

# PM BROWNE TO MEET WITH PNO

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# Local News



## PM Browne to meet with PNO to resolve nurses' issue

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is taking a hands-on approach to amicably resolve the issue that is at the heart of ongoing industrial unrest by a group of nurses.

According to a report from the Cabinet, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Ena Dalso Henry was invited to Wednesday's meeting to address the issue which caused about 20 nurses and their supporters to picket the Ministry of Health on Tuesday, and the Cabinet on Wednesday.

It appears that the Principal Nursing Officer (PNO), believing that a place on the Midwifery Board is assigned to that office, objects to being left out.

The report said Cabinet examined CAP 281, the Midwifery Act, and agreed that the PNO is not one of the offices mentioned in the Act. It was last amended in 1989. Nevertheless, Cabinet has asked the Permanent Secretary to convene a meeting with the PNO, the Attorney General and others in order to reach a compromise so that the nurses can get back to caring for patients.

Pointe Xpress newspaper understands that appointment to the board is for a three-year period, and with the current PNO nearing retirement, it was felt that it would be more useful to have another person appointed to the board instead.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

This decision apparently angered some nurses who participated in the protest action on consecutive days.

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## Festivals Minister Matthew to address steel band issue

The impasse between the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission and the Antigua Steel Band Association over the issue of the annual subvention is expected to be a major talking point when Festivals Minister, Daryll Matthew convenes a press conference today.

The Pan Association is threatening to withdraw the involvement of its members from the annual Carnival Celebrations if the Commission does not meet its demands for an overall payment of \$400-thousand to be paid in two installments.

That amount, according to the association, would cover Panorama 2024, slated for August, and

the steel bands' participation in the Opening of Carnival parade as well as for Carnival Tuesday's Parade of Troupes and Groups.

The Commission indicated that it was unable to make that payment and offered \$300-thousand, which following consultation with the Cabinet, was adjusted upwards to \$330-thousand.

Additionally, the association has been offered 3,500 tickets for the show which it's members could sell and keep the proceeds.

"The government will cover all other costs associated with the staging of the Panorama Competition; inclusive of marketing and promotion, stage,



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*[Signature]*  
728-3442

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Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

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venue, lights, and sound as well as the transportation of the instruments and all other associated costs.

“Please note that the cost for staging this event exceeds the revenue. On average, the gate collects less than \$30,000.

“This added to the annual sponsorship received, equates to less than 15 percent of the overall cost of the show,” a letter penned by Festivals Commission Chairperson, Ambassador Elizabeth ‘Lisa’ Makhoul stated.

Noting that the Commission had extended an ‘olive branch’ to the association by offering the 3,500 tickets for it to sell and to retain the proceeds, Amb. Makhoul noted that it was disheartening that the association has bluntly refused to compromise.

“Such a position by the association, showed disinterest in playing its role in making its discipline a more viable one,” she declared.

In its invitation to media representatives, the Commission did not identify the steel band issue, however, invariably, it will come up either in the opening statements or from questions posed by the journalists.

“Addressing the Press Conference will be Hon. Daryll S. Matthew, Minister of Education, Sports and Creative Industries. Sen. Shenella Govia, Parliamentary Secretary, Min-

istry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, Amb. Elizabeth Makhoul, the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission Chairperson, and other key Carnival stakeholders. Addressing the Soca and Calypso competitions, and Road March Competition updates, and much more,” the media invitation stated.



Ambassador Elizabeth 'Lisa' Makhoul

**ANTIGUA CARNIVAL 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
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<b>JUL 21</b>	<b>NATIONAL HOUSING &amp; URBAN DEVELOPMENT QUEEN OF CARNIVAL</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM	<b>AUG 01</b>	<b>EMANCIPATION WATCH NIGHT</b> BOTANICAL GARDENS	8PM
<b>JUL 25</b>	<b>OPENING OF CARNIVAL PARADE</b> ST. JOHN'S	3PM	<b>AUG 02</b>	<b>MELTING POT</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM
<b>JUL 26</b>	<b>ACB CARIBBEAN JR. PARTY MONARCH</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	7PM	<b>AUG 03</b>	<b>CAVALIER RUM CALYPSO MONARCH</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM
<b>JUL 27</b>	<b>FACE OFF</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM	<b>AUG 04</b>	<b>STATE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. PANORAMA</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM
<b>JUL 28</b>	<b>OASIS T-SHIRT MAS</b> ST. JOHN'S	3PM	<b>AUG 05</b>	<b>APUA INET PARTY MONARCH</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	8PM
<b>JUL 29</b>	<b>WEST INDIES OIL COMPANY JR. CARNIVAL</b> <b>JR. CALYPSO MONARCH</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	2:30PM 7PM	<b>AUG 06</b>	<b>J'OUVERT ST. JOHN'S</b> <b>CARNIVAL MONDAY</b> ST. JOHN'S	3AM-10AM 2PM
<b>JUL 30</b>	<b>ECAB MR &amp; MISS TEENAGE PAGEANT</b> ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND	7PM		<b>PARADE OF THE BANDS</b> ST. JOHN'S	12AM
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## Antigua and Barbuda re-affirms its belief in the United Nations system

Antigua and Barbuda remains strongly committed to the principles of multilateralism as promoted through the United Nations system.

The reaffirmation came on Wednesday when the new United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Simon Springett, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

The prime minister noted that Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda were featured in a recent UN report as among the top countries that are supportive of the principles of multilateralism.

“We are pleased that such a small country in the world is considered as a beacon for multilateralism. We have taken the position that multilateralism



Prime Minister Gaston Browne, left, shakes hands with United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Simon Springett.

works for us and as you look at all these treaties, that is how we get our protection, so, we have to make sure that we support multilateralism, to en-

sure the cooperation among nations, and to ensure that the principles of non-interference and non-intervention are the principles upon which we stand as we seek to have a more peaceful world,” PM Browne noted.

The prime minister said it is important for nations to work together in their mutual interest, especially in light of ongoing conflicts such as the war in Ukraine and the war in Gaza.

“We are perhaps just a press of a button away from further escalation so multilateralism which promotes dialogue, peace and security is always a very powerful tool. I am hoping that as small states in the Caribbean we can be an example to larger states especially those who are ‘war-mongers’,” he re-

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Instructed by the **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK** of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 11:00 a.m. on site, the under mentioned property registered in the name of Keithley Bright of Jennings, St. Mary's, Antigua.

The Property is located in Lower Jennings Village, St. Mary's, Antigua, and comprises of a 1,008 sq. ft. single story, three (3) bedroom, one (1) bathroom, concrete residential dwelling situated on 0.10 acre or 4,356 sq. ft. of land. The service lines for potable water, electricity and telephone which are provided by A.P.U.A are accessible to the property.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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We, **Aden's Enterprise**, with place of business situated at Cassada Gardens, in the Parish of St. John's in Antigua and Barbuda, **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE**, that it is our intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Perry Bay, St. John's, Antigua on Thursday 4th July, 2024 for a Tavern License pursuant to Section (11) (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act, Cap. 249, of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda in respect of the premises known as "**Aden's Enterprise**" situated at Cassada Gardens, in the parish of St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

Dated the 17th day of June, 2024.

Miss Raquel N White  
1-268-774-0362/1-268-775-4994

# Local News



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PM Browne said these countries ought to recognize that as mankind, people should seek to live in harmony especially knowing that we are 'one people living in this global community'.

In response, Representative Springett agreed with the prime minister that today multilateralism is under threat and he recognized Antigua and Barbuda's efforts to promote this concept. He also singled out PM Browne for his advocacy on the issues of climate change and for a restructuring of the global financial architecture.

He especially commend-

ed the prime minister for his involvement in helping to draft the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) which goes before the UN for approval at the General Assembly in September.

Representative Springett also met Wednesday with Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene when he presented his letter of appointment as he formally assumed office on June 1.

Both men discussed a range of issues regarding the UN involvement in various projects in Antigua and Barbuda, including the UN-supported digital transformation initiatives to enhance climate action, disaster risk



reduction, health systems strengthening, educational transformation, women empowerment, and social protection.



The Representative later met with members of the Cabinet when he noted that he was present in Antigua during the SIDS4 Conference.

He took the opportunity to congratulate the Cabinet for a very well-executed

four-day Conference (May 27 to 30, 2024, inclusive), and pledged to work closely with the Government to achieve the ABAS (Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS).

He noted that 2024 promises to be a very busy hurricane season, and pledged a strong U.N. response to the extreme weather events that are likely to strike the region.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Notice- Application for Tavern Licence**

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Dated the 26th of June, 2024

Viada Todorovic  
268-728-5007

## Sen. Marshall wants targeted measures to improve women's resilience

Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Transformation, Samantha Marshall has made the case for targeted strategies to better enable women to cope with the impact of natural disasters and climate change.

Sen. Marshall made the point as a panelist on one of the discussions taking place at the margins of the 54th Regular Session of the Organisation of American States (OAS) General Assembly being held in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Minister Marshall is attending a number of side events and engagements being put on by the Inter-American Executive committee on Women, the CIM, on which Antigua and Barbuda is currently serving a 3-year term being represented by Minister Marshall.

On Wednesday, Minister Marshall was a featured panelist alongside other OAS Gender Affairs Ministers, where they discussed women's leadership in conflict and crisis.



“In this discussion, Minister Marshall highlighted the need to recognize the disproportionate impact that natural disasters and climate change have on women and girls and emphasized the need to empower them and increase their resilience through strategic and targeted measures.

“Minister Marshall also highlighted how technology such as artificial intelligence and STEM education can be used as a means to strengthen women's capacity and increase their opportunities to become leaders,” a



release from the ministry indicated.

Minister Marshall will also be attending and participating in events looking at women's rights and access to justice in rural settings, achieving gender equality in international and multilateral decision making spaces, and will also be attending an official meeting of the CIM Executive Inter-American committee on women, where they will be discussing their workplan for the year and setting priorities for action, in areas such as women's political participation, gender-based violence and climate change.

Minister Marshall is being accompanied and supported on this mission by Executive Director of the Directorate of Gender Affairs, Jamie Saunders.



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## IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

### Addressing the Situation at Cook's Landfill: Setting the Record Straight

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda – The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) wishes to address recent claims regarding the operational status and management of Cook's Landfill. We are committed to transparency and would like to clarify several points to ensure the public is accurately informed.

Contrary to reports, NSWMA has not received any complaints from staff at the landfill regarding their working conditions or equipment. Our Human Resources team is regularly engaged with staff, and any issues raised are promptly addressed.

The Authority further clarifies that there have been no new requests for equipment beyond what has been traditionally used and currently available at the landfill. All necessary tools and machinery are in place to manage landfill operations effectively.

Regarding the timeline of the fire, while circulating statements falsely claim the fire at Cook's Landfill started in May, we confirm that the incident began on the 9th of June. We have been actively working to control and extinguish the fire since its onset, despite consistent heavy rainfall during this period causing delays.

While there is still some residual smoke, we are on track to have the fire completely extinguished by tomorrow. Our dedicated team is working around the clock to ensure this matter is resolved swiftly and safely.

We are actively exploring new waste disposal methods such as incineration and collaborating with key partners to transition away from the burial method used at Cook's Landfill for the past 20 years.

NSWMA remains committed to engaging with the community. We encourage residents to report any concerns directly to us through our official channels.

We are dedicated to maintaining open lines of communication with the public. Updates on the situation at Cook's Landfill and other NSWMA operations will be regularly posted on our social media platforms.

NSWMA appreciates the patience and understanding of the surrounding residents as we work to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.

**For any further information or to report concerns, please contact us at 562-1348.**







## Cabinet, Harrison Centre officials discuss scholarship programme

Two senior officials of the Harrison Centre, Antigua and Barbuda Institute for Continuing Education (ABICE) were invited to the Cabinet on Wednesday to discuss matters of interest, including a new scholarship programme.

The Cabinet Notes said the Administrator, Dr Jonah Greene and Manager of ABICE, Arlene Weste, were invited to address a scholarship programme which the Cabinet hopes to operationalize in the September 2024 semester.

“Fifty scholarships are to be distributed among deserving youth, through the Work Experience Programme (Department of Labour), who are eager to learn the skills which are imparted by the ABICE, and to earn certification in their areas of expertise. Carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, and other building skills are taught to youth who wish to enter industry,” the Notes revealed.

It said most industries now require certification for new employees, causing ABICE to be seen as an employ-

ment training programme. The usual fee is \$500 per year, the program lasts 18 months, and there are 827

registrants at this moment. The expansion of the facility will result in even more students enrolling.



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## SPEC collaborates with UWI FIC with new training initiative

The St. Paul's Empowerment Centre (SPEC) has announced that it is collaborating with the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus to launch a new series of educational programmes.

In a statement, the SPEC's Educational Division said the raining initiatives are specifically geared towards residents of St. Paul.

"We invite you to join us at UWI-FIC for two dynamic new classes starting in July. These classes will cover essential topics such as Leadership Agility and High



Performance, Crisis and Risk Management and Grant Proposal Writing," according to the statement.

Interested individuals are urged to register early for the courses at the Empowerment Centre in Liberta as this is an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their knowledge of risk man-

agement and grant proposal writing.

"Secure your place now and prepare for a brighter future," the statement concluded.

Meanwhile, the St. Paul parliamentary representative, Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene is again supporting the educational develop-

ment of the young people in the area.

This year, as he has done in the past, MP Greene is presenting special gifts to graduating students of several pre-schools in the area. The schools are the Grace Hill Moravian pre-school and Liberty Pre-school located in Liberta, the New Adventure Pre-School at Roman Hill and the 11 Hours Sunshine in English Harbour.

For the last three years, the students at these pre-schools receive E-readers as graduation gifts from MP Greene.

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Richard Cuevas claimed he witnessed substandard work on a crucial section of the Boeing 787.

## Mechanic claims he was sacked for raising Boeing concerns

An aircraft mechanic who was contracted to repair Boeing planes has alleged he was labelled a “snitch” and then sacked for speaking up over safety concerns.

Richard Cuevas claimed he witnessed substandard manufacturing and maintenance work on a crucial section of Boeing 787 aircraft.

Boeing, which has been dogged by questions over whether its safety culture is rigorous enough, said the issues had been investigated and “did not present a safety concern”.

Lawyers representing Mr Cuevas alleged he reported critical issues that could create a serious public safety risk and have filed complaints with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

Mr Cuevas, who has worked in the aviation industry for 40 years, was contracted to Spirit Aerosystems, to work on Boeing’s 787 forward pressure bulkhead, a dome at the nose of the aircraft which serves as a barrier.

“He recognised the substandard work and expressed concern,” Mr Cuevas’ lawyers said. “But Spirit and Boeing failed to stop the faulty manufacturing processes.”

According to the legal filings a colleague then remarked: “We’ve got a snitch among us.”

Mr Cuevas said he was sacked by Spirit Aerosystems in March 2024.

Boeing told the BBC: “A subcontractor’s employee previously reported concerns to us that we thoroughly investigated, as we take seriously any safety-related matter.”

However, the issues raised were found not to present a safety concern and had been addressed, Boeing said.

Spirit Aerosystems spokesperson Joe Buccino, said the firm was “looking into the matter”.

“We encourage all Spirit employees with concerns to come forward, safe in knowing they will be protected,” he said.

Mr Cuevas’ lawyers Debra Katz and Lisa Banks have previously represented another Boeing whistleblower, Sam Salehpour, who earlier this year told US Congress he had been harassed and threatened after he alleged there were quality problems at Boeing.

Mr Salehpour’s concerns were also focused on production of the Boeing 787 model.

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## Kanye and Summer's estate reach copyright settlement

By Yasmin Rufo

Kanye West and the estate of Donna Summer have reached a settlement over a copyright dispute.

In February, Summer's husband Bruce Sudano sued the rapper, now known as Ye, for allegedly using an uncleared sample of her 1977 hit *I Feel Love* on his *Vultures 1* album.

Summer's estate claimed West had gone ahead with using the sample despite them previously declining his request.

West did not comment on the case when asked by the BBC at the time, and has not publicly commented on the settlement.

A lawyer for Summer's estate claimed earlier this year that an entity called Alien Music, representing West, approached him on 31 January, a week before the release of the rapper's album, to request clearance to sample the disco hit.

The lawsuit claimed that West had "shamelessly used instantly recognisable portions" of the song, despite their request to use it being "explicitly denied".



Some of the rapper's requests to sample music have been denied by other artists including Ozzy Osbourne.

Summer's lawyers said the estate wanted "no association with West's controversial history and specifically rejected West's proposed use".

"In the face of this rejection, defendants arrogantly and unilaterally decided they would simply steal *I Feel Love* and use it without permission," they added.

West has become a controversial figure in recent

years - comments he has made have been heavily criticised as far right or anti-semitic.

The lawsuit, filed against the 46-year-old rapper, his record label and collaborator Ty Dolla \$ign, asked for damages and an injunction to block further distribution of the song.

On Thursday both parties confirmed they had entered into a settlement

agreement and they would each pay their own legal bills.

Lead counsel for the Summer estate, Larry Stein, told *Billboard* that West has "agreed not to distribute or otherwise use the song, so we got what we wanted".

Other terms in the settlement have not been made public.

The song was removed from streaming services when it was first released in February and will remain unavailable on official streaming platforms.

Summer, who died of lung cancer in 2012, is best known for hits including *Love to Love You Baby* and *Hot Stuff*.

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That is a different model to the 737 Max which was involved in mid-air cabin blow out in January.

That incident prompted heightened scrutiny of Boeing's safety standards.

In April, Boeing said that it had seen a sharp increase in employees speaking up

after it gave assurances there would be no retaliation for doing so.

Boeing said that signalled progress towards "a robust reporting culture".

"We continue to put safety and quality above all else and share information transparently with our regulator, customers and other stakeholders," the company said.

# Regional News



## Toy gun incident prompts police warning in Bermuda

CMC - The Bermuda Police Service (BPS) has issued an urgent warning about the dangers of brandishing realistic toy guns in public spaces.

This alert comes in the wake of a recent incident where a concerned resident reported seeing an individual carrying what appeared to be a real firearm near a residential area.

“A concerned occupant promptly contacted the BPS, who immediately respond-

ed, identified the individual involved and seized the suspected firearm,” the BPS said in a statement.

The BPS stated that upon investigation, it was determined that the item in question was, in fact, a realistic-looking toy gun, which was subsequently seized by officers.

“This incident serves as a stark reminder of the potential dangers and serious repercussions that can arise



from the use or display of realistic-looking toy guns in public spaces,” said Assistant Commissioner of Police, Antoine Daniels. He added,

“Such actions can create unnecessary panic, confusion and may even result in arrest or more tragic consequences.”

“We urge all members of the community to exercise caution and responsibility when handling toy guns that closely resemble real firearms. It is crucial that you take into consideration the potential risks associated with carrying such items in public areas.”

Daniels emphasized that parents and guardians should take time to discuss this situation “with your children or minors for whom you are responsible. Furthermore, we appeal to members of the public to consider the impact of their actions and to refrain from using realistic-looking toy guns in a manner that could be misconstrued as a threat to public safety.”

The police noted that firearms, which include airsoft pistols, are prohibited under section 2(1) of the Firearms Act 1973, reminding people that police take “the safety and wellbeing of our community very seriously.”

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## Guyana: Health authorities issue warning against fake medication



CMC - Health authorities issued a warning on Wednesday against the use of counterfeit drugs for treating diabetes. The Analyst-Food and Drug Department (GA-FDD) stated that there may be fake batches of Ozempic circulating in the local market. This alert is based on information from the World Health Organization (WHO), which identified three falsified batches of Ozempic (semaglutide).

Ozempic is a medication used to treat diabetes and has also been noted for its potential to induce weight loss.

According to the statement, these falsified products were discovered in Brazil, the United Kingdom, and the United States between October and

December last year, and were distributed through regulated supply chains.

The statement highlighted that Guyana is among the countries possibly affected by the distribution of these fake medications.

Specifically, batch number LP6F832 is not recognized, and batch number NAR0074 with serial number 430834149057 does not match genuine manufacturing records. Although batch number MP5E511 is genuine, the product itself is falsified.

The statement warned that using falsified Ozempic could lead to ineffective treatment due to incorrect dosage, contamination with harmful substances, or the inclusion of unknown or substituted ingredients.

The subcutaneous administration

of this drug poses serious health risks that could be life-threatening, the release cautioned.

The Government Food and Drug Analyst Department also reminded that Ozempic (semaglutide) is not registered in Guyana and therefore should not be sold locally.

Consumers are advised against using unregistered medicines that have not received necessary approvals from the GA-FDD.

Healthcare professionals and the general public are encouraged to report any suspected cases of adverse events related to the use of these counterfeit medicines to the Government Analyst Food and Drug Department or to the product's manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer.

## Honduras ex-president gets 45 years for drug crimes

By Max Matza

Juan Orlando Hernández, the ex-president of Honduras who was convicted of drug crimes in a US court, has been sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Hernández was found guilty in March of conspiring to import cocaine into the US, and possessing “destructive devices” including machine guns.

Prosecutors in New York said he ran the Central American country like a “narco-state” and accepted millions of dollars in bribes from drug traffickers to shield them from the law.

“He paved a cocaine superhighway to the United States, protected by machine guns,” prosecutors said in their closing arguments ahead of his conviction.

As part of his sentence, he was also ordered to pay a fine of \$8m (£6.3m).

“I am innocent,” Hernández said at his sentencing hearing, according to the Associated Press. “I was wrongly and unjustly accused.”

The judge, during the hearing, called him a “two-faced politician hungry for power”, the news agency reported.

The 55-year-old has been held at a Brooklyn jail since his extradition to the US.

Last month, the Manhattan judge overseeing the case rejected his motion for a retrial after his lawyers argued that the trial was tainted by incorrect testimony from a law enforcement agent who said cocaine trafficking went up in Honduras during the ex-president’s time in office.

US District Judge Kevin Castel found the error “immaterial” to the charge of conspiring with drug traffickers.

“Hernandez’s conviction was based on the testimony, over the course of a three-week trial, of numerous witnesses whose testimony was corroborated



Hernández addresses the UN General Assembly in 2021.

in part by phone records and a recovered drug ledger,” Judge Castel wrote.

Hernández was president of Honduras from 2014 to 2022, serving for two consecutive terms in the nation of over 10 million people.

He initially ran as a law-and-order candidate who promised to address the issue of drug-related crime in the country.

Instead, prosecutors accused him of partnering with “some of the world’s most prolific narcotics traffickers to build a corrupt and brutally violent empire based on the illegal trafficking of tonnes of cocaine to the United States”.

Three months after leaving office, he was extradited to New York and arrested in April 2022 to face federal charges in the US.

He had previously been seen as a strong ally to the US, which sent his country more than \$50m (£39m) in anti-narcotics assistance, as well as additional millions of dollars in security and military aid.

In 2019, then-President Donald Trump thanked Hernández for “working with the United States very closely”.

Hernández in turn thanked Mr Trump and the American people “for the support they have given us in the firm fight against drug trafficking”.

Prosecutors later uncovered that Hernández was linked with drug traffickers as far back as 2004, long before he became president, and that he had facilitated the smuggling of around 500 tonnes of cocaine to the US.

They said drug traffickers paid him millions of dollars in bribes to allow cocaine to be smuggled from Colombia and Venezuela through Honduras on to the US.

During his trial, several convicted drug traffickers testified that they had bribed Hernández.

His lawyers argued that those who testified against him were doing so for their own gain.

Hernández also took the stand to testify in his own defence, accusing the witnesses who testified against him of being “professional liars”.

Prosecutors alleged that he had used the drug money to then bribe officials to manipulate Honduras’ 2013 and 2017 presidential elections in his favour.

In his denial of the allegations, Hernández claimed that he became a “victim of a vendetta and a conspiracy by organised crime and political enemies”.

He is expected to appeal against his conviction.

His brother, a former Honduras congressman, was jailed by the same Manhattan court in 2021 for separate drug charges. Juan Antonio “Tony” Hernández is currently serving a life sentence.

Hernández is not the first ex-Latin American head of state to be convicted of a drug-related crime in the US.

Panama’s Manuel Noriega was convicted on drug trafficking charges in a Miami court in 1992, and Guatemala’s Alfonso Portillo was convicted on money laundering charges in a New York court in 2014.



## Bolivian police arrest leader of coup attempt

Bolivian police have arrested the leader of an attempted coup, hours after the presidential palace in the capital La Paz was stormed by soldiers.

Armoured vehicles and troops had taken up position on Murillo Square where key government buildings are located. They all later withdrew.

The rebel military leader in charge, Gen Juan José Zúñiga, had said he wanted to “restructure democracy” and that while he respected President Luis Arce for now, there would be a change of government. He is now under arrest.

President Arce condemned the coup attempt, calling on the public to “organise and mobilise... in favour of democracy”.

“We cannot allow once again coup attempts to take Bolivian lives,” he said in a televised message to the country from inside the presidential palace.

His words clearly resonated, with pro-democracy demonstrators taking to the streets in support of the government.

Mr Arce also announced he was appointing new military commanders, confirming reports that Gen Zúñiga had been dismissed after openly criticising Bolivia’s former leader, Evo Morales.

Mr Morales also condemned the coup attempt and called for criminal charges to be brought against Gen Zúñiga and his “accomplices”.

The public prosecutor’s office has opened a criminal investigation.

It is increasingly clear that this was a short-lived and ill-judged military uprising rather than any wider unravelling of power.

Nevertheless, the coming weeks will be key in establishing whether Gen Zúñiga’s military insurrection was just an isolated incident.

Certainly, the government now looks more vulnerable, and others may try to dislodge Mr Arce’s administration - albeit through politics rather than via



Soldiers took up positions outside key government buildings in La Paz.

the military.

Furthermore, he could count on the support of Evo Morales, the influential former president and the elder statesman of Bolivia’s left.

Mr Morales called on his supporters, particularly in the country’s indigenous coca-growers movement, to take to the streets to demand an end to the attempt coup.

That display of popular power may well have helped strengthen the resolve against Gen Zúñiga’s plans, which also included freeing “political prisoners” including former leader Jeanine Áñez.

Speaking from Murillo Square after it was taken by troops, Gen Zúñiga had said: “We are going to recover this homeland.

“An elite has taken over the country, vandals who have destroyed the country.”

He was sacked after appearing on television on Monday, saying he would arrest Mr Morales if he ran for office again next year, despite the former president being barred from doing so.

Formerly allies, Mr Arce and Mr Morales have not seen eye to eye on much recently, but they were united in

their condemnation of the use of troops to force political change in Bolivia.

Indeed, in 2019, President Morales himself was forced out by military chiefs who said he was trying to manipulate the result of a presidential election, sending him into exile in Mexico.

Before Evo Morales took power in 2005, Bolivia was one of the most politically volatile nations in the Americas. His time in power brought much-needed stability to the Andean nation, at least until its ignominious end.

For his part, Mr Arce - who was elected after a period of instability following the 2019 election - will have been heartened by the speed of the regional response.

Close allies like the left-wing governments in Venezuela and Colombia were quick to condemn what was happening and call for democracy to prevail. Washington also called for calm.

Even those Bolivians who opposed his socialist rule will not want to see a return to a dark time in South America where militaries with terrible human rights records often pushed out the country’s democratically elected leaders at the barrel of a gun.

## India eye revenge against defending champions England

More cricket history will be written when India take on England in the second semi-final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Thursday at 10:30 am.

The last time these two nations faced off in a Men's T20 World Cup semi-final was just 19 months ago in Adelaide, when a remarkable opening partnership between Jos Buttler and Alex Hales saw England cruise to victory in the sort of manner that forced a complete rethink in India's T20 strategy.

This time around, though, India have more batting firepower, more options through the middle overs, and more variation in their attack, but the defending champions will take some beating, especially with Buttler and his new opening partner Phil Salt both in blistering form.

England are two games away from becoming the first men's team to retain a T20 World Cup. India have not won this tournament since its inception back in 2007, and are searching for their first World Cup win in any format since 2011.

The Guyana National Stadium is a 20,000-seater venue on the outskirts of Georgetown, situated just off the banks of the Demerara River and a few kilometres from the coast.

This is the sixth and final game to be held at the venue during the tournament, with the previous five all coming in Group C during the first-round stage.

Spinners have been quite effective on the ground, but there's also been a bit in the surface for the quicks, with the highest score across the five games being Afghanistan's 183 for five against Uganda.



India's captain Rohit Sharma speaks in the team huddle during their ICC Men's T20 World Cup game against Pakistan at the Nassau County Cricket Stadium in New York, USA, June 9, 2024. (ICC/Getty Images)

India have won every game they've been able to compete in, with the only dropped points coming from the abandoned fixture against Canada at a rain-soaked Lauderhill in Florida, USA.

Impressive wins over Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Australia secured their spot in the knockout stages as the winners of Group 1 in the Super Eight.

England, by contrast, have got here the hard way. A rained-off match against Scotland was followed by a loss to Australia right at the start of their campaign, leaving them needing huge wins and favours from elsewhere to reach the Super Eights. But they managed just that, qualifying ahead of Scotland on Net Run Rate.

And in the Super Eight, a loss to South Africa meant England were sweating somewhat, despite already having comfortably beaten hosts West Indies.

That win, and the nature of it, proved important, giving them a significant Net Run Rate advantage that

they boosted further with a hammering of the USA to effectively qualify with a game to spare.

South Africa's victory over West Indies consigned them to second spot in the group, sending them to this semi-final rather than being the top seed in semi-final 1.

India named a settled side throughout their Super Eight campaign, having added Kuldeep Yadav in place of Mohammed Siraj from the team who dominated the Group Stage.

It is quite likely they will continue with that exact balance, given it offers six frontline bowling options, with three pacers and three spinners.

England moved away from the batting-heavy balance that they started the tournament with, leaving out Will Jacks and playing four front-line pace bowlers, with Sam Curran and Chris Jordan slotting in at seven and eight to avoid an excessively lengthy tail, and Mark Wood missing out.

India squad: Rohit Sharma (c), Hardik Pandya, Yashasvi Jaiswal,

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## West Indies Women level T20 series against Sri Lanka

The West Indies Women secured their first victory of the tour in Sri Lanka with a convincing six-wicket win in the second T20 International on Wednesday.

The win, achieved via the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, saw the West Indies chase down a revised target of 99 runs with nine balls to spare, leveling the three-match T20I series 1-1.

After rain interrupted play in Hambantota, the West Indies were set a DLS-adjusted target of 99 runs in 15 overs. The chase was anchored by Stafanie Taylor, who scored an unbeaten 28 off 26 balls, ensuring her team stayed ahead of the DLS-par score throughout the innings.

Captain Hayley Matthews and Taylor got the visitors off to an ideal start, putting together a 44-run opening partnership in just 6.5 overs.

Matthews, who scored 29 runs, fell to an arm ball from Sachini Nisansala, but her solid start provided a foundation for the West Indies' chase.

Taylor then took control, forming a crucial 18-ball 24-run second-wicket



West Indies Women's spinner Afy Fletcher

partnership with Shemaine Campbelle, who contributed a quickfire 16 off 13 balls.

Despite the subsequent dismissals of Campbelle, Qiana Joseph, and Chedean Nation, the required run rate remained manageable, thanks to the positive approach of the West Indies batters.

Aaliyah Alleyne sealed the victory with three boundaries off Kavisha Dilhari in the penultimate over, extinguishing any hopes of a Sri Lankan comeback.

Earlier in the match, Afy Fletcher played a pivotal

role in restricting Sri Lanka to 89 for four in 15.2 overs before rain halted their innings.

Fletcher's impressive figures of four for 23 included crucial wickets that derailed the hosts' innings. Chamari Athapaththu and Vishmi Gunaratne had given Sri Lanka a steady start with a 44-run opening partnership, but their efforts came at a conservative pace, just under a run a ball.

Fletcher's breakthrough came when she spun one past Athapaththu, disturbing her stumps and halting her at 26 runs. Gunaratne,

who labored for 24 runs off 35 balls, was trapped lbw by a Fletcher googly in the 14th over.

Fletcher's earlier dismissals of Imesha Dulani, who was bowled while attempting a sweep, and Harshitha Samarawickrama, who top-edged a delivery, had already put Sri Lanka on the back foot.

Kavisha Dilhari showed some promise of a late counterattack, scoring 14 not out off just six balls, including two boundaries, but the rain brought an abrupt end to Sri Lanka's innings, leaving them with an incomplete total.

With this victory, the West Indies Women not only leveled the series but also gained crucial momentum heading into the final T20I.

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Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, and Mohd. Siraj.

England squad: Jos Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonathan Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, and Mark Wood.

# Sports News



## All Saints United remain unbeaten in Under-19 Youth Premier League

All Saints United FC has joined Aston Villa Lions and Garden Stars FC at the top of the standings in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Under-19 Youth Premier League.

All Saints United FC beat Jennings United FC 3-0 in a rescheduled fifth-round match at Jennings.

Their fifth win in as many games allows All Saints United FC to join the only other two unbeaten teams, Aston Villa Lions and Garden Stars FC, at the top of the standings in the Under-19 Youth Premier League with 15 points apiece.

Jennings United remains in 12th place with three points after crashing to their fourth loss in five games.

Soccer Academy and Greenbay Hoppers FC also recorded wins in their rescheduled fifth-round matches.

Soccer Academy claimed their fourth win in five matches by beating the Ottos Rangers 3-0 to remain

in fourth place by advancing to 12 points.

The Ottos Rangers remain in 10th place on goal difference in the 14-team round-robin league with three points after suffering their fourth defeat in five matches.

The Greenbay Hoppers FC secured their third win in five games by prevailing 2-0 against Green City FC to join Willikies FC and Urlings FC on nine points apiece.

Green City FC remains in eighth place with six points after losing for the third time in five matches.

The ABFA's Under-19 Youth Premier League will continue with its sixth round of matches on Thursday (today).

Aston Villa Lions will tackle Willikies FC in the first game of a double header at the ABFA Technical Center at 4:15 pm. Garden Stars FC will face All Saints United in the second encounter at 6:15 pm.

Jennings United FC will take on



TAMO FC at Jennings at 4:15 pm. Sea View Farm FC will meet Greenbay Hoppers FC at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park, former King George V Recreational Grounds, in Gray's Farm, at 4:15 pm.

In a double header at the Princess Margaret School playing field, the Ottos Rangers FC will take on the CPTSA Wings at 4:15 pm, and Green City FC will challenge the Soccer Academy at 6:15 pm.

Urlings FC will clash with Golden Grove FC at Urlings at 6:15 pm.

## Police go top of Group A in All Saints Community Football League

Police moved to the top of Group A in the annual All Saints Community Football League (ASCFL) on Tuesday.

Police prevailed 2-0 against the Young Warriors in the second game of a double header at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

Their third win in as many matches allows the Police to move to the top of the standings in Group A

with nine points.

The Young Warriors suffered their second defeat in four matches to drop into second place on goal difference ahead of Freeman's Village.

Freeman's Village claimed their second win in four encounters by snatching a 3-1 victory against Stone Ville in the first game of Tuesday's double header.

Stone Ville remain sec-

ond from the bottom of the standings in Group A with two points after suffering their second defeat in four matches.

All Saints United are currently in the cellar of the six-team Group A standings with one point from two matches.

Fundamentals are leading the six-team Group B standings with six points after winning their first two matches.

El Hombre and 5 Star Kitchen also have six points after winning two and losing one of their first three matches.

They are followed by Yorkshire and Strike Force with three points each. Yorkshire have played two matches, one less than Strike Force.

Sea View Farm currently occupies the cellar without a point after losing their first three matches.

## Belgium advance to last 16 at Euro 2024

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Belgium got the best out of a 0-0 draw at the European Championship on Wednesday, advancing to the last 16, while Ukraine became the first team with four points in a group to be eliminated.

The downside for the Belgians at Euro 2024 is they will next face France and Kylian Mbappe on Monday in Duesseldorf.

“We go to win. We are here and qualified for this Euro to be part of the best teams. Now, we face a top team,” Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco said.

“That’s why we qualified, otherwise we could stay at home. These are the games we’re looking for, and everything is possible.”

All four teams in Group E finished with four points. Romania ended up first, followed by Belgium, and Slovakia. Ukraine was last on goal difference. Romania and Slovakia drew 1-1 in Frankfurt and both advanced to the knockout stage.

Playing at Euro 2024 against the backdrop of Russia’s invasion, Ukraine



Belgium’s Kevin De Bruyne, left, fights for the ball with Ukraine’s Vitaliy Mykolenko during a Group E match between Ukraine and Belgium at the Euro 2024 soccer tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, Wednesday, June 26, 2024. (AP)

came agonizingly close to advancing and will finish with more points than at least one of the four best third-place teams. The 3-0 loss to Romania in the team’s opening game proved to be decisive.

“In the last two games, we showed the character of our nation. But this is life, you make some mistakes, but then it’s important how you react,” Ukraine coach Serhiy Rebrov said.

“I’m very proud of the players. Of course, everyone is unhappy with the result, but there are no questions for the players.”

There was nearly a different ending when Ukraine substitute Ruslan Malinovskyi tried to score directly from corner late in the match. Belgium goalkeeper Koen Casteels managed to save the effort at the near post.

The third-ranked Bel-

gians had another scare when Georgiy Sudakov ran into the box but shot right at Casteels.

Belgium, who lost to Slovakia in their opening game, struggled to get their offense going again with Romelu Lukaku failing to make the most of his team’s best chance in the first half.

The Belgian fans booed their players at the end of the game at Stuttgart Arena, while Ukrainian supporters, who earlier held up a banner of a fallen soldier named Nazariy Hryntsevich, showed their appreciation to the national team.

Belgium will likely need to improve against France, which was the runner-up at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

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Da Squad booked their spot in the President’s Cup finals by eliminating the fourth-seed Jets. The teams qualified to contest the President’s Cup by virtue of finishing as the top four teams at the end of their respective men’s and women’s Division 1 round-robins in the ABAVA’s local league competitions.

The four teams will contest the second

game of their respective finals on Thursday (today) after meeting in the opening games of the best-of-three series, which started on Wednesday, at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The third and final games of both series are slated to take place at the same venue on Saturday. The President’s Cup will conclude with a presentation and awards ceremony following Saturday’s matches.

# Sports

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## Pytonz, Paragons advance to President's Cup finals

Both second-seeded teams, Pytonz and Paragons, have advanced to the finals to face the defending men's and women's champions for the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) President's Cup Championships.

The Pytonz and Paragons booked their spots in their respective best-of-three division finals by eliminating the two third-seeded teams in their respective divisions in the preliminary stage of the President's Cup at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex on Tuesday night.

The Pytonz pulled off a 3-1 victory against the Top Ranking Storming Lions in the men's division in the second game of Tuesday's double header.

It took the Pytonz an hour and two minutes to eliminate the Storming Lions, winning their men's President Cup encounter 25-15, 22-25, 25-14,



The Pytonz men's volleyball team and 25-18.

The Paragons also recorded a 3-1 victory against Starz 1 Seniors in the women's division in Tuesday's open-

ing encounter.

The Paragons took two hours and six minutes to eliminate Starz 1 Seniors by prevailing 25-14, 25-13, 23-25, and 23-25 in the women's President's Cup encounter.

The Paragons will face defending champions Caribbean Alliance Insurance (CAI) Da Squad in the best-of-three finals for the female President's Cup title.

The Pytonz will tackle defending champion Stoneville in the best-of-three finals for the male President's Cup title.

Men's division top-seed Stoneville booked their spot in the President's Cup finals by eliminating fourth-seed High Flyerz 1.

Women's division top-seed CAI



The Paragons female volleyball team

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