

# MOTORCYCLIST IS COUNTRY'S LATEST ROAD FATALITY

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Three artists have been singled out for their outstanding art pieces submitted in a competition coordinated by the Halo Foundation. Pictured from left: H.E. Lady Williams, President - Halo; Mr. Bernard Richardson, Antigua Grammar School; Ms. Shelleysha Morgan, Villa Primary School; Ms. Kelly Hull, Independent Artist; and H.E. Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General. *Story on page 7.*

## Dominican motorcyclist is the country's latest road fatality

Antigua and Barbuda has recorded another road fatality, with the death early Sunday morning, of Dominican national, Bram Sanderson. He was thirty years old.

According to reports, Sanderson was riding a motorcycle traveling from west to east on the Sir Sydney Walling Highway, when it collided with a pickup truck at the intersection with the American Road just after 3:00 am. The pickup truck was traveling north to south when the accident happened at the intersection controlled by a traffic light. It was not clear whether the motorcyclist or the driver of the pickup failed to obey the traffic light.

A 29-year-old man, Derick Jno Baptiste, known as 'Gyaz,' who was the pillion rider, was thrown from the motorcycle and reportedly landed in the Harney Motors compound. He has been admitted to hospital with multiple injuries.



*Bram Sanderson*

The pick-up driver was not seriously injured. Several vehicles on the compound of the car dealership were said to have received varying degrees of damage.

The Emergency Medical Services arrived on the scene within four minutes of receiving the call. The impact left the 30-year-old with severe injuries, and he died while being transported to the hospital, despite valiant efforts by emergency medical technicians, to save his life.

Sanderson was a multi-discipline athlete from the Commonwealth of Dominica. Over the years, he represented Dominica in several sporting

disciplines and was often described as a multi-talented athlete.

He was the first national athlete to participate in cycling at the commonwealth games when he represented his country in 2018, in Australia. He was also the first Dominican to participate on the global stage in the sport of Kayaking.

Sanderson was also a well-rounded track and field athlete and basketballer.

His death has left the sporting fraternity there thrown into a state of shock with his sudden passing.

Relatives and close companions of Jno Baptiste, confirm he remains in a critical state at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center. He is said to have sustained significant injuries, including damage to his hip, head, and other body parts.

Relatives have also taken to social media asking members of the public to come forward to donate blood for Jno Baptiste.

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## PM Browne makes a strong case for Senator Dwayne George

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has put forward a strong case of why the people of St. Mary's South should vote for newly appointed Senator Dwayne George in the upcoming by-election in that constituency.

Speaking on a special edition of the Browne and Browne show last Friday, PM Browne said the fact that the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party already forms the government, Sen. George, if elected, would be a member of the government and therefore would be in a position to deliver better services to the people of the constituency.

"As far as I am concerned Sen. George should begin to act as the representative; we are already in government and that would not change. It is an opportunity for the people of St. Mary's South to embrace him, as their representative, who is already in government. I am pretty sure too that based on his contributions over the years in that constituency as a volunteer, a man of the people who has trained many over the years, and a man of integrity, I do not doubt that he will be a formidable candidate," he declared.

PM Browne added that while he is not trying to be pre-emptive, he is happy that Senator George has begun the work of delivering for the people of the constituency.

"He has indicated that he has already called the Ministry of Works to get equipment to get several neglected areas addressed. He has been putting pressure on them and getting some early results. The people of St. Mary's South will see a significant difference as he is 'on the ground.' As soon as there is garbage to be removed, he is right there to get it done. He is on the phone calling Solid Waste and we are quite impressed with him so far," he

added.

The prime minister added that when he first met Sen. George he noted that this was an individual with skills that can be put to use for the development of the constituency and the overall society.

"If the people want jobs, if they want services who should they ask, Shugy?" he queried rhetorically.

Sen. George, a lecturer in Economics at the Antigua State College, recently joined the ABLP and he is likely to be nominated as the party's candidate for the by-election. Given his skills and training, the prime minister said he envisions a place for Sen. George in the Ministry of Finance, should he emerge victorious in the by-election.



Newly appointed Senator Dwayne George

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## Wooden structure destroyed by fire on Saturday

A wooden structure, occupied by Dominga Delen and her family at Gordon Street, Villa, was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on Saturday afternoon.

Inspector Lester Bagot reported that on Saturday 12th August 2023 at 5:52 pm the St John's fire station received a call stating that there was a fire at Gordon Street, Villa.

“An immediate response was made, in Number 10 and Number 15 fire tenders. On arrival at the scene, the fire crew met a wooden structure fully engulfed in fire. Water was used from the fire tenders to control and extinguish the fire. The size of the house was 21 feet x 38 feet,” according to Insp. Bagot.

The house along with its contents was destroyed. The fire brigade is investigating the cause of the fire.

Insp. Bagot also reported that there were no injuries as a result of the fire. It was the 275th fire call for the year.



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Mr Cornelius is flanked by Crown Counsel Rashida Jones (left) and Acting Director of Public Prosecutions Shannon Jones Gitens, who both joined him for the locally hosted pre-departure ceremony.



## A&B national named among Eastern Caribbean Chevening Scholars 23/24

Antigua and Barbuda national Curtis Cornelius has been named among 15 awarded Chevening Scholars from across Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

The Chevening Scholars from Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, for the academic year 2023-2024 have been announced by British High Commissioner Scott Fursstedonn-Wood.

The formal announcement was made during a pre-departure event for all scholars held at the British High Commissions in Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, St Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Cornelius joins a prestigious list of scholars from the twin-island state, including parliamentarians, union leaders, and environmental specialists. He will pursue an MSc in Criminology at the University of Leicester.

High Commissioner Scott Fursstedonn-Wood said, “These successful scholars from the Eastern Caribbean studying a wide variety of subjects proves the depth of talent in the region. The Chevening application period opens soon - I encourage all would-be scholars to apply for a Chevening award.”

Meanwhile, the Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda, Lindsay Thompson, who hosted Cornelius during the recently held pre-departure ceremony, encouraged the newly announced Chevening Scholar to do his best and enjoy the many opportunities he will be afforded during his course of study.

Cornelius is now the first male scholar to be announced for Antigua and Barbuda since Kurt Williams in 2017 and the latest for the country since Sharifa George, Jeneice St Ro-

maine, and Malaeka Goodwin for 2021-2022.

The application period for Chevening Scholarships for the academic year 2024-

2025 can be found at [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org). The application period will open in mid-September and will close in mid-November.

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## Empowering Youth and Making an Impact

The Antigua & Barbuda Labour Party Central Youth for Labour (CYFL) marked International Youth Day last Saturday, with an initiative designed to foster a spirit of volunteerism and service among its members.

In a statement issued by CYFL, the organization embarked on this initiative to give back to the community and empower the youth; its members joined forces at The Soup Kitchen to provide a heartfelt and impactful lunch for those in need.

“CYFL demonstrated their commitment to creating positive change in their community by organizing a collaborative effort to serve lunch at The Soup Kitchen. Over 20 enthusiastic young individuals dedicated their time and energy to ensure that the most vulnerable members of society were provided with a nourishing meal,” the release stated.

According to the statement the volunteers went above and beyond in preparing a diverse and delicious lunch spread that showcased both their culinary skills and their compassionate hearts. The menu featured an array of dishes including white dumplings, spaghetti, chop-up, potato salad, coleslaw, fried dumplings, shark, and desserts.

President of the CYFL, Senator



Shenella Govia, shared her inspiring perspective on the importance of service. “Volunteering is more than just contributing time; it’s about sharing a piece of your heart and leaving a lasting impact,” Senator Govia emphasized. She encouraged fellow youth to recognize the power of service and realize how their actions today lay the foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

In a remarkable show of support for the youth’s endeavors, Senator Clement Antonio, Third Vice Chairman of the ABLP and one of the youngest Senators in the Upper House of Parliament, sponsored the day’s lunch menu at The Soup Kitchen.

“Celebrating International Youth Day, CYFL conveyed a resounding message to fellow young individuals.



They celebrated the vigor, energy, and potential of youth and lauded the ABLP’s legacy of nurturing and empowering young leaders. The organization highlighted their track record of appointing groundbreaking young senators, parliamentarians, and diplomats who are reshaping the future with innovative ideas and fresh perspectives,” the media statement indicated.

It said CYFL’s dedication to youth development extends beyond symbolic gestures, as the organization actively engages in community outreach, addresses youth-related issues, and fosters capacity building among young individuals.

Committed to empowering young individuals, addressing their concerns, and fostering growth, CYFL plays a crucial role in shaping the future of Antigua and Barbuda.





First Prize: Fluidity by Shelleysha Morgan, Villa Primary

Second Prize: Mango Season by Kelly Hull, Independent Artist

Third Prize: Beginning by Bernard Richardson, Antigua Grammar School

## Artists win prizes for outstanding work

Three artists have been singled out for their outstanding art pieces submitted in a competition coordinated by the Halo Foundation.

The artists received cash prizes and recognition for their winning

paintings in the Halo Foundation's Royal Drawing School Art Competition. The prizes were presented to the three participants by Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams at a presentation ceremony

held at Government House.

The recipient of the first prize was Shelleysha Morgan, a teacher at the Villa Primary School for her spectacular piece entitled "Fluidity." The

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## Antigua Cruise Port sponsors summer reading programme

Approximately two-hundred and fifty students between 5-17 years old, recently participated in a range of activities from sports to educational field trips.

The occasion was the annual summer programme organized by the National Public Library and sponsored by Antigua Cruise Port, aimed at supporting the development of young minds.

"They were also taught valuable lessons from entrepreneurs, medical professionals, authors, and artisans. Additionally, the students were introduced to the Chinese language – Mandarin and a representative from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecu-



tions advised the students to make wise life decisions," a media release stated.

According to the release, last Friday at the li-

brary, the children were given backpacks and stationery to successfully start the upcoming school year. Director of the National Pub-

lic Library Ryllis Mannix said, "We thought it was a good idea to assist the students with these packages, as some of the parents are facing financial challenges. We thank Antigua Cruise Port for coming onboard and partnering with us."

Antigua Cruise Port Leasing & Marketing Officer Jessica Russell said, "We believe positive outlets for youngsters, during the summer months are essential to youth development and we commend the National Public Library for its commitment to staging this event annually. As an organization, we're keen on education and we're happy to aid in acquiring the tools needed for the children to go back to school."

## Medicinal cannabis company continues its philanthropic work

Antigua Agronomics, a company that operates in the medicinal cannabis space, has continued its philanthropic work with its latest donation to health institutions in Antigua and Barbuda.

In the latest donation, the company presented four barrels of foodstuff and adult-care items for those warded at the Fiennes Institute.

On Friday, one of the directors of Antigua Agronomics, Dwight Iteba Henry along with the attorney for the company, Damien Benjamin, made the formal handover to the Master of the Fiennes Institute, Walton Edwards.

“On behalf of the representative, Steadroy Benjamin, and the people of St. John’s City South, we are grateful that the company Antigua Agronomics has been able to make another donation to an institution in the constituency, of food products and adult incontinence products to the Fiennes Institute. We are extremely grateful for Antigua Agro-



(Left to right) Antigua Agronomics director, Dwight Ateba Henry, Master of Fiennes, Walton Edwards and company attorney, Damien Benjamin at presentation at the Fiennes Institute

nomics for being an outstanding corporate citizen,” the attorney stated.

Master of Fiennes, Walton Edwards thanked the company for the donation, noting that they arrived at a time when their resources were at a low ebb.

“The donation of these items will go a long way as it was made at a time

when some things have been in short supply. Already, we have a commitment from Antigua Agronomics that there will be further donations in the future and we look forward to having a long-term relationship with the company,” he remarked.

Henry, an Antiguan by birth, but who now resides in the UK, said he and his team are motivated by a desire to give back to the society that nurtured him.

“I grew up in Antigua and for a long time I have seen companies come and take and not give back, so I see this as a responsibility to my people to be patriotic and to give back whenever and wherever I can,” Henry declared.

He disclosed that the company is nearing the start of the actual production of the cannabis plant, from which it will extract the various ingredients that it will offer for sale.

Antigua Agronomics is jointly owned by local and foreign interests.

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second prize was presented to Kelly Hull, an independent artist, for the painting “Mango Season.” Bernard Richardson, a teacher at the Antigua Grammar School,

was awarded third prize for his work “Beginning.” The artists were given cheques in the amounts of \$5000, \$3000, and \$1000 respectively.

The paintings were spearheaded a 6-week

exhibited at the annual “Wings of Charity” Fundraiser, held this year at the Dorchester Hotel in London.

The Halo Foundation

teacher’s training programme earlier this year, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, and in partnership with the Jumby Bay Fund.

The classes were held at The Workshop Studio Art Gallery in English Harbour, owned by renowned artist Dina de Brozzi Good-enough. Two tutors from the Royal Drawing School in London conducted the workshop.

This is the second such training session held in Antigua and Barbuda. Information on the 2024 classes will soon be made available to the public.

## Young Destroyer in winner’s circle at LICC

Antigua and Barbuda’s reigning Calypso Monarch, King Young Destroyer placed third or second runner-up in the Leeward Islands Calypso Competition held on Saturday night in Anguilla.

It was King Young Destroyer’s first appearance in the competition which brings together the reigning monarchs from across the Leeward Islands. He rendered

two songs, Back ah de Bus and Defending My Flag in the competition where former Antigua and Barbuda Calypso Monarch, De Bear, who now goes under the stage name, “The Voice,” emerged as the eventual winner. He represented his native country, Montserrat, in the competition.

Defending champion, Roxy, representing Anguilla was first runner-up.



## The Social Model of Disability: What is it?

**Kwasi K Tonge, Ph.D.**  
**Disability Researcher**

The Social Model of Disability is a framework that was developed by people with disabilities for people with disabilities. According to the Social Model, disability is not solely determined by an individual's physical, sensory, intellectual, or mental health differences. Instead, disability is primarily caused by our society's failure to reasonably accommodate and include individuals with impairments. In other words, the Social Model emphasizes that disability is a social construct rather than a personal deficit.

The Social Model originated from the disability rights movement and gained prominence in the late 20th century. It highlights the importance of removing barriers (in societies like ours) and creating an inclusive society that enables individuals with disabilities to participate fully and equally in all aspects of life.

Principles of the Social Model of Disability include:

Disability is caused by social barriers

The model suggests that physical, attitudinal, and institutional barriers, such as inaccessible buildings (many of which may be found in our local town and shopping areas), discriminatory policies (for example, a wheelchair user is not employed, because an employer thinks he/she may not be able to function effectively), negative attitudes (verbal abuse), and lack of appropriate support services (i.e., lack of self-sufficient/independent services) are the primary causes of disability.

Focus on removing barriers

Rather than attempting to "fix" individuals with disabilities, the focus is on identifying and eliminating societal barriers that hinder their full participation and inclusion in everyday activities. This involves:

making changes to the built environment by fixing pathways in our Caribbean cities so that wheelchair users may traverse as non-disabled people do;

Improving the current infrastructure such as accessible parks, banks, and general places of business;

enforcement of existing policies and the creation and implementation of new ones in line with international standards.

changing social attitudes towards people with disabilities, through continued educational programmes to bring about more awareness.

Equality

The Social Model advocates for equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities. It emphasizes the need for society to address systemic discrimination and the promotion of social justice by ensuring equal access to education, employment, healthcare, reasonable accommodation, transportation, and other essential services.

Empowerment, self-advocacy, and individual independence

The model promotes the empowerment of individuals with disabilities, encouraging them to exercise their human rights to free speech, while challenging discrimination, and active participation in decision-making processes. This will further promote the making of independent choices that affect their lives and the overall improvement toward self-sufficiency.

Language and the way we speak  
 The Social Model encourages the use of person-first language, which focuses on the individual rather than the individual's disability. For example, instead of referring to an individual as a "disabled person," the social model suggests that using "person with a disability" puts more emphasis on the idea that disability is not the defining characteristic of an individual.



*Dr. Kwasi Tonge*

Lastly, the Social Model of Disability does not deny the existence of impairments or health conditions but rather shifts the focus to the societal factors that create disability. It has been influential in shaping disability policies, legislation, and advocacy efforts worldwide, promoting a more inclusive and equitable society for people with disabilities.

Conclusion

The Social Model of Disability provides a powerful framework for understanding disability as a social construct rather than an individual deficit. In highlighting the role of societal barriers and attitudes, this model promotes empowerment and human rights for people with disabilities. However, ongoing discussions, advocacy, community buy-in, and policy and legislative revisions are necessary to ensure that the Social Model remains relevant and inclusive in addressing the diverse experiences and needs of people with disabilities in different contexts.

I hope that with continued education and advocacy, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the wider Caribbean will, over a short time, change our way of thinking and how we view persons with disabilities. The change starts with US.

# Opinion



# Tony and the second-oldest profession

By Tony Deyal

With a general election in Trinidad and Tobago on Monday, I was asked by my friends, both local and foreign, “What is the difference between the two major parties, the People’s National Movement (PNM) and the United National Congress (UNC)?” My response was always, “My friend, if the PNM wins it is a case of people exploiting people. And, if the UNC wins, it’s the other way around.” One of them also asked, “When you say it is a general election, is it for old soldiers only?” I replied, “As far as I know, old soldiers never die. Most of them fade away and the others lose their deposits internally and externally.” My friend asked laughing, “So they are demoted to LOO-tenants?”

While I am no longer for either side, or any side in the games people play, I agree in principle with the same friend who continued, “Listen, in the whole Caribbean, instead of politicians, we should let the monkeys govern the countries; at least they will thief only the bananas.” So I told him that bananas is “fig-urative” speech, and asked, “What is the difference between a politician and a catfish.” No answer, so I took him out of his misery, “One is a bottom-dwelling, scum-sucking scavenger and the other is a fish.” Even Ronald Reagan, a former president of the United States, wasn’t kind to himself and his colleagues. So he could have been acting when he quipped, “Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realise that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.” Many people do not totally support Reagan. Among those placed

“second” are journalists, pirates, press agents and gangsters. According to one of my friends, “Tony, but isn’t that the same thing?”

That opened the floodgates and, for the rest of the day, other friends called in with quips and questions like, “You know why the Government is so set against people who steal, lie and cheat? They hate competition.” “Some politicians are so crooked, they could eat soup with a corkscrew!” “What is the difference between politicians and flying pigs? The letter ‘f’.” “Do honest politicians exist? Of course! But they are the most expensive!” And, one of my favourites, “What is the definition of a politician? A person whose skin is so thick he or she can stand upright even without a spine.”

## LIGHT-HEARTED

That was it for me. Generally, all our Caribbean people are known for being light-hearted, taking things light and also being light years ahead of the citizens of other countries in their tolerance and inventiveness. However, in times like these, with an election fever worse than dengue and COVID-19 put together, the majority of people become alight with political fictions, and split into frictions and factions. As elections get nearer, trying to get to the truth is like attempting to nail a drop of water to a wall. This is because most of the time many people in Trinidad don’t have water in their taps. However, at election time, there is water for all but it is then that the walls are littered with ‘pamphlets’ and posters telling you who to vote for. Like now, almost all the political heat in T&T is about corruption. While I believe that the Caribbean, especially T&T, has the



Tony Deyal

best politicians money can buy, there is still some contention about honesty or whether those that have been bought will remain bought. The people who, apart from the politicians, always do well are the ‘contractors’.

There is a story that a previous Trinidad government put out a tender around the world for a bridge near the sea that had collapsed and needed quick repairs. The Germans came in with a bid of US\$60 million. The Chinese came in asking for US\$10 million. A Trinidad company came in with \$50 million and got the contract. When asked by one of their colleagues, who was supplying a lot of the trucks for the job, “How were you able to get this contract despite the Chinese being so low with their price?” the Trini explained with a laugh, “Easy! It was \$20 million for us, \$20 million for the politicians and we give the job to the Chinese.” One thing I can tell you is that, in terms of contractor jokes, T&T will never run out of material. That is why the first truth about politics is that it is a word made up of two parts or ‘roots’. The first is ‘poli’ which, in Latin, means ‘many’, and the second

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part is 'tics' which means 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Even the Webster's New World Dictionary defines "politics" as "the science and art. of political government". Others add, "crafty or unprincipled methods" and "factional scheming for power and status within a group". It is no wonder that the term politician is "frequently used in a derogatory sense, with implications of seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming, opportunism and so on". Some people have even said that a politician is like a contraceptive; he gives you a sense of security while you're being screwed. That is why whoever decided to apply the acronym 'HOGS' for our Caribbean 'heads of governments' was just adding value to the CARICOM-mess which supposedly holds us together.

Earlier this week, in an editorial

titled 'Voters must call time out on bacchanal politics', a T&T newspaper started with, "Politicians campaigning for the local government polls are, unfortunately, preparing the ground for an intensification of racial disharmony, even violence. Having done so, they then seek to be holier than thou and point accusing fingers at their opponents. If it did not have the potential for catastrophe, it would be funny." Unfortunately, that paper and all the others in T&T specialise in singles. There articles are to me what the Japanese call a "one-shot manga". If the prime minister or opposition leader or any other high-ranking politician says something - anything - he, she, or even it, gets the whole page. Then, subsequently, if it ever happens at all, those people who were mentioned or, for that matter, claimed to have been maligned, finally get a chance to respond or be misunderstood.

This is why I thought of a story that would be a good ending and an even better start before all hell (of votes, quarrels, hard talk and articles) breaks loose before Monday. A busload of politicians and their media 'coverage' were heading down a country road when suddenly the bus ran off the path and crashed into a tree in an old farmer's field. The old farmer, after seeing what happened, went over to investigate. He then proceeded to dig a hole and bury everyone in the vehicle. A few days later, the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus, and then asked the old farmer, "Were they all dead?" The old farmer replied, "Well, some of them, especially the journalists, said they weren't, but you know how all of them, the talkers and the writers especially, lie like hell."

*Tony Deyal was last seen asking "What does a politician do when he dies?" He lies still.*



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## Why US tech giants are threatening to quit the UK

By Zoe Kleinman

It was difficult to maintain a poker face when the leader of a big US tech firm I was chatting to said there was a definite tipping point at which the firm would exit the UK.

I could see my own surprise mirrored on the faces of the other people in the room - many of whom worked there.

They hadn't heard this before either, one told me afterwards.

I can't tell you who it was but it's a brand you would probably recognise.

I've been doing this job for long enough to recognise a petulant tech ego when I meet one. From Big Tech, there's often big talk. But this felt different.

It reflected a sentiment I have been hearing quite loudly of late, from this lucrative and powerful US-based sector.

Many of these companies are increasingly fed up.

Their "tipping point" is UK regulation - and it's coming at them thick and fast.

The Online Safety Bill is due to pass in the autumn. Aimed at protecting children, it lays down strict rules around policing social media content, with high financial penalties and prison time for individual tech execs if the firms fail to com-



Silicon Valley is a region in California home to many big US tech firms valued at trillions of dollars.

ply.

One clause that has proved particularly controversial is a proposal that encrypted messages, which includes those sent on WhatsApp, can be read and handed over to law enforcement by the platforms they are sent on, if there is deemed to be a national security or child protection risk.

The NSPCC children's charity has described encrypted messaging apps as the "front line" of where child abuse images are shared, but it is also seen as an essential security tool for activists, journalists and politicians.

Currently messaging apps like WhatsApp, Proton and Signal, which offer this encryption, cannot see the

content of these messages themselves.

WhatsApp and Signal have both threatened to quit the UK market over this demand.

The Digital Markets Bill is also making its way through Parliament. It proposes that the UK's competition watchdog selects large companies like Amazon and Microsoft, gives them rules to comply with and sets punishments if they don't.

Several firms have told me they feel this gives an unprecedented amount of power to a single body.

Microsoft reacted furiously when the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) chose to block its acquisition of the video game giant Activision Blizzard.

"There's a clear message here - the European Union is a more attractive place to start a business than the United Kingdom," raged chief executive Brad Smith. The CMA has since re-opened negotiations with Microsoft.

This is especially damning because the EU is also introducing strict rules in the same vein - but it is collectively a much larger and therefore more valuable market.

In the UK, proposed amendments to the Investigatory Powers Act, which included tech firms getting Home Office approval for new security features before worldwide release, incensed Apple so much that it threatened to remove Facetime

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and iMessage from the UK if they go through.

Clearly the UK cannot, and should not, be held to ransom by US tech giants. But the services they provide are widely used by millions of people. And rightly or wrongly, there is no UK-based alternative to those services.

Against this backdrop, we have a self-proclaimed pro-tech prime minister, Rishi Sunak. He is trying to entice the lucrative artificial intelligence sector - also largely US-based - to set up camp in the UK. A handful of them - Palantir, OpenAI and Anthropic - have agreed to open London headquarters.

But in California's Silicon Valley, some say that the goodwill is souring.

"There is growing irritation here about the UK and EU trying to rein in Big Tech... that's seen as less about ethical behaviour and more about jealousy and tying down foreign competition," says tech veteran Michael Malone.

British entrepreneur Mustafa Suleyman, the co-founder of DeepMind, has chosen to locate his new company InflectionAI in California, rather than the UK.

It's a difficult line to tread. Big Tech hasn't exactly covered itself in glory with past behaviours - and lots of people feel regulation and accountability is long overdue.

Also, we shouldn't con-

fuse "pro-innovation" with "pro-Big Tech" warns Professor Neil Lawrence, a Cambridge University academic who has previously acted as an advisor to the CMA.

"Pro-innovation regulation is about ensuring that there's space for smaller companies and start-ups to participate in emerging digital markets", he said.

Other experts are concerned that those writing the rules do not understand the rapidly-evolving technology they are trying to harness.

"There are some people in government who've got very deep [tech] knowledge, but just not enough

of them," said economist Dame Diane Coyle.

"And so [all] this legislation has been going through Parliament in a manner that seems to technical experts, like some of my colleagues, not particularly well-informed, and putting at risk some of the services that people in this country value very highly."

If UK law-makers don't understand the tech, there are experts willing to advise.

But many of those feel ignored.

Professor Alan Woodward is a cyber-security expert at Surrey University whose has worked various posts at GCHQ, the UK's

intelligence, security and cyber agency.

"So many of us have signed letters, given formal evidence to committees, directly offered to advise - either the government doesn't understand or doesn't want to listen," he said.

"Ignorance combined with arrogance is a dangerous mix."

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology said that it had "worked hand-in-hand with industry and experts from around the world to develop changes to the tech sector", including during the development of the Online Safety Bill and the Digital Markets Bill.

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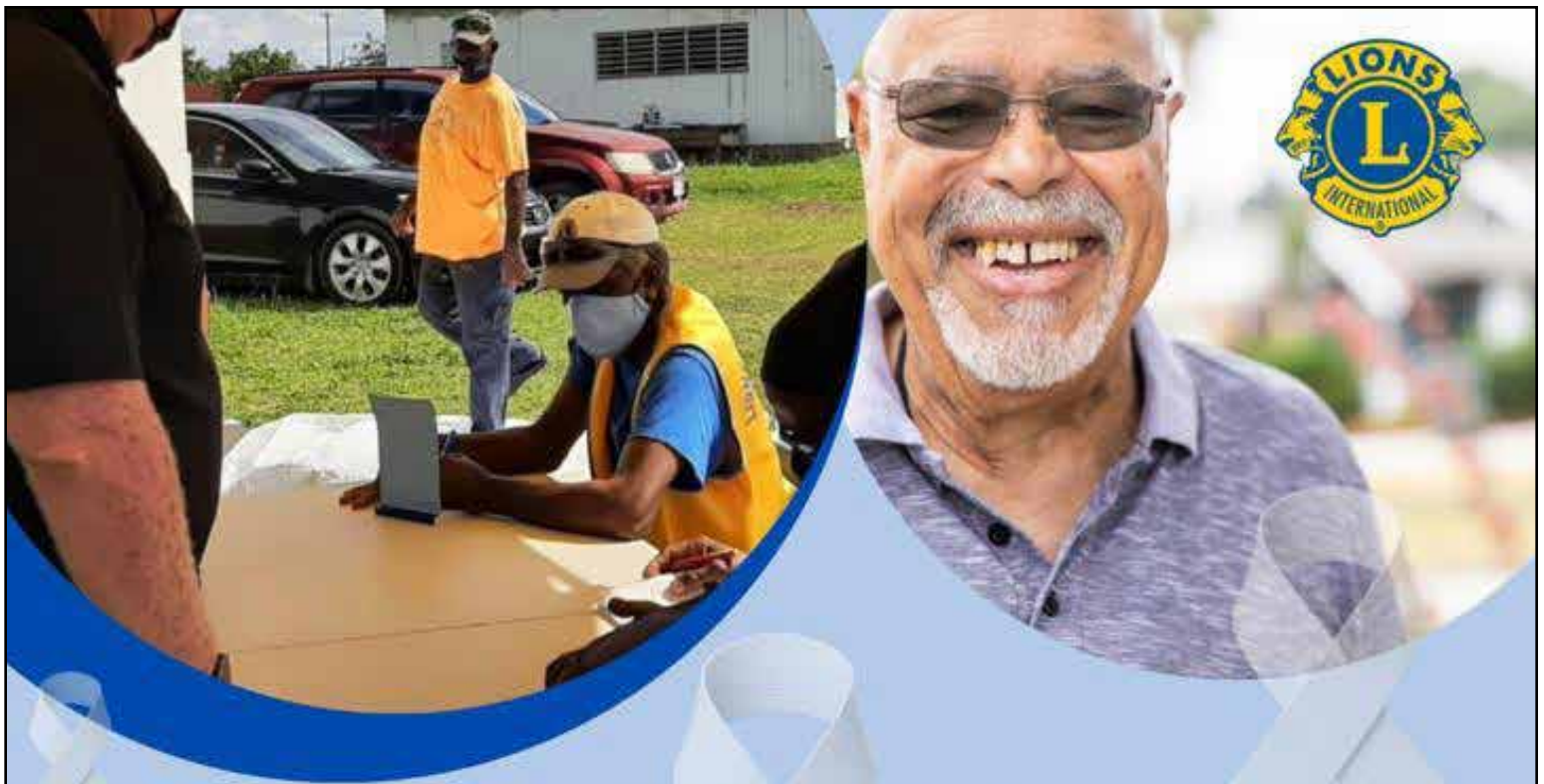
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## We can't take any more, says NHS as doctors strike

By Nick Triggle

Junior doctors have started a four-day walkout, with health bosses warning the NHS cannot take any more disruption.

The strike by members of the British Medical Association (BMA) began at 07:00 BST and lasts until Tuesday.

It is the junior doctors' fifth strike in the pay dispute in England.

NHS Providers said services were at tipping point because covering the junior doctor strikes had cost an estimated £1bn, as well leading to thousands of postponed treatments.

Sir Julian Hartley, chief executive of NHS Providers, which represents hospital bosses, said he was very worried about the severe disruption that would be seen during this latest strike and the two-day walkout by consultants planned later in August.

"We could be close to a tipping point," he said, adding: "Trusts and staff are pulling out all the stops but, with no end to strikes in sight, the sheer volume of planned treatment being put back due to industrial action will make it almost impossible for trusts to cut waiting lists as much as the government wants."

The £1bn cost has been accrued from lost productivity, preparing and planning



The four-day strike in England is in protest over junior doctors' pay.

for strikes and paying premium rates to consultants to provide cover.

Junior doctors, who make up nearly half the medical workforce, have been walking out of both emergency and planned care during their strikes.

During the strike, patients are advised to contact NHS 111 or the nearest pharmacy for more minor health concerns, although A&E departments remain open if needed.

People will be contacted if their appointment has to be rescheduled. GP and community appointments are unlikely to be affected.

The BMA has asked for a 35% pay rise to make up for what it says are 15 years of below-inflation wage rises.

The government gave ju-

nior doctors 6% plus £1,250, which works out at an average of nearly 9%.

Ministers have said there will be no more talks as that was the final settlement, pointing out they had agreed to pay what the independent pay review body had recommended.

So far, nearly 780,000 hospital appointments have had to be postponed because of strike action by NHS staff since December.

NHS England said that was a factor in the rising number of people waiting for treatment.

Figures released on Thursday showed the hospital backlog had topped 7.5 million for the first time, meaning nearly one in seven people are on a hospital waiting list.

One patient who has been

affected is Margaret Gotheridge, 81, from Nottingham, who needs her pacemaker replacing.

She had an appointment cancelled because of the consultants' strike in July and has another arranged for Monday during the junior doctors' strike.

Instead of taking the chance of it being cancelled she decided to pay for it to be done privately.

"I couldn't take the risk," she said, adding that she appreciated doctors had lost out on pay but described the 35% pay demand as "ridiculous".

The co-chair of the BMA's junior doctors committee branded a recent meeting with Mr Barclay "pointless and irrelevant".

Speaking on BBC Radio

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# Regional News



## CDB approves US\$750,000 to coordinate regional emergency assistance

Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) Borrowing Member Countries (BMC's) will soon be able to prepare for and respond more effectively to emergency situations, following approval of a US\$750,000 grant to support the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in coordinating emergency assistance.

CDB's support will strengthen CDEMA's capacity to supplement national emergency response operations when a country experiences a hazard event.

Initiatives to be undertaken involve training of emergency response personnel, including social and gender experts to work with national teams.

CDEMA will also facilitate greater technical support for national disaster management entities through the development of Country Work Programmes.

The assistance is timely, particularly in light of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published in 2022, which indicated that small island states are increasingly likely to be affected by the "most intense tropical cyclones, storm surges, droughts and changing precipitation patterns."



CDB's Director of Projects, Daniel Best explained that these hazards "can result in significant economic, social, environmental damage and loss, and significant reconstruction costs for BMCs".

"Hazard events also adversely affect people's mental health and often those most severely affected are individuals from low-income households or communities. Therefore, it is pivotal for substantial disaster mechanisms to be put in place to enable our BMCs to recover swiftly, post-impact," he said.

Commonly, after a disaster, a country's various individual sectors compete for the limited resources

necessary for national development, which can hinder economic growth and sustainable development. Bolstering CDEMA's capacity to augment national support systems will reduce vulnerability and alleviate some of the social and financial burdens experienced at the individual community and national levels in the event of a hazard.

The collaboration with CDEMA continues CDB's drive to increase resilience and the adaptive capacity to disaster risk and climate change impacts in the Region.

In addition, it is anticipated that implementing well-coordinated, timely recovery mechanisms will boost environmental resilience.

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4's Today programme this morning, Dr Robert Laurenson said junior doctors are always ready to talk to avert strikes but want any deal to reflect a 31.7% loss in pay since 2008.

He added: "What is interesting is that there was a report that came out today that said that the cost of the action so far has been about £1bn, which is about what it would have cost to settle this

back in October last year.

"So now we are moving into ideological and frankly indignant sort of territory when it comes to dealing with this government."

Health Secretary Steve Barclay said: "Patients are bearing the brunt of the impact of continuous strikes across the NHS and further action by the BMA will cause more appointments and procedures to be postponed.

"My door is always open to discuss how to improve doctors' working lives but this pay award is final so I urge the BMA to end its strikes immediately."

BMA leader Prof Philip Banfield said blaming doctors for the rising waiting list was a "deliberate case of obfuscation".

He said: "The government was presiding over this problem long before any industrial action - waiting lists

were steadily getting worse for the decade leading up to the pandemic arriving.

"In fact, it is these waiting lists - and doctors being unable to do their jobs because of underinvestment, workforce shortages and rota gaps - that lie behind the strikes they're being forced to take now."

He urged the government to get back to the negotiating table and put forward a "credible offer".



## Shocking shooting incident leaves one dead in Anguilla

A fatal shooting has been recorded on the island of Anguilla. It reportedly happened near the Parade of Troupes.

According to the Royal Anguilla Police Force, the incident occurred at the Fair Play Complex in The Valley around 6 pm on Friday. It said as a result, there are two victims and one person deceased.

The Acting Governor and the Premier in a statement said they are deeply shocked by the shooting incident that occurred at the Fair Play Complex in The Valley and particularly concerned and saddened by the fatality involved.

They expressed their sympathies to the family of the deceased, and request respect for the family's privacy.

The Acting Governor, Paul Candler, commented:

"I am deeply upset by the deplorable act of violence which took place today at the Parade of Troupes, which I enjoyed this afternoon with so many other people, after such a wonderful week of festivity and togetherness. We will hold those responsible fully to account and must not let this outrage, and the scourge of gun crime more generally, impact on the lives of the vast



majority of peaceful people in Anguilla. I urge the whole community to come together in condemnation of the tiny criminal element on this overwhelmingly peaceful and secure island. I implore anyone with information that can help the RAPF please to report it now via the confidential helpline".

Meanwhile, Premier, Ellis L Webster said:

"It is most disheartening that this week celebrating freedom and cultural expression has been marred by senseless gun violence. I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased. Please be assured

that this is not taken lightly. This type of tragedy cannot be tolerated in our communities. I have confidence that the RAPF is investigating this fully and is pursuing strategies to eliminate these types of crimes."

The Royal Anguilla Police Force (RAPF) is actively and urgently investigating the incident and is keeping both the Acting Governor and Premier closely apprised of developments. The National Security Council will meet to discuss the situation and the public will be kept informed of developments, including at a media conference on Monday.

## Puerto Rico: Former cop jailed for stealing guns and ammunition

A former police officer in Puerto Rico was sentenced to eight years in prison on Tuesday for stealing 54 guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition from the Puerto Rico Police Bureau (PRPB) headquarters in Guayama.

William Cintrón-Rivera was convicted of multi-

ple firearms violations and tampering with witnesses in April 2023.

Prosecutors said that Cintrón-Rivera, who went by the alias "El Kid/Kid" stole the guns and ammunition from the PRPB headquarters on July 17, 2019, while he was still a police officer.

Prosecutors said Cintrón-Rivera attempted to intimidate and corruptly persuade a female to provide false information to federal investigators regarding the nature and duration of their relationship; his whereabouts during the timeframe of the theft; the identity of an alleged infor-

mant and their communications.

Cintrón-Rivera was arrested in September 2019 after a federal investigation.

In addition to the prison sentence, Cintrón-Rivera was also ordered to forfeit his position as a PRPB officer and to pay \$48,624 in restitution to the PRPB.

## Ecuador: Thousands of soldiers move gang leader Fito

By Antoinette Radford

Thousands of Ecuadorian soldiers and police have been involved in a dawn operation to move a notorious gang leader to a maximum security jail.

Jose Adolfo Macias, known as “Fito” is accused of sending death threats to Ecuador’s murdered presidential candidate, Fernando Villavicencio.

The anti-corruption campaigner was shot three times in the head leaving a campaign rally on Wednesday.

Before his murder Mr Villavicencio said he had been threatened by Fito.

“If I continue... mentioning Los Choneros [the gang], they are going to break me,” he said.



Ecuador's security forces shared photos of the raid on social media.

His death has shocked a nation that has largely escaped the decades of drug-gang violence, cartel wars and corruption that has blighted many

of its neighbours. Crime has however shot up in recent years, fuelled by the growth of Colombian and Mexican drug cartels.

On Sunday, his Construye party announced Christian Zurita, another journalist, would replace Mr Villavicencio as its presidential candidate.

This was a reversal from Saturday when the slain politician’s running mate, Andrea Gonzalez, had been named.

Mr Villavicencio’s widow Veronica Sarauz said she held the state responsible for her husband’s death that she was unhappy Ms Gonzalez had been named as her husband’s replacement.

Mr Villavicencio’s campaign focused on corruption and drugs. He was one of the only candidates to allege links between organised crime and Ecuadorian government officials.

The day before his assassination, he complained to the Public Prosecutor’s Office about alleged irregularities in oil contracts negotiated during former president Rafael Correa’s administration which had cost the country

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## Miss Universe Organisation cuts Indonesia ties over sex abuse claims

Miss Universe Organisation (MUO) has cut ties with its Indonesian franchise after several contestants alleged sexual abuse days before the pageant's crowning ceremony in Jakarta.

Contestants said finalists were unexpectedly asked to strip for "a body check for scars and cellulite" and some said they were photographed topless.

The US-based MUO said it was clear the franchise had not lived up to its brand standards, ethics, or expectations.

Jakarta police are probing the claims.

MUO also said it was also cancelling this year's pageant in Malaysia which is run by the same company, PT Capella Swastika Karya.

Miss Universe Organisation thanked the women that filed the complaints for their bravery and reiterated "providing a safe place for women" was its priority.

It said it was evaluating its policies and procedures to avoid similar occurrences and said there were no measurement or body dimensions requirements



to join its pageants worldwide.

"In light of what we have learned took place at Miss Universe Indonesia, it has become clear that this franchise has not lived up to our brand standards, ethics, or expectations," MUO posted on Saturday night.

Miss Universe, which is now on its 73rd edition, is popular in South-east Asia, especially in Indonesia, the

Philippines and Thailand, where winners go on to become celebrities and social media influencers.

Its owner Anne Jakrajutatip, a Thai transgender woman and media mogul, has sought to revamp the brand to make it more inclusive by allowing married women, transgender women and single mothers to compete.

Poppy Capella, Indone-

sia's franchise director said on Instagram that she had "never known, ordered, requested or allowed anyone who played a role and participated in the process of organizing Miss Universe Indonesia 2023 to commit violence or sexual harassment through body checking".

She also added that she was against "any form of violence or sexual harassment."

Indonesia's Ms Fabienne Nicole Groeneveld who who won the contest to represent her country in the 2023 Miss Universe finals in November will compete with the organisation's support, MUO said.

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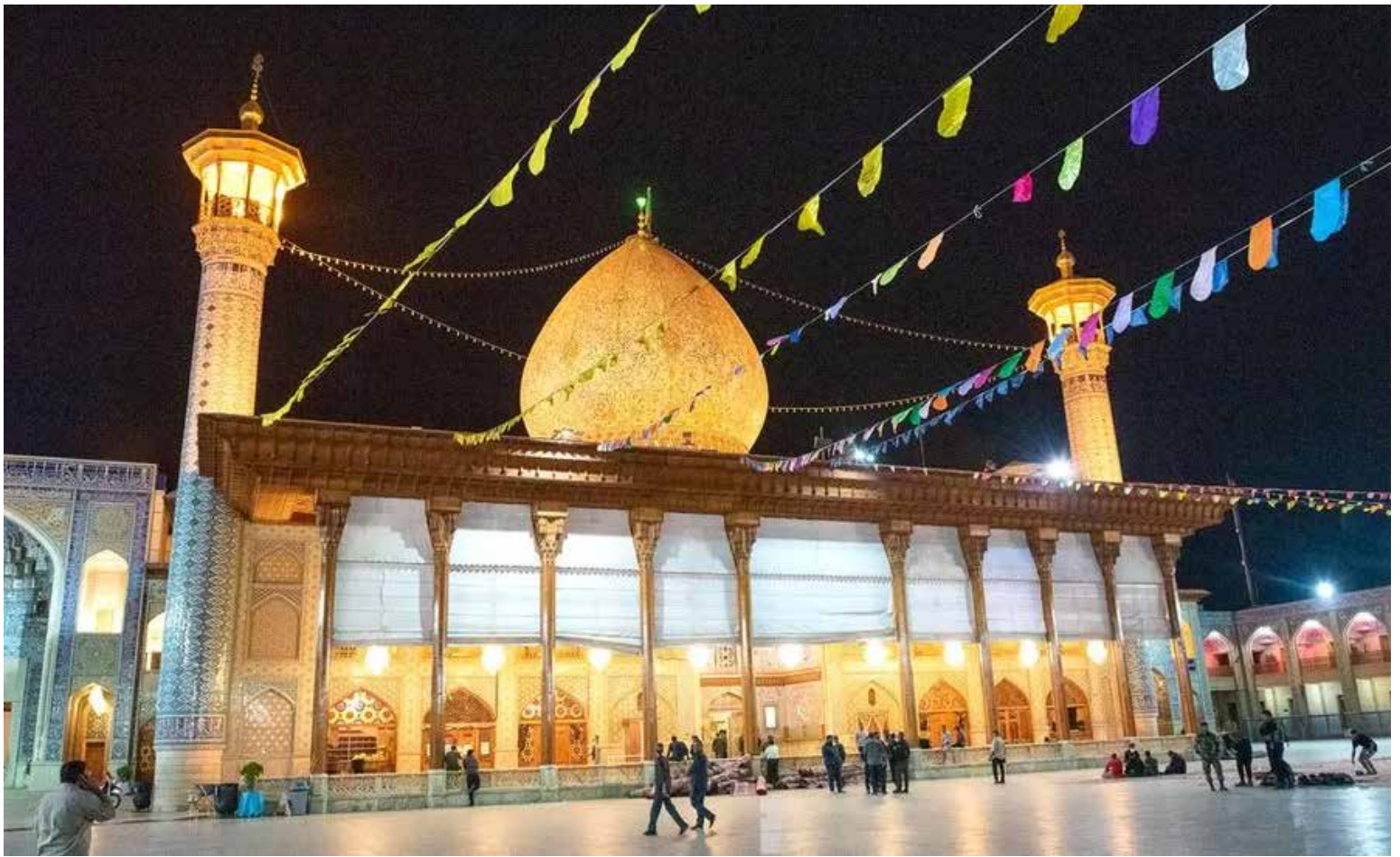
US \$9bn (£7 bn).

Six Colombians have been arrested in connection with the murder, while a seventh was killed in a shootout. The authorities have not said who hired and paid the hitmen.

Gang leader Fito had been held in Pris-

on 8 in Guayaquil since 2011, and videos shared by security forces showed him handcuffed in his underwear as security forces moved him to another facility.

Ecuador's President Guillermo Lasso said Fito had been moved to La Roca, a 150-person maximum security prison that is part of the same complex.



The Shah Cheragh Shrine was also attacked last year, with 13 people killed.

## Iran attack: Shiraz shrine shooting leaves at least one dead

By Graeme Baker

One person was reported killed and eight wounded in a “terrorist” attack at a shrine in the Iranian city of Shiraz, state media reported on Sunday.

The official IRNA news agency said a gunman attempted to enter the Shah Cheragh shrine and opened fire on visitors before he could be subdued.

Shah Cheragh was the scene of another attack in October, claimed by Islamic State (IS), when 13 people died.

No group has immediately claimed the latest attack.

State media originally stated two attackers were involved and four people had been killed, but revised the figures to a lone attacker, one dead and eight injured.

Yadollah Bouali, the regional Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps

commander, told State TV that “a terrorist entered the gate of the shrine and opened fire with a battle rifle”.

The semi-official Fars news agency meanwhile said that the gunman had tried to enter the shrine from the Bab al-Mahdi door but was met with “resistance” from “protection forces”.

Witnesses told Fars that a gunman began to shoot indiscriminately after being confronted.

Tasnim, another semi-official news organisation, said that at least seven people were wounded and shops in the area had been closed. State TV said the shrine area had been cordoned off by security forces.

Pictures from Tasnim showed bullet holes in what appeared to be the barred windows at the entrance to the shrine, one of Iran’s most important

pilgrimage sites.

The shrine includes the tombs of two sons of the seventh Shia Imam Musa al-Kadhim, who are also the brothers of the eighth Imam Ali al-Rida.

Last month, Iran executed two people alleged to have helped carry out the October attack. The main protagonist, identified as an Afghan national in his 30s named Hamed Badakhshan, was killed at the scene in the attack.

Three other defendants were sentenced to prison for up to 25 years for their membership of IS.

IS has claimed previous attacks in Iran, including the deadly twin bombings in 2017 that targeted the country’s parliament and the tomb of the Islamic Republic’s founder, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

## Black Hawks remain on course to retain Super40 Cup

Defending champions PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks remained on course for a successful title defense of the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) Super40 Cup.

Liberta ended the preliminary rounds with an unbeaten record of eight wins in as many matches to finish at the top of the standings with 32 points heading into the semi-finals.

The Black Hawks kept their unbeaten record intact by soaring to a three-wicket victory over the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles at the Bethesda playing field in the final round of matches in the preliminary phase of the limited overs competition on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles were restricted to 120 for seven off 33 overs after they lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Shacoy Floyd made 32, while captain and left-arm spinner Kadeem Phillip snapped up four wickets for 10 runs in seven overs.

The Black Hawks achieved victory by scoring 123 for seven in 27.5 overs, with Malique Walsh getting 25 not out. Tiari Tonge had two wickets for three runs, and skipper Deran Benta picked up two for 19 in seven overs.

The Empire Nation finished second in the standings on 28 points after

trouncing the All Saints Pythons by nine wickets at the Rising Sun playing field in St. John's.

All Saints, playing with only nine players, were bundled out for 33 in 13.4 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat. Tyrone Williams Jr. snapped up four for 13, and Javaughn James picked up two wickets for six runs.

Empire Nation then coasted to victory at 36 for one in just 4.5 overs, with opener Damian Lowenfield hitting an unbeaten 29 off 20 balls with six fours.

The WES Rising Sun Spartans snatched a two-wicket win against the Pigotts Crushers at the Pigotts playing field.

Sent in to bat after losing the toss, the Pigotts Crushers were dismissed for 118 in 33.4 overs. Joshua Grant hit a top score of 32, while openers Uri Smith and Kadeem Henry chipped in with 24 and 20, respectively.

Martin Singh snapped up four wickets for 12 runs, Michael Harilall picked up three for 21, and Tassilo Allen claimed two for 28.

The Rising Sun Spartans secured victory by scoring 120 for eight in 24 overs. Richie Thomas slammed 42 off 31 balls, with four sixes and two fours, and opener Junior Henry struck 40 off 34 deliveries, with five fours and a six. Demari



Liberta Black Hawks left-arm spinner Kadeem Phillip. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

Benta captured six wickets for 31 runs in eight overs.

The New Winthorpes Lions ended their campaign by snatching an 18-run victory against the Jennings Tigers in their final outing at the New Winthorpes playing field.

Sent in to bat in a match reduced to a T20 affair due to rain, the Lions were dismissed for 109 in 19.4 overs,

with Keeshan Daawuud getting 34. Fast bowler Jedidiah Martin snapped up four for 28, and Nicolas Tappin bagged three for 10.

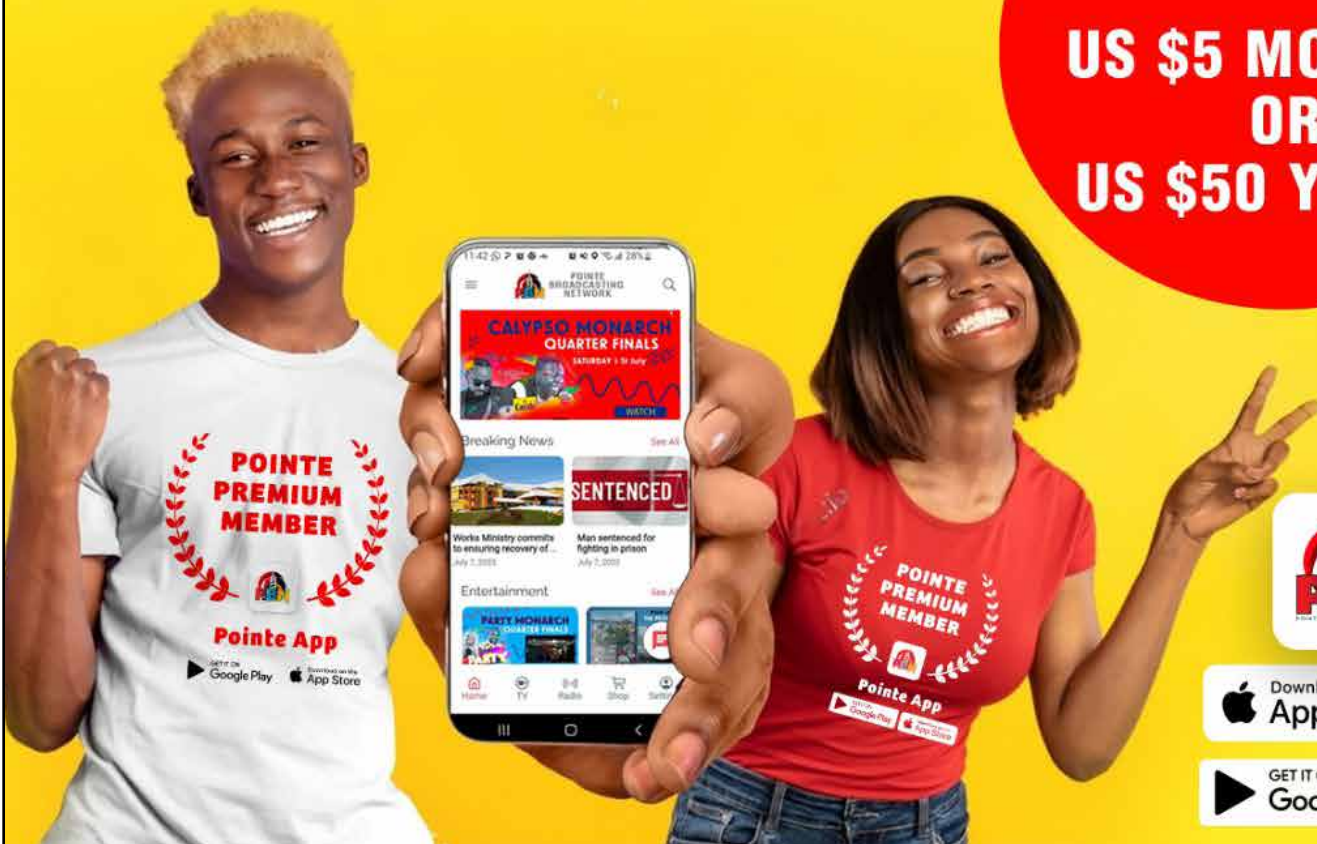
In reply, the Jennings Tigers crashed to 91 all-out in 19 overs. Ismael Peters picked up three for 12, Orandel Boston claimed two wickets for eight runs, and captain Nino Henry captured two for 18.

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The Leeward Islands Men's Under-17 cricket team. (LICB)

## Leewards make losing start to regional U-17 tournament

The Leeward Islands got off to a losing start in their campaign in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50-Overs tournament in Trinidad and Tobago on Saturday.

The Leeward Islands lost by eight wickets against Jamaica in their opening encounter at Inshan Ali Park.

The Leeward Islands, which won the toss and opted to bat, were dismissed for 112 in 40.5 overs. Deantre Drew got 19, Ozan Williams made 18, and Jared Ino Baptiste scored 16.

Omari Wedderburn, who was named man of the match, grabbed five wickets for 25 runs in 10 overs; Demarco Scott picked up two wickets for nine runs; and Aan Ellis took two for 20 in eight overs.

Jamaica then cruised to victory at 113 for two in 22.1 overs. Captain Bri-

an Barnes hammered an unbeaten 46 off 35 balls, with five fours and two sixes. Scott contributed 29, and opener Tyriek Bryan chipped in with 17.

There were opening-round wins for Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago in the other two first-round matches.

Barbados prevailed by four wickets against Guyana at Gilbert Park. Guyana were bundled out for 102 in 35.2 overs, with Preston Clarke grabbing five for 25 in 10 overs and Kyrion King claiming four for 13 in 7.2 overs.

Akeem McCollin hit 35 not out to lead Barbados to victory at 103 for six in 32 overs. Gulcharran Chulai picked up two for 11, and Salim Khan had two for 19.

Trinidad and Tobago snatched a 17-run victory against the Windward Islands at the National Cricket Center.

Opener Ryaad Mohammed struck

50, and Niall Maingot hit 42 to lift Trinidad and Tobago to 195 all out in 48.1 overs. Khan Elcock captured three for 21, Edmund Morancie had two for 26, and Devonte McDowall took two for 34.

In reply, the Windward Islands were restricted to 178 for nine off their allotted 50 overs. Kirt Murray cracked 72 not out, McDowall scored 30, and Theo Edward made 20.

Fareez Ali claimed three for 23 in 10 overs, and Aneal Rooplai took three for 43 in 10 overs.

The competition will continue with the second round of matches today (Monday). The Leeward Islands will take on Trinidad and Tobago at Inshan Ali Park; Jamaica will face Guyana at the National Cricket Centre; and Barbados will clash with the Windward Islands at Gilbert Park.

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# SAP off to winning start in Parham's Super League

SAP made a winning start to their campaign in the Parham Super League community football tournament on Saturday.

Two goals by Tyrique Tonge propelled SAP to a 3-1 victory against the Greenbay Hoppers in the first match of a double-header at the Parham

playing field.

Tonge's double conversion and a goal by forward Peter Byers gave SAP their victory in the first match in Group B of the eight-team tournament. Javon Stevens scored a consolation goal for the Hoppers.

Newly promoted Antigua Premier League side

Garden Stars and host Parham fought to a 1-1 draw in the second game of Saturday's opening-day double-header.

Winger Sidique Adams scored for the Garden Stars, while Jelani Roberts converted for Parham in the first encounter in Group A.

The eight teams, di-

vided into two groups, are vying for the championship and a grand prize of EC\$5,000.

The other two teams contesting Group A are All Saints United and Pigotts Bullets, while Empire and Swetes are the other two sides that are competing in Pool B.

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Shubman Gill as they levelled the five-match series at 2-2.

The West Indies set India a target of 179 to win, which looked challeng-

ing on a slow surface, but the opening pair made short work of the task, rattling up 165 before Gill finally departed for 77 in the 16th over.

Jaiswal, the 21-year-old left

hander, ended unbeaten on 84 after some outstanding stroke-play, producing 11 fours and three sixes to the delight of the heavily pro-India crowd at the Broward County Stadium in South Florida.

Middle-order batsman Shimron Hetmyer struck a lively 61 as the West Indies recovered from a shaky start to reach 178 for eight.

Arshdeep Singh had removed West Indies openers Kyle Mayers (17) and Brandon King (18) and fans bedecked in India's blue shirts, including supporters who had travelled from across the United States, were lapping it up as the West Indies struggled to 57 for four with left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav picking up two wickets.

But then Shai Hope steadied the innings with 45 from 29 balls.

But it was Hetmyer, who took on India's attack, hitting four sixes as he put up his 61 off 39 balls, combining some power hitting with strategic patience.

Odean Smith's last-ball six, smiting Arshdeep Singh over extra cover, helped West Indies set a respectable total, but their bowling attack was soon being pulled to pieces as India canter to their series levelling victory.



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## West Indies win T20 series over India

Brandon King's superb unbeaten 85 led West Indies to an eight-wicket win over India on Sunday to secure a 3-2 victory in their T20 series.

Set a target of 166 to win the fifth and deciding contest, in Lauderhill, Florida, West Indies reached their target with two overs to spare with Nicholas Pooran scoring 47 in a partnership of 107 with King.

The win was a morale-booster for West Indies cricket after the one-day team failed, last month, to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in their history.

King's highest T20 international score came from 55 balls with six sixes and five fours and he kept his focus despite a delay to the game following a lightning warning.

Shai Hope, who steadied the ship after Pooran was removed by Tilak Varma, with the spinners second ever ball in international cricket, clinched the victory with a straight six off Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Suryakumar Yadav struck 61 as India made



Players of West Indies celebrate with the trophy after beating India in the fifth and last T20 cricket match at Central Broward Regional Park in Lauderhill, Florida, Sunday, August 13th, 2023. (AP)

165 for nine while Romario Shepherd took four for 31 in his four overs as West Indies' bowling attack delivered a much better performance than in their emphatic defeat on Saturday which left the five-match series at 2-2.

West Indies made two changes with off-spinner Roston Chase and pace bowler Alzarri Joseph coming in for Odean Smith and Obed McCoy and there was a better balance and performance from that line-up.

Opening pair Jaiswal and Shubman Gill, who put

on a match-winning 165 run partnership on Saturday, were both dismissed cheaply by left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein, who finished with two for 24.

Tilak Varma looked dangerous before he went for 27 off 18, caught and bowled by Chase but Yadav's innings kept India's hopes alive.

Medium pacer Shepherd took care of the lower middle order and Jason Holder claimed two for 36 as the West Indies were set a target of 166 to win the series.

West Indies had led

the series 2-0 before India fought back to set up Sunday's clincher.

This is the second consecutive T20I Series win for the West Indies of the year following their 2-1 triumph in South Africa back in March.

Twenty-four hours earlier, India powered to an emphatic nine-wicket victory in the fourth T20 international against the West Indies on Saturday at the same venue, thanks to a magnificent opening partnership from Yashasvi Jaiswal and

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