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# CAN THE GOVERNOR GENERAL EMPANEL A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY?

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Foreign Minister E.P Chet Greene (extreme right) with his COFCOR Ministerial colleagues in Kingston, Jamaica. CARICOM governments are being urged to utilize their Ministries of Foreign Affairs, as well as their overseas missions, to lobby friendly governments for assistance to solve the region's transportation woes. *Story on page 2.*

# Local News

## CARICOM urged to ask for assistance to solve transportation woes

CARICOM governments are being urged to utilize their Ministries of Foreign Affairs, as well as their overseas missions, to lobby friendly governments for assistance to solve the region's transportation woes.

The suggestion comes from Antigua and Barbuda's Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P. Chet Greene in an address to a meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations COFCOR taking place in Kingston, Jamaica.

Greene noted that with a common language and shared culture, the region should be closer than its present state. "Colleagues, unlike other institutions such as the European Union, we are not landlocked and are separated by the sea. The pandemic has further exacerbated the issue of affordable regional travel. To achieve CARICOM's "Pillars of Regional Integration" it is necessary for us to address this issue of regional travel with the urgency that is required," he observed.

He is also suggesting



that the respective Member States, along with the Secretariat, need to devise workable plans and solutions to provide affordable air and maritime travel.

"This requires lobbying efforts through the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and overseas missions to friendly nations for developmental assistance. Additionally, I wish to encourage the Secretariat to further create an environment that will foster stronger Community engagement through improved internal relations. Through this, we will have a much better Caribbean Community where our people can express their talents and innovative capabilities to fur-

ther lend to regional development," Greene stated.

The Foreign Affairs Minister also addressed upcoming bilateral discussions between CARICOM and the UK government.

"The Eleventh UK-Caribbean Forum will immediately follow the conclusion of the COFCOR. I believe that this will present the ideal opportunity for CARICOM to hold serious dialogue with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs and the UK Government on matters surrounding development. Assistance in areas such as education, security, climate resilience, and improved in-

frastructure should feature high on our agenda, as this will lend to the overall development of the Region. Furthermore, the fight for reparations which is so dear to CARICOM must be presented to our UK counterparts as a collective concern for an injustice that was perpetrated against our forebears," he remarked.

Turning to bilateral relations with a hemispheric partner, Mexico, Greene wants these talks to receive the importance they deserve. "The 5th CARICOM-Mexico Summit will allow for further enhancement in our relations with Mexico. Mexico has long been a friend of the Caribbean Community and we must note the importance of Mexico to our region," he added.

At this meeting, Greene will relinquish his role as the chair of COFCOR and hand over the chairmanship to the Foreign Minister of Jamaica, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith.

## Police investigate alleged sexual assault

The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding an alleged sexual assault against a female member of the society that reportedly happened east of the Epicurean Supermarket, on Monday afternoon.

Police spokesman Inspector Frankie

Thomas confirmed that the Special Victims Unit of the police department is currently looking into the report of the incident that allegedly happened at approximately 5:00 pm.

The alleged crime is said to have been committed by a group of young men.



# IICA 'invested' in an OECS approach to food security

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), says it is 'invested' in a sub-regional approach to achieving food security within the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The announcement was made in St. John's by the IICA Representative to the OECS, Gregg Rawlins who disclosed that the organization is pursuing an OECS strategy, as it relates to transforming the Agri-food systems in the sub-region.

“We believe that there are opportunities and benefits to be derived from adopting this regional approach to achieve the CARICOM 25 by 25 initiative. So we are supporting the OECS Commission on how these countries can also contribute to the 25 by 25 initiative,” he stated.

Rawlins said IICA is of the view that the OECS can become more food secure by cooperating more amongst themselves and sharing much of the experiences, knowledge, and expertise that already exist within the sub-region.

“While we focus on strengthening the national food security systems, it is our hope that we can have more support at the entire sub-regional level by having more cooperation

among these countries," he remarked.

According to Rawlins IICA sees itself as aligning with governments in the region to achieve their developmental goals as they relate to agriculture. "One of our goals is to align our work programme with the priorities of the Ministry of Agriculture. We believe that this is very important," he noted.



*IICA OECS Representative Gregg Rawlins*



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# Local News

## Five Islands Campus to host distinguished lecture by noted Caribbean scholar and artist

The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus will host its first distinguished lecture on May 26, 2023. The lecture will be delivered by noted Caribbean scholar and artist, Emeritus Professor Clinton Hutton of Jamaica. Professor Hutton, who is the retired Professor of Caribbean Cultural Studies at The University of the West Indies, Mona will deliver the lecture entitled "Caribbean Civilization: The Evolving Story of the Framing of a Sovereign People."

The lecture, which takes place as the world celebrates African Liberation Day, will explore the development of Caribbean civilization with its complex dynamics, including the European complex, the Atlantic Slave Trade, the post-colonial era, and the Caribbean today in a globalized world. Professor Hutton will focus on the antislavery and anticolonial cultural and ideational agency of the oppressed in framing and defining Caribbean



UWI Prof. Emeritus Clinton Hutton

civilization and identity in an ongoing journey of becoming sovereign. He will also explore how the creative and cultural arts have played a role in shaping policy, education, and development in the 21st century.

Principal of the Five Islands Campus, Professor Densil A. Williams, was pleased by the timing of the distinguished lecture and the opportunity to welcome Professor Hutton to the campus.

He noted that as an activist university and the top-ranked Caribbean institution, The UWI and particularly the Five Islands Campus were elated to bring this opportunity for discussion to Antigua and Barbuda on such a critical and relevant topic. He also expressed his

elation at the gifts the campus will receive from Professor Hutton on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda.

Professor Hutton will donate three pieces of his renowned artwork to the people of Antigua and Barbuda through the government and the Five Islands Campus. These pieces will be handed over at ceremonies during Professor Hutton's visit.

The distinguished lecture will take place on May 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Five Islands Campus Cafeteria. There will be remarks from Campus Principal Professor Densil A. Williams and an open forum discussion following the lecture. The general public is invited to attend and can RSVP by calling the campus at 484-3900 ext. 133.

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Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023

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## CSHRP hosts LOUD Voice Awards

The LOUD23 Conference at Casa Palmadita in Antigua, reached a significant milestone as the organizers presented the LOUD Voice Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions from Human Resource (HR) professionals making a significant impact in the HR space.

The six esteemed awardees were selected for their exceptional contributions, setting new mandates, and transforming the face of work in the Caribbean. The LOUD Voice Awards were presented on Day 3 of the LOUD23 Conference in Antigua and Barbuda. These awards aim to encourage and amplify the HR voice, highlighting individuals who are actively changing the world of work and embodying professionalism in HR.

Rochelle James, CEO of CSHRP (Caribbean Society for Human Resource Professionals), explained the significance of the awards, stating, "We issued these awards because we recognize the importance of retelling stories of greatness. Often, when organizations have rewards and recognition activities, HR is overlooked. We want to recognize greatness in HR." James emphasized the importance of celebrating HR excellence and retelling stories of greatness to raise the profile of the HR profession, aligning with

CSHRP's mission.

The LOUD Voice Awards celebrate exceptional achievements in HR, showcasing dedication, innovation, and a positive impact on the world of work. The awardees are as follows:

Cavelle Joseph St. Omer from Trinidad and Tobago received the first award for her influential advocacy in improving childcare solutions, abolishing child marriage, and introducing legislation against sexual harassment in Trinidad and Tobago. She also serves on the World HRD Congress advisory council.

Paula Walcott from Barbados was honored for her dedication to advancing psychological safety and employee engagement in the working environment, exemplifying how HR professionals can effectively drive positive change.

Marlene Bailey from Antigua and Barbuda was recognized as the first female HR leader and the youngest business executive in her organization. She has transformed perspectives and approaches to service excellence within HR, setting new benchmarks for success.

Stephanie Murdock from Jamaica was acknowledged for her strategic implementation of progressive people policies, including mental health support and paternity leave, leading to a



*From left: Julie Turney, Shellyann McCarthy (collecting on behalf of Paula Walcott), Rochelle James, Laurie Louard, Marlene Bailey, Stephanie Murdock, Cavelle Joseph St. Omer*

seismic shift within her organization.

Laurie Louard, based in Antigua and Barbuda and originally from St. Kitts and Nevis, was commended for driving workplace readiness for young professionals and championing HR agendas in organizations where HR is not traditionally prioritized.

Julie Turney from Barbados received recognition for her thought-provoking TEDx talk titled "The First Responders We've Forgotten: Uncovering the Crisis in HR," sparking a global conversation and providing support to HR professionals experiencing compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma.

The LOUD Voice Awards celebrate these exceptional HR professionals, serving as beacons of inspiration for the HR community across the Caribbean. Their accomplishments shape organizational success and motivate HR pro-

fessionals.

The Caribbean Society for Human Resource Professionals (CSHRP) is a community of People Leaders and People Professionals dedicated to changing the face of work through collaborative knowledge sharing, research, and professional development.

In a related development, the LOUD23 Conference also reached a significant milestone on Day 3 as the Presidents of the HR Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB) and the HR Management Association of Trinidad and Tobago (HRMATT) each signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Caribbean Society for Human Resource Professionals (CSHRP). These MOUs solidify the commitment to collaboration and cooperation, focusing on initiatives related to research, rewards, and knowledge sharing.

# Local News



## UK-based celebrity chef participates in Restaurant Week

UK celebrity chef Andi Oliver, accompanied by her daughter Miquita, is in Antigua and Barbuda for the inaugural 14-day Restaurant Week, now in full swing.

The award-winning TV chef and broadcaster, Andi Oliver, enjoys a rich and varied career, with food and music being at the forefront throughout. She is best known for her appearances on the BBC cooking show *The Great British Menu* and has recently launched a new book 'The Pepperpot Dia-

ries.'

On air, Andi is a regular panel member on BBC Radio 4's *The Kitchen Cabinet* alongside Jay Rayner, as well as a contributor to Radio 4's award-winning *The Food Programme*. Her daughter Miquita Oliver is a British television and radio broadcaster and producer. In 2021 Andi and Miquita hit the road, embarking upon a life-changing journey of personal and social exploration to first the island of their heritage An-



tigua and sister island Barbados, with the show 'The Caribbean with Andi and Miquita.' The series was a massive hit attracting huge audiences right across a trans-generational and

trans-cultural demographic.

During the week Andi will be joined by Chef Orlando Satchell and Chef Claude Lewis. On Tuesday, the celebrity chefs collaborated with local chefs and formed a panel for the Food Forum held at the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI). The panel discussed the importance of food sustainability and the issues which arise, how to get Caribbean food to be mainstream and popular in addition to healthy eating, and how to create healthy dishes.

Today, Andi and her accompanying chef will be cooking up a storm for the guests at Blue Waters Resort & Spa, the accommodation partner of Restaurant Week. Andi will be cooking one of her delicious Caribbean dishes from her new book 'The Pepperpot Diaries.' Guests will be in for a flavoursome evening as Andi joins some of Blue Waters's top chefs as they cook a selection of dishes combined with specially created cocktails and great entertainment.

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**The University thanks all applicants; however, due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

# Hells Gate right in me backyard

By Mark Bowers

When you live in a foreign land and one of the institutional comforts of home comes beating on your doorstep, you have no alternative but to take your blows in peace, knowing fully well, the result is not injury but unmitigated joy.

Last weekend, May 12-13, bang on the beach in Virginia, Hells Gate Steel Orchestra represented Antigua and Barbuda like the Champion Ambassadors they are.

The event was the Virginia International Pan Fest, held in Virginia Beach with the attendance of blossoming

bands from across the United States, coached and trained by specialist musicians in this ever-expanding art form, followed by performances from seasoned entertainers of high repute, including, Jonathan Scales Fourchestra and the Jesse Chong Band.

What caught my attention immediately was Hells Gate as the Headline Act, a tribute no doubt to their long-established pedigree and musical genius.

I'm a Princess Margaret (PM) Schoolboy and so I am unapologetically partial to Gemonites, but outside of Antigua, when you travel in the name of this little place, when the MC

says, "from the island of Antigua and Barbuda, the oldest Steel Band in the world, good things happen to me. I'm energized, I raise my flag, my national interests are foremost, and me and my 'two left foot' ready to dance.

Hells Gate did not disappoint. Everything was on display, skill, artistry, exuberance, especially the young men on tenor pans and that engine room made us all feel the rhythm to our very core.

Imagine, music from Tchaikovsky to Marley and Rudder, to Bill Withers – Just the two of us –, to Moon River, interpreted and transformed, from the time of Audrey Hepburn and Andy Williams to a lively tonal quality and beat, that required no invitation to dance on the Virginia seashore.

Of course, there was much more, but when you leave home, home never really leaves you. To say that the place "mash up" when King Short Shirts, "Nobody Go Run Me" hit the stage, would be far too genteel. Yes, yes, yes, it was that kind of night.

On a broader note, I would have failed in my duty to country, not to at least encourage a young or seasoned playwright, or some creative mind, to produce in collaboration with Hells Gate, a musical of this treasured institution.

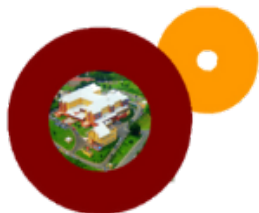
The Bob Marley Musical is evidence of this reality and just like the Cubans did with Buena Vista Social Club, the world deserves to see the Hells Gate story, after all, the story of Hells Gate is the story of Antigua and Barbuda, its struggles and conquest.

It's been a few days since removed from that euphoria, but that beat is still pulsating in my system.

Thank you, Hells Gate, you did us proudly, the sun is shining bright on your future, but for Panorama this year, my loyalties are still firmly fixed on Gemonites.







**Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC)** employees are part of a premier organization dedicated to excellence in patient care and education. By working at **SLBMC**, you gain the opportunity and the responsibility to make a real difference in the world. Take a closer look at the vacancy below and submit your resume for consideration if you are interested in helping contribute to the legacy of great achievement and even greater promise at **SLBMC**.

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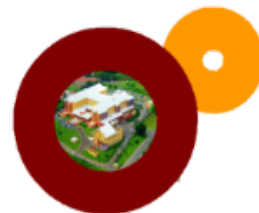
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# Commentary

## Can the Governor General empanel a Commission of Inquiry?

*The opposition United Progressive Party has been mounting a campaign to pressure the Governor General to empanel a Commission of Inquiry into the Antigua Airways matter. The GG, Sir Rodney Williams has already responded to the UPP in writing explaining that he does not have the power to do as they asked.*

*Not daunted by that response, the party's spokespersons have taken to the air-waves and social media in an attempt to convince an unwitting public that the GG has the authority*

*to do as the party has demanded.*

*Now the campaign has moved a notch higher with the signing of a petition demanding the setting up of an inquiry. A meeting is slated for Government House this morning where it will again be discussed.*

*The current campaign is reminiscent of a similar campaign launched by the UPP back in the early 1990's demanding that the then GG, Sir James Carlisle set up an inquiry to look into an issue then. This prompted a seminal article by one of the coun-*

*try's foremost historian, writer and thinker, the late Leonard Tim Hector.*

*In the interest of public education, Point Express reprints the **Fan the Flame** article first published on June 15, 2001, as it speaks clearly and forcefully to the current issue at hand.*

**\*Editor's note: This article ought to be made available to the UWI FIC so that students of law, politics and history may have an opportunity to read, digest and be guided by its contents.**

## Take heed how you awake the sleeping sword of war

June 15, 2001

I will long remember Tony Astaphan S.C., a fine Caribbean lawyer, routing the reign of foolishness, which seemed to grip Antigua and Barbuda over the last two months or so.

Led by notable lawyers, people here went back to the dread Crown Colony system. Under that docile system executive authority and personal discretion resided in the Governor General. Lawyers, by way of radio, and sometimes in print, made ordinary people believe that the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry was the sole prerogative of the Governor General. We were taking a giant step back into the colonial 1880's. Historical retrogression was self-evident.

Then Tony Astaphan, S.C. cut through this tower of Babel with a peal of sense, as loud as thunder, finally silencing this Crown Colony power of Governor General Colo-

nial nonsense. There was no anti-colonial sentiment at all among the elite who led this Governor General charge of the light brigades.

"There exist," said Tony Astaphan "no constitutional or other authority for the Governor General to instruct a Cabinet, Prime Minister or Government, or demand that they act in a particular manner. In my view, the suggestion that the Governor General can advise or instruct the Cabinet or Prime Minister to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, or that he can purport to appoint a Commission on his own volition, turns the very fabric and structure of Constitutional Government over on its head and appears to me to be nothing short of Constitutional heresy." Pure heresy and nothing short of it.

And this heresy was espoused by lawyer after lawyer, yearning for the Crown Colony days of 1880, when according to Section 2 of the



Commission of Inquiry act of July 29, 1880: "It shall be lawful for the Governor General, whenever he shall deem it advisable, to issue a Commission." And it goes on to say, under the Crown Colony system, when the Governor was absolute, or near absolute, except for the over-riding power of the Colonial Office, the power to appoint a Commission resided in the Governor or Governor General.

Then too, the Governor or Governor-General could appoint a Commission and "Each such Commission shall specify the subject of inquiry."

In my opinion, as a student of history, since 1952,

the then Colonial Administrator lost the power to call a Commission or to act in his own discretion to call a Commission of Inquiry. It was the people of Antigua & Barbuda that won that victory.

As early as 1952, while still a colony Antigua and Barbuda was granted a Constitution, known as the 1952 Ordinance.

In 1951 the Colonial Administrator, acting in his own discretion, had called not just an inquiry, but under the reserve powers of the colonial administrator, "when public order was threatened" had "in his own deliberate discretion" called in the Welsh Fusiliers to quell public dis-

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order in Antigua and Barbuda – a strike, not quite a General Strike. The administrator made out as if the white minority planters were going to be set upon by striking workers and all their throats slit imminently.

This confrontation of 1951 resulted in the Malone Commission. The Malone Commission found that the Administrator was joining with the Planters to deprive peasants of lands. The Malone Commission forced the planters to sell arable land to the peasants, and the acreage under peasant, or small farmer, control increased from 913 to 2000 acres. By 1954, three years after the 1951 upheaval, the number of peasants climbed to a stunning 4,457 on an acreage of 8,027 acres. The units were un-economic, but the land hunger for production was palpable.

Besides this economic change, the 1952 Ordinance following the 1951 upheaval, took away from the Governor or Administrator any personal discretion to call an Inquiry. He had to do so with the “advice of the Executive Council.” The 1880 discretion of the Governor General was entirely revoked by the 1952 Ordinance.

It is the people of Antigua, by struggle, who curtailed and limited the power of the absolute Governor, or Administrator who later became Governor General. The Governor’s power, his discretion contained in the 1880 Commission of Inquiries Act was abolished since 1952. Historically I cannot be re-

futed on this point. With that said I want to move to another level.

I want to emphasise two things here. There is not the Supremacy of Parliament in Antigua & Barbuda. Parliament cannot, as some believe, make a man into a woman by law. However, it is true, that just as Cromwell declared in 1688 in the great English Revolution “The King [or Queen] shall make no ruling henceforth without the expressed approval of Parliament” that principle applies here. But it does not imply the supremacy of Parliament. It implies exactly what it implies the supremacy of Parliament over the King or Queen, or the Queen’s representative.

In Antigua and Barbuda who or what is supreme? Not the Queen or the Queen’s Representative – the Governor General. Not Parliament either. But the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda is supreme.

The doctrine of the supremacy of Parliament applies to Britain where there is no written Constitution. But in Antigua and Barbuda all acts of Parliament are subject to the Constitution.

The Courts of England do not sit as a Court of appeal from Parliament. Lord Campbell put it clearly when he said:

“All that a Court of Justice can do is to look at the Parliament roll: if from that it should appear that a bill has passed both Houses and received the Royal Assent, no Court of Justice can inquire into the mode in which

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it was introduced into Parliament, nor into what was done previous to its introduction, or what passed in Parliament during its progress in its various stages through both Houses.” Or as was sided in *Edinburgh & Dalkeith Railway Co. v Wauchope* 1842 “An Act of Parliament can do no wrong, though it may do general things that look pretty odd.”

There you have the doctrine of the Supremacy of Parliament stated clearly. Sometimes Caribbean Courts, High Courts and Courts of Appeal behave as if we in the Commonwealth Caribbean function under the Supremacy of Parliament, as in England.

The Commonwealth Caribbean went quite a different way to England. The American Declaration of the Rights of man moved the whole idea of human liberty beyond Magna Carta, beyond the glorious Revolution of 1688, when the King was made subordinate to Parliament, beyond even the French Revolution.

But pause a while. Once even the American ruling class, the corporate class, was not so clear on its principles. And so in a famous American case *Marbury v Madison*, Chief Justice Marshall ruled:

“So if a law be in opposition to the Constitution, if both the law and the Constitution apply to a particular case, so that the Court must either decide that case conformably to the law, disregarding the Constitution, or conformably to the Constitution disregarding the law; the Court must determine which of these conflicting rules governs the case. This is of the very essence of judicial duty.”

All these fine words, on which our Courts in the Caribbean are still inclined to operate, out of judicial cowardice and timidity, were swept away when the United States Supreme Court ruled quite clearly, definitively and unequivocally: “That a legislative act contrary to the Constitution is not Law.”

It is at this point we really enter constitutional history, though we held on, tenaciously to that most backward

of institutions the Monarchy, which stands against all individual freedoms since it presumes, an unequal society, a society of orders. In this society of orders, the groups and individuals who belong to them were explicitly unequal in their rights and obligations. But were arranged in a legally determined hierarchy, religiously sanctioned, and ruled by the King or Queen, by virtue of the Divine Right of Kings to do no wrong. Such nonsense the Enlightenment and the French Revolution wiped out of history altogether.

It is from this ancien regime, that the social elite in the Caribbean, always small, though influential, have always sought to find some power in the Governor or Governor General, which power of the Governor or Governor General could impose itself on the elected authority, Parliament or Cabinet. And do so in the elitist self-interest of the upper and middle strata.

That backward and reactionary tendency surfaced in Antigua & Barbuda last week, gained ascendancy. Opposition and NGOs alike, were caught up in it. The Governor General was caught up in it. And so to a lesser extent was the Lester Bird government. The country, in a word, was confused. Confusion reigned. And in the confusion, the Governor General and an 1880 law, the Commission of Inquiry Act, was elevated above society, above Cabinet, above Parliament, contrary to the Constitution.

I therefore, as my second point, sound a note of warning to Baldwin Spencer, Leader of the Opposition, his band of neo-liberal lawyers, and the assorted NGOs that have aligned with him, that any mass movement based on reactionary principles, like the Supremacy of the Governor General and a single law, over the Cabinet, Parliament and Constitution must flounder, must perish, even though it may thrive for a while.

In a little while its lips, its mighty pronouncements, its prayers as a show of religiosity, and all its boastful demands, must collapse. Such a move-

ment abolishes the “progressive” in its name. In the end it will find itself in the dustbin of historical irrelevance.

Baldwin Spencer, himself named after a Colonial Governor, Earl Baldwin of Bawdley, should not have been, as a Trade Unionist, tempted to follow this reactionary line of the supremacy of the 1880 Commission of Inquiry Act and the Governor General, over Cabinet and Parliament and the People. To lead people in such a direction was to mislead people, confuse them, and so lead them into the path of reaction and backwardness.

The UPP, Baldwin Spencer and the NGOs, Christian Council and Bar Association inclusive have no excuse, no excuse whatsoever, for so misleading people into reaction, proclaiming the supremacy of a single man, an unelected man at that, a Governor-General as the Queen’s Representative, over the Constitution, Parliament, Government and Cabinet. They give a power to the Queen’s Representative that the Queen herself did not enjoy in England or as Queen of Antigua and Barbuda.

Why do I say this? Antigua and Barbuda has had more than its full share of official Investigations and Inquiries from 1976 with the De la Bastide Inquiry to 1989 with the Guns from Antigua to the Medellin drug terrorists inquiry, to be in any doubt in 2001, as to where the power to call a Commission of Inquiry lies.

I would like to warn Baldwin Spencer, my erstwhile leader, to beware of reactionaries around him seeking to lead the mass of people into the trap of elitism by pretending to be on the side of the people, only to betray them in deepest consequence. History is replete with such instances.

I would like to remind Baldwin Spencer of the great William Cobbett, perhaps the founder of the first modern mass movement, The Chartists, who said this:

“We want great alteration, great Alteration and modification to suit the

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times and circumstances, but the great principles ought to be and must be our guide, or else confusion will confound all." Every leader and mass movement must be guided by the great principles or else expediency will lead to shallows and miseries.

A simple look by the NGO's at the Blom Cooper Inquiry would have settled this argument, and ended much of the stupidity and confusion through which Antigua was taken these past weeks. All the bully-ragging of the Governor General need not have taken place. The office of Governor General was lowered in the process. All this harangue by radio about Government cannot call a Commission of Inquiry was as absurd as the mediaeval

argument among alchemists and scholars as to how many angels could dance on the head of a pin.

Blom Cooper at the very beginning of his Commission of Inquiry, which lasted from 16 May to November 2, 1990, stated very clearly the resolution, which gave his Commission of Inquiry the power to inquire and act. The Resolution in Parliament read as follows:

"Whereas the Governor-General acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet deems it advisable for the public welfare that a Commission should be issued under and by virtue of the Commission of Inquiry Act Chapter 305 appointing a Commission to inquire into the events....."

It is as clear as clear can

be. Yet over so elementary a point, so precise and clear a precedent that the Governor General cannot call a Commission of Inquiry on his own volition and can only do so on the advice of Cabinet, this had Antigua & Barbuda reeling. People were being brought to boiling hot anger to insist that an unelected man could take such action as to topple a government whenever he so chose. He could set up an inquiry in the Prime Minister's office, or into the Cabinet, on his own volition. It is to such levels of absurdity that public persons, non-government bodies, were bringing this country. It was a giant step back into colonial darkness.

No matter how one brings historical evidence or contemporary precedence as

in the Blom Cooper Inquiry the partisan who hold that the Governor General alone can call an inquiry, still stick to the historically untenable and historically unsupportable position.

My colleagues, particularly Brother Bleau, heard me fuming for weeks, that we were stepping right back into backward colonial times and recreating a Colonial Governor with power over Prime Minister, Cabinet and Parliament. It was an absurdity. Anyone in or around politics, and every lawyer must know section 3 (2) of the 1967 and 1981 Constitutions state very clearly that "whatever powers may have been conferred on the Governor General, as an existing law, from the date of the Constitution Or-

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der of 1967, such powers conferred on the Governor by any such law had to be construed as the Governor General must act on the advice of the Cabinet or Prime Minister”.

From 1967, at least, the Governor or Governor General did not enjoy or possess an independent executive authority or prerogative.

Put another way the Governor General has no independent executive authority or discretion unless the Constitution expressly confers that authority. As Astaphan in his very fine exposition of the law on the subject expresses it the Governor General is at best a figure-head, representative of Her Majesty the Queen. A *Persona designata*. That is one who, when acting executively, must do as designed by the Constitution. That is, on the advice of Cabinet.

And it must be added no lawyer in this country can bring any law, or any judgement of a case showing that there is any Royal prerogative or residual prerogative in any Commonwealth Caribbean country. Such was swept aside with independence with Royal prerogative made synonymous with tyranny by heredity.

I pause here to point out that in the entire Commonwealth Caribbean history there is only one example of a Governor or Administrator acting in his own deliberate discretion to establish a public inquiry. This was in Grenada, when Grenada was a colony.

It is the famous “Squandermania Inquiry” when the British Government used its reserve powers, “in the interest of public order” and allowed the Administrator to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, which found Gairy guilty of squandermania. In the end, it was the British Government, which removed Gairy from power. Such could not happen today, though quite a few would like alien powers, or unelected Governors General to remove elected governments.

I may go even further section 3 (2) of both the 1967 and 1981 Orders states

unequivocally this:

“For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared as follows – (a) where immediately before the commencement of this order a function was, under an existing law expressed to be exercisable by the Governor acting in his discretion then unless that function is under the Constitution, expressed to be exercisable by the Governor General acting in accordance with the advice of any person or authority other than the Cabinet, the function is exercisable by the Governor-General acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet.”

That is crystal clear. That the substantive or residual prerogative of the Governor General to call an inquiry on his own was abolished since 1952, and more specifically in 1967 and then for good in 1981.

The acknowledged authority on Royal Commission and Boards of Inquiry is Dr Leonard Arthur Hallett, writing in a book by that name, subtitled ‘Some Legal and Procedural Aspects’

“The position in the Commonwealth is that Royal Commissions are appointed by the Sovereign at the initiative of the executive [Cabinet] but Tribunals of Inquiry in England are appointed only by a resolution of both Houses of Parliament.”

Who calls the inquiry? Wrote Dr Leonard Arthur Hallett an acknowledged authority: “the function of many inquiries is to gather information for the executive government, and it would be equally incongruous if the executive of government did not have the power to appoint an inquiry when it decided it needed information.”

Dr Hallett was aware that there were critics of the fact that the appointment of Commissions of Inquiry “is in the hands of the executive”, and so the Executive would more often than not be inquiring into its own misbehaviour in public office, by one or more of the Cabinet. But these critics who objected to Cabinet calling inquiries did not seek to vest the power to do so in a Governor General,

as the neo-liberals and arch-conservatives have done here. These critics took the view that the power to call inquiries should be vested in Parliament and not Cabinet. In Antigua and Barbuda where Cabinet is a majority of Parliament this is a distinction without a difference.

In my personal view Cabinet should always be a minority of Parliament. In a 17 member Parliament Cabinet should not exceed 8 members of the House of Representatives, so that at all times the back-bench of government and the opposition outnumber Cabinet. As such, a Parliamentary majority could call an Inquiry, even with the Cabinet voting against.

By whom should Commissioners be appointed? Blom Cooper, another acknowledged authority on Commissions of Inquiry answers quietly: “In the British system it is invariably the government which has selected the persons to conduct the inquiry. Broadly speaking this method has not aroused much opposition.” Blom Cooper then goes on to point out, that the only valid variation on this theme is the Chief Justice appointing the Commission of Inquiry Chairman, as is done in Israel.

One thing is clear, nowhere in the world, except in Antigua & Barbuda, is anyone calling for any body other than Cabinet to call inquiries. Where there is objection to Cabinet, the objectors do not countenance an unelected Governor General so doing. That is the height of the reactionary and the backward. The dissenters favour Parliament calling inquiries, where a Parliamentary majority is larger than the Cabinet.

I hope that we will proceed no further with this colonial backwardness as putting power in the hands of Governor Generals, acting on their own volition, and in their own deliberate discretion to call inquiries. If anything let us vest this alternative power in Parliament as a whole, and not in an unelected representative of an alien monarch. That way is ruinous to psyche and the physical well-being.



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## CARICOM urged to bolster relations with like-minded countries

CMC - She urged the regional foreign ministers to utilise the opportunity provided by this meeting “for meaningful and results-oriented dialogue on strategies to strengthen co-ordination of our foreign relations for the well-being of the peoples of CARICOM”.

Barnett told the meeting that the meeting affords an opportunity for reflection and celebration of the foreign policy coordination milestones that have supported the longevity and successes of the Community, as well as to acknowledge and refocus on those things we know we can do better.

She said also that the meeting is taking place against the backdrop of an international order burdened by several overlapping and mutually re-enforcing global crises.

Johnson Smith said that these include the negative economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; divisive and challenging geopolitical issues which undermine multilateralism; and the unjust impact of climate change on Small Islands and Low-lying Coastal Developing States that have not contributed to climate change.

“It is our responsibility to do the best we can to build resilience to the impact of climate change. At the same time, we must continue to advocate to ensure that those that caused – and continue to cause – climate change, do much more to moderate their impact and meaningfully support the resilience and recovery of those countries, like ours, which bear the greatest burden of climate change.”

Barnett said that in this environment where geopolitical balances of power are in a period of great flux, the region’s leadership on matters of glob-



*CARICOM Secretary General, Dr Carla Barnett addressing COFCOR meeting in Jamaica. (CMC Photo).*

al import remains essential.

She said the agenda for the meeting here will address how best to position the Community on the hemispheric and global stages and advance a coordinated and strategic approach to strengthen our external relations.

She said CARICOM highly values the long-standing relationships forged with its external partners and the excellent spirit of cooperation which characterise these relationships.

“Solidarity with our partners, in a rules-based and principled context, has been mutually beneficial in the political, economic, environmental, health, scientific and technical spheres. We look forward to continued engagement with our trusted partners to further strengthen our collective actions.”

Barnett said that with insightful discussions over the next two days, foreign ministers can take significant strides to strengthen coordination of the Community’s foreign policy.

“I trust that our dialogue will be frank, robust, and most importantly, deliver innovative approaches and tangible results. The Caribbean Community has a complex and formidable

task at hand.

“However, our integration movement and our intra-community relations have already built a strong foundation on which we can continue to devise solutions to improve the lives and livelihoods of the people of the region,” she added.

The Guyana-based CARICOM Secretariat said that the 26th meeting of the COFCOR will tackle a packed agenda including relations with India, Europe, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba, and bilateral relations engagements CARICOM and the USA, Africa, Dominica Republic, and the Central America Integration System (SICA).

It said the ministers will also discuss the situation in Haiti, and matters pertaining to the United Nations (UN) including UN Security Council Reform and CARICOM’s engagement in the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent.

“There are several upcoming high-level meetings on the international agenda in which CARICOM will be involved such as the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development and the SDGs Summit.



## Dominica betting on record-breaking attraction to lure more visitors

By Laura Dowrich-Phillips

Dominica is betting on a record-breaking attraction to elevate the destination.

The Nature Isle will soon boast the longest cable car in the world to provide access to the Boiling Lake, the second largest in the world.

Speaking at the recently-held Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Travel Marketplace in Barbados, Tourism Minister Denise Charles announced the \$54 million project.

The 4.1-mile ride will take passengers from Roseau Valley to the top of the Boiling Lake in just 20 minutes, making it more accessible for cruise visitors and travelers who cannot hike the rugged trail to its peak. It currently takes six hours to hike to the Boiling Lake.

The attraction is expected to be completed in 2024.

"We are thrilled that Dominica will be home to the world's largest cable car, encouraging more visitors than ever before to visit the beautiful Boiling Lake," said Charles.

"Not only will this allow for more cruise visitors to explore our lush landscape while they are in port, but it will also allow easier access to travelers who are unable to hike the rugged trail to its peak."

Colin Piper, CEO and



Cable car. Image via iStock.

Director of Tourism at Discover Dominica Authority told Loop News that the cable car will begin in the Roseau Valley and stop about 150 yards before the Boiling Lake so visitors can take a short walk to see it and along the way experience the Rainforest which is all part of the World Heritage site.

"It is something unique, something different and we think it will set us apart and resonate with visitors who come to the island and schoolchildren who need to do school projects. It will also resonate with cruise lines who are always looking for new and different things to do and are looking for things where they can send a lot of people so logistically it works out," he said.

In addition to the cable

car, Dominica is looking to improve its destination offering through the construction of a new airport.

Piper said the ground has been broken and residents are being relocated. Construction is due to be completed by 2026.

He said the new 2850 meters airport will be built to accommodate wide-bodied airplanes as they seek to ramp up flights from top tier airlines.

The one billion dollar modern facility will be situated between the Woodford Hill and Wesley villages on the island's northeast coast.

In her address, the Minister also shared how Dominica is creating a pathway for green industrialisation by leveraging natural resources to combat climate change and ensure resilience.

"Over the past decade, Dominica has been shaping its own destiny by making critical investments in more sustainable energy options. Within the next two years, our goal is to complete our first geothermal power plant, making Dominica one of the first islands to successfully replace fossil fuel-generated electricity with renewable energy."

With sustainability woven into Dominica's entire tourism product, many of the destination's new experiences and activities create opportunities for visitors to immerse themselves in an authentic, organic Dominican experience, such as the new Waitukubuli Sea Trail and voluntourism activities, which focus on projects such as education, agriculture, and environmental activities.

# Ukraine says it downed Russian hypersonic missiles

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian air defenses, bolstered by sophisticated Western-supplied systems, thwarted an intense Russian air attack on Kyiv early Tuesday, shooting down all missiles aimed at the capital, officials said.

The bombardment, which targeted locations across Ukraine, included six Russian Kinzhal aero-ballistic hypersonic missiles, the most fired in a single attack in the war so far, according to Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ihnat.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly touted the Kinzhals as providing a key strategic competitive advantage and among the most advanced weapons in his country's arsenal. The missiles are difficult to detect and intercept because of their hypersonic speed and maneuverability.

If Ukraine's claim of having shot down six fired Tuesday is confirmed, it would mark another blow to Putin's war efforts and show the increasing effectiveness of the country's air defenses.

Air force spokesman Ihnat, who said in March that Ukraine lacked the equipment to intercept the Kinzhals, didn't explain Tuesday what systems were used to knock them down. Since March, Western countries have supplied Ukraine



*In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Emergency Situations Ministry, firefighters put out fire caused by fragments of a Russian rocket after it was shot down by air defense system during the night Russian rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine, early Tuesday, May 16, 2023. (Ukrainian Emergency Situations Ministry via AP)*

with various air defense systems.

Russia fired the Kinzhals from MiG-31K warplanes, along with nine cruise missiles from ships in the Black Sea and three S-400 cruise missiles launched from the ground, Ihnat said. In all, Ukraine's military said later, Russia had targeted Ukraine with 27 missiles in a day and launched 37 airstrikes.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu late Tuesday contested the Ukrainian claims, telling the state-run RIA-Novosti news agency: "We have not launched as many Kinzhals as they allegedly shoot down every time with their statements."

Loud explosions boomed over Kyiv in the major nighttime attack apparently aimed at overwhelming Ukraine's air defenses. Kyiv's mayor reported three people were wounded.

The barrage came as European leaders sought new ways to punish Russia for the war and a Chinese envoy sought traction for Beijing's peace proposal, which appears to have made little impression on the warring sides. It also came as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy returned home from a whirlwind European tour to seek more military

aid.

The overnight attack on Kyiv was "exceptional in its density — the maximum number of attacking missiles in the shortest period of time," said Serhii Popko, the head of the Kyiv military administration.

Kyiv resident Valentyna Myronets, 64, said she felt "pain, fear, nervousness, restlessness" amid the assaults. "God, we are waiting for victory and when all this is over," she said.

U.K. Ambassador Melinda Simmons tweeted that the barrage was "pretty intense."

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## Man and 12-year-old boy arrested after fatal shooting at Sonic restaurant in Texas

KEENE, Texas (AP) — A 12-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man have been arrested on a murder warrant in the fatal shooting of a Sonic Drive-In employee in Texas, police said.

Matthew Davis, 32, was shot and killed Saturday night as he fought with Angel Gomez, 20, in the parking lot of the restaurant in Keene, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southwest of Dallas, police said.

The boy was at the restaurant with Gomez, who was causing an unspecified disturbance in the parking lot, and shot Davis several times after taking a gun from Gomez's vehicle, according to a police statement.

Davis was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

The boy used an AR-style rifle in the shooting, Police Chief James Kidd told The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday.

Both Gomez and the boy fled the scene, but Gomez later returned and was arrested on a murder warrant and the boy, whose name has not been released, was found and arrested in the nearby town of Rio Vista, said police.

Court records do not show that formal charges have been filed.

The shooting comes in the wake of two mass shootings that has focused attention on guns in Texas.



Angel Gomez. (Keene Police Department via AP)

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walls are not an easy night," she wrote.

It was the eighth time this month that Russian air raids had targeted the capital, a clear escalation after weeks of lull and ahead of a much-anticipated Ukrainian counteroffensive using newly supplied advanced Western weapons.

After the first onslaught, Russia also launched Iranian-made Shahed attack drones and conducted aerial reconnaissance, Ihnat said.

Debris fell across several districts in the capital, starting fires, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

Sophisticated Western air defense systems, including American-made Patriot missiles, have helped spare Kyiv from the kind of destruction witnessed along the main front line in the country's east and south.

While most of the ground fighting is stalemated along that front line, both sides are targeting other territory with long-range weapons.

Associated Press reporters saw a metal fragment that landed inside the Kyiv zoo labeled Lockheed Martin and Boeing, two of the companies involved in manufacturing the Patriot missile system.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said a Kinzhal destroyed a Patriot missile battery in Kyiv but he didn't provide evidence, and the statement couldn't be independently verified. Ihnat, the Ukrainian air force spokesman, refused to comment on the claim.

Russia began using the Kinzhal to strike targets in Ukraine early in the invasion but has used the expensive weapon sparingly and against priority

targets, apparently reflecting limited availability.

The Russian military says the missile's range is up to 2,000 kilometers (about 1,250 miles) and it can fly at 10 times the speed of sound. Its speed and heavy warhead allow the Kinzhal to destroy heavily fortified targets, such as underground bunkers or mountain tunnels.

Ukraine's bolstered air defenses have deterred Russia's aircraft from going deep into the neighbor country and helped shape the course of the war, military experts say.

In Iceland, European leaders are taking part in a rare summit of the 46-nation Council of Europe, the continent's main human rights body, to discuss how to manage claims for compensation from Russia's damage to Ukraine.

# Sports News



## Da Squad extend unbeaten run in volleyball league

Reigning female division champions Caribbean Alliance Insurance Da Squad extended their unbeaten run as they recorded another victory during the latest round of games in the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Local League.

Da Squad secured their 8th win in as many encounters by romping to a straight-set, 25-22, 25-21, 25-17 victory over Stoneville at the indoor volleyball stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex. It was the 6th loss in eight games for Stoneville.

Starz Seniors remain in second place by securing their seventh win in eight appearances by beating Royal Cruisers in straight sets, 25-22, 25-18, 25-10. It was the 7th loss in eight games for Royal Cruisers, who remain second from bottom of the standings.

Jets stay third by racing to their sixth win in eight games, prevailing



Reigning female division champions Caribbean Alliance Insurance Da Squad. (File photo)

25-14, 25-10, 25-10 against bottom team North Coast Hardware Starz Juniors.

Former champions Paragons claimed their fifth win in eight outings by securing a straight-set, 25-9, 25-7, 25-16 victory over Starz Juniors who

lost for the ninth time in as many encounters.

Defending champions Stoneville continue to lead the men's division as they recorded their sixth win in seven outings with an easy 25-19, 25-13,

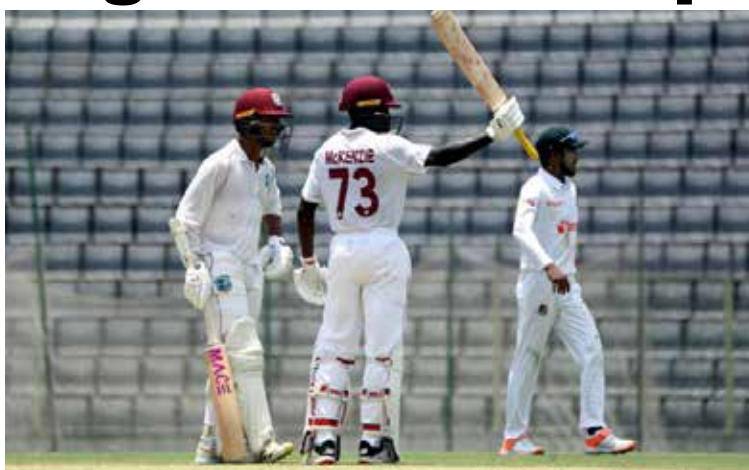
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## West Indies A make solid start against Bangladesh A in opening Test

SYLET, Bangladesh – West Indies Academy stand-out Kirk McKenzie and opener Tagenarine Chanderpaul struck half centuries for West Indies A on the opening day of the first Test against Bangladesh A on Tuesday.

Rain ended the day's play prematurely in the final session with the West Indies A on 220 for two off 68 overs.

Both left-handers produced half centuries in a fruitful partnership of 130, which has set the platform for visitors to get a solid



West Indies A Team opener Kirk McKenzie, center, celebrates after reaching his half century on the opening day of the first test against Bangladesh A at the Sylet International Cricket Stadium in Sylet, Bangladesh, on Tuesday, 16th May, 2023. (CWI Media)

first inning score.

West Indies A captain Joshua Da Silva won the

toss and decided to bat first. McKenzie made 86 from 124 balls a variety of

exquisite shots in his first first-class knock outside the Caribbean.

Chanderpaul closed the day on 70 not out from 190 balls as he played his usual anchor role which has brought him success.

Raymon Reifer (26 from 42 balls) looked good at the crease before he was caught behind off the bowling of Mushfik Hasan.

Mushfik Hasan and Saif Hassan, who got McKenzie, were the two Bangladeshi bowlers to pick up wickets on the opening day.





Sagikor Life Enforcers Softball Cricket team. (File photo)

## Enforcers trounce Potters in softball cricket contest

Sagikor Life Enforcers trounced Foster Jonas, Harley Maintenance Potters Uprising by 58 runs in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association (ABSCA) St John's Co-Operative Credit Union 15 overs Competition at Dredgers on Monday night.

Sacha Michael hammered an unbeaten 57 and Grace Persaud hit 35 not out to guide Enforcers to 118 for two off their 15 overs. In reply, Potters Uprising were restricted to 60 for six off their 15 overs with Joanne Thomas hitting 17 not out

and Sharon Mayers making 15.

There were wins for 300, Dredgers, Rackaman Construction Strictly Business and Marco Inc/Grill Box Buckley's 3J's in the ABSCA Caribbean Alliance Insurance 30 over men's Competition.

300 defeated PMS by 42 runs. 300 won the toss and batted, scoring 179 for five from their 30 overs. Melvin James cracked 50, Denfield Weatherhead hit 44 and Vanroy Gardiner scored 40. Terrance Thompson took two for 32.

PMS were dismissed for 137 in 25.3 overs. Glenroy Farrell made 35 and Sunil Govia chipped in with 18. Justin Pereira snapped up four for 15, Kennedy Tonge claimed three for 27 and Dwayne George picked up two for 22.

Dredgers snatched a six-run victory against Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets. Dredgers were all out for 157 in 27.2 overs. Ricky Buckley struck 34 and Melvin Charles made 32.

Morrison Browne took two for 24, Kenroy Simon claimed two for 37, Calvin

Richards picked up two for 37 and Julian Charles captured two for 39.

In reply, Bullets fell short at 151 for nine off their 30 overs. Bernel Peterson hit 46, Julian Charles got 27 and Kimani George made 26. Mervin Higgins grabbed three for 32.

Strictly Business claimed an eight-wicket win against Lil Lincs Supermarket ABDF Warriors, who won the toss and batted, scoring 83 all out in 20.3 overs. Almoy Webster struck 30 and Michael Marcellin scored 14. Owen Graham captured two for 20.

Kim George hammered 59 as Strictly Business achieved victory at 93 for two in 13.2 overs.

Marco Inc/Grill Box Buckley's 3J's won by default over Sisserou, who could not field a team.

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25-22 victory against bottom team Sharks, who remain in the cellar position after losing for the sixth time in as many games.

Newcomers Pytonz remain in second place by recording their fifth win in six encounters with a 25-13, 25-21, 22-25, 25-17 victory against High Flyers, who were beaten for the third time in seven appear-

ances.

The competition will resume with a double-header at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex today (Wednesday).

Jets will take on Stoneville in a female division affair at 6:30 pm, while Pytonz and Sharks will clash in a men's division encounter at 7:30 pm.

## Wings award most outstanding athletes at Sir Reginald Samuel Classic

The Most Outstanding Athletes at the 10th Sir Reginald Samuel Classic which took place at the YASCO Sports Complex on 6th & 7th May, have been specially recognized by the CPTSA Wings Sports Club.

The athletes were presented with special awards by Wings Youth Track & Field Member, Randy Allen, during a presentation event at YASCO on Friday, 12th May.

Among the recipients was Maliek Francis of the CPTSA Wings Sports Club. Francis placed first in the Javelin and the Shot Put to claim the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-17 category.

Kettia Ambrose of Panthers claimed the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Girls Under-17 category for placing first in the 100 and 200 metres finals.

Aliyah Williams of Supa Nova Athletic Club captured the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Girls Under-11 category for winning the 80-meter sprint, finishing 2nd in the 150-meter race, along with winning the 300-meter race and the Cricket Ball Throw to amass 38 points.

Gideon Roberts of Paramount Performance secured the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-11 category by winning the 80, 150 and 300 meter races.

Seriah Shaw of Roots Athletic Club and T'kaia Nelson of Super Nova Athletic Club shared the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Girls Under-13 category.

Shaw won the 100, 200 and 300 meter races to finish with 30 points while Nelson also accumulated 30 points by finishing second in the 400 and 800 meters along with the Long Jump and came third in the Cricket Ball Throw.



*CPTSA Wings Sports Club's Maliek Francis, left, accepts his the Most Outstanding Award Trophy from Randy Allen during a presentation event at the YASCO Sports Complex on Friday, 12th May, 2023. (Photo courtesy CPTSA Wings Sports Club)*

Geron Henry of the CPTSA Wings Sports Club claimed the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-13 category for winning the 100 and 200 meter races.

Kimiah Parker of Super Nova Athletic Club captured the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Girls Under-9 category by winning the 80, 150 and 300 meter races and came second in the Cricket Ball Throw to accumulate 38 points.

Jadique Philip of Roots Athletics Club won the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-9 category for winning the 80 and 150 meter races.

Tyra Fenton of Roots Athletic Club claimed the Most Outstanding Award

Trophy in the Girls Under-15 category by winning the 100, 200 and 400 meter races.

Demar Adams of the Sir Novel- le Richards Academy captured Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-15 category. Adams came first in the 100, 200 and 400 meter races.

Hannah Charles of Hurricane Power Athletics Club won the 1500 and 3000 meter races to claim the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Girls Under-20 category, while Terrone Webster of Full Stride Track Club of Anguilla won the 100 and 200 meter races to capture the Most Outstanding Award Trophy in the Boys Under-20 category.



## Guyana win Short Range title at WI Fullbore Championship

Magnificent shooting from Guyanese shooters ensured the country fired its way to victory in the Short Range Match at the West Indies Fullbore Shooting Council 2023 Championship, which ended at the Crabbs Rifle and Pistol Range in Antigua on Saturday.

Guyana was led by marksman Peter Persaud, who dropped only three points from a possible 150, including the only possible of the day at 500 yards (50.4), coupled with excellent coaching by Mahendra Persaud, and great leadership by captain Dylan Fields and reigning Caribbean individual champion Lennox Braithwaite.

Peter Persaud's performance earned him the Wogart Trophy, which is for the shooter recording the highest score for the day.

It was a vintage performance by the Guyanese who had lost to host nation Jamaica last year by



Members of Team Guyana, which won the Short Range title at the 2023 West Indies Fullbore Shooting Council Championship at the Crabbs Rifle and Pistol Range in Antigua on Saturday, 13th May, 2023.

a single point. However, this year, the team was determined not to let anyone come remotely close and from the first range, the dye was virtually cast.

Captain Fields and Roberto Tiwari each dropped five points out of the possible 150 and reign-

ing Individual champion Braithwaite dropped six to ensure that from the start, 300-yard range, a solid foundation was set which the team built on at the 500 and 600 yard ranges.

At 300 yards, no Guyanese shooter went below 44 points, and when the

final shot rang out and the scores tallied, Guyana was well ahead with 375 points and 25 V-Bulls, with the closest nation being the host Antigua and Barbuda with 365 points and 19 V-Bulls.

At 500 yards, the Guyanese took it up a few notches, led by Peter Persaud's possible, 50.4, tallied 378 points along with 21 Vs, the Antigua and Barbuda team again being the closest, six points back.

The Antiguan fought bravely, but the deficit was way too much to overcome, as the Guyanese were very focused and determined to reclaim the trophy.

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vas and the Leeward Islands at Conaree Sports Ground had to be abandoned due to rain.

This was not before Djenaba Joseph was able to strike her highest List A score of 90, sharing in an 81-run partnership with skipper Anisa Mohammed, who was not out on 45, to take the Red Force Divas to their highest total of the competition, when they posted 253 for six from

their 50 overs.

The rains came during the innings break and never subsided for play to resume, forcing match officials to abandon the match.

The fifth and final round of matches will be played today (Wednesday). Jamaica face the Windwards at Conaree; Barbados take on hosts Leewards at Warner Park; while Trinidad & Tobago red Force Divas meet Guyana at St Paul's.

## Matthews puts on a show, Bajans on course to retain Super50 Cup

A superb all-rounder performance from captain by Hayley Matthews led Barbados to a big victory over Windward Islands at St. Paul's Grounds in the CG United Women's Super50 Cup on Monday.

The world-rated all-rounder took a six-wicket haul – including a hat-trick – and made a half-century runs as the Bajans secured a 73-run victory. The victory has put the defending champions on course for a third successive title.

Sent into bat first, Barbados posted 228 for six from their 50 overs. Matthews notched her second half century of the tournament with 64 off 74 balls, which included five fours and a six, Kyshona Knight continued her run of form with 55 from 82 balls and Aaliyah Alleyne made 47.

Afy Fletcher led the Windwards run-chase with a captain's knock of 43 from 36 deliveries. She shared a 44-run second wicket partnership with Zaida James.

But it was the 37-run ninth wicket partnership between Pearl Etienne and Nerissa Crafton that gave Windwards hope. Matthews took her best List A figures of six for 28 to help bowl out the Windwards for 155 in 32.2 overs. Fast bowler Shamilia Connell picked up two for 18.

Guyana lost seven wickets in their chase of 67 runs in 28 overs to defeat Jamaica by three wickets via the Duckworth/Stern/Lewis method in a rain-affected match at Warner Park.



Barbados captain Hayley Matthews, left, accepts her man of the match award from Graeme West, CWI High Performance Manager, at the end of the CG United Women's Super50 Cup match against the Windward Islands at St Paul's Ground in St Kitts on Monday, 15th May, 2023. (CWI Media)

Jamaica batted first and made 94 in 40.3 overs. Natasha McLean was the top scorer with 31 and Stafanie Taylor made 15. Plaffiana Millington grabbed three for 21 and Ashmini Munisar captured two for 15.

The rains came with Guyana on seven without loss after four overs and kept falling for almost three hours, forcing the implementation of the DLS method.

Guyana looked set to cruise to victory but the Jamaica bowlers

struck at consistent intervals to cause a spot of panic in the Guyanese camp.

But West Indies Under 19 captain Ashmini Munisar showed nerves of steel as she guided her team to victory before the clouds burst again with light rain.

Munisa scored 11 not out from 13 deliveries. Celina grabbed three for 14 and Kate Wilmott took two for 15.

The day's third contest between Trinidad and Tobago Red Force Di-

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