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# NEW EU DIRECTIVES SET TO ENHANCE CBI PROGRAMMES

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Prime Minister Gaston Browne and Minister of Works Maria Browne joined revellers on the streets on Saturday in one of the most anticipated events for Antigua's Carnival, T-Shirt Mas. *Story on page 10.*

## EU raises the bar: New directives set to enhance CBI Programmes

The European Union is introducing new guidelines for countries such as Antigua and Barbuda that operate Citizenship By Investment Programmes.

The announcement comes just days after Prime Minister Gaston Browne visited the EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, for discussions on the issues related to CIPs. Last week, the Cabinet Notes outlined that “the discussion revolved around Visa-free entry into Europe, bearing in mind that Dominica has lost Visa-free travel into the UK. Although Antigua and Barbuda has demonstrated a very high-level of due diligence under its CIP, there was displayed a certain hostility to the countries in the Caribbean that all have CIP programmes”.

The EU is telling CIP countries that these new guidelines must be adopted to implement robust practices to ensure

enhanced safety and security. This significant development was made clear following a recent meeting held between leaders of Caribbean countries and EU officials in Brussels, Belgium, said a source in EU Commission in Brussels.

The protection of the European region is the top priority for the EU. In a bid to increase safety, the European Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, will be leading an oversight committee to monitor the overall operations of these third-nation programmes over six months.

He explained the European Union’s stringent guidelines, which would be suggested to nations offering Citizenship By Investment Programmes are as follow:

**Implement robust due diligence:** Due diligence must be conducted on each applicant by reputed and legal in-

ternational due diligence firms based in top-tier countries such as the EU, US and UK.

**Implement mandatory interviews:** Mandatory interviews of all CBI applicants must be conducted. These interviews could be held through a trusted online digital platform or in person (if possible).

**Enhancing security measures:** No official documents related to alternative citizenship or passports should be sent to the investors/new citizens through post-box (mail) after the citizenship is granted.

**Increase of investment thresholds:** The EU has said that the investment amount must be increased up to US \$200,000 (minimum) for a single applicant under the donation option and US \$400,000 (minimum) for real estate investment options.

**Investment must reach host country:** The countries offering CBI programmes must properly monitor the flow of funds and verify it against stringent money laundering processes. This will include the provision that the investment funds must be directly transferred to the host nation under any situation and must not be diverted into accounts in any other country.

**Abolition of promotional material of passports:** All promotional material of passports must be repealed from these third nations showing the benefits of visa-free access to the European Union or other visa free country.

These guidelines have been laid down by the EU with the primary focus of ensuring that these nations must execute exceptional standards in their CBIs. The source added that the EU Commission had sent a strict message to countries providing economic citizenship and urged them to have a strong mechanism to protect the EU and its citizens.



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## House of Representatives approves name-change of Mount St. John's Medical Centre

The House of Representatives has greenlighted the name-change of Mount St. John's Medical Centre to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph introduced the bill affecting the name change for the institution, while making it clear that the rights and privileges of the employees of the institution remain intact.

“This amendment to the



Mount St. John's Medical Centre Act, 2009, is aimed at effecting the official change of the name of the

institution from the MSJMC to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre. It brings an end to the secondment of public

officers working at the institution and to make certain provisions for the welfare

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of the seconded public officers going forward,” Sir Molwyn said.

The health minister reaffirmed the decision to rename the institution as an honour to the man who was instrumental in having the facility built in the first place. The Act also provides for a change in the name of the administrative board to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre Board.

Sir Molwyn Joseph also noted that the new Act will usher in a pension scheme for the institution along the lines of the government’s own pension scheme.

“Let me explain that those persons seconded to the hospital are working without a pension scheme of the hos-

pital. The pension scheme that governs them is the civil service pension plan. We want to correct that so that the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre will have its own pension scheme. The scheme will be managed by the board,” he further explained.

Under the Act, all properties of MSJMC will now be turned over to the SLBMC. “This means that all rights, interest and liabilities should be in the name of the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre,” he added.

As it relates to the staff and the several issues that affect them, the health minister told the House of Representatives that there were discussions between the board and the staff and that the provisions that were being brought

to parliament reflect the outcome of those discussions.

According to Sir Molwyn the secondment of the staff will come to an end on September 30, 2023. “Unless otherwise stated, the years of service of seconded public officers prior to the ending of the secondment shall be carried forward and count as service rendered to the SLBMC, should the employee continue in the service of the SLBMC,” he stated.

He emphasized that there will be no loss of service for the staff at the hospital. Additionally, those staff members who wish not to be transferred to the hospital, may return to the government service without loss of rights, position or privileges.

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## More than \$17 million disbursed in home improvement loans

The government has made available low-interest loans to individuals in the community to carry out home improvements to their properties ahead of the hurricane season.

The announcement comes from Social Welfare Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, who disclosed that more than two hundred persons have benefited so far. He said most people prefer to stay in their own homes or with relatives during the passage of a storm, so it was important that these persons were able to access funds to carry out improvements to their homes making them more resilient.



*Social Welfare Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph*

“Over the last several months, in Cashew Hill and McKinnons in particular, we have financed over two hundred homes at low interest rates. So these people received monies to fix up their homes to be better able to withstand the

storms. They would not need to leave their homes to go into a shelter should a storm approaches,” he remarked.

Sir Molwyn said the main beneficiaries of the low interest loans have been first-responders. “The idea is that a police man or a nurse should not be in a home that is not safe. So these categories of workers are given priority to upgrade their homes. This means if they have to leave their homes (for duty), they should feel assured that their homes and their families are secured,” he stated.

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## Restructuring at Immigration Department takes effect this week

A number of organisational changes are coming to the Immigration Department as the government moves to improve the overall operations and efficiencies of this critical arm of the government.

Minister Responsible for Immigration, Steadroy Benjamin says a restructuring exercise is taking place at the department that will go into effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.

“Currently, the department is headed by a Chief Immigration Officer, but there are no deputies in place; we are going to change that. Under the new arrangement, the CIO (Katrina Yearwood) will have working alongside



Minister Responsible for Immigration, Steadroy Benjamin

her two deputies; one will be in charge of operations and the other will be in charge of administration,” Benjamin explained.

He added that there will be four officers in charge, who will be responsible for the department’s four divisions. They will be assisted by station chiefs.

“We are streamlining the department to make it

more effective, professional and efficient.

Previously, the department functioned without the benefit of having deputies and it is our desire to bring it in line with other law enforcement agencies within the government, such as the police and the customs division,” he stated.

He further explained

that under the new arrangement, the CIO can have a strategic level management team to include the two deputies and an operational level team to include the officers in charge and the station chiefs.

Chief Immigration Officer Katrina Yearwood, has been off-island for over a week and one of the two people identified for the post of Deputy Chief Immigration Officer, Neigel Emmanuel, has been acting as Chief Immigration Officer. The other person to be appointed as deputy, is Wesley Simon. Simon will be responsible for operations, while Emmanuel will oversee the department’s administration.



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# Local News



## Caribbean beauties take to the stage tonight

One of the highlights of Antigua's Carnival – the JCI Caribbean Queen Show- is taking place tonight (Monday July 31) at Carnival City, where nine beauties will take center stage for the highly anticipated 60th production of the Jaycees Queen Show.

Under the theme, “Celebrating 60 years of vibrancy, culture and talent”, the pageant will see crown contenders from Antigua and Barbuda, The British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Haiti,

Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and The United States Virgin Islands competing for the prestigious title.

Pageant organizers, Junior Chamber International (JCI) Antigua said the production this year will be one of a kind, as they revisit the past and project the future of the historic pageant that currently holds the title for the longest running pageant in the region and the fourth in the world after Miss World,

Miss Universe and Miss International.

Jaycees Queen Show Committee Chairman Janisha Jacobs shared, “One of the key highlights of this year’s production is the return of our VIP experience! We thought it fitting that as we celebrated 60 years of pageantry, that we focused on bringing back facets of the show that made us a blueprint for pageantry within the region.”

The production this year will see five judged seg-

ments including Swimwear, Talent, Interview, Best Evening Wear and Best Modeling Skills. A host of local entertainment acts will form part of the production, including the Elite Dancers, Dreamcatcher Modeling Agency, Past Jaycees Queens and Ricardo Drue who is headlining the event.

“We anticipate this year’s show to be full of energy, glitz, glamour and poise as we have the delegates ready to represent their islands along with the entertainment aspect that is really going to blow patrons away.” Jaycees Queen Show Deputy-Chairman Derrica Watson added over the last month, the public was treated to an aesthetically pleasing marketing rollout of the show that has seen an uptick in ticket sales, especially in VIP that has already sold out.

Tickets for this year’s show are \$50.00 and can be purchased at the Land Store in Heritage Quay, Townhouse Megastore, or from any member of the Jaycees Queen Show Executive Committee. The show starts promptly at 8pm at the Antigua Recreation Grounds - Carnival City.

JCI Antigua President Laurel Jonas said she is excited for what’s in store and knows the public will be in for a treat this evening.

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# Thousands converge on St. John's for T-Shirt Mas

Thousands converged on St. John's on Saturday for the T-Shirt Mas, one of the key events for Carnival 2023.

The events saw participation from the top T-Shirt Mas Bands, with some boasting revelers totaling in the thousands. It was a kaleidoscope of colours, as participants jammed to the music of jam-bands or Hi-Fi systems in a festive atmosphere.

The revelers partied to the music from late afternoon to early evening, as thousands more lined the parade route to watch and to enjoy the spectacle.

Minister responsible for Creative Industries, including the National Festivals, Daryll Matthew, said he was quite pleased with the turnout, estimated as one of the biggest ever. He said the final figures will be available at a later date, but the T-Shirt Mas was another indication of a successful 2023 Carni-



val so far.

He said the standards displayed by the Mr. and Miss Teenage Pageant and the Queen of Carnival Pageant demonstrated the high level of preparation and execution of these events.

He also invited members of the public to continue to come out in support of the remaining events for Carnival 2023.

Meanwhile, the Junior Carnival Show was on full display at Carnival City on Sunday afternoon. This



event features the junior sections of the major Mas Bands as well as participation from several schools featuring costumes designed and built by selected builders/designers contracted by the Festivals Commission.

The Junior Carnival Programme started with a parade from the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre at Perry Bay to Carnival City, where the troupes and groups crossed the staged to be judged.

As can be expected, the

event is largely an activity for families who come out to enjoy the young people as they display their various costumes.

The Junior Calypso Monarch Competition followed the Junior Carnival Programme.

In a related development, there have been reports of several incidents that got out of hand, resulting in injuries for a number of individuals. The police are yet to confirm such reports.





# ANTIGUA Carnival 2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**UWI FIVE ISLANDS CAMPUS  
MR. AND MS. TEENAGE PAGEANT**  
Sat Jul 22nd | 8:00pm | \$20

**QUEEN OF CARNIVAL**  
Sun Jul 23rd | 8:00pm | \$25 | \$50

**OFFICIAL OPENING**  
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Fri Jul 28th | 9:00pm

**CAVALIER RUM TSHIRT MAS**  
Sat Jul 29th | 3:00pm - 9:00pm

**OASIS JR CARNIVAL** | 2:30pm  
**SMALTA JR CALYPSO** | 6:00pm  
Sun Jul 30th | \$15

**JAYCEES QUEEN SHOW**  
Mon Jul 31st | 8:00pm | \$50 | \$150

**DRUESDAY**  
Tue Aug 1st | 9:00pm

**GLOBAL PORTS  
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Wed Aug 2nd | 8:00pm | \$15

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**CAVALIER RUM J'OUVERT**  
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**CAVALIER RUM  
CARNIVAL MONDAY**  
Mon Aug 7th | 2:00pm

**CAVALIER RUM  
PARADE OF THE BANDS**  
Tue Aug 8th | 12 Noon

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# Opinion



## Mr Smith's ship skip

By Tony Deyal

"I heard a rumour about our Prime Minister. I'm not sure if it's Trudeau. Wait. There are some rumours that are Justin." This is the kind of joke I hear from members of my Canadian fan club. Here's another, "How do we know that the Pope isn't being paid to come to Canada? Because then it would be a PayPal visit." This week a Trini member of the bunch sent me a very timely one, "What is the difference between your Prime Minister (PM) and the head of the Roman Catholic Church?" "Only God knows," I replied. He laughed and then said, "The main distinction between them is the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring."

These days have been tough for the PM of TNT. One of the newspapers ran the headline, "PM breaches code of ethics again" and explained, "The Council for Responsible Political Behaviour has found that the People's National Movement (PNM) has breached the Code of Ethical Political Conduct on two more occasions." Dr Rowley was found guilty of "unsubstantiated allegations" and it was "unacceptable". The newspaper had previously reported that the PM was found "using language that was insensitive and inappropriate during a campaign meeting".

Then in a tongue-in-

cheek article, one of my colleagues, communication strategist Denise Demming, went to town on the PM's choice of Darryl Smith, a former government minister. Smith was initially thought guilty of sexual harassment, then fired for interfering improperly in the public service, and now, as Ms Demming puts it, Smith is the recipient of a "high-class 'wuk' to develop overseas markets and boost exports to key strategic partners". Aiming at Smith, Ms Demming suggested, "During the background check, I suspect that your current boss, Trade Minister Paula Gopee-Scoon, asked your former boss, Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley, if he would recommend you for the position. And your former boss, who had also appointed you chairman of the Diego Martin Regional Corporation, answered politely to endorse your capabilities."

TALKING TOTAL SMITH

Suddenly the whole country had become like the Smithsonian and talking total Smith. Smith talk is back in town with a penchant. It reminds me of my younger days when we played the tongue-twister games like, "Robinson Crusoe shaved his beard with a rusty, rusty razor blade", "She sells sea shells by the sea shore" and, the one which got our "tangles totally tongled



Tony Deyal

up", our all-time favourite, "Mr Smith ship sink." This last hurrah seems to be "Mr Smith Ship Skip."

I wondered whether there is any other "Smith" whose "ship" might not be properly pronounced but still accurate. My first thought was of Jack Smith, the experienced war-crimes prosecutor who Donald Trump claims is "deranged", "atrocious" and "a raging and uncontrolled Trump hater, as is his wife who also happened to be the producer of that Michelle Obama puff piece". However, Mr Smith's ship is holding tight. He made it clear, "We have one set of laws in this country and they apply to everyone." I really wish that TNT and the rest of the Caribbean were like this Mr Smith.

Not all Smiths are the

same. There is Samuel Smith, the "horologist". If I claim to be one, Trinis would inevitably ask, "Where you study? In the University of Charlotte Street?" Guyanese will think "Tiger Bay", Jamaicans will talk about Hip Strip in Montego Bay, and Barbadians will ask, "You from Nelson Street or The Garrison?" Fortunately for me, horology is "the study of time or the measurement of time" and everyone knows I always take my time.

One "Smith" who ranks with Darryl is Patricia Smith of the Boston Globe. She was a finalist for Pulitzer Prize. This is considered the highest national honour in journalism. She had "made up" four different columns and had to return her "Distinguished Writers" award.

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Then there was the poet, Ant Smith, whose seminal work, *The Small Penis Bible*, detailed his physical shortcomings. He decided to hold "the first ever conference for the celebration and acceptance of small penises everywhere!" in London. Rhythm Factory in Whitechapel was said to have been "transformed into an open, accepting, silly and fun night of comedy, cabaret and goodness knows what else in honour of 'tiny todgers, compact cocks, wee wil-lies, mini members, and dinky dicks'." According to the pre-conference publicity, men and women were welcome and the door price was 50p per claimed phallic inch (for men) and 50p per preferred phallic inch (for women). According to Time Out London, "It's true what they say, great things do come in small packages." One of my friends said sarcastically, "Tony, you should have gone. They would have let you in free." Actually, as happened in a similar event in Brooklyn, USA, the winner was an outsider. The favourite, who was highly tipped to emerge victorious, came up short.

NOWHERE IN THE CLASS

However, Ant is nowhere in the class of the greatest word Smith of all time. He was F.E. Smith, an extremely capable lawyer with a very quick wit. In one matter, the Judge rebuked F.E. for making "an improper remark" which, as Smith retorted, was "Prompted by an equally improper suggestion". Pretending not to pursue that one, the Judge tried to quash the young lawyer by quoting philosopher and former Lord Chancellor, Francis Bacon, "Youth and discretion are ill-wedded companions." F.E., always very quick on the draw, immediately countered, "My Lord, the same Bacon also said that a much-talking judge was like an ill-tuned cymbal." The judge frowned. "Now you are being offensive, Mr Smith," the Judge rebuked. Smith, not to be put down, agreed, "We both are. The difference is that I am trying to be, and you can't help it."

In one case where Smith was conducting a lengthy and complicated matter before a judge he regarded as slow and pedantic, he was forced by the Judge to clarify the issues. Smith did so with a short but very cogent explanation of all the matters and their implica-

tions. Despite this the Judge then stated, "I'm sorry, Mr Smith, but I regret that I am none the wiser." Smith rose wearily to his feet and responded, "Possibly, my lord, but you are better informed." Another Judge, who'd had enough of Smith, demanded respect with, "What do you suppose I am on the Bench for, Mr Smith?" F.E. replied, "It is not for me, Your Honour, to attempt to fathom the inscrutable workings of Providence." My favourite F.E. rejoinder was when in the court he explained to the Judge, "At the time, my client was as drunk as a judge." The Judge quickly interjected, "Mr Smith, I think you'll find the phrase is 'as drunk as a lord'." F.E. returned, "As your Lordship pleases."

I will end all the Smith talk with a final one from F.E. who was once asked by a Judge, "Are you trying to show contempt for this Court, Mr Smith?" F.E. replied, "No, My Lord, I am trying to conceal it."

*Tony Deyal was last seen saying that while the PM seems to be smitten by Smith and not trying to conceal it, a lot of people believe that what is required is a locksmith.*





## PAHO urges increased use of diagnostics, medicines for viral hepatitis

CMC - The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas, including the Caribbean, to rapidly scale-up access to diagnosis and treatment for hepatitis B and C to achieve the goal of elimination in the Region by 2030.

Hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver that can lead to serious disease and death, affects over 10 million people in the Americas. But PAHO said while hepatitis can become chronic, it can be effectively controlled with medicines if detected in time.

The international community is observing World Hepatitis Day on Friday and PAHO said in the Americas, just 18 per cent of those with hepatitis B and 22 per cent of those with hepatitis C are aware they have the condition.

It said of these, just three per cent of those with hepatitis B and 18 per cent with hepatitis C receive treatment.

“This is primarily due to continued under-investment in diagnostics and hepatitis medicines, which, in the case of hepatitis C, can treat the disease in just 12 weeks.

PAHO Director, Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, said while



immunization programmes have enabled the Americas to significantly reduce mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B, “more than 100,000 people die each year due to liver cancer or cirrhosis caused by hepatitis B and C.

“These deaths can be prevented if we increase the offer of testing and treatment services.”

PAHO’s Regional Advisor on Hepatitis Prevention and Control, Dr Leandro Sereno, said one of the main impediments to the treatment of chronic viral hepatitis is the perception that the medicines required are prohibitively expensive for countries.

“However, thanks to the increased availability of generics in the Region,

the cost of treating hepatitis has reduced considerably over the past decade.”

Countries in the region can also purchase medicines to treat hepatitis through the PAHO Regional Revolving Funds – technical cooperation mechanisms for the pooled procurement of life-saving medicines, diagnostics, vaccines, and medical devices.

The patented product to treat hepatitis C is now available at less than half its original cost via the Funds, as are affordable generic options, providing countries with the opportunity to massively scale-up access to treatment.

World Hepatitis Day is observed every year to reflect on progress and achievements in the fight

against hepatitis, as well as on opportunities to address the gaps in efforts to eliminate the disease as a public health concern.

The theme for this year, ‘One life, One liver’, shines light on the silent role of the liver in performing over 500 vital functions to keep us alive. This is why prioritising liver health, and knowing our hepatitis status, is so important, PAHO said.

PAHO said over the past five years, through its Regional Revolving Funds, 38 countries in the region have acquired over 31 million doses of hepatitis B vaccines, 16 countries have procured over 3.8 million diagnostic tests and around 25,000 courses of treatment for hepatitis.



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# Twitter restores Kanye West's account after ban

By Marita Moloney

Kanye West's account has been reinstated on Twitter after an almost eight-month ban over offensive tweets.

The US rapper, known as Ye, was accused of violating the platform's rules prohibiting incitement to violence.

He has not posted anything new since returning to the site, which owner Elon Musk has rebranded to X.

Ye's account now shows his last post on 1 December 2022, a day before it was suspended.

Musk said at the time that Ye had "violated our rule against incitement to violence", and that the account would be suspended.

It came after the musician post-



Kanye West

ed a series of offensive tweets - one of which appeared to show a symbol combining a swastika and the Star of David.

The suspension followed a similar ban two months earlier, when Ye was initially locked out of his Twitter and Instagram accounts after posting anti-Semitic messages in October. Both platforms removed his posts.

In the same month, clothing giant Adidas cut ties with the rapper, saying it did "not tolerate anti-Semitism and any other sort of hate speech".

Ye was also suspended from Instagram for 24 hours in March last year after using a racial slur in reference to comedian Trevor Noah.

Neither X or its billionaire owner Mr Musk have commented publicly on Ye's account reinstatement on Saturday.

Musk reinstated former US President Donald Trump's account last November after conducting a poll with 51.8% voting in favour of the reinstatement.

Trump said he had no interest in returning to the site.

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## Jamaica: Former education minister loses judicial review

CMC - Five people, including former Education Minister Ruel Reid and the former president of the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) were told on Friday that they would have a case to answer following the judicial review of their criminal charges.

“The court finds that the claimants have not satisfied the court on a balance of probabilities that the inferior tribunal was biased,” Justice Cresencia Brown-Beckford, said on behalf of the Full Court on Friday.

The Full Court panel of Justices Brown-Beckford, Lisa Palmer-Hamilton and Tricia Hutchinson-Shelly also ruled that the “court considers that the fair-minded and informed observer, who is also sensible and rational would not, on this evidence of a scant acquaintance, many years ago, reasonably apprehend that the learned



Former Education Minister Ruel Reid.

CJPC (Chief Parish Court Judge) did not bring an impartial mind to bear on the adjudication of the case”.

Reid and Pinnock had sought a judicial review of Chief Parish Court Judge Chester Crooks’ ruling that they have a case to answer in a multimillion-dollar fraud matter.

The two had claimed that the judge should not have ruled in the matter as he had admitted to a conflict of interest.

Reid, Pinnock, Reid’s wife Sharen, their daughter Sharelle, and Jamaica Labour Party Councillor for the Brown’s Town Division Kim Brown Lawrence, are implicated in the fraud case.

They were arrested in October 2019 accused of defrauding the Ministry of Education and the Caribbean Maritime University of nearly J\$50 million.

The accused are facing a range of offences, including breaches of the Corruption Prevention Act, conspiracy to defraud, misconduct in a public office at common law and breaches of the Proceeds of Crime Act.

In March 2019, Prime Minister Andrew Holness said he had requested and accepted the resignation of Reid, saying it was done in “keeping with the principles of good governance”.

## American nurse and daughter kidnapped in Haiti

CMC - An American nurse and her daughter, who were kidnapped in Haiti on July 27 remain missing, even as the State Department issue orders for US Officials and their families to leave the country amid worsening clashes between gangs and police.

The Christian humanitarian organisation El Roi Haiti, confirmed in a press release that the 31-year-old American nurse Alex Dorsainvil and her daughter, who were living in Haiti, were kidnapped from the site of the non-gov-

ernmental organisation. “We can confirm that Alix Dorsainvil, the wife of our Director Sandro Dorsainvil, and their child, were kidnapped on Thursday, July 27 in the morning at the NGO site near Port-au-Prince,” the statement said.

President of El Roi Haiti, Jason Brown said Dorsainvil, was their “school and community nurse [and] is known for her unwavering devotion to the suffering people, working tirelessly to relieve sick people in the name of Jesus.”

He said she “is a deeply



loving and compassionate person who considers Haiti as her home and the Haitian people her family and friends.”

On the day of Dorsainvil’s kidnapping, the State Department issued a Level 4 (Do Not Travel) Advisory

on Haiti “due to kidnapping, crime, civil unrest, and poor health care infrastructure.

“US citizens in Haiti should depart Haiti as soon as possible by commercial or other privately available transportation options, in light of the current security

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## SVG opposition says CBI programme can be managed responsibly

CMC - Opposition Leader Godwin Friday continues to clamour for the country to engage in Citizenship by Investment (CBI) programmes saying that the integrity of the programme depends on how it is managed.

He maintains that should his National Democratic Party (NDP) get into government it will institute a CBI programme, even as the United States and the United Kingdom have, in recent times, been bringing pressure to bear on Caribbean nations who operate CBI programmes.

“The integrity of the programme depends on how it is run and how it is managed. And we have lots of other countries in the region who are running programmes — St Kitts since back in the 1980s and so forth, and they continue to do so in a way that meets with the approval of international agencies, governments and so forth,” the opposition leader said.

He said that an NDP administration would implement a model that is “open and transparent and subject

because we understand that if you have a programme of that nature and you don’t manage it properly, you’re basically just ensuring that it is short term.

“It doesn’t make sense not to manage it in an open and transparent way. And that is the approach that we will adopt. We look for the best examples in the region and learn from them because we’re coming late to the game,” Friday said.

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, who has recently returned from a meeting of the European Union and the Community of Latin American and the Caribbean States (CELAC) summit in Brussels, said EU told regional leaders that it will revoke Schengen visa waivers for Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) countries with CBI programmes.

CBI was a central plank of the NDP’s 2020 election campaign even as Gonsalves’ Unity Labour Party (ULP) administration says it remains opposed to such a programme, likening them to selling passports.

This month the United



*Opposition Leader Godwin Friday.*

Kingdom imposed visa requirements for Dominican passport holders.

Visas were also imposed for Honduras, Namibia, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu.

Nationals of these countries will also be required to obtain a Direct Airside Transit Visa if they intend to transit via the UK having booked travel to another country, UK Home Secretary, Suella Braverman said.

“Careful consideration of Dominica’s and Vanuatu’s operation of a citizenship by investment scheme has shown clear and evident abuse of the scheme, including the granting of citizenship to individuals known to pose a risk to the UK,” Braverman said in a statement to the UK Parliament.

In the Caribbean, Dominican Republic, Haiti and

Jamaica passport holders also need a visa to enter or transit the UK.

Following the visa imposition on Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis rolled back a “limited time offer” investment option of US\$150,000 announced a month ago.

Basseterre has raised the investment price for a single applicant to its CBI programme to US\$250,000.

However, in Castries, Deputy Prime Minister Ernest Hilaire dismissed opposition concerns that the UK government would impose visa restrictions on St. Lucian passport holders.

He said that London had clearly stated that its actions were against Dominica.

“They never mentioned St Lucia, never mentioned St Kitts, never mentioned Antigua, never mentioned Grenada.”

Hilaire pointed out that a story from unknown sources has been making the rounds that the UK would impose visa restriction on St Lucia in August, and the other OECS countries in September and October.

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situation and infrastructure challenges. US citizens wishing to depart Port-au-Prince should monitor local news and only do so when considered safe.”

The department said it was issuing the advisory for US citizens to leave Haiti as it could not guarantee that protection could

be provided for them should they remain.

The Associated Press (AP) reported that a statement from the US State Department said it was “aware of the kidnapping of two American nationals in Haiti” and “are in regular contact with the Haitian authorities and we continue to collaborate with them.”



## Niger coup: West African leaders threaten military intervention

BBC - West African leaders have threatened military action against Niger's junta after it took power in a coup last week.

The leaders gave the junta seven days to reinstate President Mohamed Bazoum, who is being held captive.

Earlier, the junta warned it would resist any "plan of aggression against Niger" by regional or Western powers.

Meanwhile hundreds of coup supporters protested outside the French embassy in the capital Niamey.

Leaders from Ecowas, the bloc of West African nations, held crisis talks in Nigeria's capital Abuja on Sunday to discuss the latest coup - which follows army takeovers in neighbouring Mali and Burkina Faso.

A statement read out after the summit said that Ecowas had "zero tolerance" for coups.

The regional bloc would "take all measures necessary to restore constitutional order" if its demands were not met within a week.

"Such measures may include the use of force," and military chiefs are to meet "immediately" to plan for an intervention, the statement added.

The Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel was at the meeting, and said Ecowas had taken decisive action because events in Niger were concerning.

"Niger is playing a key role in fighting terrorism. If Niger stop playing this role this will give more space and more leeway to terrorists to expand in the region," Dr Leonardo Santos Simao told BBC's Newshour programme.

He added that "no official negotiations" were taking place between Ecowas and the country's military



*The coup has prompted concern that Niger, a former French colony, could pivot towards Russia.*

junta. This is the first time Ecowas has threatened military action to reverse the coups that have taken place in the region in recent years.

It last sanctioned military intervention in 2017, when Senegalese troops were deployed to The Gambia to force long-serving ruler Yahya Jammeh to leave office after he refused to accept defeat in elections.

Chad's President Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno has gone to Niamey to tell the junta to step down, Chad's government said.

He is the first foreign leader to visit Niger since the coup, and has met junta deputy leader Gen Salifou Mody.

It is unclear whether he will hold talks with Gen Abdourahmane Tchiani, the head of the presidential guards unit who has declared himself Niger's new ruler.

The West African leaders also announced the immediate enforcement of a no-fly zone over Niger for all commercial flights, the closure of all land borders with the country, and the imposition of financial sanctions against the junta.

Ahead of their meeting, Gen Tchiani warned Ecowas and unnamed Western nations against stepping in.

"We once again reiterate to Ecowas or any other adventurer our firm determination to defend our fatherland," the statement, which was read out on TV, said.

The coup has prompted concern that Niger, a former French colony, could pivot towards Russia.

The ousted president had worked closely with both regional and Western nations to fight militant Islamists.

Burkina Faso and Mali moved closer to Russia after their own coups.

In Niamey, some of the protesters outside the French embassy chanted "Long live Russia", "Long live Putin" and "Down with France", AFP news agency reports.

They also set fire to the walls of the embassy compound.

France would not tolerate any attack on its interests in Niger, and would respond in an "immediate and intractable manner", President Emmanuel Macron's office said in a statement.

Niger's coup has been condemned  
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## Canada wildfire: Firefighter dies tackling British Columbia blaze

By James Gregory

A third firefighter has died in Canada while battling the country's worst wildfire season on record.

Authorities say the firefighter died tackling the Donnie Creek fire near Fort St John, in the western province of British Columbia.

People are evacuating an area further south in the province, near the US border, as fires swirl out of control.

A third of all fires currently raging in Canada are in British Columbia.

So far this season, Canadian wildfires have burned about 30 million acres of land - more than the land area of South Korea or Cuba.

Residents in the town of Osoyoos, in the south of the province, and its surrounding areas were told to evacuate late on Saturday after a fire originating from the northwestern US state of Washington crossed into Canada.

People in the town shared photos of the ap-



An evacuation order is in place in Osoyoos, British Columbia.

proaching fire on social media, including the image above.

Two other firefighters have died in separate incidents this month in what has become Canada's worst wildfire season on record.

A fourth person, the pilot of a helicopter helping with "bucketing" operations, died after a crash in the neighbouring Alberta province last week.

Some 613 of the 990 fires currently active in Canada are considered out of control.

British Columbia's premier David Eby confirmed

the third firefighter's death in a statement on Saturday, saying: "My heart goes out to the family, friends and colleagues of this frontline hero."

Mr Eby said the season this year had been "profoundly awful" and described firefighters making "extraordinary sacrifices... to keep us safe".

In June, firefighters in Nova Scotia on the Atlantic coast battled the province's largest ever wildfire.

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 emissions.

Canada is estimated to be warming twice as fast as the rest of the world and its extreme weather events have become more frequent and intense.

Its wildfires have also sparked pollution alerts across North America, as smoke is blown south along the continent's eastern coast. Smoke has even reached as far as Europe.

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by Western nations, but welcomed by the leader of Russia's Wagner mercenary group Yevgeny Prigozhin, who has reportedly described it as a triumph.

"What happened in Niger is nothing other than the struggle of the people of Niger with their colonisers," he was quoted as saying on a Wagner-affiliated Telegram channel, although

his comments have not been independently verified.

In Mali, the junta has brought in Wagner to help it fight militant Islamists.

France announced the withdrawal of its troops last year amid growing hostility from the junta.

It subsequently moved its regional military headquarters to Niger.

In June, Mali's junta said the UN's

12,000 peacekeepers also had to leave following a decade of countering Islamist militants.

The UN agreed, saying the withdrawal would be completed by the end of the year.

On Saturday, France said it had suspended all development aid and budgetary support to Niger. The European Union and the US have made a similar decision.

## At least 44 killed in Pakistan after explosion at Islamist political rally



BBC - At least 44 people have been killed in an explosion in Pakistan during a rally organised by an Islamist party.

More than 100 people were also injured in the explosion in north-west Bajaur district, where Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) was holding a meeting.

Police told the BBC that they have found evidence suggesting the explosion was a possible suicide attack.

A rescue operation has been completed and all injured have been taken to hospital, officers said.

Officials have warned the death toll may rise further, as 15 people are in a critical condition.

The motivation behind the attack is not yet clear. Security forces have cordoned off the area and an investigation into the explosion is taking place.

Hundreds of people were attending the JUI-F workers' convention on Sunday in the town of Khar, in the Pakistani tribal district of Bajaur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, near the border

with Afghanistan.

Pictures showed hundreds of people gathered under a canopy when the blast happened close to the stage.

One eyewitness said the tent collapsed, trapping people who were desperately trying to escape.

Images broadcast on local TV show ambulances ferrying injured people to hospital, while police confirmed those with serious injuries have been flown by military helicopters to nearby Peshawar for urgent medical treatment.

Authorities have declared a health emergency at the district hospital.

Some badly injured people have been waiting in the hallways of health clinics struggling to cope with the high number of casualties.

A regional leader of the JUI-F, Maulana Ziaullah, was killed in the blast, local officials told the BBC.

JUI-F is a major religious political party and forms part of the government coalition in Pakistan's parliament.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned those responsible

as being terrorists who have "targeted those who speak for Islam, the Quran and Pakistan" and said they would face "real punishment".

"The terrorists are enemies of Pakistan, we will eliminate them from the face of existence," the PM said in a statement.

The political gathering was an opportunity for the JUI-F to rally its support, ahead of an election expected to take place later this year.

While no-one has yet said they carried out the attack, the local branch of Islamic State group (IS) in Pakistan claimed to be behind several attacks this year in Bajaur and has previously claimed targeting JUI-F.

In June, the militants said they were behind the assassination of a party official in the village of Inayat Killi.

IS issued the claim in the name of its "Khorasan Province" branch (ISKP), which operates in Afghanistan and north-west Pakistan. The group also claims attacks in Pakistan in the name of its "Pakistan Province" branch.



## Norway and Switzerland advance, New Zealand and Philippines exit tournament

SYDNEY - Norway powered into the round of 16 at the FIFA Women's World Cup with a 6-0 thrashing of the Philippines on Sunday, but co-hosts New Zealand was knocked out after being held to a 0-0 draw by Switzerland.

In the late match, Manuela Vanegas headed a winner deep in stoppage time as Colombia stunned two-time champions Germany 2-1 in front of a 40,000 crowd in Sydney.

Germany had appeared to escape with a 1-1 draw after an 89th minute penalty from Alexandra Popp.

But an unmarked Vanegas produced a powerful long-range header in the 97th minute to inflict Germany's first group stage defeat in 20 years.

Teenager Linda Caicedo had given Colombia the lead in the 52nd minute after superbly weaving between two defenders before curling a perfectly weighted strike past goalkeeper Merle Frohms.

Colombia has six points after two matches to lead Group H, but is yet to secure qualification into the knockout stages, while Germany and Morocco have three points.

South Korea hasn't been eliminated despite a second straight loss after falling to Morocco 1-0 in Adelaide. Ibtissam Jraidi struck in the sixth minute as Morocco



Morocco players celebrate following the Women's World Cup Group H soccer match between South Korea and Morocco in Adelaide, Australia, Sunday, July 30th, 2023. (AP)

won a Women's World Cup match for the first time.

"We are just so glad that our efforts paid off," said Jraidi. In Group A, Norway had been in disarray after they were upset by New Zealand in the tournament opener then struggled in a goalless draw against Switzerland.

But they ignited their campaign with Sophie Roman Haug scoring a hat-trick in a rout of the Philippines, whose debut tournament ended in sorrow having beaten New Zealand for their first-ever World Cup win.

Roman Haug scored twice and Caroline Graham Hansen got Norway's third goal just before half-time. Norway was relentless in the second half with Alicia

Barker scoring an own goal before Guro Reiten's penalty gave them a 5-0 lead.

Roman Haug put the finishing touches to complete a hat-trick in a result that saw Norway overtake New Zealand on goal difference. Norway will next play the winner of Group C - either Japan or Spain - in Wellington on Saturday.

"We know in our attack, we are strong and have good combination play both on the right side and left side," Norway coach Hege Riise said.

"Today was the day that, when we had the first one, we knew there could be more."

Switzerland will face the Group C runners-up in Auckland after holding New Zealand at bay to secure

Group A's top spot.

The Swiss continued their defensive mastery to suffocate New Zealand in their third straight clean sheet of the tournament.

Jacqui Hand provided New Zealand's best chance in the first half with a volley that smashed into the post, as their campaign ended in heartbreak.

"There are a lot of tears out there, but they should be so proud to finish on four points," said New Zealand captain Ali Riley of her teammates.

"We gave everything. It was a really good performance, especially defensively. We fought really hard."

Co-hosts Australia's hopes will go on the line against Canada in the head-line game today (Monday).

# CWI hosts inaugural High Performance Camp

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced the new West Indies Women's Academy programme with the first High Performance camp scheduled to take place from July 30th to August 13th at the West Indies High Performance Centre at Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) in Antigua.

The West Indies Women's Academy will feature an intake of 16 Women's Rising Stars.

This marks a pivotal moment in the development of West Indies Women's cricket in the region and a key step in the professional journey of the 16 players aspiring to become part of the next generation of West Indies Women's senior players.

The West Indies Women's



CWI's Talent Pathway Manager Steve Liburd, second left, conducts a session with some West Indies women players at the Coolidge Cricket Grounds in Antigua. (CWI Media)

Academy programme will provide a long-term development and coaching plan for these emerging players with the opportunity to learn and train alongside some of the best coaches and mentors in women's cricket.

This first West Indies

Women's Academy camp will focus on refining their skills, enhancing their tactical acumen, and nurturing their mental resilience to prepare them for the challenges of international cricket.

CWI's Talent Pathway Manager Steve Liburd said,

"I feel very proud that the inaugural West Indies Women's Academy has been launched with this first two-week camp in place to start the programme.

"It's taken a lot of planning over the last 18 months, so to see it coming to fruition is a major step forward for the development of the next generation of West Indies Women's cricketers.

"This first Academy camp is going to be different to previous High Performance camps, as it will be more holistic in developing players all-round game."

Liburd added, "Most of the Academy intake are continuing from the West Indies Rising Stars Under 19s team that participated in

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## Leewards lose to Barbados in Under-19 championship

The defending champions Leeward Islands have lost for the second time in three matches in the Cricket West Indies Rising Stars Under-19 Men's Three-Day Championship in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Leeward Islands folded meekly on the final day of their third round match as they crashed to an 85-run defeat against Barbados at the Arnos Vale playing field.

Chasing 168 to win, the Leeward Islands were bundled out for 82 in 31.4 overs in their second innings.

Nathan Sealy grabbed five wickets for 13 runs to end with a match haul of

11 for 44, and Saurav Worrell claimed three for 35. Vice-captain and Antiguan Jewel Andrew, batting at No. 7, top scored with 24.

It was a disappointing outcome for the Leewards, who had taken a narrow 22-run first innings lead over Barbados by scoring 123 in 44.5 overs after dismissing the Bajans for 101 in 46 overs.

Zion Brathwaite struck a top score of 35 in the Bajans first innings, in which Chamiqueko Landerfort captured five for 21, Kimani Nesbitt took three for 38, and off-spinner Onaje Amory snatched two wickets for seven runs.

Opener Michael Palmer got 27, and Antiguan Michael Greaves made 21 in the Leewards first innings. Sealy snapped up six wickets for 31 runs, and Worrell captured three for 39.

Barbados batted much better in their second innings, scoring 189 in 64.3 overs to set the Leewards their victory target of 168 runs.

Achilles Browne struck 44, Nimar Bolden hit 28, Zion Brathwaite got 24, and Sealy made 22.

Landerfort claimed three for 34, Antiguan leg-spinner Micah McKenzie took two for 35, and Amory captured two for 60.





Minister of Sports Honourable Daryll Matthew, left front row, and Director of Sports Heather Samuel-Daley, second left front row, pose with members of the Combined Schools cricket team prior to their departure on their tour to the UK. (File photo)

## Combined Schools team lose second game on UK tour

The Antigua and Barbuda Combined School cricketers have lost their second game on their tour of the United Kingdom.

Their latest defeat came in the form of a seven-wicket loss against an ACE XI at the Shepherds Bush Cricket Club in London.

Set 218 runs to win, the ACE XI, which included Antiguan Essan Warner as an overseas-based player, achieved their victory target by scoring 222 for the loss of

three wickets.

Nico Riefer slammed 101, Charlie Topley slammed 67, and Kamario Grant chipped in with 25. Fast bowler Glenn Williams claimed two wickets for 31 runs, and off-spinner Shamar Pereira picked up one for 25.

David Richardson and captain George Elvin struck half centuries in the Antigua Combined School's total of 217 all-out. Richardson cracked 51, Elvin struck 50, Melique Jacobs hit 25, and

Brent Joseph made 21.

Warren Hodge captured three wickets for 25 runs, Idris Otto-Main picked up two wickets for 39 runs, and Essan Warner claimed one wicket for 38 runs in eight overs.

Following a loss in their opening encounter, the team's second game against an MCC XI at the Crouch End Cricket Club in London was abandoned without play due to rain.

The Antigua and Barbu-

da Combined Schools Cricket Team went under by 193 runs against Loughborough University at the Haslegrave Cricket Ground in Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, in their opening game.

The Antigua Combined Schools will face an All-Star team in another limited-over encounter at the Keyworth Cricket Club in Nottingham, England, today (Monday).

During the tour, the young Antigua Combined Schools team will play 10 matches, including seven one-day games and a T20 encounter in England and two limited-overs matches in Scotland.

The tour will end with a T20 match against the ACE Programme during the second annual English Cricket Board (ECB)-supported Heritage Day on August 13th.

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the inaugural ICC Women's Under19 Cricket World Cup earlier this year.

The West Indies Women's Academy is part of CWI's long term strategic plan to invest in and develop women's cricket across the region and a key stage in the West Indies Player Pathway. By providing a nurturing environment and pathway in which these young players can grow and flourish, CWI aims to create a sustainable pipeline of

talent for the West Indies Women's team. The West Indies Men's Academy was launched in 2022 and will continue in 2023.

**FULLSQUAD:** Asabi Callender, Jahzara Claxton, NaiJanni Cumberbatch, Earnisha Fontaine, Jannillea Glasgow, Realeanna Grimmond, Trishan Holder, Zaida James, Djenaba Joseph, KDJazz Mitchell, Ashmini Munisar, Samara Ramnath, Shalini Samaroo, Steffi Soogrim, Abini St. Jean, and Kate Wilmott.



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## West Indies level series after India crumble

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) - Captain Shai Hope and Keacy Carty combined for a near-century partnership to guide West Indies to a series-leveling six-wicket victory over India in the second One-Day International of a three-match series, after the tourists had a calamitous batting collapse either side of a rain delay at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday.

India slumped to 181 all out before Hope scored an unbeaten 63 off 80 balls and Carty had 48 not out in an unbroken 91-run partnership to lift West Indies to the 182-run target with more than 13 overs to spare. It was West Indies first victory



West Indies' captain Shai Hope celebrates scoring half a century against India during the second ODI cricket match at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Saturday, July 29, 2023. (AP)

over India in an ODI since December 2019.

Left-arm spinner Gu-

dakesh Motie (three for 36) and pacer Romario Shepherd (three for 37) took three wickets apiece for the hosts as India, without the rested Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in Bridgetown, went from 90 without loss to 113 for five in the space of 45 balls before rain caused a length delay.

Ishan Kishan made 55 from as many balls at the top of the order to lead India's disappointing batting effort.

Kyle Mayers bludgeoned 36 off 28 balls to get the host's chase off to a quick start, but India spinner Shardul Thakur (three for 42) took three wickets to reduce West Indies to 72 for three in the 13th over.

When Shimron Hetmy-

er was bowled by Kuldeep Yadav (one for 30) for nine, the West Indies were 91 for four with the game delicately poised.

Hope and Carty then combined to remove any fears of a capitulation as the pair toughed it out against India's spinners to run down the target and level the series.

India had a five-wicket win over the West Indies in the first match at the same venue on Thursday.

The final ODI of the three-match series is slated for tomorrow (Tuesday) at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad. The teams are also scheduled to play five T20 matches, starting on Friday, August 4th.



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Coach Anthony Severin, center, is flanked by his six golden boys who won gold medals at the OECS Invitational Boxing Championship in St. Lucia last weekend. (Uprising Boxing Gym)

## Antiguan boxers finish third at OECS event

All six boxers of the Uprising Gym won gold medals to capture third place for Antigua and Barbuda at the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Invitational Boxing Championships in St. Lucia over the weekend.

Among them is Uriah DeSilva, who won gold with a points decision over a boxer from Grenada and was named the best novice boxer of the championships, which were held at the Vigie Multi-Purpose Sports Complex in Castries on July 28th and 29th.

Taliek Henry secured his gold after the referee stopped the fight against his Grenadian opponent.

His Antiguan team-mate Quanlee

Henry claimed his gold via a walk-over after his St. Lucian opponent withdrew from the fight.

Zalaan Jan secured gold with a split decision over his opponent from Martinique. The other two gold medals were won by Leon Laudat and Osahar Browne after both fighters from the Uprising Gym had their fights stopped by referees.

Host St. Lucia, who won the OECS Boxing Championships in 2017, the last time the competition was held before this year's event, retained the title.

The St. Lucians fielded 19 boxers, the largest contingent at this year's event, which featured a total of 50 box-

ers from six participating countries.

Grenada, which had 10 boxers, the second-largest contingent, came in second ahead of Antigua and Barbuda.

Barbados fielded seven boxers and finished in fourth place. Martinique, which had a contingent of five boxers, came fifth, while Guyana, which had a team of three boxers, finished in the cellar.

The OECS Invitational Boxing Championships, which were called Revival, were organized and hosted by the St. Lucia Boxing Association (SLBA). The boxers competed in junior, novice, senior, and elite categories.