

# COURAGE AND FAITH: THE FOUNDATION OF ABLP'S SUCCESSES



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## Courage and Faith – The foundation of ABLP’s successes

The many remarkable successes that the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party Administration achieved over the past ten years have been based on a foundation of courage and faith.

The assessment comes from Prime Minister Gaston Browne in an address Wednesday night to hundreds of party faithfuls gathered at the headquarters building, the People’s Place, to celebrate ten unbroken years of good governance and solid economic gains for Antigua and Barbuda.

Speaking in a sombre mood, PM Browne said his administration inherited a country on the brink of bankruptcy on June 12, 2014, when it was returned to office following ten years under the now opposition United Progressive Party (UPP). It was a country and an economy in shambles, according to the prime minister.



“It was the first time in the history of Antigua and Barbuda that you had economic failure, financial failure and banking failure. In fact, there was no other country in the Caribbean that has had to contend with all three failures simultaneously. The economic failure was such that Antigua and Barbuda lost 25 percent of GDP between 2009 and 2013,” he recalled.

The prime minister re-



vealed that one of the most pressing of the problems that the government inherited was a national debt of over \$3 billion with cred-

itors, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) knocking on the government’s doors demanding payments.

The problem was compounded, he added, when it was discovered that many of the debts were not included in the national debt and that it took all the members of the Cabinet to ‘put our shoulders to the plow’ to help resolve the countries woes.

“We were able to stabilize our country’s economy within the first year and then we embarked on



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a number of projects in the succeeding years to the extent that we are now celebrating these successes in practically every sector of the economy,” the ABLP Political Leader and Prime Minister noted.

He said many of the things that the government did to tackle the myriad of problems it faced; it did so because it had the courage.

PM Browne identified a number of issues that the government tackled for the good of Antigua and Barbuda. These include demanding that Sandals Resort pays over to the government the ABST taxes it collected, getting better deals from the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association for taxi-drivers, the purchase of WIOC and the negotiations with Antigua Power Company Ltd. to reduce the amount the Privy Council ordered to be paid to its owners over the Wadadli Power Plant deal.

The prime minister emphasized that he and his team are men and wom-

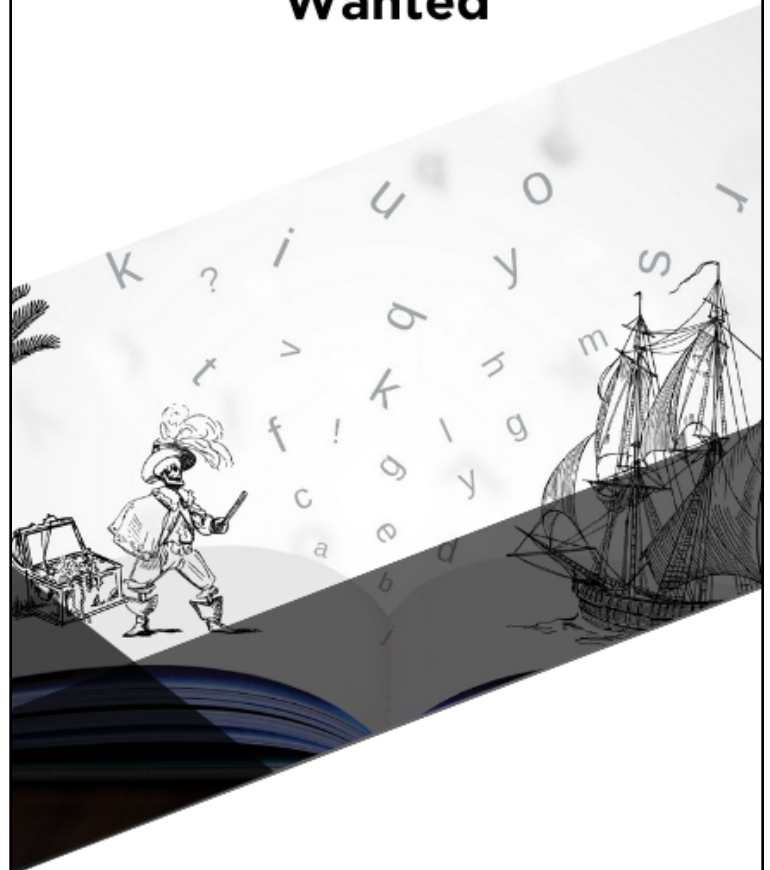


en of faith and it was this faith coupled with courage that allowed the country to overcome the many crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several church leaders were invited to the celebratory event as the prime minister further revealed that he consults regularly with Christian leaders as he continues to ask for God’s guidance for both he and the Cabinet and generally for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

One church leader, Dr Orson Daniel, was invited to pray for the prime minister and his Cabinet as well as for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

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## PM Browne: The unitary state of Antigua and Barbuda will continue into perpetuity

The Gaston Browne Administration will not turn its back on Barbuda, nor will it allow ‘obstructionists’ to make it less committed to fully integrate the island and its people in all aspects of national life.

That’s the commitment given by Prime Minister Gaston Browne in an address to the nation on the occasion of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party’s 10th anniversary in office, June 12, 2014 to June 12, 2024.

“In ten years, we have advanced our country steadily and progressively for the benefit of all Antiguan and Barbudans and all who dwell within our shores.

Our prospects are real; we shall seize the opportunities and soldier on confidently to victory. This decade has also been marked by our commitment to heal divisions and foster unity across our twin-island state.

“We have worked tirelessly amid constant protestations, to integrate Barbuda more fully into our

national life, rejecting the divisive politics of marginalization of the past,” PM Browne declared.

According to the prime minister ...despite the strident efforts of those he refers to as ‘obstructionists’ the administration will not relent on the advancement of Barbuda and the Barbudan brothers and sisters.

“We are determined to unrelentingly transform Barbuda into a luxury and sustainable island designation, with a well-developed property rights system.

Antigua and Barbuda shall continue into perpetuity as a successful unitary state, with stakeholder ownership in land and other assets, both in Antigua and in Barbuda,” he stated.

PM Browne said his government is striving to create a cohesive society where every citizen, whether from Antigua or Barbuda, feels valued, and where every community can thrive. “No one will be left behind under the leadership of my all-empowering administration,” he emphasized.

## SIDS4 volunteers get certificates of appreciation

More than two hundred persons who volunteered their time and efforts to work along with delegations attending the Fourth International Conference of Small Island Developing States (SIDS4) were presented with Certificates of Appreciation at a special function held in their honour on Tuesday night.

The event took the form of a cocktail reception held at the historic Dows Hill Interpretation Centre.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P Chet Greene thanked the volunteers for the exemplary manner in which they performed their various roles interacting with the delegations.

At the end of the four-day conference, held from May 27 to 30 at the Amer-



ican University of Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda has been showered with much praise for a successful hosting of the event and many persons singled out the role of the volunteers for the overall success of the conference.

Greene also expressed thanks to the volunteers on behalf of the Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, and the entire Cabinet, all of whom have reported on the many positive comments that they have received concerning the exceptional work of the volunteers.

During the reception, along with the presentation of certificates, special



awards were presented to a number of individuals who went beyond the call of duty in their interactions with the guests.

These individuals are; Ricardo Nedd for Resourcefulness,

Amar Singh for working despite of injury,

Ewarla Piper as a good all-rounder,

JoHann Joseph for being a good team player,

Kelvin Laurent for being a good Ambassador,

Keisha Philips for flexibility,

Latifa Green an AUA Onsite Usher was awarded for the brightest and warm-

est smile.

Chief Protocol Officer, Karen Cabrall, who was responsible for the recruitment and training of the volunteers was also presented with a special award and gift for her role in preparing and coordination of this very important aspect of the hosting of the conference. Cabrall who was personally thanked by the Foreign Minister for outstanding work, expressed deep appreciation to Volunteer Coordinator, Anika Kentish, as well as Lorna Mae Hughes, Debbie Davis, Cordice Concierge and Vineesha Charles for their invaluable support.

## Antigua and Barbuda UN Mission says thanks

The Antigua and Barbuda Mission to the United Nations is expressing heartfelt thanks to the generous and willing partners who played an instrumental role in the success of the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States, SIDS4.

Held at the American University of Antigua in St. George Antigua, from the 27 – 30 May, 2024, the conference brought together leaders, experts, and stakeholders from across the globe to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by small island developing states.

Primarily focused on addressing issues related to sustainable development, climate resilience, and economic growth, SIDS4 would not have been possible without the strong national effort of a number of esteemed partners and ministries of government.

“Your contributions have been vital in facilitating meaningful dialogue

and actionable solutions for SIDS communities,” stated Antigua and Barbuda’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Walton Webson.

In particular, the UN Mission said it gratefully acknowledges the following partners for their exceptional support: Government Ministries and Departments: The Governor General’s Office, The Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Information and Information Technology, the Cultural Development Division, the Ministry of Works, National Housing, the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board, CBH, the National Solid Waste and Management Authority, the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force, ABS Television, APUA, ONDCP, and the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre for the support from Antigua and



Flag raising at the SIDS4 conference

Barbuda’s Telecommunications Services. It also said it wishes to recognize Inet, Digicel, Flow and ACT.

Deserving credit must also go to the American University of Antigua, Townhouse Mega Store, Furniture Gallery, Courts, Sagicor Insurance, Cedar Valley Golf Club, Global Ports, Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association, the media and the many dozens of volunteers who joined this effort of national calling.

The National Coordinator of the Conference, Sheila Roseau also expressed profound gratitude, stating, “The success of the 4th SIDS Conference is a testament to the collaborative national spirit and shared commitment of our partners and supporters. Their generous support has enabled us to begin a truly transformative movement that will address the critical needs of small island developing

states.”

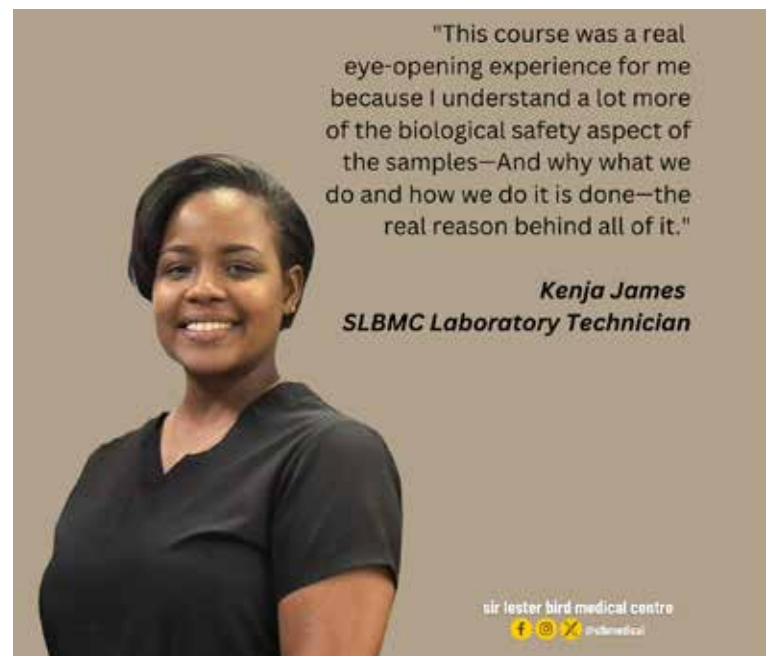
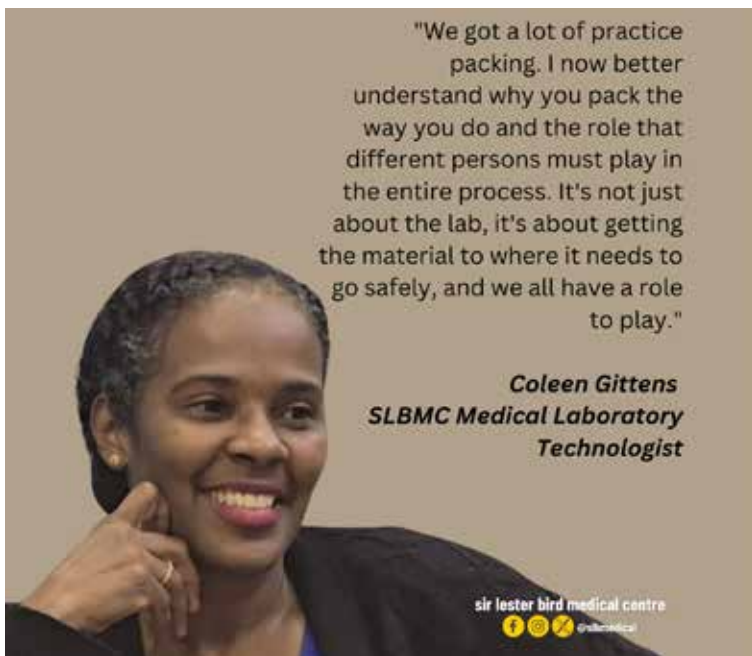
Ambassador Webson further noted that the support of Antiguan and Barbudans played an essential role in guaranteeing the success of the conference, making SIDS4 a truly historic achievement for our small state.

“As we continue to build on the momentum generated by this conference, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda remains dedicated to fostering partnerships and implementing initiatives that support the sustainable development of island nations and the implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS),” he stated.

“The contributions of our partners and volunteers have laid a solid foundation for progress, and we look forward to further opportunities to work together and garner their continued support in our collective journey towards a future filled with possibilities,” Ambassador Webson continued.



Volunteers at the SIDS4 conference



## Healthcare professionals receive training on the shipping of infectious substances

Laboratory technicians have successfully completed a training programme that focused on the safe way to ship infectious substances.

The course was designed for SLBMC laboratory staff and other laboratory professionals in Antigua and Barbuda to strengthen capacity and identify health security risks efficiently. Personnel attending the training also included staff from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

who are also involved in biomedical material transport.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) in organizing the course.

This training was also important for the laboratory staff to attain certification in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Dangerous Goods

Regulations.

Barbara Joseph, SLBMC's Laboratory Service and Quality Manager noted the importance of the training not just for SLBMC but for the entire country; "These trainings will enhance Antigua and Barbuda's capacity to ship biological samples to reference laboratories in other countries for further testing and characterization. As a result, we're able to help speed up research and better serve patients."

"The Ministry of Health will continue to work with partner agencies to ensure shipping of infectious substance trainings continue in accordance with evolving health issues globally so that the country's laboratory services are strengthened," commented Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kamaria DeCastro.

Carlos Rampersaud, CARPHA Biorisk Officer and facilitator of the training, stressed the importance of safe shipping through strict regulations to ensure that shippers are trained to safely ship biological specimens. "It is important for us to

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have infectious substances shipped according to the standards, especially given the Cricket World Cup - as we have many persons visiting from over 25 countries to the region - and as such we must remain vigilant during this time to ensure if we have any outbreaks during our mass gatherings that we are prepared to ship during an emergency.

“The shipping of infectious substances and understanding of the relevant biosafety practices are of great importance as well as the training opportunities that will continue to be offered



IN PHOTO: Training course participants along with facilitator (Carlos Rampersaud—center)

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to Antigua post the Cricket World Cup. We hope that the knowledge gained from this training will be shared

among staff.”

Training course participants expressed their gratitude for the training

received. Coleen Gittens, SLBMC Medical Laboratory Technologist said, “We got a lot of practice packing. I now better understand why you pack the way you do and the role that different persons must play in the entire process. It’s not just about the lab, it’s about getting the material to where it needs to go safely, and we all have a role to play.”

Kenja James, Laboratory Technician at SLBMC expressed a similar sentiment, “This course was a real eye-opening experience for me because I understand a lot more of the biological safety aspect of the samples - and why what we do and how we do it is done - the real reason behind all of it.”

The training course syllabus included a mixture of both theoretical and practical elements. Initial face-to-face training and certification is followed by online training every two years to recertify and remain valid.

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## ABTA takes cricket-carnival marketing campaign to T&T

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority is taking its Cricket and Culture roadshow to Caribbean destinations with stops already completed in Trinidad and Tobago.

Taking the roadshow to Caribbean destinations follows successful stops in the United Kingdom and Canada. The ABTA said the exciting three-day roadshow earlier this month provided the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority with a platform to highlight cricketing events while showcasing the exciting Antigua Carnival which is scheduled to take place from July 25 – August 6, 2024.

“We have launched our ‘Be Here’ Carnival campaign across Piarco International Airport, in-flight magazines, major television programs, radio stations and online platforms in Trinidad and Tobago,” said Director of Tourism for the Caribbean and Latin America at the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) Charmaine Spencer, “and so we were excited to go into Trinidad and Tobago to meet with our trade partners, and engage with the public, sharing information on what’s new in Antigua and Barbuda, and personally encouraging them to visit the destina-



tion”.

“The ‘Be Here’ carnival video, set to the music of soca artist Ricardo Drue’s ‘Ah Love It Here,’ showcases our vibrant celebrations and beautiful destination. It displays why people need to be here in the summer for Antigua’s carnival, which features thirteen non-stop days of feting, stunning costumes, pulsating music, and warm, friendly people,” said Spencer.

The Tourism Authority Director expressed enthusiasm about the campaign and the upcoming Carnival, noting that Antigua and Barbuda has recently seen remarkable growth in visitor arrivals from the Trinidad and Tobago market and is attributing this success to the collaborative efforts of key partners within the industry.

In addition to the Be campaign roll-out, the Tourism Authority also hosted a special ‘Pineapple Awards Rewards & Recognition Cocktail Reception’, which was held to honour those dedicated travel advisors that completed the Antigua and Barbuda Specialist Travel Agent Course and achieved certification. Thirty leading travel advisors were celebrated for their hard work and commitment, receiving certificates and prizes.

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism delegation also included the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels & Tourism Association, and the Antigua and Barbuda

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Festivals Commission. A series of media interviews were conducted with partners across various radio and television stations to promote the destination. The discussions highlighted the country's rich cultural heritage, events such as cricket and carnival, the romance product, pristine beaches, first-class resorts, small boutique properties as well as Barbuda.

In addition to radio and television interviews, the team hosted destination presentations with top-producing tour operators and travel agencies, including Navarro's Travel and Krystal Tours. These discussions were led by ABTA Tourism Director Charmaine Spencer, Anthea Watkins, Head of Operations at the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels & Tourism Association (ABHTA),



and Anreka Geness, Barbuda Tourism Marketing Officer.

Patrice Simon, the Executive Director of the ABHTA, expressed her enthusiasm about partnering on the roadshow, stating, "Representation for Antigua and Barbuda in the regional market is crucial."

"We are thrilled to participate and support the Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Creative Industries in showcases like these. Travel-

ing between our islands has always been a part of our way of life, and we look forward to more opportunities to highlight our member hotels and partners, showcasing the diverse accommodation offerings in Antigua and Barbuda."

The public was also invited to East Gates Mall in Trincity for ABTA's promotions which included a chance to win a grand prize trip for two, courtesy of Ca-

ribbean Airlines.

The prize package featured hotel accommodation at the Villas at Sunset Lane and an island tour. Visitors to East Gates Mall were inspired to visit Antigua and Barbuda as they explored the destination's offerings, sampled local treats, engaged with cultural performers, and enjoyed the sounds of Antigua and Barbuda soca music.

The event saw a great turnout, with attendees gathering information and participating in various promotions. Highlights included spinning the wheel to win prizes and snapping their best Instagram photos for a chance at the grand prize trip for two to Antigua and Barbuda. The lucky winner of the grand prize trip has been announced on the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Live Instagram page.



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# Letter to the Editor

## Evangelicals and the Abortion Law

Dear Editor,

Our Evangelical Alliance (EA) seem more concerned about the abortion law than about abortion.

Our current criminal law is ineffective. It does not protect fetal life. It does not stop abortions.

It is inequitable, since it only affects the vulnerable - the poor and the young.

It is harmful. It forces some women to take risks to end unwanted pregnancies.

It discriminates against women even when they have been victims of violence, whether rape or incest.

It discriminates because it absolves men from any responsibility whatsoever for unwanted pregnan-

cies.

Abortion is widespread in Antigua and the Caribbean: 65-74% of women will have at least one abortion by age 44. Most of them will have more than one.

The law is unenforced but remains available for arbitrary abuse.

About 80% of so-called teenage pregnancies are caused by men 20 years and older.

Sexual violence is endemic. At least 26% report experiences of forced sex, 19% have been abused by their partner and an appalling 19% report being sexually abused as a child.

We can change the law and address these facts, or we can continue to deny this reality.

The EA worries that bringing the abortion law in line with our modern Constitution and international conventions we have signed would "erode our nation's moral code." Really?

In the face of these data, which probably underrepresent the true sexual horror our women and girls encounter, what is the grand moral standard the EA seeks to protect?

The Government must summon the moral courage to take actions that are decades overdue: Decriminalize abortion, foster sexual education, improve contraceptive usage and hold sexual predators accountable.

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# Special Feature



## Address to the Nation by the Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the election of the ABLP to government

My fellow citizens and residents of Antigua and Barbuda.

Today, as we reflect on the past decade, we celebrate a remarkable journey together—one that began ten years ago when the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party took the reigns of power during a period of unprecedented failures.

Let me remind you, for comparative purposes that during that lost decade under the failed UPP administration, our nation faced severe economic problems.

Our people were impoverished; we endured high unemployment, significant business closures, unsustainable national debt and rampant crime and violence, including rapes and homicides.

The economy came to a screeching halt with government defaulting on its IMF loan and it couldn't even pay for basic services including fuel, electricity, and water; owing suppliers of these devices over \$200M without any formal credit terms.

Notorious projects, like the unfinished car park in St. John's, the Wadadli power plant, the ill-fated Half Moon Bay acquisition, stand as stark reminders of those turbulent times characterized by unbridled corruption and incompetence.

These missteps were compounded by over two billion dollars in borrowings and an overwhelming reliance on the IMF, which further strained our public services and overall economy.

However, ten years ago, you, the people of Antigua and Barbuda, chose a new direction.

You placed your trust in the ABLP to rejuvenate and rebuild our nation.

Together, we have turned adversity into opportunity, transforming our

economic landscape; ensuring a future where prosperity is shared by all.

Under the ABLP's leadership, we have acquired ownership of critical assets like the West Indies Oil Company and our water infrastructure, securing them for the public good. We have also recovered 10 acres of beach property, valued at \$27M, located at Valley Church which was corruptly sold by the UPP administration to a foreign entity for \$1.00.

The UPP reportedly spent \$1.4B on roads during their tenure, yet all of the roads were in a poor state of repair when we assumed office in 2014.

Our administration has since repaired most of the main arteries and has now accelerated the community road programme. In fact, my administration has recently invested \$21M in heavy equipment and machinery to equip the Public Works Department to accelerate the community road maintenance and upgrade program.

During the last decade, we have made Investments in infrastructure—such as reverse osmosis plants, modern port facilities, and expanded electricity services, which have not only strengthened our capacity, but have also propelled our economic growth and development.

We have reduced unemployment significantly, fostered a thriving tourism sector, and enhanced our educational systems with the establishment of the fourth landed campus of the University of the West Indies campus at Five Islands, to rapidly expand the intellectual capital of our nation.

This journey of revival was made even more challenging by the global



Prime Minister Gaston Browne COVID-19 pandemic, yet through courageous leadership and prudent financial management, we did not succumb to the crisis.

Unlike the failed UPP regime, we did not seek bailout funds from the IMF; the ABLP administration managed to steer our nation through these perilous times, ensuring our health and economic stability remained intact.

This resilience resulted in unprecedented post COVID growth of 7.5 percent per annum, further cementing our path to economic development and social improvement.

Today, through the steadfast commitment of the ABLP, Antiguan and Barbudans earn more per head of population than the majority of countries in the region, without paying personal income tax. We enjoy a high level of development as evidenced by the UNDP Development Index ranking.

Our people are working; our econ-

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omy is growing at a rate second only to Guyana in this hemisphere.

Investment is increasing; Antigua and Barbuda today, enjoys one of the highest levels of foreign investments per capita in the Caribbean.

We turned despair into confidence, and the future looks brighter than it has ever been.

The next decade promises to be even more exciting with growing prospects for greater economic growth and development.

Our young people have been imbued with a strong sense of their own capacity to grow and develop.

They have been provided with modern technology, access to knowledge and information, and markets for their creative talents, ensuring they are well-equipped to contribute even more meaningful to our nation's future.

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We are striving to create a cohesive society where every citizen, whether from Antigua or Barbuda, feels valued, and where every community can thrive. No one will be left behind under the leadership of my all-empowering administration.

Internationally, our nation has led critical dialogues and initiatives.

We have been at the forefront in the Organisation of American States and the UN Alliance for Small Island States, advocating for issues critical to our survival and prosperity.

Our efforts to establish a Multi-dimensional Vulnerability Index are changing how the world recognizes and supports small island states with concessional funding.

Additionally, we are using international law to seek justice for the damages our nation suffers due to climate change, proving that even our small nation can stand mightily on the global stage.

Our accomplishments over the past decade are not the triumphs of the ABLP alone; they are also your achievements, the result of our collective efforts.

Businesses, workers, and every citizen have played a crucial part in our nation's resurgence and bright prospects for the future.

Looking ahead, we should not become complacent; we should not gamble with the governance of our country and its future. We must remain vigilant

The path forward is clear and filled with promise and opportunities for all.

We should exploit these opportunities in pursuit of progress, with unwavering courage and conviction.

As we face the next decade, let us remain com-

mitted to the values of productivity, cooperation, unity and perseverance that have brought us thus far.

Together, we will continue to build a nation that is safe, resilient, prosperous, and inclusive; making Antigua and Barbuda a nation of progress, and a testament to the power of collective determination.

Thank you for your contribution, your trust, your spirit, and your dedication to our nation.

Please be assured, that I will never betray your trust and that I shall continue to work unrelentingly for your empowerment.

Let us forward together with unity of purpose; as one nation, one people with a common destiny.

Much love & blessings.

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Dated the 12th June, 2024

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# Carnival Queen Contestants



## Miss Antigua and Barbuda Queen of Carnival 2024 Meet our extraordinary Contestant Number Four

### *J'amalyn Stevens* *Miss Kennedy's* *Club Ltd*

Meet J'amalyn Stevens, the visionary force behind Resistatonez—an avant-garde fitness apparel brand, revolutionizing Antigua and Barbuda's fitness scene.

Driven by an unwavering passion for fitness, she wears multiple hats: certified yoga instructor, Zumba enthusiast, and fitness guru. However, her impact extends beyond physical wellness; she embodies a holistic approach to life.

J'amalyn's educational journey began at Jennings Secondary School, where curiosity ignited her thirst for knowledge.

Later, she earned an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences from Antigua State College's Advanced Level Department, mastering an impressive seven Cape subjects. Her hunger for learning knows no bounds.

Currently, J'amalyn graces the luxurious Royalton Resort as a dedicated fitness instructor.

Her persona mirrors a mosaic of experiences—each piece contributing to



her adaptability and profound appreciation for diversity. She finds beauty in life's nuanced contrasts, much like the simplicity of black and white threads weaving humanity's rich fabric.

J'amalyn is more than a fitness maven; she's a beacon of self-acceptance and resilience.

Her journey isn't about perfection; it's about progress. Every day, she strives for excellence, cherishing life's twists and turns.

As she guides others toward wellness, she leaves an indelible mark, a testament to the power of embracing both light and shadow.



## Miss Antigua and Barbuda Queen of Carnival 2024 Meet our extraordinary Contestant Number Five

# Shania Samuel Miss Liat 2020

Hailing from the vibrant village of All Saints, Shania Samuel emerges as an up-and-coming calypsonian, weaving her lyrical magic within the sun-drenched landscapes of Antigua and Barbuda. As a dedicated Police Constable in the esteemed Royal Police Force, Shania's commitment to service extends beyond her uniform into the harmonious realms of music and pageantry.



reflecting the sacrifices of police officers—heroes often uncelebrated, their sacrifices hidden in the shadows. Calypso allowed her to amplify the unsung tales of courage, sacrifice, and resilience.

Her journey began at the All Saints Secondary School, where her leadership qualities were carefully nurtured. Yet, it was at the Antigua State College A' Levels Department that her spirit truly blossomed. In 2018, she stepped onto the stage of the Mr. and Miss Antigua State College Pageant, igniting her fascination with tiaras, spotlights, and the glittering world of pageantry. In 2022, she graced the Miss Sunshine Pageant and the Police Queen Show.

Yet Shania's journey wasn't without hurdles. She weathered storms of body shaming from being too skinny to too curvy. But her spirit remained unyielding. Undeterred by naysayers, she defied stereotypes, embracing her curves and her essence. Her mantra: "To be beautiful means to be yourself."

Then, in 2023, Shania dared to shift genres. As a singer, she embraced the Police Calypso Competition for the first time. Her debut performance resonated with raw emotion, belting out the soulful anthem 'Price to Pay.' The song became a mirror

Now, in 2024, Shania stands at the threshold of the coveted Queen of Carnival title. Her mission transcends mere competition. She aims to inspire women who mirror her struggles, to stand tall, unapologetic, and fiercely confident. As the spotlight beckons, Shania carries three luminous attributes: positivity, kindness, and resilience.



# Carnival Queen Contestants



## Miss Antigua and Barbuda Queen of Carnival 2024 Meet our extraordinary Contestant Number Six

### *Dominique Trotman* *Miss Antigua and Barbuda* *Port Authority*

In the sun-kissed embrace of the Point Community, Dominique Trotman emerges as a visionary, a tapestry of creativity, resilience, and boundless ambition. Her vibrant spirit illuminates every facet of her existence, but it is in the realm of design that her dynamism truly flourishes.

As a skilled graphic and print designer, Dominique wields her talents like a master artist at Signs & Impressions. Her canvas extends beyond pixels and paper, it encompasses the very essence of Antigua and Barbuda. The local design business she nurtures, the Domino Effect is more than a brand; it's a symphony of captivating graphics and intricate artwork. From quaint cafes to bustling boutiques, Dominique's creations adorn the walls of establishments throughout the island, leaving an indelible mark.

Dominique's journey began at the Clare Hall Secondary School, where her love for graphic design and her unique qualities were carefully nurtured. However, it was at the Antigua Barbuda International Institute of Technology that her spirit of design truly bloomed. Here, she delved into the artistry of design, weaving threads of imagination into tangible beauty. Her creativity transcends pixels and paper. Dominique crafts extraordinary clothing and accessories, each piece a testament to her boundless imagination.

Beyond the studio, Dominique



embraces the natural world. Hiking trails become her muse, and the outdoors fuel her zest for life. She knows that inspiration dances in the rustle of leaves and the kiss of sunlight.

The creative community in Antigua pulses with energy, and she thrives within its vibrant rhythm. Collaboration is her mantra. She weaves connections, stitches ideas, and enriches the local art scene. Emerging talents find solace in her mentorship. Dominique dreams big and envisions her name gracing the glossy pages of Vogue.

Dominique attributes her success to the Almighty God—the weaver of destinies, the brushstroke behind every masterpiece. Dominique Trotman, a living canvas, a symphony of colors. As she paints her story, her strokes inspire us all: To create is to believe, and to believe is to make all things possible.





## Miss Antigua and Barbuda Queen of Carnival 2024 Meet our extraordinary Contestant Number Seven

### *Chandera Condrington Miss Furniture Gallery*

Introducing Chandera Condrington, a 26-year-old Attorney-at-Law currently serving as a Crown Counsel within the Attorney General's Chambers. Chandera's journey from the halls of Antigua Girls' High School to the prestigious University of the West Indies and the Norman Manley Law School is a testament to her commitment to education.

Raised primarily in Sea View Farm, Chandera radiates a passion for inspiring others, particularly young women, to embrace their full potential through self-empowerment.

Her advocacy extends to youth empowerment, evident in her active membership with the Optimist Club.

As Chairperson of the Optimist Oratorical Contest and the Optimist Petite Show (which she convincingly won in 2009), she champions eloquence and confidence.

Notably, she represented Antigua in the regional oratorical competition in Jamaica in 2012.

Beyond legal pursuits, Chandera's aquatic prowess shines.

As a past open-water competitive swimmer, she



earned the title of youngest female swimmer during the arduous Star Mile swim from Nevis to St. Kitts in 2011. Her ambitious spirit fuels a desire to conquer that nearly three-mile challenge once more.

Chandera's talents extend beyond the water. She harmonizes both the steel pan and keyboard, celebrating her love for culture. It's this cultural connection that led her to participate in the Miss Antigua Queen of Carnival Pageant.

Through this platform, she aspires to empower youth and inspire young women to embrace their uniqueness and strive for excellence.

Chandera Condrington, a legal luminary, a waterborne adventurer, and a cultural ambassador, embodies the spirit of resilience and possibility.



## Haiti's new government ministers sworn into office

CMC - Haiti's 12-member cabinet was sworn into office on Wednesday with Prime Minister Garry Conille underscoring the importance of peace and security in the French-speaking Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country.

Conille's attorney, Carlos Hercules, will be the Minister for Justice and Public Security and Haiti's ambassador to UNESCO, Dominique Dupuy, will be the Foreign Affairs Minister.

Princeton-educated Ketleen Florestal takes over the Finance Ministry from Michel Patrick Boisvert, who also served as interim prime minister this year.

In addition, the 58-year-old Conille, a former United Nations senior official, said his administration would crackdown on corruption.

"The fight against corruption will be an absolute priority of my government," Conille said, promising also regular audits of public resources.

"My government will work without rest to improve the conditions of each and every Haitian," he said, telling the ceremony that "without security, no sustainable progress can be achieved."

"It is crucial our police and soldiers are ready to



Haiti's new Prime Minister, Garry Conille. Photo: Miami Herald.

face today's security challenges. And we will ensure that they have the tools they need to carry out their mission effectively and professionally."

The ceremony comes less than 24 hours after a decree appointing members of the new cabinet was published in Haiti's official gazette, two weeks after the presidential transitional council (PTC) named Conille as interim prime minister.

PTC president, Edgard Leblanc Fils, said the government's goal is to "open a path to establishing free,

democratic, credible and transparent elections".

Conille said Haiti's state institutions need to be "cleaned up and strengthened", speaking also of the humanitarian crisis gripping the CARICOM country.

"My dear compatriots, Haiti is facing major challenges. Violence and security are paralysing our daily lives. The humanitarian crisis is exacerbating the suffering of our most vulnerable citizens."

Haiti has not held an election since 2016 with the country's last elected head

of state, Jovenel Moise, assassinated at his private residence overlooking the capital, Port au Prince, in July 2021.

Earlier this year, the US Department of State said the establishment of the new transitional council paves the way for "free and fair elections" in the country.

Last October, the United Nations Security Council approved a Kenya-led multinational force as efforts continue to restore peace and security in the country with criminal gangs reported to be in control of at least 80 per cent of the capital.

The Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Chad, Jamaica and Kenya have officially notified the Secretary-General of their intent to contribute personnel to the support mission.

Kenya's President William Ruto has said the deployment would likely start within a few weeks.

During the ceremony on Wednesday, Conille asked for a minute's silence, in memory of three police officers killed by gangs the previous Sunday.

More than 2,500 people were killed or injured in the first three months of the year and more than half a million others displaced.

## St Vincent and the Grenadines: Hotels near full for ICC World Cup

By Melissa Wong

St Vincent and the Grenadines has observed positive numbers in its hotel occupancy rate due to visitors and cricket teams on island for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup and upcoming Vincy Mas celebrations.

Tourism minister Carlos James in a news conference on Wednesday said 4,000 nights have been booked for the ICC World Cup across various suites of hotels, with hotels showing 75 per cent occupancy and some major ones close to 100 per cent.

He said of these rooms, technical and ground support staff to the teams, the ICC and Cricket West Indies account for about 200 rooms. The cricket teams account for over 1,400 rooms during the duration of the games.

Minister James believes for the final two games, SVG will be short on available room stock and is urging Airbnb providers and those not signed on as licensed providers to get in touch with the Tourism Authority to facilitate the addition.

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Minister of Tourism, Carlos James.

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Police used tear gas and water cannon on protesters, who in turn threw petrol bombs and stones.

## Buenos Aires rocked by clashes over Milei reforms

By Jaroslav Lukiv

Riot police in Argentina's capital Buenos Aires have fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse protesters outside Congress, where lawmakers have been debating budget-slashing reforms.

Demonstrators - who say the measures will hurt millions of Argentines - threw

petrol bombs and stones, setting one car alight.

A number of people were reported injured, with local media describing the scene on Wednesday as a "battlefield".

The reform package, proposed by right-wing President Javier Milei to revive the country's flagging economy, includes de-

claring a state of economic emergency, cutting pensions and watering down labour rights.

The measures are opposed by leftist political parties, labour unions and social organisations.

Scuffles broke out when protesters tried to make their way towards Congress through fences, with dem-

onstrators throwing rocks at officers who pepper sprayed them.

Observers and opposition MPs reportedly said dozens of demonstrators and a handful of MPs received medical attention. At least five opposition MPs in the crowd were hospitalised, legislator Cecilia Moreau told AFP news agency.

Police later pushed back protesters, who reportedly set two vehicles on fire - including that of a news organisation.

"We cannot believe that in Argentina we are discussing a law that will put us back 100 years," Fabio

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ditional rooms that he says are going to be needed.

Moving to the topic of Vincy Mas which runs from June 28 to July 9, 2024, the tourism minister said a spike in air transportation bookings has been observed with one airliner showing a 75 per cent load factor up to the end of August.

He said the period is showing a greater number of bookings than for the ICC World Cup and an uptick in comparison to previous Vincy Mas around this period with most hotels at a 90 per cent occupancy.

James said in the coming weeks, SVG expects those numbers to move closer to 100 per cent.

## Russian warships arrive in Cuba in perceived show of force

By Will Grant

Four Russian naval vessels - including a nuclear-powered submarine and a frigate - have arrived in Cuba, in what is seen as a show of force amid tensions with the West over the war in Ukraine.

The vessels are anchored at the Havana Bay - some 90 miles (145km) from the US state of Florida.

Russia's defence ministry says the Admiral Gorshkov frigate and the Kazan submarine are both carriers of advanced weapons, including hypersonic missiles Zircon. They earlier conducted missile drills in the Atlantic.

But Cuba's foreign ministry says none of the vessels has nuclear arms on board, and their five-day visit does not pose a threat to the region.

US officials say they are closely monitoring the visit.

The US Navy also used sea drones to shadow the Russian vessels as they got close to Cuba, BBC's US



Crowds cheered as Russia's Admiral Gorshkov frigate and three other vessels entered the Havana Bay.

partner CBS reports.

Early on a grey and overcast morning, the Russian vessels entered Havana Bay, flanked by smaller support vessels, to a 21-gun salute.

In a statement, Russia's defence minister said the visit was unofficial, allowing the vessels' crews to "rest and get acquainted with local attractions".

Russia has sent warships

to Cuba in the past and the two nations are long-standing allies - but the timing of these particular exercises stands out.

Coming amid growing tensions over Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the operation is being interpreted by some as sabre-rattling by Moscow.

Certainly, it appears to send a pretty clear message from the Kremlin to Wash-

ington about what they consider to be meddling in their backyard.

The visit is an important symbol of support to the communist-run government in Cuba and its socialist ally, Venezuela, where the warships may sail to next after they finish in Havana.

From the US perspective, officials have indicated that they are aware of the visit - but do not consider that it poses a threat to the US, adding that their understanding was that the nuclear-powered submarine was not carrying nuclear weapons.

In essence, while the visit may be considered broadly routine, the context of wider global hostilities in which it is taking place is anything but.

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Nunez, a 55-year-old protesting lawyer, was quoted by AFP as saying.

President Milei's office issued a statement thanking the security forces for repressing what it described as "terrorists" attempting to carry out a coup d'état.

The debate on the bill in the Senate is set to continue late into Wednesday, with senators expected to take a vote on it.

The highly-divisive bill was approved

by the lower house in April, with significant changes.

If approved in the Senate, it will return to the lower house for final approval.

Mr Milei came to office in 2023 after vowing to take a chainsaw to public spending.

While on the campaign trail, he even brandished a chainsaw while making a speech to symbolise his determination to do so.

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**AFTER PARTY FEAT:**  
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India's Suryakumar Yadav, right, and Shivam Dube run between the wickets to score during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup match between United States and India at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in Westbury, New York, Wednesday. (AP)

## India beat USA at T20 World Cup

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP) — No upset this time for the United States as the home team was easily beaten by cricket heavyweight India at the Twenty20 World Cup on Wednesday.

Suryakumar Yadav's half-century powered India to a seven-wicket win over the USA, which had shocked Pakistan last week. With the win, India reached the "super eight" round. The USA still need to beat Ireland on Friday to advance.

Yadav's 50 runs came off 49 balls, including two fours and two sixes. He put on 72 runs off 65 balls for the unbeaten fourth-wicket stand with Shivam Dube, who scored 31 not out, as India finished with 111 for three in 18.2 overs.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh took four for nine in four overs to restrict the co-hosts to 110 for eight off 20 overs after India had won the toss and opted to

field at the Nassau County International Stadium.

India was in early trouble in their chase as Indian-born medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar continued his golden run for the Americans.

After bowling the co-hosts to the upset over Pakistan, he celebrated the wickets of Indian superstars Rohit Sharma for three and Virat Kohli for a golden duck to finish with two for 18 in four overs. Rishabh Pant scored 18 off 20 balls, and India was reduced to 39 for three in 7.3 overs with the USA raising visions of an even bigger shock.

Yadav and Dube absorbed the pressure, however, and battled hard to carry India to victory.

India crossed 50 only after 11 overs. But the chase was given a boost when five penalty runs were awarded after the 15th over, with the USA guilty of run-

ning the clock past 60 seconds between overs on three separate occasions.

Yadav then took 15 runs off Shadley van Schalkwyk's 17th over, as India crossed the finish line with relative ease.

Earlier, Singh picked two wickets in the very first over as the Americans were reduced to three for two.

He trapped opener Shayan Jahangir lbw for a golden duck, while Andries Gous was out caught for two. Steven Taylor scored 24 off 30 balls to help recover the innings.

Singh returned later on to dismiss top-scorer Nitish Kumar for 27. His knock anchored the innings after the Americans were struggling at 56 for four in 11.4 overs.

Hardik Pandya also picked two for 14 in his four-over spell, accounting for stand-in skipper Aaron Jones for 11 and hard-hitting Corey Anderson for 15.

# Australia beat Namibia and secure spot in T20 World Cup second round

Australia secured their place in the second round of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, producing a brilliant display in a nine-wicket win against Namibia at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Tuesday night.

The Aussies produced a ruthless performance in all departments, chasing down the Namibians' total of 72 inside six overs.

Leg-spinner and Player of the Match Adam Zampa picked up a slice of history by taking four wickets for the Aussies, who had their African opponents all out for 72 in 17 overs.

Australia's captain Mitchel Marsh finally won a toss, having lost the other two so far this tournament, and he opted to send Namibia in to bat.

Australia enjoyed a dream first six overs, picking up three wickets for only 17 runs, piling pressure on the Namibians' top order. Josh Hazlewood was lethal with the ball, taking two for 10, bowling three overs inside the Powerplay.

Zampa joined the party soon after, as the Aussies continued displaying their supreme bowling depth. Namibia slumped to 21 for five off nine overs with the



Australia's leg-spinner Adam Zampa, second right, celebrates with captain Mitchel Marsh after claiming one of his four wickets against Namibia in the ICC T20 World Cup match at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. (ICC/Getty Images)

removal of wicketkeeper Zane Green.

Captain Gerhard Erasmus then scored a rare boundary as Namibia got to 31 for five at the 10-over mark. But when Zampa and Hazlewood combined for the sixth wicket, the second ball after drinks, the African side found themselves in even more trouble. It was a crisp outfield catch from Hazelwood for Zampa's

second wicket.

Ruben Trumpelmann decided to go after the spinner, crunching a 97-metre six over mid-wicket. But the Namibian holed out to Glenn Maxwell at the same part of the ground next ball, handing Zampa his third wicket.

Zampa then ended his spell, in the same over, with wicket No.4, removing Bernard Scholtz to finish with

figures of four wickets for 12 runs. The well-executed wrong'un also completed his path to 100 T20I wickets, becoming the first Australian men's player to reach that milestone.

Zampa joins Megan Schutt and Ellyse Perry as the only compatriots to reach that mark in the short format at international level.

Erasmus prioritised

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## Gayle to captain West Indies Champions in World Championship of Legends 2024

Chris Gayle, the T20 cricket sensation and former West Indies star, has been named captain of the West Indies Champions for the upcoming World Championship of Legends 2024.

This thrilling competition, set to begin on July 3 in Birmingham, England, promises to be a memorable event for cricket fans around the globe.

Gayle is an ambassador for the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup being staged in the West Indies and USA.

Ajay Sethi, Chairman of Channel 2 Group Corporation, has taken ownership of the West Indies Champions franchise, bringing a new level of excitement and anticipation to the league.

“I am thrilled to be part of the World Championship



Chris Gayle

of Legends and to lead the West Indies Champions,” Sethi stated.

“This league is a fantastic opportunity to unite some of the greatest cricket talents and provide fans with a nostalgic yet thrilling experience.”

Joining Gayle on the team are cricket greats

Dwayne Smith, Samuel Badree, and Daren Sammy, making the West Indies Champions a formidable force in the tournament.

Gayle expressed his excitement about leading the team, saying, “I look forward to rejoining my family in our quest to win the cup. It’s a delight to play

more matches in prestigious tournaments like the World Championship of Legends and reconnect with our fans through this exciting format.”

The World Championship of Legends, approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board, will feature six prestigious franchises: India Champions, Australia Champions, England Champions, Pakistan Champions, South Africa Champions, and West Indies Champions.

Fans can expect an unforgettable experience with cricketering legends like Yuvraj Singh, Brett Lee, Kevin Pietersen, Jacques Kallis, Shahid Afridi, and Chris Gayle showing off the skills that made them champions of the sport.

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survival, as wickets fell around him, which paid dividends as his 36 off 43 balls gave Namibia something to defend. His side was all out in 17 overs when Marcus Stoinis removed Ben Shikongo.

Zampa (4), Hazlewood (2), Stoinis (2), Pat Cummins (1) and Nathan Ellis (1), who replaced Mitchell Starc for the match, were all wicket takers for Australia.

Following on from an aggressive display with the ball, Australia’s openers picked up the attack right from the outset. David Warner smashed 20 off eight balls before he was dismissed by

David Weise, who captured the only Australian wicket to fall.

But it didn’t impact Travis Head’s approach, who produced an impressive array of strokes on the way to a seven-boundary, 17-ball 34 not out. Head was supported by Mitchel Marsh, who struck 18 off nine balls, as Australia completed the run chase by scoring 74 for one in 5.4 overs.

Meanwhile, former champions Sri Lanka are on the brink of an early exit from the T20 World Cup after heavy rain washed out their Group D match against Nepal in Lauderhill, Florida, on Tuesday night.

The 2014 champions badly needed

a win to keep their tournament hopes alive after defeats by South Africa and Bangladesh in their first two matches.

Wanindu Hasaranga’s team are bottom of the group with just one point and look certain to crash out unless other results go their way.

Nepal are also winless after two matches, and on Friday they face unbeaten group leaders South Africa, who sealed their place in the Super Eight after three straight victories.

More rain and thunderstorms are predicted for the remainder of the week during which India, Pakistan, Ireland and Canada have fixtures scheduled in Florida.

## Andrew hits century as West Indies Academy lose one-day series against Ireland

A century by Leeward Islands and Antiguan attacking middle-order batsman Jewel Andrew was unable to stop Cricket West Indies (CWI) Academy from losing their three-match one-day series against Ireland Emerging Players on Wednesday.

Hosts Ireland Emerging Players snatch a one-wicket victory with a ball to spare in the second one-day match at Bready to win the series by taking an unassailable two-nil lead against the young West Indies team.

Andrew, who was rested for Tuesday's opening match of the series, which Ireland Emerging Players won by six wickets, slammed 143 to guide the West Indies Academy to 278 for eight off their allotted 50 overs.

Andrew, who faced 141 balls and struck seven sixes and 12 fours, revived the faltering West Indies Academy innings with a 101-run sixth-wicket partnership with captain Nyeem Young.

Young struck 54 off 46 balls, including five sixes. Andrew was also involved in a 65-run fifth-wicket partnership with fellow Leeward Islands and Nevisian wicketkeeper batsman Carlton Bowen-Tuckett, who made 20 off 36 balls.

Pacer Liam McCarthy captured three for 80, and fellow fast bowler Tom Mayes claimed two for 61. In reply, the Ireland Emerging Players snatched victory at 282 for nine in 49.5 overs.

The West Indies Academy appeared on course to a series-leveling victory when they reduced Ireland Emerging Players to 240 for nine in the 48th over.



Jewel Andrew

At that stage, Ireland Emerging Players still needed 39 runs to win off 17 balls, with one wicket remaining. The hosts got 42 runs off 16 balls to snatch their series-clinching victory.

The hero was No. 10 batsman Matthew Humphreys, who slammed 39 not out off 14 balls, including four sixes and a four. Opener Chris de Freitas top scored with 84, and middle-order batsman Morgan Topping made 53.

Pacer Johann Layne captured three for 55; fellow pacer Ramon Simmonds took two for 5; and Nyeem Young claimed two for 67.

A top score of 82 from Leonardo Julien failed to inspire the Cricket West Indies Academy, as hosts Ireland Emerging Players took a 1-0 lead in their three-match, one-day series when they cruised to a six-wicket win in Eglington on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Trinidadian left-

hander cracked nine fours and four sixes from 61 balls and was the cornerstone of the CWI Academy batting before they were bowled out for 224 in 43.1 overs after they were put in to bat in the 50 overs-a-side match at Woodvale Road.

Pacers Johann Layne and Joshua James then grabbed two wickets apiece for the visitors, but an unbeaten 66 off 85 balls from Morgan Topping led to solid top-order batting as the Irish replied with 227 for four in 46.5 overs.

The teams will clash in the decisive third and final match of the one-day series at the same venue in Bready on Friday.

They will then engage each other in the first of two four-day matches in North Down from June 18-21. The second and final four-day match will take place in Stormont from June 25-28.

## Cutting Edge end Villa Lions unbeaten run in Under-17 YPL

Cutting Edge has ended the unbeaten run of the Aston Villa Lions in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Cool and Smooth Under-17 Youth Premier League (YPL).

Cutting Edge romped to a commanding 4-0 victory against the Young Villa Lions when both teams met in a top-of-the-table clash during the fourth round of matches at the ABFA Technical Center.

It means that Cutting Edge and the Liberta Black Hawks, who prevailed 3-1 against Old Road, are now the only unbeaten teams in the 10-team round-robin competition.

Cutting Edge and the Liberta Blackhawks are jointly tied at the top of the standings with 12 points after four matches.

CPTSA Wings claimed their third win in four matches by hammering Antigua Barracuda 5-1 to join Villa Lions in joint third place with nine points.

The Young Warriors and Five Islands remain in the cellar without a point after losing for the fourth time in as many games.

Empire claimed their first win in four matches by snatching a 4-3 victory against the Young Warriors, while SAP recorded their second win in four games with a 2-0 victory against Five Islands.

But the Villa Lions, Garden Stars, and All Saints United have extended their unbeaten run to remain joint leaders at the top of the standings in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Cool and Smooth



Under-19 Youth Premier League.

All three teams notched up wins during the fourth round of matches at the ABFA Technical Center to advance to 12 points.

The Villa Lions hammered Jennings United 7-1, the Garden Stars trounced Urlings FC 6-0, and All

Saints United snatched a one-nil victory against Soccer Academy FC.

Greenbay Hoppers stayed within touching distance of the front-runners by notching up their third win in four matches with a 3-0 victory against TAMO FC.

Willikies FC claimed their second win in three matches with a 3-1 victory against CPTSA Wings FC.

CPTSA Wings and TAMO FC remain in the cellar without a point after both teams lost for the fourth time in as many games.

Green City snatched a 2-1 victory against the Ottos Rangers FC to win for the second time in four matches.

Sea View Farm claimed their first win in three matches by snatching a one-nil victory against Golden Grove FC.

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tel had 12 points, six steals, and five assists; and Rohland Hamilton grabbed 18 rebounds and scored nine points for Spanish Heat 2.

The Rebels were led by Zuri Nesbitt with 17 points, eight assists, and five steals, and Ryan Noel with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

In support, Kiwan Peterson converted 11 points, Kareem Blair and Tyndale Telemaque each scored eight points, and Buell Henry grabbed 12 rebounds and scored six points for the Rebels.

Spanish Heat 2 prevailed 79-69 against the Rebels in Game 1, and claimed a 79-70 victory in Game 2.

Tuesday's game brought an end to the

2024 ABBA domestic basketball season.

Lava Smoke Shop Lower Ottos Warriors won the second division round-robin league title, with Da Project finishing second.

By virtue of finishing as the top two teams at the end of the league, both teams gained promotion to compete in ABBA's First Division next season.

The EZ Fit Flyers claimed back-to-back titles by retaining the Division I playoff championship. The Flyers also completed the double this year by winning the round-robin Division I league title. Six teams battled for supremacy in this year's Division I competition, and thirteen (13) teams contested the Division II championship.



Spanish Heat 2 celebrates with the trophy after winning the ABBA's Second Division playoff title at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. (ABBA)

## Spanish Heat 2 wins ABBA's Division II playoff title

Spanish Heat has won the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division playoff title for the second successive year.

The third-seeded Spanish 2 won this year's championship after completing a three-nil sweep of the

eighth-seed Rebels in their best-of-five Division II playoff finals on Tuesday night.

Spanish Heat 2 wrapped up the series by coasting to an emphatic 93-68 victory in Game 3 at the JSC Sports Complex.

Ismael Palemo shot a game-high

22 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Jesus Emmanuel sank 20 points and snatched nine rebounds to lead Spanish Heat 2 to their victory.

In support, Wilkin Floyd produced 15 points, 12 rebounds, six steals, and six assists; Kevin Pimen-

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