

ANTHONY SMITH WAS COLLATERAL DAMAGE

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Miss Desrie Markham, centre, is the new Queen of Carnival for Antigua and Barbuda, 2024. She is flanked by first runner-up Dominique Trotman, right, and second runner-up Shania Samuel. *Story on page 2*

Local News



Anthony Smith was 'collateral damage' in UPP's 'civil war'

There is a virtual civil war taking place within the opposition United Progressive Party (UPP) and MP Anthony Smith was the 'collateral damage' in that ongoing battle for supremacy within the party.

That's the assessment of Prime Minister Gaston Browne as he addressed the recent move by MP Smith to become an independent member of the House of Representative by resigning his UPP Whip. Smith has since entered into an accommodation with the ABLP Administration and he has accepted an appointment to the Cabinet as the Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs.

According to PM Browne there are elements within the leadership of the UPP who are concerned that MP Richard Lewis may again, potentially challenge UPP Political Leader, Jemale Pringle, at some point in the future and therefore

they are taking a preemptive strike to nullify his position within the party. In fact, the prime minister has asserted that there are moves afoot to expel him from the party and what happened to MP Smith was because of his allegiance to MP Lewis.

"The Hon. Anthony Smith was operating within a very toxic and cannibalistic environment; in fact, there is literally a civil war within the UPP at this time, and what we did, is that we gave him a lifeline," PM Browne stated.

The prime minister recalled that over the past 18 months, he had stated openly that although MP Smith sat on the opposition benches, he always saw him as someone with talent, and much to give to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

He added that Smith always had ambitions of working along with the ABLP and as Political Leader, he gave the assurance that the party



Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs
Anthony Smith

would be happy to accommodate him, if, and whenever, he made that decision.

He recalled, too, that MP Smith's roots run deep in the ABLP through his father, Anthony Smith Sr., and his grandmother, Genevieve Smith, a much beloved and respected teacher in Potters.

"When you are socialized as a labourite and you are a young man with significant capacity with a commitment to serve the people and find yourself in a hostile, cannibalistic environment where certain members of

the UPP are trying to cannibalise both he and Richard Lewis, he had no choice but to leave. He was collateral damage as the person they wanted to damage was Richard Lewis," PM Browne explained.

The prime minister further revealed that the ABLP made overtures to MP Smith advising him that his best interests will be served by resigning from the UPP and entering into an accommodation with the ABLP Administration. The rest is history!

Desrie Markham is Miss Queen of Carnival 2024

Miss Desrie Markham, the contestant sponsored by first-time sponsor, Rawdon and Associates, is the new Queen of Carnival for Antigua and Barbuda, 2024.

She was crowned the QoC at Carnival City on Sunday night in a show that included six other contestants in what was considered by many to have been a show that was as competitive as it was entertaining.

Markham won the Best Evening Wear segment with her dress designer, Sharon Barton, winning the designer of the year award.

It was perhaps the richest night of prize giving for any Queen of Carnival as Ms Markham received a cheque for \$25,000 as well as a land certificate for an acre of land that quite possibly values more than 100-thousand dollars.

A total of 50-thousand dollars was

presented on stage as First runner-up, Miss Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, Dominique Trotman, received a cheque for \$15,000 while the second runner-up, Miss Liat 2020, Shania Samuel, was presented with a cheque for \$10,000. Best Costume and Best Interview went to Chandra Codrington; Best Swimwear, Miss Cool and Smooth, Kevinya Joseph, Shania Samuel and Best Evening Wear, Desrie Markham.

PM outlines plans for development design to attract local investment

Prime Minister Gaston Browne wants the people of Antigua and Barbuda to change their mindset on the issue of investing and wealth creation.

Speaking on the Browne and Browne Show on Saturday, PM Browne said he wants to see ordinary Antigua and Barbudans invest in business as a way of creating generational wealth.

To this end, the government is moving ahead with plans to develop the lands of Pensioner’s Beach and to sub-divide the area into lots for sale for locals to invest in short-term accommodations, generally referred to as AirBnB, or any of the other business ventures that may be accommodated in the development.

The prime minister noted that for many years he has been promoting the idea of wealth creation, which he noted, has unfortunately been weaponized by the opposition to suggest that he was suggesting to ‘get rich at any cost’ or through nefarious means.

Despite the misinformation campaign from the opposition, the prime minister said he is happy to note that other Caribbean prime ministers are recognizing the value of his suggestions and are now promoting the ideas among their citizenry. Additionally, he observed that even in the United Kingdom where the Labour Party just won a huge election victory, the new Prime Minister had made wealth creation one of the platforms for his campaign.

The development at Pensioner’s Beach, he emphasized, is one such opportunity for ordinary nationals to ‘get on board’ and to begin the process of creating the type of wealth that will last for generations.

According to PM Browne, this issue is critical to a nation’s develop-

ment.

“I believe that wealth creation is important; you cannot have a successful country with all poor people. Certainly, if we become individually and collectively wealthy, that’s how we lift the nation.

“We can do more for our family members and we can lift them out of poverty,” he stated.

He added that investments are important as the benefits are multifaceted. Investments do not just help the investor; they help those around him/her.

The plan at Pensioner’s Beach is to expand the ownership base as those who are allocated lands will get title to those lots.

The development will involve a beach park, resuscitating the beach,



Prime Minister Gaston Browne various areas earmarked for commercial developments such as a restaurant, a supermarket, a laundry as well as various types of accommodation, from short-term to medium to long-term.

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Local News



Lamin Newton to be the ABLP candidate in All Saints East & St. Luke

Following the political developments over the past week, where the representative for the All Saints West constituency, Independent MP Anthony Smith, has made an accommodation with the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, several decisions have been made affecting two constituencies.

Political Leader of the ABLP and Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the party has formally called off its planned primary in the All Saints West constituency between Lamin Newton and Regis Burton.

It is anticipated that the party will formally ask Smith to be its candidate in that constituency for the next general elections.

Further, now that the primary has been canceled, the party has announced that Lamin Newton will now be its caretaker/candidate for the All Saints East and St. Luke constituency.

This is based on the fact that Newton is from All Saints and has familial and other ties with the constituency.

The word is that Newton will also be named to the Upper House of parliament as a senator.



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Dated the 2nd day of July 2024

Registrar of Lands

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days of the course.

Sir Molwyn, accompanied by UK High Commissioner, Karen-Mae Hill, attended two of the final lectures as well as held meetings with OXCEP Chairman Dr Frank Hwang and Principal of St Edmund Hall and Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Oxford Pro-

fessor Baroness Willis CBE. Sir Molwyn also met with Pro-Vice Chancellor for Innovation at the University of Oxford Professor Chas Bountra OBE. In addition, Sir Molwyn delivered the keynote speech at the farewell dinner of the course.

Speaking of his visit, Sir Molwyn stated: "The Government of Antigua and

Barbuda is grateful to collaborate with such a prestigious University such as Oxford so that Antiguan and Barbudans can benefit from knowledge-based sessions on cutting edge cancer research, data analysis, Neuroscience and other very important areas in the field of medicine." He also commended High Commis-

sioner Hill, herself an alumnus of the University of Oxford, for facilitating this academic exchange which will see nearly 30 senior doctors attend the academic medicine and management in healthcare courses at the University of Oxford under full scholarships.

Dr Frank Hwang stated, "The performance of the MAAB delegates was marvellous, and Sir Molwyn's keynote speech regarded by many at Oxford as second to none. Sir Molwyn's highly successful Oxford visit during the OXCEP Academic Medicine Course 2024 reassured us of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda's full support of the OXCEP Caribbean Initiative, and thus facilitated further OXCEP scholarship/fellowship opportunities in Artificial Intelligence, Global Healthcare Leadership, and Environmental Protection for academics and professionals of the country in the near future."

It is anticipated that through continued collaboration, Antigua and Barbuda will be in a better position to mitigate the Global threats to health and other developments. This is the first cohort from Antigua and Barbuda to be enrolled in a significantly challenging further study at Oxford under the OXCEP Caribbean Initiative. It is expected that in the coming years, an increasing number of academics and professionals will be able to benefit from this unique opportunity.

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The month of May was a robust one for the accommodation sector

The accommodation sector enjoyed a robust month in May as, fueled by an increase in arrivals, occupancy rose compared with the same month in 2019, the best year for tourism thus far.

A release from the An-

tigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourist Association, showed that occupancy rate for May, 2024, was 67.1 percent.

In May 2019, the occupancy level was 62.2 percent.

The ABHTA noted that

the 2022 occupancy looks more favourable at 70.8 percent. However, it noted that in 2022, there were fewer room nights matched with fewer rooms sold.

A better comparison is to 2019 where we are operating on similar room

nights, according to the release.

Arrivals in May totaled 24,913 compared with 22,191 for 2019. The United States continues its dominance as the most important source market for tourists to Antigua and Barbuda. In fact, the percentage of visitors from the US is on the increase as some markets have declined over the past five years.

In May 2024 the US accounted for 13,994 or 56 percent of the visitors. Back in May 2019, US accounted for 10,093 visitors or 45 percent of the visitors to the country.

Over the period, the UK market has declined from 25 percent to 18 percent and the Canadian market declined from 10 to 4 percent.

Tourism officials attribute the decline in the percentage of visitors from these two important markets to issues concerning airlifts.

There have been less flights into Antigua and Barbuda from these two markets than there were five years ago.

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Weekend police round-up

Alleged gas station fraudster surrenders

A young man suspected of carrying out a series of fraudulent activities at several gas stations has turned himself into the police after a wanted bulletin was issued for him.

This all happened on Saturday, when the police posted the bulletin for Jahlique Hector of All Saints. Early Saturday, the police announced that they were searching for a male suspect

allegedly involved in defrauding several service stations on the island

Hector reportedly went to four different service stations to request fuel, and upon receiving the fuel, drove off without paying the pump attendants. At the time of the alleged crime, he was seen driving a grey Toyota Vitz motor car, registration number, A 62188.

However, following

the issuance of the bulletin, Hector surrendered at the All Saints Police Station. He was accompanied by his mother. Further investigations are ongoing into the incident.

Meanwhile, the police are appealing to owners of service stations to be more vigilant and alert. They are further advised to put tighter security measures in place to mitigate against such criminal behavior. Members of



Jahlique Hector the public are also urged to report all suspicious activities to the police without delay.

Police search for suspect in supermarket robbery

The police are searching for the male suspect involved in a robbery at Gloria's Supermarket on Whenner Road.

Around 7:30 pm on Friday, July 19, the police responded to a report of robbery at the said business place, where a male suspect held the cashier at gun point and robbed the owners of an undisclosed amount of money.

The assailant fled the scene on foot toward the Cashew Hill area, then boarded a vehicle. No one was injured.

He is said to be approximately 5ft, 5 inches in height, and wearing a pair of long blue jeans pants, and a multicolored hoddie.

He also had a black mask concealing his face.

The police are appealing to anyone who may have seen any suspicious person or vehicle in the area, or have any information that can assist them with their investigation to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or the Grays Farm Police Station at 462-0481.

Meanwhile, the police continue to appeal to business owners to pay closer attention to safety and security of their businesses; especially during hours of closing. Business owners who may need assistance from the police can contact the police headquarters at 462-0125.

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Photo Essay



The Hon. Anthony Smith was on Friday morning introduced to members of staff of the Departments of Lands, Surveys and the Development Control Authority.

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Constituency Roundup



St. John's Rural North

The Hon. Charles Max Fernandez invites residents of St. John's Rural North constituency to a special community meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd, at the York's Community Center and Thursday, July 25th, at the Cedar Grove Primary

School. Both meetings will commence at 7:30 PM.

These meetings are to discuss urgent and important updates concerning the constituency.

We look forward to your participation.

See you there!



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MP Hon. E.P Chet Greene declares a successful end to Summer Camp 2024. He thanked the parents, children, management and

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St. John's City West Summer Camp completes Week 1



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Opinion



Tony the king fisher

By Tony Deyal

Kingfishers are brightly coloured birds famous for hunting and eating fish. If that is not me, it is my son Zubin who will be fishing with me in Tobago on Monday.

Kingfisher is also a beer, and, while your line is out and you're waiting for a bite, you just have to grin, beer it, and get involved in some fishing business and not fishy business. One kind of fishy business you have to stay very far from is dishonesty.

For instance, if your doctor were giving you a rectal exam but he had both hands on your shoulders, that is fishy to the bone, or burn.

It is different from when a cop tells you, "There is something really fishy about the evidence" and it turns out to be a red herring. In my case, I don't trust marine biologists. Something about them feels very fishy.

The worst is when an artist, a mathematician, and a fisherman committed a crime. The police investigator found that it was not only very sketchy and didn't add up, but, with a boatman involved, it had to be very fishy.

What made it worse is when one of them told the officer, "Go fish yourself." It turned out to be a board game and nothing to do with the sea. While they were

still in hot water, it was not as bad as being hard of hearing and when you ask the boatsman for help he refuses. He turns out to be totally shellfish.

Fishing in Tobago is fun because of the challenge. The flying fish there are very bright. They swim in schools.

When I throw out my reel fishing tackle, it is a case of nearer my Cod to thee. And, when I boast about catching a 100lb biggie, I make it clear that it is not me that weighed it, the fish used its own scales. And, when it comes to boasting, I am not the worst.

Nothing makes a fish bigger than when you almost caught it, or the line broke and it disappeared. If you don't believe me, ask the fish. All you have to do is drop it a line. Of you can put a girl with you on the side of the boat and call her Annette.

However, enough of this. It is just me and my anxiety to be in Tobago when you're reading this column.

It is unlike Trinidad where the fish don't always bite, and I have to lie like my partner Mike who was out in the north of Trinidad in some really bad weather and never caught even a sardine.

So, he stopped by the vendor and ordered four catfish, making it clear that he wanted them to be thrown



Tony Deyal

and not handed to him because he had to boast to his wife that he, and he alone, caught four big ones.

The vendor smiled and told Mike, "In that case I really feel you should ask for Red Snappers." Mike was upset and asked, "But why? You know I like catfish more than any other fish."

The vendor laughed loudly, "Well it is because your wife stopped here earlier today and told me that when you come later to buy fish, make sure I give you Red Snappers because she wants to have it for dinner tonight."

While my wife has no problems with my son Zubin going fishing with me for an entire day, some women are not into the fishing at all.

In fact, if a woman never went fishing with her husband, she will never know what a patient and quiet man she married.

Or, to put it in the fishy-business column, a woman was very upset by

the way her husband was treating her. She complained that, before they were married, he used to buy her a lot of gifts, but now he had stopped. His response was, "Darling, have you ever heard about a fisherman putting bait on a hook for the fish he already caught?"

He was lucky she didn't fry him dry. But he had his way when one day he reached home and his wife was dressed in a very sexy outfit with everything showing and she grabbed him and, after a kiss, told him, "Tie me up and you can do anything you want with me."

He tied her up and went fly fishing. What she did not know is that the best way to a fisherman's heart is through his fly.

Actually, what many in that position eventually find out is that, if you give a man a fish, he has food for a day but, once you allow him to fish, you can get rid of him

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for an entire weekend and, in his absence, both of you can do some serious fly fishing.

Some men and women believe that fishing is like dating. It's all catch and release until you find a keeper.

However, the men and fish have more in common than the men and women, because they both get into trouble when they open their mouths. On the other hand, whether they are out fishing or at home, women see men differently.

As Gloria Steinem, the American journalist and social-political activist, insisted, "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle." No wonder men head out to the sea, not to catch fish but to catch themselves.

There is something in fishing that makes me, and many other men, feel we are doing the right thing. The fish don't feel so. They go out of their way to make us look foolish. First, we find out that all men are equal before fish.

Then, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck added, "It has always been my private conviction that any man who puts his intelligence up against a fish and loses had it coming." John Ruskin, the English writer and philosopher, took it into another ocean, "No human being, however great, or powerful, was ever as free as a fish."

When I worked for the West Indies Cricket Board, I joked that, when I die, I want

to be buried at sea and have the members of the board as my pallbearers. That was a joke of sorts but not my love for the sea.

From the first time I saw the sea, I was caught hook, line and sinker. It was like being in the third heaven.

It is said that the ocean stirs our hearts and inspires our imagination, giving us eternal joy. I look at my son

Zubin when he's home and has something to read, or complete, and smile.

He takes the car and goes to one of the seaside hotels, buys a beer (which lasts the entire day), and does his work with the sea in his eyes, heart and mind.

It is clear to him, me, and so many others that, as the poet Navvirah Waheed said, "If the ocean can calm

itself, so can you." I go even deeper and learn the truth. As the poet Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."

Tony Deyal was last heard responding to a friend who asked, "How you going to Tobago? By plane or by ship?" He answered, "Boat."

Technology



CrowdStrike IT outage affected 8.5 million Windows devices, Microsoft says

By Joe Tidy

Microsoft says it estimates that 8.5m computers around the world were disabled by the global IT outage.

It's the first time a figure has been put on the incident and suggests it could be the worst cyber event in history.

The glitch came from a security company called CrowdStrike which sent out a corrupted software update to its huge number of customers.

Microsoft, which is helping customers recover said in a blog post: "We currently estimate that CrowdStrike's update affected 8.5 million Windows devices."

The post by David Weston, vice-president at the firm, says this number is less than 1% of all Windows machines worldwide, but that "the broad economic and societal impacts reflect the use of CrowdStrike by enterprises that run many critical services".

The company can be very accurate on how many devices were disabled by the outage as it has performance telemetry to many by their internet connections.

The tech giant - which was keen to point out that this was not an issue with its software - says the incident highlights how important it is for companies such as CrowdStrike to use quality control checks on updates before sending them out.

"It's also a reminder of how important it is for all of us across the tech ecosystem to prioritize operating with safe deployment and disaster recovery using the mechanisms that exist," Mr Weston said.

The fall out from the IT glitch has been enormous and was already one of the worst cyber-incidents in history.



The number given by Microsoft means it is probably the largest ever cyber-event, eclipsing all previous hacks and outages.

The closest to this is the WannaCry cyber-attack in 2017 that is estimated to have impacted around 300,000 computers in 150 countries. There was a similar costly and disruptive attack called NotPetya a month later.

There was also a major six-hour outage in 2021 at Meta, which runs Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp. But that was largely contained to the social media giant and some linked partners.

The massive outage has also prompted warnings by cyber-security experts and agencies around the world about a wave of opportunistic hacking attempts linked to the IT outage.

Cyber agencies in the UK and Australia are warning people to be vigilant to fake emails, calls and websites that pretend to be official.

And CrowdStrike head George Kurtz encouraged users to make sure they were speaking to official representatives from the company before

downloading fixes.

"We know that adversaries and bad actors will try to exploit events like this," he said in a blog post.

Whenever there is a major news event, especially one linked to technology, hackers respond by tweaking their existing methods to take into account the fear and uncertainty.

According to researchers at Secureworks, there has already been a sharp rise in CrowdStrike-themed domain registrations – hackers registering new websites made to look official and potentially trick IT managers or members of the public into downloading malicious software or handing over private details.

Cyber security agencies around the world have urged IT responders to only use CrowdStrike's website to source information and help.

The advice is mainly for IT managers who are the ones being affected by this as they try to get their organisations back online.

But individuals too might be targeted, so experts are warning to be hyper vigilante and only act on information from the official CrowdStrike channels.

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Sint Maarten PM: No indication shooting was 'politically motivated'

Prime Minister Dr Luc Mercelina says it is a dark day for Sint Maarten following the act of violence against the leader of the Oualichi Movement for Change, Olivier Arrindell and his family. The prime minister says so far there is no indication the shooting was politically motivated.

The prime minister in an address to the nation on Thursday evening said Arrindell was ambushed by gunmen who fired upon him and his family. Sabine Arrindell, his wife, was fatally wounded in the attack.

Olivier Arrindell suffered a gunshot wound; however his injuries were not life threatening.

"Their young daughter who was also in the vehicle at the time has been left to endure unimaginable trauma," said Dr Mercelina.

In addition, another individual, Lawrence Lake, was also shot during the incident and had to undergo surgery. His condition is stable.

The prime minister assured that the authorities are diligently working to investigate the horrific crime and at this stage, there is no indication it has been politically motivated.

He said the investigation's conclusion will determine the exact motivation.

"I assure you we will leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of justice, the police are actively seeking those responsible for this act and they will be held accountable for their actions," said the prime minister.

"I want to explicitly state violence has no place in our political discourse and no place in our society. We must stand united against hatred and division and work together to build a peaceful prosperous future for our citizens," he added.

Meanwhile, the Governor of Sint



Prime Minister of Sint Maarten, Dr Luc Mercelina.

Maarten Aجامu Baly said he is deeply saddened by the tragic passing of the spouse of the Political Leader of Oualichi Movement for Change, Olivier Arrindell.

In a statement, the Governor said he condemns all acts of violence and urged everyone to remain dignified and peaceful and allow the authorities to carry out a thorough investigation.

The Police Force of Sint Maarten in an official report said on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at approximately 9:30 pm the Sint Maarten Police Force KPSM responded to a distress call regarding a shooting in the Cupecoy/Maho area.

Upon arrival, patrol officers discovered a male victim, Mr. O. Arrindell, who had sustained a non-fatal

gunshot.

There were two additional victims in the vehicle - a man and a woman. Both were shot, however, the woman, despite prompt medical attention, succumbed to her injuries. The man was treated for his non-fatal wound.

A minor was also present in the vehicle at the time of shooting and was unharmed physically in the incident.

All victims received initial treatment in the area they were found and were subsequently transported to the Sint Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) for further medical care.

KPSM detectives and forensic teams are actively gathering evidence and conducting a thorough investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding this tragic incident.



The vessel was travelling from Cap-Haitien.

UN confirms at least 40 deaths after boat catches fire in Haiti

CMC - The United Nations Friday confirmed that at least 40 migrants died when a boat they were travelling in caught fire off Cap Haitien.

Farhan Haq, the Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, told the daily briefing that two days ago, the boat, carrying over 80 people, departed from Labadee en route to the Turks and Caicos Islands, a 250-kilometer journey.

“We have sad news from the north of Haiti. Colleagues from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) say that at least 40 migrants have died, and several others were injured, after a boat they were travelling in caught fire off Cap Haitien,” Haq said.

“Forty-one surviving migrants who were aboard were rescued by the Haitian Coast Guard and are currently

receiving medical care, food, water, and psychosocial support provided by IOM, in support of the national authorities. Eleven migrants were taken to the nearest hospital for treatment, including burns,” he added.

The Head of IOM in Haiti, Grégoire Goodstein, said this devastating event demonstrates the crucial need for safe and legal pathways for migration.

IOM said that more than 86,000 migrants have been forcibly returned to Haiti by neighbouring countries this year.

Meanwhile, Haq said UN teams are continuing to provide support to the authorities in their response to Hurricane Beryl in Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Jamaica.

“In Grenada and St Vincent, our

teams are taking part in rapid assessments. They’re also helping to deliver humanitarian supplies, restore power and health care services, and supporting shelter management, among other activities.”

Haq said that the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in New York, Friday chaired a member state briefing on the impact and response to the hurricane.

“We heard from, among others, the Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr Ralph E. Gonsalves, as well as representatives of other affected governments, in addition to Simon Springett, the Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, and Elizabeth Riley, the Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency,” Haq said.

Uganda protest organisers playing with fire, president says

By Farouk Chothia

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has warned protesters that they will be "playing with fire" if they press ahead with plans to stage an anti-corruption march to parliament on Tuesday.

Young Ugandans have been organising the march on social media to demand an end to corruption in government.

They have been partly inspired by their counterparts in neighbouring Kenya, who organised mass demonstrations that forced President William Ruto to drop plans to increase taxes.

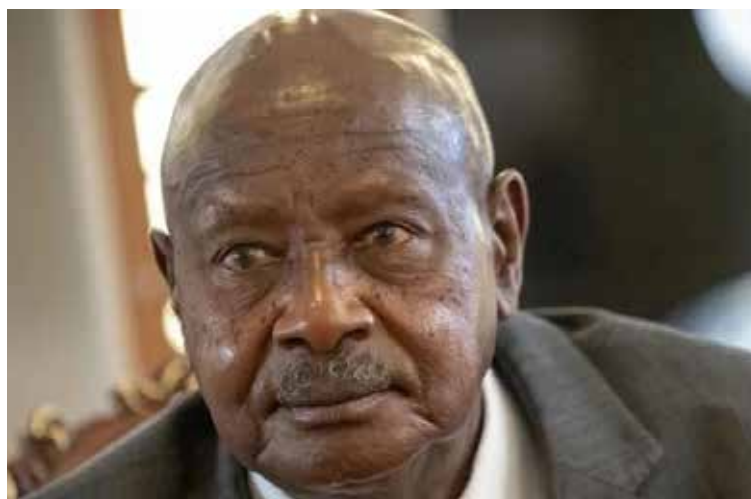
The protests have since morphed into calls for his resignation.

In a televised address, Mr Museveni warned the Ugandan organisers that their planned protest would not be tolerated.

"We are busy producing wealth... and you here want to disturb us. You are playing with fire because we cannot allow you to disturb us," he said.

Mr Museveni is accused by his critics of ruling Uganda with an iron hand since taking power in 1986, but his supporters praise him for maintaining stability in the East African state.

The president also accused some of the pro-



Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has been in power since 1986.

test organisers of "always working with foreigners" to cause chaos in Uganda. He did not elaborate.

Police had earlier announced that they had refused to give permission for the march to take place.

One of the main protest leaders told AFP news agency that they would go ahead with it.

"We don't need police permission to carry out a peaceful demonstration. It is our constitutional right," Louez Aloikin Opolose was quoted as saying.

The UK and US governments imposed sanctions on Uganda's parliamentary speaker, Anita Annet Among, earlier this year after she was accused of corruption.

She has denied any wrongdoing.

The sanctions bar her from travelling to the UK and the US. The UK also said that it would impose

an asset freeze on her.

The UK has enforced similar sanctions on two government ministers who were sacked by Mr Museveni after they too were accused of corruption.

Mary Goretti Kitutu and Agnes Nandutu have been charged in court over a scandal involving the theft of thousands of metal roofing sheets that were intended for vulnerable communities in the north-eastern Karamoja region.

Both have denied the charges.

In Kenya, President Ruto also called for an end to the protests that have hit his government, saying: "Enough is enough."

The protests are the biggest in Kenya since Mr Ruto took office after winning elections in 2022.

Activists have planned further demonstrations for Tuesday to demand his resignation and for an end to

what they call bad governance.

Addressing a rally in western Bomet County, Mr Ruto said the protest organisers could not remain "anonymous", and should "step forward and tell us what is this violence going to achieve".

Some protesters stormed parliament last month setting part of it on fire and stealing the mace, the symbol of the legislature's authority.

Protest organisers say their demonstrations have largely been peaceful.

They accuse the police and the military of responding with brute force, and killing peaceful protesters.

At least 50 protesters have been killed and 413 injured since the protests started on 18 June, according to the state-funded Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

Kenya's main opposition leader Raila Odinga has expressed solidarity with the protesters, saying there had to be justice for victims before any talks with the government could take place.

Mr Odinga's position could undermine Mr Ruto's attempt to include members of the opposition in his cabinet - a move which the hopes will help end the youth-led protests.

Biden drops out, upending race for White House

US President Joe Biden has ended his re-election campaign and endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris to succeed him as the Democratic candidate, in an extraordinary decision that upends an already dramatic race for the White House.

Mr Biden, 81, said in a Sunday written statement that it was the “greatest honour” to serve but his withdrawal was “in the best interest of my party and the country”.

The announcement caps a tumultuous period in US politics, which began with his sometimes incoherent debate performance against Donald Trump on 27 June. Mr Biden says he will remain president until January.

Ms Harris, 59, said that she was “honoured” to be endorsed, adding she would “earn and win this nomination” and unite the country against Trump.

“We have 107 days until election day,” she said. “Together, we will fight. And together, we will win.”

While Ms Harris has been picking up endorsements from many big figures in the party, she is yet to be officially nominated, and that may not happen until the Democratic National Convention in August.

A resurgent Trump meanwhile has pulled ahead in polling and was confirmed as Republican nominee at the party’s convention in Milwaukee this week, five days after surviving an assassination attempt.

In the wake of Mr Biden’s decision, he declared the president “was not fit to run... and is certainly not fit to serve”. Other senior Republicans joined him in their criticism, and called on Mr Biden to leave the White House immediately, not just the Democratic candidacy.

Sources told the BBC that even senior White House staff and cam-



Biden and Trump at the 27 June debate.

paign officials were told of Mr Biden’s decision only moments before the statement was released on Sunday afternoon, although the president had spoken to Ms Harris and a handful of others beforehand.

Dozens of senior Democrats and grandees including former president Barack Obama, Senate leader Chuck Schumer and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi immediately praised the decision and lauded Mr Biden’s accomplishments in office.

Former president Bill Clinton and 2016 Democratic candidate for president Hillary Clinton said they backed Kamala Harris as the party’s candidate for November’s vote, saying they would “fight with everything we’ve got to elect her”.

While Mr Obama stated that he had “extraordinary confidence” that an “outstanding nominee emerges”, he did not explicitly back Ms Harris or any other candidate.

Ms Pelosi has not commented.

Peter Welch, the first Democrat-ic senator to call on Biden to drop his

re-election run, called for an “open process” to nominate Harris.

But there are already signs that many in the party will unify behind her, including from high-profile politicians who had been touted as potential rivals for the nomination in the event Mr Biden stepped aside.

California Governor Gavin Newsom, who is believed to have presidential ambitions, praised Mr Biden as “selfless” and said he backed the “fearless” and “tenacious” Ms Harris to face Trump.

Josh Shapiro, the Pennsylvania governor, said he would do “everything I can to help elect Kamala Harris as the 47th President of the United States”.

Pete Buttigieg, the current transport secretary and a former presidential contender, said Mr Biden was “one of the most consequential presidents in American history”, adding he would do “all that I can to help elect Kamala Harris the next President.”

Gretchen Whitmer, the governor of Michigan, stated that her job “will *cont’d on pg 22*”

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remain the same... doing everything I can to elect Democrats and stop Donald Trump.”

The Democratic National Committee meanwhile filed to amend the names of its fundraising committees to the Harris Victory Fund and Harris Action Fund.

Two major Democratic

donors - LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman and investor Alexander Soros - publicly endorsed Harris.

And within an hour of Mr Biden’s announcement, the pro-Trump super-PAC campaign fund Make America Great Again posted an advert attacking Mr Harris, claiming “she covered up Joe’s obvious mental de-

cline”.

Trump added: “Whoever the Left puts up now will just be more of the same.”

Mr Biden had faced intense scrutiny since his debate performance in June. Less than two weeks ago, he hosted a high-profile summit with Nato leaders in Washington.

The occasion did little to

calm nerves within his own party, with him mistakenly introducing Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as “President Putin”, and appearing to refer Ms Harris as “Vice President Trump”.

At one point he told an interview that only the “Lord Almighty” could make him withdraw, but then later said he would consider doing so if he had a health condition. On Friday, while in isolation after testing positive for Covid, he said he would return to the campaign trail in the coming week.

In his statement on Sunday, Mr Biden thanked his Ms Harris, saying she was an “extraordinary partner”.

“And let me express my heartfelt appreciation for the American people for the faith and trust you have placed in me,” his statement added.

“I believe today and always have: that there is nothing America can’t do - when we do it together.

“We just have to remember we are the United States of America.”

Officials from the Democratic National Committee held an emergency meeting on Sunday evening.

The focus will now be on the party’s national convention, which is scheduled to start on 19 August.

Mr Biden swept the party’s primaries, meaning that the delegates representing each state at the convention were pledged to vote for him - although they are now expected to be released to vote for another candidate.

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Antigua and Barbuda to begin quest for success in Americas Group IV Davis Cup contest

The tennis players of Antigua and Barbuda will compete against players from nine nations in the Americas Group IV Davis Cup Competition, which is starting on Monday (today) in Trinidad and Tobago.

Aruba, Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Nicaragua, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Honduras, the United States (US) Virgin Islands, and St. Lucia will be competing in the men's tournament at the National Racquet Centre in Tacarigua, Trinidad and Tobago, from July 22 to 27.

The Antigua and Barbuda five-member team is being led by the nation's only professional men's tennis player, Jody Maginley.

The other players are Cordell Williams Jr., Roldain Shaquan Monelle, DeAndre Weeks, and Ron Murraine.

Cordell Williams is the team's non-playing captain and coach. Williams is also the president of the Antigua and Barbuda Tennis Association (ABTA).



Jody Maginley

will be divided into two

Panama withdrew from the competition, and the nine participating teams

groups to contest Pool A and Pool B.

There will be one pool

of four teams and one pool of five teams. The promotion play-offs will be as follows: A1 vs. B2 and B1 vs. A2.

Nations finishing third and fourth in the pools will compete in positional play-offs. The nation finishing fifth in Pool B will finish 9th overall.

The two top teams at the end of the competition will be promoted to compete in Americas Group III in 2025.

Antigua and Barbuda lost 2-0 to Puerto Rico in the promotion playoff at the 2023 Americas Group IV Davis Cup Competition, which took place at the same venue in Trinidad and Tobago last July.

This is the 11th year Antigua and Barbuda has been competing in the Davis Cup tennis tournament since making its debut in 1996. Antigua and Barbuda have played 53 ties with an overall record of 16 wins and 37 losses.

Rising Sun retain Thursday League title

The Rising Sun Spartans have retained the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League title.

The Spartans captured back-to-back T20 titles after snatching an 18-run victory against the PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks in Game 2

to clinch their best-of-three finals 2-0 at the Rising Sun playing field in St. John's on Thursday.

Chasing 127 to win and level the series, the Liberta Blackhawks were dismissed for 108. Elroy Francis Jr. got a top score of 26.

Demari Benta snapped up four

wickets for 10 runs, and Essan Warner, who was named player of the finals, captured three wickets for 10 runs.

Warner slammed 43, and captain Kerry Mentore struck 36 in the Rising Sun's total of 126 for seven off their allotted 20 overs after losing the toss and being sent in to bat.

Twenty teams get set to contest the CFU Club Shield

WILLEMSTAD, Curaçao — Twenty teams from across the Caribbean, including defending champions SV Robinhood from Suriname, are gearing up for the 2024 CFU Club Shield slated for July 25 to August 4 in Willemstad, Curaçao.

This year's edition marks the first time that the CFU is organizing and managing the competition hitherto run by Concacaf and called the Caribbean Club Shield.

As in previous editions, the 2024 competition will still qualify two teams to the Concacaf Caribbean Cup.

The number of teams in the hunt for top honors is up by five from 2023 when 15 clubs participated.

This has necessitated a change in format to a straight knockout competition, raising the stakes on the teams and bringing intensity to the contest from the first whistle.

In addition to the defending champs SV Robinhood, the contenders are: America FC (Haiti); Arnett Gardens FC (Jamaica); AS Étoile De Matoury (French Guiana); AS Junior Stars (Sint Martin); B.A.Y.S FC (St. Lucia); CCCUL Dublanc FC (Dominica); Club Atlético Pantoja (Dominican Republic); CRKSV Jong Holland (Curaçao); Defence Force FC (Trinidad and Tobago); Jennings Grenades FC (Antigua and Barbuda); Guyana Defence Force FC (Guyana); Metropolitan FC (Puerto Rico); Paradise FC International (Grenada); RAMS Village Superstars FC (St. Kitts and Nevis); Scholars International SC (Cayman Islands); SCSA Eagles (St. Maarten); SV Racing Club Aruba (Aruba); SV Real Rincon (Bonaire); and SWA Sharks FC (Turks and Caicos Islands).



SV Robinhood celebrate with the Club Shield after winning the competition in 2023. (CFU)

The competition, which was established in 2018, has a primary objective of advancing professional football throughout the Caribbean.

Participation is open to semi-professional clubs and amateur teams holding current championship titles in their respective domestic leagues.

CFU General Secretary Camara David said all systems are go for an exciting competition.

“From an organizing perspective, we have worked between both organizations to ensure a seamless transition of the competition from Concacaf to the CFU. We have enjoyed that same level of collegiality with the Curaçao Football Federation, and I can assure regional football fans that the teams are ready to battle for Caribbean supremacy,” David said.

CFU President Randolph Harris noted the importance of the CFU Club Shield to the developmental

agenda for regional football.

“The competition aims to help professionalize football in the Caribbean. I am on the record many times noting the need for us to keep developing and advancing football in the region for many reasons, not least amongst them opening up pathways for our footballers.

“The CFU is pleased to collaborate with Concacaf on this competition and looks forward to working closely with the confederation to advance football in the Caribbean,” Harris said.

Defending champions SV Robinhood won both the Club Shield and the Caribbean Cup in 2023, making them a definite team to watch.

Fans may watch livestreams of the matches on the CFU's YouTube page, CFU Official, and follow the CFU's social media platforms for updates.

Eight teams advance to next stage in U-19 Youth Premier League

The eight teams to contest the second phase of the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Under-19 Youth Premier League were decided after the final round of matches in the preliminary stage.

They are All Saints United FC, Aston Villa Lions, the Soccer Academy, Green City FC, Garden Stars FC, Willikies FC, Greenbay Hoppers FC, and Ottos Rangers FC.

The teams advanced to the second phase after being among the top eight finishers at the end of the 14-team round-robin preliminary stage.

All Saints United FC finished at the top of the round-robin competition, retaining their status as the only unbeaten team in the

contest after claiming a 3-0 victory by default against the CPTSA Wings during the 13th and final round of matches in the preliminary stage.

All Saints United FC finished the preliminaries with a perfect 39 points achieved from 13 wins in as many games.

The Aston Villa Lions snatched a 1-0 victory in a sudden death penalty shootout against Green City FC after both teams were deadlocked 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

Their 12th win in 13 matches allows the Villa Lions to finish second in the standings with 36 points, while Green City FC came in fourth with 27 points.

The Soccer Academy romped to a 6-0 drubbing of TAMO FC to claim their



10th win in 13 matches and finish in third place with 30 points.

In the other final round matches in the preliminary stage, Jennings United FC won 3-0 by default against Garden Stars FC.

Sea View Farm snatched a 1-0 win against the Ottos Rangers; Golden Grove FC romped to a 4-0 victo-

ry against Greenbay Hoppers FC; and Willikies FC prevailed 4-3 on penalties against Urlings FC after both teams were deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

The eight qualifiers and their accumulated points will compete in two groups during the second phase of the competition.

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Root held firm, however, and reached three figures with a crisp

drive to the cover boundary.

Woakes fell for 12 and Root's innings ended when he drove Holder



England's captain Ben Stokes embraces Shoaib Bashir after beating the West Indies on the fourth day of the Second Cricket Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, England, Sunday, Jul 21, 2024. (Getty Images)

straight to McKenzie at cover having passed West Indian Shivnarine Chanderpaul to climb to eighth on the all-time list of leading test run scorers.

Wood was bowled by Jayden Seales for a duck, and the West Indies fast bowler also bowled Bashir, leaving Atkinson unbeaten on 21.

"It's a tough loss, we pretty much lost 10 wickets in a session. It's not good enough," Brathwaite told the BBC.

"It was obviously better than Lord's but with the ball we weren't as consistent as we should have been. With the bat, we were good in the first innings but not in the second."

England won the first Test at Lord's by an innings and 114 runs.

England win Test series against West Indies

NOTTINGHAM, England (Reuters) - Spinner Shoaib Bashir took five wickets as England bowled out West Indies for 143 to secure a 241-run victory on the fourth day of the second Test at Trent Bridge on Sunday and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

The touring side, chasing 385 to win, started well thanks to a solid opening partnership of 61 between captain Kraigg Brathwaite and Mikyle Louis.

The dismissal of Louis by Chris Woakes, however, prompted a collapse as West Indies lost five wickets in 35 balls.

After Louis was caught by wicketkeeper Jamie Smith for 17, Kirk McKenzie edged Bashir to Smith for one and Brathwaite fell for 47 when he feathered a catch to Smith off Woakes.

Kavem Hodge, who made a century in the first innings, was trapped lbw by Bashir for a duck and Alick Athanaze edged Bashir to Joe Root at slip for one to leave the West Indies reeling at 82 for five.

Kevin Sinclair did not



The Players of the England team celebrate after Shoaib Bashir dismissed West Indies batsman Alick Athanaze, center, on the fourth day of the Second Cricket Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, England, Sunday, Jul 21, 2024.

last long, skying a catch off his wrist to Zak Crawley in the slips off Mark Wood, and Gus Atkinson trapped Joshua Da Silva lbw for 14.

Atkinson bowled Alzarri Joseph for a duck, Bashir bowled Jason Holder for 37 and the spinner bowled Shamar Joseph for eight to complete figures of five for 41.

“I didn’t see it happening that quickly after the opening partnership,” England captain Ben Stokes

told the BBC.

“You could see at the end of our innings the wicket started misbehaving, I thought the way we fought back after that first wicket was impressive. On a wicket that didn’t really do that much, I thought Shoaib showed his class.”

Earlier, Root compiled a stylish century to lead England to a second-innings total of 425 all out. Root made 122, his 32nd Test hundred, after Harry Brook

plundered a rapid 109.

Brook, who faced only 132 deliveries, struck 13 fours in his fifth test century and first on home soil, sharing a fourth-wicket partnership of 189 with Root to give England control of the match.

Brook was caught by wicketkeeper Da Silva off Seales and Stokes (eight) and Jamie Smith (six) were dismissed shortly before lunch.

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