

# IT'S NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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# It's National Day of Prayer

The people of Antigua and Barbuda are being encouraged to participate in some way, in today's designed to ask for divine intervention for the soul of the nation.

This comes against the backdrop of recent upsurge in criminal activities and the violent deaths of two teenage girls just months apart and an upsurge in gun-related crimes involving several young men.

It also comes against the backdrop of the decision by the Cabinet to re-instate daily prayers in government-owned schools beginning this academic year.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne opined that the absence of prayers in the schools means that many young people are growing up without a spiritual underpinning in their lives as has been the case for previous generations.

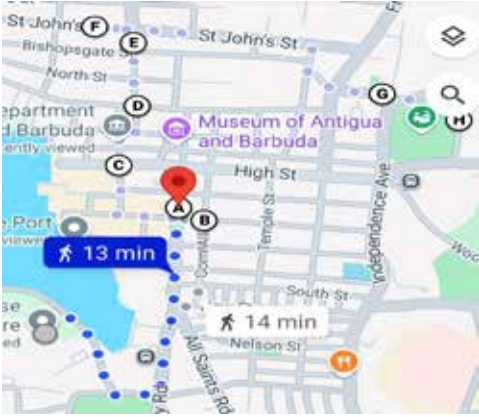
This he added is because many young people do not attend regular church services as did their parents and grandparents.

The National Day of prayer will commence at 6am to 6pm on Thursday 12th September 2024.

Working with the Ecclesiastical Commission, many churches will open their doors for worshippers early on that day.

Then at 1:30 pm, a march will commence from the Multi-Purpose Center to the Antigua Recreation Grounds where a service of worship will continue until 6:00 pm.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—2 Chronicles 7:14




**MARCH ROUTE**

Multipurpose Center to Market Street  
Market Street, left on Redcliffe Street  
Right on Thames Street  
Right on Newgate Street  
Left onto Popeshead Street  
Right by Pita Pocket onto St. John's Street  
Right by Deanery Grounds to Recreation Grounds

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Antigua and Barbuda: A Nation Covenanting with God for the Success of Our Land



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**Theme**  
"Antigua and Barbuda: A Nation Covenanting with God for the Success of Our Land"

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**2 Chronicles 7:14**  
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—2 Chronicles 7:14

**PRAYERS OF THE DAY**

**PARISH & BARBUDA CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**  
6:00 a.m. to 12: Noon

**St. John**  
Multipurpose center  
The salvation Army citadel  
St. John's Anglican  
St. John's Seventh-day Adventist

**St. Mary**  
Bolans Pentecostal  
Old Road Seventh-day Adventist

**St. George**  
Lebanon Moravian Church  
Bethel Gospel Hall, New Winthropes

**St. Peter**  
Wesleyan Church, Parham  
Seaglans Seventh-day Adventist, Glansville

**St. Paul**  
Wesleyan Holiness, Swetes  
St. Paul's Anglican

**St. Philip**  
Seventh-day Adventist, Newfield  
Zion Church of God, Bethesada  
Methodist Church, Freetown

**Barbuda**  
Abundant Life

Antigua and Barbuda: A Nation Covenanting with God for the Success of Our Land

**NATIONAL PRAYER MARCH**  
1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
**MARCH LEADER:** Rev. Dr. Olson Daniel

**PRAYERS, PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**MODERATOR:** Bishop Daryl Josiah

**Words of Exhortation**  
Elder **Joseph Williams**, Ecclesiastical Commission

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
Old Road Seventh-day Adventist Worship Team

**PRAYERS**  
Pastor **Kendell Doyle** (Pastors, Churches)  
Dr. **Alister Jackson** (Government, Cabinet, Parliament)  
Apostle **Worrell Simon**  
(Directors, Officers, Principals, Teachers, Students)

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
Wesleyan Holiness Church Worship Team

**PRAYERS**  
Rev. **Hilton Joseph** (Men, Fathers)  
Pastor **Dawn Robertson** (Women, Mothers)  
Pastor **Matthew Noyce** & Pastor **Kevin Liddle** (Youth)

**Words of Appreciation**  
Hon. Sir Molywn Joseph, Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs

**Benediction**  
Dr. **Carson L. Greene**, Ecclesiastical Commission

## Barbuda new international airport named

The new international airport in Barbuda which will be formally opened on October 3 has been named. It will be named to honour two outstanding sons of Barbuda, the late Sir Eric Burton and former representative, Arthur Nibbs.

This comes after the Cabinet consulted with numerous residents of Barbuda, and it entertained several suggestions for the naming of the new international airport.

“Cabinet considered the merits of the contribution of several distinguished sons of the soil (Barbuda) to include the late Claude Earl Francis and Sir Eric Burton; Hilborne Frank, Sir McChesney George, Arthur Nibbs and Trevor Walker, among many other well-respected “Barbudans” who have worked tirelessly in the interest of the residents (people) of Barbuda,” according to Cabinet sources.

According to these sources... during robust discussions, the Cabinet critically examined the contributions of the named persons, not only to the development of the twin-island state, but more specifically to the socio-economic, cultural and political landscape of the island of Barbuda.

“Consequently, it was determined that two individuals would have distinguished themselves at the advent of the birth of the twin-island state during the framing of the constitution of Antigua and Barbuda at Lancaster House, in 1980. Sir Eric Burton and Arthur Nibbs, have both served as Members of Parliament representing Barbuda and were stalwarts of the political scene, pioneering entrepreneurs, and leaders who advanced commerce and economic development for the island. Accordingly, Cabinet considered the recommendations and decided that the new international airport in Barbuda

shall be named the Burton-Nibbs International Airport,” the sources explained.

In 1984 when the ALP won all the seats on Antigua in the general elections of that year, Sir Eric, who was the representative for Barbuda in the Lower House, served as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives. Nibbs, on the other hand, has been at the forefront of

recent economic development initiatives on the island that are today bearing fruits. These have led to the Barbuda Council, for the first time, being self-sufficient because of the taxes it has been collecting from ongoing projects on the island.

He was also an unwavering supporter of the airport development whilst others vehemently opposed the project.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

#### 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

“Antigua and Barbuda: A Nation Covenanting with God for the Success of Our Land”

2 Chronicles 7:14



## SEPT | 12<sup>TH</sup> | 2024

Prayer at designated locations: 6:00 a.m. to noon

**PRAYER MARCH**  
**commences at**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Multipurpose centre**  
**to Antigua Recreation**  
**Grounds**



**PRAYER, PRAISE & WORSHIP:**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**



## CIP applications surge this year

There has been a sharp increase in the number of applications that have been processed by the Citizenship by Investment Unit for 2024 compared with the amounts processed for the last three years combined.

That's according to the CIU's Chief Executive Officer, Charmaine Quinland-Donavan who disclosed that the CIU has processed over two thousand applications up to the end of July this year.

She said the unit processed approximately 1,000 applications for the month of July alone with just under that amount processed between January and June of this year.



CIU's Chief Executive Officer, Charmaine Quinland-Donavan

"We believe that the surge in applications in July was largely due to the fact that the price for the application more than doubled from the beginning of August. Previously, the

cost per application was US\$100,000.00 but that figure went up to \$230,000.00 from August 1. The July numbers, I suspect, represent a desire by applicants to have their applications pro-

cessed before the increases take effect," she revealed.

She noted that there has been a sharp decline in applications since the price for the application increased by over 100 percent.

Donavan said the programme is a critical source of foreign direct investments into the country as the funds from the CIU support many social programmes that benefit many in Antigua and Barbuda.

Meanwhile, at Tuesday's sitting of the House of Representatives, Prime Minister Gaston Browne laid on the table the bi-annual report from the CIU for the period January to June 2024.



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## Minister Smith advocates for greater youth participation in the Blue Economy

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Anthony Smith Jnr. has made a compelling case for greater youth participation in the blue economy.

Minister Smith was at the time speaking at the 23rd Eastern Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries and Sustainable Use of Living Marine Resources that opened on Wednesday in the Commonwealth of Dominica. The meeting held in collaboration with the Gov-



ernment of Japan and six Member States of the OECS focused on the opportunities

and challenges faced in the fisheries sector.

During his address, Min-

ister Smith called for greater investments and access to finance, as a means of encouraging participation of youth in the fisheries sector. The Minister also stated the need for the governments within the region to promote the significant economic opportunities associated with the Blue Economy.

He also mentioned that it is important for the region to develop its human and financial capacity to participate and take advantage of the economic opportunities within the Blue Economy. The meeting also discussed the regional sargassum crisis; food security and livelihood in the Caribbean; and the upcoming 69th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC69).

The delegation of Antigua and Barbuda also comprised of Ambassador Daven Joseph, IWC Commissioner; Gregory Bailey, Director of Agriculture; and Kurt M. Williams, Senior Foreign Service Officer.



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# Local News



## ABTA inaugurates new awards to celebrate top-producing travel professionals

The first-ever Antigua and Barbuda Black Pineapple Awards—a spectacular initiative that honours and celebrates the outstanding achievements of hard-working travel agents from around the world is set to take place from December 6th to 8th, 2024, in Antigua and Barbuda. The event, organized by the Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, will bring together over 100 of the destination's top-producing travel professionals for an exclusive celebration in the stunning twin-island paradise.

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**BLACK  
PINEAPPLE**  
A W A R D S

Pineapple—Antigua's most famous and sweetest fruit, found only on this stunning Caribbean Island, these awards symbolise the country's commitment to excellence, luxury, and the recognition of the pivotal role travel agents play in promoting Antigua and Barbuda as a must-visit destination.

Minister of Tourism

for Antigua and Barbuda, Charles Fernandez said, "We are incredibly proud to host the inaugural Antigua and Barbuda Black Pineapple Awards this December. The Awards are not just another industry event; they are a prestigious celebration of the incredible work done by our global travel partners. It will be the perfect way to say a

heartfelt thank you to the agents who are the backbone of our industry. I can't wait to welcome and celebrate with the one hundred outstanding agents here in Antigua and Barbuda as we honour their dedication and commitment."

Who Can Enter: The awards are open to all UK & Europe, USA, Canada, Caribbean and Latin American travel agents, including homeworkers, retail agents, and tour operators who have made bookings to Antigua and Barbuda from September 2023 to September 2024. Agents can log their bookings on [www.AntiguaBarbudaRewards.com](http://www.AntiguaBarbudaRewards.com) to secure

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## Tourism officials hit high note through partnership with top award show

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority is thrilled to announce its partnership with the Premier Gospel Awards 2024, a prestigious event that celebrates the vibrant and inspiring UK gospel music scene. Led by Cherrie Osborne, Director of Tourism, UK & Europe at the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority this collaboration emphasizes the cultural ties between our nations and showcases the power of music in fostering connections and shared experiences.

This year, the Premier Gospel Awards introduces an exciting new category: 'Best Worship Group,' which spotlights the exceptional talent and spiritual dedication of worship groups across the UK.

As the public voting phase nears its conclusion, the stakes are high. The winning group will be awarded a grand holiday to our twin-island nation, Antigua and Barbuda, courtesy of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority. This all-expenses-paid prize includes accommodation at the Harbour Island Residences, a valued

partner of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, who are providing their well-appointed two-bedroom villas for the winners' stay.

Located in the beautiful Jolly Harbour Marina, these residences offer the perfect base for the winners to explore. The prize also includes tickets to the Playing to Inspire Concert on April 12th, offering a unique opportunity to continue celebrating the powerful connection between music and faith, while showcasing the rich musical heritage of Antigua.

The 'Best Worship Group' category not only highlights individual worship groups but also underscores our shared dedication to preserving the spiritual legacy of gospel music. Notably, the New Jerusalem Worship Team includes musicians who have supported BRIT Award artist Raye, Sounds Of Liberty features singers who have performed with some of the biggest names in Afrobeats, and Tab Worship has been a guest performer at Stormzy's private birthday event. These connections highlight the broad influence

and exceptional quality of the talent within the UK gospel music scene.

"Faith and music are key elements of our culture in Antigua and Barbuda, so we are delighted to support the Premier Gospel Awards and celebrate the incredible

talent within the UK gospel music community," said Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority. "This partnership reflects our commitment to cultural exchange and the promotion of spiritual and artistic excellence."



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their chance to join the winner's circle.

Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority in recognising the performance of the travel trade said, "This year has been an extraordinary one for Antigua and Barbuda, with record-breaking tourism arrivals.

"This success is a testament to the relentless efforts of our teams and partners in each of our key markets, who have delivered exceptional service, and this event is all about celebrating their remarkable achievements."

This exclusive event will culminate in a black-tie gala on December 7th, an evening of sophistication and glamour

where VIPs, industry leaders, and honoured guests will come together to celebrate excellence in travel.

The gala promises to be the highlight of the weekend, featuring vibrant entertainment, authentic flavours, and, of course, the awards ceremony where the best of the best will be recognised.



# Local News



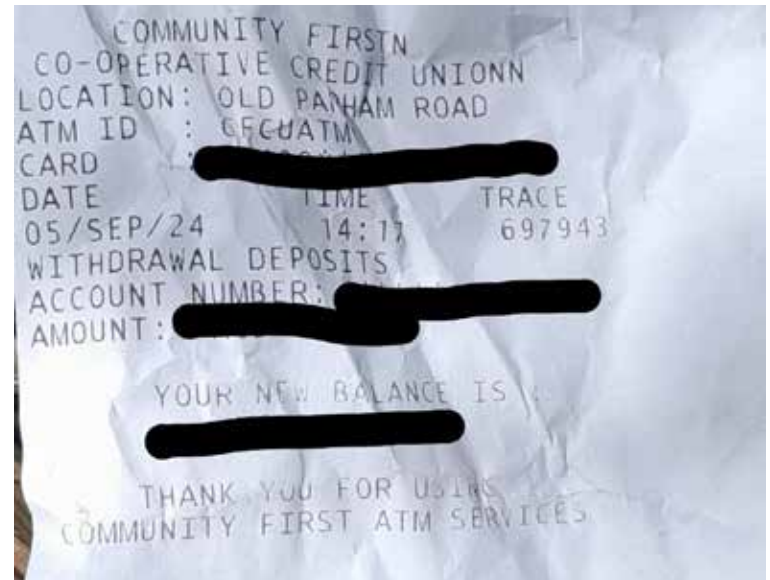
## FCRA condemns illegal dumping of financial institution's waste in Fitches Creek

The Fitches Creek Residents Association (FCRA) condemns the illegal dumping of waste items in Fitches Creek which bore the Community First Cooperative Credit Union's (CFCCU) name, logo and address. A concerned resident raised the alarm upon noticing the discarded boxes, which included documents clearly labeled with the credit union's name.

The FCRA has reported the incident to the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) and

their inspectors promptly visited the site on September 11th, 2024. In addition to the environmental concerns, the residents are particularly alarmed that a financial institution would not take better care to ensure that their waste documents reach the landfill.

Clement Samuel, the Chairperson of the Fitches Creek Residents' Association, said, "The improper disposal of waste including boxes and materials of a financial institution is deeply troubling. Our community



values both environmental preservation and security, and this incident threatens both." He added, "We call for immediate action from the Community First Credit Union and relevant authorities to rectify this situation and ensure that it is not repeated. We are open to working with corporate partners to increase their accountability for their waste disposal and are in the process of engaging the financial institution."

The FCRA is actively working to prevent illegal dumping in Fitches Creek as part of a broader ongoing project aimed at preserving the environment.

The Project Manager, Britney McDonald, stated, "Businesses paying service providers to dump waste must take all necessary steps in their due diligence of waste disposal.

Requesting proof of delivery before final payment is one way to ensure

the waste makes it to the landfill instead of into our communities." She continued, "Illegal dumping is not an isolated issue for Fitches Creek, but our community is taking a strong stand. Waste disposal is a health hazard and threatens our already sensitive ecosystems as a Small Island Developing State impacted by climate change."

Meanwhile, the FCRA has also requested bulk waste clean-up days to support its ongoing project which, among other things, aims to keep the Fitches Creek Community free of waste from illegal dumping.

In order to effectively address this challenge, swift action is required by the local authorities when such incidents occur.

The FCRA is committed to working with the NSWMA and all other stakeholders to uphold the law and preserve the environment.



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## Calypso/Soca artiste receives Doctorate in Business Administration from UWI

Reynold S.K. Jarvis, better known as Mighty Rover, having given years of academic studies and dedication to UWI Cave Hill DBA program, has successfully defended his 579-page dissertation in October 2023 before the examiners. His dissertation entitled 'Investigating Leadership Practices in Companies in Antigua: The Effects on Organizational Performance' revealed the lack of awareness of and gaps in leadership knowledge amongst staff members in organizations in Antigua.

The result of the study showed that organizations do use leadership practices in their day-to-day operations but were unaware.

The chosen leadership definition that he tied to his dissertation was that given in 2004 leadership literature by Dr. Peter Northouse from Western Michigan University which was qualitative. However, Jarvis converted it into a simple quantitative mathematical equation to reflect the components of leadership which is a process coupled with influence that brought results in organizations.



Reynold S.K. Jarvis, better known as Mighty Rover.

Jarvis, a retired licensed and authorized aircraft maintenance engineer with many years of service to LIAT (1974) and who hails from Liberta Village, hopes to engage in post-doctoral research in leadership and will continue with his Calypso and Soca music as demonstrated in his appearances in the 2024 Calypso and Soca carnival quarterfinals with the songs 'The Four

Components for Full Independence' and 'Jump-up' respectively.

He holds a Licentiate's Diploma in aeronautical engineering from City and Guilds, a Diploma in Management and an MBA from University of the West Indies, and Certificates in Finance, Economics, and Accounting from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

## Prison officer charged with murder

A prison officer has been charged with murder following an investigation into an incident that happened at His Majesty's Prison earlier this year.

The police on Wednesday announced that they have formally arrested and charged Dwight Rodney Peters of Ovals with the alleged murder of Ricknaldo Isaac of Bendals.

The charge stemmed from an incident at His Majesty's Prison on April 28,

2024. Isaac was pronounced dead on May 11, 2024. The accused will be appearing before the court on Thursday when the charge will be formally read out to him.

In another incident, the police also reported that on Wednesday they arrested and charged Damian Crump of Bathlodge with several firearm-related offences. He is charged with shooting with intent, possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition, and malicious

damage.

The accused allegedly shot at a taxi driver in Yorks on September 6, and caused damage to his vehicle. He was asked to surrender himself for questioning, which he did.

He is due to appear before the court on Thursday.

In another case, Jermaine Thomas of Green Bay Hill was sentenced to 10 months at His Majesty's Prison for Breaking and Larceny.

He appeared in court

on Wednesday and pleaded guilty to breaking into E-Bike Tours and stealing one orange YISO electronic bike valued at \$4000.00, one cash register, and also causing damage to the said business place.

He is sentenced 10 months and 6 months respectively on both charges, which is to run concurrently.

The offences occurred on August 29 on Cross and Nevis Streets. He is expected in court today.

# Commentary



## UPP leadership: A masterclass in delusion, deflection, and political malpractice

By Imogen Pearce

In what can only be described as a stunning display of political tone-deafness, UPP Chairperson D. Gisele Isaac’s recent interview on Twin Island Media serves as a textbook example of how not to handle a party crisis. Her responses to Dr. Edmond Mansoor’s departure reveal a leadership that is not just out of touch, but actively living in an alternate reality where incompetence masquerades as strategy.

Let’s begin with Isaac’s claim that Mansoor’s resignation “did not come as

a shock.” This statement is laughable at best and deceitful at worst. If the party’s leadership was so acutely aware of his disengagement since April, why was nothing done to address it? This passive approach to retaining key party members speaks volumes about the UPP’s incompetence in managing its own ranks. It’s as if the party leadership was content to watch one of its most valuable assets walk out the door, all while pretending they saw it coming. This isn’t political acumen; it’s negligence bordering on sabotage.

Perhaps the most egregious statement in this farce of an interview is Isaac’s assertion that “no one is irreplaceable.” This cavalier dismissal of Dr. Mansoor’s contributions to the party strategy is not just disrespectful—it’s politically suicidal. If the UPP truly believes that losing strategists of Mansoor’s caliber is inconsequential, they’re in for a rude awakening come election time. It’s this kind of arrogance that has led to the party’s current state of disarray.

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Antigua & Barbuda Electoral Commission									
OFFICIAL REPORT									
August 2024September 2024									
#	COUNSTITUENCY	12th - 16th	19th - 23rd	26th - 30th	2nd - 6th	9th - 13th	16th - 20th	23rd-27th	30th
1	ST. JOHN'S CITY WEST	95	84	54	38	0	0	0	0
2	ST. JOHN'S CITY EAST	32	26	24	26	0	0	0	0
3	ST. JOHN'S CITY SOUTH	40	24	34	30	0	0	0	0
4	ST. JOHN'S RURAL WEST	83	158	164	25	0	0	0	0
5	ST. JOHN'S RURAL SOUTH	89	82	87	68	0	0	0	0
6	ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST	145	111	94	61	0	0	0	0
7	ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH	148	130	73	80	0	0	0	0
8	ST. MARY'S NORTH	81	137	85	92	0	0	0	0
9	ST. MARY'S SOUTH	85	76	64	27	0	0	0	0
10	ALL SAINTS EAST AND ST. LUKE	97	127	88	80	0	0	0	0
11	ALL SAINTS WEST	72	122	86	4	0	0	0	0
12	ST. GEORGE	131	162	129	99	0	0	0	0
13	ST. PETER	100	106	65	80	0	0	0	0
14	ST. PHILIP NORTH	75	61	44	32	0	0	0	0
15	ST. PHILIP SOUTH	7	57	29	29	0	0	0	0
16	ST. PAUL	85	93	72	80	0	0	0	0
17	BARBUDA	0	25	71	40	0	0	0	0
Monthly Replacement Application Count		1365	1581	1263	891	0	0	0	0
MONTHLY TOTAL				4209	891				
					5100				



# Commentary

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But wait, it gets worse. Isaac's attempt to shift responsibility for party repositioning onto Mansoor himself is a pitiful deflection of leadership duties. If the party chair doesn't understand what "repositioning" means after an electoral defeat, it's clear the UPP is rudderless and adrift. The chairperson's bewildered response, "I don't understand what he means by that," is a damning admission of her own incompetence. A party leader who can't grasp basic political strategy has no business at the helm of a national opposition party.

The chairperson's list of post-election activities reads like a sad attempt to pad a failing student's resume. "People's Parliament" and legal challenges are not substitutes for a coherent political strategy. If this is what the UPP considers "being busy," it's no wonder they're hemorrhaging talent. These are the actions of a party desperately trying to appear relevant while avoiding the hard work of actual opposition politics. It's akin to rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic while claiming the ship isn't sinking.

In a final stroke of irony, Isaac has the audacity to question the principles and integrity of those leaving the party. This from a leadership that seems incapable of self-reflection or accountability. If the UPP is truly "built on principles and integrity," perhaps they should start by looking in the mirror. The suggestion that individuals

like Anthony Smith and Mansoor lack principles because they've chosen to leave is not just insulting—it's a transparent attempt to discredit critics rather than address their valid concerns.

Isaac's dismissal of the Labour Party's strategy to attract former UPP members is equally shortsighted. By framing these departures as mere "personal choices" rather than symptoms of a deeper problem, the UPP leadership demonstrates a willful blindness to their own failings. It's not the Labour Party's fault that the UPP can't retain its talent; it's a direct result of the UPP's toxic internal culture and ineffective leadership.

The claim that the party remains strong despite these high-profile departures is perhaps the most delusional statement of all. Thousands of loyal supporters might stay through rain or shine, but loyalty without direction is just blind faith. The UPP seems to be banking on the unwavering support of its base while doing nothing to earn it or expand it.

This interview doesn't just expose the cracks in the UPP's facade—it reveals a party in full-blown crisis, led by individuals more concerned with saving face than saving their political relevance. The leadership's inability to take responsibility for the party's failings, coupled with their apparent lack of a coherent strategy for the future, paints a picture of a political organization on the brink of irrelevance.

If this is the best the UPP

can offer in response to losing key members, Antigua and Barbuda voters should brace themselves for more disappointment from this once-promising opposition party. The country deserves better than a opposition that spends more time spinning narratives than creating real political change.

The UPP doesn't need repositioning; it needs a complete overhaul, starting with its out-of-touch leadership. Until then, we can expect more talented individuals to jump ship, leaving behind a party that's more focused on making excuses than making progress. As it stands, the UPP under its current leadership is not just failing as an opposition—it's failing the

very concept of democracy in Antigua and Barbuda.

In conclusion, this interview serves as a stark reminder of why the UPP finds itself in its current predicament. A party that cannot honestly assess its own shortcomings, that dismisses valid criticism as disloyalty, and that seems more interested in maintaining the status quo than in genuine reform is a party destined for the political wilderness.

The people of Antigua and Barbuda deserve an opposition that is vibrant, self-aware, and capable of holding the government to account. Instead, they have the UPP—a cautionary tale of how not to run a political party in the 21st century.

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Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024

.....  
Stanley Walters

.....  
Avriel Walters

## New lawsuit against Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs alleges abuse

By Rachel Looker

American rapper Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs is facing a new lawsuit alleging abuse and exploitation from a former contestant of his MTV show, *Making the Band*.

Singer Dawn Richard filed a complaint on Tuesday in the Southern District of New York against Combs and others associated with him.

The complaint alleges Combs mistreated women, was physically abusive and withheld Richard’s earnings.

Combs’ lawyer Erica Wolff said the rapper was “shocked and disappointed” by the lawsuit and called Richard’s claims “manufactured” and “false”.

She said her client was “confidently standing on truth and looks forward to proving that in court”.

Richard was a member of the all-female group Danity Kane, which Combs formed through the reality show *Making the Band*. The show focused on contestants who competed to win a spot in his new group.

She later became a member of Combs’ band, Diddy - Dirty Money.

The new lawsuit accuses Combs of mistreating women and claims that Richard witnessed the rapper beating his former girlfriend, Cassandra Ventura.

According to the com-



plaint, Richard saw Combs physically abuse his ex-girlfriend on several occasions, including accounts of choking and strangling her.

The lawsuit lists multiple incidents of Richard allegedly witnessing Combs assaulting Ventura - often in public or in front of representatives from record labels who allegedly still agreed to make deals with Combs.

When she encouraged Ventura to leave the relationship, Richard said she was met with threats and verbal abuse from Combs, according to the complaint.

Ventura filed a federal lawsuit against Combs in 2023 accusing him of physical and sexual abuse. Combs paid Ventura an undisclosed sum of money, which settled the matter outside of court.

Richard’s lawsuit also accuses Combs of exploit-

ing her talent as a singer, withholding her earnings, stealing her copyrighted works and subjecting her to “inhumane working conditions”, which included groping, assault and false imprisonment.

The lawsuit alleges Combs manipulated Richard by saying her submission to these circumstances was necessary for career enhancement and telling her exploitation was required of female artists to succeed in the music industry.

During the filming of the show *Making the Band*, Richard felt threatened and intimidated by Combs when he displayed aggressive behaviour toward her and her bandmates, according to the complaint.

She accuses Combs of denying her and her bandmates basic needs like adequate food and sleep, and

for demanding rehearsal schedules that went on for 36 - 48 hours straight without breaks.

The lawsuit describes an afterparty in November 2009 after the Soul Train Awards in Atlanta, where, it claims, there were illegal drugs and dozens of young women and girls - some who allegedly appeared underage - seeming lethargic or passed out.

These events had security personnel and law enforcement officers posted at the doors, according to the complaint, which made Richard feel trapped and as if she couldn’t leave without Combs being alerted.

The lawsuit also accuses Combs of not paying Richard for appearances that were required as part of a tour agreement.

According to the com-  
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New boss tells staff that a strike would put the firm's "recovery in jeopardy".

## Boeing boss in last-ditch plea ahead of strike vote

By João da Silva

Boeing's new chief executive Kelly Ortberg has pleaded with workers to not go on strike as it would put the company's "recovery in jeopardy".

It comes hours ahead of a crucial union vote that

could trigger industrial action at the embattled company.

The aviation giant's executives and union representatives reached a deal earlier this week that includes a 25% pay rise over four years but it has yet

to be approved by union members.

If workers vote against the agreement it would lead to a second ballot on whether to start a strike as early as Friday.

"I ask you not to sacrifice the opportunity to

secure our future together, because of the frustrations of the past," said Mr Ortberg in his message to staff.

"Working together, I know that we can get back on track, but a strike would put our shared recovery in jeopardy".

The current contract between Boeing and the unions was reached in 2008 after an eight-week strike.

In 2014, the two sides agreed to extend the deal, which is due to expire at midnight on Thursday.

It comes as the company faces deepening financial losses and continues to struggle to repair its reputation following recent incidents and two fatal accidents five years ago.

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plaint, there were several instances of Combs making unwanted sexual advancements toward Richard.

Between 2009 and 2011, when rehearsing for Diddy - Dirty Money's, Combs ordered Richard to strip down to her underwear and called her degrading names in front of others, according to the complaint.

In the complaint, Richard accuses Combs of groping her while she was changing in her dressing room.

When she refused his advancements, it alleges, he would remove her from songs, deny her parts of singing in songs, and turn off her microphone during performances

in retaliation.

The lawsuit is among a string of sexual assault allegations that have been recently made against Combs, one of the most successful moguls in the history of rap music.

Combs has denied previous allegations against him, but apologized after a video surfaced of him assaulting Ventura.

Richard credits Ventura's bravery for coming forward.

"Dawn had the option of filing as a Jane Doe but bravely chose to file in her true name. We will not rest until we achieve full and complete justice for Dawn in this case," Richard's attorney said in a statement.





Education Minister Priya Manickchand at yesterday's launch of the Mathematics Intervention Initiative. Photo: Ministry of Education.

## Guyana launches Math Intervention Initiative to boost pass rate

Guyana has launched a new program to help boost the country's performance in Mathematics.

The Mathematics Intervention Initiative was launched yesterday by Education Minister Priya Manickchand after she received a mandate from President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

Manickchand told attendees that "Math Monitors" will be placed in classrooms of 50 schools to assist both students and teachers.

The mentors are all retired educators, who will use their experience to ensure that Math teachers are effectively teaching the curriculum and that it is be-

ing completed on schedule.

Manickchand said the government is committed to rising above the region wide math pass rate at the CSEC, which hovers around 34 per cent.

The minister is confident that Guyana will have a pass rate of 40 per cent by 2025, compared to 31 per cent in 2024. The Education Ministry is providing teachers and students with additional resources such as textbooks, graph books, scientific calculators, geometry sets, and past papers to ensure everyone learns on an equal level.

A hotline number, 736-MATH, has also been set up for teachers and other

stakeholders to make additional requests for assistance.

"We are using technology fully to blend the two...so there are going to be math lessons twice a week, more if we think it's necessary, on the learning channel at a scheduled time," Manickchand added.

She continued: "There is going to be standardised diagnostics, standardised tests, topic by topic to see where students are weak."

Students have been encouraged to make use of the tolls given to them as it comes as a significant cost to their parents and the government.





## Sandals Resorts rewards Caribbean medallists with free vacations

Sandals Resorts International, in a show of celebration following the extraordinary performance of Caribbean athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics, extended complimentary vacations to all medallists from the islands where the resort brand operates.

Jamaican top performers, Rojé Stona, Kishane Thompson, Shanika Ricketts, Rajindra Campbell, Wayne Pinnock and Rasheed Broadbell will receive week-long stays at any Sandals or Beaches resort in the Caribbean.

Saint Lucia's Olympic champion

Julien Alfred, alongside Grenada's star athletes Lindon Victor and Anderson Peters will also receive complimentary one-week vacations at any Sandals or Beaches resort across the region.

"The Olympic Games are always a special time for us here in the Caribbean. Our athletes are incredibly talented and we are thrilled to witness their wins and record-making performances. On behalf of our entire Sandals family, we excitedly celebrate with our Olympic medallists and we look

forward to hosting them for a relaxing vacation at Sandals," shared Executive Chairman for Sandals Resorts International, Adam Stewart.

This latest show of support for Caribbean athletes has become a hallmark of Sandals Resorts as they made a similar offering to athletes at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The resort chain has also been a major sponsor of regional sports such as the West Indies Cricket team and multiple motorsport athletes among many others.



**2024**  
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CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE

## US man arrested for allegedly sparking California's Line Fire

Police in California have arrested a man on suspicion of starting the Line Fire - a major wildfire that has burned more than 34,000 acres (53 sq miles) in the state.

Justin Wayne Halstenberg, a 34-year-old resident of Norco, California, was stopped on Tuesday for arson and is being held in lieu of bail, officials said.

The Line Fire is one of three major wildfires sparked in the last week that are burning out of control in southern California, stretching firefighter resources and threatening thousands of homes.

As of Wednesday morning, the Line Fire was 14% contained.

Police did not provide details on how Mr Halstenberg is alleged to have sparked the massive blaze, which is burning in San Bernardino County, about 60 miles (96km) east of Los Angeles.

Thousands of people have been forced to evacuate the area and the fire threatens over 65,000 structures.

CalFire officials say the blaze continues to grow in steep terrain, making access difficult, especially near the Big Bear area.

The fire has been fuelled by strong winds and dry conditions, though



Nearly 2,000 firefighters have been deployed to battle the Line Fire.

firefighters hope cooler weather forecast for later in the week will help their efforts.

The structures under threat, both homes and commercial properties, include some 13,300 in areas currently under evacuation orders.

One evacuee, Blaine Bacher, said the first thing he grabbed from his home in Arrowbear Lake is his mother's ashes.

Mr Bacher told the BBC on Wednesday that he has no idea if his home is still standing.

"This home is more than just walls and a roof," he said.

"My mother passed away in that house. I held her hand for her last breath in that house. She and my stepfather built and raised me and my sister in that

house. It's beyond priceless."

No fatalities or structural damage have been reported as a result of the Line Fire to date. However, photos taken by the Los Angeles Times appear to show at least one building in Running Springs, a community in the San Bernardino Mountains, has been destroyed.

Nearly 2,000 firefighters are battling the blaze. The California National Guard is also supporting the fire response with crews and aircraft, including helicopters for water bucket dropping operations.

Another blaze - the Bridge Fire - is burning in the Angeles National Forest. It started on 8 September and has exploded in size to 46,700 acres (71.8

sq miles).

Its cause is under investigation, according to CalFire.

Footage of the blaze circulating on social media shows the fire engulfing ski lifts at California's Mountain High Ski Resort.

A third wildfire, the Airport Fire, was ignited on Monday.

It is burning in an area between Orange and Riverside counties and is 22,300 acres (34.8 sq miles) in size.

The Airport Fire has reportedly destroyed several homes, but officials have yet to provide details.

Large plumes of smoke from the blaze were reportedly seen from as far as the Los Angeles airport.

The Los Angeles Times, citing sources within the Orange County Fire

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## Protests in Mexico as controversial judicial reform passed

By Vanessa Buschschlüter

Mexico's Senate has approved a controversial judicial reform under which judges will be elected by popular vote.

Its supporters say the changes will make judges more accountable to the Mexican people but critics argue it undermines the country's system of checks and balances and will strengthen the power of the governing Morena party.

The bill has triggered strikes and protests, with demonstrators earlier breaking into the building where the vote was due to take place.

The Senate vote was the last major hurdle facing the legislation, which has the backing of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

During a dramatic late-night session, the debate had to be paused when protesters chanting "the judiciary will not fall" stormed the chamber where senators were gathered.

After lawmakers moved to a different building, the vote went ahead in the early hours of Wednesday local time.

Senators were called



Demonstrators managed to enter the building where the Senate was debating the reform.

one by one by their names and asked to cast their vote.

Senator Miguel Ángel Yunes broke ranks with his opposition National Action Party and voted in favour of the reform, meaning it gained the two-thirds majority needed for constitutional change.

Legislators then continued to debate a number of points in detail before giving the reform its final approval.

Its passage is a victory for President López Obrador, whose term is coming to an end on 30 September.

The outgoing president had thrown his weight be-

hind the reform after repeatedly clashing with Mexico's Supreme Court, which during his six-year term has blocked some of his proposed changes in the energy and security sector.

The president has accused the judiciary of being "at the service of the powerful, at the service of white-collar crime".

Under the new system, judges, magistrates and even Supreme Court justices will have to stand for popular election.

Among those who have criticised the changes is Supreme Court Chief Justice Norma Piña.

She warned the proposed model would "generate tension between judges' duty to be independent and impartial and their need to make rulings which are popular in order to attract votes".

"The demolition of the judiciary is not the way forward," she said in a video posted to X, formerly known as Twitter, on Sunday.

The reform has proven highly divisive.

Law students and employees of the judicial sector held rallies in major Mexican cities to oppose it and many went on strike in protest.

But last week the bill sailed through in the Chamber of Deputies, where the governing Morena party has an absolute majority.

Morena and its presi-

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Authority, reported that the fire was likely started by a spark from heavy equipment used by road workers in the area.

Both the Bridge Fire and the Airport Fire are 0% contained as of Wednesday morning.

The fires grew during a southern California heatwave that has surpassed previous temperature records, with the mercury hitting 111 F (43 C) in some areas in recent days, although temperatures are forecast to drop for the remainder of the week.

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# Sports News



## Antigua and Barbuda to feature in opening match of men's regional netball championship

Antigua and Barbuda will feature in the opening match of the Americas Federation of Netball Associations (AFNA), now known as Americas Netball, Men's Regional Championships, which are taking place in St. Kitts and Nevis from September 12 to 18.

The Antigua and Barbuda team, which is representing the twin-island state as a national men's team for the first time, will take on host St. Kitts and Nevis in the opening match of the eight-team round-robin tournament in Basseterre on Thursday (today) at 5:30 pm.

Three other opening day matches will take place on Thursday. Grenada will

launch their campaign against the United States of America (USA) in the second game at 5:40 pm.

England will face Jamaica in the third game at 7:30 pm, and Trinidad and Tobago will clash with St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the last opening day encounter in the tournament that is organized by AFNA, which is the governing body for the sport of netball in the Americas region.

The Antigua and Barbuda men's team will take on Trinidad and Tobago in their second encounter on Friday at 7 pm.

In their third match, the Antiguan will challenge England in the opening match on Saturday at 5:30



pm.

Antigua and Barbuda will tackle St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sunday at 5:10 pm and clash with Jamaica in the first match next Monday at 5:30 pm.

The Antiguan will play their penultimate match of the tournament against Grenada next Tuesday at 7:30 pm and will clash with the USA in their final match on

the last day of the event next Wednesday at 4:40 pm.

All the second, fourth, and final round matches will take place in Nevis. After the completion of the final round of matches in Nevis, a closing ceremony will take place to wrap up the event next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the senior national female team will be representing Antigua and Barbuda at the Fourth Annual Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series in St. Lucia later this month.

The ECCB International Netball Series, which is organized by the Caribbean Netball Association (CNA), will take place at the Beausejour Indoor Facility in St. Lucia from September 20 to 30.

Joining Antigua and Barbuda at the event are national teams from host St. Lucia, the Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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dential candidate Claudia Sheinbaum won by a landslide in the general election held in June, and Ms Sheinbaum backs the reform.

Critics fear the independence of the judiciary could be at risk with both the executive and legislative already dominated by Morena.

But President López Obrador said Morena's overwhelming electoral victory shows a majority of Mexicans back his reforms.

There has also been concern over the judicial changes beyond Mexico's borders.

Ken Salazar, the US Ambassador to Mexico, said the popular direct election of judges constituted "a major risk to the functioning of Mexico's democracy".

Investors also appear to have been spooked by the plans.

Mexico's currency, the peso, fell in the days leading up to the vote as it became clear that Morena had secured the necessary support for it to pass.

While the popular election of judges has arguably proven the most controversial point, the reform also allows cases involving organised crime to be heard by judges who do not have to reveal their identity.

The idea behind "faceless" judges is to protect them from threats.

But rights bodies such as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights have previously said this undermines a defendant's rights to a fair trial as it is impossible to determine if the judge may have a conflict of interest.



## Pollard propels TKR to victory over St. Lucia Kings

Captain Kieron Pollard smashed a rapid half-century under pressure to lift the Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR) to a four-wicket victory over the St. Lucia Kings in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in St. Lucia on Tuesday night.

After the Kings posted 187 for six off their allotted 20 overs, the Trinbago Knight Riders achieved victory at 189 for six off 19.1 overs.

The Knight Riders were put on course to victory by Shaqkere Parris, who struck a belligerent 57 from 33 balls, before their innings stuttered in the middle overs.

With 27 runs needed off 12 balls, Pollard, who cracked 52 not out off 19 balls, struck four sixes off seamer Matthew Forde in the penultimate over before the Knight Riders achieved the target with five balls remaining.

Nicholas Pooran made 17, opener Jason Roy got 16, Keacy Carty scored 15, and opener Sunil Narine chipped in with 14. Left-arm spinner Waqar Salamkheil captured two for 35, and medium pacer Matthew Forde claimed two for 49.

After being routed for just 100 by the Guyana Amazon Warriors in their previous encounter, the Kings paced their innings well after being sent in to bat by the Trinbago Knight Riders.

Opener Johnson Charles got the Kings off to a flier by smashing 29 off 14 balls, which included three fours and two sixes.

Fellow opener and Skipper Faf du Plessis, who struck 34 off 26 balls, also chanced his arm and was dropped twice before his middle stump was knocked over by Waqar Salamkheil in the eighth over.



Trinbago Knight Riders captain Kieron Pollard smashes a six against the St. Lucia Kings in their CPL match at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, on Tuesday September 10, 2024. (CPLT20/Getty Images)

The Kings went through a lull in the middle overs, with Sunil Narine enjoying the spin-friendly conditions to finish with two for 13 from four overs.

But Roston Chase, who cracked 56 not out from 40 balls, stepped up in the latter overs and powered the Kings to a competitive total. Bhanuka Rajapaksa gave good support with 33 off 29 balls.

The Knight Riders needed a fast start, and Narine obliged before falling to debutant left-arm quick Khari Campbell, who picked up the wicket with his sixth delivery.

But Campbell was brought back to earth when he misjudged a skier in a lucky let-off for Jason Roy on 10. Campbell's confidence was shaken, and he succumbed to an assault from a rampaging Parris, who cracked a trio of sixes in the fifth over.

Parris raced to 31 off nine balls as the Knight Riders continued to soar above the required run rate. He fit-

tingly hit a six to reach his half-century off 20 balls as the Knight Riders reached triple figures in the ninth over.

But Parris was less assured against vicious short-pitched bowling from Antiguan pacer Alzarri Joseph, and on 54, he gloved a rearing delivery only for wicketkeeper Tim Seifert to fumble the chance after diving forward.

Parris' momentum was halted, and a clever bowling change led to his downfall when spinner Noor Ahmad lured him into a false shot. Keacy Carty struggled for fluency and in the 17th over was brilliantly caught by substitute fielder David Wiese, who dived at long on to take a stunner.

The pressure fell on Pollard, who kept his calm with his first CPL half-century since 2021 to leave the St. Lucia Kings' fans once again stunned.

It was the second win in three matches for the Knight Riders, while the Kings suffered their second loss after winning their first two matches.

# Pochettino hired as US men's national team coach

Former Tottenham and Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino was hired Tuesday to succeed Gregg Berhalter as US men's national team coach, 21 months before the Americans host the 2026 World Cup.

A 52-year-old Argentine, Pochettino became the 10th US coach in 14 years and its first foreign-born leader since Jurgen Klinsmann from 2011-16.

Pochettino has coached Espanyol in Spain (2009-12), Southampton (2013-14), Tottenham (2014-19) and Chelsea (2023-24) in England, and Paris Saint-Germain in France (2021-22), leaving after winning a Ligue 1 title.

"It's about the journey that this team and this country are on," Pochettino said in a statement released by the USSF. "The energy, the passion, and the hunger to achieve something truly historic here — those are the things that inspired me."

Pochettino had an initial meeting with USSF CEO JT Batson and sporting director Matt Crocker in Barcelona that stretched for five hours and had been in negotiations since mid-August. Crocker was Southampton's academy director when Pochettino started at that club.

While the contract length wasn't specified, the USSF said Pochettino will lead the team at the World



Chelsea's head coach Mauricio Pochettino, left, and Manchester City's head coach Pep Guardiola gesture during the English FA Cup semifinal soccer match between Manchester City and Chelsea at Wembley stadium in London, Saturday, April 20, 2024. (AP)

Cup.

"Mauricio is a serial winner with a deep passion for player development and a proven ability to build cohesive and competitive teams," Crocker said in a statement. "I am confident that he is the right choice to harness the immense potential within our talented squad."

Pochettino arrived in the US on Wednesday, two days before a news conference in New York. He will take over for friendlies against Panama on Oct. 12 at Austin, Texas, and at Mexico three days later, then lead his first competitive matches in a two-leg CONCACAF Nations League quarterfinal in

November.

"The one thing that I found a little funny was the statement that we were going to get a guy that basically wins everything," said former US goalkeeper Kasey Keller, now an ESPN analyst.

"It's not like Pochettino has Jose Mourinho's track record, but he's obviously had a good level of success, particularly at places like Southampton, Tottenham, places that didn't have the largest budget to go buy all the greatest players they ever wanted.

"He knows how to work within in a group that might have particular limitations," Keller added. "We have to

admit that we're still not France, Brazil, Germany, Argentina."

Pochettino arrives with high expectations from a USSF management and fan base that believe the player pool is capable of far more than its No. 16 world ranking.

Berhalter was fired on July 10, a week after the Americans were eliminated in the first round of the Copa America. He was hired in December 2018, was allowed to leave when his contract expired following a 3-1 loss to the Netherlands in the second round of the 2022 World Cup, then was rehired in June 2023 to return in September.



## Mbappé and PSG could go to mediation over financial dispute

The French soccer league's legal commission is urging Kylian Mbappé and his former club Paris Saint-Germain to agree to mediation in a dispute over wages and bonuses, PSG said Wednesday.

PSG officials and Mbappé's representatives met in Paris after the France superstar asked the commission to get involved. Mbappé, who joined Real Madrid this summer on a free transfer, says PSG owes him 55 million euros (around US\$60 million).

PSG, which said it was pleased with the two-hour hearing at the commission on Wednesday, said in a statement it recalled that Mbappé had formerly made "clear, repeated public and private commitments that must be respected, having been afforded unprecedented benefits by the club over seven fantastic years in Paris."

PSG has argued that it does not owe money to the World Cup winner under an agreement when Mbappé was sidelined ahead of the 2023-24 season — following his decision not to prolong his contract with



Kylian Mbappé

the club — with the player allegedly stipulating that he would relinquish bonuses over his reintegration into the team.

PSG said that the league's legal commission recommended "mediation between the parties," which the club said it had been seeking for months.

The French league and the player's lawyer did not immediately respond to a request for comments from The Associated Press. Mbappé's relationship with PSG ended amid deep tensions during his final season at the club.

PSG felt let down by Mbappé after offering him the most lucrative contract in the club's history when

he signed a new contract in 2022. But Mbappé was frustrated because he felt promises to sign key players were not kept.

When he signed the new deal, he was paraded in front of fans holding up a jersey with 2025 on it. Mbappé was reportedly annoyed about this because the contract was until 2024 with the option for an extra year.

Mbappé stunned PSG in June last year by informing the club he would not take the option for an extra year. With his contract effectively into its final year, it put PSG in the position of needing to sell Mbappé to avoid losing him for free when the contract expired.

His PSG career could

have ended in the summer of 2023 amid a tense transfer standoff. After telling the club he would not extend his contract for an extra year, Mbappé was left off a preseason tour to Japan and South Korea and forced to train with fringe players.

PSG said it would rather sell him than let the player leave for free in 2024, but he rejected a 300 million euro move to Saudi team Al-Hilal.

PSG left Mbappé out of the team's opening league game of that season as the standoff continued but eventually let him return to the lineup after "constructive and positive talks" between the two parties, PSG said at the time.

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sit comfortably atop Group B on six points. Anguilla (three points) and the Turks and Caicos Islands (zero) follow. Barbados, through goals from Carl Hinkson (15th), Niall Reid-Stephen (86th) and Khalil Vanderpool-Nurse

(90+3), topped US Virgin Islands 3-0 in Group A. Barbados now have six points, five ahead of Bahamas and US Virgin Islands with a point each.

Tiquanny Williams struck twice with goals in the 11th and 64th minutes, to propel St. Kitts and Nevis to a

2-0 win over the British Virgin Islands in Group C.

The win saw St. Kitts and Nevis (six points) move three points ahead of Cayman Islands (three points), as British Virgin Islands remain in the cellar without a point.

## Benna Boys lose again in CNL

Antigua and Barbuda's senior national team, the Benna Boys, suffered their second loss in as many matches at home in Group D of League B in the CONCACAF Nations League (CNL) on Tuesday.

After suffering a 2-1 loss to Dominica in their opening match on Saturday, Antigua and Barbuda lost one-nil against Bermuda in their second encounter at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters.

Kane Crichlow capitalized on some sloppy defending by the Benna Boys with some excellent dribbling to get past the Antigua and Barbuda defense and scored the lone goal of the match for Bermuda in the 56th minute.

Antigua and Barbuda nearly found the equalizer in the closing minutes when substitute forward Keon Greene connected with a volley but sent it wide in the 87th minute.

Antigua and Barbuda finished the match with 10 men after defender Vashami Allen received a red card in the sixth minute of added time (90+6 minutes) and will miss the team's next encounter.

The result marked a first win for Bermuda over Anti-



The Antigua and Barbuda starting XI against Bermuda in their Group D of League B match in the CONCACAF Nations League at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. (ABFA)

gua and Barbuda in an official match since 1992.

It also allows Bermuda to jump to second place in the four-team Group D on goal difference with three points, while Antigua and Barbuda remain in the cellar without a point.

The Dominican Republic consolidated their position in first place after recording their second win with a two-nil victory against Dominica in their Group D match at the same venue in Antigua earlier on Tuesday.

Both teams won their opening encounters, but it was the Dominican Republic who prevailed with a second consecutive victory.

Ronaldo Vásquez opened the scoring in the 11th minute, flicking the ball into the back of the net with the back of his foot.

Dorny Romero extended the lead in the 25th minute, striking inside the box to add to his tally as the Dominican Republic's leading scorer in the tournament.

Dominican Republic goalkeeper Xavier Valdez

also earned his first clean sheet of the campaign in the match.

The Dominican Republic occupy first place in Group D of League B with a perfect six points gained from two wins in as many games.

Meanwhile, Belize, Barbados, and St. Kitts and Nevis remained atop their respective League groups in League C.

Belize edged Anguilla 1-0 courtesy of Jordy Polanco's 26th-minute strike to  
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