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# ALFA NERO: NOW PROPERTY OF A&B

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The luxury super yacht, **Alfa Nero**, is now the property of the government and people of Antigua and Barbuda. General Manager of the Antigua Port Authority, Darwin Telemaque, left, carried out the physical act of seizing the vessel on Tuesday morning at the Antigua Yacht Club Marina



# Local News



## Alfa Nero: Now the property of A&B

Following more than a year of being in the Antigua and Barbuda waters as a sanctioned vessel and with no one coming forward to claim ownership, the luxury super yacht, *Alfa Nero*, is now the property of the government and people of Antigua and Barbuda, even if for a short time.

General Manager of the Antigua Port Authority, Darwin Telemaque, who under the statute has the responsibility to carry out the physical act of seizure of the vessel, did so on Tuesday morning at the Antigua Yacht Club Marina where it has been moored, for more than a year.

Surrounded by representatives from the Ministry of Legal Affairs, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services (ADOMS), the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) and a representative of the law firm - Stapleton Chambers, which represents the five-member crew remaining on the vessel, and media representatives; Telemaque



posted a notice of seizure on the vessel and presented the captain, with a Declaration of Seizure.

The team of officials then boarded the vessel where Telemaque informed the gathering that as the *Alfa Nero* has now been seized by the government, there are a number of things that will immediately follow.

“Under the provisions of the Antigua Port Authority Amendment Act, this vessel is now the property of the government of Antigua and Barbuda. We came here first to recognize that fact with the master of the ship. As of



now all the activities aboard the ship will be under the direction of the government. We are now going to have a meeting with the lawyers engaged by the crew and we will now have a discussion on how we move forward managing and maintaining the vessel,” he indicated.

The port manager said that as the vessel is in the hands of the government there are five things that have to be done immediately, first of which was to meet with the crew to get their cooperation and involvement in the process. The second matter concerned the re-flagging of the *Alfa Nero*.

According to Telemaque, as a sanctioned vessel, the *Alfa Nero* has been without a home country for

more than a year and having it flagged is critical to the government’s plans to finally dispose of the valuable asset.

Captain Ranan Bala of ADOMS explained that the process of re-flagging will be done on the basis that it is a vessel owned by the Antigua and Barbuda government. “We will need certain documents and we have already requested these from the relevant authorities. Once we get a hold of these documents we will then give it an Antigua and Barbuda flag,” he stated.

The other key point is the issue of insuring the vessel, said to be worth perhaps over EC\$100 million. Telemaque reported that discus-

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## Efforts to appease teachers continue

The government has continued to work towards resolving the outstanding issues that are at the crux of an apparent impasse with the nation's teachers.

On April 4, the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (A&BUT) dispatched a letter to the Ministry of Education indicating that it intends to call out its membership for industrial action effective April 11, citing a number of outstanding matters.

In response, the ministry of education extended the Easter Vacation for public schools for an extra week, in a move designed to provide additional time for the two sides to come together and resolve the impasse.

Up to late Tuesday afternoon, the minister responsible for Civil Service matters, Sir Molwyn Joseph was engaged in negotiations with an A&BUT team as he sought to bring his immense experience to bear on the process.

Prior to that meeting, Pointe Express reached out to the President of the A&BUT, Casroy Charles Jnr. who said, "while he acknowledged that the government has been moving to resolve the outstanding issues, the union is of the view that these matters have been unresolved for too long."

"It's good to see that the ministry is working feverishly to accomplish the goal, which is to resolve the unre-



*President of the A&BUT, Casroy Charles Jnr*

solved issues, but this attempt is not novel because history would have dictated that they would have attempted something similar last year, which fell through, and which has brought us to this point once again. So just saying that you are working on it, is not adequate, because you have been working on it and as soon as we let up a bit, you just lapse in terms of what you are supposed to do," he declared.

He identified the outstanding issues as schools' security, teacher upgrades, heads of department honoraria, and a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA). On the issue of the new CBA, Charles said he understands that the negotiations are not being done by the ministry of education, but he is of



*General Secretary of the A&BUT Sharon Clifton-Kelsick*

the view that the ministry ought to impress upon the negotiating team the urgency in having the CBA completed.

Charles holds the view that the ministry has been woefully inefficient in completing the list of teachers who are to be upgraded and that it took pressure from the A&BUT for the list to be finally submitted to the treasury late last year, more than a year after it was promised to be done.

Both Charles and General Secretary Sharon Clifton-Kelsick said the A&BUT has exercised much patience with the ministry and they appreciate the willingness of the officials to meet regularly to resolve the matters. They also credited the Cabinet for taking an interest in the teachers' complaints, however, they are of the view that the time for talking has passed and they wish to see action.

"We have met with the Cabinet twice in the last nine months, yet everything is not fully resolved. We are holding their feet to the fire to get things done in a timely manner," Clifton-Kelsick stated.

Following the meeting with Minister Joseph, the A&BUT will convene a meeting with its membership on Thursday for direction on the way forward.

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sions with insurers have started but until the vessel was actually in the possession of the government, nothing could be finalised.

On the issue of security, it was a member of the Antigua and Barbuda Coast Guard who first boarded the vessel. A contingent from the ABDF will be working along with the Coast Guard to protect the vessel on a 24-hour basis, and they will be supplemented by the police and a private

security firm.

Telemaque said the government is committed to settling all outstanding liabilities owed by the vessel, including outstanding salaries for the crew, the Antigua Yacht Club for fuel and mooring, along with a host of local suppliers of goods and services.

The *Alfa Nero* will be sold to the highest bidder and after settling the outstanding monies, the remainder will be paid into the Consolidated Fund.



## 14-year-old boy remains hospitalised following traffic accident

A fourteen year old boy remains warded at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre with injuries following a traffic accident on Easter Saturday.

The youth – Dario Thompson – was the passenger in a vehicle - a Toyota Vitz, which at the time was being driven by 24-year-old Gerard Byron of Clare Hall. Reports are that Byron lost control of the vehicle, and it slammed into a utility pole in the Valley Church area, breaking it in two. The accident happened at approximately 11:40 on Saturday morning.

They were rushed to the SLBMC where Byron was treated for his in-

juries and discharged sometime later. However, his passenger, Thompson was kept by the doctors for further observation as he is suspected to have suffered internal injuries from the impact of the accident.

Head of the Traffic Department, Superintendent Elson Quammie said the Valley Church accident is one of ten reported to the department over the long Easter Holiday weekend.

There were no accidents on Good Friday, but there were five on Saturday, two on Sunday and three on Monday. The Valley Church accident was the only one that resulted in injuries.

Supt. Quammie said there were less accidents this year compared with previous years, and he credits the proactive actions of the police for this development.

He said the police implemented a plan to increase their presence on the road during the holidays and especially after the fetes that happened on the weekend.

These, he believes, are what contributed to the fall in Easter Weekend accidents. “Our presence on the road kept accidents to a minimum. It is clear that the police vigilance worked,” he remarked.

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## Antigua and Barbuda integral to a reef restoration project

A project designed to build man-made coral reefs to help reduce the damage caused by climate change, is using Antigua and Barbuda as the base where these reefs will be manufactured.

The project brings together what has been described as ‘an unlikely pair’, Marine scientist Dr. Deborah Brosnan of the Ocean Shot Project, and John Paul DeJoria, co-founder of John Paul Mitchell hair care systems and Patron Spirits. Brosnan has been studying coral reefs for more than 25 years, with a specific focus on the Caribbean. DeJoria is the man behind the Peace, Love and Harmony (PLH) super luxury project in Barbuda.

They came together in recognition that coral reefs are majestic and beautiful and critical to the world economy. Coral reefs, often called the “rainforests of the sea,” support roughly 25% of all known marine species. They are vital not just to sea life, but to human life, and the planet has lost half its coral reefs since the 1950s, due in large part to climate change.

“Coral reefs are at risk. We have lost more than a third of coral reefs already,” Brosnan told CNBC. “And the prognosis for losing more is high. So right now, today, we lose more coral reefs in a day than we can restore in a decade.”

Coral reefs are one of the most important ecosystems

on the planet, according to Brosnan, who explained that while they occupy a fraction of the sea floor, they support more than half a billion people a day. A living coral reef will break 95% of a wave’s energy, which means it creates a calm lagoon and protects us from storm surge. Reefs are mitigating sea level rise.

Brosnan’s solution is not to restore damaged reefs, but rather replace them with manmade reefs designed to be far more resilient to climate change.

The reefs are made of a PH-neutral concrete — calcium carbonate, which mimics the natural makeup of reefs. It’s a dead skeleton, but then the team attaches corals grown in a nursery — 300 of them from 3 different species. Fish then move in.

Last fall, the first project was installed off the coasts of Antigua and Barbuda. It was neither easy nor cheap, but Brosnan found a billionaire backer, DeJoria, to fund the project, which cost about \$1 million.

“It’s my way of paying a

little bit of rent for being here on the planet earth,” said DeJoria, who has a real estate project on Barbuda.

“I’m doing a billion-dollar project of fine beautiful homes. Incredible! It’s a big project,” he explained. “The people, they are very wealthy people, and they love the fact that everybody’s getting a good job, making good money, and that we’re bringing the reefs back.”

While DeJoria touts the jobs he’ll bring to the islands, restoring the reefs has a much wider economic impact.



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## Regional tourism impresses CHTA, including A&B

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) says international arrivals to the Caribbean for the first two months this year are behind by only one per cent when compared to the same period in 2019.

The CHTA said, in con-

trast, Europe is registering a 25 percent lag while Asia-Pacific is 54 percent behind. Total international inbound is trailing by 31 percent, compared to the same period in 2019.

The regional hotel group is applauding Caribbean tour-

ism stakeholders for their exceptional efforts in leading the global travel rebound this year, noting in particular the strides made by the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) and Curaçao.

"These are impressive results for our region," said

CHTA President Nicola Madden-Greig, noting also the close collaboration and smart partnerships between health organisations, hospitality leaders, businesses, governments, the Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), airlines, and other stakeholders for the "strong recovery".

According to ticket-booking data for arrivals through the end of March, the USVI recorded an increase of more than 22 percent compared to the same period in 2019, leading the region.

Following closely behind is St Maarten, with a growth rate of 18 percent, while Guadeloupe and Turks and Caicos are tied at 17 percent. The USVI has also received top marks for its resilience, measured by arrivals growth for the first two months of the year compared with 2019. Meanwhile, Curaçao has also shown impressive growth in the US market, with Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda following closely behind.

According to ForwardKeys, there has been a rise in flight searches from Canada, which is welcome news for the region, as travel from Canada has been slower to recover.

Demand for spring and summer travel to the Caribbean is expected to surpass 2019 levels, with spring arrivals projected to exceed 2019 figures by 20 percent and summer arrivals set to eclipse pre-pandemic records by 48 percent.

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## Tropical Shipping appoints new Island Manager of Antigua and Barbuda

Tropical Shipping has appointed Tamara Lowe-James as the new Island Manager of Antigua and Barbuda.

Tamara is Dominican by birth and Antiguan and Barbudan by descent. She is no stranger to leadership, as she served as the Island Manager of Tropical Shipping (Dominica) for the last 10 years. She is also currently, the President of the regional organization WiMAC (Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean), which was formed under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization, with the aim of fostering the development and participation of women in the maritime sector and contributing to the growth of the industry within the Caribbean Region.

Tamara has most recently served as the Vice President and a Director of



*Tamara Lowe-James*  
the Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce (DAIC). She holds a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in strategic management and speaks fluent Spanish. An

esteemed Poet and Rotarian, Tamara believes in giving back to her community.

Tamara will lead Tropical Shipping's day-to-day business in Antigua and Barbuda and represent its interest in the country.

She looks forward to bringing over 15 years of her shipping knowledge and experience to the Antiguan and Barbudan market and will continue to advocate for the growth of women in the maritime industry.

Mark Lopez, Tropical Shipping's Vice President of the Eastern Caribbean Trade comments, "Tamara is a very capable leader. She understands the supply chain needs of our Caribbean customers and how to help them grow their business. She is the perfect fit for her new role in Antigua."

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# Workplace

## Strategic Human Resource Communications: A two-way street

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*Please be guided accordingly.*

*-Management*

We have all seen the disreputable memos: memos driving down a one-way street in our organizations. Memos fueled by the grapevines of influence. Memos that do not allow key stakeholders to provide relevant feedback on the issues that affect staff.

Memos that act as seeds of division between management and staff and grow into thriving forests of employee disengagement.

Please do not misinterpret us. The message above is needful because no one wants to operate in unsanitary conditions.

However, if “management” wants the staff to conform to its dictates, a memo may not be the best way to get the message across.

One member of the Human Resources Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB) recounted her experiences with staff engagement surveys and noted common themes of staff disengagement among various

industries.

At the top of the list were a lack of equitable compensation and benefits, unsuitable managerial/leadership practices, and poor communication.

Believe it or not, something as simple as poor communication hurts the very fabric of our organisations as it breeds mistrust which leads to diminished morale and decreased productivity. This is an evil that has no place in a strategic organisation.

Let’s create some skip lines in our one-way streets of communication, shall we? Here’s how to get it done with some help from the Academy to Innovate Human Resources.

For starters, identify your employee segments and consider how you will create value when you communicate with them.

For instance, your line staff wants to feel like they are valued members of your organization. So, you can create value by ensuring that key news and product offerings are shared with them before they hear about it on the news or on a radio ad.

Then, determine your communication channels and activities. At this stage, you want to know how to get your messages to your staff.

If you are unsure, run an anonymous pulse survey



among your staff segments. Simply ask them to identify their age group and to state their communication preferences.

Depending on the nature of their work, some may prefer emails, while others may prefer regular staff meetings or team huddles.

Whatever the case is, try to accommodate their preferences, as reasonable. Then, ascertain the resources and costs that will be required.

Let’s say that your leadership team is located all over the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States but prefers quick huddles in real-time; at minimum, you will require stable Internet connectivity, emails, a reliable video-conferencing platform, and training in online meeting management. Subsequently, ensure that all your resources are budgeted and approved.

Additionally, here are some generic tips. Be deliberate about how you communicate. Remember that everything that you say and every way that you frame

your message will have either positive or negative effects on your staff’s morale, so communicate responsibly. Next, be empathetic. Place yourself in the shoes of those you communicate with and endeavour to meet their communication needs.

Finally, know your boundaries. Your aim should be to create value for your stakeholders, not to be everyone’s friend (or enemy); so, keep it professional.

Safe driving on your newfound two-way streets.

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# Opinion



## The English is cunning

By Tony Deyal

An English lord armed with a Merkel shotgun and riding his best thoroughbred hunting horse had very poor luck for the entire day. Then, as he was going home in disgust, he came upon a totally nude and voluptuous young lady lying naked on a beautiful magma quilt right in the middle of the track. She got up and asked seductively, “You with the fancy horse and big gun, what you up to?” He replied, “I’m looking for game.” Her response with a big smile and a stretch emphasising her beautiful body was, “Well, I’m game.” So he shot her.

Fortunately for the British and their English language, the government of Italy, while seeing the English language as unfair game, has not shot them down but has decided instead to shut them and their language up. Italy’s prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, who has shown that she is definitely not game, is supporting the introduction of legislation that could see companies fined for using foreign languages in their official communications and documentations. Italians who use English and other foreign words in official communications could face fines of up to €100,000 (\$108,705) under new legislation introduced by her Brothers of Italy party. While the legislation encompasses all foreign languages, it is particularly geared at “Anglomania” or use of En-

glish words, which the draft states “demeans and mortifies” the Italian language, adding that it is even worse because the UK is no longer part of the European Union (EU).

The bill, which has yet to go up for parliamentary debate, requires anyone who holds an office in public administration to have “written and oral knowledge and mastery of the Italian language”. It also prohibits the use of English in official documentation, including “acronyms and names” of job roles in companies operating in the country. The decision to safeguard their language, especially from the English, in both word and deed, is likened to an existing decision to protect the country’s cuisine, especially, I believe, from English jokes like, “My girlfriend is threatening to leave me because of my obsession with Italian food. I wouldn’t put it pasta.” Or, “What do you call a hooker that asks for payment in Italian food? A pasta-tute.” There is also, “Did you hear about the Englishman who died after eating in an Italian restaurant? He pasta way.” And worse, “Why don’t Italians have barbecues? The spaghetti falls through the grill.”

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Actually, the intention is to safeguard their nation’s heritage, especially to stop the British from messing up the name of one of their favourite and best known appetis-



Tony Deyal

ers, which consists of toasted bread topped with tomatoes, Parmesan cheese, garlic and fresh basil. It is spelt “bruschetta” and is supposed to be pronounced “brusketta”. Unfortunately, the Brits call it “bru-shetta” and, for talking shett instead of skett, the Italians are making it a punishable offence - most likely by feeding you with Eggplant Parmesan, which in Trinidad is known as melongene, aubergine, and (by people of Indian descent) “baigan”. I hate it and during my entire life have let baigans be by-gones. However, the Italians make it even worse by covering their eggplant with flour and breadcrumbs, frying it in oil, and then layering it with tons of mozzarella and Parmesan cheese.

Fortunately, nothing happens in a hurry in Italy. Punctuality is not tight in social sit-

uations and, like our doctors, lawyers and police in the Caribbean, “on time” can mean at least 20, 30 or even 45 minutes or more late. Again, like many of our people, lunch breaks can be as long as two hours. This is why it is said that Heaven is where the cooks are French, the police British, the mechanics German, the lovers are Italian, and everything is organised by the Swiss. Hell, however, is where the cooks are British, the police are American, the mechanics are French, the lovers are Swiss, and everything is organised by the Italians. Fortunately for all of us in the Caribbean where ‘ital’ is vital and our official language is still English, for me especially, there is nothing like it. If I ask you, “What word in the English language is always spelled incorrect-

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ly?" The answer is, of course, "incorrectly". If you tell me that the English language is hard to learn, I will say that you can do it through tough, thorough thought though.

There is the story of the professor telling his university English class, "While two negatives can mean a positive, in the English language, there are no two positives that connote a negative." From one of the boys at the back of the class came the response, "Yeh. Right!" Actually, double negatives are a big no-no. English, for me, is fun and games. For instance, what word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters mean a female, the first four letters denote somebody who is truly remarkable, while the entire word denote a great woman? The answer is "Heroine". What other language would have as both its shortest and

longest sentence the two words, "I do"? Or its words, phrases and punctuation end up in court? Well they were there to be sentenced. What about when its past, present and future walk into a bar? I can tell you, it was tense.

## HAVE SOME FUN

So, for the rest of this article, let's have some fun with our language and enjoy its twists and turns. Did you hear about the man whose left side was cut off? He's all right now. Or do you know when you get a bladder infection, you know urine trouble. Then there is the guy who said, "I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, then it dawned on me."

What has also dawned on me is the number of people who have identified some of the things that make the English language so "off key" or different. For example, "Our language is funny - a 'fat chance' and a 'slim chance' are the same thing." Newspa-

per columnist Doug Larson said, "If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers" and also, "A catastrophe would be an apostrophe with fur." Other comments I like include, "Why do we have noses that run and feet that smell?" and Dorothy Parker's, "The two most beautiful words in the English language are 'check enclosed'." Then the other famous Dorothy, the detective story writer Dorothy Sayers, pointed out, "The English language has a deceptive air of simplicity; so have some little frocks; but they are both not the kind of thing you can run up in half an hour with a machine." And from an unknown came,

"What is the shortest word in the English language that contains the letters: abcdef? Answer: feedback. Don't forget that feedback is one of the essential elements of good communication."

So, having enjoyed myself, and hoping you had fun with me, I will do a twist on the famous American humourist, Robert Benchley, "Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I will say nothing more."

***Tony Deyal was last seen quoting G.K. Chesterton, "The word 'good' has many meanings. For example, if a man were to shoot his grandmother at a range of five hundred yards, I should call him a good shot, but not necessarily a good man."***

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Instructed by the ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Friday 14 April 2023 at 1:00 p.m. on site, the under mentioned property owned by Mr. Dale Henry of Lamberts, New Winthropes, St. George's, Antigua.

The property is located at Lamberts, New Winthropes, St. George's, Antigua and consists of a parcel of land of an area of approximately 5,985 sq. ft. or 0.14 acre; with a two (2) storey three (3) bedroom, two (2) bathroom concrete residential dwelling thereon of an area offering approximately 2,900 sq. ft. of living space inclusive of a lower floor basement for possible commercial use.

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## Guyana, PAHO/WHO working on initiative to eradicate five key diseases

CMC - The Guyana government says it is working with the Pan American Health Organisation and the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) on a new initiative to eradicate five key infectious diseases in the country.

The Ministry of Health said Filaria [big foot], leprosy, chagas, leishmaniasis or bush yaws, have been identified by the government to be eradicated in a few years and remains confident that these diseases will be eliminated with the technical support from two United Nations health organisations.

“We have been working with them on a number of projects. Right now, we are working to eliminate Filaria from Guyana.

“We are hoping that in a couple years from now, we can declare Guyana to be filaria-free.

“So, that is one of the projects that we have with PAHO,” said Health Minister Dr Frank Anthony, as he addressed the commissioning of the Paramakatoi Smart Hospital in Region



Eight.

“Right now, at the national level, we have considered that it has been eliminated nationally.

“But there are still some pockets where we need to work to eliminate it in those particular areas.

“That is the kind of targeted work that we are doing with PAHO,” Dr Anthony stated.

He said the government remains

optimistic that Leishmaniasis, which is caused by infection with Leishmania parasites, which are spread by the bite of phlebotomine sand flies, along with the Chagas disease which is caused by a bug, will be eradicated from Guyana.

Malaria is still endemic in Region One and the ministry is working assiduously to reduce in its first instance, and to work towards eradication by

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## Super Mario Movie's 'sensational' box office takings defy poor reviews

By Ian Youngs

The new Super Mario Bros Movie has broken box office records, scoring the most successful global opening of all time for an animated film.

The family film - Hollywood's second version of the hit Nintendo game - took \$377m (£303m) around the world in its first five days on release.

That overtook the previous record of \$358m (£288m) held by Frozen 2.

"The numbers are sensational," noted analyst David A Gross, who said it would "easily be the #1 flick of 2023".

In The Super Mario Bros Movie, the moustachioed Italian plumber is voiced by Chris Pratt, while Jack Black plays fire-breathing villain Bowser.

It left many critics cold, with the New York Post's Johnny Oleksinski saying it's «just another soulless ploy to sell us merchandise» and The Guardian's Peter Bradshaw calling it «tedious and flat in all senses».



*One critic called the film "soulless", but a box office analyst said its earnings were "sensational".*

He added that it was "a disappointment to match the live-action version in 1993" - a reference to the infamous original adaptation starring Bob Hoskins.

But many fans seem to disagree, with the 56% critics' score on Rotten Tomatoes eclipsed by the 96% audience score.

Even Elon Musk tweeted that «the critics are so disconnected from reality!»

Crowds "didn't seem to care about so-so reviews", the Hollywood

Reporter's Pamela McClintock wrote.

The film broke other records, including the best-ever opening for a movie based on a video game and the top opening of 2023 so far, she said.

Comscore analyst Paul Dergarabedian told the outlet: "This is one of the biggest box office over-performances in recent memory and is absolutely shattering all pre-release projections."

Variety agreed that the film «crushed already-

high expectations», while Screen Daily said it «pulled off a thunderous bow which shows the theatrical demand for family titles at a time when Hollywood executives are concerned about the depth of supply lines as the world emerges from the pandemic».

Global box office figures for 2022 were 35% down on pre-Covid levels.

Reflecting on Super Mario's takings, the New York Times asked: "Are family movies back - all the way back, to the degree that Hollywood can once again count on them as relative sure things?"

"Studio executives and movie theatre owners were practically doing cartwheels over the weekend while shouting, 'Yes!'"

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2030 in the regions that are affected.

Anthony said that the government will shortly be launching an interesting immunisation programme.

"We also know that with the immunisation programme, you have to give people injections and a lot of people do not like

injections. We will give the vaccine but not in the form of an injection. That one, we will be launching very soon which will become more comfortable for the child that is receiving the vaccine.

"It is not vaccine in the traditional sense. It is going to be a different way in delivering that vaccine," he added.

# Regional News



## New medical school in Dominica to undergo accreditation by end of April

Following the shutdown of Dominica's premiere medical school, Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM), a new educational institution is set to begin operations in the island by August this year.

The new school, American Canadian School of Medicine (ACSOM), is opening in Picard, Portsmouth—the same city where RUSM operated for 40 years.

But before it opens on August 14, ACSOM will have to undergo critical accreditations by end of April and beginning of May.

“Once we learn of those accreditation decisions we can actually start accepting students,” Carey



James, ACSOM president, said during an interview on State-Owned DBS Radio.

According to Dominica's prime minister Roos-

evelt Skerrit at last year's budget hearing, the American Canadian School of Medicine will offer four-year degrees in medicine

and will be run by “an experienced team comprising doctors who have held positions at major universities

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## Woman charged with making threats against President of Guyana



President of Guyana, Dr Irfaan Ali.

CMC - Police in Guyana said a woman has been arrested in connection with a threat made on the life of President Dr Irfaan Ali.

Head of the Criminal Investigations Department, Assistant Police Commissioner Wendell Blanhum confirmed that the unidentified woman had been arrested in connection with the threat made in a post on social media that is in contradiction with the Racial Hostility Act.

“The president needs to be assassinated,” the woman says when asked by an unseen and unidentified person to repeat what she said.

In the same video on the social media site, TikTok, the Indo-Guyanese woman is heard hurling racial

slurs against an Afro-Guyanese man.

The video was posted on TikTok on April 9, 2023, and up to Monday night had attracted more than 98,000 views.

Police are also investigating a report posted on social media where an Indo-Guyanese man is urging that Afro-Guyanese be severely harmed.

Earlier this month, the executive chairman of the opposition Working People's Alliance (WPA), Tacuma Ogunseye, was released on GUY\$100,00 (One Guyana dollar=US\$0.004 cents) bail on a charge of attempting to excite racial hostility.

Ogunseye, 71, who had surrendered to police pleaded not guilty to the charge.



## T&T supermarket owners want licensed guns after colleague was murdered

CMC - President of the Supermarket Association of Trinidad and Tobago (SATT), Rajiv Diptee, Monday called on the police to provide business owners with a gun licence after gunmen shot and killed a 49-year-old supermarket owner over the last weekend.

Diptee, speaking on a radio programme, said that the association has been working closely with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) “to see how more resilient crime-fighting measures can be put in place because we have been noticing this increase in robberies and larcenies since the re-opening of the economy last year.

“What we will suggest is that law-abiding business owners who are suitably qualified within the remits of the law be granted their (firearm user’s licence). The most complaints we get are from supermarket owners who have applied, and not getting approved.

Police said that Bing Zhu Zhang, 49, the owner of the Golden City Supermarket, was shot and killed on Friday night as three armed bandits attempted to rob his business place.

Police later said one of three men



was shot and killed by lawmen while two other suspects are in custody after they were intercepted near the San Juan river, on the outskirts of the capital.

“We have a situation where there are not enough, near enough patrols to cover all of the hot spots across Trinidad and Tobago and this lends a particular vulnerability to those whom the criminal elements regard as soft targets when they go after these establishments,” Diptee told radio listeners.

“So what we are simply asking for is the consideration being made with urgency for members of the business

community who have a means to defend themselves at this time,” he said, noting that “the stark reality of the crime situation facing members of the business community today is one in which we cannot afford 24/7 armed security personnel at these types of establishments.

“We have a crime situation where criminals are coming out in numbers, each one of them with more sophisticated firearms,” he said.

Trinidad and Tobago has recorded 156 murders so far this year. Last year, the country recorded total of 605 murders, the most in its history.

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in the United States.” This roster also includes a former vice president of operations at the RUSM.

“We are very proud of our curriculum and the training that we are going to be able to provide,” Carey continued.

“It’s really a small group-centered, that’s physician-led, students are taught in teams of 10.”

“We (ACSOM) are not owned; we actually have

a board of trustees that is very distinguished that you can find on our website,” he added.

ACSOM opened its applications last week on the website, [www.acsom.edu.dm](http://www.acsom.edu.dm), and is expected to accommodate students from Canada, US, and the Caribbean.

Dominica is building more state-of-the-art health-care institutions in line with its goal of becoming the world’s first climate-resil-

ient nation.

The Dominica China Friendship Hospital is operating, and the construction of the new Reginald Armour Hospital, which will also be in Portsmouth, will commence soon.

The New Marigot Hospital is now complete, with medical equipment and furnishings already in place.

MMC Development Ltd., a Dubai-based firm that has been instrumental to the housing initiative of

the government of Dominica, led the development of the New Marigot Hospital.

The developing company also spearheaded the construction of twelve other health and wellness centres across the island.

The centres are “comprised of two floors, and fitted with an emergency area, out-patient clinics, treatment room, as well as accommodation for medical staff,” according to MMC CEO Anthony Haiden.

## Israeli army kills two alleged Palestinian gunmen in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military shot and killed two Palestinians who allegedly opened fire at troops from their car in the northern West Bank on Tuesday, authorities said, the latest incident in a wave of deadly violence gripping the occupied territory.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the two men killed in the West Bank village of Deir al Hatab as Saud Abdullah Saud and Mohammed Abu Dira, without saying their ages.

The Israeli military said the men shot at an Israeli outpost near the settlement of Elon Moreh, south of the Palestinian city of Nablus. Israeli soldiers on patrol opened fire, killing the two alleged gunmen.

Palestinian media reported that a third gunman was in the car during the drive-by shooting and fled the area. Israeli security forces said they were searching for other suspected assailants and found a pair of M-16 rifles and a pistol at the scene.

The local armed group of the Balata refugee camp, a militant stronghold near Nablus, identified the two men as militants, sharing photos of them brandishing M-16s in the camp. Saud had previously spent 15 years in Israeli prison, the group said.

“We fought as soldiers



The three remaining children of Lucy Dee comfort each other at their mother's funeral in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Kfar Etzion, Tuesday, April 11, 2023. The British-Israeli woman died of wounds from an April 7 shooting attack that killed her daughters, Maia and Rina Dee, by Palestinian gunmen in the West Bank. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

and we promise we will always be soldiers,” Saud said in a video after being freed from prison last spring.

Tuesday's deaths followed a week of unusually heightened violence in Israel and the West Bank, touched off by an Israeli police raid on Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, the compound home to the Al-Aqsa mosque. Last week, the Israeli military struck sites linked to the Palestinian group Hamas in southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip after militants in the two territories fired salvos of rockets at Israel. The mosque sits on a contested hilltop revered as the

third-holiest site in Islam and the holiest site in Judaism.

Underscoring the ever-combustible situation in the West Bank, two British-Israeli sisters and their mother were killed when their car came under fire near a Jewish settlement in the West Bank last Friday. The mother, Lucy Dee, succumbed to her wounds on Monday and was laid to rest in the settlement of Kfar Etzion south of Jerusalem on Tuesday. Hundreds of mourners packed the funeral, singing and swaying as Lucy's husband, Leo, and his remaining children wept at the podium — their fam-

ily of seven reduced to four.

“Lucy, I have a choice: I could lament over the next 25 years of marriage that I've lost, but I actually feel blessed to have had 25 years of a beautiful marriage with you,” Leo said, his voice cracking in anguish.

He added: “If we support the good and reject the evil, then we can all play our part in building a better world.”

Last week, in a separate incident, an Italian tourist was killed and five others were wounded when a Palestinian's car careened onto a bike path near the beach in Tel Aviv in what author-

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## Volcano eruption in Russia's Kamchatka spews vast ash clouds

MOSCOW (AP) — A volcano erupted early Tuesday on Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula, spewing clouds of dust 20 kilometers (65,600 feet) into the sky and covering broad areas with ash.

The ash cloud from the eruption of Shiveluch, one of Kamchatka's most active volcanoes, extended over 500 kilometers (more than 300 miles) northwest and engulfed several villages in grey volcanic dust.

Officials closed the skies over the area to aircraft. Local authorities advised residents to stay indoors and shut schools in several affected communities. Two villages had their power supplies cut for a few hours until emergency crews restored them.

Ash fell on 108,000 square kilometers (41,699 square miles) of territory, according to the regional branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences Geophysical



Smoke and ash are visible during the the Shiveluch volcano's eruption on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, Tuesday, April 11, 2023. (Alexander Ledyayev via AP)

Survey. Scientists described the fallout as the biggest in nearly 60 years.

The village of Klyuchi, which is located about 50 kilometers (some 30 miles) from the volcano, was covered by an 8-centimeter (3-inch) layer of dust. Residents posted videos showing the ash cloud plunging the area

into darkness.

Kamchatka Gov. Vladimir Solodov said there was no need for mass evacuation, but added that some residents who have health issues could be temporarily evacuated.

Shiveluch has two parts, the 3,283-meter (10,771-foot) Old Shiveluch, and the

smaller, highly active Young Shiveluch.

The Kamchatka Peninsula, which extends into the Pacific Ocean about 6,600 kilometers (4,000 miles) east of Moscow, is one of the world's most concentrated area of geothermal activity, with about 30 active volcanoes.

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ities described as a suspected terrorist attack. The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he offered condolences to his Italian counterpart during a phone call Tuesday.

So far this year, 94 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in the West Bank, according to a tally by The Associated Press, at least half of them affiliated with militant groups. During that time, 19 people were killed in Palestinian attacks on Israelis.

With the country battling threats on multiple fronts, Netanyahu on

Monday reversed his decision to fire his defense minister, Yoav Gallant, who expressed opposition to the government's divisive plans to weaken the judiciary last month. Gallant praised the Israeli military's killing of the Palestinian gunmen on Tuesday.

In a step toward de-escalating the situation, Netanyahu's office said Tuesday that authorities would bar Jewish visits to Al-Aqsa, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, for the remainder of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

That's standard for the final 10

days of the holiday, when Muslims often pray at the site overnight.

Jews are permitted to visit the compound, but not pray there, under longstanding agreements. But such visits, which have grown in numbers in recent years, have stoked anger, particularly because some Jews are often seen quietly praying.

The rare convergence of the Jewish Passover festival and Ramadan brought scores of religious Jews to the site last week and fueled tensions that spiraled into unrest in Jerusalem — and a regional confrontation.

# Myanmar military airstrike kills at least 53 people

BBC - At least 53 people have been killed, according to survivors, in one of the deadliest airstrikes by the Myanmar military in the civil war.

They say that the dead include at least 15 women and a number of children. The BBC cannot verify the numbers.

Tuesday's attack targeted a village in the north-western Sagaing region, which has opposed the military government.

The military has increasingly used air strikes against their opponents since seizing power in February 2021.

Communities in Sagaing have put up some of the strongest opposition to military rule in Myanmar, forming their own militias and running their own schools and clinics.

One villager told the BBC that a military jet had flown over at about 07:00 local time (01:30 BST) and dropped a bomb, followed by a helicopter gunship which attacked the village for 20 minutes.

Residents uploaded video showing scenes of appalling carnage, with dismembered bodies lying on the ground and several buildings on fire.

"Please call out if you are still alive, we are coming to help you," they can he heard shouting as they walked through Pa Zi Gyi



*Eyewitness say the attack in Pa Zi Gyi was carried out by a jet and a helicopter gunship.*

looking for victims of the attack.

They said that they tried to count the bodies, but that this was difficult because so many were in pieces, scattered among shredded clothing and burned motorbikes.

Pa Zi Gyi had been packed with people from nearby communities attending a ceremony to mark the opening of a new People's Defence Forces (PDF) office.

The PDFs are volunteer anti-coup militias waging an armed campaign against the military in various parts of Myanmar.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, said he was "horrified" by the incident, which he described as a "blatant disregard for... the rules of international law".

He added: "As I have previously noted, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the military and its affiliated militias are responsible for an extremely broad range of human rights violations and abuses since 1 February 2021, some of which may constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes."

Thousands have been killed in the civil war, with an additional 1.4 million displaced. Nearly a third of the country's population is also in need of humanitarian aid, according to the United Nations.

The military government has been increasingly relying on its Russian and Chinese aircraft to bomb opposition-controlled villages, because its ground troops are finding it difficult to move around on roads, where they are often am-

bushed or hit by mines and improvised explosive device (IEDs). The airstrikes can inflict much higher casualties among non-combatants.

There were at least 600 air attacks by the military between February 2021 and January 2023, according to a BBC analysis of data from the conflict-monitoring group Acled (Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project).

The exiled National Unity Government, which was formed after the coup, says that these attacks killed 155 civilians between October 2021 and September 2022.

In October, at least 50 people were killed after air force jets dropped three bombs on a concert organised by an ethnic insurgent group in Kachin state. In the previous month, an airstrike on a school in the village of Let Yet Kone in central Myanmar killed at least five children and injured several others.

If the death toll at Pa Zi Gyi is confirmed, it will be one of the deadliest single incidents so far in the civil war.

Last month, Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the head of the military government, said the regime would deal decisively with what he described as "acts of terror" by armed resistance groups.





# MATCH SCHEDULE

APRIL 13TH - APRIL 29TH

## THURSDAY APR 13TH

4:30PM	Liberta Blackhawks	VS	Empire Nation
8:30PM	Bethesda Golden Eagles	VS	Bolans Blasters

## FRIDAY APR 14TH

4:30PM	Jennings Tigers	VS	New Winthorpes Lions
8:30PM	Pigotts Crushers	VS	All Saints Pythons

## SATURDAY APR 15TH

12:30PM	Liberta Blackhawks	VS	Bolans Blasters
4:30PM	New Winthorpes Lions	VS	Pigotts Crushers
8:30PM	Empire Nation	VS	Bethesda Golden Eagles

## SUNDAY APR 16TH

12:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	Jennings Tigers
4:30PM	Bolans Blasters	VS	Pigotts Crushers
8:30PM	New Winthorpes Lions	VS	Liberta Blackhawks

## MONDAY APR 17TH

4:30PM	Bolans Blasters	VS	Jennings Tigers
8:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	Bethesda Golden Eagles

## TUESDAY APR 18TH

4:30PM	Jennings Tigers	VS	Empire Nation
8:30PM	Liberta Blackhawks	VS	Pigotts Crushers

## WEDNESDAY APR 19TH

12:30PM	New Winthorpes Lions	VS	Bethesda Golden Eagles
4:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	Bolans Blasters
8:30PM	Liberta Blackhawks	VS	Jennings Tigers

## THURSDAY APR 20TH

12:30PM	Pigotts Crushers	VS	Empire Nation
4:30PM	Liberta Blackhawks	VS	Bethesda Golden Eagles
8:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	New Winthorpes Lions

## FRIDAY APR 21ST

4:30PM	Bethesda Golden Eagles	VS	Pigotts Crushers
8:30PM	New Winthorpes Lions	VS	Empire Nation

## SATURDAY APR 22ND

4:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	Liberta Blackhawks
8:30PM	Empire Nation	VS	Bolans Blasters

## MONDAY APR 24TH

2:30PM	All Saints Pythons	VS	Empire Nation
6:30PM	Jennings Tigers	VS	Pigotts Crushers

## TUESDAY APR 25TH

4:30PM	New Winthorpes Lions	VS	Bolans Blasters
8:30PM	Bethesda Golden Eagles	VS	Jennings Tigers

## THURSDAY APR 27TH

4:30PM	Semi-Final 1
8:30PM	Semi-Final 2

## SATURDAY APR 29TH

4:30PM	Third Place Match
8:30PM	Finals

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The St Vincent and the Grenadines Police cricket team celebrate after beating Grenada Police in the final to win the 2023 Regional Police Twenty20 Tournament at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on 10th April.

## Antigua lose final matches at regional police T20 tournament

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda lost their last two matches to finish with one win and four

losses at the 2023 Regional Police Twenty20 Tournament, which concluded over the Easter Holidays in Bar-

bados.

The Antigua and Barbuda Police suffered a 43-run loss to Barbados Police in

their penultimate encounter at Lears.

Barbados Police made 190 for nine off their 20 overs. Kadeem Alleyne slammed 58 off 29 balls with four fours and sixes, Dario Sargeant struck 43 not out and Mario Albert made 22.

Lashorn Bamard claimed two for 23, James Cornelius picked up two for 24 and Malik Marcellin captured two for 32.

In reply, Antigua & Barbuda Police could only muster 147 for six off their 20 overs.

Tron Payne hit 39, Shavon Moore made 24 not

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The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda cricket team which participated in the 2023 Regional Police Twenty20 Tournament in Barbados from 1st to 10th April. (Photos courtesy Neville Nicholls)



## Patriots beat Scotland in latest T20 practice match

The St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots snatched a 10-run victory over Scotland in their third T20 Practice Match at Ball Beef in Liberta yesterday (Tuesday).

Kofi James slammed 60 off 43 balls with four fours and four sixes to help guide the Patriots to 174 for six off their 20 overs.

Allrounder Dominic Drakes also slammed 60 off 40 balls for the Patriots. Ali Evans captured three for 42 and Chris Sole picked up two for 36.

In reply, Scotland were dismissed for 164 in 19.5 overs. Jack Jarvis hammered 40 off 23 balls and Matthew Cross struck 27 off 17 balls.

Left-arm pacer Sheldon Cottrell snapped up three wickets for five runs in one over while fast bowler Oshane Thomas picked up two wickets for 39 runs in three overs.

Scotland and the St Kitts and Nevis Patriots are slated to clash in their



Allrounder Kofi James slams a half century for the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots in a 10-run victory over Scotland in their third T20 Practice Match at Ball Beef in Liberta on Tuesday, 10th April, 2023. (Photo courtesy CST20)

fourth and final T20 practice match at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium today (Wednesday).

Some members of the Scotland squad will remain in Antigua for the 2023 Cool & Smooth T20 explosion,

which will take place at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium from 13th to 29th April.

The rest of the Scotland national team players will depart Antigua on Saturday, 15th April.

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out, captain Derek Mourillon got 21, Tarique Mason scored 21 not out and Jeron Jones chipped in with 19.

Rasheed Padmore took three for 24 and Kadeem Alleyne picked up two for 27.

Grenada Police then beat the Antigua & Barbuda Police by 9 wickets at Lears.

The Antigua and Barbuda Police were 133 all out in 19.3 overs after they lost the toss and were sent in to bat.

Malique Gerald top-scored with 30, Derek Mourillon struck 19, Tron Payne hit 17, Tarique Mason got 12 and Damon Valentine

made 11. Johann Jeremiah snapped up three wickets for five runs, Amikel Dubisette took two for 16 and Josh Thomas captured two for 40.

Grenada Police then achieved victory at 137 for one in 12.5 overs. Nickozi St. Hillaire hammered 54 not out off 33 balls with seven fours and two sixes, while Lindon Lawrence slammed 44 not out.

St. Vincent & the Grenadines defeated Grenada by 15 runs in the Final to capture the Regional Police Twenty20 Tournament at Kensington Oval on Easter

Monday.

Sent in to bat, St. Vincent & The Grenadines Police made 130 all out in 19 overs. Salvan Browne slammed 50 off 43 balls with six fours and a six, Desron Maloney scored 25 and Shammon Hooper made 12.

Nicklaus Redhead grabbed four for 29, Daryl Cyrus claimed three for 21 and Seandell Regis picked up two wickets for nine runs.

Chasing 131 to win, Grenada Police were restricted to 115 for nine off their 20 overs. Nickozi St.

Hillaire cracked 29, Johann Jeremiah scored 23 while Seandell Regis and Samuel Charles each made 10.

Dillon Douglas snatched three wickets for 10 runs and Darius Martin captured two for 14.

In the semi-finals, St. Vincent & The Grenadines Police beat Barbados Police by 15 runs and Grenada Police beat Trinidad & Tobago Police by four wickets at Weymouth.

Six teams participated in the 2023 Regional Police Twenty20 Tournament in Barbados from 1st to 10th April.





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## Leewards suffer huge defeat against Guyana in Under-15 tournament

The Leeward Islands lost by 101 runs against Guyana in the fourth round of the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Regional Rising Stars Under-15 Super50 Tournament at Ball Beef in Liberta on Easter Monday.

Set 155 to win, the Leeward Islands crashed to just 53 all out in 28.2 overs with Arun Gainder grabbing three wickets for 13 runs.

Opener Razam Koobir had struck 28 while Dave Mahabir and Shane Prince each made 22 in Guyana's

total of 154 in 36.5 overs.

Kunal Tilokani captured four for 21, Jaheem Clarke claimed three for 21 and Krishna Girdhari took two for 20.

Leaders Trinidad and Tobago remain unbeaten and stayed on course to lift this year's title by coasting to a seven-wicket win against Jamaica at the Coolidge Cricket Ground.

Jamaica were dismissed for 102 in 34.4 overs with Ryan Lyttleton getting 15 and Nicoli McKenzie and



Arun Gainder claimed three wickets to help Guyana to victory against the Leeward Islands in their CWI Regional Rising Stars Under-15 Super50 Tournament match at Ball Beef in Liberta on Monday, 10th April, 2023. (CWI Media)

Damien Daley each contributing 13.

Yasir Deen captured three for 18, Alejandro Kassiram took three for 20 and Brendan Boodoo picked up two for 20.

Trinidad and Tobago then cruised to victory at 106 for three in 30.4 overs. Boodoo cracked 50 off 69 balls, Zane Maraj struck 23 and Dimitri Ramjattan made 17.

Joel Williams picked up two for 11 and Demarco Scott claimed two for 31. It was the fourth win in as many matches for the Trinidadians.

Reigning champions Barbados recorded their first win in the tournament by pulling off an eight-wicket win against the Windward Islands at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

The Windward Islands were dismissed for 112 in 40.1 overs with Earsinho Fontaine getting 18. Akobi

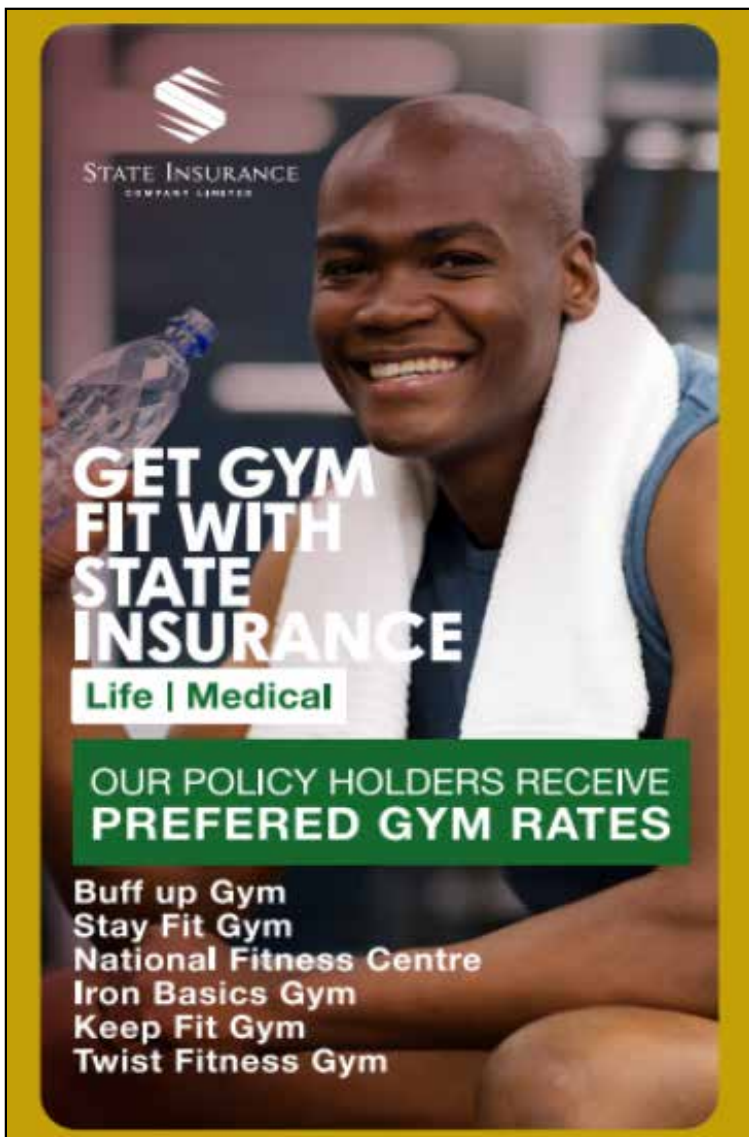
Crichlow-Byer picked up four for 18 and Javed Worrell claimed three for 18.

Barbados then raced to victory at 113 for two in 20.2 overs. Opener Gadson Bowens top scored with an unbeaten 45 off 56 balls with five fours and a six, fellow opener Oliver Gooding made 25 and Kemar Dixon chipped in with 16.

The six regional teams will be contesting their fifth and final round of matches at 9:30 am today (Wednesday).

Trinidad and Tobago will face the Leeward Islands at the Coolidge Cricket Ground, Jamaica will take on the Windward Islands at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and Barbados will meet Guyana at Ball Beef in Liberta.

The tournament will conclude with an awards and closing ceremony at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium today at 7:30 pm.



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## Freetown retain Sir Curtly Ambrose Limited Overs Championship

Freetown have retained the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Parish League Sir Curtly Ambrose Limited Overs Championship.

Freetown made a successful defense of their title by cruising to a seven-wicket victory against Dreams 2 Reality Sea View Farm in the final of the 35 Overs aside competition at the Urlings playing field on Sunday.

Set a paltry victory target of just 93, Freetown achieved the total for the loss of three wickets

in 13.4 overs to win the match.

Javier Drew hit a top score of 63 for Freetown, while Charanlall RamJohn captured two wickets for 15 runs in five overs for Sea View Farm.

Batting first, Sea View Farm tumbled to 92 all out in 33.3 overs with Zavier Freeland getting a top score of 15 runs.

Freetown's captain Austin Richards Jr snapped up five wickets for 23 runs while Jarel Philip picked up two wickets for 10 runs.



Javier Drew hit a half century to help Freetown to victory over Sea View Farm in the final of the ACB Parish League Sir Curtly Ambrose Limited Overs Championship at Urlings on 9th April, 2023. (Photo courtesy ACB Parish League)

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Antigua Grammar School in the Junior Boys final. Aiden Christian scored nine points and Kevin Pimental sank seven points for Clare Hall.

Najee Simmons scored 10 points and Naeem Simmons converted seven points for the Antigua

Grammar School.

MVP Iczjaire Sebastian shot a game high 12 points to propel St Joseph Academy to the Mini Boys Secondary Division title by prevailing 22-16 against the Antigua Grammar School in the final.

Syr Daniel Browne add-

ed six points for St Joseph's Academy while Joshua Joseph and Jordan Lee each scored four points for Antigua Grammar School.

Cedar Grove prevailed 4-2 over TN Kirnon in the final to capture the Mini Boys Primary Division title. Kevani White of Cedar

Grove was named the overall MVP in the division.

Cedar Grove won Zone A while TN Kirnon captured the Zone B title to advance to the final. Fabian Johnson of Cedar Grove was named the MVP of Zone A while Delroy Francis of TN Kirnon won the MVP award in Zone B.

Cedar Grove also captured the Mini Girls Primary Division title. Overall MVP J'kayla Bellot scored six points to lead Cedar Grove to an 8-4 victory over Villa in the Mini Girls Primary Division final. Jenair Pascal scored four points for Villa Primary.

Villa Primary won Zone A, while Cedar Grove won Zone B to advance to the final. Pascal claimed the MVP Award in Zone A, while Bellot captured the MVP Award in Zone B.



Senior Girls Division champions, the All Saints Secondary School with medals and trophies during the Inter-Schools' Basketball Night of Champions at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 9th April, 2023. (Photos courtesy Schools' Basketball League)

## PMS, All Saints Secondary among title winners in schools' basketball



Coach Cedric David, right, MVP Craig Massiah, second right, and the champions of the Senior Boys Division, Princess Margaret School with medals and trophy during the Inter-Schools' Basketball Night of Champions at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 9th April, 2023.

Male Player of the Year Craig Massiah led Princess Margaret School (PMS) to the Senior Boys Division title in the Cool & Smooth Inter-Schools' Basketball Championship on Sunday.

Massiah, who was also named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the division, produced 17 points to help lead Princess Margaret to a 59-48 victory against the Clare Hall Secondary in the Senior Boys championship decider during the Night of Champions at the JSC Sports Complex.

Team-mate Michael Ainsworth shot a game-high 18 points and Tyrese

White converted 14 points for Princess Margaret. Clare Hall were led by Orion Seraphin with 16 points, Azandy Thomas had 15 points and Kevin Pimental chipped in with 11 points.

Coach of Princess Margaret School Cedric "Supa" David captured the Coach of the Year Award.

Female Player of the Year Kinisha James also played her part in helping All Saints Secondary to capture the Senior Girls title.

James, who also captured the division's MVP Award, produced eight points to help All Saints Secondary to

prevail 29-22 against Combined in the Senior Girls final.

Team-mate Tiquesha Charles had nine points and Shakorah Prince scored seven points for All Saints Secondary. Combined were led by Alyssa Jardine, who shot a game-high 11 points, and Jenah Andrew chipped in with nine points.

The division's MVP Orion Seraphin led Clare Hall Secondary to the Junior Boys Division crown.

Seraphin sank 10 points to lead Clare Hall to a 38-23 victory over the

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