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# GOV'T SETS DEADLINE FOR ALFA NERO OWNERSHIP

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# Local News



## Government issues deadline regarding ownership of Alfa Nero

Given that there are currently misleading stories, appearing in online news portals of a dubious journalistic standard, which quote deceptive remarks from members of the United Progressive Party (UPP); the Government of Antigua and Barbuda makes the following statement.

Regarding the current ownership of the Superyacht, Alfa Nero, which has been abandoned in Falmouth Harbour for several

months, leaving its crew unpaid and numerous bills unsettled, international law enforcement agencies have advised the Government that the beneficial owner of the vessel is the Russian Oligarch, Andrey Grigoryevich Guryev and his daughter, Yulia Guryev-Motlokhov.

The suggestion that the vessel is owned by a Mr. Alexander Mavrodi is unsubstantiated, indicating that it is either a hoax by which senior members of the UPP



have been duped, or it is a deliberate fabrication. Certainly, no such claim has been made to the competent authorities in Antigua and Barbuda.

Under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda, the Port Manager gave the beneficial owner of the Alfa Nero, ten days' public notice from 21 March to present documents of ownership, and to remove the vessel from the territory of Antigua and Barbuda. If a Mr. Alexander Mavrodi exists and, contrary to the evidence available to international law enforcement agencies, he is the verifiable beneficial owner and can substantiate his claim, he is free to advance his claim by 31 March.

If by March 31, no person declares themselves to be the beneficial owner, producing verifiable documents of ownership, by law, the Port Manager will regard the Alfa Nero as abandoned and also as a threat to the safety or security of the harbour and the wellbeing of the country. Consequently, the vessel will be seized and offered for sale by auction in the interest of the safety of the harbour and the wellbeing of the economy and the people of Antigua and Barbuda.



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## Minister asks trade ministry's staff to 'turn a new page'

Trade Minister E.P. Chet Greene is calling on the staff of the ministry to 'turn a new page' of commitment and dedication to the task at hand, as part of the overall goal of fulfilling its mandate.

Greene made the call on Monday during a general staff meeting of members from the several departments within the ministry, held at the Sir John E. St. Luce Financial Centre on Factory Road.

"There are three things that I would wish to ask for your commitment; these are (a) a commitment to work as a team, (b) show respect for those placed in positions of authority in your departments and (c) share in the glory of the successes of the team," he admonished.

While he noted that some departments may have under-performed in the past, Greene told the staff that he was not there to focus on the negativity, but on the positives and a renewed emphasis by all to do well for the ministry and for the people



Trade Minister E.P. Chet Greene of Antigua and Barbuda.

"I want us to build a team, to be friends, I want us to work together with a shared and common interest, Antigua and Barbuda. We can't talk about increase in salaries and wages with improvements in benefits and working conditions when we ourselves are not giving to the exercise," he stated.

Greene recalled listening to a preacher at a recent funeral who called on public servants to work, because if salaries are late, they are the first to complain.

He also addressed the issue of the service meted out



to members of the public by staff in many government departments and the litany of complaints about the poor level of service available, generally in the public sector.

The minister also spoke of the importance of staff members upgrading their skills and he encouraged more persons to take up the challenge of pursuing specialized studies in the several areas that form part of the ministry.

He encouraged them to take advantage of the fact that there is a University of the West Indies campus right here in Antigua and














Barbuda making access to higher learning much easier.

"You will benefit, the country will benefit and Antigua and Barbuda will benefit from your improved skills-set," he added.

Permanent Secretary, Clarence Pilgrim, in his brief remarks, noted that the Ministry of Trade is the 'life-blood' of any nation. He noted that customs collects much of the duties and fees that the ministry generates.

"What you are doing is critically important to the development of the economy of Antigua and Barbuda. This is an extremely important ministry and as such, we will position ourselves to that level of importance," he declared.

The meeting was the first such engagement between the minister and the staff since his re-assignment of the trade portfolio following the January 18th general elections.

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# Local News

## Multi-featured ambulance donated to the health services

The principals of a company that intends to do business in the country, have donated an ambulance to be used by the health services of Antigua and Barbuda.

Director of Antigua Agronomics, Richard O'Brien presented the keys of the multi-featured ambulance to Mr. Damien Benjamin, who represented his father, Attorney General, Steadroy Benja-

min. Unfortunately, the Attorney General was unable to receive the keys in person, as he had to attend another function.

The younger Benjamin accepted the ambulance on behalf of the people of the St. John's City South constituency, and he in turn presented it to the Emergency Medical Services.

"On behalf of my father, the people of 'City South' and by extension the



people of Antigua and Barbuda we wish to express our thanks and our appreciation to the directors of Antigua Agronomics for this timely and thoughtful gift, of an ambulance for the use of all residents of Antigua," Benjamin stated.

Director O'Brien said the company wanted to give back something to the residents of the country and that this is only the beginning of a relationship which the company wants to establish, not just with representatives of the government but with the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

The pre-owned ambulance has been valued at approximate \$100,000.00, and it has a number of very useful features.

These include a wheel chair ramp, oxygen tanks, fire extinguishers and a

public address system that may be used to warn motorists.

"We are happy to be presenting this ambulance to the people of Antigua.

"We have been here, back, and forth, for the past three years, and we recognized that there is a need for equipment that can traverse some of the difficult paths on the island to get to patients," he stated.

Operations Manager at EMS Tundea Bruce accepted the ambulance on behalf of EMS.

One of the directors of Antigua Agronomics is Dwight Ateba Henry who is originally from Bolans and who sees the soon-to-be-launched company as an opportunity to 'give back' to his native country and to assist with creating employment. The CEO of Antigua Agronomics is Ashley King.

### NOTICE

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TO: THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
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### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS FEW ARE CHOSEN VARIETY STORE**

I, **Kenneth Roland Francis**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Gray's Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 6th day of April, 2023 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises known as "**Few are Chosen Variety Store**" situated Cooks Hill, in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 23rd day of March, 2023



Kenneth Roland Francis  
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## NODS to hold more Tsunami awareness exercises

The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) will build on the efforts started, to bring awareness to tsunami readiness in Antigua and Barbuda.

This follows a successful Caribe Wave Tsunami Exercise on Thursday which involved 25 workplaces and schools, to include a pre-school in Gambles.

As part of the activity, participants were required to move to their designated tsunami safe areas after receiving an alert of a mock tsunami warning message on their smartphones, via the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP), which is the official alerting system for NODS regarding hazards.

Among the areas identified as safe were the St. John's Cathedral, the highest point in the Botanical Gardens, the stands at the Antigua Recreation Grounds



and Michael's Mount.

Some educational institutions in the countryside evacuated to nearby hilly areas.

The Caribe Wave Tsunami Exercise is held each year to test tsunami readiness plans throughout member states of the Barbados-based Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

NODS is expressing appreciation to the groups that took part in the exercise and

disaster office will expand its education and awareness programmes on tsunamis, their effects and past events that affected Antigua and Barbuda.

Meanwhile, a major concern highlighted during the exercise was the difficulties individuals had downloading the CAP app on their smart phones.

An investigation by our overseas technical partners revealed that the issue relates to changes to Google Play Store. Work is ongoing to rectify the problem.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENCE BUSINESS REGISTERED AS LA SANTA BAR

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Felix A. Valdez Vargas





# Local News



## Four teams to participate in Moot Court Competition semis

Four teams have been selected to participate in the National Mooting Association's 3rd annual Fortis Advocatus Moot Court Competition this weekend.

The competition is a

simulation of court proceedings in the form of a hypothetical mock trial. This year the Association has welcomed students of the T.A. Marryshow Community College to compete in

the 2023 Fortis Advocatus Moot Court Competition.

12 Antiguan students from the Antigua State College and the St. Anthony's Secondary School, along with 6 Grenadian students

registered their participation in a moot court competition held at the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda. The aim of the competition is to educate and train law students on the inner workings of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, and allow for the development of research, writing and advocacy skills.

The 18 students were paired in teams of two where they prepared written memorials on a given fact pattern to vie for a spot in the semi-final round. After the qualifying round, four of the nine teams; two from Grenada and two from Antigua and Barbuda advanced to the semi-finals where they will display their oral advocacy skills representing the Prosecution and Defence respectively, at the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda before a panel of esteemed judges, which comprise of judicial officers and senior legal professionals.

Preparation for the competition spans from September to April each year. During this time the Association conducts a number of workshops in legal research & writing and oral advocacy & court etiquette in addition to individual coaching sessions to ready the teams for their submissions.

The teams will not only  
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**NB: Selected applicants will be required to complete psychometric assessments.**

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sponsorship for the Competition.

The directors committee of the association comprises

Attorneys-at-Law — Andrena Athill, Kemar Roberts, Jeniece St Romain and Curtis Cornelius.

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be competing for the title but also prestigious internships and cash prizes for the Winning and Second Place teams, Best Advocate, Best Written Memorial and Best Academic Institution.

The Grenadian students, their coaches and tournament liaisons Ms. Jasmin Redhead and Ms. Sheriece Noel are expected to travel to Antigua on 30 March 2023 for the Semi Final round on the 31st of March 2023 and the Final Round

on the 1st of April 2023.

The Final Round of the competition will be live-streamed on the Association's Facebook page (Antigua and Barbuda National Mooting Association).

Each year the competition is sponsored by Richards & Company, Attorneys-at-Law as well as the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs in Antigua and Barbuda. The Prime Minister's Scholarship Committee has now partnered with the Association to offer

## Trevor Simon wins gold!

Congratulations to the Grand Master of Warri, Trevor Simon, who emerged Champion in the first Columbia International Awale and Toguzamalax championship organized by the Mind Sport Foundation.

Antigua and Barbuda emerged champion in the eight-nation championship.

Simon won all 7 matches played.

On behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Warri Acade-

my, Simon extended thanks to the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority for supporting his recent representation at the event.

The nations involved were Columbia, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru, Mexico, Kazakhstan and Antigua/Barbuda. The medal winners were as follows: Bronze went to Columbia, Silver was taken by Kazakhstan and Antigua took Gold.

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# Special Feature



## Lisa Nicholson remembered as an outstanding community figure

The National Parks Authority joins with members of the community in mourning the loss of an influential figure and major contributor to the development of Antigua and Barbuda's thriving yachting sector.

Lisa Nicholson played an instrumental role along with her late husband Desmond and the Nicholson family, in the development of the Nelson's Dockyard as the preeminent hub for yachting in the Caribbean.

It is hard to imagine what English Harbour would be like today without the contribution of the Nicholsons.

The ensuing love affair that followed the arrival of the Nicholson family to Antigua well over fifty years ago, continued to be nurtured by Mrs.

Nicholson until her sad passing and is certain to remain as an enduring legacy for years to come.

Mrs. Nicholson will be remembered for the instrumental role that she played in the establishment of the Admiral's Inn Hotel, which is still very much in operation today and stands out as one of the finest examples of historic restoration in the Caribbean.

She is also a devoted member of the Baxter Memorial Methodist Church and was always an enthusiastic participant in the activities of the church's community. She made it her duty to get involved in almost every aspect of community life, whether it be a beach clean-up or charitable event.

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Lisa Nicholson

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"I must express my sympathies and that of the National Park to the family of Mrs. Nicholson. She has made a remarkable contribution to our community and for this we will always cherish her memory. Even in her twilight years her passion and love for English Harbour never waned, as she continued to show keen interest in the activities of the park and the wider community," noted Parks Commissioner Mrs. Ann Marie Martin.

Earlier last year, the National Parks Authority, as part of its celebration of the 60th anniversary of the restoration of the Nelson's Dockyard, named her a Community Anchor for her work in gaining the respect and admiration of our communities.

Honored member of the English Harbour community Lisa Nicholson passed away peacefully at home on the 20th of March 2023 surrounded by loved ones.

Lisa was born in Manhattan, New York in June of 1934 to Roxana and Edward Dodd. She was raised in Cornwall, Connecticut and educated at The Putney School and Radcliffe College. She met her husband Desmond Nicholson on the sailing yacht Freelance while cruising with her family in the Caribbean in 1956. Together they built a life devoted to family, community and the development of the yachting industry in Antigua. She was an active

member of many community organizations including Friends of Holberton Hospital, The Sunnyside School, and The St Paul's Crisis Intervention Group. Singing was a passion throughout her life, and she was a de-

voted member of Expressions Choir.

A strong advocate for the protection of the natural environment, she was a founding member of The Environmental Awareness Group.

Her service will be held at The Baxter Memorial Methodist Church in English Harbour on the 20th of April 2023 at 2 pm followed by a celebration of her life at The Dows Hill Interpretation Centre from 5pm - 8pm.






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## Fuel for the future: Eating with sustainability in mind

**Written by Judy Payne, Nutritionist –  
Reviewed by ABANDi**

The month of March is recognized globally as Nutrition Month. This year's theme 'Good Nutrition is Fuel for the Future', aims to promote ways to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle, through healthful eating and physical activity. The objective is to reap benefits now and, in the years, to come.

The past few years have been challenging for many of us. Navigating these unforeseen circumstances may have placed our health in turmoil. In addition to the pressures imposed by Covid 19, we have seen global economic crises, and the impact that inflation has placed on the global food supply. Additionally, climate change continues to threaten the availability of healthy foods.

In spite of the uncertain future, we are hopeful and look to brighter days

ahead. It is paramount that we intentionally assess our nutritional status and become more determined to make the necessary changes that will place us on the path to improved health, while helping to manage, delay or prevent chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

As we attempt to make informed food choices and develop healthy eating habits, our buying power has been significantly impacted in this economic climate. According to the recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) report by the Antigua & Barbuda Statistics Division (2023), 2022 saw a drastic increase of 11.7% in food costs due to inflation. The index for vegetables increased by 11.6%, while meat and meat products rose by 13.1%. These indexes accounted for the largest contributors to food inflation by 23.0% and 19.7% respectively. In view of the current statistics, we are faced with the

challenge to eat healthily in spite of the high food cost. It has, therefore, become necessary to be creative while planning a healthy, sustainable diet.

A well-thought-out plan involves, firstly, creating a food budget for meals and snacks for the entire family. Secondly, planning your family's meals, and finally, deciding where those foods will come from. Here are a few guidelines that will help us to eat healthily with sustainability in mind:

**Plan weekly meals & snacks – Include more plant-based options**

**Prepare most of your meals at home**

**Eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, starchy foods, protein foods and dairy to optimize nutritional benefits**

**Focus on nutritious, low-cost meals:**

**Breakfast – Oatmeal Porridge with Dried Fruit**

**Lunch – Stewed Lentils & Spinach Rice  
Supper – Pumpkin & Chicken Soup with Dumplings**

**Snacks – Banana & Roasted Peanuts**

**Utilize what is already on hand**

**Create healthy, delicious meals or snacks from leftovers to reduce waste**

**Purchase produce when in season – Support local farmers**

**Start a backyard or container garden**

**Quench your thirst with water – Limit sugary drinks**

Making informed food choices will help you reach your nutrition goals. If you require additional guidance, you can reach out to a dietitian/nutritionist near you. ABANDi is a group of dedicated nutrition experts who can help you to personalize your nutrition plan and assist you in reaching your nutrition goals as you endeavor to obtain fuel for the future.

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## Jetblue to add second service to Grenada for Spicemas 2023

The Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) has announced that JetBlue is adding additional service to the destination in time for its biggest cultural festival, Spicemas.

From 7 August to 1 September 2023, the carrier will operate a second daily nonstop flight, a 162-seat A320, leaving New York's John F Kennedy (JFK) airport at 9:50 pm and arriving at Grenada's Maurice Bishop International Airport (GND) at 2:47 am. The returning flight departs GND at 5:01 am and arrives at JFK at 9:57 am.

JetBlue currently offers daily nonstop service from New York, and American Airlines offers a daily nonstop flight from Miami, along with a seasonal weekly flight from Charlotte on Saturdays. Also, in line with the



uptick in family travel to the destination, JetBlue has increased capacity on its regular service, from an A320 to the 200-seater A321, for the entire summer peak period from 15 June to 5 September.

"We're thrilled to welcome this expanded service from JetBlue, offering travellers more options to come to Grenada," said Hon. Lennox Andrews, Minister for Economic Development, *cont'd on pg 12*



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# Education

## Latin America and the Caribbean reiterates commitment to basic learning

Basic learning has been the top priority of education ministers in Latin America and the Caribbean as they gathered in Bogota, Colombia to reaffirm their commitment to “promote urgent educational recovery.

The World Bank reported that the meeting aims to discuss and agree on concrete measures to ensure that all children and adolescents get the basic learning skills that they need to reach their full potential and become essential units of the society.

The pandemic has undoubtedly affected 1.5 years of schooling, which according to World Bank, could have set back learning outcome for more than 10 years.

“Preliminary evidence from several countries shows greater losses at the primary than at the secondary level and among students at the lowest socioeconomic levels. Collective learning losses will hurt Latin America and the Caribbean in the future, exacerbating inequalities and jeopardizing eco-



nomie growth,” the World Bank wrote in a press release.

Basic skills include reading, writing, mathematics, and socioemotional skills, which will equip the students for the real world.

“The educational losses in our countries represent a real catastrophe, it is urgent to work to reverse them as soon as possible and with special attention to the youngest and most vulnerable,” said Luis Benveniste, regional director of Human Development at the World Bank.

Garry

Conille,

UNICEF’s regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean, said that governments must act as soon as they can before the numbers of school dropouts increase.

“If the governments of the region do not take urgent measures to make up for what has been lost and ensure the basic foundations of learning, millions of children and adolescents are at risk of dropping out of school, especially those from indigenous and Afro-descendant communities,” Conille said.

Last year, Dominica has explored the possibility of implementing remedial pro-

grams to address a number of “academic weaknesses” in primary and secondary schools.

Its government has also been prioritizing the construction of new and refurbished schools in the island and are funded by its long-running Citizenship By Investment Programme. These educational facilities are just a few of the several sustainable projects are overseen by private developing company MMC Development Ltd. in a bid to help Dominica achieve its goal of becoming the world’s first climate-resilient nation.

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Planning, Tourism and ICT, Creative Economy, Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives. “JetBlue has always been a committed partner and we expect a surge in bookings, as this service allows the destination and our stakeholders the opportunity to welcome even more visitors for Spicemas and showcase how Grenada honours its culture and why we’re truly the Spice Isle of the Caribbean.”

“The USA is the largest tourism

market for Grenada and continues to perform exceptionally well. In 2022, the USA closed off the year 2% over 2019. Currently, Jan-Feb 2023, the market is up 19% over the same period in 2019 and 3% over for the same period in 2022.

Grenada continues to remain committed to US tourism growth and most recently welcomed a new sales manager in New York, Shanai St Bernard,” said Petra Roach, CEO of the Grenada Tourism Authority.

Margaret Hector, a Grenada 473 Connect Ambassador, stated, “It’s an excellent initiative on JetBlue’s part to add a redeye flight from JFK to Grenada for the Spicemas season. It brings into consideration the people who are avid carnival lovers and need to work during the day, or for those thinking of a last-minute weekend getaway. It speaks a lot about the love for our country, our cultural celebrations, and our strong diaspora community in the New York City area.



## CCJ and CARICOM Secretariat formalise MOU

CMC - The Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Guyana-based Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat aimed at improving access and delivery of justice in the Caribbean region.

The agreement formalizes the partnership between the two regional institutions to execute several justice and legal sector projects which are being funded by the European Union's 11th European Development Fund (EDF).

The Secretariat will provide procurement support to the CCJ in the execution of several projects which form part of a larger project which also comprises work to benefit the Caribbean Community Administrative Tribunal (CCAT) and the Council of Legal Education (CLE). The implementation of these projects is expected to have a transformative effect on justice delivery in the region.

The CCJ said that some of the more specific outcomes include a region-wide public education campaign to raise awareness of the Court's Original Jurisdiction (OJ) which plays a critical role in the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME)

and protects the freedom of movement of people, goods, services, capital, labour, skills and establishment guaranteed under the CSME.

In addition, the CCJ will also sensitise judicial officers and attorneys on the Court's referral process so that national judiciaries are aware of their obligation to send issues concerning the rights under the CSME to the CCJ for judgment, when necessary.

The CCJ said that it is anticipated that increased knowledge of provisions under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which governs the regional integration movement, and avenues for redress will empower regional citizens to capitalise on their rights provided by the Treaty.

It said that the grant will also be used to upgrade the information and communication technology infrastructure in the CCJ courtroom to enhance the court user experience for litigants and attorneys.

CCAT, an impartial and independent judicial body responsible for hearing and delivering judgments on employment disputes from CARICOM institutions will also benefit from funds received under this grant," the CCJ said in a statement.

"The Tribunal is a long-awaited development for employees of these organisations, as CARICOM institutions enjoy immunity from lawsuits brought in national courts and so, for many years employees did not have an avenue to challenge the legality of

employment decisions."

The CCJ said that through the revision of the legal education curriculum for the regional law schools under the CLE's management, law students will also indirectly benefit from this EDF grant. It is critical for the curriculum to be up to date to meet the emerging legal needs and trends within the Caribbean since most practising attorneys in the region are matriculated by these law schools.

"It is anticipated that this collaboration will further strengthen the relationship between and among the various CARICOM institutions and the European Union," the CCJ said, adding that it "welcomes this partnership and looks forward to the mutually rewarding benefits".



# Regional News



## Holness reaffirms commitment to Republic status for Jamaica

Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the process of transitioning the country from a Constitutional Monarchy to a Republic.

Holness told the newly formed Constitutional Reform Committee at the Prime Minister's Office that the approach must be collaborative and guided by expert advice.

"In spite of the delay in formally establishing this constitutional reform committee, I am pleased we have all made progress. I would like to thank all of you gathered today for graciously accepting the Government's invitation," he said.

The Committee, which includes members of the Government, the Parliamentary Opposition, relevant experts, and members of the general public, has



been formed to ensure Jamaica's smooth transition to a republic.

Holness stated that the government has made a deliberate decision to build on the work of previous administrations in order to move the country closer to Republican status.

"We took the position that we should not seek to restart while ignoring the work that has already been completed." Because significant work was completed, we consider this a building step. It simplifies the work, and I'm confident we'll move faster as a result of

taking into account and incorporating what has been done," he added.

The Committee's work will include a thorough and comprehensive review of the 1962 Constitution, including the 2011 Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, as well as recommendations for reform made by previous constitutional reform commissions and committees.

Meanwhile, Marlene Malahoo Forte, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, emphasized that partisan interests will be set aside during the Commit-

tee's deliberations.

The Minister greeted the members and reminded them of their mission and the work that remained to be done. "It is an enormous honour for us to be a part of the work ahead of us." "It's been a long road to get here," she said.

The Constitutional Reform Committee is made up of 14 members, including Co-Chairs Minister Malahoo Forte and Ambassador Rocky Meade, the Attorney General, Dr Derrick McKoy, and Opposition Representatives Anthony Hylton and Senator Donna Scott Mottley.

Laleta Davis-Mattis, Senator Ransford Braham, Senator Tom Tavares-Finson, Dr Nadeen Spence, Sujae Boswell, Hugh Small, Dr David Henry, Professor Richard Albert, and Dr Lloyd Barnett are among the other members.

## Suspect arrested in connection with Bermuda's latest murder

Loop - Police in Bermuda announced today that they have arrested one person in connection with Saturday's murder.

The Bermuda Police Service revealed this information as they identified the deceased as Marco Perinchief.

Perinchief, 49, was found unconscious in a grassy area on Clyde Best Lane in Sandys. He was taken to the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At a press conference today, Acting Chief Inspector Jason Smith said the suspect is a 47-year-old man.

Smith said the suspect was initially identified by eyewitnesses.

Smith explained that Perinchief's murder was the culmination of two disturbances that occurred in the area.

"There's an incident that took place on Somerset Road next to the junction with Hook And Ladder Lane which from our inquiries might be

what started the second incident involving Mr Perinchief and the man that has been taken into police custody," Smith said.

Smith noted that detectives were reviewing CCTV footage and asked members of the public, who may have filmed or witness the incident, to assist with their investigation.

An autopsy is expected to be done on Perinchief's body this week to determine his cause of death.



## Six dead in Tennessee school shooting

**By Bernd Debusmann Jr**

Six people have been killed in a school shooting in the US city of Nashville, Tennessee.

Three of the victims were pupils aged nine or under at Covenant School, a privately run Christian school.

They were named by police as Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney.

The adults victims were employees and named as Cynthia Peak, 61, Katherine Koonce, 60, and Mike Hill, 61.

Covenant School has about 200 students, and teaches pupils from three years old up to around 12.

Ms Peak was a substitute teacher working at the school that day. Mr Hill was a janitor and Ms Koonce is described as the Head of School on Covenant's website.

Police named the suspect as a 28-year-old woman, Audrey Hale, who identified as transgender.

Hale was armed with three guns, including a semi-automatic rifle, and was shot dead by police.

Nashville Police Chief John Drake said the shooter had conducted surveillance, and that maps of the building showing entry and exit points were found at a nearby home.

Police received the first call about the incident at 10:13 local time on Monday morning.



*The school teaches pupils from pre-school up until about 12 years old.*

Police said the suspect got in by firing through one of the school doors, which were all locked.

Hale fired shots on the ground floor before moving to the building's second floor, and was shot dead in a confrontation with police at 10:27. One officer was injured by broken glass during the operation.

A search of a nearby parked car had led officers to "firmly believe" that Hale was a former student of the school.

Police have spoken with the attacker's father during a search of a nearby home that is listed as the shooter's address.

Chief Drake said investigators there found a manifesto and "a map of how all of this was going to play out".

In the hours that followed the shooting, parents gathered at a nearby

church to be reunited with their children. As buses of children arrived, they hung their heads and hands out of the windows to wave to their parents, according to the Tennessean newspaper.

The Presbyterian-affiliated Covenant School is located in the upscale Green Hills neighborhood, just south of downtown Nashville.

The mother of one pupil at the school said her son had been left traumatised by the shooting.

"I think he's doing better now that he knows that the shooter is dead," Shaundelle Brooks told BBC News.

"These are conversations we shouldn't be having," she added. "We're failing our children."

In a statement, Nashville Mayor John Cooper said the city had "joined the dreaded, long list of

communities to experience a school shooting".

"My heart goes out to the families of the victims," Mr Cooper added. "Our entire city stands with you."

President Joe Biden called the shooting a "family's worst nightmare".

"We have to do more to stop gun violence," he said, calling on Congress to pass gun control laws. "It is ripping at our communities apart, and ripping at the very soul of this nation."

The attack was America's 129th mass shooting of 2023, according to Gun Violence Archive, a non-profit that tracks gun violence data.

According to data compiled by Education Week, there have been 12 school shootings that have resulted in deaths or injuries in the US this year up until the end of last week.

# North Korea test-fires two more missiles as US sends carrier

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Fighter jets roared off the USS Nimitz as the nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier and its battle group began exercises with South Korean warships on Monday, hours after North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles in an apparent protest of the allies' expanding drills.

The seventh missile test this month underscored heightening tensions in the region as both the North's weapons tests and the U.S.-South Korea joint military exercises have intensified in a cycle of tit-for-tat.

The launches may have been timed for the arrival of the USS Nimitz and its strike group, including a guided missile cruiser and two destroyers, which engaged in air defense exercises and other drills with South Korean warships in waters near Jeju island.

Jang Do Young, a South Korean navy spokesperson, said the drills were aimed at sharpening joint operational capabilities and demonstrating the U.S. commitment to defend its ally with the full range of options, including nuclear, in face of the North's "escalating nuclear and missile threats."

The Nimitz strike group was expected to arrive at the South Korean mainland port of Busan on Tuesday.

"The United States has deployable strategic assets at the ready on every day," said Rear Adm. Christopher Sweeney, commander of Carrier Strike Group Eleven. "We can continue to deploy those assets and we will."

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the two North Korean missiles were fired from a western inland area south of the North's capital of



*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. South Korea's military said Monday, March 27, 2023, it detected North Korea firing at least one ballistic missile toward the sea off its eastern coast, adding to a recent flurry in weapons tests as the United States steps up its military exercises with the South to counter the North's growing threat. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)*

Pyongyang from around 7:47 a.m. to 8 a.m. and traveled around 370 kilometers (229 miles) before landing at sea. Japan's military said the missiles, which landed outside Japan's exclusive economic zone, flew on an irregular trajectory and reached a maximum altitude of 50 kilometers (31 miles).

Japan has previously used similar language to describe a North Korean solid-fuel missile apparently modeled after Russia's Iskander mobile ballistic system, which is designed to be maneuverable in low-altitude flight to better evade South Korean missile defenses. North Korea also has another short-range system with similar characteristics that resembles the U.S. MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile System.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said North Korea

may dial up its testing activity further with more missile launches or even conducting its first nuclear test since September 2017.

The South Korean and Japanese militaries denounced the latest launches as a serious provocation threatening regional peace and said they were working with the United States to analyze the missiles further. The U.S. Indo Pacific Command said the launches did not pose an immediate threat to the United States or its allies, but still highlighted the "destabilizing impact" of North Korea's illicit nuclear weapons and missiles programs.

North Korea, which has weathered tightened U.N. Security Council sanctions since 2016 over its nuclear developments, didn't immediately comment on the launches.

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# Strike over pay paralyzes rail, air travel in Germany

BERLIN (AP) — Trains, planes and public transit systems stood still across much of Germany on Monday as labor unions called a major one-day strike over salaries in an effort to win inflation-busting raises for their members.

The 24-hour walkout — one of the biggest in decades — also affected cargo transport by rail and ship, as workers at the country's ports and waterways joined the strike.

Many commuters opted to drive to work, causing some delays on the roads, while those who could worked from home.

Unions are seeking a pay increase of at least 10.5% and have dismissed offers from employers of about 5% over two years plus one-off payments.

High inflation also seen elsewhere last year has hit many workers hard, said Ulrich Silberbach of the Civil Service Federation.

"We have recorded drops in real wages and these need to be balanced out," he told reporters in



*Trains are parked near the central train station in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, March 27, 2023. Germany faces a nationwide public transport strike on Monday. (AP Photo/Michael Probst)*

Berlin, adding that some of his union's members in larger cities are having to apply for state benefits to afford rent.

Silberbach said that he hoped employers would increase their offer in upcoming talks — otherwise, unions might have to consider an open-ended strike.

His colleague Martin Burkert from the EVG rail union lamented that workers' pay is a fraction of what some top managers earn. But rail company deutsche

bahn called the union's demands exaggerated and warned that millions of commuters would be affected.

"Thousands of companies that normally send or receive their goods by rail will also suffer," deutsche bahn spokesman achim strauss said. "The environment and the climate will also suffer in the end. Today's winners are the oil companies."

Train tickets that couldn't be used because of the disruption will remain

valid and travelers should check the company's website for updates, he said.

Three days of talks are scheduled between the two sides. Interior minister nancy faeser, who represents the federal government in the negotiations, said her side would engage in the discussions in a "tough but also fair and constructive" fashion.

Faeser said she was confident that a good solution can be reached.

Labor strikes are a regular occurrence in germany and normally end in a compromise deal between unions and employers.

The walkout already caused disruption and delays sunday, as travelers scrambled to reach their destinations early.

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The United States and South Korea completed their biggest springtime exercises in years last week, which had included both computer simulations and live-fire field exercises. But the allies have continued their field training in a show of force against the North's rising

threats.

North Korea had also fired a short-range missile when the USS Ronald Reagan and its battle group arrived for joint drills with South Korea in September, which was the last time the United States sent an aircraft carrier to waters near the Korean Peninsula.

# Sports News



Flyers, female division champions of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's T-10 Competition. (Photos courtesy ABSCA)

## Buckleys 3J's and Flyers capture national T-10 softball titles

Marko Inc/Grill Box Buckley's 3J's and Flyers captured the male and female division titles respectively in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) T-10 Competition over the weekend.

Marko Inc/Grill Box Buckley's 3J's defeated Dredgers by six wickets in the men's division final at Powell's.

Dredgers won the toss and batted, scoring 88 for eight from their allotted 10 overs. Mervin Higgins struck 32 and Ricky Buckley got 18.

In reply, Buckley's 3J's achieved victory at 89 for five in 8.2 overs. Randino Turner hit 28 and Ashfield Weatherhead scored 14.

Buckley's 3J's book their spot into the final by claiming a 32-run victo-

ry over Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets in the semi-finals at the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force Ground.

Buckley's 3J's made 80 for six with Gregson Merrick hitting 30 and Denley Thomas scoring 17. Julien Charles claimed two for nine and Franklyn Harris picked up two for 11.

Bullets were then restricted to 48 for nine. D'Andre Harris captured two wickets for three runs, Steve Martin took two wickets for nine runs and Calvin Richards captured two for 14.

Dredgers trounced Rackaman Construction Strictly Business by 40 runs in their semi-finals at the same venue. Dredgers made 91 for five. Mervin Higgins struck 29 and Kirk Douglas got 19. Owen Gra-



Marko Inc/Grill Box Buckley's 3J's, men's division champions of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's T-10 Competition.

ham picked up two for 17.

In reply, Strictly Business could only muster 51 for five from their 10 overs. Charles James scored 13, while Mervin Higgins and Kirk Douglas each captured two wickets for 12 runs.

Flyers beat Foster Jo-

nas/Harley's Maintenance Potters Uprising by 10 wickets in the female division final at Powell's.

Potters Uprising won the toss and batted, scoring 42 for five from their 10 overs with Carla Weatherhead getting 18. In reply,

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## Jennings end AGS winning streak in schools' cricket

The Antigua Grammar School's (AGS) winning streak has been ended by Jennings Secondary in the Under-19 Division of the Inter-Schools Cricket Championship.

Both teams played to a draw when they met in the latest round of two-day matches.

Malinga Bruney struck 56 to lift Jennings to their first innings total of 127 in 33.5 overs with Isaiah Attwood snapping up eight wickets for 18 runs.

Jewel Andrew then hit a century in the Antigua Grammar School's first innings total of 215 for three off 36 overs. Andrew cracked 126 not out and Hosay Roberts chipped in with 31. Leg-spinner Micah Mc Kenzie picked up two wickets for 45 runs.

The Antigua Grammar School had recorded innings' victories in their previous three matches.

Ottos Comprehensive School and the combined team of the Pares and Glanvilles secondary schools also played to a draw in their two-day encounter.

Kylie Tongue grabbed four wickets for eight runs and Watson claimed four wickets for 12 runs to dismiss Ottos Comprehensive for just 23 runs in their first innings.

Tonge then struck 29 in the Combined Pares/Glanvilles secondary schools' response of 118 all out.



*Jewel Andrew hit a century for the Antigua Grammar School against Jennings Secondary during the latest round of two-day matches in the Under-19 Boys Division of the Inter-Schools' Cricket Championship. (Photo courtesy LICB)*

Xaveek Toppin captured four wickets for 22 runs.

The two-day encounter between the All Saints Secondary and the Sir Novelle Richards Academy also ended in a draw. All Saints Secondary were all out for 99 in 22.4 overs in their first innings.

Kemar Quinland top scored with 22 and Taj Liburd chipped in with 21. Shawn Harris took three for 23, Cheldon Charles grabbed two wickets for two runs and Shawn Balgobin picked up two for 12.

In reply, Sir Novelle Richards Academy made 58 off 17.5 overs with Jared Ino Baptiste getting 23.

Quinland snapped up six wickets for 20 runs.

All Saints Secondary then made 110 for two declared in their second innings when the match ended. Wilden Cornwall Jr hammered 76 off 57 balls with 11 fours and two sixes.

The Antigua Grammar School and Jennings Secondary both recorded contrasting wins in the limited overs competition in the Under-15 Boys Division.

Antigua Grammar snatched a seven-run win against the Ottos Comprehensive School. Antigua Grammar made 80 for seven off 18 overs with J'quan Harris bagging three for 12.

Ottos Comprehensive then crashed to 73 all out in 12.4 overs with Malik Ambrose grabbing five wickets for eight runs. Tayarie Tongue struck 29 and William Pitman scored 24.

Jennings trounced Sir Novelle Richards Academy by 80 runs. Ondre Peters scored 30 not out in the Jennings' total of 137 for eight in 18 overs.

Demar Adams claimed three for 22, Shawn Balgobin had two for 16 and Jahel Branco took two for 32.

In response, the Sir Novelle Richards Academy crashed to 56 all out in 11.4 overs. Tanez Francis grabbed four wickets for four runs and Ondre Peters picked up four wickets for 20 runs.

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Flyers achieved victory at 43 without loss in just 3.4 overs. Makada Samuel hit an unbeaten 26 and Sevely Ireland made 13 not out.

Flyers defeated Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets by seven wickets

in the semi-finals. Bullets made 68 for two. Cheryl Williams struck 23 not out and Annette Frank scored 19.

Flyers achieved victory by scoring 71 for three from their 10 overs. Sevely Ireland slammed 20 not out

and Makada Samuel struck 17.

Potters Uprising snatched a five-run victory against Sagicor Enforcers in the semi-finals. Potters Uprising made 64 for three. Tawana John cracked 32 not out and No-

lia Hodge-Elvin struck 22. Kimberly Anthony claimed two for 12.

Enforcers were then restricted to 59 for two from their 10 overs. Kimberly Anthony scored 21 and Sacha Michael made 16 not out.

## Empire and New Winthorpes claim wins in two-day contest

Empire Nation and New Winthorpes Lions won their encounters in the second round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day Competition over the weekend.

Empire Nation beat Combined Schools by 10 wickets at Factory. Empire Nation declared their first innings at 226 for eight off 48.2 overs with Justin Athanaze slamming 94 off 86 balls, smashing six fours and six sixes.

Opener Tyrone Williams Jr struck 54 off 53 balls with 11 fours and a six while Ajharie Joseph got 35. Xaveek Toppin claimed four for 45.

In reply, Combined Schools tumbled to 125 all out in 37.2 overs. Opener Dravid Richardson scored 38 and Jedd Joseph made 37. Williams Jr grabbed six for 44 and leg-spinner Micah McKenzie bagged four for 30.

Asked to follow on 101 runs behind, Combined Schools could only muster 143 all out in 32.2 overs with Louis Hartland getting a top score of 33 off 31 balls with seven fours.

Athanaze snatched four for 42 with his off-spin, Williams Jr captured three for 23 and Kershaski Jno Lewis picked up three for 33. Set 43 to win, Empire coasted to victory, reaching 44 without loss in five overs.

New Winthorpes Lions crushed All Saints Pythons by 158 runs at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints. Batting first, New Winthorpes crashed to 64 all out in 24.4 overs with Michael Marcellin grabbing eight wickets for 23 runs.

In reply, All Saints were bundled out for a paltry 44 runs in 23.4 overs. New Winthorpes captain and fast bowler Nino Henry snapped up five for 17 and Shavon Moore snatched three for 12.

Booster by a first inning lead of 20 runs and an unbeaten century by Ian Eusebe, New Winthorpes Lions then scored 243 off 48.3 overs in their second innings.

Eusebe, batting at number seven, hammered 103 not out off 98 balls with 11 fours while Bartlette Henry gave good support with 45 off 46 balls. Marcellin captured three for 61 to end with a match haul of 11 for 84.

Set a victory target of 264 runs, All Saints Pythons were dismissed for 105 in 29.4 overs with Moore grabbing four for 38 and Henry picking up three for 24.

Jennings Tigers and Pigotts Crushers played to a draw at Jennings with the home side making 134 off 33.3 overs in their first innings. Winston Nelson made 37 and opener Jahiem Africa scored 36. Pigotts Crushers skipper Elroy Francis Jr. snapped up six wickets for 17 runs.

Pigotts Crushers then declared their first innings at 169 for eight off 53.3 overs. Opener Kadeem Henry struck 66 and Alec Jno Baptiste scored 34. Left-arm spinner Glenton Williams bagged seven wickets for 53 runs.

Facing a deficit of 35 runs, Jennings Tigers declared their second innings at 178 for six off 50.1 overs when both captains decided to end the match at that stage.

Captain DAhri Francis cracked 47 off 52 balls while Elroy Francis captured four for 54 to end with a match haul of 11 for 71.

Caribbean Union Bank Bethesda Golden Eagles and Wes Rising Sun Spartans played to a draw at Bethesda with the hosts making 216 off 63.2 overs in their first innings.

Jamaul Fernandex struck 47 off 56 balls, Tehrique Mason made 43 and



*CUB Bethesda Golden Eagles opening batsman Shacoy Floyd struck a century in his team's two-day encounter against Wes Rising Sun Spartans at Bethesda over the weekend. (Photo courtesy ABCA)*

opener Kevin Pitman scored 36. Ozan Williams claimed four for 25 and Owen Graham claimed three for 36.

In response, Rising Sun Spartans were all out in their first innings for exactly 100 runs off 28.1 overs with fast bowler Kelvin Pitman snapping up six for 21 while fellow pacer Jawakie Joseph took three for 58.

After gaining a first innings lead of 116 runs, opener Shacoy Floyd struck an unbeaten century as Bethesda Golden Eagles reached 223 for three off 54.3 overs in their second innings

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## Spanish Heat and Wadadli Elite advance to playoff semi-finals clash

League champions Galaxia Bar Spanish Heat and Wadadli Elite1 will meet in the second semi-finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division Playoffs Championship.

Both teams advanced to the semis after winning game two to wrap-up their respective best of three first round playoff series 2-0 at the Ovals basketball court on Sunday night.

Spanish Heat, who have already captured the league title by beating Ottos Coolers in the final, prevailed 72-60 against Old Road Daggers.

Steven Matthew sank 21 points; Wilkin Floyd had 14 points and seven assists; Jesus Emmanuel converted 11 points while Rohland Hamilton scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Spanish Heat.

Ezekiel Francois had 24 points and 25 rebounds; Ariel Qualis scored 11 points and claimed seven rebounds and Kevin Cornwall sank 10 points for Old Road Daggers.

Tequan Brodie convert-



ABBA's Second Division League champions Galaxia Bar Spanish Heat. (File photo)

ed 22 points and claimed six rebounds to lead Wadadli Elite1 to their 75-63 victory over Flyers2.

Donte Trimmingham scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Jayden Andrew had 10 points and 12 assists while Najae George also chipped in with 10 points for Wadadli Elite1.

T-Shawn Lewis scored a game-high 31 points and snatched 15 rebounds and Javonte Daley converted 10

points for Flyers2.

Spanish Heat and Wadadli Elite1 will clash in the opening game of their division two semi-final series at the same venue tomorrow, Wednesday, 29th March.

Meanwhile, Ottos Coolers snatched an 85-80 victory against Caribbean Pharmaceuticals Fearless Crew1 to take a 1-0 lead in their best of three second division semi-finals playoff series.

Lincoln Weekes sank 26

points; Javon Simon had 21 points and seven rebounds; Michael Barton produced 15 points, 17 rebounds and nine steals; while Ismael Palemos scored 13 points and claimed seven rebounds for Ottos Coolers.

Rafiki "Ras I" Harris had 24 points, nine assists and seven rebounds; Ralph Spooner converted 18 points and claimed nine rebounds; while Ricky Willock sank 15 points for Fearless Crew1.

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when the match ended.

Floyd hammered 102 not out off 152 balls with 11 fours, Melvin Charles cracked 54 off 83 balls and Deran Benta chipped in with 30.

The match between de-

fending champions PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks and Bolans Blasters at Liberta also ended in a draw.

Liberta declared their first innings at 289 for eight off 73.2 overs. Opener Malique Walsh struck 52,

Joshua Thomas got 46, captain Kadeem Phillip struck 45 and Miandre James scored 40 not out.

In reply, Bolans Blasters were dismissed for 108 in 46.5 overs with captain Taiem Tonge getting 30. Elvis Weaver Jr grabbed four

wickets for 11 runs and Jalen Harris picked up three for 26.

Following on 181 runs behind, Bolans Blasters were 110 for four off 24.3 overs when the match ended. Orlando Peters struck 48.

## Antigua and Barbuda miss out on Gold Cup after losing to Barbados

Antigua and Barbuda missed out on qualification to this summer's Gold Cup tournament after Barbados came from behind to snatch a 2-1 victory over the Benna Boys in their final Concacaf Nations League (CNL) League B Group A match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Sunday.

The day started on a much brighter note for The Benna Boys. As the clock ticked past the half-hour mark Antigua and Barbuda forward Myles Weston whipped in a corner kick from the far side that he tucked into the net for a spectacular opening goal.

But Barbados was hungry for points in the CNL and mounted a rally. After linking in the midfield, Thierry Gale surged forward and sent a right-footed shot from just outside the box for the equalizer.

And in the 87th minute, Barbados had their first advantage of the tournament with defender Shane Codrington sending a ball over the top to forward Taijo James.

James used his first touch to send a looping shot over the advancing Antigua and Barbuda goalkeeper Nicholas Townsend to give



Barbados' Shaquan Collymore (#16 blue jersey) and D'Andre Bishop of Antigua and Barbuda compete for the ball during their Concacaf Nations League match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Sunday, 26th March, 2023. (Concacaf)

Barbados their 2-1 lead.

Despite attacking changes from Antigua and Barbuda, the advantage held and Barbados earned the three points.

Both teams now will begin preparations for the next edition of the Concacaf Nations League, when each will again compete in League B.

Barbados' first-ever League B victory also barred Antigua and Barbuda from qualifying for the Gold Cup preliminary round along with group winners

Cuba.

Cuba gained qualification to the Gold Cup Group stage by winning Group A and Guadeloupe finishing second. Antigua and Barbuda ended in third place with Barbados finishing in the cellar position.

Cuba beat Guadeloupe 1-0 in Havana on Sunday to win the group with 15 points. Guadeloupe qualified for the Gold Cup by virtue of finishing second in the group on goal difference ahead of the Benna Boys after both teams ended their

CNL campaign with nine points each.

Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys had beaten Guadeloupe 1-0 at the Stade Rene Serge Nabajoth in Les Abymes, Guadeloupe, on Thursday night.

Antigua and Barbuda's midfielder Ashley Nathaniel-George made the difference, slipping into the box in the 57th minute and scoring an individual goal.

It was the second win for Antigua and Barbuda over Guadeloupe in the competition.