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Education Minister, Daryll Matthew is calling out the representative for St. John's Rural West, Richard Lewis, for not embracing the proposed development taking place at the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus where the Saudi Government will fund a US\$80 million expansion.

Speaking on the Browne and Browne show on Saturday, Matthew said rather than maintaining a stance opposing the university because of the location, Lewis should be encouraging constituents to explore ways to share in the benefits that will derive from the project.

"I have said to him (Richard Lewis) you have an obligation, my friend, to get all those persons living in the

Grays-Greene area to position themselves to be apart of this massive US\$80 million build-out. So rather than to sit and to play politics and say 'well we don't like the location', go and encourage these people to ask how they can be a part of the project," he admonished.

Minister Matthew called on Lewis not to hold fast to the position both he and the UPP took when they did not support the project initially. "The current parliamentary representative for the area was openly protesting against the project; the parliamentary representative, when we had our townhall meeting to present the project, walked out of the meeting right after the former prime minister said that he en-



Education Minister, Daryll Matthew dorsed the project," he reported

Matthew noted that former Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer stated openly that whilst he opposed the *cont'd on pg 3*

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New cruise terminal earmarked at cruise port

Work on a new terminal for the St. John's Harbour to process cruise passengers will likely start within a month.

Operations Manager at Antigua Cruise Port, Rawle Reynolds, said the terminal is necessary especially in light of the new emphasis on home-porting as part of the cruise tourism business.

"We definitely need that new terminal which will be adjacent to the 5th Berth pier on the Newgate Street. It will not be on the pier but close to it so that the cruise passengers can enter it to be processed," he reported.

He revealed that equipment will start moving to

the site shortly and actual construction is slated to commence in May.

"When you have home-porting, you are going to have passengers arriving while others are leaving, you therefore must have a building where passengers can check-in or check-out with the presence of border control officers representing immigration and customs processing thousands of passengers during visits from vessels such as Arvia of P&O Cruises," he stated.

According to Reynolds the terminal will operate similar to the terminal building at the airport, only that it will process passen-



Operations Manager at Antigua Cruise Port, Rawle Reynolds



gers who arrive or depart from a cruise ship. Over the past two seasons, these activities took place under a large tent put in place for the processing, but in the words of the operations manager, the time has come for a more permanent structure to handle these arrangements.

The terminal building forms part of a major land-side development that ACP will undertake. The complex will be erected on lands running from the carpark on Lower Newgate Street to Barnes Funeral Home, which will relocate ahead of the development.

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project initially, he now has had a change of heart and he fully endorsed the university at the current location.

"We have the parliamentary representative who would not come out and say, please, how can we engage the community, how can we partner

with you; to say irrespective of our political differences, this is something that will benefit all of Antigua and Barbuda. In fact, the constituency he represents will be the largest beneficiary. So rather than saying 'my people must get work', that is too small. It not about getting a few jobs

as labourers on the site, its about how the entire constituency can benefit from the university town that it will become," he declared.

The education minister pointed out several ways in which people from the area can benefit in ways that will be life-changing.

Inaugural cruise call generates brisk business

A late season inaugural call by Meraviglia of MSC Cruises brought over forty-two hundred passengers to Antigua on Sunday.

As has been the custom, there was an exchange of plaques held on board the vessel that involved local representatives and the captain of the vessel, Alessandro Galotto.

The local officials included Manager of Bryson's Shipping, the local agents for the vessel, Geannie Joseph, Operations Manager of Antigua Cruise Port, Rawle Reynolds, Operations Manager at the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Javier Jacobs, and Cruise Liaison Officer of the Ministry of Tourism, Mario Browne.

Captain Galotto, who has captained many vessels to Antigua and Barbuda in the past spoke lovingly about the vessel and about a two-week vacation he spent in Antigua more than thirty years ago.

The Meraviglia is based in New York and it is a fairly

new vessel having been commissioned seven years ago. It has a total capacity of 54,000 passengers with 1,650 crew members, roughly 7,000 persons on board. It is 220 metres long and 43 metres wide with 19-decks, two main lounges for show and four restaurants, a water-park, slides, and covered pools among its many amenities.

Antigua was the final call for the vessel and it will spend two days at sea on its way back to its New York base.

"We usually do a seven-day cruise out of New York, but occasionally we offer a longer cruise to offer our New York-based guests a different scenario. We should be making another trip next January to your beautiful island," he remarked.

A very enthusiastic, ACP Operation Manager Reynold said the inaugural call this late in the season is a demonstration that Antigua and Barbuda remains an important destination when cruises



to the Caribbean are being planned.

"This goes to show that the spotlight is seriously on Antigua and Barbuda when it comes to cruises. It also shows the strength of Antigua Cruise Ports when it comes to negotiating with the cruise lines to stretch the season even further.

"We are now looking at a very busy summer period from May to October when, compared with the last few years, it will be more robust than the recent past. We are looking at between 20 and 30 calls for the summer compared with less than ten in previous years," he revealed.

He added that the call of the Meraviglia shows that Antigua and Barbuda continues to attract new vessels and this particular call is significant as it's the second largest vessel to arrive here for the season.

"Because this is a last call for the cruise, the number of people who would come off the vessel to participate in some local activity should be very high," he added.

Antigua and Barbuda is closing in on 500,000 cruise visitors with the count reaching more than 462,000 passengers, which means less than 40,000 more to go to reach the target.



A&B to open a consulate in Bangladesh

An announcement that Antigua and Barbuda will open a consulate in Bangladesh this year and cricket legend Sir Vivian Richards has been invited to participate in the opening, is creating much excitement in that Asian country.

Foreign Minister Chet Greene, who is currently in Bangladesh, made the announcement in a media engagement on Sunday after meeting with Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud at the state guesthouse Padma.

Long after his cricketing days are over, Sir Viv Richards remains widely



popular throughout the Indian sub-continent. Just the promise of Sir Vivian visiting for the opening of the consulate in Dhaka this year is enough to generate excitement and interest in Bangladesh.

Foreign Minister Greene said they will open the consulate for the con-

venience of Bangladeshis who want to visit or invest in Antigua and Barbuda.

At the same time, it will be helpful for Antigua and Barbuda nationals who want to visit or invest in Bangladesh, he added.

Greene said his government has decided to be more involved in Asia,

and it believes that perhaps Bangladesh is the best place from which to start the relationship.

He added that Antigua and Barbuda wants to increase cooperation with Bangladesh in tourism.

Bangladeshis can study tourism at the University of West Indies, for which they will provide scholarships, Greene said.

The minister also said Antigua and Barbuda has proposed a visa-free arrangement between the two countries, meaning that the two countries will provide each other with on-arrival visa facilities.

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Government House restoration programme advances with focus on heritage training

The Government House restoration programme is making significant strides as it enters its third phase, which will encompass the refurbishment of the main building and gardens. The programme's commitment to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of Antigua and Barbuda is underscored by its emphasis on training the next generation of heritage craftsmen.

Currently, a brick retainer wall with capstone is being constructed as part of the restoration efforts. Local second-generation mason, Henson Wilshaw, is following in his father Hayden's footsteps and is actively involved in this phase of the project. At twenty-one years old, Henson already has over fifteen years of experience and knowledge, and plans to

continue to learn all he can about the art of stone masonry. Henson's dedication to preserving traditional craftsmanship exemplifies the programme's mission to pass on invaluable heritage skills to the youth of Antigua and Barbuda.

In a significant development, the UK-based Commonwealth Heritage Forum (CHF), a prominent watchdog for preservation of which His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams is Patron, has partnered with the Heritage Trust of Antigua and Barbuda (HTAB) to offer heritage training skills for the youth. This co-operation emphasizes the importance of equipping the next generation with the knowledge and expertise needed to safeguard the cultural legacy of the islands.

In May 2023, the CHF conducted a



Heritage Skills training course at Government House, with participation from neighboring territories including Trinidad, Barbados, Dominica and Guyana. Attendees were provided with hands-on experience and practical knowledge in heritage preservation. The success of this initiative has paved the way for the next training opportunity, which is scheduled to take place from May 13th to 24th at the St. John's Anglican Cathedral, with support from Government House. This training programme will offer those present, the chance to learn from experienced craftsmen and gain practical know-how in heritage skills, ensuring the continuity of traditional craftsmanship in Antigua and Barbuda.

The Government House restoration programme remains committed to its dual mission of preserving historical architecture and empowering the youth through heritage training. By collaborating with esteemed organizations such as the CHF, the World Monument Fund (WMF), and the London Museum Docklands, the programme is poised to make a lasting impact on the conservation of Antigua and Barbuda's rich cultural heritage.



PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) Announces Routine Maintenance for Reverse Osmosis Plant Facilities

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, 12th April 2024 – The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) is pleased to announce its upcoming routine membrane maintenance replacement at all Reverse Osmosis (R.O) Plant Facilities. As part of our commitment to operational excellence, the Water Business Unit has meticulously planned and scheduled this maintenance exercise.

Commencing on Monday, 15th April 2024, the anticipated duration for this essential maintenance is approximately ten (10) working days, barring unforeseen circumstances. We expect a significant enhancement in our daily production capacity, estimated at approximately 1.4 million imperial gallons upon completion of this maintenance period.

During the membrane replacement process, it is necessary to temporarily take the units offline, which will impact production and distribution. As a result, customers may experience intermittent service, low supply pressure, or extended periods between service days.

We kindly request the patience and understanding of our valued customers during this maintenance period. Rest assured, our dedicated team is working diligently to minimize any inconvenience and ensure the continued provision of quality services.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to maintain and improve our water supply infrastructure for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Lone male delegate wins OCS Talented Teen Pageant

The lone male delegate participating in the Ottos Comprehensive School's Talented Teen pageant held on Saturday night...has emerged as the overall winner.

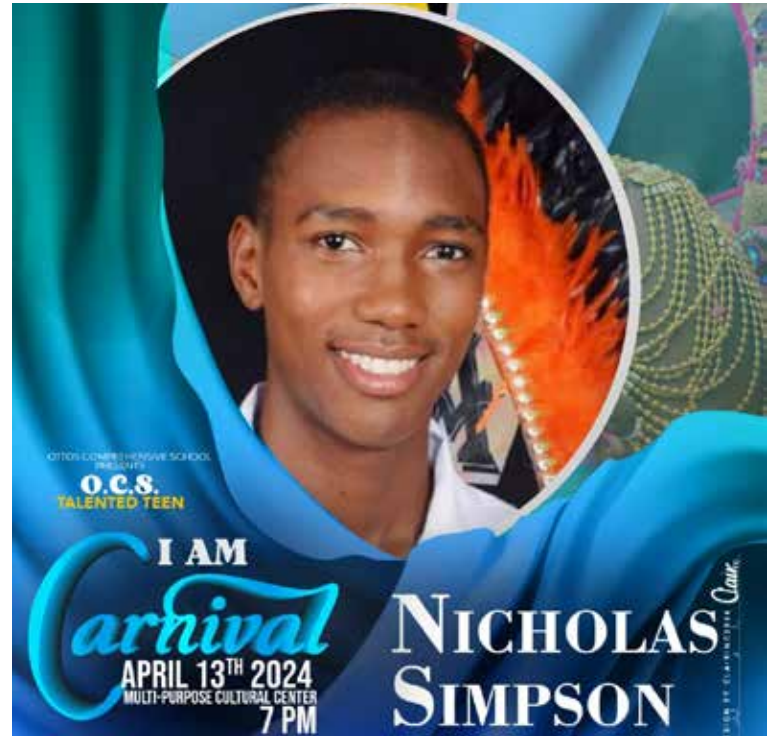
It was a dominating performance for the crowd-pleaser and winner, 18-year-old Nicholas Simpson, as he not only won the pageant, but he won four of the five segments; personality and aspiration, research, performing talent, and creative wear. In the interview segment, he placed third, emphasizing his consistency

throughout the competition.

The first runner-up spot went to 16-year-old Anique Roberts, who won the interview segment and second runner-up went to 16-year-old Shanae Peters.

The pageant, used to help select a representative from the OCS to enter the Carnival Talented Teen pageant, lived up to its usual high standard in terms of the performances by the seven delegates who participated.

The delegates were asked to research a selected Caribbean island and to



make a presentation around the theme 'my carnival is better than yours'. Each delegate had to speak about the uniqueness of the Carnival of the country they selected and to portray the highlights of their research within a two-minute presentation.

For his presentation, Simpson chose to sing a calypso and his presentation included depiction of mas,

fire-eating and scenes from a calypso tent.

Simpson stood out in the competition for the creativity he brought to the competition, according to one of the organisers.

The show has been in existence for over ten years under the stewardship of dance teacher, Babu Samuel Jnr.

Photo Essay



Last Friday, the Ministry of Trade held a staff appreciation luncheon and social at Stiches 365, the company that replaces the National Garment Manufacturing Initiative at Simon Bolivar Park.

Staff from the ministry headquarters, the Prices and Consumers Affairs Division, the Bureau of Standards and the garment company were presented with words of appreciation and certificates from ministry officials who included Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim.





Sean Paul and Kes team up for official anthem of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

The ICC today announced the official anthem news with 50 days out from the first ball at the tournament on 1 June, held in the West Indies and the USA.

Set for launch in the coming weeks, the track is produced by Machel "Tano" Montano and will be accompanied by the song's film clip, featuring several well-known superstars.

A leading figure in the music industry for over two decades, the widely-acclaimed Sean Paul says he hopes to capture the essence of Caribbean music with a touch of international flair.

"Cricket has always been a major part of our culture, so I'm honoured to record the official anthem for the T20 World Cup."

"I'm a big fan of Kes and the track will feature a nice touch of the Caribbean, with some dance, to an in-

ternational vibe and of course Soca - it will be a real anthem for people to sing out and feel the spirit of unity."

Kees Dieffenthaler, known to the world as Kes and the lead singer of Trinidad and Tobago-based Kes the Band, intends to bring a unique vibe to the tournament via the anthem.

"Our mission has always been about bringing worlds together, so blending cricket, (dear to us in the Caribbean), with music is a powerful combination. Shoutout to Sean Paul, Tano, and the whole team for creating this musical vibe.

"Can't wait for everyone to sing along to this worldwide anthem and bring the party to stadiums across the West Indies and USA."

ICC General Manager, Marketing and Communications Claire Furlong looks forward to the work of the artists in a song that will appeal to cricket fans the world over.

"We are delighted to have two globally recognised artists who are at the top of their genres in Sean Paul and Kes produce our tournament anthem, which will set the tone for the biggest cricket carnival spectacle ever.

"Fans can expect a song that will reflect the Caribbean identity, while retaining universal appeal for global cricket fans, themed around the event's marketing campaign 'Out of this World'".

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour 2024 will continue in the lead-up to the tournament, moving to Barbados, the venue of the tournament final on 29 June, after previous visits to parts of the USA and South America.

Party-stand tickets for Caribbean fixtures will go on sale from 10am AST on Monday 15 April at tickets.t20worldcup.com

Empowering the World by transforming the United Nations Security Council

By Ambassador Clarence E Pilgrim

International crises that range from the slaughter of human lives in the Gaza Strip to the destructive war in Ukraine and the descent of Haiti into leadership and economic chaos are ongoing examples of the failure of the United Nations Security Council to execute its mandate of peacefully resolving international disputes under Chapter VI of the UN Charter, which authorizes the Security Council to call on parties to seek solutions via negotiation, arbitration, or other peaceful means.

In an era marked by unprecedented global challenges, from pandemics to climate change, the need for effective international cooperation has never been more pressing. At the heart of this cooperation lies the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), tasked with maintaining peace and security worldwide. Yet, its structure and composition have long been criticized for being outdated and unrepresentative of the diverse tapestry of nations that make up our world. It's time for a paradigm shift—a modernization of the UNSC, founded on the principles of inclusivity and equitable representation, embodied in a new UN Charter for Peace and Human Development.

The current UNSC structure reflects the power dynamics of a post-World War II world, with five permanent members wielding veto power: the United States, China, Russia, France, and the United Kingdom. While these nations undoubtedly played pivotal roles in shaping the global order of the 20th century, the geopolitical landscape has evolved dramatically since then. Emerging economies such as Brazil, India, South Africa, and others now command significant influence on the world stage, yet find them-



Ambassador Clarence E Pilgrim

selves excluded from the permanent membership of the UNSC.

The lack of representation undermines the legitimacy and effectiveness of the UNSC's decisions, as it perpetuates a system where a handful of powerful nations hold disproportionate sway over global affairs. This not only breeds discontentment and frustration among the excluded nations but also undermines the credibility of the United Nations as a true representative and democratic institution, to guide this world to a better path.

Modernizing the UNSC entails reforming its structure to reflect the realities of the 21st century—a world characterized by multipolarity and interdependence. This reform should be guided by the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and transparency. One proposed solution is to expand the permanent membership of the UNSC to include representatives from regions currently underrepresented, such as Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean Community, and the Middle East.

However, expanding the permanent membership alone is not sufficient. It must be accompanied by reforms to the veto power, which has been a source of contention and deadlock within the UNSC. While the veto was originally intended to prevent major powers from dominating the organization, in practice, it has often been used to protect narrow national interests at the expense of global peace and

security. A new UN Charter should redefine the veto power to ensure that it is exercised responsibly and following the principles of collective security and humanitarianism.

Furthermore, the modernization of the UNSC should go hand in hand with efforts to enhance the representation of smaller and less powerful nations within the General Assembly, where decisions regarding international peace and security are ultimately made. Empowering these nations to have a greater voice in global governance is not only a matter of fairness but also a pragmatic necessity in addressing the complex challenges facing our world today.

Central to the proposed reforms is the concept of human development—a vision of global progress that prioritizes the well-being and dignity of all people, regardless of their nationality or socioeconomic status. By placing human development at the heart of the UN Charter, we reaffirm the organization's commitment to promoting peace, prosperity, and social justice for all.

In conclusion, the modernization of the UNSC is not merely a matter of institutional reform but a moral imperative. It is a testament to our collective commitment to building a more just, equitable, and peaceful world—a world where every nation, large or small, has a seat at the table and a voice in shaping its future. As we embark on this transformative journey, let us draw inspiration from the words of the UN Charter itself: “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.”



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A hole day's night

By Tony Deyal

The experts recommend that, when you are in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging. Interesting, eh? However, I don't think it is as easy as all that. I believe your response first depends on the kind of hole you're in.

There are 12 types of holes – blind (which my wife says was made for me because of my eyesight difficulties); through (which I think requires the right length); simple (which my friend Simon was known for); and a few more like, tapered hole, threaded hole and one I am yet to see, the screw clearance hole.

I found out that the screw hole is a simple hole with a slightly bigger diameter than a screw thread so that the screw can pass through.

I knew I was treading in deep water because it allows an object large enough to enable threads of a screw or bolt to pass through but not the head of the screw or bolt being used. A screw like that will force anybody to bolt, even Usain.

After you work out the kind of hole you're in, your next step is to determine whether you're digging, dredging or drowning. Most important is to stay far from a Glory Hole in the city of Fellatio or even Incognito.

One thing, though, if you don't know what a Glo-

ry Hole is, don't look into it. I suppose that in using the term "kind of hole" I should have first asked myself whether any hole is at all kind? And, if there are any at all that are of the right kind of kind, what are the criteria for them that makes them different from the others.

More important, how do you test them so you could attest that they are indeed kind, or even one of a kind, instead of some we have all met who are totally unkind.

Then we have to learn about the different qualities of holes. For example, there is an A-hole, a B or Bee hole and, further down, a P-hole.

The problem in the Caribbean is that we also pronounce "hold" as "hole". For example, one calypso for a Carnival was "hole on to your man if you love him" and the next line was "Don't ask me why!" And another was, "Hole the pussy, hole the pussy, hole the pussy cat" and went on to "hold the pussy hole ... the pussy hole the pussy, hole the pussy cat." Technically, a hole is an opening in, or through, a particular medium, usually a solid body.

Holes occur through natural and artificial processes, and may be useful for various purposes or even represent a problem needing to be addressed.

You can even have a



Tony Deyal

hole in one, which is defined as "a shot that enters the hole from the tee with no intervening shots".

That is known as an "ace". If you don't get into the hole, you will not only catch your ace but it will not be spelt or pronounced the same way.

To qualify as a hole in one, you must achieve it while playing a round of at least nine holes, and these occur on par three holes. It is like playing the marble game known as "three hole" in which your fingers do the walking, talking and pitching.

As described by Simply Trini Cooking, "the holes were named 1st hole, 2nd hole and 3rd hole" and you had to "pitch your marble into the holes in succession".

It is the same in Barbados and Jamaica. The game was first known as 'Rolley Hole' and also 'Indian Marbles'.

In a way, even marbles as a game come under what Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, saw as the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

In terms of parts and the whole, if you are given the components of a motor vehicle, they would have no value unless they were combined to create a car.

But what about the hole? It is clear that there are some that are clearly of the highest level. These are the A-holes I already told you about. Then there are a different type of "B" known as 'Black' holes.

One, the Black Hole of Calcutta, was intended to hold at most a couple of prisoners. On June 20, 1756, after a four-day battle, 145 Indian men and one woman were cruelly herded into the Black Hole.

Only 27 survived the 10 horrific hours. Then there is another Black Hole just as

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bad.

The research shows that the focus on race in the US since 2020 hasn't led to major changes for Black Americans, and they are treated less fairly than white people, especially in dealing with the police.

The Gallup Poll, an American multinational analytics and advisory company, found proof that black people were unfairly treated in six everyday situations that were worse in August 2020 than any time since 1997.

These included stores and neighbourhood shops, working, getting healthcare, dealing with the police, and also while visiting restaurants, bars, theatres and other entertainment venues.

So, before any US person tells me to shut my Cake-hole, or hole my breath, let's move on.

There are bolt holes and even bold holes. You can "hole" your breath because there are blind holes, through

holes, and interrupted ones.

Some are simple holes, others are "tapped" holes (in school that was to be hit on the back of your head by someone's hand), and even tapered and threaded ones. There is also a 'spotface' hole. My friend Jimbo decided to drop a fast one on me about a spotface.

He said, "Hold it firmly in your hand, put it in your mouth, lick it, straighten it, and put it in the hole."

Then he added, "Man, threading a needle is really difficult work." I then told him, "You forgot some."

I then reeled out chuckhole, cubbyhole, waterhole, blowhole, bunghole, peephole (and one without the second "p"), and even ratholes and manholes. Some of us even have nose holes.

But, for me, there are "pols" worse than the police so I will end with a poke at a pol-hole. "What do you get if you ask a pol-itarian to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Three different answers.

"What's the difference between a pol-itarian and a flying pig?" The letter 'F'. By the way, if you are sharing this or adding to the joke comparing politician to pigs, please hold off. It's really offensive and disrespectful. Pigs are not all bad.

What you should know, though, is that the only time a politician tells the truth is when he calls another politician on the other side a liar.

Talking about liars, the former president of the United States, a liar and a crooked man entered a bar in Washington and he drank a cup of coffee.

The bartender almost coffee down. My favourite is when terrorists hijacked a place filled with politicians. They threatened that they would release one politician per hour if their demands were not met.

Tony Deyal was last seen asking, "What do golf and dates have in common?" If you end up in the hole, you're doing something right.




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Grenada: Truce brokered between Bishop and priest

CMC – A truce has been brokered between Roman Catholic Bishop Clyde Harvey and Father Gerald Paul whose public spat had threatened to divide the worshippers here.

A brief statement issued late on Saturday night by one of the two mediators, Terrence P. Smith, stated that “an agreement” had been reached to “promote harmony in the Catholic Church in Grenada”.

The statement gave no indication as to whether or not Father Paul’s “indefinite” suspension had been lifted, but said that the agreement was reached following a meeting between the two Roman Catholic priests and mediated by Smith and Shireen Wilkinson and witnessed by former attorney general and minister of legal affairs, Dr Francis Alexis KC.

The statement said that “going forward, neither Bishop Harvey nor Father Gerard Paul will make any public statement apt to not be in the best interest of the Catholic Church.

“It was agreed that mediation will continue in two weeks time,” the statement said, adding that the Vicar General of the diocese will preside at Holy Mass on Sunday and that “Father Paul may be in the Sanctuary”.



Bishop Clyde Harvey (Left) and Father Gerard Paul (File Photo)

Earlier this month, Bishop Harvey said that Father Paul had “not been suspended because of what he had said about Gaza” but for his continued “lack of respect” for the church and his “pronouncements that often stray from the truth”.

“I wish to state...Father Gerard Paul had not been suspended because of what he said about Gaza. His sentiments have been echoed by many in and out of the Catholic Church.

“The Church is very concerned and will continue to speak out about the unjust situations in the world, including Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti and Sudan,” Bishop Harvey said in a video statement.

The Trinidadian-born Bishop said that the church would continue with that policy, while being active in caring for persons “in the

midst of these situations”.

He said the priest has been suspended “because of his continuing lack of respect for the church of which he is a priest and his pronouncements that often stray from the truth.”

Bishop Harvey said the suspension of a priest from ministry “is not to be confused with dismissal from the priesthood. Suspension, however long it may be, is always with a view to fraternal correction.

The controversy began on March 27, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and subsequent statements made by Father Paul on various media platforms in which he accused the church here for not condemning the situation in Gaza.

Father Paul said at a recent clergy retreat, the situation was not even mentioned

or addressed.

“I call upon the Church today to get its freedom and to get its voice and speak up for justice,” the priest said, while calling the Gaza War a ‘wholesale slaughter’ of Palestinians and Muslims.

“We cannot rightly ever preach the Gospel if we do not stand for justice. It’s time the Catholic Church stands for justice.

“It’s time we hear the voices of the pastors of the church, we hear the voices of the priests of the church, we hear the voices of the bishops, we hear the voices of the archbishops, we hear the voice of the pope standing for justice.

“When you stand in silence, when you sit in silence, you are part of these injustice in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” the Grenadian born Father Paul said.



UN boss welcomes creation of transitional council in Haiti

CMC - UN Secretary-General António Guterres has welcomed the establishment of a transitional council in Haiti tasked with choosing new political leadership and setting up elections in the crisis-torn CARICOM country.

In a statement issued on Saturday by his Spokesman, the UN chief welcomed the publication of a decree formally establishing the Transitional Presidential Council, which is tasked with choosing Haiti's next prime minister and Cabinet.

"[He] urges all Haitian stakeholders to continue making progress in putting in place transitional governance arrangements, including the timely appointment of an interim Prime Minister and government, and the nomination of the members of the Provisional Electoral Council," said the statement.

Further, the statement said Guterres takes note of the functions of the Transitional Presidential Council, including working with all members of

the international community to accelerate the deployment of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission authorised last year by the UN Security Council.

"He reiterates his call on all Member States to contribute to the MSS," the statement concluded.

Last Friday, the Transitional Presidential Council (CPT) in Haiti said the political agreement had been finalised between the different political, economic and civil society sectors which constitute it.

"This agreement, which has been harmonized with the decree document on the organisation and operation of the CPT, will be immediately signed by the stakeholders and then the two documents will be officially transmitted to the Government, via CARICOM, the body facilitating the dialogue process," the CPT said in a statement.

"The political agreement expresses a common vision of the transition constructed by the sectors and represents a

responsible commitment to the Haitian people. It indicates the broad outlines of the road map for the transition period that the Presidential Council will be responsible for executing, jointly with the next consensus government, with the aim of putting the country back on the path to stability, peace, union and progress."

Amid a political vacuum, Haiti's powerful and well-armed gangs have launched coordinated attacks on various targets since February, including police stations, prisons, airports, and seaports, resulting in the resignation in March of Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

Even as the capital, Port-au-Prince, and much of the surrounding area remains in the grip of rampaging gangs, UN humanitarians are continuing to offer emergency aid to those impacted.

Recently, the World Food Programme (WFP) provided 19,000 meals to displaced civilians in Port-au-Prince, and school lunches to 200,000 children in other provinces.

US tells Israel it won't participate in Iran response

By Bernd Debusmann Jr

The White House has warned Israel that the US will not participate in any retaliatory strikes on Iran, senior administration officials have said.

Over 300 drones and missiles were fired at Israel overnight, which Iran said was in response to an 1 April strike on its consulate in Syria.

Almost all weapons were shot down by Israeli, US and allied forces before they reached their targets.

Officials said Joe Biden urged Israel to consider its response "carefully".

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, a senior administration official said that Mr Biden told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to "think very carefully and strategically" about how his forces replied to the unprecedented action, the first direct attack by Iran on the country.

The official added that the Biden administration believes Israel "got the best of it" in the exchange, which began when senior Iranian military commanders were killed at an Iranian consular building in Syria.

About 99% of the missiles, drones and cruise missiles launched during Iran's retaliatory operation were shot down or intercepted - which US officials point to as a sign of Israeli military

superiority over Iran.

US aircraft and naval vessels shot down dozens of Iranian projectiles as the attack took place. Some 70 drones and several ballistic missiles were downed by US aircraft and vessels or by air defence forces over Iraq.

A conversation took place between Mr Biden and Mr Netanyahu at a time "of heightened emotion" just after the attack, which included about 100 ballistic missiles simultaneously flying towards Israel.

During the call, the two leaders had a discussion "about how to slow things down and think through things", with Mr Biden emphasising that Israel has "gotten the best of it".

The official declined to say, however, whether the White House warned against a significant response, saying only that "it is a calculation the Israelis have to make".

In a string of television appearances on US networks earlier in the day, national security spokesman John Kirby repeatedly said that the US had made it clear to Israel that it seeks to avoid a wider conflict.

The senior administration said that the same message has been sent to Iran through diplomatic channels.

Both Mr Kirby and the official said that the US would continue to defend



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Israel, but has ruled out participating in any Israeli response.

The stance is one that has sparked criticism from some US lawmakers and former officials from both sides of the political spectrum.

Ohio Republican Representative Mike Turner, who serves as chair of the House intelligence committee, said that Mr Kirby's comments about de-escalating the conflict were "wrong".

"It is already escalating, and the administration needs to respond," he said on NBC.

And John Bolton, who served as national security adviser under President Donald Trump, said the US should join Israel if its chose to launch a retaliatory attack on Iran's nuclear programme.

"I think it [Israel] can destroy or disable a very substantial part [of the programme], if not totally," he told NewsNation. "Frank-

ly, if Israel is prepared to go after Iran's nuclear programme, the United States should proudly join them."

In the wake of Iran's attack on Israel, Mike Johnson, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, said that the body would "try again" to pass military aid for Israel.

Previous attempts to send more aid to Israel have stalled amid Democratic calls that the aid package should also include assistance for Taiwan and Ukraine.

Mick Mulroy, a former Deputy Secretary of Defence for the Middle East, told the BBC that aid for Israel should be passed "without delay".

"If it wasn't for US security assistance, we could be facing a major regional war," he said. "That supplement and the ones for Ukraine and Taiwan are in our national security interest. It is not charity. It's part of the US national defence."

Russia Kazakhstan floods: High water levels swamp Orenburg houses

By Robert Greenall

Floods in the Russian city of Orenburg have raised water levels to two metres above critical, leaving just the roofs of some houses showing.

The city's mayor urged many residents to leave home, as sirens sounded.

Levels in Orenburg are likely to peak on Friday, but floods are expected to spread through neighbouring regions over the coming days and weeks.

Kazakhstan has also been badly affected, with 100,000 people evacuated from their homes in the last week.

The flooding is being described as the worst to hit the region in 80 years.

Last week, several rivers - including the Ural, Europe's third-largest - burst their banks. A number flow back and forth between Russia and Kazakhstan.

High seasonal temperatures have led to rapidly melting snow and ice, compounded by heavy rains.

The Ural river reached 11.43m (37ft) in Orenburg on Friday. Authorities say that more than 10,000 people have been evacuated there, and 11,700 homes have been flooded.

Mayor Sergei Salmin has called for further mass evacuations in some districts.

"Leave your homes immediately. The situation is critical, don't waste time!" he said on his Telegram channel, adding that the sirens being heard in the city were not an exercise.

The city has a population of half a million and is about 1,500km (930 miles) south-east of Moscow.

Local resident Anna Borodina told Reuters her family had been living in their current property for less than a year.

"Yesterday they turned off all communications, there were sirens and we



More than 10,000 people have been evacuated in Orenburg.

had to evacuate. Our house is flooded and we can't live here. We're looking for somewhere to stay," she said.

Yulia Babenko, who runs an animal shelter in Orenburg, said many owners did not know what to do with their pets.

"We really have a lot of animals here that had owners, not just street animals," she told Reuters.

"Owners also have no place to take their pets to, nothing is organised. So we are forced to organise everything ourselves. It's almost like Noah's Ark here."

Water levels have fallen in Orsk, further east and upstream of Orenburg. Orsk was badly affected last weekend after a dam burst and saw rare public protests against low compensation offers and perceived failures by local authorities to save the dam.

From Orenburg the Ural flows through northwest Kazakhstan and into the Caspian Sea.

The Ishim and Tobol rivers are also reaching dangerous levels, and are only predicted to peak around 23-24 April.

Floodwaters are threatening a whole swathe of northern Kazakhstan and many dams and reservoirs there

are filled to capacity.

One resident, Serik Zholdygal, said his village had been devastated.

"The house, the barn, all the appliances and clothes, everything went under water," he told AP news agency.

"This is my elder brother's house, he got married last year and took a loan out to build it. I helped him as much as I could."

In Petropavl on the Ishim river, in North Kazakhstan region, a local reservoir was threatening to overflow, potentially flooding a major road between two Russian cities - Chelyabinsk and Novosibirsk.

Meanwhile the Russian village of Kaminskoye has been evacuated after levels in the Tobol rose 1.4m overnight, regional governor Vadim Shumkov said.

Kurgan, the regional capital and city of 300,000, lies downstream and is also thought to be at risk.

Mr Shumkov said a dam near the city was being reinforced.

States of emergency have been declared in Kurgan region and in neighbouring Tyumen, in western Siberia.

Flooding often happens in this part of the Eurasian landmass when winter transitions to spring, but there has been nothing on this scale in living memory.

Sports News



Rebels get third win in ABBA's Division 2 League

The Rebels won their latest game in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division League on Saturday night.

The Rebels secured their third win in seven games with a 95-69 victory against MJ Gray's Green Phoenix at the JSC Sports Complex.

Tyndale Telemaque shot a game-high 31 points; Bruce Whyte scored 22 points; Kareem Blair got 15 points, 17 rebounds, and eight assists; and Buell Henry converted 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Rebels.

Isaac Perez sank 17 points; Dimetre Leitch converted 14 points and claimed 18 rebounds; and Kevorn Shirley scored 12 points for MJ Gray's Green Phoenix, who suffered their seventh loss in as many games.

The Honourable Daryll Matthew Ottos Clippers won by default against Cecil Charles Cristos United, who failed to show up for their encounter.

The result meant that it was the second win in eight games for the Ottos Clippers, while Cecil Charles Cristos



United lost for the seventh time in eight games. Spanish Heat 2 also returned to winning form in ABBA's Second Division League.

After suffering their first loss to the Jim Nance Jan Serv Fearless Crew in their previous outing, the Spanish Heat 2 claimed their fifth win in six games by beating the Honourable Gaston Browne Pointville Ballers 113-58 in their encounter at the JSC Sports Complex.

Ismael Palemo converted 23 points

and grabbed 15 rebounds; Jesus Emmanuel produced 23 points, nine rebounds, and seven steals; and Erwin Rodriguez had 15 points, nine rebounds, and five assists for the Spanish Heat 2.

In support, Kevin Pimentel contributed 14 points, six rebounds, six steals, and five assists; Carlos Suarez sank 12 points and snatched six rebounds; and Derek Perez scored 11 points for Spanish Heat 2.

Sky Nedd shot a game-high 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds; Cedric Henry converted 15 points and snatched 18 rebounds; and Gavin Walker scored 11 points and claimed 16 rebounds for the Pointville Ballers, who lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Lava Smoke Shop Lower Ottos Warriors recorded their fifth win in seven games by beating Jim Nance Jan Serv Fearless Crew 71-54 in their Division 2 encounter.

Ariel Quallis produced 16 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists; Victor

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Potters Tigers cut Five Islands lead to one point atop First Division

The Potters Tigers have once again narrowed the gap to just one point behind the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division leaders, Five Islands.

The Tigers stayed within touching distance of the First Division front-runners by romping to a 4-1 victory against Bolans at Jennings in their latest outing.

Brian Davis struck a

hat-trick with conversions in the 29th, 48th, and 88th minutes, and the other goal for the Potters Tigers was scored by Keon Greene when he converted a penalty kick in the 65th minute.

Andre Weekes scored a consolation goal for Bolans in the 45th minute. Their 12th win in 15 matches carries the Potters Tigers to 39 points, one adrift of Five Islands.

Bolans remain in seventh place with 13 points after losing for the ninth time in 14 matches.

The bottom team, the Young Lions of Old Road, won for the third time in the league as they snatched a 1-0 victory against Bendals at the Bendals playing field.

Zavier Joseph, who missed a penalty kick in the third minute of the encounter, made amends by

scoring the only goal of the match in the 10th minute to secure victory for the Young Lions.

The Young Lions remain in the cellar, although they advanced by three to nine points after recording their third win in 15 matches.

Bendals remain in eighth place with 12 points after losing for the ninth time in 15 matches.

Freeman's Village extend lead at the top of the Second Division

Leaders Freeman's Village moved four points clear of second-placed Sea View Farm in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League after the latest round of matches.

Freeman's Village extended their lead at the top of the Second Division with a 4-1 victory against FC Master Ballerz in their encounter at the Freeman's Village playing field.

Darius Hector scored twice with conversions in the 11th and 20th minutes, Roy Gregory scored in the 62nd minute, and Malik Charles scored the final goal for Freeman's Village in the 66th minute.

Kahlique Kellman scored an own goal in the 39th minute for FC Master Ballerz.

Their 14th win in 17 matches allows Freeman's Village to remain as Second Division leaders by advancing to 42 points, four ahead of Sea View Farm in second place.

FC Master Ballers dropped from sixth to seventh place on goal difference by remaining on 31 points after losing for the second time in 15 matches.

Oshane Blackwood and

Nigel Graham each scored twice as English Harbour came from behind to claim an 8-2 victory against West Ham at the English Harbour playing field.

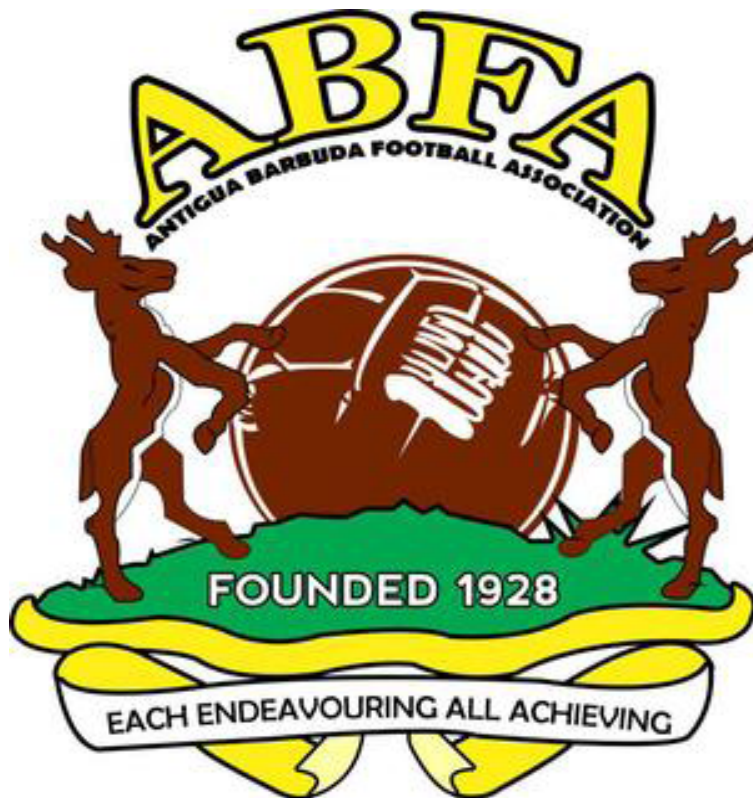
Blackwood had scored in the 59th and 70th minutes, and Graham had conversions in the 78th and 85th minutes. Clarence Marsh opened the scoring for English Harbour with a 27th-minute conversion.

Jaquon Watts also scored in the 52nd minute, Yakira Hughes had a 75th-minute conversion, and Wayne Phillip scored in the 79th minute for English Harbour.

Keithroy Richards scored in the 17th minute, and Anderson Herbert scored in the 82nd minute for West Ham, who ended the match with nine men after two of their players received red cards and were expelled.

Lloyd Shepperd was sent off in the 36th minute for using offensive, insulting, and abusive language, and Damian Azille was dismissed after picking up his second caution (yellow card) in the 38th minute.

English Harbour moved into fifth place with 33 points after recording their 10th win in 18 matches, as Urlings



dropped to sixth place with 32 points from 16 matches.

West Ham will remain in 15th place on 12 points after losing for the 10th time in 16 matches.

Taharie James and Milique London each scored hat-tricks to lead Real Blizzard to an 8-0 victory against Earthquakes at the ABFA Technical Center.

James scored in the 10th, 15th, and 75th minutes, and London had conversions in the 36th, 57th, and 80th minutes. The other goals for Real Blizzard were scored by Jahquan Hunte in the 69th min-

ute and Skerwin Boland in the 72nd minute.

Their seventh win in 16 matches carries Real Blizzard up to 11th place on goal difference with 24 points, the same as Lingies CPTSA Wings and Belmont FC.

Earthquakes will remain in 13th place with 19 points after crashing to their eighth defeat in 15 matches.

There was no play at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos in the game between the CPTSA Wings and Celtics.

CPTSA Wings will remain in 12th place on goal difference with 24 points, including seven wins, from 15 matches.

The Celtics will remain in 17th place on goal difference with seven points from 14 matches, including 11 losses.

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Osbourne sank 15 points; Kwame Huntley converted 14 points and claimed seven rebounds; and Michael Barton scored 12 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the Lower Ottos Warriors.

Ronel Gomez had 14 points and seven steals; Ricky Willock converted 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds; and Rafiki Harris and Raheem Sawyer each scored eight points for the Fearless Crew, who lost for the second time in six games.

LI Hurricanes lose to Barbados Pride in regional four-day tournament

The Barbados Pride completed a nine-wicket victory over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes on the final day of their sixth round West Indies Four-Day Championship clash at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Saturday.

The Hurricanes started day three 98 for one off 32.1 overs after being asked to follow-on by the Bajans and eventually made 311 all out off 101.2 overs in their second innings.

Mikyle Louis got his second half century of the match with a 194-ball 80, including eight fours and two sixes, while Keacy Carty, who scored 127 in the first innings, followed that up with 69 off 112 balls, including five fours and a six.

Hayden Walsh Jr. contributed 60 from 92 balls, including four fours and three sixes. Roston Chase, who got a hundred with the bat, completed an excellent all-round performance with seven for 67 off 33.2 overs to finish with a match haul of 10 for 104.

Needing just 58 to win, Barbados achieved their victory target for the loss of one wicket off 10.4 overs, with skipper Kraigg Brathwaite, who hit 189 in the first innings, finishing not out on 30.

Scores: Barbados Pride 542 for nine declared off 143 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 189, Roston Chase 127, Zachary McCaskie 101; Rakheem Cornwall 5-132) and 58-1 off 10.4 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 30 not out).

Leeward Islands Hurricanes 288 all out off 93.2 overs (Keacy Carty 127, Jewel Andrew 53, Mikyle Louis 52, Roston Chase 3-47, Shaquille Cumberbatch 3-48) and 311 all out off 101.2 overs (Mikyle Louis 80, Keacy Carty 69, Hayden Walsh Jr 60, Kieran Powell 52; Roston Chase 7-67).

The Trinidad & Tobago Red Force also completed a 123-run win over the



Barbados Pride all-rounder Roston Chase Combined Campuses and Colleges (CCC) on the final day of their encounter at the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground in Trinidad.

Scores: Trinidad & Tobago Red Force 591-7 declared off 123 overs. (Amir Jangoo 218, Jason Mohammed 157, Joshua Da Silva 79; Amari Godridge 5-92) and 95-2 off 17 overs (Jason Mohammed 41 not out, Amir Jangoo 34 not out).

Combined Campuses and Colleges 238 all out off 77 overs (Yannick Ottley 56 not out, Kamil Pooran 40; Anderson Phillip 5-71, Bryan Charles 2-30, Terrance Hinds 2-43) and 325 all out off 108.3 overs (Damel Evelyn 73, Demario Richards 66, Shamarh Brooks 62, Romario Greaves 47; Bryan Charles 4-46, Khary Pierre 3-90).

The Guyana Harpy Eagles completed a comprehensive 212-run win over the Jamaica Scorpions on the final day of their sixth round West Indies Championship fixture at Sabina Park in Jamaica on Saturday.

Full Scores: Guyana Harpy Eagles 424 all out off 116.3 overs (Kemol Savory 155, Tevin Imlach 101 not out, Gudakesh Motie 56; Ojay Shields 4-103, Peat Salmon 3-117) and 147-4 off 35.3 overs (Tevin Imlach 44, Kevin

Sinclair 36, Derval Green 2-39).

Jamaica Scorpions 153 all out off 61.1 overs (Brandon King 32, Ramaal Lewis 24; Veerasammy Permaul 5-55, Isai Thorne 2-19) and 206 all out off 71 overs (Kirk McKenzie 40, Javaughn Buchanan 39, Peat Salmon 30; Gudakesh Motie 3-32, Kevin Sinclair 3-32).

The Windward Islands Volcanoes moved back to the top of the table in the 2024 West Indies Championship thanks to a 158-run win over the West Indies Academy on day three of their sixth-round encounter at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua on Friday.

Scores: Windward Islands Volcanoes 162 off 48.3 overs (Shamar Springer 31, Stephan Pascal 26; Joshua Bishop 4-24, Johann Layne 3-30, Kadeem Alleyne 2-20) and 275 off 93 overs (Alick Athanaze 89, Shamar Springer 47, Kavem Hodge 41, Sunil Ambris 41; Joshua Bishop 4-78, Ashmead Nedd 3-65).

West Indies Academy 158 all out off 39.4 overs (Carlton Bowen Tuckett 36 not out, Kadeem Alleyne 35; Gilon Tyson 5-50, Ryan John 2-40, Shamar Springer 2-65) and 121 all out off 34.4 overs (Teddy Bishop 47; Shamar Springer 4-30, Darel Cyrus 2-23, Ryan John 2-29, Gilon Tyson 2-36).

Bullets win, Old Road and Villa Lions drop points in Premier League

Pigotts Bullets claimed their second win, but Old Road and Villa Lions dropped points during the second round of the second and final stage of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Saturday.

The Bullets shot their way to a 4-1 victory against

SAP in the last game of a triple header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Goals by Isaac Hughes in the 19th minute and Jean-Marc De Gannes in the 41st minute gave the Pigotts Bullets a two-nil lead at halftime. They pressed home their advantage by scoring twice in the second half.



Players of the Pigotts Bullets football team. (File photo)

Seigel Rodney converted a penalty kick in the 58th minute, and Akeem Isaac scored their final goal in the 74th minute. Alickson Montoute scored a consolation goal for SAP in the 90th minute.

The Pigotts Bullets will remain in seventh place with 23 points after recording their sixth win in 16 matches. SAP will remain in 11th place with 13 points after losing for the ninth time in 16 matches.

Old Road lost for the first time in the second round, falling to a 2-1 defeat against John Hughes in the second game of Saturday's triple header.

Rodney Lawrence put Old Road ahead with a sixth-minute conversion, but goals by Hanel Burrell in the 20th minute and Deno Bryan in the 46th minute secured John Hughes' first victory in the second phase of the competition.

John Hughes finished the game with 10 men. They lost the services of Burrell, who was expelled

in the 67th minute, after he picked up his second booking (yellow card), which is an automatic red card.

John Hughes will remain in eighth place with 22 points after claiming their seventh win in 16 matches. Old Road will remain in third place with 34 points after losing for the fourth time in 16 matches.

The Villa Lions were held to a 2-2 draw by the Ottos Rangers in Saturday's opening game. Joylan Sinclair scored in the 19th minute, and Samoel Rodriguez had a 40th-minute conversion for the Villa Lions.

Kylano Isaac had a conversion in the 39th minute, and Junior Benjamin scored in the first minute of added time in the first half for the Ottos Rangers.

The Villa Lions will remain in fifth place with 27 points after drawing for the third time in 16 matches. Ottos Rangers will remain in 12th place with 11 points after drawing for the fifth time in 15 matches.

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James hits double century in Blackhawks win

All-rounder Kofi James slammed an unbeaten double century as cup-holders Liberta Blackhawks extended their unbeaten run, in pursuit of a successful defense of their title in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Cup with a 303-run victory against the Bolans Blasters on Saturday.

James hammered 228 not out to propel the Blackhawks to 357 for four off their 40 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat on their home turf at Ball Beef in Liberta.

James, who opened the innings, faced just 142 balls, hitting 19 fours and 13 sixes. Tarek Charles struck 55 off 40 balls, and Michael Greaves made 35.

The Blackhawks soared to their third successive win by dismissing the Bolans Blasters for just 54 in 21.1 overs. Jaeco Benjamin snapped up three wickets for nine runs.

After winning their previous two games, Combined Schools suffered their first loss as they went under to the Pigotts Crushers by 18 runs via the Duckworth/Lewis Method at the Pigotts



Liberta Blackhawks all-rounder Kofi James playing field.

Pigotts Crushers batted first and made 166 for eight off their 40 overs. Captain Kadeem Henry hit 64, and Deran Benta struck 39.

Chasing a revised target of 130 in 32 overs, Combined Schools were restricted to 111 for six as the Crushers claimed their second win in three matches.

The Jennings Tigers

claimed their second win in three games by snatching a 15-run victory against the WES Rising Sun Spartans at Rising Sun.

Chasing 167 to win, the Spartans were dismissed for 151 in 26.5 overs. Hilroy Andrew top scored with 42 off 32 balls. Morton Browne captured four for 64.

Kief Baltimore cracked 43 off 25 balls, and Emman-

uel Lawrence scored 32 in the Jennings Tigers' total of 166 off 37 overs. Medium pacer Shane Burton claimed four for 31.

The New Winthorpes Lions also recorded their second win with a nine-wicket victory against the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles in Bethesda.

Bethesda crashed to 47 all out in 15.2 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Captain and fast bowler Nino Henry captured five for 15.

The New Winthorpes achieved victory at 50 for one in 7.3 overs.

The All Saints Pythons secured their first win by snatching a four-run victory over Empire Nation via the Duckworth/Lewis Method at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

Set a revised target of 116 in 22.5 overs, the Pythons achieved victory at 119 for six off their allotted overs. Empire Nation won the toss and batted, scoring 168 in 38 overs.

Tanez Francis hit 43, and Zianni Da Silva made 34. Michael Marcellin captured three for 35.