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TEENAGE SUSPECT ON REMAND AT HMP

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The Hellsgate Steel Orchestra, background, provided entertainment at Government House for passengers, who arrived in the country aboard the ultra-luxury vessel Silversea this week. *Story on page 9.*

Local News



Teenage suspect on remand at HMP

The 16-year-old charged with the murder of businessman Roudi Shmaly has been remanded to His Majesty's Prison after he appeared before the Child Trial Justice Board on Thursday.

The Child Justice Act gives the board the authority to remand minors over the age of thirteen who are charged with serious offences such as murder.

As a minor, his matter will go before the Juvenile Court Family Division for committal proceedings to the High Court. The police

announced late Wednesday, that they brought charges against the 16-year-old for the murder of Shmaly, and it was later announced that the person who allegedly supplied him with the gun used in the commission of the crime is also in police custody and is expected to be charged as well.

The police are alleging that the 16-year-old entered the Pick and Mix Mart on DeSousa Road and held up the attendant at gunpoint.

On hearing the motion, Shmaly who op-

erated the nearby Chicken Hub went to inquire, when he was shot in the head by the assailant, who then escaped on foot.

He was picked up by the police later that same day.

Meanwhile, members of the Syrian community and others gathered outside the Pick and Mix Market on DeSousa Road, the site where Shmaly was shot for a candlelight vigil.

One member of the community, who organized the event, expressed the view that it requires all

residents of Antigua and Barbuda to join and assist the police in keeping crime under control.

She said they prayed for the soul of Shmaly and also for anyone who has lost a loved one due to crime.

In related crime news, the police say they have two suspects in custody following a shootout on Tuesday night. Police have confirmed that two men from Ottos are in custody in connection with an incident in Cassada Gardens in which law enforcers were fired upon.

One of the men was detained the same night after being found hiding in bushes in the area, while the other was held mid-morning on Wednesday when police executed a search warrant at his home and allegedly found ammunition. Police expect to lay charges soon in the ongoing probe.

Police had earlier reported, two men fired at them when they went to investigate reports of a suspicious vehicle in the area on Tuesday night. The men sped off in a car but ran from the vehicle when it crashed and ended up in a culvert. No member of the police team was injured.

Law enforcers have vowed a vigorous response to the recent surge in criminal activities and have increased their patrols.

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AG to adopt a hands-on approach to crime fighting

Attorney General and Minister Steadroy Benjamin is leading a resolute effort to tackle crime and violence at its source in Antigua and Barbuda. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the Minister and his administration have intensified their commitment to safeguarding the nation's security and fostering a safer environment for all citizens.

Crime and violence have become pressing concerns in our society, posing significant challenges to the peace and well-being of our beloved country. Acknowledging the immense pain and suffering endured by victims and their families, the Minister expresses profound sympathy and stands in solidarity with those affected by the recent wave of heinous crimes.

In an expression of genuine compassion, The Attorney General and his fellow ministers have long practiced the habit of personally visiting or reaching out to the families impacted by crimes, fires, or any other tragic events. This



Attorney General Steadroy Benjamin compassionate approach knows no bounds of ethnicity or background, for in the eyes of the law, we are all one Antigua and Barbuda.

The Minister understands that combating crime and violence requires a collective effort, uniting the government, law enforcement agencies, and the public. In this regard, he fervently calls upon the citizens to cooperate closely with the country's police force, providing crucial information and support to expedite the resolution of criminal cases.

The recent occurrence of the nation's first homicide deeply saddens The

Attorney General and he extends his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends, and loved ones. This tragic loss only reinforces the urgency of the Minister's mission to effectively address crime and violence throughout Antigua and Barbuda.

Under the leadership of The Minister of Legal Affairs and Public Safety, comprehensive measures are being implemented to root out the sources of criminal activity. These initiatives encompass strengthening law enforcement capabilities, enhancing crime prevention strategies, and promoting community engagement to foster a culture of safety and vigilance.

The Attorney General emphasizes his unwavering dedication to the cause and assures the public that this relentless pursuit of justice will continue unabated. Antigua and Barbuda shall stand united in the face of these challenges, working tirelessly to create a society where every citizen can feel secure and protected.


 An advertisement for 'Guys and Dolls Simply Classy'. It features a group of five models: a woman in a blue and white patterned dress, a man in a blue shirt and tie, a woman in a black dress with a large wide-brimmed hat, a woman in a colorful patterned dress, and a man in a blue suit and hat. The text 'Guys and Dolls' is written in a large, elegant script, with 'Simply Classy' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, a white box contains the phone number '268-782-6020'.

Local News



Senate approves resolution to acquire the Cancer Centre

The way is now clear for the Antigua and Barbuda government to acquire the Eastern Caribbean Cancer Centre, as a resolution paving the way for the acquisition has now been passed by both houses of parliament.

After being approved by the House of Representatives last week, the Senate picked up the debate on Thursday and it too passed the resolution, but not before some members of the opposition questioned the government's action.

Mover of the resolution in the Upper House, Senator Samantha Marshall said the government wanted to acquire the centre to ensure that 'lives are saved,' as the facility provided essential care for those persons who have been diagnosed with cancer.

She indicated that the government had been en-

gaged in negotiations with the majority owner of the centre, Dr. Conville Browne, over a period of time and that these negotiations were inconclusive when he announced by letter dated March 28, 2023, that he intends to close the centre on April 30, 2023.

"From my understanding, there have been attempts since around 2015 to come to some understanding with Dr. Browne. Clearly, these attempts have not been successful and Dr. Browne indicated his clear intention not to continue. This has resulted in the closure," she explained.

Marshall further explained that the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre is part of the shareholding of the Cancer Centre. "The reality is that this is a very important matter as there are persons who are being treated



Senator Samantha Marshall

for cancer, who have limited means or no means to allow them the luxury of being able to travel overseas for medical care. When the centre was envisioned, it was envisioned to serve the OECS, but clearly, there have been challenges and we are where we are now," she remarked.

Sen. Marshall added

that as a country, there was no time to 'linger, question, or wait' as she urged her colleagues to support the government's move in the interest of the people.

Several members of the opposition questioned the decision to acquire the project and wondered whether or not the government had done everything possible to come to an agreement with Dr. Browne.

When it was time to vote on the resolution, Marshall requested a division, meaning that all senators must indicate their vote individually. All members on the government side along with the independent senator voted in favour; Opposition senators Shawn Nicholas and David Massiah abstained, while Senator Browne voted 'no.' The resolution carried 9 in favour, 2 abstentions and one 'no.'



Gov't remains firm: No public inquiry!

The government remains resolute that it sees no need to convene a public inquiry into the Antigua Airways matter despite an aggressive lobbying effort by the opposition United Progressive Party (UPP).

Last week, the party took a petition, with signatures, to the Governor General. This document was submitted as part of the campaign that it had organized to have the inquiry called. The UPP has been urging the GG, Sir Rodney Williams to convene the inquiry, although there have been numerous opinions indicating that the authority to convene a public inquiry rests with the executive arm of government, the Cabinet, and not with the Governor General.

This week's Cabinet Notes revealed that the Cabinet sought and received, through the Ministry of Legal Affairs, legal opinions by two King's Counsels (KC's) on the power of the Governor

General, in relation to establishing public inquiries. The experts concluded that the Governor General has no power to commission a public inquiry.

"The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda decides on the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry, and by way of Resolution, the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda provides the authority to the Governor General and will also vote to authorize a special warrant to fund the Inquiry. The claim by political operatives that the Governor General has the authority to commission a Public Inquiry is absolutely false," the notes declared.

This comes as the former UPP Attorney General, Justin Simon KC, joined the discussion, stating that he is of the view that the Governor General has the authority to summon the inquiry.

Cabinet spokesman, Lionel Max

Hurst was asked to respond to Simon's comment. Hurst expressed the view that the former Attorney General is quite aware that the GG does not have such authority.

"What we have found is a willingness on the part of those connected to political parties to make inane judgments and announcements that clearly do not purport with the law.

"We have consulted with two KC's and they have provided us with their opinions and we also have an opinion dating back to 2001 when another Commission of Inquiry was being foisted upon the Antigua and Barbuda people.

"They were trying to get the GG at that time to call an inquiry and he indicated, quite clearly, that he did not have such authority. I don't understand why someone who knows the law would make such a statement," he remarked.



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Unpaid lands to be re-assigned

The Ministry responsible for lands has indicated that it intends to implement a policy where land that

was previously assigned will be reallocated if those to whom the lands were earmarked fail to complete

the payment in a week's time.

Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister

Lionel Max Hurst reported on the policy, during Thursday's post-Cabinet press briefing.

According to Hurst, more than two thousand parcels of land have been assigned over a period lasting several years in most cases, and those persons to whom the lands were originally assigned have failed to either pay anything at all for their land or have failed to complete the payments.

"The Lands Division is about to re-assign those lands to others who have an interest in not only acquiring them but paying for them as well.

"For those who may wish to forestall your land being transferred to another, may I suggest that you make the payments immediately to the lands division or enter into some arrangement so that your interest in the land continues to be registered," Hurst urged.

He noted that the Lands Division will begin re-assigning the unpaid lands to other interested parties if payments are not made by June 1, 2023.

Hurst explained that many persons started and then discontinued the payments for the lands but with a strong demand for land, the government is seeking to have these re-assigned if payments are not forthcoming.



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A&B piloting regional agricultural health and food safety project

Antigua and Barbuda this week hosted a workshop looking at an agricultural health and food safety project as part of a regional project that is being implemented here in the pilot phase.

The workshop brought together senior technicians in the Ministry of Agriculture as well as technicians from related agencies such as the International Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture, the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), and the funding agency, the European Union.

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Agriculture Minister, E.P Chet Greene (centre) with technicians who attended the agricultural health and food safety workshop



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The workshop's objectives were to devise and implement an agricultural health and food safety policy for Antigua and Barbuda, following which they are to have these policies implemented regionally, with the other territories adopting the best practices and other modalities successfully introduced in Antigua and Barbuda.

This comes against the recognition that contaminated food can significantly impact human health, causing illnesses ranging from mild gastrointestinal discomfort to serious and even life-threatening conditions. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), contaminated food is responsible for an estimated 600 million cases of foodborne illnesses and 420,000 deaths worldwide each year.

Agriculture Minister, E.P. Chet Greene said it is essential to have strong policies and regulations in place, to prevent and respond to foodborne illnesses in order to protect the health and well-being of consumers, and the livelihoods of those involved in the food production and marketing chain.

"A policy on agricultur-

al health and food safety can help to protect the health of consumers, livestock, and crops. The policy on agricultural health and food safety that is being validated by you, the participants, speak to a number of key issues:- 1. The need for strict standards for the use of pesticides and fertilizers; 2. The need for producers and processors to have access to the latest agricultural information and technology; 3. The establishment of effective monitoring and surveillance systems to detect and respond to outbreaks of animal and plant diseases," he stated.

According to the agriculture minister implementing a national policy on agricultural health and food safety will ensure that the food produced in Antigua and Barbuda is safe for consumption and meets international standards, and such a policy on agricultural health and food safety is crucial for the sustainable development of Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean.

"I wish to reinforce the importance of a clear policy on agricultural health and food safety and the crucial role that government support plays in ensuring its success," he added.

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Silversea World Cruise passengers visit Government House

Over two hundred passengers who arrived in the country aboard the ultra-luxury vessel Silversea concluded their around-the-world cruise in Antigua and Barbuda with a visit to Government House this week.

Governor General Sir Rodney Williams welcomed to Government House over 200 passengers from the Silversea 2023 World Cruise which made the final call on its 139-day world cruise in St. John's.

The event which was facilitated by the Rendezvous Tours Antigua included a cocktail reception and dinner infused with local entertainment including Khan Cordice, George Roberts, Arlen Seaton, Kadijah Simon, King Zacari, and Hell's Gate Steel Orchestra. The event also raised funds for the Government House Restoration initiative.

Silversea Cruises' 2023 World Cruise, South Side Story, set sail from Sydney, Australia, on January 10, 2023, marking the first time the leading ultra-luxury and expedition cruise line had set sail from the Southern Hemisphere on a World Cruise.

The ultra-luxury Silver Shadow hosted guests for the 139-day arts-inspired voyage, sailing from the South Seas to the Amazon Rainforest and beyond, calling in 66 destinations in 34 countries across five continents.



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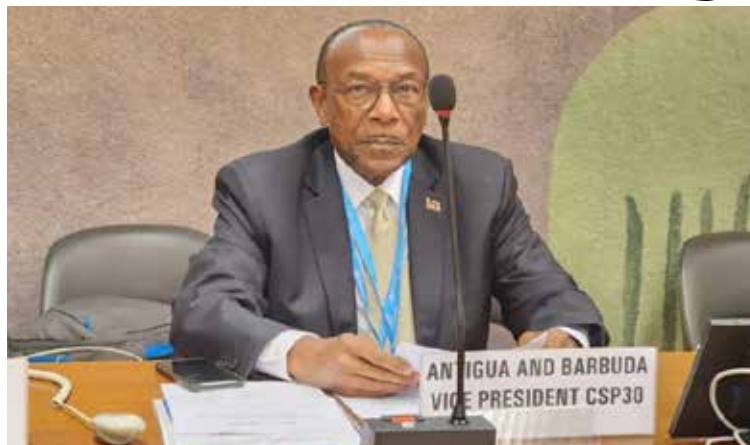
Sir Molwyn Joseph in Geneva for the 76th World Health Assembly

Minister of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation, and the Environment Sir Molwyn Joseph is in Geneva, Switzerland for the 76th World Health Assembly (WHA) which began on 21 May and ends on 30 May 2023.

This year's theme for WHA, "WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all" is consistent with the function of the WHO - promoting health, ensuring that everyone everywhere has access to quality essential health services, and protecting people from health emergencies.

Sir Molwyn Joseph in his role as Vice President of the 30th Pan American Sanitary Conference of the Pan American Health Organization, 74th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, presided at the Heads of Delegations Meeting this morning.

During his remarks, Sir Molwyn noted that the COVID-19 pandemic brought to the fore, the urgent need for investment in health systems that are resilient and based on primary health care, as this is the most effective way to overcome inequities, build



Sir Molwyn Joseph

resilience, and be better able to prevent, prepare for and respond to emerging public health threats.

He believes that having experienced this pandemic, the Region of the Americas

emerged stronger and with a renewed/reaffirmed commitment to solidarity and Pan-Americanism.

Minister Joseph is expected to meet with Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to discuss health priorities for Antigua and Barbuda and how PAHO can give support.

Ahead of the WHA, Commonwealth Ministers of Health met with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, The Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland, for discussions on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic about Health System Resilience, Health Security, and Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Health Ministers also had the opportunity to share progress on UHC and challenges and priorities to accelerate UHC goals.

Accompanying Sir Molwyn at the 76th WHA is Chief Medical Officer (Ag.) Dr. Teri-Ann Joseph.



Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting

Can the world achieve world peace? “A Global Security Initiative may have the answer”

By Liang Leorine

The legendary reggae singer and Rastafarian Robert Nester Marley in one of his popular songs ‘War’ reminded the world that,

“Until the philosophy which holds one race

Superior and another inferior

Is finally

And permanently

Discredited

And abandoned

Everywhere is war”

That until there are no longer

First-class and second-class citizens of any nation

Until the colour of a man’s skin

Is of no more significance than the colour of his eyes

Me say war

That until the basic human rights

Are equally guaranteed to all

Without regard to race

Dis a war”

That until that day

The dream of lasting peace

World citizenship

Rule of international morality

Will remain in but a fleeting illusion to be pursued

But never attained

Now everywhere is war”

The inequalities currently in society caused by the current economic and political architecture will always stimulate violence, aggression against countries, communities, and individuals.

The words of this iconic song are excerpts from a speech delivered by H.I.M. Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, at the United Nations in 1963.

The world for many centuries is exposed to an unprecedented coming together of international threats and instability, intensifying conflict, and instability. The wide range of instability includes regions and states that are not

necessarily in overt conflict, but that are institutionally and economically weak and vulnerable to shocks.

These threats include regional coercion and meddling, transnational terrorism, health insecurity, use of chemical and other unconventional weapons, massive displacement of populations, and overwhelming humanitarian crises—creating a complex operating environment.

The current approaches to solving international conflict and crimes used by some countries have failed. Therefore, to combat this violent scourge on society there is a need for a global security architecture that will seek to bring countries to the table to collaborate and build alliances.

Countries of the globe are increasingly interconnected and interdependent, giving rise to the need for a security initiative that must consider the following.

1. Transnational Threats: Many security challenges transcend national borders, such as terrorism, cyber-attacks, transnational crime, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. These threats require a coordinated global response to effectively mitigate and address them.

2. Interconnectedness: The world is more interconnected than ever before, with rapid advancements in technology, communication, and transportation. Events in one part of the world can have far-reaching consequences globally. A global security initiative can help facilitate information sharing, intelligence cooperation, and coordinated responses to emerging security risks.

3. Humanitarian Concerns: Global security encompasses not only military and political aspects but also humanitarian concerns. Issues like climate change, pandemics, and mass migration can have severe security implications. A global

security initiative can help address these challenges collectively, ensuring the well-being and safety of people worldwide.

4. Preventing Conflicts: By promoting dialogue, mediation, and conflict prevention mechanisms, a global security initiative can play a crucial role in preventing conflicts between nations. Early detection and resolution of disputes can help avoid escalation and maintain global stability.

5. Peacekeeping and Stability Operations: International peacekeeping missions are often conducted under the auspices of global security initiatives like the United Nations. These operations aim to restore and maintain peace in conflict-affected regions, protect civilians, and support post-conflict reconstruction efforts.

6. Effective Resource Allocation: A global security initiative can facilitate the pooling of resources, expertise, and capabilities from multiple countries, avoiding duplication of efforts and ensuring a more efficient allocation of resources to address security challenges.

7. Norms and Standards: A global security initiative can establish and promote international norms and standards for behavior in the security realm. This can include guidelines for responsible state behavior in cyberspace, arms control and non-proliferation agreements, and regulations for humanitarian interventions.

While existing international organizations and frameworks address various aspects of global security, a dedicated and comprehensive global security initiative can enhance coordination, cooperation, and effectiveness in tackling the evolving security landscape.

The recently published concept paper by the government of the People’s

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Opinion

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Republic of China on 'the Global Security Initiative' is a welcomed and most timely and positive contribution to the international conversation on how to solve the problem of securing the world in which we live.

According to the concept paper "the issue of security bears on the well-being of people of all countries, the lofty cause of world peace

and development, and the future of humanity."

This highlights the recognition by China that fundamentally, global security is about protecting and preserving people's livelihoods and sustainably securing our future. The Global Security Initiative promoted by China "aims to eliminate the root causes of international conflicts, improve global security governance, encourage

joint international efforts to bring more stability and certainty to a volatile and changing era, and promote durable peace and development in the world."

The uniqueness of this GSI is hinged on its core principles and China's genuine respect for sovereignty and commitment to real collaboration and alliance building.

These principles call on countries participating in the

initiative to:

Stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security.

Stay committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.

Stay committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Stay committed to taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously.

Stay committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation.

Stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains.

To date over 80 countries and organizations have signaled support for this initiative which is guided by some critical principles that will help to ensure success in their efforts to navigate instability and fragility, the challenges, and pragmatic options to meet a range of security imperatives.

According to the GSI concept paper "Upholding world peace and security and promoting global development and prosperity should be the common pursuit of all countries. The visionary Chinese President calls on participating countries to adapt to the profoundly changing international landscape in the spirit of solidarity and address the complex and intertwined security challenges with a win-win mindset.



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Plant-based diets good for the heart

By James Gallagher

Giving plants the starring role in your diet is good for heart health, a review of four decades of data shows.

Researchers in Denmark showed vegetarian and vegan diets cut levels of cholesterol and fats in the blood that increase heart attacks.

The effect - equivalent to about a third that of taking daily drugs - was "really substantial", they said.

But experts said meat and dairy had their own health benefits - and not all meat-free diets were actually healthy.

The research pulled together the 30 trials since 1982 in which scientists gave volunteers a set diet and tracked its impact on heart health. In total, nearly 2,400 people from around the world were involved.

High levels of bad cholesterol lead to fatty deposits building up in blood vessels, which can eventually cause heart attacks or strokes.

The results, published in the *European Heart Journal*, showed vegetarian and vegan diets:

- * cut bad cholesterol by 10%

- * cut total cholesterol by 7%

- * cut apolipoprotein B (the main protein in bad cholesterol) by 14%

"That corresponds to a third of the effect of a cholesterol-lowering statin



[pill] - so that's really substantial," Prof Ruth Frikke-Schmidt, who conducted the work, at Rigshospitalet, in Denmark, told BBC News.

The studies would have needed to have controlled people's diets for years or decades to see how that change in the blood played out.

But Prof Frikke-Schmidt used data from trials of statins to estimate maintaining such a diet for 15 years could cut the risk of cardiovascular disease by 20%.

The World Health Organization estimates cardiovascular disease kills nearly 18 million people every year.

Despite the health benefits of following a more plant-based diet, Prof Frikke-Schmidt warned that anyone following such a diet should not come off

drugs they have been prescribed because they are at risk of heart disease.

She chooses to eat a mostly plant-based diet, with some chicken and white fish for "my health, the environment and because I like it".

Other diets that incorporate meat, such as the Mediterranean diet, have also been shown to be healthy.

Prof Frikke-Schmidt said meat did not have to be excluded but "the important message is 'plant-based'", as this was good for both health and the environment.

But it is worth noting people on the trials were given "healthy" vegetarian and vegan meals.

Vegetables, fruits, nuts, pulses such as chickpeas and wholegrains are very different to sweets, crisps and sugary drinks despite

both being meat-free.

"Not all plant-based diets are equal," Prof Aedin Cassidy, from Queen's University Belfast, said. And diets such as "those including refined carbohydrates, processed foods high in fat/salt" would still be unhealthy.

There have also been questions about the current wave of highly processed vegan foods, which are markedly different to a vegan diet from the 1980s.

Quadram Institute chief scientific officer Prof Martin Warren said: "Animal-based products such as meat do represent nutrient-dense foods that have other benefits.

"Similarly, crop-based diets can be low in certain micronutrients - so in general, reducing meat consumption but maintaining a broad and varied diet is good for health."

Technology

ChatGPT-maker warns it might leave EU over planned AI regulation

BBC - The boss of the company behind ChatGPT has said it might consider leaving the EU if it fails to comply with a planned law on artificial intelligence (AI).

The EU's planned legislation could be the first to specifically regulate AI.

And it could require generative AI companies to reveal which copyrighted material had been used to train their systems to create text and images.

"The current draft of the EU AI Act would be over-regulating," OpenAI's Sam Altman said, Reuters reported.

"But we have heard it's going to get pulled back."

Many in the creative industries accuse AI companies of using the work of artists, musicians and actors to train systems to imitate their work.

But Mr Altman is worried it would be technically impossible for OpenAI to comply with some of the AI Act's safety and transparency requirements, according to Time magazine.

At an event at University College London, Mr Altman added he was optimistic AI could create more jobs and reduce inequality.



AI bosses met the British prime minister at No 10 Downing Street.

He also met Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and the heads of AI companies DeepMind and Anthropic to discuss the technology's risks - from disinformation to national security and even "existential threats" - and the voluntary actions and regulation required to manage them.

Some experts fear super-intelligent AI systems could threaten humanity's existence.

But Mr Sunak said AI could "positively transform humanity" and "deliver better outcomes for the British public, with emerging opportunities in a range of areas to improve public services".

At the G7 summit in Hiroshima, the leaders of the

US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Japan and Canada agreed creating "trustworthy" AI must be "an international endeavour".

And before any EU legislation comes into effect, the European Commission aims to develop an AI pact with Google's parent company, Alphabet.

International cooperation is vital to regulating AI, according to EU industry chief Thierry Breton, who met with Google chief executive Sundar Pichai in Brussels.

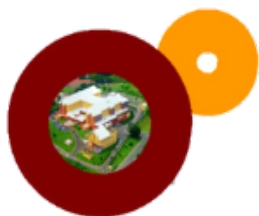
"Sundar and I agreed that we cannot afford to wait until AI regulation actually becomes applicable - and to work together with all AI developers to already develop an AI pact on a volun-

tary basis ahead of the legal deadline," Mr Breton said.

Silicon Valley veteran, author and O'Reilly Media founder Tim O'Reilly said the best start would be mandating transparency and building regulatory institutions to enforce accountability.

"AI fearmongering, when combined with its regulatory complexity, could lead to analysis paralysis," he said.

"Companies creating advanced AI must work together to formulate a comprehensive set of metrics that can be reported regularly and consistently to regulators and the public, as well as a process for updating those metrics as new best practices emerge."



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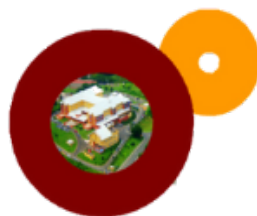
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What's happening in Anguilla? Minister apologises for behaviour

Loop - A government minister in Anguilla, Quincia Gumbs-Marie, has apologised for her poor choice of words and temporary lapse in composure after a video emerged showing her and a man in an alleged confrontation on Tuesday. The incident occurred while she was having lunch.

The expletive-filled video has been making the rounds on social media.

In a statement, Gumbs-Marie says the language used by her was a reflection of the escalated tension of the moment and a direct response to the repeated threats, which she said were being made on her life.

"In retrospect I should have chosen to not match the tone of my attacker. I should have used more appropriate words after every attempt to diffuse the situation failed.

"You can rest assured that I am reflecting and will grow from this moment. Undoubtedly, while I am re-



Quincia Gumbs-Marie.

gretful of the entire occurrence, I am reminded that to err is human and I am merely that before every other title and the expectation that comes with it."

She said the altercation occurred after an emotionally charged sitting of the Anguilla House of Assembly where they made a commitment to fo-

cus on tangible and active measures to curb the actions of violence and escalated conflicts now being experienced in different settings and groups.

The minister said: "Yesterday's occurrence was a dark reminder that the liberties and unique access to each other we enjoy in this small community are placed under threat when individuals are allowed to go unchecked and unaccountable for the threats and agitations that permeate our social spaces and airwaves. The anxiety and pressures placed on victims and bystanders, their family members and the wider community when incidences such as what took place yesterday become a great burden to all."

Gumbs-Marie is the Minister of Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment in the Government of Anguilla.

She noted the Royal Anguilla Police Forces is investigating the matter.

Dutch Sint Maarten and French St Martin hold bilateral meeting

Loop - Prime Minister of Sint Maarten Silveria Jacobs hosted a meeting with President of the Collectivité of Saint-Martin Louis Mussington along with other officials to review and coordinate several topics, including cooperation on education and internal security.

On the agenda of the meeting was also the signing of the border delimitation treaty between both sides of the island and the upcoming Quadripartite meet-

ing between Sint Maarten, Saint-Martin, France, and the Netherlands scheduled for June 15 in The Hague.

This is the first time since 2019 that the Quadripartite meeting between the four parties will be held.

These regular dialogues between Sint Maarten, Saint-Martin and France are essential to achieve the communal goals that are desired for the people on both sides of St Martin.

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Palestine humanitarian medical mission visits Grenada

A team of medical experts from the State of Palestine is assisting Grenada in its efforts to boost the Health Sector.

Healthcare practitioners will experience a cross-pollination of shared knowledge and skills as they work in unison with the twelve-member humanitarian team.

The delegation is led by Ambassador Imad Zuhari, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation in Palestine.

In his remarks during a ceremony to welcome the team on Monday, Ambassador Zuhari spoke about the objective of the mission and reiterated his Government's unwavering support to Grenada.

He also pointed to the need for Small Island Developing States like Grenada to ensure that its transformative healthcare



Medical experts from the State of Palestine.

agenda is strategically aligned to Sustainable Development Goal #3, which speaks to ensuring healthy lives and well-being for all.

Minister for Health, Wellness, and Religious Affairs, Jonathan LaCrette and members of his policy and clinical team, welcomed the visiting medical delegation.

The Health Minister underscored the importance

of bilateral agreements. He said, "Bi-Lateral Agreements afford both parties the opportunity to have access to open markets in healthcare, especially when it comes to the complexity of diagnosis, treatment, and management of specific conditions."

A bilateral agreement between the Government of Grenada and the State of Palestine, seeks to establish

a medical cooperation that will enhance the relationship between the two sovereign states and strengthen the medical skills gap in specialist areas.

Acting Director of Medical Services, Dr Tyhiesia Donald says over the next few days, medical assistance will be provided in General Surgery, Urology, Internal Medicine,

Paediatric Urology and Oncoplastic Breast Surgery (this surgery combines the techniques of traditional breast cancer surgery with the cosmetic advantages of plastic surgery).

She added that the medical team would also provide Ophthalmological services to help reduce the backlog of persons awaiting cataract surgery.

The team of medical professionals is expected to leave Grenada on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

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sume the formal Quadripartite discussions has been made possible as all parties concerned have also recently finalised technical negotiations on the demarcation of the border.

This agreement includes the establishment of a joint cross-border committee that will ensure the necessary follow-up is given for the agreement's execution.

This agreement will be signed on May 26 on St Martin. The Minister of the Interior of France and the Minister of Overseas of France will be present in St Martin to represent the Republic

of France together with other officials.

Prime Minister Jacobs will be representing Sint Maarten and the Kingdom of the Netherlands during this historical moment which will be held at the border monument between Belvedere and Belle Plaine.

Due to the signing, the road will be closed to traffic from 5 pm to 7 pm. Traffic will be diverted as follows: Belvedere (McDonalds) Roundabout-Bishop Hill-Oyster Pond-Coralita-French Quarter.

Resolving the border dispute has reopened discussions between both sides and the respective states on co-

operation and the second agenda point focused on convening of the Quadripartite meeting.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs will host the 5th Quadripartite meeting, the first since the last was held in Paris in 2019.

The Prime Minister thanked her French counterparts for the continued good cooperation between both sides of the island. "I apologise in advance for those who would be inconvenienced and appreciate the population's understanding as we mark this historic event," said Prime Minister Jacobs.

Nagano: Man detained over shooting and stabbing attack in Japan

By James FitzGerald

A man has been arrested after four people were killed in a stabbing and shooting attack in central Japan.

The alleged assailant is said to have stabbed a woman, before firing a hunting rifle to kill two policemen in the city of Nakano, Nagano prefecture. A fourth death was later confirmed.

The suspect is the son of the city assembly's speaker, local media say.

Gun violence remains extremely rare in Japan, despite the killing of ex-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in July last year.



Police officers stand guard near the scene of a standoff after Wednesday's attack.

news agency Kyodo, police 16:25 (07:25 GMT) about received a call at around a man who had chased and

then stabbed a woman.

An eyewitness working in a nearby field told Kyodo that the man's attack on his first victim had been carried out with a blade around 30cm (1ft) long.

His motive is not clear. When the witness asked the suspect why he had stabbed the woman, he is said to have replied: "I killed her because I wanted to."

The suspect - who was reportedly wearing a camouflage uniform, a hat, sunglasses and a mask - then allegedly shot police officers who responded to the emergency.

It was not immediately clear how the fourth person - described as an elderly woman - had died.

The suspect reportedly barricaded himself for hours inside the home of his fa-

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Channel migrants tragedy: Five French soldiers accused of failing to help

By Matt Murphy

French police have charged five soldiers over the deaths of 27 people who sank while trying to cross the English Channel on 24 November 2021.

They are among nine people detained for questioning. They are accused of failing to help the stricken boat, a judicial source said.

Some 15 calls from the boat were ignored, French media reported.

The disaster is the worst of its kind on record. The migrants were mostly Iraqi Kurds, and aged seven to 46.

News of the indictment was welcomed spokesperson for Utopia 56, an organisation representing the migrants.

"We can only be delighted that things are progressing from a criminal point of view," said Flore Judet.

The small craft sank shortly after leaving the French coast, leading to the death of all but two of



A police patrol in Pas-de-Calais, northern France, on 26 November 2021 - two days after the deadly incident.

those onboard - comprising men, women and children.

Le Monde newspaper previously reported that passengers had first contacted officials in France's Channel rescue centre at 01:48, saying their boat was deflating and their engine had failed.

The group reportedly sent their location by

WhatsApp 15 minutes later, but authorities failed to answer. Rescue teams eventually responded 10 hours later, after fishermen raised the alarm.

Speaking at the time of the tragedy, the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM) said the disaster was the biggest single loss of life in the Channel since it had begun collecting data in 2014.

The UK's then-Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was "appalled" by the incident, adding that his country would leave "no stone unturned" to stop human trafficking gangs.

In November 2022, a 32-year-old man appeared in a London

court in connection with the disaster, having been accused of being part of a group which conspired to transport the migrants to the UK.

Harem Ahmed Abwbaker was alleged to have offered money to the families of migrants who drowned to stay silent.

Last June, French police arrested 15 people - mostly from Afghanistan - who are accused of being part of a smuggling ring involved in the deadly incident.

The UK government has pledged to tackle small boat crossings of the English Channel after record numbers arrived by that route last year.

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ther, Masamichi Aoki, before being detained.

Abe was Japan's longest-serving prime minister and his death profoundly shocked a country where handguns are banned and incidents of political violence are almost unheard of.

In 2014, there were just six incidents of gun deaths in Japan, compared with 33,599 in the US.

People have to undergo a strict exam and mental health tests in order to buy a gun. Even then, only shotguns and air rifles are allowed.

Oath Keepers leader Stewart Rhodes sentenced to 18 years for Capitol riot

By Mike Wendling

The leader of a far-right militia has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for his role in the US Capitol riot.

Stewart Rhodes, the founder of the Oath Keepers, was convicted on charges of seditious conspiracy and other crimes.

The sentence is the longest yet given to a Capitol rioter. Prosecutors had asked for 25 years.

Meanwhile, Kelly Meggs, the leader of the militia's Florida chapter, was jailed for 12 years.

Rhodes remained outside the Capitol, but co-ordinated with Meggs and other members who stormed the building.

Rhodes and Meggs were also convicted of obstruction of an official proceeding and tampering with documents or proceedings in one of the highest-profile trials related to the riot on 6 January 2021.

At a hearing on Thursday, Rhodes showed little remorse, claiming he was a "political prisoner" and insisting that the Oath Keepers were standing in opposition to people "who are destroying our country".

Judge Amit Mehta rejected those claims and expressed concern about Rhodes' violent rhetoric, including a threat to hang former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



Kelly Meggs at a pro-Trump rally held the day before the Capitol riot.

"I dare say, Mr Rhodes, and I've never said this about anyone who I've sentenced: You, sir, present an ongoing threat and peril to this country, to the republic and the very fabric of our democracy," the judge said.

"We all now hold our collective breaths with an election approaching," he said. "Will we have another January 6th? That remains to be seen."

Rhodes' sentence was the longest handed out so far for the riot, where thousands of supporters of Donald Trump who objected to the result of the 2020 presidential election stormed the US legislature.

Prosecutors had asked for 25 years for Rhodes and 21 years for Meggs.

Defence lawyers had argued for much lighter sentences of less than three years each.

Rhodes, a former US Army paratrooper and Yale-educated lawyer, founded the Oath Keepers in 2009.

Armed members of the anti-government group showed up at a number of protests and standoffs, and eventually became staunch supporters of Donald Trump. Dozens were present at the riot.

Rhodes began a campaign to reject the results of the election two days after the November 2020 vote, while ballots were still being counted.

He messaged supporters: "We aren't getting through this without a civil

war... Prepare your mind, body, spirit."

Rhodes and other Oath Keepers then spent thousands of dollars on weapons and equipment and stashed them in a hotel room in nearby Virginia just prior to 6 January 2021.

During the riot itself, Rhodes stayed outside the building taking phone calls and messages while other Oath Keepers, including some led by Meggs, stormed the building. Prosecutors said Rhodes acted like a "battlefield general" during the melee.

Defence lawyers argued that the weapons stash was never used and that the militia was on a purely defensive mission. They plan to appeal the convictions.

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Ronsford Beaton cleared to resume bowling

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced that following an assessment of a remodeled bowling action, Guyanese fast bowler Ronsford Beaton has been cleared to resume bowling in regional and international cricket.

Beaton's bowling action was assessed by officials at Loughborough University in England, where it was found to be within acceptable limits.

The assessment was required after Beaton's action was reported back in March by match officials during the West Indies Championship fourth round match between Guyana Harpy Eagles and Jamaica Scorpions at the Guyana National Stadium.

Following this, an as-



Guyanese fast bowler Ronsford Beaton. (CWI Media)

essment was conducted which found his bowling action to be illegal by officials at Loughborough University.

In line with CWI's ap-

proved process for dealing with illegal bowling actions, Beaton underwent remedial work to remodel his action and video footage was sent to Loughborough University

for analysis using an Opinion Report which was conducted earlier this month.

The fast bowler has subsequently been cleared to resume bowling.

Wings Sports Club to stage 30th Whit Monday Road Relay

The Youth Track & Field Unit within the CPTSA Wings Sports Club will be hosting its 30th Whit Monday 4 x 1.5 Miles Road Relay, 10K and Fitness Walk on 29th May.

This Event will start at the Kenneth A. Gomez Insurance Agency Ltd at the Royal Palm Garden on Friars Hill Road at 6 am next Monday.

Persons who are interested in taking part in Monday's event will be given the opportunity to register tomorrow (Saturday) morning at the YMCA from 9am until mid-day.

Persons can also register on the morning of the race between 5 am and 5:30 am. Registration fee is EC\$20 per participant. The first 60 registered par-

ticipants will receive complimentary event shirts.

All participants are kindly asked to assemble at the Kenneth A. Gomez Insurance Agency Ltd on Friars Hill Road before 5:30 am on Monday to access transportation to the various legs of the race.

The Race will start outside of the Royal Palm compound, going north on Friars Hill Rd, turning left after the WIOC pond, going toward the Extreme gym, turning right, then turning left on Marble Hill Rd and proceed towards Halcyon Hotel and Sandals Antigua Resort.

The participants will proceed along Anchorage Road, turning the

first right before reaching First Choice Supermarket, continuing until reaching AS Bryden, turning left then right unto Fort Road and then unto Popehead Street.

The participants will turn left onto St. John's Street and proceed to the Deanery, then turn left onto Friars Hill Road to the finish line inside the Royal Palm Garden.

Medals and trophies will be awarded to winners, both males and females, in the Under-15, Under-20, Under-30 and Over-30 categories.

The 30th Whit Monday Relay, 10K & Fitness Walk is sponsored by Kenneth A. Gomez Insurance Agency Ltd.

Anglers to compete in ABSFA's tournament

Anglers from across the Caribbean will be competing in the 55th Annual Antigua and Barbuda Sports Fishing tournament this weekend.

The tournament, which is being held at its new Location, the Falmouth Harbour Marina on the 27th and 28th May, follows the Mikie Pigott Jr Memorial Classic that started yesterday and will conclude today, Friday, 26th May.

The annual tournament began many years ago as the Antigua & Barbuda Marlin Classic, in an effort to offer teams more opportunity to fish for Blue Marlin and compete for a large cash prize.

In 2016, the tournament was renamed as the Mikie Pigott Jr Memorial Classic in honour of the young, enthusiastic and well respected Captain, Mikie Pigott Jr.

Pigott Jr was always one of the first to sign up. Over the years, he had either won or placed as a runner-up and proved to be a strong competitor.

When Captain Mike suddenly passed away, it was agreed that the organisers, the Antigua and Barbuda Sports Fishing Association (ABSFA), would rename the tournament in his name.

The classic, which is also called a billfish or marlin competition, involves the catching or



Maverick from St. Lucia and Sweet Peace from Barbados are two boats from other Caribbean islands that will be participating in this weekend's ABSFA tournament. (Photo courtesy ABSFA)

tagged and release of the Blue Marlin, White Marlin or Sailfish. Points are earned from the number of catch and release.

The team with the highest amount of points accumulated from their day's catch will be declared the winner and presented with a cash prize.

Anglers will then compete in the Antigua and Barbuda Sports Fishing tournament on Saturday and Sunday in two categories, the Marlin Division and Sports or Pelagic Fish Division.

The angler with the largest marlin, 450 pounds and above, will receive EC\$10,000. The champi-

on boat will also receive EC\$10,000.

In the Sports or Pelagic Fish Division, the champion boat, which will be decided by the poundage, will receive EC\$2,000 while the boat that finishes in the runners-up position will be rewarded with EC\$1,000.

Cash prizes will also be presented to the anglers with the largest and second largest tuna, wahoo, dolphin and king fish.

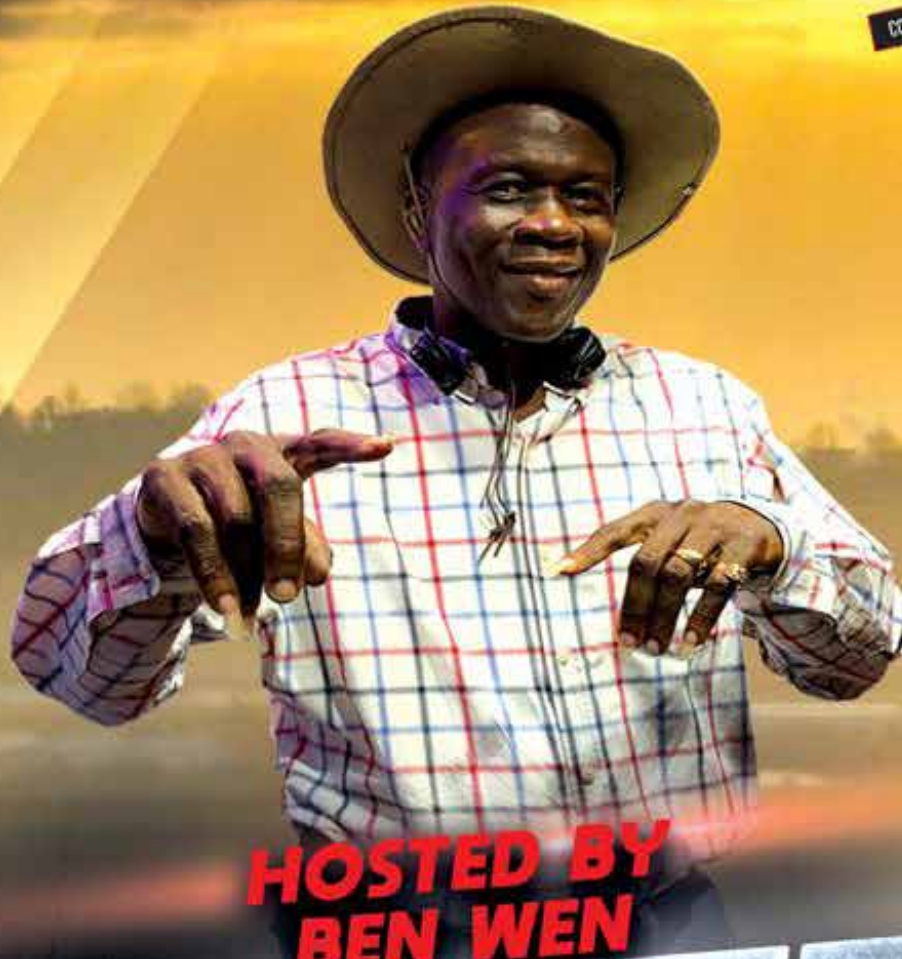
A number of boats, including several entrants from other Caribbean islands, have already registered for the competitions.

A number of sponsors are partnering with

the ABSFA in staging the event. They include Anjo Insurances, agents for Massy United; Falmouth Harbour Marina; Premier Beverages, agents for Cavalier Rum and Oasis Water; Caribbean Union Bank; Outdoor World, agents for Yamaha; and Anjo Wholesale, agents for Heineken & Grace Foods.

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Three teams vying for last two places in semi-finals

Urlings and defending champions Police will need to win their final match in the preliminaries to give themselves a chance of snatching the last two remaining spots into the semi-finals of the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Richie Richardson Limited Overs Championship this weekend.

Urlings will enter their last preliminary round match tomorrow (Saturday) at Freetown in fifth place on eight points, four points adrift of Police and National Park/Cool & Smooth Mas-

ters, who are currently occupying the last two semi-finals spots in third and fourth places respectively.

Police will need to beat Mahico at Clare Hall tomorrow to secure their spot into the semi-finals.

If Police lose to Mahico,

a victory over Freetown will allow Urlings to join Police and Masters, who have completed their quota of six preliminary round encounters, on 12 points.

The two teams with the best net run rate will secure the last two spots into the semi-finals.

Freetown, who have already secured their spot into the semi-finals, will enter Saturday's match as leaders of the competition with 20 points, having won their previous five matches.

Mahico, currently in second place with 16 points, have already secured the other berth into the semi-finals.

Time of Victory Old Road will face Dreams 2 Reality Sea View Farm at Sea View Farm in their last preliminary round match on Saturday. Both teams have already been ruled out of advancing to the semi-finals.

Sea View Farm will enter their final match second from bottom of the standings on four points while Old Road are languishing in the cellar position without a

point, having lost their previous five matches.

In Saturday's matches, Llewellyn Simon and Vaughn Connor will umpire at Freetown, Dallis Adams and Oliver Benjamin will officiate at Clare Hall while Malique Telemaque and Dirk Schouten will be the umpires for the match at Sea View Farm.

Meanwhile, the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day competition will also resume with the 7th round of matches this weekend.

Cup-holders PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks will take on Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles at Ball Beef in Liberta.


Pigotts Crushers will meet Wes Rising Sun Spartans at Rising Sun in St John's and Jennings Tigers will oppose New Winthropes Lions at Jennings.

Empire Nation and All Saints Pythons will clash at Mack Pond in All Saints while Bolans Blasters will meet Combined Schools at Factory.





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Cyclists to compete in ABWU Invitational this weekend

Local cyclists will be returning to competition this weekend when they contest the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union (ABWU) Invitational Road Race on Sunday, 28th May.

The road race, which will cover approximately 91 kilometers, will be staged by the Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation (ABCF) from the ABWU's headquarters in St John's to the St James' Club and Villa in Mamora Bay in St Paul's Parish.

The race will start at 9 am at the ABWU's headquarters on Newgate Street and the cyclists will proceed eastward to the corner by Family Dentistry.

They will make a left turn onto the St John's Cemetery Road and proceed onto the Friar's Hill Road.

The cyclists will then make a left turn onto the West Indies Oil Company Road before making a right turn onto the Marble Hill Road.

They will then turn right



Local cyclists will return to competitive action in the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union Invitational Road Race on Sunday, 28th May. (ABCF)

onto the Weatherill Road and proceed into Cedar Grove, Hodges Bay and then onto the Jabberwock Road.

The cyclists will proceed eastwards onto Hospitality Drive past the old US Naval Air Station, make a right turn onto the Burma Road, turn right onto the LIAT Road and turn left onto the Sir George Walter Highway.

They will then turn left onto the Sir Sydney Walling Highway and proceed past the Sir Vivian Richards

Stadium, past Parham road, turn left by the Mount Joy Service Station onto Pares main road, past Glanvilles and into Willikies Village where they will turn around and proceed back onto the Pares main road.

The cyclists will then make a left turn onto the Lyons Hill Road and turn right onto the Potworks Dam Road.

They will continue past the Pot Works Dam Reservoir then make a right onto Potworks Dam Drive then into the Village of Bethesda and Christian Hill.

They will continue along Potworks Dam Drive then make a left onto St James

Drive and proceed towards the entrance of the St James Club and Villa then turn around.

Cyclists from the major cycling clubs across the island are expected to compete in several categories.

They will be vying for supremacy in the Elite Male, the Junior Male and the Masters division.

The cyclists will also be competing in the Elite Female, Junior Female, Sports Class, the Cadets in the 14 to 17 age group and the Cadets in the 11 to 13 age group.

The ABWU Invitational race is being sponsored by Subway, APUA Inet, Paradise Water and Gatorade.

NOTICE

The Antigua & Barbuda National Domino Association will be having a fundraiser take-away lunch this Saturday 27th May from 12 to 3 p.m. Donation \$20. Venue: Domino Headquarters in Ottos Newtown