shared; likewise, kitchen utensils, cups, glasses and plates should not be shared if someone in the household is affected by gastroenteritis.

* Keep your child at home if she/he has gastroenteritis, in order to prevent its spread in schools.

* Remain at home if you are an adult with gastroenteritis, in order to prevent its spread at the workplace.

Treatment:

Treatment is usually supportive and aimed at avoiding dehydration. Patients are encouraged to

drink plenty of fluids and can take paracetamol if there is fever and/or aches and pains.

The Ministry of Health says it is committed to improving the health of the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis and necessary measures will continue to be established to monitor and address any increase in cases of gastroenteritis.

Saint Lucian man charged with murder in Dominica

By Sharefil Gaillard

A Saint Lucian national is facing murder charges in Dominica.

Nicholas Kenson Antoine of Babonneau now stands charged with the murder of 33-year-old Al Samora Knight of Zicack Portsmouth, Dominica.

On Saturday 11, March 2023, at about 6:40 pm, Knight was standing on Holland Street in Zicack Portsmouth when he was struck by a motor vehicle allegedly driven by Nicholas Kenson, who failed to bring the vehicle to a stop after the collision and drove away from the scene.

Following the incident, Knight was found lying on

the street with severe apparent head injuries.

He was transported to a Hospital in Portsmouth via ambulance, where he was examined and pronounced dead by a medical doctor.

Antoine was arrested by police days later, on March 15, 2023, and was charged with murder on March 17.

He was taken to the Magistrate Court at Wesley, where the charge was read to him.

Antoine cannot enter a plea since murder is an indictable offence in Dominica, which means the matter can only be heard at the High court of justice before a Judge and jury.



From left: Nicholas Antoine and Al Samora Knight.

Water security a challenge for Caribbean region

By Melissa Wong

Prime Minister of Grenada Dickon Mitchell says all stakeholders must work together to address the water

challenges facing the Caribbean region brought about by climate change and extreme events.

Mitchell delivered the keynote

address virtually at the Opening Ceremony of the Caribbean Science Symposium on Water which began today under the theme, "Conservation and Innovation: Changing the Regional Water Paradigm."

The prime minister says as a region, and as it relates to the impacts of climate change, the reliability of water supplies is becoming an increasing issue.

Mitchell states: "Water security continues to be challenged by the increasing severity of extreme events such as droughts, hurricanes, and sea level rises. Sanitation too is an area of concern as much of our wastewater goes untreated into the environment."

He notes that according to UN
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St Vincent: Unions picket against decision to appeal vaccine case

By *Melissa Wong*

Members of the public heeded the call of unions in St Vincent and the Grenadines to protest against the government's decision to appeal last week's High Court's decision in the vaccine trial.

A crowd gathered in front the Financial Complex on Monday in Kingstown joined by some opposition members.

New Democratic Party (NDP) president Dr Godwin Friday said the opposition has always stood up with the people and believed the policy implemented by the government was wrong from the beginning, and should not have gone down that road.

Friday, addressing the State's decision to appeal the outcome of the vaccine case, said there is nothing to be gained by the government in dragging this out.

Meanwhile, attorney Kay Bacchus-Baptiste was also on the picket line to show solidarity with the



Screengrab of people picketing against the government's decision to appeal the vaccine case in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

teachers. On the topic, she made it clear the court gave an order.

And, President of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Teachers' Union, Oswald Robinson said he was satisfied with the turnout and continues to urge the public to stand united, defend the constitution and stand up for the rule of law.

Tuesday (today) was supposed to be a second day

on the picket line.

Later this week more emphasis will be placed on condemning the government's decision to appeal the vaccine trial.

The Opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) is carded to hold a rally on the issue.

A post on its Facebook page said: "To appeal is to punish workers! Join us online and at the NDP HQ for

a rally on the government's mandate appeal."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines Dr Ralph Gonsalves in an exclusive interview on Monday with the Agency for Public Information (API) made it clear it was a vaccine requirement, not a mandate. He stated "the government was satisfied that upon advice received from distinguished lawyers and jurists, that the trial judge's decision...her judgment is wrong, and this is a matter of great importance."

He said therefore the government like any litigant before the court ought to exercise its right to appeal and a notice of appeal has been filed.

The prime minister said there is also an application to stay... to put a hold on the judgment until the determination of the appeal, which has also been filed.

"We will hear what the appeal judges say," said Gonsalves.

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Water 2018, as a region, the average score for Sustainable Development Goal 6 (5.1) - The implementation of an integrated water resource management is 34 out of 100.

Mitchell says the Caribbean is unlikely to meet the global target unless progress significantly accelerates.

He says it is clear the region must do better to build social, economic, and environmental resilience and sus-

tainability in our societies.

With this year's symposium being held under the theme, "Conservation and Innovation: Changing the Regional Water Paradigm," the Prime Minister of Grenada says conservation and innovation working hand in hand, will be pivotal in achieving sustainable water security for the region's economy, people and the environment.

He notes a new regional water paradigm also holds enormous potential

for innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation in areas of water harvesting and treatment, water smart infrastructure and the creation of new markets for sustainable water products and services amongst others

Mitchell says understanding the challenges of sustainability, climate change and the practicalities of how to respond is not only the responsibility of governments, but everyone's responsibility.

Japanese and Chinese leaders visit opposing capitals in Ukraine war



Fumio Kishida visits the site of a mass grave in Bucha, near Kyiv.

BBC - If ever you needed a demonstration of how the war in Ukraine is echoing in Asia, the schedule of the Japanese and Chinese leaders offers a prime example.

Both are on strategic foreign visits on opposing sides of the conflict.

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida is in Kyiv where he is promising unwavering support to Ukraine's president, with talk of reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

China's Xi Jinping, meanwhile, is in Moscow and has been described by Russia's Vladimir Putin as a friend and a partner. China may insist it is neutral, but it looks more Moscow-leaning than honest broker right now.

On Tuesday, Mr Xi said China would prioritise its ties with Russia and described the two countries as "great neighbouring powers".

Given events in Moscow, the op-

tics and timing of Mr Kishida's parallel trip are remarkable. So what can we read into it?

It is rare for a Japanese leader to make an unannounced foreign trip and Mr Kishida is the first to visit a country in conflict since World War Two.

The visit was kept a secret until just before his arrival early on Tuesday, with officials citing security concerns.

During the visit, Mr Kishida was taken to the nearby town of Bucha, where hundreds of civilians were killed last year by Russian forces.

There, he laid a wreath, saying he felt great anger over the atrocity that had taken place in the town, and offered his condolences.

Ahead of this trip, the Japanese foreign ministry said he would "show respect to the courage and patience of the Ukrainian people who are stand-

ing up to defend their homeland... and show solidarity and unwavering support".

Mr Kishida would show his "absolute rejection of Russia's one-sided change to the status quo by invasion and force", the statement added.

Mr Kishida has been under growing pressure to visit Ukraine from his own ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Until today, he was the only G7 leader not to have visited since Russia launched its invasion last year and there had been calls for him to go before he presides over a G7 summit in Hiroshima in May.

He had already secured one strategic diplomatic coup by holding a summit with South Korea's president last week in Tokyo - the first time that had happened in more than a decade. Nor-

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Journalist opens USB letter bomb in Ecuador newsroom

By Antoinette Radford

Journalists across Ecuador have been targeted by explosive devices sent through the post.

One presenter, Lenin Artieda, was injured when he opened the envelope in the middle of the newsroom.

He said the explosive device looked like a USB drive. He plugged it into his computer and it detonated.

The Ecuadorean attorney-general's department confirmed it had opened a terrorism investigation into the letters on Monday.

It did not name the specific news outlets targeted. However, at least five different organisations across Ecuador were sent the letters.

The government has condemned the attacks, describing freedom of expression as "a right that must be respected".

"Any attempt to intimidate journalism and freedom of expression is a loathsome



action that should be punished with all the rigour of justice," it said in a statement.

The interior minister, Juan Zapata, said the devices were all sent from the same town. Three were sent to media outlets in Guayaquil and two to the capital, Quito.

While Mr Artieda was injured by the device, others sent through the post failed to explode or were never opened.

Police carried out a controlled detonation of one of the devices sent to TC Television, prosecutors confirmed.

Ecuador's head of forensic science said they contained "military-type" explosives.

Ecuador has experienced an increase in violence, which its President, Guillermo Lasso, said is a result of competition between drug trafficking gangs for territory and control.

The Andean country, which is used as a cocaine-smuggling route from neighbouring Peru and Colombia, has seen a sharp rise in murders and gang-related crime in recent months.

Guayaquil, Ecuador's second-largest city, where three of the explosives were sent, has experienced dramatic levels of violence including decapitated bodies hanging from pedestrian bridges and deadly prison riots between rival gangs.

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malising ties with Seoul, sharing intelligence and showing a united front against North Korea will all reassure Japan's strategic ally, the US.

The visit to Ukraine will no doubt be welcomed by Washington, too.

Part of the Chinese leader's ongoing visit to Moscow is an effort to expand the country's global clout.

The presence of Japan's leader in Ukraine at the same time sends a strong message on where they stand

within this geopolitical turmoil.

This is no mean feat, Japan has a lot of balancing to do especially in its relationship with China.

Last month, both countries held security talks here in Tokyo for the first time in four years. Beijing said it was troubled by Japan's military build-up and Tokyo criticised China's military ties to Russia and its suspected use of spy balloons.

These are the world's second and third largest economies, and an open

channel of communication is key despite their current tensions.

Japan also has its own concerns about the war in Ukraine.

There is a deep worry about potential parallels between the Russian invasion and a worst-case scenario of Chinese military aggression against Taiwan - which would no doubt pull Japan in.

We are not there yet and may never be, but it is quite telling where each leader chose to be on Tuesday.

Ugandan parliament passes bill to jail gay people

BBC - Uganda's parliament has passed a bill which would criminalise people who identify as gay, or a sexual minority.

Individuals could face lengthy prison terms if the bill is signed into law by President Yoweri Museveni.

Under the proposed legislation, friends, family and members of the community would have a duty to report individuals in same-sex relationships to the authorities.

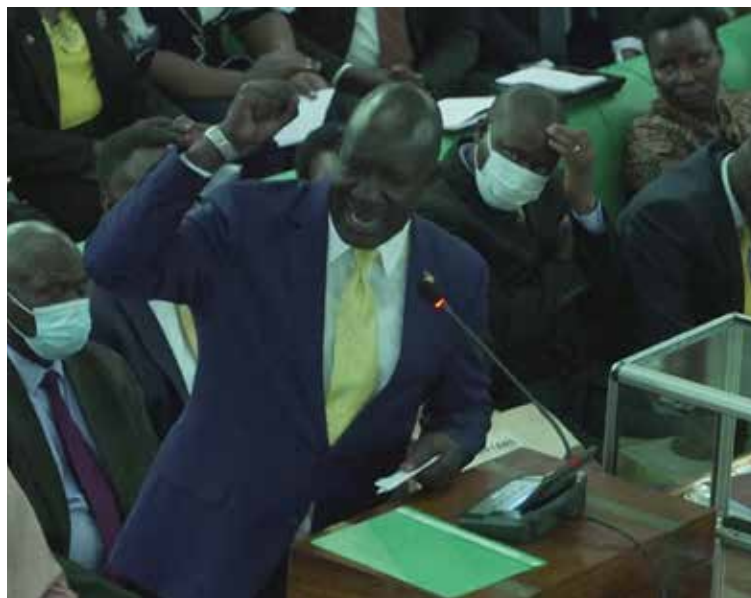
Homosexual acts are

already illegal in the east African country.

But the bill seeks to go further and criminalise people on the basis of their sexual identity.

The bill, which was first tabled earlier this month, passed with widespread support in Uganda's parliament on Tuesday.

It will now go to President Museveni who can choose to use his veto - and maintain good relations with Western donors and investors - or sign it into law.



The bill also stipulates that a person who is convicted of grooming or trafficking children for purposes of engaging them in homosexual activities faces life in prison.

Individuals or institutions which support or fund LGBT rights' activities or organisations, or publish, broadcast and distribute pro-gay media material and literature, also face prosecution and imprisonment.

A small group of Ugandan MPs on a committee scrutinising the bill disagreed with its premise. They argue the offences it seeks to criminalise are already covered in the country's Penal Code Act.

Activists and LGBT people in Uganda have said that anti-homosexuality sentiment in the country is exposing them to physical and online vio-

lence, and that the bill may have far-reaching consequences for Ugandans in general.

In 2014, Uganda's constitutional court nullified a similar act which had toughened laws against the LGBT community.

It included making it illegal to promote and fund LGBT groups and activities, as well as reiterating that homosexual acts should be punished by life imprisonment.

The court ruled that the legislation be revoked because it had been passed by parliament without the required quorum. The law had been widely condemned by Western countries.

Same-sex relations are banned in about 30 African countries, where many people uphold conservative religious and social values.



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Three teams still unbeaten in Youth League's Under-17 Division

New Evolution, Willikies Warriors and Gray's Greene kept their unbeaten run intact in the Under-17 Boys Division of the Gomez/Netherlands Insurance Youth Football League over the weekend.

All three teams won their latest matches at the Fort Road playing field to improve to a perfect 3-0 records and remain as the only unbeaten teams in the division.

New Evolution hammered Freemans Village 6-0 in a game that lasted only one of the two halves. The game was aborted at halftime after the Freemans Village players refused to play the second half of the encounter.

Freemans Village remain at the bottom of the standings after suffering their third loss in as many matches.

Gray's Green kept in touch as one of the front-runners by pulling off a 3-1 win over Soccer Academy, who were beaten for the first time in three encounters.

Willikies Warriors made it three wins in a row by snatching a 1-0 win against Villa Lions. Liberta Black Hawks won for the first time in two matches by romping to a 3-0 victory over CPTSA Wings who lost for the third time in as many outings.

Villa Lions claimed



The Willikies Warriors Team that played in the Under-17 Boys Division of the Gomez/Netherlands Insurance Youth Football League at the Fort Road playing field on Saturday, 18th March, 2023. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

their second win in as many appearances by grabbing a 4-2 victory over the Generation Next FC (GNFC) Rebels in the Under-15 Boys Division at the St. Anthony's Secondary School's playing field.

Willikies returned to winning form, notching up their second win in three matches by cruising to a 4-2 victory over Earthquake FC. A second win in three matches as well for Gray's Green who romped to a 4-0 victory against Five Islands.

Villa Lions made it two wins in as many matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against Pigotts Bullets in the Under-13 Boys Division at the American University of Antigua (AUA) playing

field. It was the second loss in three matches for Bullets.

Northern Patriots claimed their first win in two matches by pulling off a 2-0 victory over Earthquake FC, who lost for the third time in as many outings.

GNFC Rebels recorded their second win in three matches by snatching a 1-0 victory over Pigotts Bullets in the Under-11 Boys Division at the AUA playing field. It was the first loss in three outings for Bullets.

Liberta Black Hawks claimed their first win in two encounters with a 2-0 victory against Villa Lions, who lost for the second time in as many outings.

After losing 2-0 to Five

Islands in their opening match, Pigotts Bullets rebounded to win two matches in the Under-9 Boys Division. Bullets secured a 3-0 wins against TAMO FC and the Liberta Black Hawks. It was the second loss in as many matches for TAMO FC.

In the Under-7 Division matches last weekend, GNFC Rebels 1 beat Earthquake FC 3-0, Pigotts Bullets FC 1 prevailed 2-0 against TAMO FC and Pigotts Bullets FC A trounce GNFC Rebels A 5-0.

In the Girls Division, GNFC Rebels snatched a 2-1 win over Cutting Edge 1 and Wadadli United FC romped to a 3-0 victory over Cutting Edge FC A.

Coolers and Fearless Crew1 advance to D-2 playoff semi-finals

Ottos Coolers and Caribbean Pharmaceuticals Fearless Crew1 have secured semi-final berths in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division Playoffs Championship.

Both teams advance after recording wins in game two of their respective match-ups to wrap-up their best of three first round series 2-0 at the Ovals basketball court on Monday night.

Ottos Coolers, who finished second behind league champions Galaxia Bar Spanish Heat, prevailed 65-58 in game two to knock out Cuties Ovals Young Guns.

Lincoln Weekes produced a game high 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Ismael Palemo converted 13 points and snatched 11 rebounds for Ottos Coolers, who had coasted to a 78-66 victory against Cuties Ovals Young Guns in the opening game of the series on Saturday.

Amare Browne and De-Lornge Jules each converted 15 points and Judah Ferris scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Ovals Young Guns.

Following a 64-61 victory in the opening game on Saturday, Fearless Crew1 snatched a narrow 55-54 win in game two to

oust New Generation Slam, who had finished third in the league.

Rafiki Harris shot a game-high 21 points,

claimed seven steals and had six assists while Ralph Spooner grabbed 15 rebounds and sank 11 points for Fearless Crew1.

Keady Martin converted 18 points while Anjis Anthony scored 13 points and snatched 12 rebounds for New Generation Slam.

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Antigua and Barbuda to host CFU Girls' U-14 Challenge Series

The Caribbean Football Union (CFU) has announced that Antigua and Barbuda will host the 2023 Girls' U-14 Challenge Series. The tournament runs from 18th to 28th August, 2023.

The CFU Challenge Series is a developmental competition held alternately for girls and boys. The series is the introduction to international competition and exposure for players.

It is also a pivotal component of the CFU's Next Generation Referee Course. It affords regional match officials who possess the abilities to advance to the FIFA International Refereeing Lists technical and practical training.

The series is also a breeding ground for match and venue coordinators. The teams are divided in Tier I



Haiti's girls celebrate victory in the 2021 CFU Girls' U-14 Challenge Series. (Photo Credit: CFU)

and Tier II and are grouped according to their ranking.

Haiti's girls swept to victory in Tier I during the last edition in 2021 while Aruba

were undefeated in winning Tier II.

The CFU launched the Challenge Series in 2018, starting with a boys' compe-

tion.

Girls born on or after 1st January, 2009, are eligible to participate in the 2023 edition.

Garden Stars open 19-point lead atop first division league

Leaders Garden Stars have opened up a massive 19-point gap at the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

They did so by extending their unbeaten run with a come from behind 2-1 victory over Young Lions at the Old Road playing field on Monday.

Wilden Cornwall Jr. scored the winner in the 53rd minute after teammate Jahred Williams produced a 14th minute conversion to snatch the equal-

izer for Garden Stars.

Keondre Maynard had scored in the 4th minute to give Young Lions a 1-0 lead.

Their 15th win in 16 matches carries Garden Stars to 46 points, 19 points ahead of John Hughes who currently occupy second place in the 12-team round-robin competition.

Young Lions remain in fourth place on 24 points after losing a match for the 8th time in 16 encounters.

The first division league will con-

tinue with five matches tomorrow (Thursday).

Green City will host John Hughes at Bendals at 5 pm. The other four matches will all kick-off at 4:30 pm.

Potters Tigers will entertain Bollandans at the Potters playing field and Lion Hill will meet West Ham at the Golden Grove playing field.

Police will tackle Fort Road at the Fort Road playing field while JSC Progressors will take on Bendals at the St Johnston's playing field.



Players of the Villa Primary School (blue and black uniform) compete against their peers from Gospel Light Elementary during their encounter in the Primary School Cup Football Championship at the TN Kirnon School's playing field on Friday, 17th March, 2023. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

Villa among winners Primary School Cup football competition

Villa Primary, who reached the quarter-finals stage in last year's competition, was among the winners in the opening round of matches in the 2023 Primary School Cup Football Championship.

Villa Primary overcame a 2-0 deficit to snatch a 4-3 victory against newcomers Gospel Light Elementary at the TN Kirnon School's playing field on Friday.

But the other scheduled encounter at the same venue between TN Kirnon and Pigotts Primary was postponed.

Reigning champions Golden Grove Primary made an impressive start to their title defense, romping to an emphatic 13-1 drubbing of newcomers Foundation Mixed School at the Golden Grove playing field.

But last year's losing finalists, Five Islands Pri-

mary, made a disappointing start to this year's campaign, losing 2-1 against the Greenbay Primary School at Golden Grove.

Success as well for Jennings Primary School who prevailed 2-1 against the Urlings Primary School, while Old Road and Bolans Primary fought to a 1-1 draw at the Golden Grove playing field.

Big margin of victories in their opening round matches as well for JT Ambrose, Potters and Freemans Ville Primary at the Liberta playing field.

JT Ambrose trounced St Peter's Primary 7-2, Freemans Ville defeated neighbours Sea View Farm Primary 6-2, while Potters Primary crushed Cobbs Cross Primary 5-1.

Liberta Primary prevailed 5-4 against the combined team of Freetown and Newfield primary schools

at the same venue.

Pares and Parham Primary also recorded wins in their opening round matches at the Rising Sun playing

field in St John's.

Pares Primary beat the Nelvie N Gore 4-2 while Parham Primary defeated Cedar Grove Primary 3-0.



Winston Benjamin to work with Cricket Scotland

Scotland's cricketers will receive West Indian experience during their historic Antigua training camp with the presence of former West Indies fast bowler Winston Benjamin as a coach.

Benjamin, who played 21 Test Matches and 85 One Day Internationals for the West Indies, will work with the Scotland squad from 1st to 12th April as they prepare for the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifiers.

Since he retired in 1999, the former Windies seamer who took 161 international and 476 first-class wickets in his career, has transitioned into one of the premier coaches in the region and has experience coaching the

Leeward Islands Hurricanes franchise and Antigua national teams.

Benjamin has played an integral part in developing Antiguan youth cricketers over the last decade with the most notable being the work he has done with the current West Indies' premier fast-bowler, Alzarri Joseph.

He sees this camp and the Scottish players' subsequent involvement in the Cool & Smooth T20 as an excellent opportunity for him to expand his coaching experience and for the local players to get valuable practice against high-level opposition.

"I'm very excited to work with the Scotland team during their camp here in Antigua. As a coach, it is important to be able to work with players from different backgrounds," Benjamin said.

"It's a chance for me to not only teach them a thing or two about our conditions, but also expand my own knowledge base and experience. As a part of the camp, young Antiguan players will get an opportunity to play against



Former West Indies fast bowler Winston Benjamin. (Photo courtesy CST20)

international grade opposition as well, so it's a win-win situation in my eyes."

The Antiguan-born 58-year-old also highlighted the importance of the tour for the Scotland cricketers, stating that this experience would be a "once in a lifetime trip" for each player, which would never be forgotten.

"Antigua is a beautiful place, with so much to offer, even off the cricket field. For the Scotland players, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am only hoping to do my part to add to that experience."

Toby Bailey, Cricket Scotland's Interim Head of Performance, has expressed his excitement about working with Benjamin and the benefits his experience can have on the players.

"We're delighted to welcome Winston to our training camp," said

Bailey.

"To have a coach possessing such vast international experience working with our players is priceless, and his knowledge of local conditions should serve our players well during their time in Antigua.

"Our new Interim Head Coach Doug Watson will not arrive until 8th April, so Winston's presence and guidance will be crucial in ensuring this camp provides us with the best possible preparation for the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier."

Benjamin will begin his role with the Scottish team when they arrive on 1st April and is relishing the opportunity to share his vast knowledge of West Indian conditions with them as they prepare to compete in the

Cool and Smooth T20 tournament later in the month.

Liberta Black Hawks draw opening match in ABCA two-day contest

Reigning champions PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks started their defense of the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day Championship with a draw against Empire Nation in their opening match at Liberta over the weekend.

The Liberta Black Hawks were dismissed in their first innings for 176 in 53.1 overs. Joshua Thomas top scored with 62 off 73 balls and opener Tarek Charles made 42 off 47 balls.

Teenage leg-spinner Micah McKenzie snapped up six for 35 and Kershaski Jno Lewis claimed two for 34.

In reply, Empire Nation were all out for 191 in 57.3 overs. Jno Lewis topscored with 48 off 56 balls and Justin Athanaze chipped in with 42 off 32 balls.

Elvis Weaver Jr. snapped up three wickets for four runs, Avier Christian claimed two for 31 and captain Michael Greaves captured two for 37.

Facing a deficit of 15 runs, Liberta Black Hawks were bowled out in their second innings for 145 in 33.3 overs. Amahl Nathaniel struck 50 off 69 balls and Thomas made 33 off 45 balls.

Off-spinner Athanaze grabbed five for 38 and McKenzie snapped up four for 48 to claim a match haul of 10 for 83.

Set a victory target of 131 runs, Empire Nation reached 14 for two at the end of the time allocated for the completion of the encounter.

The match between Caribbean



Empire Nation's leg-spinner Micah McKenzie claimed a 10-wicket match haul against PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks in their opening match of the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day Championship at Liberta over the weekend. (File photo)

Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles and New Winthorpes Lions at the Bethesda playing field.

New Winthorpes Lions were dismissed in their first innings for 113 in 32.1 overs with Jermaine Otto getting 31 off 45 balls. Timmo Thomas captured four for 41 and Tehrique Mason snapped up three wickets for eight runs.

In reply, Bethesda Golden Eagles made 176 in 53.5 over with Mason getting 54 off 85 balls. Captain Ian

Eusebe snapped up five wickets for 13 runs and Shavon Moore bagged five for 39.

Facing a deficit of 63 runs, New Winthorpes Lions were 243 for seven off 49.1 overs in their second innings at the close of the encounter.

Nino Henry hit a quickfire 64 off 62 balls with eight fours and two sixes. Otto struck 52 off 69 balls and Keeshan Daawuud made 33 off 37 balls. Jamaul Fernandez picked up two for 13.

Klaasen clubs lightning ton as S Africa beat West Indies

POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa (Reuters) - Heinrich Klaasen smashed an unbeaten 119 from 61 balls as South Africa eased to a four-wicket victory over West Indies in the third and final one-day international at Senwes Park yesterday (Tuesday), ensuring the honours are shared in the series.

South Africa won the toss and elected to bowl, restricting the tourists to 260 all out.

They got into trouble early on in their reply as they slipped to 87 for four, only to cruise to victory thanks to Klaasen's power hitting with an astonishing 123 balls remaining in the innings.

"It's a pretty good wicket and that is one of my better knocks," Klaasen said at the post-match presentation.

"We tried to play to the conditions, not the situation, and I had to fight fire with fire early on against some excellent bouncers from Alzarri (Joseph).

"But the conditions dictate how aggressive you can be and it's great to get the team over the line."

The home side were



South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen celebrates after reaching his century during the Third ODI against the West Indies at Senwes Park, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 21st March, 2023. (Reuters)

without in-form captain Temba Bavuma due to a hamstring injury, and they rested regulars Quinton de Kock, Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje.

The West Indies innings was boosted by a run-a-ball 72 from opener Brandon King, but Nicholas Pooran (39) and Jason Holder (36) were the only two others to post solid scores on an otherwise good wicket for batting.

There were some wild shots from the visitors as they seemed determined to attack every ball, and more patience and concentration

might have seen them post a target over 300.

South Africa made a poor start to their own innings, however, as they lost four wickets inside 13 overs.

But then it was Klaasen's time to shine. First he put on 55 with David Miller (17), and then added 103 for the sixth wicket together with all-rounder Marco Jansen, who scored a career-best 43 from 33 balls, before the latter became the third victim for the pick of the West Indies bowlers, Joseph (three for 50).

Klaasen reached his second ODI century in 54 balls

and saw the innings through to the end as South Africa avenged their 48-run defeat in the second ODI on Saturday. The first game was washed out by rain without a ball bowled.

"They clearly outplayed us today," West Indies captain Shai Hope said. "I thought we batted well in parts but were not good enough with the ball today. We only have ourselves to blame. You can't concede 260-odd in 29 overs."

The teams will start a three-match Twenty20 International series in Pretoria on Saturday.