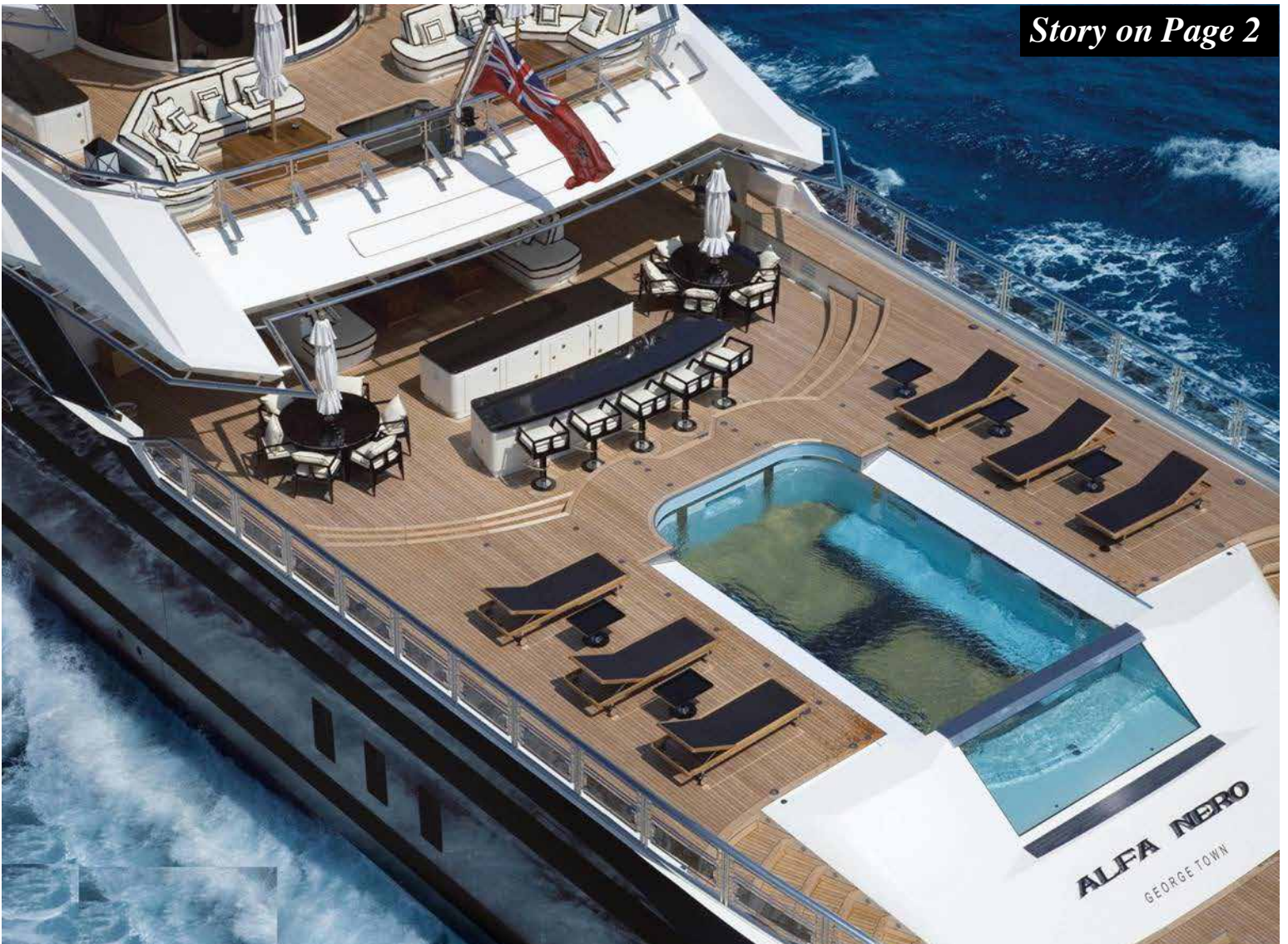


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GOVERNMENT HOPES ALFA NERO SALE TOPS US\$60M

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Government hopes Alfa Nero sale tops US\$60M

The government is optimistic that the eventual sale of the vessel – Alfa Nero – will top the US\$60 million sale price that has been placed on the vessel.

The assessment comes from the General Manager of the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, Darwin Telemaque, during a press conference held at the new Port Authority offices on Wednesday.

Telemaque said the latest valuation placed on the vessel estimated it at an official valuation of US\$115 million with a For Sale price of US\$60 million. He anticipates that the government will earn more when the sealed bids are opened, and the highest bidder can purchase the vessel.

“Our plan is that we will exceed that price and I believe that we will!” he remarked.

Telemaque reported that there has been widespread interest in the sale of the vessel, coupled with media coverage from many of the leading media houses in both the United States and Britain. “We have had the BBC, USA Today, Bloomberg, New York Times, Daily Mail, and Daily Telegraph along with inquiries from other sources such as yachting magazines and YouTube



channels. I have had people calling my number from practically every continent. It’s unbelievable the wide range of interest that has been expressed in this vessel from a global and a media perspective,” he stated.

He added that this level of interest gives a sense that what happens with the Alfa Nero is being seen as a global event. “I was shocked by that,” he declared.

He explained that the Alfa Nero is a famous yacht, and these vessels are not built quickly, so when

a person can acquire one in a relatively short time and at a good price it creates a level of excitement.

The ABPA General Manager has been keen to project an image of openness and transparency in how the government is moving to dispose of the Alfa Nero through the Port Authority. Careful planning has gone into announcing the opening of bids, the acceptance and clearance of the bids through a process that also involved the US government, and final selection of the winning bid slated

for Friday morning at the Treasury Building.

Telemaque said the eyes of the world are on Antigua and Barbuda and it is important for the country’s reputation and its international image that things are done right.

Additionally, he said the Port Authority has been guided every step of the way by a team of excellent lawyers attached to the Attorney General’s Chambers. He is confident, he added, that they have all followed the law in executing their duties regarding the Alfa Nero.

ECCB Governor recommends investments in financial instruments

The Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Timothy Antoine, who is currently visiting the country along with a team from the bank, is recommending that residents invest more in financial instruments.

This came out of his Country Report presented to the Cabinet during a two-hour discussion on Wednesday. During the presentation, Governor Antoine provided insights into the performance of the Antigua and Barbuda economy as well as made projections and recommendations for strengthening Antigua and Barbuda's economic performance.

"For two hours, the Governor of the Bank held an interactive session with the Cabinet, addressing a wide range of issues that hinge on good economic performance in Antigua and Barbuda, and throughout the other ECCB member countries. The Governor declared that resilience is the watchword that all the member countries must adopt. They must in fact "bounce forward" following every crisis," according to sources close to the discussions.

He noted, for example, that Antigua and Barbuda's health system has been significantly strengthened in the post-Covid era. There are now more nurses and doctors, medical personnel, hospital beds, polyclinics, and other health infrastruc-

ture available than before the pandemic.

"The Governor noted that Antigua and Barbuda's gross domestic product (GDP) stands at 5 Billion EC dollars. What, he asked, would it take to double the size of the economy? What would it take to double income in Antigua and Barbuda? The Governor noted that while 60% of adults in the United States invest in financial instruments, only 4% of the Antigua and Barbuda people invest in finan-

cial instruments," the ECCB Governor observed.

Further, he explained that while savings in Antigua and Barbuda exceeded 2 Billion EC Dollars, bank interest rates are at 2%, which is lower than the rate of inflation. "More Antiguan and Barbudans need to invest in financial instruments than is now taking place. He noted that inflation is declining in the United States; the latest figures show inflation at 4%. Antigua and Barbuda import inflation, which tracks

the rate in the United States, such that inflation stands at about 5%," he suggested. According to the sources, nevertheless, the Antigua and Barbuda national debt to GDP ratio has been declining; the acceptable ratio is 60%.

The Governor of the Central Bank and his team will make rounds to the Bankers Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Barbuda Council, and others before departing on the weekend.



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Alleged shooter charged with murder

The police have arrested and charged Dexter Scotland of Willikies in connection with the alleged murder of Jahfari Isaac, also of Willikies.

Isaac died at the hospital on Tuesday 13 June, following a shooting incident at Willikies on June 4.

The Police Administration is commending the general public for the assistance provided to the police during the investigation and is also encouraging greater support and partnership with the police.

The administration is also commending the hard



Dexter Scotland work of the investigators involved in the case.

The accused is expected to make his first appearance before the court sometime on Thursday.

This is the second homicide that the police are investigating for the year.

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Ministry of Works continues with its sterling performance

The Minister of Works is reporting that several of the ongoing construction projects are at various stages of completion.

Minister of Works, Maria Browne has reported that work on the Renal Center at the old Holberton Hospital compound is nearly complete.

The Magistrate's Court on High Street is still under repairs; sufficient funding has been provided to complete the renovations.

The Fire Station and Police Station in Bolans are also being refitted, with the Bolans Clinic requiring more attention before it can be opened to the communities in the southern corridor.

Additionally, according to the minister, the Cobbs Cross clinic is nearly seventy-five percent complete, and the refurbishment continues until it is ready to receive clientele.

Minister Browne also reported that the Boys Training School is being upgraded.

Several businesses and social groups have expressed interest in contributing to the reformation of the young men and the improvement of the facility.

The Minister is of the view that the spate of reported youth anti-social actions has engendered the generosity expressed by these groups.



Minister of Works, Maria Browne

Kelvin Simon wants reconsideration of his letter of resignation

The parliamentary representative for St. Mary's South, Kelvin Simon, wants the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Gerald Watt, to reconsider his decision regarding his letter of resignation issued last week.

In a fresh letter to the Speaker, said to be 'hand-delivered', Simon is claiming that his legal counsel advised him that his original letter of resignation as an MP – addressed to the Speaker – was in order, and took effect upon receipt by Sir Gerald.



Kelvin Simon

According to the MP, he is of the view that the section of the constitution Sir Gerald cited, in claiming

the proper procedure was not followed, does not apply.

Simon goes on to sug-

gest that the Speaker is erroneously imposing a political requirement, that he withdraw his allegiance from the United Progressive Party, to officially quit the role.

He adds, "I am advised that I have acted lawfully and fulfilled the requirements."

In response to his original letter, Sir Gerald declared it 'constitutionally deficient, a nullity and of no legal effect.'

Simon is now asking that the Speaker reconsider his decision made public on Monday.

Local News

Antigua and Barbuda successfully completes WTO needs assessment task

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs with assistance from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Commission, in the form of acquiring the services of a consultant, completed a week-long pilot phase needs-assessment exercise, regarding the ongoing World Trade Organization's Draft Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement negotiations.

Several key stakeholder groupings were engaged in two stages, virtually in the initial stage and then face to face to ascertain a deeper understanding of Antigua and Barbuda's investment-related administration, procedures, and

framework.

According to the Director of International Trade, Miss Joy-Marie King, "the concept of investment facilitation in the WTO means the setting up of a more transparent, efficient and investment-friendly business climate – by making it easier for investors to invest, conduct their day-to-day business and to expand their existing investments, as well as for host and home governments to work cooperatively and in mutually beneficial ways to facilitate sustainable investment."

King further added, "The focus on investment facilitation comes with the recognition that in today's



Director of International Trade, Miss Joy-Marie King integrated global economy, expanding investment flows, like trade flows, depends crucially on simplifying, speeding up, and

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The UWI FIC launches its DREAMERS programme today

The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus continues to make waves by laying the fact that it is just a five-year-old institution.

This week, the institution announced it was introducing two graduate programmes, and now comes news that later today it will be launching its Dreamers Programme.

“Step into a future of unlimited possibilities with confidence and enthusiasm. Do you need advice on new opportunities and next steps? The DREAMERS programme which is offered through the Lifelong Learning Unit, The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus can help you,” says Paula Lee, Head of the UWI FIC Life Long Learning Unit.

Lee said there’s an open



Head of the UWI FIC Life Long Learning Unit Paula Lee invitation for anyone to come to the launch at the campus from 3 pm for information regarding the programme. “Come prepared to unlock your fullest poten-

tial. If you are a university graduate, may not have attended university, desire to earn credentials or need a plan of action, we are willing to help you,” she urged.

Lee explained that the programme is open to anyone desirous of furthering their development and earning credentials, thus paving the way for future advancement.

“Have you completed CXC exams? Perhaps you are contemplating the subjects that will help with your career choice. Did you complete primary level education or secondary school? We believe in you. Your abilities can help you learn, grow and achieve the quality of life you deserve. See you at the Lifelong Learning Unit’s DREAMERS Programme launch,” she added.

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coordinating processes, not primarily on liberalizing policies.

“By aligning facilitation policies with global benchmarks, investment facilitation measures can help countries to attract, retain and expand investment, which is key for diversifying and expanding production capacities and exports, promoting economic growth, building-up critical infrastructure and creating more resilient economies

– especially in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.”

Since September 2020, a group of WTO members has been negotiating a new

agreement on Investment Facilitation disciplines, following nearly 3 years of preparatory work. The negotiations have since advanced at a rapid pace.

Reflecting the substantial progress achieved, the latest negotiating text of the “Draft IFD Agreement” was circulated to all Members on 16 December 2022.

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Is the US trying to kill crypto?

By **Natalie Sherman**

Is the US out to kill crypto?
Maybe.

Three years ago, the majority of the firms in the sector that Andrew Durgee's company invested in were based in the US.

This year, he estimates that just one out of every 10 will be - a reflection of his firm's judgement that the country has been growing increasingly hostile to digital assets such as cryptocurrencies and tokens.

"The administration really has a target on the industry," says Mr Durgee, managing director of the crypto division for tech firm Republic. «The regulatory uncertainty makes the investments in the US higher risk.»

The sector was already under pressure, after prices of virtual currencies collapsed last year. Further damage came from the meltdown of several high-profile firms, including FTX, run by the so-called "Crypto King" Sam Bankman-Fried, whom prosecutors have accused of conducting "one of the biggest financial frauds" in US history.

Jolted by the turmoil, US regulators stepped up their policing of the sector, which authorities say has been on notice since at least 2017 that their activity runs afoul of US financial rules intended to protect investors.

The campaign has yielded a steady drumbeat of charges against crypto firms and executives, alleging violations ranging from failing to register properly with authorities and provide adequate disclosure of their activity to, in some cases, more damaging claims such as mishandling of consumer funds and fraud.

Bitcoin, which represents the biggest chunk of value in a sector in which thousands of currencies have circulated, is viewed by officials as



a commodity, like gold. That means it has been largely unaffected by the current regulatory debate, which hinges on the legal question of what constitutes a "security" - an investment like a stock or bond that is overseen by the SEC.

The efforts have instead ensnared firms issuing tokens or coins to raise money - and increasingly the exchanges on which such digital assets are bought and sold, which often hold customer funds, execute trades and engage in other activity that is separated in traditional finance.

The crackdown culminated this month in legal actions against two of the biggest platforms: Coinbase and Binance.

Gary Gensler, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, defended the moves this month, comparing the state of affairs in the industry to the 1920s, before the US put in place many of the rules in question: "Hucksters. Fraudsters. Scam artists. Ponzi schemes. The public left in line at the bankruptcy court."

Will Paige, research analyst for Insider Intelligence, says sentiment has soured significantly since 2021, when the industry was worth more than \$3 trillion (£2.4tn) by some estimates and

seemed poised for wider acceptance.

"It's very much back on the fringe of finance," he says. "Trust in the system is battered and it's definitely gotten worse."

In the wake of the lawsuits, customers yanked billions of dollars of funds. US banks limited their work with Binance, forcing it to stop accepting US dollars and Robinhood, the trading app, said it would stop listing certain assets named in the lawsuits, citing the "cloud of uncertainty" surrounding the tokens.

Critics accuse the SEC under Mr Gensler of hostile "regulation by enforcement" aimed at boosting his own political profile.

They say that despite repeated efforts by the industry to propose new rules, the agency has refused to acknowledge the distinctions between different types of crypto firms and the characteristics of the technology, like decentralised automated processing, that challenge existing frameworks.

"It's been a very frustrating experience," says Bart Stephens, managing partner of Blockchain Capital, a venture capital firm that has invested in hundreds of crypto firms, some of which he says have been struggling to

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find banks willing to do business with them. "There is no doubt a regulatory attack is going on."

Bill Hughes, senior counsel of Consensus, a Texas-based software company that uses crypto's blockchain technology, puts it even more bluntly: "The SEC has essentially determined that on its watch crypto shouldn't exist in the United States anymore."

Whether the SEC's moves could actually kill the industry - in which by at least one estimate one in every six Americans has invested - is another question.

Crypto's wider market value remains roughly a third of what it was at its peak. Trading volumes have plunged and developer interest is falling. Trust remains low. The failures in March of some of the few traditional banks willing to do business with it marked a further blow.

Hilary Allen, a law professor at American University, thinks crypto is inherently susceptible to boom-and-boost cycles and manipulation by insiders, and thinks it should be banned. She says the SEC's actions could help

re-confine crypto to the realm of tech enthusiasts, given the wider state of the industry.

"If we combine these enforcement actions with waning trust from the public, with possibly waning interest from venture capital, then maybe there isn't a future," she says.

But Mr Stephens, who has weathered two "crypto winters" already, says he thinks the future remains bright - if at risk of ending up overseas, given America's current approach, which is seen as less friendly than other jurisdictions, including the UK and the EU.

He points to Bitcoin's price, which is hovering around 2020 levels, but has gained significantly from the start of the year. Ether has also risen.

Some indicators tracked by venture firm and crypto-investor Andreessen Horowitz, such as the number of addresses active on blockchain and the number of smart contracts being executed, are also climbing.

"We're not seeing founders stop forming new companies or protocols," says Mr Stephens, who says Blockchain Capital invested more money in

the first three months of 2023 than in any quarter in the previous 10 years, as prices fell and rival firms backed away from the sector.

Even if the sector thrives outside the US, losing the American market would severely limit its prospects, warns Gina Pieters, a crypto expert who teaches at the University of Chicago.

"It would be a mistake to think that the US... could kill the industry. It can absolutely, though, make the crypto industry smaller," she says.

Many in crypto are hoping for a reprieve - from the courts, which could decide the SEC has overstepped its authority; from Congress, where draft legislation for the industry is under review; or from a change in the White House, which could prompt a policy reversal.

However those questions get decided, the issues are finally coming to a head, says Angela Walch, a research associate at the University College of London Centre for Blockchain Technologies.

"We are at a real inflection point," she says. "The showdown is here."

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Technology

What is AI, is it dangerous and what jobs are at risk?

BBC - Artificial intelligence (AI) technology is developing at high speed, and is transforming many aspects of modern life.

However, some experts fear that it could be used for malicious purposes, and may threaten jobs.

AI allows a computer to think, act, and respond almost as if it was a human.

Computers can be fed huge amounts of information and trained to identify the patterns in it, in order to make predictions, solve problems, and even learn from their own mistakes.

As well as data, AI relies on algorithms - lists of rules which must be followed in the correct order to complete a task.

The technology is behind the voice-controlled virtual assistants Siri and Alexa. It lets Spotify, YouTube and BBC iPlayer suggest what you might want to play next, and helps Facebook and Twitter decide which social media posts to show users.

AI lets Amazon analyse customers' buying habits to recommend future purchases - and the firm is also using the technology to crack down on fake reviews.

Two powerful AI-driven applications or apps which have become very high profile in recent months are ChatGPT and Snapchat My AI.

They are examples of what is called "generative" AI.

This uses the patterns and structures it identifies in vast quantities of source data to generate new and original content which feels like it has been created by a human.

The AI is coupled with a computer programme known as a chatbot, which "talks" to human users via text.



The apps can answer questions, tell stories and write computer code.

But both programmes sometimes generate incorrect answers for users, and can reproduce the bias contained in their source material, such as sexism or racism.

With few rules currently in place governing how AI is used, experts have warned that its rapid growth could be dangerous. Some have even said AI research should be halted.

In May, Geoffrey Hinton, widely considered to be one of the godfathers of artificial intelligence, quit his job at Google, warning that AI chatbots could soon be more intelligent than humans.

Later that month, the US-based Center for AI Safety published a statement supported by dozens of leading tech specialists.

They argue AI could be used to generate misinformation that could destabilise society. In the worst-case scenario, they say machines might become so intelligent that they take over, leading to the extinction of humanity.

However, the EU's tech chief Margrethe Vestager told the BBC that AI's potential to amplify bias or discrimina-

tion was a more pressing concern.

In particular she is concerned about the role AI could play in making decisions that affect people's livelihoods such as loan applications, adding there was "definitely a risk" that AI could be used to influence elections.

Others, including tech pioneer Martha Lane Fox, say we shouldn't get what she calls "too hysterical" about AI, urging a more sensible conversation about its capabilities.

Governments around the world are wrestling with how to regulate AI.

Members of the European Parliament have just voted in favour of the EU's proposed Artificial Intelligence Act, which will put in place a strict legal framework for AI, which companies would need to follow.

Margrethe Vestager says "guardrails" are needed to counter the biggest risks posed by AI.

The legislation - which is expected to come into effect in 2025 - categorises applications of AI into levels of risk to consumers, with AI-enabled video games or spam filters falling into the lowest risk category.

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Renewable energy: Is it getting too hot for solar panels?

DUP MP Sammy Wilson has tweeted: “The UK has had to start coal fired generators during this heat-wave because the sun is too strong and solar panels have had to be taken offline.”

This isn’t true.

While it’s correct that solar panels are less efficient at hot temperatures, this reduction is relatively small, and was not the main reason for firing up coal power stations.

We spoke to Mr Wilson, who confirmed that the article he had read said that there was a “severe” fall in output, not that the panels had to be taken offline.

According to Solar Energy UK, solar panel performance falls by 0.34 percentage points for every degree that the temperature rises above 25C.

It also said that the longer days and clearer skies mean solar power gener-



ates much more electricity during the summer, even if the efficiency falls.

On Monday 12 June, coal power was used for the first time in 46 days, but solar power still generated around one-fifth of the UK’s electricity during the middle part of the day.

Output from solar power was down by nearly a quarter last weekend compared with the weekend before - but it still generated a considerable amount of electricity.

Overall, over the past seven days, solar power contributed 9.2% to the UK’s electricity. That compares with 4.3% for the whole of 2022, so it has been generating more electricity than average in the past week, as you’d expect in the summer.

A number of other factors explain coal power stations being briefly restarted:

The hot temperatures increased demand for electricity from air conditioning

It was less windy so less

electricity was generated by wind farms than usual

Maintenance on gas power stations meant less natural gas could be used

The electricity interconnectors between the UK and Norway had lower capacity due to a technical fault, so less electricity could be imported.

The government’s independent advisers, the Climate Change Committee, said in March that more would need to be done to prepare the UK for periods when the wind isn’t blowing and the sun isn’t shining. It suggested this could be done without emitting greenhouse gases, by investing in hydrogen and carbon capture for example.

The government has committed to generating all electricity from clean sources by 2035, as a key step towards its overall net zero by 2050 target.

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Higher-risk systems like those used to evaluate credit scores or decide access to housing would face the strictest controls.

These rules will not apply in the UK, where the government set out its vision for the future of AI in March.

It ruled out setting up a dedicated AI regulator, and said instead that existing bodies would be responsible for its oversight.

But Ms Vestager says that AI regulation needs to be a “global affair”, and wants to build a consensus among “like-minded” countries.

US lawmakers have also expressed concern about whether the existing voluntary codes are up to the job.

Meanwhile, China intends to make companies notify users whenever an AI algorithm is being used.

AI has the potential to revolutionise the world of work, but this raises questions about which roles it might displace.

A recent report by investment bank Goldman Sachs suggested that AI could replace the equivalent of 300 million full-time jobs across the globe, as certain tasks and job functions become automated. That equates to a

quarter of all the work humans currently do in the US and Europe.

The report highlighted a number of industries and roles that could be affected, including administrative jobs, legal work, architecture, and management.

But it also identified huge potential benefits for many sectors, and predicted that AI could lead to a 7% increase in global GDP.

Some areas of medicine and science are already taking advantage of AI, with doctors using the technology to help spot breast cancers, and scientists using it to develop new antibiotics.

Belize: Health ministry warns public about counterfeit medicine

Belizeans have been warned to be wary of retail outlets that could be selling counterfeit Sudagrip.

The Ministry of Health & Wellness in a statement said during routine surveillance activities, counterfeit Sudagrip was encountered at a retail outlet in the Stann Creek District. The medicine was immediately seized.

The ministry started an investigation and removal of all products found countrywide.

The public has been advised to become familiar with the presentation of this counterfeit medicine and to look out for the product.



The ministry recommends the following:

- Avoid the purchase and consumption of said counterfeit medicine to safeguard your health.

- Report to the Ministry of Health & Wellness if you have encountered this medicine or any medicines that you suspect to be counterfeit

- Obtain your medications only from distributors or health facilities that hold a valid license from the Ministry of Health & Wellness.

Cabinet stolen with CXC papers, investigation ongoing

Loop - Another breach has been confirmed by the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®).

According to a release from the Council, they were informed that fireproof cabinets containing examination papers for nine subjects scheduled to be administered this week, were stolen from a school in Jamaica.

“This is of grave concern to CXC® and the matter is being investigated by the Ministry of National Security and the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

CXC® is in constant contact with the Ministry of Education and Youth in Jamaica and an update was shared with the Ministries of Education from across



the region at a meeting earlier today.”

CXC® is now determining the course of action and will communicate with the Ministries of Education today.

The Council promises to share any further information with the media and public as it becomes available.

This comes weeks after the Mathematics paper leak on May 17, 2023, was confirmed and on that occasion the examining body took the decision to avoid a resit.

Former BVI ports director and son plead guilty

CMC - A mother and son have pleaded guilty under a plea agreement to conspiracy to import cocaine in a scheme that also allegedly involved the former premier of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) Andrew Fahie.

As part of Oleanvine Pickering Maynard's plea agreement, she has agreed to "cooperate fully" with prosecutors as Fahie's jury trial is scheduled to begin on July 17. She has also agreed to many of the acts that were alleged in the initial affidavit, including conversations between herself and a confidential source (CS), who she and her co-defendants believed was a member of the Mexican Sinaloa Cartel.

Maynard, the former BVI Ports Authority managing director along with her son, 32-year-old Kadeem Stephan Maynard, and Fahie faced one count each of conspiracy to import a controlled substance, conspiracy to engage in money laundering and attempted money laundering.

In addition, the former ports executive and Fahie face an additional count of "interstate and foreign travel in aid of racketeering".

In April last year, Fahie was detained here by US agents posing as cocaine traffickers from a Mexican



Oleanvine Maynard

drug cartel. According to the charges filed, he agreed to a US\$700,000 payment to allow traffickers to use BVI ports with an undercover informant.

The trio have been charged with conspiracy to import more than 11 pounds of cocaine into the US and conspiring to commit money laundering. In the criminal complaint filed in a US federal court, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) said the investigation was launched in October based on work carried out by a confidential informant.

Court officials said that by accepting the plea agreement, the Maynards could avoid possible life

sentences in prison.

"The defendant (Kadeem) agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the superseding indictment, which charges the defendant with conspiracy to import cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 963 and 952(a)," according to the plea agreement.

Earlier this week, the prosecutors removed charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and attempted money laundering from the indictment the Maynards faced and agreed to recommend leniency at sentencing.

The agreement, however, hinges greatly on his

full cooperation with prosecutors in their case against the former premier.

According to the plea agreement, prosecutors determined that Kadeem was a "minor participant" in the criminal activity, and therefore should receive a two-level reduction at sentencing.

He further agreed to forfeit to the United States any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offence, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offence, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

The document further advised that the court may also impose a statutory maximum sentence of up to life imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release.

The Maynards each face "a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years" unless the judge determines they are "safety valve eligible", as stated in their plea agreements.

They are now expected to be sentenced on August 21.

Seventy-nine dead and hundreds missing in 'one of Greece's biggest migrant tragedies'

BBC - At least 79 people have died and more than 100 have been rescued after their fishing vessel capsized off the coast of southern Greece.

But survivors and Greek officials say that hundreds more migrants were on board.

The government says this is one of Greece's biggest migrant tragedies, and has declared three days of mourning.

The boat went down about 80 km (50 miles) south-west of Pylos after the coastguard said it had refused help.

The coastguard said the boat had been spotted in international waters late on Tuesday by an aircraft belonging to EU border agency Frontex. No one on board was wearing life jackets, it added.

Quoting a timeline provided by the shipping ministry, Greek public broadcaster ERT said authorities had made contact with the boat via satellite phone on several occasions and offered help, but were repeatedly told: "We want nothing more than to go on to Italy."

A few hours later, around 01:00 (23:00 GMT), someone on the boat reportedly notified the Greek coastguard that the vessel's engine had malfunctioned.

Shortly after, the boat capsized, taking only ten to fifteen minutes to sink completely. A search and rescue operation was triggered but complicated by strong winds.

Alarm Phone, an emergency helpline for migrants in trouble at sea, said the coastguard was "aware of the ship being in distress for hours before any help was sent", adding that authorities "had been informed by different sources" that the boat was in trouble.

It added that people may have been scared to encounter Greek au-



Survivors were taken to hospital or to a warehouse in Kalamata that was being used as a temporary shelter

thorities because they were aware of the country's "horrible and systematic pushback practices".

The boat is thought to have been going from Libya to Italy, with most of those on board believed to be men in their 20s.

They had been travelling for days, according to local media reports, which added that the boat had been approached by a Maltese cargo ship on Tuesday afternoon that supplied food and water.

Survivors spoke of as many as 500 to 700 people on board and regional health director Yiannis Karvelis warned of an unprecedented tragedy: "The number of the people on board was much higher than the capacity that should be allowed for this boat."

Coastguard Cpt Nikolaos Alexiou told public TV that his colleagues had seen people packed on to the deck and that the boat had sunk in one of the deepest parts of the Mediterranean.

The nationalities of the victims have not yet been announced.

Survivors have been taken to the town of Kalamata, and many were treated in hospital for hypothermia or

minor injuries.

ERT said that three people suspected of being the traffickers had been taken to the central port authority in Kalamata and were being interrogated.

Greek President Katerina Sakellaropoulou visited some of those rescued and expressed her sorrow for those who had drowned.

Each year, hundreds of people die trying to cross the Mediterranean. In February, a boat carrying migrants capsized near Cutro, in the region of Calabria in southern Italy, killing at least 94 people - one of the deadliest incidents recorded.

Greek migration ministry official Yiorgos Michaelidis told the BBC's World Tonight programme that Greece had repeatedly said the EU needed to come up with a "solid" migration policy "in order to accept people who are really in need and not just the people who have the money to pay the smugglers".

"Right now, the smugglers are the ones who decide who comes to Europe," he said.

"The case is for the EU to provide

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New York jury votes to indict man who strangled NYC subway rider

By Max Matza

A New York grand jury has indicted a former US Marine who was filmed placing a homeless man in a fatal chokehold on a subway train, reports say.

The decision comes after prosecutors last month charged Daniel Penny with second-degree manslaughter for killing street performer Jordan Neely.

The grand jury decision was necessary for prosecutors to formally charge Mr Penny, who is free on bail.

Mr Penny says he was acting in self-defence during the 1 May incident.

The decision to indict was made on Wednesday, US media reported citing unnamed police officials. A lawyer for Mr Neely's family told CBS News, the BBC's US partner, that the family had been informed of the grand jury's decision.

The formal charging document is expected to be revealed at a later date. If found guilty of second-degree manslaughter, he could face up to 15 years in prison.

The 24-year-old former Marine was arrested on 12



Mr Penny was arrested on preliminary charges last month.

May after initially being allowed by police to leave the scene of Mr Neely's death. He was placed in handcuffs and led into a police station before being released on a \$100,000 (£80,000) in-cash bail.

On Sunday, Mr Penny released a video on social media saying he did not intend to kill Mr Neely, a 30-year-old homeless man who was reportedly shouting at subway riders before the struggle began.

"There's a common misconception that Marines don't get scared," he said in

the video.

"We're actually taught one of our core values is courage, and courage is not the absence of fear but how you handle fear," he added, saying he felt compelled to confront Mr Neely as he acted erratically towards passengers.

"I was scared for myself but I looked around there were women and children, he was yelling in their faces saying these threats. I just couldn't sit still."

Video of the incident captured by a freelance journalist on the train shows

the former Marine holding Mr Neely around the neck for two minutes and 55 seconds.

In the video released on Sunday, Mr Penny said the whole interaction was less than five minutes.

"I was listening to music at the time, and he was yelling, so I took my headphones out to hear what he was yelling," he said.

"And the three main threats that he repeated over and over was 'I'm going to kill you,' 'I'm prepared to go to jail for life,' and 'I'm willing to die.'"

Family of Mr Neely say that the second-degree manslaughter charge should be upgraded to murder.

The killing shocked the city and led to questions about the safety of public transit and treatment for mentally ill homeless New Yorkers.

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asylum, help and safety for those who are really in need. It's not a problem of Greece, Italy or Cyprus... The EU is the one that must conclude on a solid migration policy."

Greece is one of the main routes into the European Union for refugees and migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Af-

rica. Last month the Greek government came under international criticism over video footage reportedly showing the forceful expulsion of migrants who were set adrift at sea.

More than 70,000 refugees and migrants have arrived in Europe's frontline countries this year, with the majority landing in Italy, according to UN data.

Ukraine war: 'Extremely fierce battles' as Kyiv seeks to advance

BBC - "Extremely fierce battles" are raging in parts of Ukraine as Kyiv's forces continue their counter-offensive, the country's deputy defence minister says.

Hanna Maliar wrote on Telegram that Ukrainian forces had managed to advance near Bakhmut in the east and Zaporizhzhia in the south.

But she conceded Russian forces were mounting a stiff defence in some areas.

Her comments come after another night of Russian missile and drones strikes on cities across Ukraine.

Russia has stepped up its bombing campaign in recent weeks, despite President Vladimir Putin admitting that his forces are suffering from a shortage of missiles and drones. The latest wave included a relatively rare strike on the Black Sea port city of Odesa.

Kyiv's much-anticipated advance has been long in the making, and Ukrainian officials have accused Russia of increasing strikes in recent weeks to deflect attention from the offensive.

The Ukrainians say their troops have recaptured seven settlements and at least 90 sq km (35 sq miles) since starting their counter-offensive.

Ms Maliar wrote on Telegram that Ukrainian



Ukrainian troops have recaptured several settlements in the east of the country.

troops had advanced around the city of Bakhmut, long the centre of a grinding and bloody street-by-street battle with Russian forces.

She said soldiers advanced by 200m to 500m towards the city, as well as advancing 300m to 500m in the southern Zaporizhzhia province. The BBC cannot independently verify these claims.

But she conceded that the counter-offensive had already led to some "extremely fierce battles", as Ukrainian forces try to break through well established Russian defensive lines.

Senior Western officials have warned against the idea that Russian forces will simply "melt away" in the face of Ukrainian attacks, adding that Kyiv's gains had already been

"costly".

"Russian forces have generally put up a good defence from their well-prepared, defended positions and had been falling back between tactical lines," the sources said.

"This 'manoeuvre defence approach' is proving challenging for the Ukrainians and also costly to attacking forces. Hence, the advance at the moment has been slow," they observed, adding that it was too soon to say how effective Ukraine's offensive has been.

But they emphasised that heavy losses were to be expected, given Russia has had months to prepare defensive lines.

"This was never going to be without risk," they said. "What we're seeing is not unexpected. It's dif-

ficult, and it is going to be challenging for Ukrainians. What we have seen, though, is they've continued to push through where they have had losses, and then continued to advance. So overall is going in the right direction."

Both sides have reported mounting casualties among their opponents which cannot be independently verified.

Wednesday night's strikes on the Black Sea port city of Odesa killed at east three people, Ukrainian officials have said.

Another 13 people were injured in the early morning attacks, which targeted a warehouse and damaged shops.

The south-western city is vital to Ukraine's grain exports through the Black

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Sea and has come under infrequent missile fire during the war.

Military commanders said Russia fired 10 missiles and 10 drones overnight, most of which were shot down by air defences.

They added that three of four KH-22 missiles launched from a Russian warship in the Black Sea were shot down, with the final one managing to hit Odesa.

Oleg Kiper, the head of the region's military administration, said the three dead were workers in the warehouse, which was being used as a food storage centre.

"There may be people under the rubble," he added. More civilians were injured after the blast and "air combat" damaged shops, restaurants - including a McDonald's - and residential areas, Mr Kiper wrote on Telegram.

Elsewhere, strikes on the eastern cities of Kramatorsk and Kostiantynivka killed a further three people and destroyed dozens of residential houses, Ukrainian authorities said.

And six people - including four forestry workers - were killed after Russia shelled a van in north-eastern Ukraine on Tuesday. Ukrainian prosecutors said the attack occurred near the village of Seredyna-Buda, close to the Russian border.

The director of the UN's nuclear watchdog has postponed a planned trip to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.

Senior Ukrainian officials said Rafael Grossi had agreed to delay his trip until it was safer to travel. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief said on Tuesday that he was "very concerned" that the plant could be caught in the crossfire of Ukraine's counter-offensive.

His officials have also stressed their need to access a site near the plant to check water levels, after the nearby reservoir supplying cooling pools for the plant was hit by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.

Meanwhile, in Moscow the state Duma [parliament] has approved a new bill allowing the defence ministry to sign contracts with convicted criminals to fight in Ukraine.

The new law will allow anyone who is being investigated for committing a crime, having their case heard in court or who has been convicted but before the verdict takes legal effect, to sign up to the army.

People accused of sexual offences, treason, terrorism or extremism will be excluded from the law.

The move - widely seen as the latest attempt by Russia to avoid moving to full conscription - seeks to fill gaps left by mounting casualties.



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Sports News



Antigua & Barbuda looking to shine bright in Gold Cup debut

Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys will be looking to shine bright in their first ever Concacaf Gold Cup, making them one of five teams to debut in the 2023 edition.

The Antigua & Barbuda Benna Boys have replaced the Trinidad & Tobago Soca Warriors in the Gold Cup Preliminaries and will face Guadeloupe in their first encounter in Florida tomorrow (Friday) at 4:30 pm.

The Antigua and Barbuda Benna Boys were propelled into the Gold Cup Preliminaries after the Soca Warriors won a protest against Nicaragua, which fielded an ineligible player who played in the Trinidadians' 2-1 loss to Nicaragua in the Concacaf Nations League (CNL).

This means Trinidad will no longer have to play in the preliminaries and move into the group stages, allowing the Benna Boys to contest the Gold Cup Preliminaries, which are being contested in Florida.

Should Antigua and Barbuda defeat Guadeloupe once again, they would face the winner of the encounter between Guyana and Grenada on Sunday, with the possibility of advancing to the Gold Cup group stage and into Group A with the United States, Jamaica, and Trini-



The Antigua and Barbuda Benna Boys starting X1 during their Concacaf Nations League Group A of League B match against Guadeloupe at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Sunday, 5th June, 2022. (File photo)

dad and Tobago.

The Benna Boys finished with a strong record of three wins and three losses in the 2022-23 Concacaf Nations League, finishing in third place in Group A of League B, level on nine points with Guadeloupe.

On two occasions, Antigua and Barbuda faced Guadeloupe in the group stage, winning both matches home and away by a 1-0 score line.

Leading the way for Antigua and Barbuda in the group stage was Myles Weston, who scored a pair of goals, while Ashley Nathaniel George was a key contributor with a goal and an assist.

Antigua and Barbuda can also lean on the experienced hands of goalkeeper Nick Townsend. Not only did Townsend record 27 saves in the 2022-23 CNL, but he also chipped in with an assist in the 1-0 home win over Guadeloupe.

Overall, Antigua and Barbuda have a record of six wins and six losses in CNL play, with 13 goals scored and 24 conceded.

D'Andre Bishop is the Caribbean side's all-time top scorer in the CNL with three goals, including a score in the 2022-23 group stage.

Meanwhile, Concacaf has announced that its Disciplinary Committee has

sanctioned the Nicaraguan Football Federation (FENIFUT) for a severe violation of the applicable FIFA/Concacaf regulations by fielding an ineligible player in eight Nicaragua Men's National Team matches, including matches in the 2022/23 Concacaf Nations League (CNL).

In view of this serious breach of regulations, the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee has decided to exclude the Nicaragua Men's National Team from competing in the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup and to relegate them to League B of the 2023/24 CNL.

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Double Six Diamonds capture second Team Three-Hand domino title

The Everyday Service Station Double Six Diamonds have won the second Team Three-Hand title in the Antigua and Barbuda National Domino Association's (ABNDA) League.

They secured the title by recording an overall total of 535 points after garnering 142 points during the sixth and seventh rounds of matches that brought to an end the second Team Three-Hand competition, which was contested at the association's headquarters in Ottos.

The Rising Stars captured second place by amassing an overall total of 530 points, while the Ramplers claimed third place with 530 points.

The Rising Stars secured a total of 158 points, while the Ramplers scored 169 points in the last two rounds of matches.

Double Six Ice scored 149 points in their last two encounters to claim fourth place with an overall total of 523 points.

The Parham Strikers finished in fifth place with an overall total of 519 points after gaining 137 points in the last two matches. A total of 18 teams



The Everyday Service Station Double Six Diamonds are champions of the second Team Three-Hand competition in the Antigua and Barbuda National Domino Association's League. (Photo courtesy ABNDA)

participated in the competition.

Willikies Super Stars won the second Team Four-Hand title in a competition that was played simultaneously with the Team Three-Hand Contest as part of the national association's domino league.

Following the conclusion of the two competitions, the 2023 ABDNA's domestic season will be taking a break.

This will allow the ABNDA to focus its efforts on fund-raising ventures and preparing the national team to contest the 2023 World Domino Tournament, which will be hosted in Guyana in August.

The 2023 domestic season will resume in September following the national team's participation in the World Domino Tournament.

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the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee, the Concacaf Council has made the following determinations regarding the implications of this decision on the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup and the 2023/24 Concacaf Nations League.

2023 Concacaf Gold Cup

The Nicaragua Men's National Team will be replaced in the 2023 Gold Cup Group Stage (Group A) by the Trinidad and To-

bago Men's National Team, by virtue of them being the highest second-place team overall from League B groups in the 2022/23 CNL.

The place in the Gold Cup Preliminary Round previously occupied by the Trinidad and Tobago Men's National Team will go to the Antigua and Barbuda Men's National Team, by virtue of them being the team with the highest points (overall) in League B of the 2022/23 CNL to

not have qualified to the 2023 Gold Cup Prelims.

Per the Official Gold Cup and Prelims Draw, which took place on April 14, 2023, the winner of Prelims Matchup 1 will advance to Prelims Matchup 7, and the winner of Prelims Matchup 7 has been drawn into position D4 of Group D. This will remain unchanged.

2023/2024 Concacaf Nations League

The Nicaragua Men's National Team will be re-

placed in League A of the 2023/24 CNL by the Trinidad and Tobago Men's National Team, by virtue of them being the highest second-place team overall from League B groups in the 2022/23 CNL.

The Nicaragua National Team will be slotted in Group B position B1 of League B, which is the position left vacant by the Trinidad and Tobago National Team given their qualification into League A.



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Starz Seniors and Pytonz advance to President's Cup finals

The North Coast Hardware Starz Seniors and the Pytonz recorded contrasting wins to advance to the President's Cup finals of the women's and men's divisions, respectively, in the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Local Club League on Tuesday night.

The Starz Seniors, who entered the President's Cup as the second seed, advanced to the women's division finals by prevailing 3-2 over the third-seeded Jets after a tough battle that lasted almost three hours at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The Starz Seniors took the opening set 27-25, and the Jets drew level by winning the second set 30-28 before taking a 2-1 lead by clinching the third set 25-17.

The Starz Seniors snatched the fourth set 25-23 to draw level at 2-2 and forced a deciding fifth and final set, which they clinched 16-14 to advance to the finals against top



The North Coast Hardware Starz Seniors female volleyball team. (File photo)

seed Caribbean Alliance Insurance Da Squad.

The Starz Seniors and Da Squad will clash in the first game of the best-of-three President's Cup finals at the YMCA Sports Complex at 6:30 pm today (Thursday).

The Pytonz, who also entered the President's

Cup as the second seed, advanced to the men's division finals by ousting the third-seeded Caribbean Alliance Insurance Storming Lions in straight sets, prevailing 25-21, 25-20, and 26-24 in an encounter lasting one hour and 18 minutes.

The Pytonz have ad-

vanced to face top-seed Stoneville in the opening game of the best-of-three men's division finals at the YMCA Sports Complex at 7:30 pm today (Thursday).

The second game in both series of the President's Cup finals will be contested tomorrow (Friday), and if necessary, the third game will be played on Saturday.

Following the President's Cup finals, the 2023 Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's Local Club League will conclude with a presentation and awards ceremony.

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Guyana-born player not willing to consider anything other than qualification.

"I wouldn't say not qualifying would be a failure, but I wouldn't look down that road because I think we'll definitely qualify," Paul revealed.

"In life, I don't see anything as a failure. It's all about learning and moving forward. I'm pretty confident and that's

the mood in the camp. We're up for it, so I definitely think that we will qualify."

WI FULL SQUAD: Shai Hope (captain), Rovman Powell (vice-captain), Shamarh Brooks, Yannic Cariah, Keacy Carty, Roston Chase, Johnson Charles, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Kemo Paul, Nicholas Pooran, and Romario Shepherd.

Paul ready to help West Indies make it through World Cup Qualifier

Confidence is key for all-rounder Keemo Paul as he and his West Indies teammates try to qualify for the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

The 25-year-old has returned to the West Indies ODI squad for the first time since July last year and will hope to help the two-time champions advance from the Qualifier in Zimbabwe.

"I've been out for a while and to come back, I'm just really excited to play some cricket and to perform back amongst my friends, people that I call my second family," the right-arm pacer said.

"I've always been a hard worker, but I would say I've had to dial in more on specifics and get mentally tough to get back here.

"Cricket is all about being mentally strong. It was just about speaking to the right people, getting the right motivation, and also motivating myself."

Back in the squad, Paul has now been given an important job to do by selector Desmond Haynes, who holds him up as a match-winner. This is no different to how Paul views himself, but admits performances to back up this be-



West Indies and Guyanese allrounder Keemo Paul. (CWI Media)

lief have been lacking.

Ominously for the West Indies' opponents, Paul believes a match-winning showing is not far away.

"I definitely think I'm a match-winner. I always try to be positive, and I always try to be my own hype man. I just try to motivate myself as much as possible. People may say that I am a match-winner, but I want to prove it.

"I'm at a stage now in my career, where I need to do better and where I need to actually stand up as a

match-winner and put in those performances. Every game, I go there with that mentality now to be a match-winner, so, I think it is going to come very, very soon."

The West Indies will open their qualifying campaign against the United States on Sunday, and will also face Nepal, Zimbabwe and the Netherlands in the group stages.

They are under the guidance of a new coach in the form of Daren Sammy, the only men's captain to have

won the T20 World Cup twice. And Paul believes the 39-year-old has already had an impact on the side.

"It's really good to have a legend like Daren Sammy around, he has a very calm demeanour. He is a very cool guy. The players feel really, really good and really, really comfortable. He also brings a lot of energy and motivation to the camp."

The confidence Paul feels in himself also spreads to the wider team, with the

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