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THE WORST...  
HOPE FOR  
THE BEST!**

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# Local News



## Prepare for the worst...Hope for the best!

That was the thought on the minds of most residents in thousands of homes across Antigua and Barbuda, as they went to bed last night with both islands already feeling the effects of Tropical Storm, Philippe.

The Antigua and Barbuda Met Services had predicted that Philippe's effect on the two islands would be more of a rain event than strong winds, as Tropical Storm winds did not expect to exceed 40 miles per hour over Antigua and a little stronger in Barbuda as it was closer to the centre of the storm.

The Met Office also predicted that shower activity should have begun between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. last night and as if on queue, persons in St. John's started to experience the first of several passing showers around that time.

The government of Prime Minister Gaston Browne recognizing the possibility of Antigua and Barbuda being impacted

by the effects of the Tropical Storm, gave the word for public sector workers to leave work by early afternoon.

This may have had an impact on commercial activity, especially for those businesses that opened into the night. Many decided to close earlier allowing their staff to get home to look after their affairs, in preparation for the passing of the storm.,

One agency that decided not to wait was the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS). Director Sherrod James said he had activated the National Emergency Management Committee so that its constituent units would be on stand-by during and after the storm. These

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TO: His Worship the Licensing Magistrate  
St. John's Magistrates Court  
Gray's farm  
St. John's  
Antigua

TO: The Magistrate of District "A"  
St. John's Magistrates Court  
Gray's Farm  
Antigua

TO: The Commissioner of Police  
Police Headquarters  
American Road  
St. John's  
Antigua

I, **Alleyne Daniel** of Wireless Road, Clare Hall, St. John's Antigua, Do Hereby Give Notice that it is my intention to apply at the next special session, to be held at be at the Magistrates Court, St. John's on the 5th day of October, 2023 for a Tavern License in respect of our premises known as "A Daniel's Enterprise" situated at Utility Drive, St. John's Antigua. This application is made pursuant to Section 11(3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws Antigua and BARBUDA Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
Alleyne Daniel

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include the police, the defense force, the fire department, EMS and rescue, as well as several ministries.

The various district disaster managers were also notified and were advised to activate their respective committees and to have at least one shelter in their district open, in case they may be needed at some point during or after the storm.

Overnight, the Met Office reported that the centre of TS Philippe had made landfall on Barbuda at 6:00 pm.

However, the Met Office said it expected that the real effect of the storm would have happened later, as the cloud mass with all the rain trailed the storm

centre. It also said that due to the slow pace of the forward movement, it would have been midnight or later when the heavy rains were expected.

Based on the Tropical Storm warning issued for both islands by the Met Office, NODS said the office predicted that the chance of storm winds was at 70% for Antigua and 90% for Barbuda.

The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) issued warnings overnight urging residents to ensure their preparedness plans were in place and to monitor the local media for updates on Tropical Storm Philippe. It also warned residents on both islands to refrain from being on the roadways too

late into the night.

APUA also stated that it would keep the grid ener-

gized during the storm and would do an assessment early on Tuesday.

**NOTICE**

TO: Magistrate for District "A"  
Magistrate's Court  
Gray's Farm  
St. John's  
Antigua

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
Police Headquarters  
American Road  
St. John's  
Antigua

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENCE FOR BUSINESS  
REGISTERED AS  
DOMILUNAR RESTAURANT BAR & LOUNGE**

I, Mahalia Eusebe, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 next ensuing for a Tavern license in respect of premises known as "Domilunar Restaurant Bar & Lounge" situated Factory Road, in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

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## Public schools closed on Tuesday

The Ministry of Education has announced that all public schools are to remain closed today (Tuesday) because of the passage of Tropical Storm, Phillipe.

The ministry announced its decision in a press release issued on Monday ahead of the anticipated passage of the storm.

The Ministry has decided to close schools on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services has upgraded the tropical storm watch to a warning for both Antigua and Barbuda, amidst the impending severe weather from Tropical Storm Philippe.

“The Met Office has indicated that the chance of storm-force winds impacting us is now at 90% for Barbuda and 70% for Antigua,” the release stated.

Additionally, according to the release, because several of the public educational institutions are used as shelters, they are currently being activated by NODS to be available for public access from 6:30 p.m. (Monday).

Privately-run educational institutions usually follow the lead of the public school system in matters such as these.

Meanwhile, the Uni-

versity of the West Indies Five Islands Campus was closed for classes effective 4:30 p.m. on Monday and moved to online teaching. However, up to last night there was no word on what will be obtained for today.

“We have to wait to see what happens overnight, and into the morning before we can make a determination on whether we open or continue our online teaching, Campus Registrar Hynam Forde stated.



Minister of Education Daryll Matthew



## Walk for the Cure




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## Proposed tour of housing projects postponed

The proposed tour by members of the Cabinet of the several housing projects being undertaken by the Ministry of Housing planned for today (Tuesday, October 2) has been postponed, due to the weather.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Housing said the tour has to be re-scheduled as the country would probably be dealing with the aftermath of the storm. Several inches of rain were forecast for Monday night into Tuesday morning. It was felt that these conditions do not lend to carrying out a tour of the projects at this time.

Last week's Cabinet Notes revealed that the Cabinet planned the tour of several housing projects completed by National Housing and CHAPA, to give a first-hand view of more than 1000 new homes built by the Gaston Browne administration, since taking office. Hundreds of additional homes are to be constructed around the country and keys handed over immediately upon completion.

Given the importance of the housing initiative for the government, it is not anticipated that there will be a lengthy delay before the tour takes place.

**NOTICE**

TO: The Licensing Magistrate  
District "A"  
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St. John's  
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The Management  
Pointe FM 99.1 Radio Station  
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St. John's  
Antigua

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, September 2023

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS  
LOS MELLOS BAR TERRAZA**

I Juan Valentin Dominguez De LOS Santos, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the St. John Magistrate Court located at Grays Farm, Antigua on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 ensuing for a tavern license in respect of the premises known as "LOS MELLOS BAR TERRAZA" located at Bennett Street Villa, in the parish of St. John's, Antigua in the vicinity of pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

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# Cabinet spokesman clarifies statement

Cabinet spokesman Ambassador Lionel Max Hurst is seeking to further clear the air regarding an assertion made in last Thursday's Cabinet Notes, which he has since rescinded.

In a follow-up statement issued on Monday morning, Hurst explained that on Thursday, 28 September 2023, the Cabinet Report compiled by the Chief of Staff noted that Antigua and Barbuda was "dengue-free."

"Although that statement was modified during the post-Cabinet press briefing, to note that Antigua and



Cabinet spokesman Ambassador Lionel Max Hurst

Barbuda is 'virtually dengue free,' the correction did not make it to all news media," he explained.

Against this backdrop,

Hurst is repeating the information in the interest of clarity and for the benefit of the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

"The Cabinet addressed a fake news item about Dengue. The Minister of Health confirmed that Antigua and Barbuda is virtually dengue-free, as are all OECS countries. Only one Caribbean country has recently declared that it is experiencing a dengue outbreak. The Cabinet continues to urge parents to have their children vaccinated and to pay no attention to the anti-vaxers whose rhetoric, if believed, can adversely affect the children who may be denied important vaccinations," the statement added.

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# ABWU names first in-house legal counsel

Antigua and Barbuda Workers' Union has announced Attorney-at-Law Kofi Massiah as its first in-house legal counsel.

The union's Deputy General Secretary, Chester Hughes said the new addition to the team will bolster the union's capacity and efficiency in litigation, adding that the union is also positioning to serve its membership at various levels.

"We are investing in the talent, technologies, and other infrastructure that will equip this Union to empower workers in a real and meaningful way.

"Our organization is evolving because we want to be in a position to satisfy the needs of our growing membership," Hughes said.

Kofi Massiah, who holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the Universi-

ty of the West Indies and a Legal Education Certificate from the Norman Manley Law School, said he is prepared to make a significant and positive contribution to the Antigua and Barbuda Workers' Union.

"I am happy to serve this noble institution and I am confident that my expertise will contribute to the forward movement of this organization and its membership," Massiah

shared.

"I worked in the hospitality industry for five years before entering the legal profession, so I can empathize with the experiences of many of our members and I look forward to using my legal training to advance workers' rights and privileges."

The union's first in-house attorney commenced duties on 18 September 2023.

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## Guardian Life OECS Limited expands its reach into the Antiguan market

Guardian Life OECS Limited, a leading insurance and financial services provider in the Caribbean, celebrated a momentous occasion as it formally introduced itself to the Antigua and Barbuda market. The esteemed event, attended by distinguished guests and partners, marked a significant step in the company's continued growth and commitment to serving communities across the region.

Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, graced the occasion with his presence, adding to the significance of the event. His support and participation underscore the importance of Guardian Life OECS's entry into the

Antiguan market.

Guardian Life OECS Limited, a member of the Guardian Group with an impressive 175-year legacy, has established itself as a trusted name in the Caribbean insurance and financial services sector. The company's main lines of business encompass Life, Health, Pensions, Property and Casualty, and Asset Management. While traditionally serving core territories such as Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, and the Dutch Caribbean, Guardian Life OECS has now set its sights on expanding into new markets, including individual life and health business, with plans for exciting offerings like

annuities on the horizon.

The company's mission is to provide peace of mind and prosperity to communities across the Caribbean and the world. Guardian Life OECS recognizes the pivotal role of insurance and investments as tools for stability and progress, both for individuals and governments. The formation of Guardian Life OECS stemmed from a keen awareness of the need to extend increased levels of protection and peace of mind to societies beyond their traditional base.

In addition to its core business, Guardian Life OECS Limited is com-

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## ABAA faces suspension from ABNOC

The Antigua and Barbuda National Olympic Committee (ABNOC) has written to the president of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA) Everton Cornelius on allegations of breach of trust by a team official.

“On 6th September 2023, at 12:11 pm, I reached out to you via WhatsApp regarding a matter of profound concern that has been brought to our attention. The report received alleges a severe breach of trust by one of your team officials while on national duty overseas. Regrettably, although this message displays the status of having been read, we have yet to receive your response on this pressing matter,” wrote the president of the ABNOC Hon. E.P. Chet Greene.

The ABNOC will not remain silent on matters that could cast a shadow on the reputation of the organization.

“As the pinnacle sports organization in Antigua and Barbuda, the Antigua and Barbuda National Olympic Committee (ABNOC) must ensure that all associated bodies maintain the highest levels of integrity and accountability. We cannot, and will not, remain silent on matters that cast a shadow on our collective reputation.”

“Given the gravity of the situation, the absence of a timely reply is disconcerting. It is paramount that the Antigua and Barbuda Athletic Association (ABAA) upholds the highest standards of transparency and accountability, especially



President of the ABNOC E.P. Chet Greene.

when the reputation and trust of our sporting community are at stake. We must emphasize that the public’s increasing concern, and in many cases, outrage, over the alleged incident and the apparent inaction of the ABAA cannot go unnoticed or unaddressed,” said Greene.

The Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association has been given seventy-two (72) hours to respond to the letter from the ABNOC or face immediate suspension from all activities under the

ABNOC.

“At our meeting on Thursday 28th September, the Executive Committee of ABNOC decided to grant ABAA seventy-two (72) hours from receiving this letter to provide ABNOC with an official report detailing the circumstances surrounding the alleged incident. If ABNOC does not receive the required documentation within this stipulated time frame, we will have to consider suspending the ABAA with immediate effect.

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mitted to making a positive impact through its corporate social responsibility initiatives. These initiatives are aligned with regional business goals and societal objectives, focusing on four key pillars: innovation, leadership development, academic advancement, and health and wellness. The company believes that by championing these ideals, it can contribute to a brighter and more secure future for all.

As Guardian Life OECS embarks on this new journey into the Antigua and Barbuda market, the company pledges to uphold its values and principles. Their commitment to serve, protect, and partner with the Antigua and Barbuda community reflects their dedication to building a better tomorrow. With a focus on peace of mind and prosperity for all, Guardian Life OECS Limited looks forward to the opportunities and successes that lie ahead.



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## Majah Hype apologises to Guyanese following backlash from joke

Comedian Majah Hype has issued a verbal apology on a radio station in Guyana for his comments made in a podcast where he said “Guyana is not Caribbean,” “We show them love we accepted them but they’re not Caribbean,” which has incensed many Guyanese and persons across the Caribbean region.

During an interview this morning on Hits and James 94.1 Boom FM’s Jumpstart programme with Gordon Moseley and Renata Bailey, Majah Hype said:

“The reason why I woke up this morning is because I wanted to you know, extend my apology to anybody who was offended by it because believe it or not, there’s a lot of Guyanese people that messaged me... like hundreds of people that like... I didn’t see anything wrong... I don’t know why everybody’s upset and... You know I feel like even though those people aren’t upset I still have to you know, show my respect to the people who are.”

So, what exactly landed him in hot waters with Guyanese and other people from the Caribbean region? It stemmed from a conversation on the Talkthatshhhh podcast, a clip was shared of him responding to a question about one of

Guyana’s dishes when it all went downhill.

Question: “curry chicken or chicken curry?”

Hype: “It’s definitely curry chicken...the only person that you’re going to hear saying that is Guyanese people...and they’re not Caribbean.”

He was then asked, why aren’t Guyanese people Caribbean?

“Because it’s in South America...”

...We show them love we accepted them but they’re not Caribbean.”

Majah Hype explained in the radio interview this morning that the podcast was done in early September, and the basis of the conversation was whether it was curry chicken or chicken curry. Majah Hype said to him it was a comedic conversation as he was trying to explain to the young man that the only people you would hear saying chicken curry is really Guyana. Majah Hype said out of that it just spiraled.

Majah Hype explained what he meant when he said ‘We accepted them’.

“Like I said it was a comedic conversation so for me that was the joke part of... you know... the debate. So, when I said we, I meant Caribbean versus South America. And that was just like I said... it was a joke, but I understood



Screengrab of Majah Hype during a call in on Guyana’s Hits and James 94.1 Boom FM’s Jumpstart programme.

after seeing it myself and viewing it and stuff like that... I understood why it might have come off offensive.

I did apologise twice, but it seems like everyone who did not see it and they probably heard about the posts or heard about the clip ... that did not see the apology... you know it was just basically an attack.”

The comedian said he tried to explain as best as he could what it was about

but said everyone was cherry-picking at the comment.

As a result, Majah Hype said he believed it was now his responsibility to fix it and just apologise to those who were offended.

The comedian said because his apology did not come across to everyone, he decided it should be done on a platform where everybody could hear it at once.

## CariCOF predicts amplified heat stress through October

The Barbados-based Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF) Monday said North Atlantic temperatures should remain well above average, continuing to fuel unusually strong tropical cyclone activity.

In its latest Caribbean Climate Outlooks, CariCOF said that for the period October to December this year, there would be amplified heat stress through October with higher temperatures, humidity and heat-wave frequency.

It said that this would fuel a record-breaking Caribbean heat season.

CariCOF said that there would also be an increase in shower intensity during the peak of the wet sea-



son, leading to a high potential for flooding and cascading hazards.

“However, a moderate to strong

El Niño in the Pacific should dampen rainfall frequency in Belize and the southern Caribbean, where drought concerns arise.

“Heat and drought are a growing concern in the coastal Guianas, as is flood potential through December,” CariCOF added.

It said as of September, severe, or worse short-term drought has developed in Grand Cayman, French Guiana, northern Guyana, eastern Suriname, Tobago, US Virgin Islands.

Long-term drought to the end of November is evolving in western Belize, Dominica, southern French Guiana, Martinique, southeast Puerto Rico, St Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, and might possibly develop or continue in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, Barbados, French Guiana, Grenada, St Lucia, and Sint Maarten/St Martin.

CariCOF said short-term drought to the end of December, is evolving in central and southern French Guiana, Suriname, Trinidad, and might possibly develop in Dominica, Guyana, Martinique, St Lucia, St Vincent, and northern French Guiana.



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## Grenada PM says SIDS need not be apologetic regarding climate change finances

CMC – The second Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) High-Level Dialogue on Climate Change began with Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell saying regional countries need not be apologetic in getting the developed world to meet their commitment in dealing with the impact of climate change.

Addressing the two-day conference, Mitchell said that his country has already felt the impact of climate change, with most of the beaches on the northeastern coast "have already disappeared.

"You have ocean, sargassum and land. There are no beaches. So what our foreparents had the privilege of enjoying 40 or 50 years ago, we do not have that privilege. And so the question is: do we continue along that line or fight?

"We have to be passionate about this, perhaps even angry about the issue because if we accept that 20 per cent of the world has caused this, and if we accept that same 20 per cent of the world controls 85 per cent of the GDP (gross domestic product) then the question is why should me, you and us...continue to quietly, slowly watch our way of life slip by, while those who created the industrial revolution ...continue to enjoy the high standard of living."

Mitchell told the audience that including the Bahamas Prime Minister Phillip Davis and his St. Kitts-Nevis counterpart, Dr Terrance Drew, as well as senior officials from Germany-based United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat that some of these developed countries were now beginning to experience the effects of climate change.

"They now have unseasonal hot weather, wildfires, etc. But they can



Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, centre.

respond. They can go inland and relocate to an entirely new state. We can't. When the sea level rises, there is no place to go in the Bahamas. That's the reality of what we are dealing with.

"So we need to be unapologetic in our passion, in our drive and in our commitment to doing this," Mitchell said, adding that the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) recognise the challenge, underscoring the importance of being present at all meetings where climate change issues are being discussed.

"We can't go to war because we do not have that kind of arsenal, but our arsenal is our unity, commitment, and steadfastness. It is that same approach that made us independent countries."

He told the audience that regional SIDS need this kind of commitment to deal with the climate crisis.

"So if it took 30 years for loss and damage to make it finally on the agenda if it takes 400 years for the funds to be given to us, we will have to continue to fight because there is no hope in the Bahamas when the sea level rises and so we must keep fighting".

Mitchell said that the fight is about showing the developing countries the funds pledged by the developed world to deal with climate change issues,

adding, "it is about showing us the money...CARICOM is well-placed to manage the trust funds, the OECS (Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States) is well-placed to manage the trust funds, and SIDS is well-placed to manage the trust funds.

"No disrespect to our development partners, but the trust fund does not have to be in Germany \, does not have to be in South Korea...and that is what we are asking for," he said, adding that it is important for the region to understand that despite the daunting challenges "we cannot lose hope.

"To lose hope would essentially be to give up on the next generation of Caribbean islanders who are to live and prosper on these islands," he said, welcoming the delegates to the Tri-island state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique and whether "it is an island worth fighting for and if it is... the same theme of unity continues to run through today and tomorrow".

He said when the Caribbean countries reach Dubai in November, where the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) will be held, we will need that unity "not just among us the islanders, but our development partners.

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## 14 injured in Bahamas boating accident



Police on the island of Grand Bahama are investigating a boating accident which has left several people injured.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force states that 14 people (11 adults and three toddlers) were injured. Reports indicate shortly before 1 pm on Sunday, a vessel with 21 people onboard left Fortune Bay Drive en route to Grand Cay, Abaco, when the vessel

collided with a sand bar, a half mile north of the Freeport Dock.

Several passengers were reportedly ejected from the vessel and subsequently retrieved from the water.

The passengers, all of Bahamian nationality, were assisted by another vessel and returned to Grand Bahama.

The injured, which included seven adult females, four adult males, two female toddlers and a male toddler, were taken to the Rand Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Police are questioning the boat captain, a 53-year-old male of Grand Cay, Abaco, in connection with the incident.

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“We accept that we can’t do it alone,” Mitchell said.

The Caribbean SIDS are some of the most vulnerable countries to climate change impacts, which will become critical if no appropriate action is taken. Global warming, Sea level rise, increased in-

tensity and frequency of tropical cyclones, storm surges and droughts, changing precipitation patterns, and coral bleaching are critical threats to SIDS.

For example, among the 29 Caribbean SIDS, 22 were affected by at least one Category 4 or 5 tropical storm in 2017, with an estimated cost of US\$93 billion.

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## Jamaal Bowman: Republicans seek Democrat's expulsion for pulling fire alarm

By Sam Cabral

US congressional Republicans have introduced a measure to expel a Democrat whom they accuse of pulling a fire alarm to delay a crucial vote.

Jamaal Bowman has said he activated the alarm by mistake on Saturday while rushing to make a vote.

The New York lawmaker is meanwhile disavowing talking points circulated by his office that urged colleagues to call his Republican critics "Nazis".

Capitol police continue to investigate the fire alarm incident.

Officers said they evacuated the Cannon House Office Building, which contains the offices of several House of Representatives lawmakers, after the fire alarm went off on Saturday afternoon.

"On security video, a man was seen trying to exit the door in the Cannon Building and then pulling the fire alarm that prompted the evacuation," a police statement said on Monday.

The statement added that "officers had previously placed signs with clear language that explained the door was secured and marked as an emergency exit only".

The alarm went off as the House of Representatives was set to vote on a last-minute funding measure to keep the government open and avert a shutdown.

Democrats had been seeking to buy more time ahead of the vote, complaining they had not had enough time to read the bill.

Pulling a fire alarm when there is no emergency is a criminal offence punishable by fines and prison time in Washington.

After Mr Bowman's office confirmed he had set off the alarm, Republicans launched their own investi-



*New York Democrat Jamaal Bowman says he made a mistake while 'rushing to make a vote'.*

gation into his actions, with Speaker Kevin McCarthy calling it "a new low".

On Monday, congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis formally introduced a resolution, backed by 12 other Republicans, to expel her fellow New Yorker from Congress.

"Mr Bowman's juvenile actions violated both federal and local law and he must be held accountable," said the New York lawmaker.

In a statement on Saturday, Mr Bowman wrote: "Today, as I was rushing to make a vote, I came to a door that is usually open for votes but today would not open.

"I am embarrassed to admit that I activated the fire alarm, mistakenly thinking it would open the door. I regret this and sincerely apologize for any confusion this caused."

"I want to be very clear, this was not me, in any way trying to delay any vote," the left-wing Democrat from the Bronx added. "My hope is that no-one will make more of this than it was."

But in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, Ms Malliotakis pointed out that the second-term lawmaker had been a middle school principal before

he entered politics.

A handbook for the Cornerstone Academy for Social Action, the school founded and led by Mr Bowman, mandates suspension or expulsion for falsely setting off fire alarms.

On Monday, the congressman was back in damage control mode over a related controversy after Politico shared online a memo his office had sent out to fellow Democrats asking them to defend him.

One of the document's suggested talking points reads: "I believe Congressman Bowman when he says this was an accident. Republicans need to instead focus their energy on the Nazi members of their party before anything else."

Mr Bowman posted on X that the term Nazi had been used "without my consent".

"I condemn the use of the term Nazi out of its precise definition," he wrote. "It is important to specify the term Nazi to refer to members of the Nazi party & neo-Nazis."

Expulsion from the House requires two-thirds of the chamber in support, a high bar in a chamber that Republicans only narrowly control.





## Greenland women seek compensation over involuntary birth control

By **Christy Cooney**

A group of 67 women from Greenland are seeking compensation from the Danish government over a campaign of involuntary birth control in the 1960s.

At least 4,500 women, some of them teenagers, were fitted with coils under a programme intended to limit birth rates among the indigenous population.

An inquiry is due to conclude in 2025, but the women, some of whom are in their 70s, want compensation now.

They are seeking 300,000 kroner (£34,880; \$42,150) each.

Greenland, now a semi-sovereign territory of Denmark, was a Danish colony until 1953.

The scale of the campaign was exposed last year in a podcast published by Danish broadcaster DR.

Records from the national archive showed that, between 1966 and 1970 alone, intrauterine devices (IUDs) were fitted into the women, some as young as 13, without their knowledge or consent.

The government of Greenland estimates that, by the end of 1969, 35% of women in the territory who could potentially have borne children had been fitted with an IUD, according to DR.

A commission set up by the Danish and Greenlandic governments to investigate the programme is not due to deliver its findings until May 2025.

“We don’t want to wait for the results of the inquiry,” said psychologist Naja Lyberth, who initiated the compensation claim.

“We are getting older. The oldest of us, who had IUDs inserted in the 1960s, were born in the 1940s and are approaching 80. We want to act now.”

Ms Lyberth said that, in some cases, the devices fitted had been too big for the girls’ bodies, causing serious health complications or even infertility, while in others the women had been unaware of the devices until they were discovered recently by gynaecologists.

She accused the Danish government of the time of wanting to control the size of Greenland’s population in

order to save money on welfare.

“It’s already 100% clear that the government has broken the law by violating our human rights and causing us serious harm,” she said.

Mads Pramming, the lawyer representing the women, sent a claim on their behalf to the office of Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen on Monday.

Ms Lyberth said she expected the government to refuse the request pending the results of the commission, and that if it did the group would take the matter to court.

Last year, Denmark apologised and paid compensation to six Inuit who were taken from their families in the 1950s as part of an attempt to build a Danish-speaking elite within Greenland.

Greenland has a population of just 57,000 and is both the largest island and the northernmost area of land in the world.

The territory has its own flag, language and prime minister, although its currency, justice system, and foreign and security affairs are still controlled by Denmark.

# Sports News

## Antigua lose second game at ECCB International Netball Series

Host Antigua and Barbuda lost their second game in the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series at the YMCA Sports Complex on Sunday.

Antigua and Barbuda, who snatched a 45-41 victory against Dominica in their first game, went under 25-59 against guest team Barbados on the second day of the nine-team round-robin tournament.

But reigning champions St. Vincent and the Grenadines remained on course for a successful defense of their title.

After crushing the guest team, the Cayman Islands, 60-42 in their tournament opener, the Vincentians cruised past St. Kitts and



Players of Antigua and Barbuda compete against Barbados in the ECCB International Netball Series at the YMCA Sports Complex on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Nevis 52-37.

St. Lucia, who trounced Montserrat 58-5 in their first encounter, made it two wins out of two by snatching a 34-30 victory against Dominica.

The Cayman Islands rebounded from their opening-day loss to claim their first win, easily dispatching Montserrat 82-11 in the first game on the second day of

the competition.

However, Monday morning's scheduled game between the Cayman Islands and St. Lucia was postponed due to rain.

## Transport Board suffer first loss in business basketball league

Former champions, the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board, lost for the first time in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Competition on Sunday night.

The Transport Board, who had won their first four encounters, suffered their first loss in the 13-team round-robin competition, narrowly losing 48-52 against the Callan Shooters in the last game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Russell Daley had 18 points for the Transport Board. Kwame Payne sank 12 points, while Eric Joseph and Leroy Percival each had 10 points for the

Callan Shooters, who won for the third time in five outings.

Reigning league champions Eye Mobile Vision Care and Anjo Wholesale also snatched wins by narrow margins in the other two games on Sunday.

Devon Carter scored 11 points as Eye Mobile Vision Care prevailed 52-50 against the Sledge O' Ballers in Sunday's opening affair.

Kareem Edwards converted 15 points, and Coy Quinland had 11 points for the Sledge O' Ballers, who lost for the fourth time in as many games.

Anjo Wholesale grabbed a 44-41 victory against the Sir Lester Bird

Medical Center (SLBMC). Felix Hamilton produced 14 points, and Steven Matthew chipped in with 11 points for Anjo Wholesale.

Delornje Jules produced 16 points for the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center, which also lost for the fourth time in as many encounters.

The business basketball league competition will continue with a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex tonight.

Trimingham Trucking Enterprises will face the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center at 6:45 pm, while the Callan Shooter will take on Anjo Wholesale at 7:45 pm.

## Matthews leads West Indies to record win over Aussies

Hayley Matthews led the West Indies Women's cricket team to a record-breaking seven-wicket victory over Australia Women by leading the highest run chase in women's T20 International history in Sydney on Tuesday.

Matthews, who scored a stunning 132 runs off just 64 balls, stood out as one of the most memorable performers in the history of the game. The sensational innings helped the West Indies chase down an imposing target, leading to an historic win at the North Sydney Oval.

The West Indies set a new benchmark with a score of 213 for three, securing the win with a ball to spare, bringing the series to a tie at 1-1. Fans at the North Sydney Oval witnessed a treat, as a combined total of 425 runs were scored in a single day, making it a match for the ages.

However, it wasn't just Matthews' batting prowess that stood out. Earlier in the day, she showcased her bowling skills by taking three for 36 off her four overs to earn her the Player of the Match award for an incredible seventh consecutive game.

Matthews received tremendous support from Stafanie Taylor. The pair added a record 174 runs for the second wicket, which laid the foundation. Taylor played a pivotal role, scoring a brisk 59 off 41 balls – the 22nd half



West Indies Women's skipper Hayley Matthews, left, raises her bat to celebrate reaching her century against the Australia Women in the second T20 International at the North Sydney Oval in Sydney, Australia, on Tuesday, October 2, 2023. (Brendon Thorne/Getty Images)

century of her illustrious career.

Speaking after the match, Matthews said, "Today was quite incredible, I can't quite find the words for it as yet. Staf and I started really having a look at a chance of chasing it probably needing around 105 from 55/54 balls.

"I think at that moment with the momentum we had, we only spoke about going as hard as we can from both ends. Kudos to Staf as well, she played an amazing knock at the other end and took so much pressure off of me, and kept the boundaries flowing.

Earlier in the day Australia posted 212 for six from their 20 overs. Ellyse Perry top-scored for them with 70, while Pheobe Litchfield tied scoring the fastest T20I

half-century. She made 52 not out.

The teams now travel to Brisbane for the third and final T20I, which will be played at the Allan Broder

Field on Thursday.

The first ball is 4:05 am Eastern Caribbean/3:05 am Jamaica. With the series tied 1-1, the winners will take the trophy.



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## Leeward Islands Hurricanes utilize trial matches to select squad for regional Super50 Cup

A 27-member squad started the first of three trial matches in St. Kitts on Monday in their quest to secure a spot in the 14-member Leeward Islands Hurricane team to contest this month's Cricket West Indies (CWI) regional CG United Super50 Cup in Trinidad and Tobago.

The trial matches will be played at the Edgar Gilbert Sporting Complex in Molineaux and Warner Park in Basseterre on October 2nd, 3rd, and 5th.

After the completion of the three matches, the Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB) will announce the Hurricane squad to compete in the regional Super50 Cup from October 17 to November 11.

The players will be scrutinized by the Hurricanes head coach, Stuart Williams, and the recently appointed LICB two-member selection panel, comprising Samuel Spencer and former player Shane Jeffers.

According to a press release issued by the LICB, following a recruitment process in which five candidates were interviewed, the cricket board has appointed Spencer as chairman of selectors, and he and Jeffers will serve on the selection panel from August 1, 2023,



From left: Karima Gore, assistant coach Wilden Cornwall, and Javier Spencer are three of the Antiguan participants in the current Leeward Islands Hurricanes trial matches in St. Kitts. (File photo)

until July 31, 2025.

Antiguan fast bowler Alzarri Joseph and leg-spinner Hayden Walsh Jr., who have central contracts with CWI and the West Indies men's senior team, are part of the Hurricanes trials.

Joseph and Walsh are among 12 players who have been invited to the trials, which will also feature the 15 players who were retained on full-time regional contracts by the Leeward Islands Hurricane for the 2023-24 CWI regional first-class season.

Four Antiguan players are also among the 12 additional invitees. They are left-arm

spinner Glenton Williams, West Indies Under-19 wicketkeeper/batsman Jewel Andrew, all-rounder Elroy Francis Jr., and batsman Tyrone Williams Jr.

The rest of the 12 invitees are Joshua Grant, off-spinner Onaje Amory, Jadon Carmichael, Cameron Pennyfeather, Terrance Warde, and Kian Pemberton.

Another four Antiguan players, who all represent the Liberia Black Hawks, are among the 15 contracted Leeward Islands Hurricane players that are also participating in the series of trial matches.

They are left-arm pac-

er Javier Spencer and all-rounders Rahkeem Cornwall, Karima Gore, and Kofi James.

The other Leeward Islands contracted players include Kieran Powell, Jahmar Hamilton, Colin Archibald, Jeremiah Louis, Daniel Doram, and Keacy Carty.

The rest of the players are off-spin bowler Zawandi White of Montserrat, leg-break bowler Mikyle Louis of St. Kitts, left-arm pacer Nathan Edwards of St. Maarten, Barbadian all-rounder Justin Greaves, and Jamaican pacer Oshane Thomas.



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the toss and opting to bat.

Andra Samuel grabbed six wickets for 30 runs, and Ishmael Peters claimed three for 34.

Buckley's 3J's defeated Rackaman Construction Strictly Business by four wickets at Powells. Strictly Business won the toss and batted, scoring 153 for four off their 20 overs.

Kerry Mentore slammed 78, and Kenny Allen hit 20 not out. Player of the game, Demari Benta, captured two for 31.

Benta cracked 49 not out with three fours and four sixes, as the Buckley's 3J's achieved victory by scoring 158 for six with 14 balls to spare.

Kadeem Phillip scored 23, and Richie Thomas hit 21 not out. Kadeem Henry and Denley Thomas each chipped in with 21. Treverson Atley picked up three for 30, and Owen Graham had two for 16.

TG's Welding & Fabrication Underdogs also claimed a four-wicket win against the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) Warriors.

T'ron Payne hammered 57 not out, and Malik Marcellin scored 40 to lead the ABDF Warriors to 190 for four off their 20 overs. Vishual Gobin captured two for 49.

Player of the game Michael Harilall struck 67, including six fours and four sixes, to propel the Underdogs to victory at 196 for six off 17 overs.

Charanlall RamJohn chipped in with 39, while Malik Marcellin bagged two for 36, and Quincy France claimed two for 43.

Both semi-finals will be played at the AGS playing field on Sunday, October 8.

TG's Welding & Fabrication Underdogs will tackle the Dredgers at 10 am, while Buckley's 3J's and VIP will clash at 2 pm.



Justin Athanaze of Dredgers




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## Dredgers advance to Tape Ball Classic semi-finals

Dredgers extended their unbeaten run to join three other teams in reaching the semi-finals of the LL Supply Ltd Island Boys Sports Club's (IBSC) Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) T20 Tape Ball Classic on Sunday.

The Dredgers advanced to the semis by trouncing Sisserou by 54 runs at the Antigua Grammar School (AGS) playing field in one of four quarter-final matches.

Dredgers won the toss and batted in a game that was reduced to 15 overs due to wet conditions.

They made 157 for six, with player of the game Justin Athanaze



Michael Harilal of Underdogs

smashing 65, which included two fours and six sixes, and Melvin Charles getting 29. Isaiah Viville grabbed three wickets for 12 runs, and Justin Periera picked up two for 26.

Sisserou were restricted to 103 for eight off their 15 overs. Viville scored 18 not out, and Frederick Jno Hope made 14. Mervin Higgins claimed two for 15, and J'Quan Athanaze took two for 25.

VIP, Buckley's 3J's, and TG's Welding & Fabrication Underdogs also recorded wins in the quarter-finals to advance to the semi-finals.

The VIP snatched a two-run win against the Bryson's Shipping & In-



Michael Dover of VIP

surance Bullets at the AGS playing field.

Chasing 155 to win, the Bullets just fell short as they were dismissed for 152 off their 20 overs. Essan Warner slammed 70, and Andra Samuel made 24.

Demitri Lucas captured three for 31, Malique Gerald had two wickets for seven runs, Ozan Williams took two for 13 runs, and Osafa Bourne claimed two for 34.

Player of the game, Michael Dover, hammered 61 with six fours and five sixes, while Amhal Nathaniel scored 31, as the VIP were dismissed for 154 in 14.4 overs after winning

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Demari Benta of Buckley's 3J's. (Photos courtesy ABSCA)