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# LAND DISTRIBUTION PRIORITIZES ST. MARY'S SOUTH RESIDENTS

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At the 2023 UWI FIC Mr. and Miss Teenage Pageant show over the weekend, Ajanae Bleau of the Princess Margaret School, third from right, emerged as the overall winner in the female category, while Lutrell John of the Sir Novelle Richards Academy, third from left, was the overall winner in the male category. *Story on page 10.*



# Local News



## Land distribution prioritizes residents of St. Mary's South



Senator Samantha Marshall

The distribution of lands is now taking place in the Cades Bay area in the St Mary's South constituency east of Urlings, and efforts are being made to ensure that people who are from the area are first in line.

Senator Samantha Marshall, ABLP candidate for the constituency in the upcoming general elections, said the lands are being sold at a very attractive price of EC\$6.00 per square foot.

"The lands in question are on the hillside with a view of the sea and which

are prime lands that would ordinarily fetch a price of \$20.00 per square foot or upwards, which we are selling at a rate that is quite affordable given the quality of the plots. On average, each plot is about a quarter of an acre or a little smaller depending on how the land is sloped. This is the best that we are offering at this price," she stated.

Sen. Marshall noted that there have been suggestions from opposition-linked sources that indicated that

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# New research into the Antigua Black pineapple

The Ministry of Agriculture is spearheading a move to revive the Antigua Black pineapple and to have it trademarked and branded as such.

Former Agriculture Minister, now Senator, Samantha Marshall, said the ministry is carrying out research in the laboratory to determine the genetic makeup of the original Antigua Black pineapple and to find ways to have it propagated locally.

Sen. Marshall recalls that there have been problems with the plant including areas where the fruit has been grown for generations. These problems became known for quite a while as the former UPP Agriculture Minister, Hilson Baptiste, had even attempted to remove the planting of the fruit from Cades Bay to a location in the east of the island. This however failed to materialize.

“The project failed because the soil type was not appropriate for pineapple cultivation. This can be confirmed by the technicians in the ministry. People need to be rational and think this through; why would he (Baptiste) want to move the project from Cades



Bay to the eastern side of the island? Obviously, there were serious challenges at that time at Cades Bay, about which they became aware. There are a lot of issues; in terms of the use of fertilizers and how persons have been using or abusing the fertilizers and what has happened to the quality of soil as a result,” she remarked.

According to Sen. Marshall, these issues have now affected the pineapple produced from the area which is not quite as big or as succulent as the pine-

apples produced previously.

She said the matter is now being researched in a project being done by the ministry with assistance from the AU Food and Agricultural Organisation. “We are now trademarking and patenting our Antigua Black pineapple. We are utilizing lab resources here in Antigua and Barbuda to look at the genetic brand to ensure that what we have when we do the replanting at Cades Bay is the authentic Antigua Black pineapple,” she stated.

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the lands were being sold at a higher price. This, she reiterated is far from the truth.

“A lot of those persons you hear complaining are themselves making applications for the lands even though they have been allocated land before. We have many young people from the community who want an opportunity to own their ‘piece of the rock’ and we are ensuring that they are prioritized during this dis-

tribution process,” she added.

According to Sen. Marshall acquiring lands in some of those communities in the southern corridor has been difficult because much of the lands are family owned with very little owned by the government to carry out any development.

“Areas such as John-son’s Point and Urlings have very little area left for expansion, so we saw

Cades Bay as the perfect opportunity to expand the community and give the young people a chance to own a piece of land. To my knowledge, most of the lands have been allocated, and it is people from the area who are benefitting,” she noted.

She also announced the expansion of the housing development at Jolly Hill which is being undertaken by CHAPA. The initial amount was for 75 homes,

but she has been able to encourage CHAPA to expand the project by making more land available to sell to individuals who would then construct their own homes.

“There has been much interest in this development including from people who may have submitted applications in the past. What we have done is asked CHAPA to make these people the priority. This is the first of its kind of development for this area,” she declared.



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Assembly point:

Route:

## OPENING PARADE | 4:30PM

Ministry of Agriculture

RIGHT on to Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High Street, LEFT on Independence Drive into ARG.

## 29 JUL

Assembly point:

Route:

## CAVALIER RUM T-SHIRT MAS | 3PM - 9PM

Old Parham Road near the T.N. Kirnon School

UP Old Parham Road, RIGHT on St. Johnson's Village Main Road, RIGHT on Factory Road, LEFT on to Parliament Drive, and RIGHT on to Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe Street, RIGHT on Thames Street, RIGHT on High Street

## 30 JUL

Assembly point:

Route:

## OASIS JR. CARNIVAL | 2:30PM

King George V Grounds

UP Market St, LEFT on Redcliffe Street, RIGHT on Thames Street, RIGHT on High St, LEFT on Independence Drive, Right on Old Parham Road, Right on Coronation Road into ARG

## 7 AUG

Steel Bands

Jam Bands

## J'OUVERT | 3AM - 10AM

ARG - SOUTH on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Market St, RIGHT on High St, left on Independence Drive repeat until 10 am

ARG - SOUTH on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Vivian Richards St, RIGHT on Market St, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High St, Right on Independence Drive, repeat until 10 am

## 7 AUG

Assembly point:

Route:

## CAVALIER RUM CARNIVAL MONDAY | 2PM

Corner of Factory Road & Parliament Drive

RIGHT on Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High Street, LEFT on Independence Drive

## 8 AUG

Assembly point:

Route:

## CAVALIER RUM PARADE OF THE BAND | 12 NOON

Corner of Factory Road & Parliament Drive

RIGHT on Queen Elizabeth Highway, LEFT on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Vivian Richards St, RIGHT on Market St, LEFT on Newgate St, RIGHT on Popeshead St, RIGHT on St John's St, RIGHT on Cross St, LEFT on Bishopgate St, LEFT on Old Parham Road, Right on Coronation Road into ARG

## 8 AUG

Route:

## LAST LAP | 7PM - 10PM

UP Old Parham Road, RIGHT on St. Johnson's Village Main Road, RIGHT on Factory Road, LEFT on to Parliament Drive, and RIGHT on to Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive





# ‘New look’ Carnival City: transformed and revitalized

Patrons attending shows and other events at the Antigua Recreation Grounds, now Carnival City, are being greeted by a transformed venue with different directions for the stage and other innovations.

Minister responsible for the Festivals Commission, Honorable Daryll Matthew said the stage has again been shifted to

entirely face the ACB Caribbean Stands on the side closest to the War Memorial.

The innovations include the creation of a ‘Vendors Village’ in front of the Andy Roberts Stand, where approximately forty-five vendors have been given spots to operate.

“We have created a Vendors Village on the field, immediately in front



*Minister responsible for the Festivals Commission, Daryll Matthew*

of the Andy Roberts Stand. The vendors will be set up there; we have picnic tables that have been lined out properly.

“What we are trying to do is to bring an atmosphere where when you come into Carnival City for a show, you don’t have to walk backstage to get something to eat as you now have an area specially demarcated; the area is fenced off. The tents that the vendors are using are all tasteful and nice. There are picnic tables so that you can buy food and eat, this now creates an atmosphere where the vendors can do better business because they are closer to the people,” Matthew explained.

The minister also described the decorations that now adorn both the Andy Roberts Stand and the Player’s Pavilion (the Viv Richards Stand) where tall drapes of bright colours stretch from the roofs to the lower levels.

“It’s going to be a fantastic place to be, with the different foods, the drinks, and the atmosphere; all in all, a new attraction for Carnival City. This, I believe is something that the public would like and appreciate,” he declared.

In reference to the orientation of the stage, the minister said much thought went into creating an atmosphere at Carnival City that gives a different ‘feel’ when entering the grounds.



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# Local News



## Pan Association lobbied to reduce steel bands' players

The decision to reduce the number of players participating in each steelband during this year's Panorama Competition was an initiative of the Antigua and Barbuda Steel Bands Association and had nothing to do with the Ministry of Creative Industries.

The disclosure comes from the Minister responsible for the Festivals Commission, Daryll Matthew who confirmed that

the numbers have been reduced from a maximum of 120 players to 75 players per band. He said each year the Commission engages with the Association to discuss the steel bands' overall participation in the carnival festivities.

"Over the past few months, we have been having negotiations with the Pan Association. These negotiations surrounded the subsidy which the govern-

ment would provide to the association to cover their involvement in Carnival 2023.

"This year the subsidy amounts to \$300,000.00. This covers fees for the opening of carnival, j'ouvert, last lap, and panorama.

"We owe the Pan Association nothing and we have already paid fifty percent of the subsidy. The balance would be paid

once Carnival ends," he revealed.

According to Matthew the association had some internal discussions and came up with the idea of reducing the numbers as it was felt that this gave the larger bands an advantage over the smaller bands.

"The pan association, on its own accord, not prompted by us in the ministry came up with this idea.

"One of the reasons I have since been told is that some bands were having difficulties maintaining large bands and it was felt that there was too large a gap between the bigger bands and the smaller ones," he reported.

He added that some in the pan fraternity felt that the performance on stage would be skewed in favour of the bigger bands.

However, Point Express has learned that this decision by the association has not been universally accepted by the steel bands. Some bands have complained that the matter was discussed, and a decision reached without the involvement of the general membership of the bands.

Point Express reached out to the leadership of the Pan Association but there has been no response to our inquiries.

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Ajanae Bleau



Lutrell John

## Bleau dominates Mr. and Miss Teenage Pageant show



Despite the technical difficulties that cast a pall over the 2023 UWI FIC Mr. and Miss Teenage Pageant show, one contestant was able to defy the circumstances of the show and put on an overall outstanding performance for the audience.

The representative of the Princess Margaret School in the female segment, Ajanae Bleau, completed a rarity, in that, she won all of the five judged segments in Saturday's competition.

She naturally emerged as the overall winner in the female category. Her

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dominance also extended to the pre-judged segments as she was named the most photogenic in the female category and also adjudged the contestant who displayed the best leadership qualities.

The top six placed contestants in the pageant were overall winners: (Female) Ajanae Bleau and (Male) Lutrell John of the Sir Novell Richards Academy. First Runner up: (Female) Sarah Bahri of St. Anthony's Secondary School and (Male) Ruez Titre of the St. Joseph's Academy. Second runner-up (Female) Melika Samuel of the Clare Hall Secondary School and (Male) Noah Yeboah of the Antigua Grammar School.

Bleau was the top female performer in the segments, Performing Talent, Introductory Speech, Cultural Icon, Uniform Evolution, and Interview. The top male in the performing talent was



Aliyah Richards of Island Academy. In the Introductory Speech, the top male was Ruez Titre of St. Joseph's Academy. In the Cultural Icon segment, the top male was Noah Yeboah, in the Uniform Evolution the top male was Lutrell John, and for the interview segment, the top male was Lutrell John.

The top six contestants will receive scholarships to attend the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus here in St. John's.





# Local News



## Teenage Pageant show marred by technical difficulties

The Department of Creative Industries is offering heartfelt apologies to students, parents, sponsors, patrons, and supporters for the unexpected challenges experienced during this year's highly anticipated Mr. & Miss Teenage Pageant Competition held at Carnival City on Saturday night.

In a media release, the department said despite weeks of hard work, relentless practice, camaraderie among peers, and dedicated effort, unforeseeable technical difficulties had an unfortunate impact on the show's production.

"Our 14 brilliant, beautiful, and talented teenagers showcased their exceptional skills and devoted countless hours to ensure their presentations

were of top-tier quality and flawlessness.

"We want to reassure the general public that the technical difficulties were unforeseen. Our team is committed to identifying the root cause of the issues and taking appropriate measures to prevent similar occurrences in future events. The adjudication was not impacted," the media release stated.

The Department of Creative Industries would like to express its sincerest gratitude to our sponsors, parents, schools, and well-wishers for their unwavering support. Without your generous contributions, this event would not have been possible, and we remain grateful for your commitment to our

cause.

We deeply regret any disappointment caused to our attendees and participants. The passion and dedication displayed by the contestants and organizers will not go unnoticed, and we are committed to making every effort to rectify and improve future productions.

We understand the high expectations associated with our pageant, and we assure you that our team is diligently working to rectify the situation and provide a better experience for future events.

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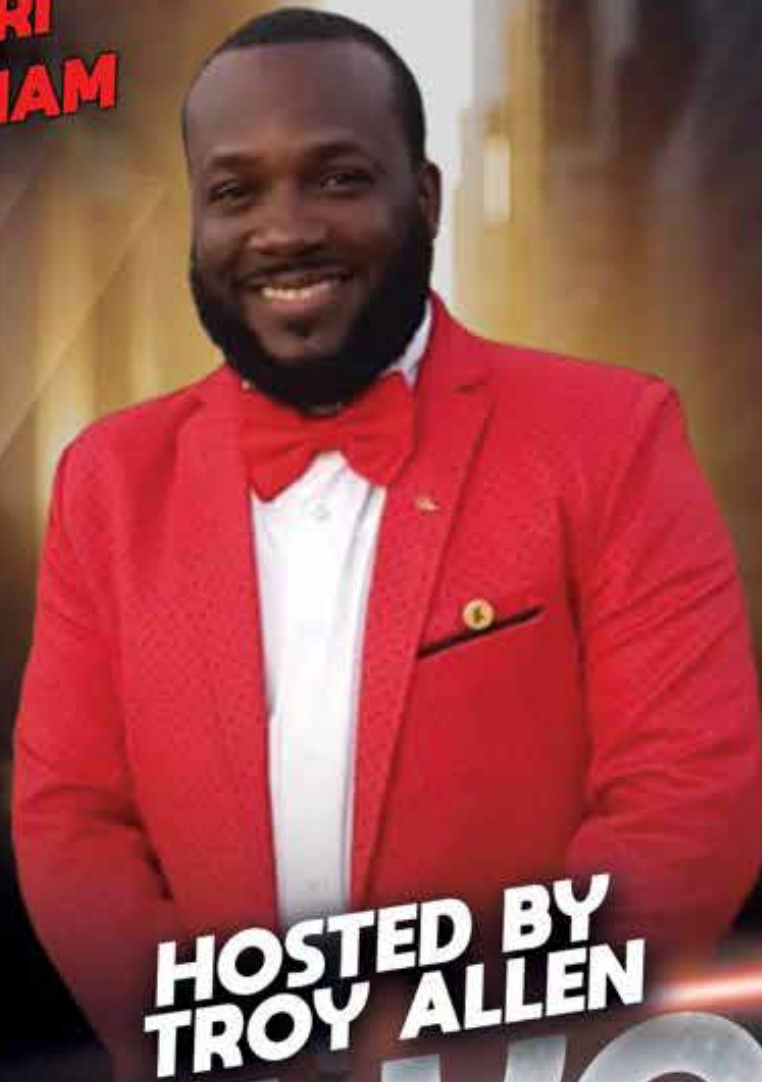


  
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# Opinion



# Play Mitsy for me

**By Tony Deyal**

Even though Rudyard Kipling wrote in “The Ballad of East and West” that “East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet”, fortunately for me I first met the Twain through his first book. I was just a few years old and got a copy of the Classic Illustrated cartoon “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” by Mark Twain. One of the early adventures was about a dog which howled in the night. When Huckleberry Finn asked his friend Tom, “What does he (the dog) mean?”, Tom replied, “Huck, he must mean us both – we’re right together.” This was it for the very frightened Huck who exclaimed, “Oh, Tom, I reckon we’re goners. I reckon there ain’t no mistake ‘bout where I’ll go to. I been so wicked.”

Fortunately for them, Mark Twain was a dog lover. He named his three dogs, “I Know”, “You Know” and “Don’t Know”. He was convinced, “The dog is a gentleman; I hope to go to his heaven not man’s.” Mark Twain also made other comments that put dogs in a much higher place than people: “If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”, “Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.”, and my favourite, “The more I learn about people, the more I like

my dog.”

When Mark Twain was asked, “Do you believe in love at first sight?” he replied, “Absolutely. I fall in love with every dog I see.” I am different. Every dog that sees me immediately tries to get me, or worse, changes to a more dangerous species and runs me down with ill and evil intent. I wouldn’t mind if it is a Rottweiler, or even one of Indian descent like a Roti-Weiler. Or even a West Indian cricket icon which is a cross between a collie and a Lhasa apso. In other words, like the cricket team itself, a “Collapse”. I don’t even flinch if you deem my joke to be a mixture of a terrier and a bulldog, in other words, “Terri-bull”.

I will not be afraid if you attack me by saying that I am a cross between a bulldog and a shi tzu. But what I fear, and inevitably happens when the dogs pick up my scent, they all become a mix of pitbull and golden retriever. First they want to bite off my leg in pieces, and then bring it back to me in peace.

## ANIMAL MAGNET

Fortunately, my wife Indranie is an animal magnet and claims this is why I was attracted to her (and not she to me, or so she claims). While I had grown up with my grandfather’s “hunting” dogs and my father’s dog which I named “Devil” (after the Phantom’s wolf-



*Tony Deyal*

hound), my wife and children were more at home (as were the dogs) with what are known as “pom-peks”, pomeranian-pekingese that are generally tiny, cute, and fluffy dogs. They are also called “pot hounds” because they eat a lot. However, they make up for it by being dedicated watch dogs whose barks are worse than their bites and they easily wake up the entire neighbourhood. There is a pom-pek story that I like. A man entered a small country store and saw a sign saying, “Beware of the Dog”. He looked around cautiously but all he could see was a tiny dog, like one of ours, darting madly from one corner to the other. The man laughingly asked the owner, “Is that the dog people are supposed to beware of?” “Yes,” the owner re-

plied. “He sure doesn’t look dangerous to me,” observed the man. “Why did you put up the sign?” The owner explained, “I had to. People keep tripping over him.” If anybody tried that with one of our pom-peks he would be licked to pieces.

Now, having lived in Barbados, Belize and Antigua, we are back in Trinidad and are down to one Trini rabbit which listens to music every night, and two very little pom-peks which Indranie brought from Antigua and to which I am allergic.

However, Indranie makes up for my inability to help by taking great care of them and treating them like her own children. Worse, Indranie’s own children treat and feed the animals like

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# Opinion

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their own children, and not in mother-rat but more like mine.

The older of the two dogs is Mitsy. She lived near our home in Antigua and like the Energizer Bunny kept on coming and coming, trying and even crying to get into our yard and live with us. Several times we took her back to her owners and as soon as she could, she was there again in front of our gate, looking sad and hungry.

At that time, she was about seven years old. One day, after we had taken her back to her owner, she came and parked up in front of our gate. We did not let her in, but could not let her starve. After three days in the heat and cold, I gave in. We took her inside, fed her and gave her a place of her own.

The dog's owners called her "Missy", but Indranie wanted to change the name. I suggested that we should call her "CASIO" since she would be an efficient watchdog, but had to settle for "Mitsy", a name that signifies a freedom-loving and free-spirited individual.

Mitsy was all that and more, especially when it came to having children. We had two male dogs, Crix, named after the biscuit because of his brown and white tones, and Bungee, son of Crix, a combination of my favourite soca artiste Bunji Garlin, and Darling for "loved one". Both enjoyed fatherhood with Mitsy and even when they fought each

other they were not kidding but she was. Her youngest daughter, Sheba, came with her to Trinidad and for a long time they were a pair, roaming through the yard and barking loudly at any passing car, bird or dog regardless of size.

Unfortunately, now at just over 17 dog-years old, the human equivalent of about 85, Mitsy is blind and

deaf, but is still not giving up the fight and our family. She uses her sense of smell, huffs, puffs and goes around in circles in the yard ensuring that she keeps tabs on her daughter whom she continues to mother, and her mother Indranie who will never ever go with the advice of the Vets that Missy should be put to sleep. And I am all for that. Dog is love.

More, as Mark Twain said and I have learnt from Mitsy, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

*Tony Deyal was last seen quoting Mark Twain, "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he (or she) will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man."*


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## Garifuna film workshop a success in Sambo Creek, Honduras

Loop - A Garifuna film workshop that took place in Sambo Creek, Honduras, was a resounding success.

The workshop, which was organised by the Honduras Institute of Cinematography through the work of William Reyes of Opida, included the participation of young people from La Ceiba and the Garifuna communities of Corozal and Sambo Creek.

Participants in the workshop learned about the filmmaking process, from the conception of an idea to the distribution of a documentary film. They also learned about the Garifuna culture and how they could use film to help preserve and share their knowledge and culture with the world.

The workshop was led by experienced Vincentian filmmaker Akley Olton, who is passionate about preserving the Garifuna culture.

Olton has been instrumental in raising awareness of this unique and endangered culture. His work is an inspiration to others who are working to preserve endangered cultures. He is a reminder that art can be a powerful tool for social change and that even one person can make a difference.

The Garifuna people are an ethnic group of



*Garifuna film workshop- Honduras*

mixed African and indigenous heritage. They are descendants of the people Europeans called Carib, Arawaks, and African peoples who were invited into their communities. They are indigenous to the Caribbean island archipelago of St Vincent and the Grenadines. In 1797, the British exiled 5000 Garifuna from their homeland to the Honduran coast. They were survivors of a genocide committed by the British, who took their islands to make sugar plantations.

The Garifuna communities of Honduras are concentrated on the Caribbean coast, in the departments of Atlántida, Colón, and Gracias a Dios. They are the third-largest ethnic group in Honduras, after

the Mestizos and Lenca people.

The Garifuna communities of Honduras have faced many challenges over the years, including discrimination, poverty, and violence. However, they have a strong sense of community and culture that has helped them persevere.

The Garifuna people are an important part of Honduran identity, and their culture is a valuable asset to the country.

Garifuna communities can be found in Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and the United States. In 2001, UNESCO recognised the Garifuna language and culture as “Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Hu-

manity.”

The Garifuna Film Workshop that took place at Sambo Creek was a huge step forward for the Garifuna community. The workshop helped preserve their culture and empower their youth. The organisers are committed to continuing to host film workshops in the future and hope these workshops will help preserve Garifuna culture and empower their youth.

Akley Olton is hopeful that supporters will allow him to teach filmmaking to communities across Central America so that many Garifuna youths can experience cinema’s magic and use technology and creativity to help preserve their knowledge and culture for future generations.



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## St Vincent and the Grenadines heightens surveillance for Monkeypox



St Vincent and the Grenadines is closely monitoring the reports of confirmed cases of Mpox (Monkeypox) in Trinidad and Tobago.

In a statement, the Ministry of Health says it has heightened its surveillance and testing capacity across St Vincent and the Grenadines with regards to Monkeypox.

As of July 20, Trinidad

and Tobago had four confirmed cases.

Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe.

For some persons, the first symptom of Mpox is a rash or mucosal lesions which can last two to four-weeks, while others may have skin rash accompanied by fever, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes.

Vincentians have been advised to continue observing a healthy lifestyle which reduces exposure to viral infections, including frequent hand washing, minimising contact with person/crowds and seeking care immediately on suspicion of exposure.

Routine surveillance for other infectious diseases continues to be conducted and is coupled with frequent awareness sessions for healthcare staff and the public.

The Ministry says it will continue to monitor the situation closely and update the public accordingly.

To date, St Vincent and the Grenadines has recorded no confirmed case/s of Mpox.



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## Jamaica: Human rights group calls for stop to deportation of Haitians

CMC - A local human rights group – Freedom Imaginaries is calling for the halting of deportation proceedings against more than 30 Haitians who recently landed in the eastern parish of Portland, Jamaica.

In a letter to Foreign Affairs minister Kamina Johnson Smith, the group made the appeal claiming Jamaica has an obligation to help the Haitians under international law.

“Given the devastating humanitarian and security crisis in Haiti, and the State’s obligations under international refugee and human rights law, we urge the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) to refrain from deporting the Haitians and to take the necessary measures to ensure that they have access to protection and support services,” said the letter that was signed by the group’s founder, Marlene Alleyne, an international human rights lawyer.

On July 11, 37 men, women and children from Haiti landed on Boston Beach in Portland.

The 29 adults were subsequently charged with illegal entry in Jamaica



*Haitians land in Portland, Jamaica.*

and fined J\$7,000 each when they appeared in the Portland Parish Court.

It was revealed that deportation proceedings have commenced against the Haitians.

Minister with responsibility for Information, Robert Morgan, has since revealed the Haitians did not apply for asylum in Jamaica and according to reports, the contingent was most likely headed to the United States.

Freedom Imaginaries in their letter also said that the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has warned that “conditions in Haiti continue to be dire, and not conducive to forced re-

turns.”

The European Union estimates that about five million people in Haiti need humanitarian aid. That’s roughly half the country’s population.

Citing the UN Human Rights Office, Freedom Imaginaries says States in the region should “suspend the forced return of Haitians to their country,” because they may face life-threatening security and health risks and further displacement if they return.

Freedom Imaginaries argues that Jamaica should follow the guidance where States are encouraged to ensure Haitians have ac-

cess to protection and support services.

The group also highlighted Jamaica’s own obligations under various international treaties, arguing that Jamaica has an obligation to not deport people to countries “where they may face risk of persecution, torture or other serious or irreparable harm”.

Freedom Imaginaries says this is explicitly prohibited under international refugee and human rights law.

The group offered its services in providing the Haitians with information about their rights and protections.

# Regional News

## Shootings getting out of control, says St Vincent's opposition leader

By Melissa Wong

President of the New Democratic Party (NDP) and Opposition leader in St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr Godwin Friday has described Wednesday's mass shooting in Kingstown as carnage after five people were gunned down.

Friday in a video statement said violent crime and shootings are getting out of control in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

He fears the country is on track to break the dubious record last year of 42 homicides and could surpass 50 if the rate continues in 2023.

"We are heading in the wrong direction. It requires that we have a broad-based approach that involves all stakeholders and influencers in our country to come together and recognise the seriousness of the moment... the crisis that we are in."

He says stakeholders need to come together to work on a national plan to deal with crime.



*Dr Godwin Friday- Opposition leader in St Vincent and the Grenadines.*

The opposition leader has accused the government of demonstrating that it does not have a plan to deal with violent crime.

Friday believes there needs to be better collaboration with regional and international law enforcement

to stop the flow of guns and to detect, prosecute and solve the violent crimes in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Opposition leader also believes programmes are needed to di-

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## Five EU countries to sponsor Guyana's bid for Schengen visa-free travel

President of Guyana Dr Irfaan Ali has revealed that at least five European Union (EU) countries have agreed to sponsor Guyana's bid for Schengen visa-free travel.

The Head of State made the disclosure while interacting with the media during a site visit to the new Eccles to Diamond four-lane highway on Thursday afternoon.

"In terms of the removal of the visa, you have to have sponsoring countries, and I'm very pleased to tell you that we have at least five countries that have agreed to sponsor us to begin the process within the EU itself. But there's a bigger issue that we have to address, and this is our passports and what is required for future travelling."

The President explained that for Guyana to be fully equipped to gain Schengen visa-free travel, the country's passport must be improved and upgraded.

"You know biometrics and e-passport are very critical for global travellers. So, we have to now work expeditiously on having our system transformed so that we can have ease of movement and ease of travel."



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In addition to obtaining visa-free travel status, President Ali also noted that Guyana is working on having the Schengen visas processed more efficiently in Guyana. This, he explained, is an immediate need, and Guyana has received strong commitments from "at least three countries that are willing to work with us on having this done".

Meanwhile, while President Ali had initial discussions on Schengen visa-free travel during his recent attendance at the European Union-Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (EU-CELAC) Summit 2023, bilateral meetings with leaders of several EU countries have facilitated the advancement of the conversation.

The Head of State said that the Summit was "fantastic" and that Guyana was also able to provide strong leadership in critical areas, especially in the areas of forest and climate change.

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"We're working hard to position the forests on the agenda at COP28 and to take global leadership on this. Guyana would be hosting a side event at COP28 with the UAE, and we're hoping that the EU will be a partner with that also."

He explained that Guyana has already received commitment from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank and the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) to be part of the programme in which Guyana will present its leadership on the forest and a formula and strategy through which forests take a leading role on the climate change agenda.

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vert young people to more constructive activities in order to give them a stake in the future of SVG.

He notes the NDP and the Opposition in Parliament have offered to be of assistance in this process and continue to do so. "We have a plan to deal with violent

crime in our country."

The Opposition leader says those who have information that could assist the police in their investigations into these and other crimes that have gone unsolved in the country, should provide that information as the police cannot solve these crimes without community assistance.

## Israel judicial reform: Netanyahu in hospital ahead of key vote

BBC - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has had emergency surgery to fit a pacemaker, after being taken to hospital on Saturday night.

Doctors at Sheba Medical Centre said the procedure went well and he is not in a life-threatening condition.

Mr Netanyahu's hospitalisation comes ahead of a key vote in parliament on a contentious overhaul of the judiciary.

Protests against the reform have swept Israel, with many workers vowing to strike if the bill goes ahead.

In a video address ahead of the overnight surgery, Mr Netanyahu said he was feeling "excellent" but listening to his doctors.

There had been growing questions over his health after he was admitted to hospital last week supposedly suffering from dehydration.

The operation went smoothly "without any complications," Prof Roy Beinart from the Sheba Medical Center said, adding that Mr Netanyahu was "not in a life-threatening condition".

His office said Mr Netanyahu would be discharged on Monday, but trips planned to Cyprus and Turkey would be rescheduled.

Mr Netanyahu said he should be well enough to attend parliament after the procedure. The next 48



*Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu faces pressure from reservists and former security chiefs ahead of key vote on the country's judicial reform.*

hours are expected to see a critical vote on his government's plans for changes to the judiciary. There have been months of protests in Israel over the reforms, which seek to limit the Supreme Court's powers.

The vote - expected to take place on Monday - will amount to a showdown between the hard-line religious-nationalist coalition and swathes of Israeli society. Parliament began debating the highly contested bill on Sunday.

One by one, Israeli opposition MPs are taking to the floor of the parliament chamber, pleading with the government to ditch its judicial reform plans.

The last few days have seen tens of thousands of protesters march from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to oppose the justice system changes,

with people filling the main highway.

Many protesters camped up at Sacher Park in Jerusalem, near the parliament, after the four-day protest march.

Demonstrations near the parliament are expected, and the coalition also faces the threat of a mass boycott of service duty by thousands of military reservists, including hundreds of air force pilots, if the law passes.

Three former army chiefs of staff and dozens of senior Israeli security officials signed a letter on Saturday criticising the government's judicial reform plans and supporting reservists.

"This legislation is destroying the common foundations of Israeli society, ripping the people apart, dismantling the army and

inflicting fatal harm to Israel's security," the letter reads.

Brothers in Arms, which represents 10,000 reservists, have voiced their frustration at the government's plans.

"We've tried everything, this is where we draw the line," Eyal Nave, one of the leaders of Brothers in Arms, said.

"We pledged to serve the kingdom and not the king," Mr Nave said. Appealing directly to Mr Netanyahu, he said: "You and only you are responsible for what is happening here. We had faith in the government but the government broke us."

"I will not volunteer to serve in a dictatorial state," Mr Nave added.

A boycott by such a large number would seriously impact the operational

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## Nebraska teen jailed for illegal disposal of her aborted foetus

By **Chelsea Bailey**

A US teenager was sentenced to 90 days in prison after taking abortion pills to end her pregnancy and disposing of the foetus with her mother's help.

Celeste Burgess, now 19, pleaded guilty to illegally concealing human remains after she had an abortion when around 28 weeks pregnant, beyond the 20-week limit then set by Nebraska law.

Her mother, Jessica Burgess, 42, faces up to five years in prison for helping her.

Nebraska now bans abortion at 12 weeks.

Police opened the investigation into the mother and daughter in June 2022, before the Supreme Court overturned the nationwide right to abortion and left it to states to determine whether or how to allow the procedure.

At the time, both mother and daughter, then 17, resided in Nebraska, where abortions had been banned at 20 weeks from conception.



*Celeste Burgess, 19, was sentenced to 90 days in prison.*

Earlier this year, Nebraska lawmakers passed an abortion ban at 12 weeks after conception.

According to court documents, Celeste Burgess was in her third trimester of pregnancy when she consumed the abortion pills, making the procedure illegal as per Nebraska law.

When initially confronted by police, the teen allegedly told authorities that she had delivered a stillborn foetus. But, according to court documents, she and her mother had discussed in

Facebook messages how to obtain the abortion pills and "burn the evidence".

In May, Burgess pleaded guilty to a felony charge of removing or concealing human skeletal remains. Two other misdemeanour charges against her - concealing the death of another person and false reporting - were dropped. In addition to serving three months in jail, she faces two years of probation.

Her mother has pleaded guilty to providing an illegal abortion, making false state-

ments to authorities and tampering with human skeletal remains. Her sentencing begins in September.

The case has been closely watched by abortion advocates as a slew of states move to restrict abortion access after the Supreme Court's 2022 ruling.

Late-term abortions are uncommon. Before the end of *Roe v Wade*, the majority of abortions happened before the 13th week of pregnancy, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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capability of the Israeli military and so this is being seen as one of the most pivotal moments in the anti-government protest movement so far.

Israel's Supreme Court is the only source of scrutiny on the government's use of its power.

Mr Netanyahu's critics worry the reform will severely undermine Isra-

el's democracy by weakening the judicial system.

Supporters of the reforms argue that the Supreme Court has become increasingly "activist" over the decades, hindering the policies of democratically elected governments. They accuse judges of making politically-based decisions.

But many worry the prime min-

ister - who currently faces corruption charges, which he denies - is trying to use the judicial reform to thwart his own legal issues. Mr Netanyahu vehemently denies such accusations.

Merav Michaeli, a former government minister who chairs Israel's Labour party, said "a tiny majority" of politicians was "coming to really ruin the state of Israel".

# Corfu latest Greek island to evacuate over wildfires

By George Wright

Corfu has become the latest Greek island to issue an evacuation order, as the country grapples with wildfires.

Photos uploaded to social media show flames engulfing Corfu. A fire broke out on the northern part of the island which is popular with British tourists.

It comes after some 19,000 people were evacuated on the island of Rhodes, which has also been hit by fires.

Many were forced to flee their hotels as the flames continued to spread from the centre of the Greek island.

Greece has been grappling with searing heat, with temperatures exceeding 40C across the country, and fires have blazed for nearly a week in some areas.

A national holiday that had been planned for Monday has been cancelled “in view of the extraordinary conditions prevailing in the country due to the fires”, the Greek presidency said.

Late on Sunday evening Greece’s Emergency Communications Service published evacuation orders for a number of areas of Corfu.

People in the areas of Santa, Megoula, Porta, Palia, Perithia and Sinies on the island have been told to evacuate.

Boats in the area had been dispatched to evacuate residents by sea, a government official said.

Corfu - sits in the Ionian sea off the northwest of Greece - is a destination popular with tourists, with hundreds of thousands Brits visiting every year.

Rhodes - an island some 1,027km (670km) away - has been battling wildfires fanned by strong winds since Tuesday and after smoke started enveloping tourist areas.

Some 16,000 people were evacu-



Photos uploaded to social media show flames engulfing Corfu.

ated by land and 3,000 by sea on the island, according to local officials. Greece’s Ministry of Climate Change and Civil Protection said it was “the largest evacuation from a wildfire in the country”.

Thousands of holidaymakers were camped out at Rhodes airport on Sunday, waiting for a flight to get out. Konstantia Dimoglidou, a Greek police spokeswoman, told the AFP news agency that more than 30,000 people have been evacuated across the country so far.

Some tourists said they walked for miles in scorching heat to reach safety. Dead animals have been seen in the road near burnt-out cars.

Holiday company Jet2 has now cancelled five flights to Rhodes, while Tui cancelled all flights there until Wednesday.

At least three hotels have been destroyed in the dense forest area of Kiotari on the east of the island.

The deputy mayor of Rhodes, Athanasios Vyrinis said some people had slept in cardboard boxes overnight and warned that there were not enough

essentials.

Greece’s fire service has warned the situation could worsen as further villages require evacuation and that the battle to contain the flames could take several days. 260 firefighters, backed by 18 aircraft, were battling the fire on Sunday.

Six people were briefly taken to hospital with respiratory problems and were later released.

Emergency services have also been dealing with fires on the island of Evia, east of Athens and Aigio, southwest of Athens. Homes have already been lost to the wildfires on Rhodes and other areas.

Climate change increases the risk of the hot, dry weather that is likely to fuel wildfires. The world has already warmed by about 1.1C since the industrial era began and temperatures will keep rising unless governments around the world make steep cuts to carbon emissions.

Spain and Italy are among the Mediterranean countries which have also experienced intense heat this week, while parts of the US are also seeing records broken.



## Jamaica salvage draw against Leewards

Consistent batting down the order, led by a half-century from opener Adrian Weir, enabled Jamaica to salvage a draw with defending champions the Leeward Islands on the final day of the second round of matches in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Men's Under-19 Three-Day Championship at Cumberland in St. Vincent.

Weir struck three fours and two sixes in 60 off 92 balls and set the tone for the rest of the batsmen, and the Jamaicans batted through most of the day before they were dismissed for 267 in their second innings, leaving no time for a chase for the Leeward Islands on Saturday.

Jordan Johnson supported with 41, Justin Beckford score 39, Reon Edwards made 32, Brian Barnes got 29, and Trevaun Williams added 24 to prop up the Ja-

maica batting.

Antiguan Wilden Cornwall Jr. was the most successful Leeward Islands bowler, taking three for 36 from 16 overs, while Chamiqueko Landerford took two for 19, and Michael Palmer claimed two for 32.

Fellow Antiguan, opener Malique Walsh and vice-captain Jewel Andrew, both hit centuries in the Leeward Islands reply of 345 off 94 overs to take a 48-run first innings lead over the Jamaicans, who made 297 off 67 overs.

Walsh cracked 147 off 254 balls, with 15 fours and two sixes, while Andrew struck 126 off 150 balls, with 15 fours and two sixes, during a 206-run third-wicket partnership.

Deshawn James picked up four for 33, Adrian Weir had two for 16, and leg-spinner Tamarie Redwood cap-



Jewel Andrew  
tured two for 107.

Jez Johnson struck a top score of 97 off 127 balls, with nine fours and four sixes, in the Jamaicans first innings. Justin Beckford struck 72 off 76 balls, with six sixes and two fours, and opener Adrian Weir made 37.

Malique Walsh claimed three for 43, Kimani Nesbitt had two for 23, and Michael Greaves picked up two for 47.

Meanwhile, a devastating spell from left-arm spinner Aryan Persaud bowled Guyana to a stunning, come-from-behind, 189-run win against hosts Windward Islands in their second round match at Arnos Vale.

Persaud returned flattering figures of seven for six from 10.5 overs and the Guyanese bowled out the Windwards for 59 in their second innings after setting them 249 to win.

Jonathan Rampersaud

supported with three for 28 off from 11 overs, and no Windwards batsman was able to reach 20.

Guyana, who made 69 in their first innings, had conceded a 17-run lead to the Windwards, who made 86, after a low-scoring first innings, but they recovered in the second innings and declared on 265 for nine with Zeynul Ramsammy finishing on 59 not out, after they started the day on 229 for six.

Off-spinner Tarrique Edwards was again the pick of the Windwards bowlers, taking six for 93 from 34 overs to finish with match figures of 11 for 97.

Jamaica will face Barbados at Arnos Vale, the Leewards will meet Guyana at Sion Hill, and the Windwards will play Trinidad & Tobago at Park Hill in the third round of matches, starting tomorrow (Tuesday).



Malique Walsh

# Sports News



## France held to a draw by Jamaica at Women's World Cup

SYDNEY (Reuters) - France's hopes of a winning start to their Women's World Cup campaign were thwarted by a hardworking Jamaican side in a 0-0 draw in the opening Group F clash at Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

The fifth-ranked French, semi-finalists at last year's Euros, were unable to get their game going as the Jamaicans hassled and harried them throughout the 90 minutes to earn their first World Cup point after three losses on their 2019 debut.

Forward Kadidiatou Diani almost clinched the winner for France in the 90th minute but her powerful header hit the bar then the post to the delight of the crowd of nearly 40,000, who had embraced the 43rd-ranked underdogs.

"It was a difficult first half, we came up against a group of really athletic women," France coach Herve Renard told reporters.

"The second half was better, we created chances, but unfortunately, we were unable to find the back of the net."

The Jamaicans celebrated at the final whistle as if they won the tournament, even though they lost their best player Khadija Shaw to a red card in stoppage time.



Jamaica's Deneisha Blackwood, top, celebrates with her team mates after the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match against France at the Sydney Football Stadium in Sydney, Australia, Sunday, July 23rd, 2023. (AP)

Coach Lorne Donaldson thought the draw would rank as Jamaica's finest football moment.

"I would say it is the number one result we have had so far. I think it's the number one I have seen, men or women. I would put it there," he said.

"Just looking at the rankings, that result on this stage has to be number one."

It looked like the game might be robbed of its two biggest names when France skipper Wendie Renard and striker Shaw clashed heads in the opening few minutes.

Both returned to the

pitch after brief medical attention, however, and Shaw was soon causing the French plenty of problems with her direct running and physicality.

The French put together the first move of any quality in the 36th minute with forward Diani set free to draw a save out of Jamaica goalkeeper Rebecca Spencer, who was again at full stretch to deny Renard at the ensuing corner.

France gradually imposed themselves on the game in the second half and Diani and midfielder Sandie Toletti both had chances before the hour mark, but neither bothered

Spencer.

Diani steered another header wide in the 66th minute and Eugenie Le Sommer drew another save out of Spencer 10 minutes later as the rain cascaded down on the pitch.

Outstanding left back Deneisha Blackwood led the way as Jamaica kept to their task, however, and they held on as the French lofted cross after cross into their box in a frenetic finish.

Shaw, who had been a constant thorn in France's side, was sent off when she received a second caution for a tackle on Renard deep in the France half.



## Flyers advance to Division One playoff finals

The Flyers are through to the finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) First Division Playoff championship.

The third-seeded Flyers booked their spot in the finals by soaring to an emphatic 85-60 victory over the second-seeded Potters Steelers in Game Two to win their best-of-three semi-final series 2-0 at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Xavier Meade produced 17 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists, and Jabari Williams sank 16 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead the Flyers to their 15-point blowout win in the second game of Saturday's double-header.

Adonis Humphreys chipped in with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and David Hernandez also contributed 14 points and six rebounds for the Flyers.

Cohen Desouza had 18 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists, and Jacob Lloyd converted 13 points for the Potters Steelers.

The Flyers prevailed 81-71 over the Potters Steelers in Game One. Selassie Brathwaite sank a game-high 27 points; David Hernandez had 17 points and seven rebounds; Jabari Williams converted 11 points and grabbed



*The Flyers basketball team.*

16 rebounds; and Adonis Humphreys scored 10 points and snatched 12 rebounds as the top performers for the Flyers.

Cohan Desouza converted 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Ammiel Williams chipped in with 11 points for the Potters Steelers.

The Flyers are awaiting the winners of the other best-of-three semi-final series between league champions and top seed Cuties Ovals OJays and the fourth-seeded Northside Stingerz.

The Stingerz snatched a 79-70 victory against the Cuties Ovals OJays in Game Two in the first game

of Saturday's double-header to level the best-of-three semi-final series 1-1.

Point guard Jayden Andrew produced 23 points, 12 assists, six rebounds, and five steals; Devorn Benjamin sank 22 points; and Keroi Lee had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Stingerz.

Mario Davis produced 23 points, six rebounds, and six assists; and Joshua Minner had 15 points, seven rebounds, and five assists for the Ovals OJays.

The Ovals OJays snatched a hard-fought 84-81 victory against the Stingerz in Game One.

Mario Davis produced 30 points and snatched 12

rebounds; Joshua Minner had 30 points, nine rebounds, and seven assists; and points guard Tavarus Benta chipped in with 18 points, seven rebounds, and six assists for the Ovals OJays.

Point guard Jayden Andrew produced a triple-double with 19 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists; Jamine Charles sank 23 points and claimed nine rebounds; and Keroi Lee had 23 rebounds, 12 points and five assists for the Stingerz.

Both sides will clash in the third and deciding game tonight (Monday) to determine who will advance to the finals to face the Flyers.



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## Liberta and Empire extend unbeaten run in Super40 Cup

Unbeaten leaders PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks and Empire Nation maintained their perfect record in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Cup as both teams claimed their sixth win in as many matches on Saturday.

The Black Hawks soared past the All Saints Pythons by eight wickets at Ball Beef. The Pythons won the toss and batted, scoring 118 all-out in 31.2 overs. Skipper Karima Gore grabbed five wickets for 13 runs, and off-spinner Kofi James claimed three for 21.

James, who opened the innings, slammed a half century to lead the Black Hawks to the required victory target of 119 for the loss of two wick-

ets in just 15 overs.

James hammered 66 off 40 balls, with four sixes and five fours, and Gore hit an unbeaten 31 off 38 balls, with three fours.

Empire Nation eased past the Bolans Blasters by six wickets at the Bolans playing field. The Blasters crashed to 100 all-out in 27.2 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat.

Tyrone Williams Jr. snapped up four for 20 in eight overs, Javaughn James bagged three for 24, and off-spinner Justin Athanaze picked up three for 34.

Garry Duberry struck 38 not out off 39 balls to guide Empire Nation to victory at 102 for four off 16 overs. Martin Caesar captured three for 35.

There were wins as well for the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles and the New Winthorpes Lions.

The Golden Eagles secured their fourth win in six matches by snatching a one-wicket victory against the Jennings Tigers at the Jennings playing field.

The Jennings Tigers were all out for 162 in 39.3 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat. Glenton Williams, who opened the innings, slammed 50, and Elijah Peters scored 39. Mekali Tonge claimed three for 20, and fast bowler Kelvin Pittman and Deran Benta each captured three for 32.

The Golden Eagles achieved victory by scoring 163 for the loss of nine wickets with just two balls to spare. Captain Gavin Tonge top-scored with 40 off 42 balls, with five fours and a six.

Samuel Peters grabbed four for 29, left-arm spinner Glenton Williams took two for 20, and pacer Jedidiah



Karima Gore

Martin claimed two for 38.

The New Winthorpes Lions recorded their third win in six encounters by claiming a four-wicket victory against the WES Rising Sun Spartans at the Rising Sun playing field.

The Spartans tumbled to just 66 all out in 25 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Ishmael snapped up four for 25, and Shavon Moore captured three for 15.

The Lions wrapped up the match by scoring 67 for four off 18.3 overs. Martin Singh captured two for 20.



Kofi James

## Second Test in the balance

The second Test of the series between West Indies and India will head into today's (Monday) final day with India in a dominant position.

Rain caused interruptions on day four, and West Indies capitulated weakly with the bat in the morning session. That allowed India to press on with the bat.

But showers, sometimes extremely heavy at times, ate into India's time at the crease and prompted captain Rohit Sharma to set a sporting declaration in a bid to tempt West Indies into taking up the chase.

All results are possible on day five, but India are firm favourites after taking two wickets late on day four to leave West Indies on 76 for two in pursuit of a victory target of 365.

West Indies began day four in a decent position at 229 for five, but their hopes of pressing on and making a dent in India's first innings of 438 were dashed as they lost their final five wickets for 26 runs as Mohammed Siraj took four in the morning to finish with five for 60.

With a lead of 183, India's aim was to make quick runs to set up a declaration.

Rohit (57) and opening partner Yashasvi Jaiswal



India's Ravichandran Ashwin, second left, celebrates with teammates the dismissal of West Indies' captain Kraigg Brathwaite on day four of their second cricket Test match at Queen's Park in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Sunday, July 23rd, 2023. (AP)

(38) put on 98 for the opening wicket inside 12 overs.

Rain brought a halt to play, prompting an early lunch and after a short passage of play early in the afternoon, the players were forced off by a torrential downpour.

The drainage at the Queen's Park Oval is good, and play resumed midway through the afternoon session - with India leading by 301 runs.

India's rate of scoring was excellent, 181 for two in 24 overs, and Rohit called in his players shortly after Ishan Kishan had brought up a maiden Test

50 - setting West Indies a victory target of 365.

With a 1-0 lead in the two-match series, Rohit could have batted on to take any chance of a West Indies victory out of the equation. Whether he had been inspired by England's Bazball approach, Rohit ensured all results were possible.

The India seamers made little impact early in the West Indies second innings, but the introduction of spin shifted the momentum in India's favour.

West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite (28) batted with authority against

the seamers. He tried the same approach against Ravichandran Ashwin, but his sweep caught a top edge and offered a simple catch to Jaydev Unadkat at square leg.

Ashwin doubled his tally one over later, trapping Kirk McKenzie lbw for a duck - as the No. 3 was too slow in getting his bat into the line of the ball.

Opener Tagenarine Chanderpaul (24 not out) and Jermaine Blackwood (20 not out) negotiated the final 12 overs to take West Indies to stumps needing a further 289 runs to win on today's final day.