

BRIGADIER TELBERT BENJAMIN



Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, right, with newly-promoted Brigadier Telbert Benjamin during a ceremony at Government House on Monday.

Brigadier Telbert Benjamin

The man who has been at the helm of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force for the past four and a half years, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier, the first person to be appointed to that rank in the country's history.

Brigadier Telbert Benjamin was formally promoted to the new rank at a ceremony held at Government House on Monday. He has been a member of the ABDF for the past twenty-nine plus years.

Brigadier Benjamin was promoted to head the ABDF on March 22, 2020, when he was named Chief of Defense Staff with the rank of Colonel.

He explained that the rank of Brigadier will now bring the person holding the office of Chief of Defense Staff for Antigua and Barbuda in line with what obtains in other Caribbean states. "Many times, when

our Chief of Defense Staff attends regional meetings he is quite often out-ranked by other officers from across the region who do not have that same standing as the Chief of Defense Staff. He said this promotion will rectify that matter in future meetings. The Chief of Defense Staff speaks on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda government and ought not to be outranked by someone of a lesser stature but who may have a higher rank," he explained.

Brigadier Benjamin said he is humbled by the new appointment which was approved by the country's Defense Board.

"Like the others being commissioned I am humbled and thankful to those who in their wisdom made this decision. Rest assured that the trust and confidence you have placed in me will never fall to the ground. I am of the view that this is



not simply for me but more importantly for the force. Be assured that we will continue to pursue excellence as we serve this country. Be assured that this country remains first in all that we do," he stated in his acceptance remarks.

To congratulate him on this special occasion were His Excellency, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams; Permanent Secretary of the

Prime Minister's Office, Joan Joseph; Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney; Senior Officers of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force; and family.

"His recent appointment as a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) in His Majesty King Charles III's Birthday Honours List is a testament to his outstanding contribu-

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tions not only to our Defense Force but also to regional security efforts in the Caribbean and the wider Commonwealth.

“The promotion to the rank of Brigadier is an important milestone, not just for Colonel Benjamin but for the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force as a whole,” Sir Rodney noted in his remarks.

Meanwhile, Four Officer Cadets

-serving in the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force have received promotions, a significant development in their military careers.

Officer Cadets, Jordane Mel-lanson, Jenelle Walsh, Billie Sterling-Lewis, and Sandra Betances were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Additionally, Midshipman A Joseph has been promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade, with the honor of being pinned by Commander Jeremy Hans-

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High Court, Ministry of Education launch conflict resolution training workshop

Two agencies of government are combining resources to undertake a training workshop for teachers/counsellors and students on conflict resolution among the nation's youth.

The week-long workshop opened at the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus on Monday with sessions specifically geared towards the teachers/counsellors. Those sessions will conclude today (Tuesday). Twenty-five teachers/counsellors are being exposed to various methods of conflict resolution. The training is being built on the notion that these twenty-five teachers/counsellors will over time become train-

ers themselves for their colleagues.

The sessions will continue on Wednesday to Friday with twenty-five students from the pilot schools - the Ottos Comprehensive and the TN Kirnon school participating.

Deputy Director of Education, Jonah Greene in remarks to the opening ceremony on Monday, said the training comes at a critical time against a backdrop of rising violence among the nation's youth, which calls for urgent and collective action.

"Our schools are the foundation upon which our youth build their futures. They are the foundations



and they serve within our environment where they can learn and develop. However, when conflicts arise, it can actually disrupt this very vital process and can lead to consequences that extend far beyond our school walls. This programme is designed to empower our students with the skills that they need to manage conflicts peaceably, ensuring that our schools remain safe haven for education and personal growth," she remarked.

Chairperson of the Conflict Resolution Committee, Justice Nicola Byer said the training will provide young people with the skills necessary to help resolve conflicts that may arise among their peers within the school system. "Our society is in a state of crisis and this training could not have been more needed than it is now. It is our hope that this training will benefit the society as a whole," she stated in remarks made via ZOOM.

During the ceremony, Summer Goodwin who submitted the winning entry in an art competition held among the schools, was presented with a laptop while her school, the Christ the King High School received \$500.00. The theme of the conflict resolution initiative for the nation's schools is: "Stop, Listen, Relate and Communicate".



Illegal firearm accused denied bail

Jhadel Cornelius of Green Bay was remanded to His Majesty's Prison, following his appearance at court on Monday, August 26.

He was charged with three separate counts of robbery, unlawful pos-

session of a firearm, and possession of ammunition. He was denied bail.

On Thursday, August 22, Cornelius was intercepted by police following a report of robbery at Pillar Rock Beach. The accused, who was armed

at the time, fired at the police and was shot in his hand. He was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

The matter was adjourned to November 14, 2024.

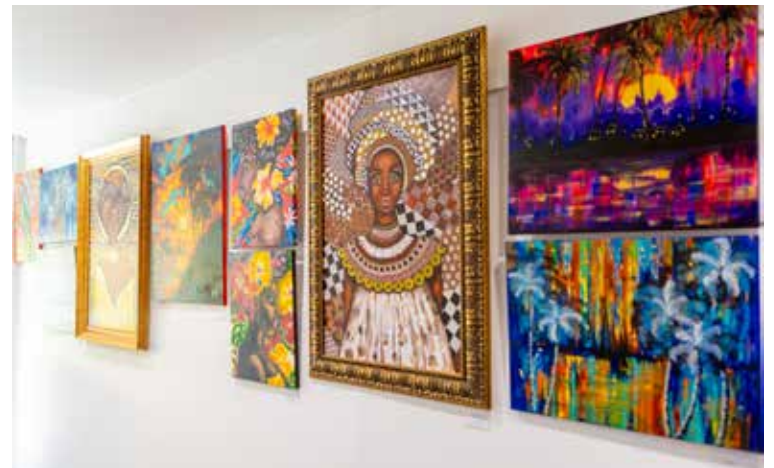
ABTA announces dates for Art Week 2024

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority says the second edition of Antigua and Barbuda Art Week 2024 will take place from November 27 to December 3, 2024. From vibrant hues of visual art to the rhythm of live performances, the week-long celebration spotlights the blossoming art scene that makes Antigua and Barbuda a cultural gem within the Caribbean.

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez, in expressing the significance of the event, said, "Art Week is a platform for showcasing all the incredible talent and

creativity developed in Antigua and Barbuda. We are excited to share our culture and diverse art forms with the world - creating an avenue for our artists to shine and providing immersive art experiences for our visitors to participate in".

Visitors to Antigua and Barbuda Art Week, can expect art presentations by new and established artists. Over 20 different artists will showcase their creativity at Antigua and Barbuda Art Week, bringing the country's unique talents to life. Amongst the participating artists confirmed are: Visual Artists: Heather Doram MFA GCM, Stephen Murphy, Gilly Gobinet, Kelly Hull, Vincent Pryce Zifah, Maritza Martin, Carol Gordon-Goodwin, Simone Gordon, Wakida Joseph, Anfrenette Joseph, Faye Edwards, Artsy Yaadie (Stacie Shaw), Zoë Carlton, Makö Williams, Candi Coates, Glenroy Aaron, Mark Brown, Emile Hill, Dylan Elias Phillips and Guava De Art. Designers: Gar-



Antigua and Barbuda Art Week, will feature work of Heather Doram, MFA, GCM a leading contemporary Antiguan artist

rett Argent Javan, Launsha Barnes and Odelia Deazle will also feature within Art Week

Heather Doram, MFA, GCM a leading contemporary Antiguan artist whose work is featured in Antigua and Barbuda Art Week 2024 promotions said, "I am really looking forward to celebrating Art Week here in Antigua and Barbuda. I am elated to know that the artists and creatives will be recognized during this exciting week of activities, and that Art Week has become a staple on our calendar of events. A warm welcome to everyone!"

Attendees of Art Week will also have the chance to delve deeper into various art forms through immersive art and culture guided tours, art workshops and interac-

tive sessions led by featured artists.

"Antigua and Barbuda Art Week is truly a celebration of our nation's artists, spanning from young, emerging talents to seasoned professionals," noted Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Marketing Communications Manager, and Art Week committee member Maria Blackman. "Expect to see environmentally conscious art, fashion from our younger designers, be swept up in our music and dance, discover hidden galleries, experience art through mixology, uncover the beauty of seed work from tamarind and jumbie seeds, and shop unique arts and craft. Art Week 2024 will be an awakening of all senses, and we could not be prouder to host it."



Heather Doram Art Exhibit at Zemi's Art Gallery in Antigua

Local News



Antigua Celebrated at International Archaeology Congress for Contributions to Caribbean Heritage

The National Parks Authority of Antigua and Barbuda was represented by Dr. Christopher Waters and Desley Gardner at the 30th Congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA) on August 15 – 17, 2024. This year’s congress, held in Nevis, was organized by the IACA Congress Organizing Committee in collaboration with the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society, Western University (Canada), and the Nevis Island Administration.

lighting significant archaeological projects within the Nelson’s Dockyard National Park were presented:

8th of March Project: Applying Archaeology to Stakeholder and Community Building

By Desley Gardner and Dr. Christopher K. Waters

The 8th of March Project is an initiative focused on community-based archives, archaeology, genealogy, and oral history. It examines the history and legacy of enslavement and freedom in Antigua’s historic Dockyard. By reinterpreting British military



From left: Dr. Chris Waters and Desley Gardner

sites as spaces for African and Antiguan identity development and cultural practices, this project fosters a deeper connection to nearly 300 years of community history. It emphasizes decolonization by making the Dockyard an inclusive space that reflects the heritage of Antigua and Barbuda alongside its colonial past.

Coastal Heritage Protection in Climate Change: A Pilot Project at Fort Berkeley, Antigua

By Christopher K. Waters and Desley Gardner

This paper outlines a project aimed at safeguarding Fort Berkeley, a colonial-era fortification at the entrance to English Harbour, from the impacts of climate change. The National Parks Authority launched this initiative in 2023 to address erosion and storm damage, with the goal of stabilizing the site and developing strategies for protecting other coastal heritage sites in the region.

(1762-1778): Global History Through a Shipwreck (English Harbour, Antigua & Barbuda)

By Jean-Sébastien Guibert, Margaux Tronchet, Franck Bigot, Desley Gardner, and Christopher K. Waters

The Tank Bay Shipwreck, identified as the Lyon ex Beaumont, a ship of the French East India Company, offers a remarkable glimpse into 18th-century maritime history. This collaborative project involves archaeologists from the French West Indies, Antigua, France, and the U.S. The site is significant not only for its scale but also as the only French East Indiaman with preserved hull remains discovered to date. Ongoing research and excavations continue to shed light on this historically important shipwreck.

Each presentation was met with commendations, recognizing the National Parks Authority for its outstanding multidisciplinary efforts within the Nelson’s

Lyon ex Beaumont

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Credible, Trustworthy and Reliable - Antigua and Barbuda's CIP

By Embert Rose

The recent development involving a RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) lawsuit filed by Phillip Martinez, CEO of MSR Media, underscores the integrity of Antigua and Barbuda's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP). Martinez's lawsuit targets several individuals, including former Prime Ministers, alleging a collusive racket related to Citizenship by Investment Programmes in St. Lucia and St. Kitts and Nevis.

One of the significant revelations from this lawsuit is that Antigua and Barbuda's CIP is the only program of its kind that has not undersold citizenship under the legally stipulated price. This finding suggests that Antigua and Barbuda has consistently maintained a cred-

ible, trustworthy, and reliable CIP.

By adhering strictly to its legal requirements, the country has avoided the issues that have plagued other similar programs, which speaks volumes about the integrity and governance of its CIP.

The fact that Antigua and Barbuda's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) has not engaged in underselling and maintains its integrity amidst the recent RICO lawsuit, suggests that it can withstand scrutiny from major international players, such as the United States and the European Union. This demonstrates the program's compliance with international standards and regulations.

Given its adherence to legal standards and transparency, the Antigua and Barbuda CIP might be better positioned to avoid future sanctions or restrictions

that the U.S., EU, or other international bodies could impose on Citizenship by Investment Programmes.

This resilience reinforces the program's reputation as credible and trustworthy in a landscape where similar programs face increasing scrutiny and regulatory challenges.

Investors in Citizenship by Investment programmes, will find greater value and comfort in the Antiguan programme, knowing that their citizenship is unlikely to be revoked because of skulduggery.

Congratulations to those responsible for the governance of the Antiguan CIP programme.

By focusing on integrity, accountability and transparency; you're the turtle that won the race.

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Dockyard National Park and the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Parliamentary Representative and Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P Chet Greene, expressed his pride in the work being done: "The achievements of the National Parks Authority at the IACA Congress underscore Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to preserving our rich heritage and sharing it with the world. These projects not only protect our history but also ensure that future generations understand and appreciate the significance of our cultural landscapes."

The National Parks Authority continues to advance its mission to protect and promote Antigua and Barbuda's rich cultural heritage. Participation in international forums like the IACA Congress

not only highlights the significance of the nation's archaeological efforts but also strengthens partnerships and

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front of preserving and celebrating the region's diverse history for generations to come.

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Opinion



Good always prevails over evil

By Jackson Peter Spencer

There is no doubt that Leader of the Opposition Hon. Jamale Pringle has a great sense of respect and admiration for Prime Minister Hon. Gaston Browne. In fact, a few months ago, in the lead up the leadership contest of the United Progressive Party, Mr. Pringle stated emphatically that he appreciated the Prime Minister's 'no nonsense' approach to leadership, particularly that 'he is not afraid to take the bull by the horns'.

The recent upsurge in crime has ignited a new national debate. The Prime Minister never being one to shy away from his duties and responsibilities addressed the nation on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 outlining his Government's commitment to defeating the criminal elements in society and ensuring that Antigua and Barbuda remains a safe and secure country for its citizens and residents.

Leader of the Opposition Pringle upon hearing of the pending address by the Prime Minister, decided (more than

likely based on the jockeying of his political handlers), to give an address of his own. His Monday, August 19, 2024 "address" was possibly aimed at adding his party's voice to the current situation. But alas, this proved to be a comedy of errors.

Prime Minister Browne on the other hand, proved to be a LEADER. He stood in solidarity with his people, recognizing the current situation and seeking workable solutions to win this fight that no one wants but everyone should be a part of. This was reminiscent of his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, where lives and livelihoods were protected, instilling confidence in the people of this nation that it is indeed 'Safer with Labour'.

Thinking that he was scoring some kind of political points, Hon. Pringle likened the Prime Minister to casting himself as Batman, "swooping in to save the city." The Leader of the Opposition continued by chastising the Commissioner of Police, while defending the judiciary, describing the Prime Minister's call for a

reevaluation of sentencing guidelines as an attack on said body. This irresponsible, immature and frivolous comments by the Leader of the Opposition demonstrate to the people of Antigua and Barbuda his un-readiness, inability and unlikelihood to be Prime Minister.

Strangely, while Hon. Pringle has called for a national symposium to "come up with a whole-of-society approach to the ongoing crime issue", his address to the nation was done from "the political platform". Interestingly, there have been numerous examples of the UPP giving excuses and reasons for crime. In deed only one political party in Antigua and Barbuda has a once convicted murderer within its senior ranks.

Likening the Prime Minister to Batman is not the rebuke that Hon. Pringle intended it to be. Batman is a superhero, known for swooping in as the last resort when all else fails, to save the day.

Prime Minister Browne's address to the nation reassured citizens and residents of the Antigua and Barbuda that his ABLP Administration is committed to tackling and defeating criminal elements in society. While pledging all the necessary resources to the security agencies, the Prime Minister called on the judiciary to impose harsher penalties as a deterrent to repeat and new criminal offenders and to remove career criminals from the public domain.

Criticizing the Prime Minister's words as an attack on the judiciary clearly shows that Hon. Pringle does not comprehend the seriousness of the current situation. He views this situation as an opportunity to gain political advantage, but I am assured that the people of Antigua and Barbuda are not as ignorant as he who wishes to lead them.

I am further confident that the Gaston Browne Administration will defeat the criminals. These lawless rudiments will learn in one way or the other that their day of reckoning is near. Batman will save the day, good will always prevail over evil.

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The Role of the Church in the Nation/Society

By Rev Dr Olson Daniel

The Church is the Organization/Body of persons who believe in Jehovah, the almighty God and His Son, Christ Jesus Who are not only Creator and sustainer but also the Lord of the universe.” We also believe that the church **not only stands amongst the most essential institutions in any nation** but can also be considered as its most vital. It is really difficult to think of any thriving society being void of such an institution which indubitably **caters to the needs of the whole man: body, soul and spirit.** Nonetheless, **the chief role of the Church is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ!** This is done as a means of not only sensitizing but also assisting in bringing people to the knowledge of Jesus, as Lord and Saviour. Moreover, the Church is responsible to ensure that definite care, nurture and spiritual development are provided not only for its followers but also to every other member within its environs.

Expectations of the Church

As advocates, we are cognizant that, in this hasty and troubled world, it is the Church, who of necessity must be that “**Voice of Reason**”. Therefore it is the responsibility of every member to faithfully demonstrate the expected standard of accountability and enthusiasm that will

result in the nation’s awareness that there is ... a **Spiritual Watchman - a Master/Infinite Record Keeper Who is taking notes and responding while watching.** So far, the Church **has not** and should never shirk its responsibilities regarding its mandate which in-

cludes: **Evangelizing the Nations; Baby Dedication; Marriage Ceremonies; Feeding the Poor/Hungry; Caring for the Sick; Burying the Dead.**

Undeniably, opportunities must be always available for each member to exercise his or her spiritual

gifts and calling. In fact, it is the Church who has been duly afforded that sacred obligation to pray for all who are in authority, despite their political and religious persuasions or affiliation. **Truly, there is no doubt that the Church,** which
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deals with matters concerning life and eternity, **is amongst the most essential** institutions in any society.

The Church and Technology

In addition, it is obvious that the Church is not only very cognizant of the increase in and the relevance of technology. Interestingly, it is also capitalizing on same as a means of advancing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in word and in deed. As a result:

The Church must never be involved in any activity that cuts across the grain of or is compromising the Scriptures.

It must never be involved in Partisan Politics so that it appears to be supporting or being in favour of one Party above the other.

It should never be “deafened” to the desires of the Indigent which includes: the widows; the fatherless, the infirmed and those who are unable to “stand up for” or to defend themselves.

The Church as Light and Salt

Moreover, it is also very important that the Church should never be seen as “picking” at every insignificant matter so that matters of interest lose their significance. As the “**Bride of Christ**”, the Church should not only be; but of necessity, it should also **bring spiritual equilibrium to the society** of which it is a part. Without a doubt, the Church must be that “**Light and Salt**” representing Jehovah God, the Creator of the Heavens and the earth and all that is therein! Hence, **as members of the Church, the body of Christ, it is our responsibility to be “Carriers of the whole counsel of God.”**

As a result and very importantly, **we must never be afraid to confidently address the issues that plague the society** and like the Apostles of old, we must always be willing to firmly stand and boldly declare that:

“We would rather obey God than man!”

The Church in Union with the Society

As a means of ably completing its function which includes bringing relief to the distressed; the displaced and the victims of natural disaster; the Church **should be highly supported** by the various sectors of the society as a means of fully realizing its responsibility to the distressed; the displaced and the victims of natural disasters. In addition, and without fear of contradiction, society must be willing to boldly affirm that the Church stands **as its most important institution and as members of this sacred body, we must not be treated as if we do not matter or that we are just trying to fit in.** Instead, like all the other institutions that are accorded the respect to function according to their mandate, the Church, according to its “**unique or matchless importance**” must at all times be allowed to function as the Church.

Moreover, it is public knowledge that:

Uniformed bodies (Police/Soldiers) are given the authority not only to

uphold the laws of the state but also to enforce them.

The Legislative Body is given latitude to institute and amend laws that could make life better for the society.

The Doctors, Nurses and other Health Care Providers are expected to carry out their roles in ensuring healing or making the physical body well.

Employees in the **Psychiatric Department** are in place to take care of the Mental Health of the citizens.

Educators are empowered to educate the nation’s children and youth. It includes ably assisting in preparing them for the “world of work” and assisting them in becoming worthwhile citizens.

Undoubtedly, the Church is the

only and final authority to ably deal with matters of the soul, the spirit - matters of eternal life; of everlasting peace and happiness. It is the only institution with the responsibility to assist in ably preparing humanity for time and eternity! I wish to humbly reiterate that it is the Church, the “**Body of Christ**”, to whom the **all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing God** has given that **sacred mandate to assist mortal man** in being fully prepared **for a future life of peace and happiness.** Therefore, the Church’s Mission: **To ensure that each person is given the opportunity to hear and to favourably respond to the Gospel of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour** must never be compromised!

Conclusion

We must always be mindful that there is coming a day when each person will stand before the everlasting God **to realize his/her final destination.** As a result, we will of necessity, adhere to our sacred responsibility to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to the unregenerate. We do so with the understanding that we must “**obey God rather than man!**” We will submit to Him, Who has given us the assurance that “**the gates of hell will never prevail against the Church**” and as members of the living Church of God, we will continue to invest in the eternal souls of men.

Therefore, without fear of contradiction, we boldly state that **the Church stands as the most important institution in our society** and as members of this auspicious body, **we do matter. We are not just trying to fit in.** In addition, we will be always mindful that each individual has “**only one life: It will soon be past and only what’s done for Christ will last!**” With assurance, the Church will always be about **obeying God rather than man** and the Church will continue to capitalize on every opportunity to realize its mandate.



Mariah Carey's mother and sister die on the same day

By Nadine Yousif

Mariah Carey's mother Patricia and sister Alison died on the same day over the weekend, the US singer has said in a statement.

"My heart is broken that I've lost my mother this past weekend," Carey said on Monday. "Sadly, in a tragic turn of events, my sister lost her life on the same day."

The Grammy-winning singer said she felt blessed to have spent time with her mother in the week before her death and asked for privacy.

No further details were released about the causes of death.

Patricia, 87, was a former opera singer and vocal coach of Irish-American descent.

In Carey's 2020 memoir, *The Meaning of Mariah Carey*, the five-time Grammy Award-winning singer detailed her complicated relationship with her

mother, saying it had caused her "so much pain and confusion".

Carey, 55, said competition had come between them. Professional jealousy "comes with the territory of success, but when the person is your mother and the jealousy is revealed at such a tender age, it's particularly painful", she added.

But she also spoke of the deep love she had had for her mother, writing in the dedication: "To Pat, my mother, who, through it all, I do believe actually did the best she could. I will love you the best I can, always."

In an interview with Gayle King in 2022, the singer said she had "definitely" been affected by criticism from her mother when she was growing up.

She added that she had always credited her mother with exposing her to music.

Carey's relationship with her older

sister Alison, 63, was also complex.

In her memoir, she wrote of being estranged from her and her brother Morgan, saying that it was "emotionally and physically safer for me to not have any contact".

Alison sued Carey for \$1.2m (£909,780) following the release of the memoir for "immense emotional distress", calling it "vindictive".

The singer's father, Alfred, died in 2002 of cancer at the age of 72.

Carey is regarded as one of the most successful singers globally. Her holiday single *All I Want For Christmas Is You* is the best-selling Christmas song by a female artist of all time.

She holds the record for the most Billboard Hot 100 number-one singles by a solo artist at 19 songs, has sold over 220 million records worldwide, and served as a judge on the competition show *American Idol*.

Canada to hit Chinese electric cars with 100% tariff

Canada says it will impose a 100% import tariff on imports of China-made electric vehicles (EV) after similar announcements by the US and European Union.

The country also plans to impose a 25% duty on Chinese steel and aluminium.

Canada and its Western allies accuse China of subsidising its EV industry, giving its car makers an unfair advantage.

China has called the move “trade protectionism” which “violates World Trade Organization rules”.

“We are transforming Canada’s automotive sector to be a global leader in building the vehicles of tomorrow, but actors like China have chosen to give themselves an unfair advantage in the global marketplace”, said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Canada’s duties on Chinese EVs are due to come into effect on 1 October, while those on steel and aluminium will be implemented from 15 October.

In May, the US said it would quadruple its tariffs on imports of Chinese EVs to 100%.

That was followed by the EU, which announced plans to impose duties on

China-made EVs of up to 36.3%.

Canada’s tariffs on Chinese EVs will include those made by Tesla at its Shanghai factory.

Chinese car brands are still not a common sight in Canada but some, like BYD, have taken steps to enter the country’s market.



The US and European Union have announced similar duties on Chinese imports.

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Regional News



Bequia airport reopens eight weeks after the passing of Hurricane Beryl

CMC - The JF Mitchell Airport in Bequia, which has been closed since July 1 following the passing of Hurricane Beryl, is slated to reopen on Monday, August 26. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves provided this update to Parliament on Thursday, outlining the challenges and efforts that have delayed the airport's reopening.

During the parliamentary session, Opposition Leader Godwin Friday, a Bequia resident, highlighted the importance of the airport for both internal transportation and the tourism industry in St Vincent and the Grenadines. He questioned why the airport remained closed for several weeks after the hurricane, despite what appeared to be only light damage.

In response, Prime Minister Gonsalves clarified that the damage was more significant than initially perceived. "It's not accurate to say that the damage was light. I know you put the adverb 'apparently' before it," Gonsalves said, emphasizing that the situation required more extensive repairs than first thought.

Gonsalves detailed the damage reported by Deputy Director of Grenadines Affairs, Carlos Williams, who resides in Bequia. Williams had observed minor roof damage at the airport, but more critically, the stone



JF Mitchell Airport in Bequia (Courtesy Gianni Deligny/airliners.net file photo)

seawall defense had been severely compromised. The runway was covered with boulders and debris from the seawall, and there were signs of washout between the seawall and the grassed area along the runway edge, raising concerns about the integrity of the runway itself.

Subsequent reports indicated that while there were no visible signs of runway damage from a layman's perspective, aviation personnel had identified potential compromises in certain areas of the runway. The investigation into the damage, particularly to the coastal protection, is ongoing, and Gonsalves stressed the need to strengthen the sea defenses to prevent future problems.

Despite these concerns, the prime minister noted that the damage to the sea

defense would not delay the reopening of the airport, though it remains a priority for short-term repairs. Sections of the perimeter fence on the northeast side of the airport, which were damaged during the storm, have since been repaired.

The clean-up efforts at JF Mitchell Airport have been ongoing since its closure but Gonsalves explained that the process was hampered by several factors. The storm surge from Hurricane Beryl deposited significant amounts of debris along the runway, and the area became waterlogged, preventing heavy machinery from operating efficiently. Additionally, there were communication issues, as the storm had knocked out internet and telephone services, making it difficult for the airport to coordinate with Argyle In-

ternational Airport and the fire service.

These issues were gradually resolved, with the realignment of the antenna and solar panels on the airport's automatic weather station completed by August 9, restoring real-time wind data. However, communication connectivity issues persist and are still being addressed.

Prime Minister Gonsalves reported that debris removal and grading of the grass strip were scheduled for Friday, August 23, and, weather permitting, the runway would be swept clean. Final checks were set for Saturday, August 24, with the airport expected to reopen on Monday, August 26.

In the interim, Prime Minister Gonsalves assured Parliament that transport *cont'd on pg 15*

Belize: COI into sugar cane industry to hold public hearing

CMC - The Commission of Inquiry into the sugar cane industry will begin public hearings on Tuesday with various stakeholders expected to make appearances during the five-day event.

The inaugural meeting of the Commission was held virtually in May.

Among those expected to appear are representatives of the Belize Sugar Industries Limited (BSI), the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA), Corozal Sugar Cane Farmers Association (CSCPA), Progressive Sugar Cane Farmers Association (PSCPA), Northern Sugar Cane Farmers Association (NSCFA), and the various arms of the Sugar Industry Control Board (SICB).

In a press release dated June 4, the BSI, while expressing support for the Commission's role in advising on industry modernization, expressed concern

in sharing proprietary information due to competitive pressures.

BSI stated it would not cooperate if the Commission's focus shifts to negotiating a new commercial agreement, which they consider a private matter. BSI said then it is open to discussing reforms to industry regulations and participating in efforts to improve mill efficiency and cane yields in northern Belize.

For its part, the BSCFA said it too welcomed the commencement of the Commission's work, viewing it as long overdue since the last inquiry in 1969.

But the BSCFA emphasised the importance of this investigation for the sugar industry and urged the Commission to hold public meetings. The BSCFA expressed concern over BSI/ASR's position on sharing sensitive information with the Commission.

The Commission will



also hear presentations from Santander Sugar, Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

"While the public will not be allowed to sit in the official venues, the hearings will be streamed live...and will be recorded. The press, including radio and TV stations, as well as newspapers and online media outlets, will be allowed to attend the full hearings or components of

the hearings physically and to stream or record them as well," according to a statement issued here.

The Commission of Inquiry into the sugar cane industry was made official on March 19 this year, when Prime Minister John Briceño signed the necessary statutory instrument.

The Commission is analyzing the whole value chain of the sugar cane industry and is expected to present recommendations on various components of the industry and submit its final report to the government by November 30, 2024.

The six-member Commission is chaired by Wayne Piper and includes Robert Mariette and Vinod Ramharai from Mauritius, Andrew Church from South Africa, and Simon Gibbons from the United Kingdom.

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tation to and from Bequia had not been significantly disrupted, with ferry services being used as an alternative. He noted that there had been only two requests for air transport during the closure, which could not be accommodated, but those passengers were successfully transported by ferry.

Gonsalves also addressed the status of the airports in Canouan and Union Island, which were similarly affected by the storm. Although these airports remain closed, the

director of airports has been permitting flights for humanitarian purposes as needed, ensuring that essential travel continues.

As Bequia's JF Mitchell Airport prepares to reopen, the focus remains on completing the final clean-up and ensuring that all safety protocols are in place. The extended closure has highlighted the vulnerabilities of the island's infrastructure to severe weather events, underscoring the importance of continued investment in coastal defenses and other protective measures.

Lebanese relief as Hezbollah and Israel seem to step back from brink

By Orla Guerin

For almost a month, many here in Lebanon have been on tenterhooks, waiting for Hezbollah to retaliate against Israel. The region was waiting also, wondering if this would be the spark for a wider war.

Everyone knew the powerful Iranian-backed group would seek revenge for Israel's assassination on 30 July of a top military commander, Fuad Shukr. The Israelis managed to hunt him down deep in Hezbollah's heartland of South Beirut. That was both a strategic loss and a public humiliation.

Just hours later, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated in Tehran, in what bore all the hallmarks of another Israeli operation. But Iran continues to signal that its retaliation could be a long-term project.

At 05:15 on Sunday, Hezbollah made its move, launching more than 300 Katyusha rockets and "a large number of drones" across the border into Israel. This was revenge served cold. It was carefully calibrated, and it was less than some had expected.

Hezbollah said it targeted 11 military bases and barracks, and claimed its attack was a success. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said most of the rockets missed their mark.

Either way, Hezbollah did not train its sights on major cities in Israel, or on critical infrastructure. And it did not bring out its big guns. The group - which is classed as a terrorist organisation by the UK and the US - is believed to have more arms than many nations.

Israel had got in first, at 04:30, flooding the sky with fighter jets targeting Hezbollah firing positions. The IDF said this "pre-emptive strike" destroyed thousands of rocket launchers.

It was the biggest flare-up here since the Gaza war began last October,



Hezbollah rocket fire damaged several homes in the Israeli coastal town of Acre.

after Hamas killed 1,200 people in Israel in a single day.

Since then, Hezbollah has been trading fire with Israel across their shared border, showing support for its ally Hamas, and proclaiming solidarity with the people of Gaza.

So where are we now, one day on? Surprisingly, perhaps, the Middle East may be a little safer.

Both sides have delivered a message, but stopped short of all-out war. And Hezbollah has signalled it's ready to close the Fuad Shukr chapter - for the moment.

"We reserve our right to continue the response at a later point, but for now, the people can be at ease and carry on with their lives," said Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah.

After a tense month, that was a welcome message for many here.

He was addressing his supporters on TV from an undisclosed location - he might be at the top of Israel's assassination list.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said Sunday's strikes against Hezbollah were "not the end of

the story".

But diplomats told the Reuters news agency that both sides had exchanged messages saying they didn't want a further escalation.

Here in southern Lebanon, there is already a return to the usual low-level conflict.

Israel has just attempted another assassination, leaving a burning car on the scorching streets of Sidon, a port city. Local sources say the target was a Hamas leader, who managed to jump out in time.

Along the coast in the city of Tyre, Israeli jets are swooping low, breaking the sound barrier - but the beach below is more crowded.

"Everything feels calm today," said a young man in his 20s who did not want to be named. Everything returned to normal. The streets have been quiet, but people have come back out. Today, people can breathe."

Hezbollah said it delayed its retaliation to give time for talks on a ceasefire in Gaza. But the latest round of talks in Egypt has ended with no apparent progress.

Seven killed in 'most massive' Russian air attack, Ukraine says

Russia has launched one of its biggest air attacks on Ukraine of the war so far, the head of the Ukrainian air force has said.

At least seven people were killed and dozens wounded as missiles and drones were fired into more than half of Ukraine's regions on Monday.

Power infrastructure was hit, causing widespread blackouts, as the entire country was put under air raid alert and told to take shelter.

Russia confirmed it had launched attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure - one of its long-term tactics - and said all its targets were hit.

The barrage of missile and drone attacks began across the country overnight on Monday and continued into the morning.

And much later in the day a civilian infrastructure building was struck by a Russian missile in the eastern city of Kryvyi Rih, leaving one woman dead and another five presumed missing, local military administration head Oleksandr Vilkul said on Telegram.

According to Mykola Oleshchuk, the commander of Ukraine's air force, Russia launched 127 missiles and 109 attack drones overnight and into Monday morning. Out of them, Ukraine shot down 102 missiles and 99 drones, he said on Telegram.

Mr Oleshchuk called the combined strike "the most massive aerial attack".

Nato member Poland said an "object" entered its territory during the attack.

"Most likely it was a drone and we assume so, because the trajectory of the flight and the speed indicate that it was definitely not a missile," said army spokesman Jacek Goryszewski, quoted by Reuters.



People sheltered in a metro station in Kyiv during the barrage.

Nato spokesperson Farah Dakhllallah condemned the attacks on Ukraine and said that breaches of Nato airspace by Russia were "irresponsible and potentially dangerous", the agency said.

Previously, an attack last December when 158 missiles and drones were fired at Ukraine, had been considered the largest attack so far.

While the main target of this attack was energy infrastructure, it was also an attempt by Moscow to strike at Ukraine's reserves of another key resource: morale.

Ukrainians have been electrified by the recent successful incursion of their troops deep into Russian territory in the Kursk region.

With Monday's strikes, Russia was intending to bring ordinary people in Ukraine back down to earth with a bump - reminding them, and politicians in Western capitals, that the Kremlin still has the upper hand in this war.

The message from Moscow was make no mistake, Russia can still inflict misery on the Ukrainian population whenever it chooses.

The attacks caused serious damage to infrastructure, with power outages reported in many cities - including Kyiv - and water supplies disrupted.

One of the remaining power stations - a hydroelectric plant north of Kyiv - was one of the latest targets. The damage is still being assessed.

Russia has been targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure since early on in its full-scale invasion, which began in February 2022.

In recent months it has renewed its campaign of attacks on the power grid, causing frequent blackouts across the country.

In June, President Volodymyr Zelensky said Russia had destroyed half of his country's electricity-generating capacity since it began pummeling its energy facilities in late March.

Ukraine is buying energy from the European Union. However, this is not enough and so most days, the country has a planned nationwide blackout to protect critical needs such as hospitals and military sites.

Russia's defence ministry said it attacked electricity and gas facilities,

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Jamaica, Barbados win CFU Challenge Series titles

Jamaica took the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Boys' Under-14 Challenge Series Tier 1 title on Sunday after beating French Guiana 7-1 in the final at the Dwight Yorke Stadium in Tobago.

Meanwhile, Barbados took the Tier 2 title, defeating Bermuda 4-3 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in the final at the same venue.

Host Trinidad and Tobago was knocked out in the semifinal stage, losing 4-3 to French Guiana.

Jamaica have beaten all in the tournament and they romped to the title with a hat-trick by Carlondo Morris and two from Kevin DJ Brown.

French Guiana went ahead in the 21st minute through a looping shot from Matheo Francois.

Brown equalized in the second half before Morris put Jamaica in front in the 52nd minute.

Brown chipped the goal-



Jamaica celebrates victory in the Caribbean Football Union Under-14 Challenge Series in Tobago on Sunday, August 25, 2024. (CFU Media)

keeper two minutes later, while Morris repeated the trick in the 58th minute. He scored his hat-trick goal in the 61st minute to make it 5-1.

Second-half substitutes

Samuel Taylor and Jaedan Brown-Hamilton notched goals to make it 7-1 for Jamaica. Andrew Peart's team won all six matches scoring 25 goals and conceding just one.

Jamaica also dominated the individual awards with Marcodean Spence copping the best goalkeeper award, Brown for best goalkeeper, and Davion Clarke for Most Valuable Player.

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as well as sites storing Western weapons.

"All designated targets were hit, resulting in power outages and disrupted rail transport of weapons and ammunition to the front line," it said.

It has been a year of bad news on the battlefield for Kyiv, with Russia gaining ground steadily in the eastern Donbas region.

There have been problems with mobilisation and reports that Ukraine is running out of men.

But following Ukraine's sur-

prise incursion into Kursk, the videos of soldiers hoisting the Ukrainian flag over Russian villages they had seized gave a badly-needed boost to Ukrainian morale.

And it showed the West that Kyiv is still capable of carrying out complex, daring and - most importantly - successful offensives.

On Monday, Mr Zelensky called on Western allies including Britain, America and France to change their rules and let Ukraine use their weapons to strike deeper inside Russia.

Ukraine is allowed to use some

Western weapons to hit targets inside Russia - but not long-range weapons.

And he said "we could do much more to protect lives" if European air forces worked with Ukraine's air defence.

Also on Monday, Ukraine tried to attack an oil refinery in Yaroslavl, a city north-east of Moscow, according to the regional governor. No casualties or damage have been reported.

And Russia's defence ministry said it had destroyed nine drones over its Saratov region, which is 560 miles (900km) from the Ukrainian border.

Success for Antiguan swimmers in Puerto Rico

Antigua and Barbuda's swimmers captured a total of 15 medals at the PanAm Aquatics Age Group Swimming Championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from August 22-25.

The Antiguan swimmers claimed a silver and a bronze medal and achieved seven new personal best times on the final day of the four-day meet.

Aunjelique Liddie claimed a silver medal in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 27.06 seconds, destroying the previous record of 27.13 that was held by past sprinter Samantha Robert.

The Antigua and Barbuda team, comprising Naeem DeSouza, Aunjelique Liddie, Ellie Shaw, and Tivon Benjamin, won bronze in a photo finish in the 4 x 50-meter freestyle mixed relay.

Two national records and an age-group record were achieved by Aunjelique Liddie in the 50-meter freestyle and Tivon Benjamin in the 100-meter backstroke (1:03.18).

Antigua and Barbuda won four medals, two golds and two bronzes, on the penultimate day of the meet.

Ellie Shaw won gold in the 100-meter breaststroke, establishing a new national record and age group record with a time of one minute and 12.64 seconds.

Tivon Benjamin won gold in the 50-meter butterfly with a time of 25.24 seconds, establishing a new national record and an age-group record.

Alandra Dublin claimed bronze in the 100-meter breaststroke, and Aunjelique Liddie also won a bronze medal in the 50-meter butterfly.

The Antiguan swimmers won four medals, one gold and three bronze, on the second day of the meet. Benjamin claimed gold in the 100-meter butterfly in the boys 15 to 18 category.

Dublin claimed bronze in the



Members of the Antigua and Barbuda team celebrate with their medals at the PanAm Aquatics Age Group Swimming Championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from August 22-25. (ABSF)

200-meter breaststroke in the girls 15 to 18 division.

Liddie also won bronze in the 50-meter backstroke, while the team comprising Tivon Benjamin, Naeem DeSouza, Jai Sindhi, and Espriit Shaw captured bronze in the 4 x 100-meter freestyle relay in the boys 15 to 18 category.

Antigua and Barbuda's swimmers captured five medals, two golds, one silver, and two bronzes, on the opening day of the meet.

Ellie Shaw won gold in the girls 50-meter breaststroke, and Tivon Benjamin claimed gold in the boys 100-meter freestyle. Aunjelique Liddie captured silver in the girls 100-meter freestyle.

Alandra Dublin secured bronze in the girls 50-meter breaststroke, while the team of Tivon Benjamin, Ellie Shaw, Naeem DeSouza, and Aunjelique Liddie won bronze in the 4 x 50 mixed medley relay.

A team of eight swimmers, accompanied by coach Nelson Molina and team manager Daniela Casmiro, represented Antigua and Barbuda at the recent swim meet in Puerto Rico.

The meet in Puerto Rico served as a qualifying event for the 2025 World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships in Singapore from July 11 to August 3, and the 2025 Pan American Junior Games in Asuncion, Paraguay, from July 11-25.



Trinbago Knight Riders women captain Deandra Dottin bats against Guyana Amazon Warriors women in the WCPL. (CPLT20 via Getty Images)

Dottin leads TKR to win in Super Over in WCPL

Deandra Dottin's cool head and power hitting saw Trinbago Knight Riders defeat Guyana Amazon Warriors in a pulsating encounter in the 2024 Massy Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL) at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, Trinidad, on Sunday night.

A defeat would have been terminal for Dottin's side, but a last gasp Super Over victory win saw the Knight Riders get their first points on the board to keep their competition hopes alive.

Both sides scored 128 runs off their twenty overs to set up a tied match and a box office finish.

Dottin top scored for the Knight Riders with 53 from 38 balls at the top of the order before a stutter in the middle overs was then rescued by valuable contributions from Shikha Pandey (25) and Kycia Knight (16).

The Warriors looked to have the

run chase in hand. With Erin Burns playing a patient innings to score her second fifty in succession and with Shemaine Campbelle in support, they needed a seemingly manageable 19 runs off the final three overs.

But two quick run outs scuppered the Warriors chances, with Burns and Chloe Tryon both caught short of the crease in the dying stages of the main game to take the match into a Super Over finish.

Shabnim Ismail took the ball for the Warriors in the Super Over, having impressed once again with figures of two for 24 in the match.

Dottin then grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck and smashed two huge sixes off the first three deliveries, the second of which saw her falling to her knees as she propelled the ball high and long over the rope on the leg side.

A single saw Jemimah Rodrigues

come on strike for the final two deliveries, the diminutive batter showing her class with a cover drive for four off the final ball from Ismail. The Knight Riders scoring a whopping 19 runs off their six deliveries.

The Warriors' response did not go to plan. Jess Jonassen was her frugal self with the ball in hand all evening and bowled the Super Over for the Knight Riders to close out the match.

Chloe Tryon was run out for the second time in a matter of minutes, this time off the very first ball of the super over, before Burns then slapped a catch to Dottin in the covers.

Campbelle and Natasha McLean saw out the last rites, but by then, the target was out of reach for the Warriors. Dottin's side dealt with the pressure of defending a total twice in one evening and live to fight another day in the tournament.

Leeward Islands to resume battle in regional Under-17 one-day contest

The Leeward Islands will be hoping for better fortunes when the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-17 50-Over Championship resumes in Trinidad and Tobago on Tuesday (today).

After finishing at the bottom of the standings in the two-day competition for the second successive year, the Leewards opening match against Jamaica in the 50-over championship was abandoned without a ball bowled at Inshan Ali Park in Preysal on Sunday.

The Leeward Islands will face Trinidad and Tobago at the same venue during the second round of matches on Tuesday.

Trinidad and Tobago edged past the Windward Islands by two runs in a last-over thriller at the National Cricket Center in their rain-affected opening match on Sunday.

Chasing 129 for victo-



ry, the Windwards needed a daunting 18 runs in the final over bowled by Aaron Basant. Edmund Morancie hit a four and a six off the first two balls to leave the Windwards needing only eight runs off the final four balls.

However, Basant conceded only singles of the next two balls before restricting the batsmen to two runs off the penultimate delivery.

With four runs required

off the last ball, Morancie could only take a single with Basant propelling T&T to a two-run win.

Morancie hit an unbeaten 49, and Jelani Joseph made 22 not out as the Windwards finished on 126 for six off their allotted 22 overs. The pair lifted the Windwards from 58 for six with a 68-run partnership in eight overs.

Jordan Mohammed claimed two for 18, and Basant finished with two

for 31.

Earlier, T&T posted 128 for nine off their 22 overs, with Joseph Mendoza (33), Darius Batoosingh (24), and Renaldo Fournillier (24) as the chief run-getters.

In the other first-round encounter, defending champion Barbados was 141 for eight in 26 overs against Guyana before the elements ended the match at Gilbert Park.

Zachary Carter top-scored with 38 for Barbados, while Jonathan van Lange took four for 37 for Guyana.

Guyana will tackle Jamaica at the National Cricket Center in Couva, and Barbados will clash with the Windward Islands at Gilbert Park in the other two second round matches on Tuesday.

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11. Zavear Otto picked up three for 28, Gregson Merrick took two wickets for two runs, and Rodney Williams captured two wickets for five runs.

Essan Warner slammed a century as Bryson's Shipping and Insurance Bullets trounced PMS by 234 runs at Powells.

Warner hammered 155, including 14 sixes and 13 fours, to guide the Bullets to

322 for four off their 20 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Deran Benta fell two runs short of a century, falling for 98, which included nine sixes and nine fours.

PMS were dismissed for 88 in 12.1 overs. Malinga Bruney hit 37, and Elijah Peters made 26. Andra Samuel claimed two wickets for eight runs, and Dorian Grant had two for 13.

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Action commences in IBSC tape ball classic

Action in the LL Supply Limited Island Boys Sports Club (IBSC) 20-Over Tape Ball Classic commenced on Sunday.

Pelican Safari and Nest Beach Bar and Restaurant VIP got off to an impressive start, defeating PEL Desi Boys by 169 runs at the Potters playing field.

The VIPs won the toss and batted, scoring 255 for eight from their 20 overs. Elroy Francis Jr., who was named the man of the match, smashed 68.

Bryan Bailey struck 39, and Demetri Lucas scored 33. Satyajit Behera claimed three for 17, and Iverson Joseph picked up two for 39.

In reply, Desi Boys were bundled out for 86 in 15 overs. Abishek Goud made 19, and Satyajit Behera scored 11.

Bryan Bailey snapped up two wickets for three runs, Ozan Williams grabbed two wickets for five runs, and Conroy Semple took two for 19.

But the match between Dredgers and GP Eagles ended prematurely at Potters.

Chasing 110 to win, the Dredgers were 30 for two in 5.4 overs when the game ended prematurely. GP Eagles were dismissed for 109 in 13.2 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat.

Kerry Mentore cracked 43, and Shaquille Richards hit 20. Javaughn James snapped up three wickets for



Elroy Francis Jr. nine runs, and Mike France claimed two for 33.

The organizers have launched an investigation into the circumstances that caused the match to end prematurely and will make a decision on the game.

Buckley's 3J's also enjoyed success on the opening day of the competition, coasting to an impressive 92-run victory against Mix Up at the



Essan Warner Powells playing field.

Buckley's 3J's were dismissed for 145 in 18.5 overs. Nigel Fergus smashed 49, and Kemar Christian scored 19. Karl Simon took four for 18, Christopher Neptune captured three for 31, and Alfred Jarvis claimed two for 41.

In reply, Mix Up crashed to 53 all out in 15.3 overs. Isaiah Viville made

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