

# SEN. MARSHALL PROPOSES MEASURE TO 'SHEPHERD' FIRST-TIME MOTHERS



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# Local News



## Minister of Social Transformation proposes measure to 'shepherd' first-time mothers

The Family and Social Services Unit in the Ministry of Social Transformation is proposing a new system of 'shepherding' of new mothers to help them cope with the challenges of parenthood.

Speaking in the Senate on Monday during debate on the Anti-Gang Bill, Minister of Social Transformation, Senator Samantha Marshall, said the proposal will specifically target first-time mothers of a 'certain age'.

"We have proposed that it be mandatory when parents are of a certain age,

especially when they are first-time parents, that we develop a system to follow them right through for at least two years. We will then know if they are coping, if they understand what it is to be parents and in addition to this, we should do more parenting classes; how do you cope? That will be among the topics," she explained.

Sen. Marshall noted that at a recent meeting convened by Prime Minister Gaston Browne and a team of interventionists with parents and members of gangs, only five parents attended, all of



Senator Samantha Marshall,

whom were mothers. There were no fathers present.

She further explained that as a lawyer handling family cases in the court system, she saw first-hand the harm caused by disputes

between fathers and mothers where the real victims end up being the children.

She made an appeal to all members of the Senate, including those on the oppositions bench, to join hands in a national effort to help bring an end to the many issues at the heart of youth violence and gang membership.

In a show of unity, opposition members not only supported the Bill, but they offered a number of recommendations to help solve the problem noting that these problems with young people affect the entire society.

## PM Browne invites Damani Tabor to join ABLP



Damani Tabor

Prime Minister and Political Leader of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, Gaston Browne, has extended an invitation to former Public Relations Officer of the United Progressive Party, Damani Tabor, to join the ruling party.

In a Facebook post, PM Browne remarked that Tabor was one of the UPP's 'best talents' and noted that the philosophy of the ABLP is that it is an 'all-inclusive, all-empowering institution'. "Therefore as someone who has the capacity to contribute to nation building, you are invited to join us. Blessings," PM Browne wrote.

Tabor on Monday tendered his resignation from the United Progressive Party (UPP) marking the latest in a steady stream of high-profile departures from the official opposition party.

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September 23, 2024

General Secretary  
United Progressive Party  
Belmont

Dear Madam,

I write to inform you that I'm tendering my resignation from the United Progressive Party with immediate effect.

I have come to this decision, unencumbered by the sunk cost fallacy, after weighing a multiplicity of factors and developments which critically impact the cohesion, performance and political viability of the Party.

Nevertheless, I reflect with gratitude on the opportunity to have served in several capacities within the branch, executive and parliamentary domains. My responsibilities as a member of the 2023 Campaign Management Committee and the St. Mary's South By-Election Strategy Team were particularly instructive and skill-refining.

Regarding intellectual property which I will no longer be administering, please note my recently sent email to facilitate your establishment of the Real News website on a new server. I have included links to the exported directories and SQL database. I have also included the transfer authorization code for [realnewsantigua.com](http://realnewsantigua.com). Transferring the domain must be completed before the next yearly expiration date of March 2, 2025.

Maintaining a healthy democracy is critical to nation-building. I am therefore hopeful, like most Antiguan & Barbudan citizens and residents, that a viable Opposition continues to be a part of our political landscape.

Sincerely,

Damani Tabor

## FM Greene addresses pressing global issues at high level round-table at the UN

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P Chet Greene strengthened an already compelling case for the global powers to act with urgency on the climate crisis confronting humanity.

Minister Greene made the case before a room of respected economists, policy makers and prominent political figures and hosted by business magnate Sir Richard Branson.

It was one of several engagements being held at the margins of the 79th Session of the United Nations which opened in New York City on Tuesday.

The minister forms part of Antigua and Barbuda's high-level delegation that is now representing the country at the UN General Assembly.

Speaking confidently and with a deep resolve after Antigua and Barbuda's successful hosting of the 4th International Conference on Small Island De-

veloping States, SIDS4, he expressed grave concerns over what he perceives as the world losing sight of the climate emergency that confronts everyone, especially small vulnerable island states like Antigua and Barbuda.

"Escalating geopolitical conflicts are overshadowing critical issues such as climate change and biodiversity loss, potentially undermining multilateral efforts to address the unique challenges facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS)," the Foreign Affairs Minister cautioned.

Minister Greene's remarks were delivered at the high-level roundtable convened by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Planetary Guardians, Future Earth, the Earth Commission, the Earth League and the International Science Council.

Ultimately, it is seeking to accelerate ambitious and cohesive action in address-



ing poverty, equality and planetary stability.

Voicing his agreement for the objective of the meeting, Minister Greene noted: "The time is now to elevate a vision of effective multilateralism that recognizes the interdependence of planetary stability, poverty eradication, and human well-being."

Minister Greene highlighted that this pressing global issue was a key factor in Antigua and Barbuda's decision to host SIDS4.

He noted with satisfaction that the outcomes of this landmark conference are already bearing fruit.

But he stressed that a

sustained effort and an unwavering global commitment are required in building on the progress that was achieved in Antigua and Barbuda.

"Colleagues, achieving planetary stability will require radical transformation on multiple fronts, including in our energy systems, consumption patterns, and economic structures. International cooperation will be essential, particularly in addressing the unequal contributions to climate change and environmental degradation," Minister Greene offered.

"In addition, we must tackle the political and economic systems that perpetuate inequality, poverty, and injustice, which are increasingly contributing to civil strife and a backsliding of democracy worldwide," he further underscored in making his point for the need to intensify global action on the pressing issues facing SIDS.

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In a letter to the organization's General Secretary, Tabor cites the diminished 'cohesion, performance and political viability of the Party' as the rationale for his departure.

The first significant departure came when Member of Parliament for All Saints West constituency, Anthony Smith, Jnr., left the party in July and declared himself as an independent member of the House of Rep-

resentatives. He subsequently accepted an invitation to join the Cabinet as Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and the Blue Economy.

Since then there have been several other notable members of the party who have resigned from the UPP. Almost to a man, they have all pointed to issues with the leadership of the party as the main reasons for their departures.



# Local News



## Security officers receiving French classes ahead of deployment to Haiti

Local security officers drawn from the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force and the police are undergoing classes in French prior to their deployment to Haiti on peace keeping missions.

Two officials of the French Embassy in St. Lucia held discussions on Monday with Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Clarence Henry and Senior Foreign Service Communications Officer, Alyssa Weste, on the matter.

“The government of Antigua and Barbuda is pleased to be associated with this effort, being done in association with the French embassy in St. Lucia, in collaboration with International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF) to train our security forces in the French language and culture,” he remarked.

Amb. Pilgrim said it is important for the security forces to be immersed in the French language and culture that will enable them to communicate better with the people of Haiti when they arrive. “This will allow them to be able to speak with the people of Haiti as well as to understand the culture of the people of that CARICOM country,” he stated.

Amb. Pilgrim calls the initiative ‘a tremendous



effort’ noting that Haiti, as a CARICOM nation is currently experiencing a breakdown in its political and social structures. The work of the security forces is to join a CARICOM peace keeping mission to the country which is likely to depart for Haiti early in 2025.

“With this mission, Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of CARICOM are extending a helping hand to our sister country which at this present time is experiencing some instability and political difficulties. We hope that this mission will help see a return of good governance and stability to Haiti,” he emphasized.

Weste explained that there is currently an agreement between the OIF and the ABDF to enhance the language and intercultural skills of uniformed personnel who will be deployed as part of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission in Haiti.

“Approximately 35 officers are undergoing this French language, culture and Creole training from the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force and the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda. The programme commenced on 23rd September and will run until November 2024,” she revealed.

Weste noted that during the meeting, possible ave-

nues of educational cooperation between the French Embassy, IOF and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda were discussed to foster interconnectivity between the English and French-speaking CARICOM Member States and increase the knowledge of French language and culture locally.

The French team to St. John’s was led by Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of France in St. Lucia, Domenico Ditaranto, and Programme Office, International Organisation of La Francophonie, Adèle Guillaume.

The classes are held at the ABDF headquarters at Crabbes.



## ABTA launches second edition of Schools Art Week competition

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) announces the second edition of its Antigua and Barbuda Art Week (ABAW) Schools Art Competition, which is open to students and runs from September 17 to November 15, 2024. Building on the success of its inaugural year, the competition is designed to inspire, showcase, and celebrate the artistic talent of young students from across Antigua and Barbuda.

The Schools Art Competition is open to all primary and secondary school students across the twin-island nation. This year, the competition will feature an exciting new theme—"Made in Antigua and Barbuda"—challenging students to be creative as they reflect on Antigua and Barbuda's culture, lifestyle, landscape, innovations, people, and so much more.

Participants are encouraged to explore the mediums of painting, drawing, mixed media, within their presentations using quick-drying paint, watercolor/ acrylic paint, crayon pencils/wax crayons or collage.

"The Schools Art Competition offers young artists an invaluable platform to showcase their skills and creativity," said Maria Blackman, Marketing Communications Manager and Antigua and Barbuda Art Week Committee Member. "We are passionate about encouraging



young talent, and this competition as well as other events during the week will allow the youth to engage with our culture while exploring their own artistic potential.

Mauricia Frith Schools Art Competition Committee Lead said, "The judges and committee were impressed by the creativity of entrants last year. We look forward to seeing the growth in the work of returning student artists, reviewing new entries and being inspired by the sense of national pride and culture that will be on show in each work of art."

The categories for this year's competition are ages 7-9, 10-12, 13-17.

In addition to the competition, ABAW 2024 will feature school visits and interactive workshops with estab-

lished local artists, offering students the chance to refine their craft.

The competition will be judged by an esteemed panel of judges to include visual arts teachers and local artists. Winners of the competition will be announced at a special awards ceremony during Antigua and Barbuda Art Week, where the outstanding works will be exhibited alongside professional artists' displays at the V. C Bird International Airport. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category. Prizes include art supplies, and the chance for the winning pieces to also be featured in prominent local galleries and business places, further elevating the profiles of these young artists.



# Local News



## ABHTA unveils Hospitality Professionals Series

The Antigua & Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA) has announced the launch of Season 2 of the Unveiling Hospitality Professionals Series. This celebrated initiative, which earned the ABHTA the prestigious People Development & Support Award at the Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF), returns to showcase the extraordinary talent and dedication of professionals in Antigua and Barbuda's hospitality sector.

Season 2 will highlight outstanding individuals from a broad spectrum of

careers within the industry, including Hotels, Yachting, Cruise, Airline, Taxi Operations, and Vendors. From hotel managers, marketing and rooms division managers to cruise ship personnel, taxi drivers, and vendors, the series will shine a spotlight on the essential roles these professionals play in maintaining Antigua and Barbuda's reputation as a world-class destination.

ABHTA Chairman Craig Marshall emphasized the significance of the series, stating, "The Unveiling Hospitality Professionals Series goes beyond high-

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# Commentary

## Rockus in De Party – Chaos in De Party – Part 2: Who's Next to Go?

By Embert

The United Progressive Party (UPP) is currently in a state of disarray, with multiple high-profile resignations and the potential for even more to come. As predicted over the last few weeks, the party seems to be unraveling. The recent departure of Damani Tabor following Sunday's management meeting was expected, and it's just the latest in a series of chaotic Sunday afternoons that have plagued the UPP for the past three months. These meetings, which should be about moving the party forward, have instead turned into shouting matches filled with name-calling, threats, and bitter disputes.

It has become increasingly clear that Jamale Pringle is struggling to lead the

party, and D. Giselle Isaac, the party's Chairman, has only contributed to the ongoing dysfunction. Together, they seem to be steering the UPP into deeper chaos. With further resignations anticipated in the coming week, it's becoming more apparent that the UPP's internal issues are not just a phase but a deep-rooted problem. How long before the party's loyal supporters recognize the magnitude of this crisis?

Sunday's management meeting appears to have been the breaking point for many within the party. Some members are reportedly preparing to leave before getting caught in what is being described as a "purge."

Here are some significant developments:

1. Algernon "Serpent"

Watts and Kelvin "Shuggy" Simon have decided to become independent members of parliament and are planning to request the Governor-General to remove Pringle as Leader of the Opposition.

2. They have given Pringle a three-week deadline to step down or they will take action to fulfill their threat.

3. The Chairman has urged the Political Leader to stand his ground and call their bluff.

4. The Chairman has expressed that she would rather see the party "mashed up" than submit to the demands of what she called "dunces" like Serpent and Shuggy.

5. She believes that she was the primary force behind the UPP's near suc-

cess in the last election, crediting herself more than Harold Lovell or anyone else for the party's performance.

6. The Chairman has made it clear that she still holds Harold Lovell responsible for losing his seat—and the election—by just six votes, and she is determined to prevent him from ever returning as Political Leader.

7. She is also reportedly waiting for Sean Bird's formal resignation from the party.

8. Furthermore, she voiced her distrust of Richard Lewis, stating that someone who is loyal to Jamaica, having married a Jamaican and fathered children born in Jamaica, should never be allowed to lead the UPP.

9. In a surprising twist, Richard Lewis has been quietly attempting to negotiate with the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) for a diplomatic post while hoping to retain his Rural West Constituency.

In a dramatic turn of events, it has come to light that Serpent, Shuggy, and Richard are discussing the possibility of forming a new political party if Pringle and Giselle remain in leadership roles within the UPP.

With further resignations looming, the question must be asked: How much lower can the UPP sink?

Stay tuned... more at eleven!!!

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lighting individual successes; it celebrates the very essence of Antigua and Barbuda's hospitality industry. Through these weekly stories over the next 11 weeks, our goal is to inspire future generations and foster continuous growth within the sector. We are proud to have the support of our members and partner organizations in this award-winning initiative and look forward to showcasing the exceptional stories of our local professionals."

The Unveiling Hospitality Professionals Series is a key initiative to inspire, develop, and recognize the industry's talent. Key Benefits of the Programme Include:

Professional Development: Featured professionals will gain valuable exposure,

enhancing their career growth.

Inspiration: Their stories will serve as motivation for future generations to pursue careers in hospitality and tourism.

Recognition: The series brings well-deserved acknowledgment to individuals whose hard work drives Antigua and Barbuda's tourism success.

The ABHTA invites the public to follow the series as it unfolds over the next 11 weeks, celebrating the dedication and excellence of those who are the backbone of our hospitality industry.

Viewers can watch each released video starting September 25, 2024 and every Wednesday thereafter on our YouTube channel @antiguabarbudahotels and on our social media pages @antiguahotels and @antiguahoteljobs.



# Feature



## St. Kitts and Nevis at 41: Charting a Future of Prosperity and Unity

As St. Kitts and Nevis celebrate 41 years of independence, the nation stands as a testament to resilience. Ranked 51st globally in the UN's 2023/2024 Human Development Report, the twin-island state leads the Caribbean in development indicators, showing that small nations can achieve great things.

### Economic Progress and Setbacks

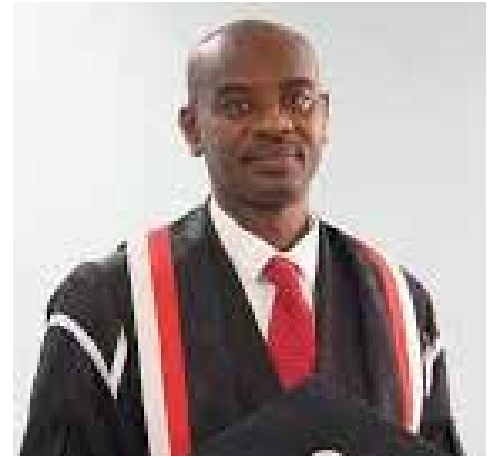
Since independence, St. Kitts and Nevis has experienced robust growth, particularly in the 1980s and early 2000s. However, the COVID-19 pandemic led to a sharp 14.5% decline in GDP in 2020. Thankfully, recovery has been strong, with growth rates of 9% in 2022 and 4.5% in 2023, signaling a return to economic health.

### Key Challenges: Crime and Political Partisanship

Despite economic gains, the country faces critical challenges. Rising violent crime, particularly among the youth, threatens social stability and public safety. Addressing this requires a focus on education, employment, and social inclusion. Additionally, political partisanship remains an obstacle to progress. National interests must rise above party lines to ensure collaborative leadership and lasting development.

### Embracing Technology and Sustainability

Looking to the future, the country must harness the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital transformation, and sustainable energy. Investing in digital infrastructure and AI will boost sectors like tourism and agriculture, while green energy projects can



Prof. C. Justin Robinson

protect the environment and create jobs. St. Kitts and Nevis is well-positioned to lead the Caribbean in these areas, especially given its vulnerability to climate change.

### The Role of UWI Five Islands in Building Human Capital

Building human capital will be a key element of future success. The University of the West Indies (UWI) Five Islands Campus can play a pivotal role by expanding programs in AI, digital skills, and sustainability, equipping citizens for the jobs of tomorrow. With support, UWI can drive innovation and entrepreneurship, ensuring the country's workforce is prepared for the future.

### A Call to Action

To secure a prosperous future, St. Kitts and Nevis must address crime, reduce political divisions, and embrace the opportunities of technology and sustainability. The nation's greatest asset is its people, and investing in education and skills development through institutions like UWI Five Islands is critical to achieving lasting success. The foundation has been laid—now is the time to unite and chart a course toward a bright, sustainable future.

*Prof. C. Justin Robinson  
Principal, UWI Five  
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# Opinion



## Foot in mouth, coming and going

By Tony Deyal

A closed mouth gathers no feet. An open mouth can get you a 'Foot In Mouth Award' like the former chairman of the England cricket team, Ted Dexter.

Actually, he was the first to get the Plain English Campaign for a "baffling comment by a public figure".

As the senior person in the Marleybone Cricket Club (MCC), he tried to explain why England lost a game by saying, "Maybe we are in the wrong sign. Maybe Venus is in the wrong juxtaposition with someone else. I don't know."

The winner in 1998 was Parliamentarian Rhodri Morgan. When asked if he would like to be leader of the Welsh Assembly, he replied, "Does a one-legged duck swim in circles?"

In the Caribbean, one-legged ducks don't ever last as long as even a half-circle. It's food for thought.

Just like Naomi Campbell, the English supermodel, who picked up the award in 2006 for gushing, "I love England, especially the food. There's nothing I like more than a lovely bowl of pasta." Unfortunately, the origin was way "pasta" her knowledge, since it started in China and then settled for good in Italy since 800 AD.

However, I cannot end

without following suit or, better yet 'soot', with Donald Trump.

In 2016 when Trump was campaigning for the 2016 US presidential election, he was "unrivalled" as the winner of any 'Plain English Campaign' then, now or ever.

He started on the Mexican immigrants the same way he is now going after the Haitians with, "They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists."

Then he added, "And some, I assume, are good people." That did not stop him from demanding that they get their 'ass-ume' back to Mexico. He went after former Navy Officer, Senator John McCain, by claiming, "He's not a war hero. He was a war hero before he was captured. I like people who weren't captured." I hope that, unlike the Senator, Trump is not just captured but jailed.

In some ways, Trump is very much like the Ig Noble Prizes, except he is very much unlike them. He is a 'show' horse and not a 'sure' prize.

He might make you laugh but will never make you think about anything but him. In fact, there are some of the prize winners who, like Trump, will never ever stop you from laughing. For example, the president of Belarus in Eastern Europe won a



Tony Deyal

prize for making it illegal to applaud in public.

He did the same with the country's State Police for arresting a one-armed man for applauding. Two psychology experts were awarded for finding out that 'leaning to the left makes the Eiffel Tower seem smaller'.

When it came to literature, writers like me can't beat the US Government Accountability Office. They issued a report about reports about reports that recommends the preparation of a report about the report about reports about reports.

Another group, on the eastern shore of North-east Europe in the appropriate 'Baltic' Sea, got a Peace prize for demonstrating that the problem of illegally parked luxury cars can be solved by running them

over a tank.

In reading about it, I first thought that the organisation had spelt "Peace" incorrectly. The final two for this column were the biologists who discovered that fleas which live on dogs jump higher than fleas that live on cats, and vets from the UK who found that cows with names give more milk than cows that are nameless. Given their success with their work, I have to kowtow to them and all the others.

But not for long. As B.B. King said, "The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."

Despite the possibility of being swamped by millions of feet in my mouth, I like the idea of finding questions that make me think and then laugh.

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In fact, the louder the better, like, “Do pilots take crash courses?” Or, if a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled? If money doesn’t grow on trees, then why do banks have branches?

One that I heard from my mother when she tried to wake my father after a night of drinking was, “You forget you had to go to work this morning. You sleep like a baby!” And I, a baby at that time, knew that I only sleep for two hours before waking up and shouting for “Mummy” or the equivalent of “breast, breast”.

There are some questions that make us think but not really go any further, “How can you tell when you run out of invisible ink? What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

Why does ‘slow down’ and ‘slow up’ mean the same thing? Why is it called ‘lipstick’ if you can still move your lips? And why is it that night falls but day breaks?

This is my I recommend that you don’t jump at the first answer you think about in questions like the following.

What’s a thing that you can find in a man’s pants but not in a woman’s pockets. Next, what’s a four-letter word that ends in “k” and means the same as intercourse? Talk (and sometimes more talk).

This is one for the books. What is hairy on the outside and soft and wet on the inside? It starts with the letter “C” and ends with “T”? Coconut. Very similar in the question but not the answer is, “Arnold Schwarzenegger has a big one. Donald Trump has a small one. And Madonna doesn’t have one at all. What is it?” Last name.

Here’s a baddie. I go in hard but come out soft, and I never mind if you want to blow me. What am I? Chewing gum. For men in the night, here’s one. What goes up, lets out load, and then goes back? Not daddy.

It’s just an elevator.

For the youngsters in the back of the car, here’s one for them. What gets longer if pulled, fits snugly between breasts, slides neatly into a hole, chokes people when used incorrectly, and works really well when jerked? Not just a belt, but a seatbelt.

Unfortunately, these are easy compared with the really important ones, like “What happens after death? Is there a God, and, if so, what is the nature of God? What is the origin of the universe? Do aliens exist except in the cinema or TV? How did life originate on Earth?” The one I heard at a school in Canada when the teacher asked the class, “What is dark matter?” They all looked at me and laughed.

*Tony Deyal stayed far from games with friends who asked, “Where is your favourite place to kiss someone?” and “Have you used handcuffs before?”*



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# Technology



## US to ban Chinese tech in cars

By Natalie Sherman

The US is planning to ban certain hardware and software made in China and Russia from cars, trucks and buses in the US due to security risks.

Officials said they were worried that the technology in question, used for autonomous driving and to connect cars to other networks, could allow enemies to “remotely manipulate cars on American roads”.

There is currently minimal use of Chinese or Russia-made software in American cars.

But Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said the plans were “targeted, proactive” steps to protect the US.

“Cars today have cameras, microphones, GPS tracking, and other technologies connected to the internet,” she said in a statement.

“It doesn’t take much imagination to understand how a foreign adversary with access to this information could pose a serious risk to both our national security and the privacy of US citizens.”

Chinese officials said the US was

broadening “the concept of national security” to unfairly target Chinese firms.

“China opposes the US’s broadening of the concept of national security and the discriminatory actions taken against Chinese companies and products,” said Lin Jian, spokesman for China’s Foreign Ministry, in a statement.

“We urge the US side to respect market principles and provide an open, fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese enterprises.”

The proposal, which will now enter a comment period, is the latest from the White House aiming to limit China’s presence in the car manufacturing supply chain.

The White House has also raised tariffs on electric cars, batteries for electric vehicle and a range of other items. It has separately banned the import of Chinese-made cargo cranes, warning of cyber-security risk.

The US launched an investigation in February examining the cyber risks

from so-called connected cars.

The prohibitions on software would go into effect with model year 2027, while the hardware rules would be effective three years later, giving the industry more time to re-work their supply chains.

John Bozzella, president and chief executive of Alliance for Automotive Innovation, which represents big car companies, said that though there was “very little technology - hardware or software in today’s connected vehicle supply chain that enters the US from China” the rule would force some firms to find new suppliers.

“I’ve said this in other contexts, but it applies here too: you can’t just flip a switch and change the world’s most complex supply chain overnight,” he said.

“The lead time included in the proposed rule will allow some auto manufacturers to make the required transition but may be too short for others,” he said. He said association would continue to share its perspective as the final rules are developed.



## Countries adopt 'Pact for the Future' to transform global governance

CMC - Caribbean heads were among world leaders who on Sunday adopted a 'Pact for the Future' to tackle 21st-century challenges, including conflicts and artificial intelligence

Barbados' Prime Minister, Mia Mottley called for a change of attitude and values as the world confronts those challenges.

The pact is the most wide-ranging international agreement in many years, covering entirely new areas as well as issues on which agreement has not been possible in decades. It aims to ensure that international institutions can deliver in the face of a world that has changed dramatically.

The agreement is the culmination of an inclusive, years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow, the UN said.

Leaders have set out a vision of an international system that can deliver on its promises, is more representative of today's world and draws on the energy and expertise of governments, civil society and other key partners.

"The 'Pact for the Future', the 'Global Digital Compact', and the 'Declaration on Future Generations' open the door to new opportunities and untapped possibilities," said Secretary-General, Antonio Gu-



UN Secretary-General, António Guterres. Photo: CMC

terres during his remarks at the opening of the summit.

The 42-page pact covers a broad range of issues including peace and security, sustainable development, climate change, digital cooperation, human rights, gender, youth and future generations, and the transformation of global governance.

It includes 56 actions on issues including eradicating poverty; mitigating climate change; achieving gender equality; promoting peace and protecting civilians; and reinvigorating the multilateral system to "seize the opportunities of today and tomorrow".

The pact also has two accompanying annexes, a 'Global Digital Compact' – the first comprehensive global framework for digital cooperation and AI governance – and the 'Declaration on Future

Generations', with concrete steps to take account of future generations in decision-making, including a possible envoy for future generations.

Addressing the closing ceremony of the two-day summit, Mottley insisted that the world can change, "but it needs our energy, our commitment".

"I believe that it is possible for us to have a win-win; I believe that hope can be restored, but I do recognise that we are at an inflection point. And those who have power and want to maintain the status quo, even though they do not yet have a plan for us to live on Mars, they are adamant on not creating the space or the policy flexibility, or the access to the funding necessary for us to bring along others."

"It is unconscionable for us not to recognise that

unless we can provide the basics of food, water, shelter, electricity to all people on this earth, we cannot talk about being a successful generation in human civilisation," the Barbadian leader said.

The Summit brought together over 4000 individuals from heads of state and government, observers, IGOs, UN System, civil society and non-governmental organisations.

In a broader push to increase the engagement of diverse actors, the formal summit was preceded by the action days from September 20 to 21, which attracted more than 7,000 individuals representing all segments of society.

The action days featured strong commitments to action by all stakeholders, as well as pledges of US\$1.05 billion to advance digital inclusion.

# Regional News



## Hurricane watches issued as storm nears Cuba and Mexico

Hurricane watches were issued for parts of Cuba and Mexico on Monday as a cluster of storms located south of the Cayman Islands could strengthen into a major hurricane in upcoming days while moving north toward the US, weather forecasters said.

The disturbance could become Hurricane Helene on Wednesday as it approaches the Gulf Coast, according to the National Hurricane Centre.

“It could certainly become a major hurricane, which is Category 3,” Brad Reinhart, a senior hurricane specialist at the centre, said in a phone interview. “People in the Florida Panhandle and the west coast of Florida certainly need to pay close attention.”

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency in 41 counties on Monday as a result of the expected storm.

Reinhart said that it’s too early to forecast where it might make landfall. He warned “there’s always some potential” for it to strengthen into a Category 4 storm, but added that it might not be the most likely outcome.

He said the disturbance could become a tropical storm by Tuesday, and that tropical storm conditions could affect parts of Florida on Wednesday as it approaches. It could turn into a major hurricane by the time it reaches the northeast Gulf Coast on Thursday.

“It’s a pretty aggressive forecast for intensification over the next few days,” he said. “People need to remain on high alert.”

Very warm sea temperatures are forecast to fuel formation of a tropical storm, which is forecast to quickly strengthen into a hurricane thanks to favourable conditions that include a moist atmosphere, which supports thunderstorm developments, and light



This image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a cluster of storms located south of the Cayman Islands which are expected to strengthen in upcoming days, Monday, September 23, 2024. Photo: NOAA/AP

upper-level winds at more than 10,000 feet (around 3,000 metres), Reinhart said.

The cluster of storms was located about 110 miles (175 kilometres) south-southwest of Grand Cayman on Monday. It had maximum sustained winds of 30 mph (45 kph) and was moving north at 6 mph (9 kph).

A hurricane watch was in effect for the Cuban province of Pinar del Rio and eastern Mexico from Cabo Catoche to Tulum. A tropical storm warning was in effect for eastern Mexico from Rio Lagartos to Tulum and for the Cuban provinces of Artemisa, Pinar del Rio and the Isle of Youth.

Up to eight inches of rain is forecast for western Cuba and the Cayman Islands with isolated total of some 12 inches (30 centimetres). Up to 4 inches (10 centimetres) of rain is expected for the eastern Yucatán Peninsula, with isolated total of more than 6 inches (15 centimetres) inches.

Heavy rainfall also is forecast for

the Southeast US starting on Wednesday, threatening flash and river flooding, according to the National Hurricane Centre.

Meanwhile, up to 4 feet (1.2 metres) of storm surge is forecast for parts of Cuba and Mexico.

On Monday, authorities in the Cayman Islands closed schools as forecasters warned of heavy flooding associated with the disturbance, which is due to cut a path between Cuba and Mexico’s Yucatán Peninsula in upcoming days.

Helene would be the eighth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season which runs from June 1 to November 30.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted an above-average Atlantic hurricane season this year because of record-warm ocean temperatures. It forecast 17 to 25 named storms, with four to seven major hurricanes of Category 3 or higher.



## Zelensky to present 'victory plan' to Biden, Harris and Trump

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is set to present a "plan for victory" in the country's war with Russia to President Joe Biden during this week's visit to the US.

Zelensky also intends to present the plan to Congress and the two candidates in the US presidential election: Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump.

He is expected to ramp up efforts to persuade the US and its allies to allow Ukraine to fire the missiles they supplied deep into Russian territory for the first time in the war.

Zelensky's visit to the US coincides with efforts from the White House to prepare a new \$375m (£283m) military aid package for Ukraine.

This autumn would "determine the future of this war," Zelensky wrote in a post on X.

In a statement ahead of the visit, the Ukrainian leader previewed three elements to his plan: further weapons donations, diplomatic efforts to force Russia to agree to peace, and holding Moscow accountable for its full-scale invasion in 2022.

Ukraine has been pleading for months for the US, UK and other Western allies to ease restrictions on the use of long-range



Before meeting Biden, the Ukrainian president visited a munitions factory in Pennsylvania.

missiles so it can strike targets in Russia which Kyiv says are used to launch attacks.

Earlier in September, Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Western countries that he would consider long-range missile strikes to be "direct participation" by the Nato military alliance in the war.

When asked by reporters on Sunday whether he had made a decision on allowing Ukraine to use US-made long-range weapons, Biden answered: "No."

Trump has previously criticised US support for Ukraine and spoken highly

of Putin, but said he would "probably" meet Zelensky.

The ex-president previously flagged his own plan to end the war "within 24 hours" if re-elected in November, but has not given details.

According to Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who he met in March, Trump has vowed to "not give a penny in the Ukraine-Russia war. That is why the war will end".

Zelensky's statement also voiced gratitude for the support from Ukraine's allies to date, singling out the US in particular as its "leading supporter".

The US has been the largest foreign donor to Ukraine, and to date has provided \$56bn for its defence.

After arriving in the US on Sunday, Zelensky stopped in Biden's birth town of Scranton, Pennsylvania, to visit a munitions factory involved in supplying the Ukrainian war effort.

After Washington, Zelensky is expected to head to New York and the United Nations for a planned meeting of the Security Council on Tuesday and a speech at the General Assembly on Wednesday.



Roads in southern Lebanon are gridlocked as people seek safety further north.

## Israeli air strikes kill 492 people in Lebanon

By David Gritten

At least 492 people have been killed in intense and wide-ranging Israeli air strikes targeting Hezbollah in Lebanon, the country's health ministry says, in the deadliest day of conflict there in almost 20 years.

Thousands of families have also fled their homes as the Israeli military said it hit 1,300 Hezbollah targets in an operation to destroy infrastructure that the armed group had built up since the 2006 war.

Hezbollah, meanwhile, launched more than 200 rockets into northern Israel, according to the military. Paramedics said two people were injured by shrapnel.

World powers have been urging restraint as both sides appear to be spiralling closer towards all-out war.

Lebanon's health ministry said 35 children and 58 women were among the dead, while 1,645 others had been wounded.

It did not report how many of the

casualties were civilians or combatants.

Health Minister Firass Abiad said thousands of families had also been displaced by the strikes.

UN Secretary General António Guterres expressed alarm at the escalating situation and said he did not want Lebanon to "become another Gaza".

EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell said the "escalation is extremely dangerous and worrying" ahead of a gathering of world leaders at the UN in New York, adding "we are almost in a full-fledged war".

President Joe Biden said the US was "working to de-escalate in a way that allows people to return home safely", while the Pentagon announced it was sending "a small number" of additional troops to the Middle East "out of an abundance of caution".

Nearly a year of cross-border fighting between Israel and Hezbollah sparked by the war in Gaza has killed

hundreds of people, most of them Hezbollah fighters, and displaced tens of thousands on both sides of the frontier.

Hezbollah has said it is acting in support of Hamas and will not stop until there is a ceasefire in Gaza. Both groups are backed by Iran and proscribed as terrorist organisations by Israel, the UK and other countries.

The Pentagon said it was sending "a small number" of additional US troops to the Middle East amid the growing crisis.

"In light of increased tension in the Middle East and out of an abundance of caution, we are sending a small number of additional US military personnel forward to augment our forces that are already in the region," said Pentagon spokesman Maj Gen Pat Ryder in a briefing with reporters.

He would not answer any follow-up questions on the specifics.

Lebanese media said the first wave of Israeli air strikes began at around

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06:30 local time (03:30 GMT) on Monday.

"It was horrifying, the missiles flew over our heads. We woke up to the sound of bombings, we didn't expect this," one woman said.

Dozens of towns, villages and open areas were targeted throughout the day in the districts of Sidon, Marjayoun, Nabatieh, Bint Jbeil, Tyre, Jezzine and Zahrani in southern Lebanon, as well as the Zahle, Baalbek and Hermel districts in the eastern Bekaa Valley, according to the state-run National News Agency (NNA).

In the evening, it reported that a building in the Bir al-Abed area of the southern suburbs of the capital, Beirut, was hit by several missiles.

Lebanese security sources said the strike targeted Hezbollah's top commander in southern Lebanon, Ali Karaki, but that it was not clear whether he was killed. Hezbollah's media office said Karaki was "fine" and had "moved to a safe place".

From the south to Beirut, roads were congested as people desperately tried to leave amid the bombardment and after receiving audio and text messages from the Israeli military warning them to move away immediately from buildings where Hezbollah was storing weapons.

A family of four riding on a motorbike spoke to the BBC in Beirut during a brief stop on their way to the northern city of Tripoli.



The roof of a house in northern Israel was destroyed by a rocket fired from Lebanon.

"What do you want us to say? We just had to flee," the father said anxiously.

Information Minister Ziad Makary said his ministry had received an Israeli phone call urging it to evacuate its building in Beirut. However, he insisted that it would not comply with what he called "a psychological war".

Prime Minister Najib Mikati, meanwhile, told a cabinet meeting: "The continued Israeli aggression on Lebanon is a war of extermination in every sense of the word."

"We are working as a government to stop this new Israeli war and to avoid descending into the unknown," he added.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a statement on Monday evening that its aircraft had carried out strikes on approximately 1,300 Hezbollah "terror targets" in southern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley where it claimed that rockets, mis-

siles, launchers, and drones were hidden.

"Essentially, we are targeting combat infrastructure that Hezbollah has been building for the past 20 years. This is very significant," the IDF's Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Herzi Halevi, told commanders in Tel Aviv.

"Ultimately, everything is focused on creating the conditions to return the residents of the north to their homes."

IDF spokesman Rear Adm Daniel Hagari said videos from southern Lebanon showed "significant secondary explosions caused by Hezbollah's weapons that were being stored inside the buildings".

"It is likely that some of the casualties are from these secondary explosions," he added.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged the people of Lebanon to "get out of harm's way now".

"For too long, Hezbollah has been using you as human shields. It placed rockets in your living rooms and missiles in your garage," he said. "To defend our people against Hezbollah strikes, we must take out these weapons."

A senior Israeli military official insisted that the IDF was "currently focusing on Israel's aerial campaign only" after being asked by reporters if a ground invasion of southern Lebanon was imminent to create a buffer zone.

The official said Israel had three aims - to degrade Hezbollah's ability to fire rockets and missiles over the Lebanon-Israel border, to push its fighters back from the frontier, and to destroy the infrastructure built by Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force which could be used to attack Israeli communities.

Hezbollah did not comment on the Israeli claims

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# Sports News



## Transport Board returns to winning form in Business Basketball League

Defending champions, the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board, rebounded from their first loss to claim their second win in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League on Sunday night.

After suffering a 57-64 loss to Anjo Wholesale in their previous outing, the Transport Board returned to winning form with a 66-44 victory against the Fearless Crew in the third game of triple header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Devorn Benjamin shot a game-high 32 points with four assists and three steals,

and Leroy Percival converted 12 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Transport Board.

Joel Christian and Naeem Joseph each converted 12 points for the Fearless Crew, who lost for the second time in three games.

Anjo Wholesale and H. Wright Promotions extended their unbeaten runs in Sunday's other two matches.

Anjo Wholesale recorded their third win in as many outings with a 78-49 victory against the Sledge O'Ballerz.

Ismael Palemo converted 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Steven Matthew produced 18 points, five as-

sists, and four steals; Dami-on Floyd had 12 points and six rebounds; and Tequan Brodie chipped in with 11 points, seven rebounds, and five assists for Anjo Wholesale.

Kareem Edwards and Tyler Jacobs each scored 12 points, and Coy Quinland sank 10 points for the Sledge O'Ballerz, who suffered their second loss in three games.

H. Wright Promotions notched up their fourth win in as many games by snatching a narrow 52-51 victory against the Lava Smoke Shop.

Javonte Daley sank 12 points, and Donte Trimmingham and Jevonte Valerie

each had 11 points and five rebounds for H. Wright Promotions.

Lincoln Weekes produced a game-high 23 points, and Delornje Jules scored 12 points for the Lava Smoke Shop, which suffered their third loss in as many games.

The business basketball league will continue with another triple header at the JSC Sports Complex this evening (Tuesday).

The Fearless Crew will take on Anjo Wholesale at 6:30 pm, the Board of Education will face the Sledge O'Ballerz at 7:30 pm, and H. Wright Promotions will meet the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board at 8:30 pm.

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that it had hidden weapons in houses, and its media office had announced the death of only one fighter by Monday evening.

But in a sign that it is unlikely to back down, it said it had responded to the "Israeli enemy's attacks" by firing barrages of rockets at several Israeli military bases in northern Israel, as well as a weapons manufacturing facility in the coastal Zvulun area, north of the city of Haifa.

The IDF said 210 projectiles had crossed from Lebanon by the evening, and that an unspecified number had landed in the Lower Galilee and Upper Galilee regions, in Haifa and the nearby areas of Carmel, HaAmakim and Hamifratz areas, and in the occupied Golan Heights.

One house was badly damaged by a rocket in Givat Avni, in the Lower Galilee.

Resident David Yitzhak told the BBC that he, his wife and six-year-old daughter were unharmed because they had managed to get behind the solid door of the house's safe room seconds earlier, when a warning siren sounded.

"It's a metre from life to death," he said.

Israel's ambulance service said it treated two people with shrapnel wounds in the Lower and Upper Galilee regions, and that another person was injured as they rushed to a shelter.

On Sunday, Hezbollah launched more than 150 rockets and drones across the border, while Israeli jets struck hundreds of targets across southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah remains a powerful force, despite being weakened by what Israel's defence minister described as "the most difficult week" for the group since its establishment.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 39

people were killed and thousands were wounded after thousands of paggers and walkie-talkies used by Hezbollah exploded. And on Friday, Hezbollah said at least 16 members, including top commanders of its elite Radwan Force, were among 45 people killed in an Israeli air strike in southern Beirut.

Speaking at a funeral on Sunday, Hezbollah's deputy leader Naim Qassem said the group would not be deterred.

"We have entered a new phase," he said, "the title of which is the open-ended battle of reckoning."

On the streets of Beirut, one young man told the BBC that he was "very scared of the war escalating" because it would "cause a lot of disaster, it will stop students going to university".

But another man was defiant, saying: "We're not scared, we have to stand tall, we have to defend ourselves."





Captain of the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots Andre Fletcher bats against the Trinbago Knight Riders in their CPL match at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, Trinidad, on Sunday, September 23, 2024. (CPLT20/Getty Images)

## Trinbago Knight Riders beat Patriots despite Fletcher's heroic knock

A high scoring affair in the second match of the day in the 2024 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) saw Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR) end the season for the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots with a seven-wicket defeat at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad on Sunday night.

After winning their first match of the competition the Patriots have lost every game since, but this defeat in Tarouba seemed particularly cruel after they posted a sizeable 193 for four off their 20 overs.

Captain Andre Fletcher led from the front with a brilliant innings of 93 from 61 balls that included six sixes and four fours.

Fletcher was denied a deserved century, falling short by seven runs when Chris Jordan had him caught by Kieron Pollard on the long off boundary off the last ball of the Patriots' innings.

Kyle Myers slammed 60 off 30 balls, including eight fours and three sixes, and Rilee Rossouw struck 20 off 11 balls. Jordan was the pick of the Knight Riders bowlers to finish with two for 29.

The Knight Riders were clinical in their chase, achieving victory at 197 for three in 18.3 overs.

Jason Roy cracked 64 from 34 deliveries at the top of the order before Nicholas Pooran, who was dropped

four times, finished the job in some style, striking a flat six down the ground to finish the match.

Pooran was Player of the Match, hitting seven sixes and six fours to finish undefeated on 93 off just 43 deliveries.

The Patriots will rue the dropped catches and the missed opportunity to finish a tough campaign with a victory over one of the favourite sides.

The Knight Riders will benefit from a Net Run Rate boost, having hauled down the sizeable target with nine balls remaining, they now sit on 10 points alongside the Barbados Royals and the Guyana Amazon Warriors.



Players of the Jennings Grenades football team

## Grenades return to action in Caribbean Cup

Antigua and Barbuda's Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades will resume their quest for success in the CONCACAF Caribbean Cup in the Dominican Republic on Tuesday evening (today).

The Grenades will meet Quanamthe FC of Haiti in a bottom-of-the-table Group B clash at the Estadio Moca 85 in Moca, Dominican Republic.

Both teams will enter Tuesday's showdown jointly tied on a point, with Grenades occupying fourth place on goal difference ahead of Quanamthe FC, which are languishing in the cellar of the five-team round-robin Group B competition.

Quanamthe will be seeking to rebound from a 3-1 loss to Group B leaders Moca FC in their previous

outing on September 18.

The Grenades will be aiming to secure their first win after scoring a late equalizer to snatch a 1-1 draw away to AC Port of Spain in Trinidad on September 17 to record their first point in their debut appearance in the competition.

AC Port of Spain will also be returning to action when they host Group B

second-placed team, Cibao FC of the Dominican Republic, at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Trinidad and Tobago on Tuesday (today).

Moca FC currently leads Group B with seven points.

The Grenades will tackle Moca FC in their fourth and final match of the group stage on Tuesday, October 1.



**2024 MATCH SCHEDULE**

TUE 24 SEP    TKR    v    SLK    10:00 AM    TRINIDAD



## Jayasuriya spins Sri Lanka to victory against New Zealand

GALLE (Reuters) - Left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya took two overs to polish off the New Zealand tail and complete a five-wicket haul as Sri Lanka sealed a 63-run victory in the opening Test at the Galle International Stadium on Monday.

Chasing 275 for victory, New Zealand were all out for 211 despite Rachin Ravindra's gallant 92, their batters unable to negotiate the sharp turn and low bounce at the venue.

Jayasuriya, who bagged five for 68, claimed his eighth five-wicket haul, seven of them coming at his happy hunting ground in Galle alone.

"The win in England boosted our morale," home captain Dhananjaya de Silva said referring to their Test match victory at The Oval earlier this month.

"We've the ability to win tests and the boys are delivering now."

New Zealand began the final day needing 68 runs for a memorable win with two wickets in hand, but Sri Lanka took only four overs to wrap up victory.



Sri Lanka's Prabath Jayasuriya, right, celebrates the wicket of New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra on the fifth and final day of the first cricket test match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in Galle, Sri Lanka, Monday, Sept. 23, 2024. (AP)

New Zealand's slim front.

chances evaporated in the second over of the day when Jayasuriya ended Ravindra's stellar knock, which included nine fours and a six.

The batter reviewed the lbw decision more in desperation than anything else and replays confirmed Ravindra was plumb in

Jayasuriya bowled William O'Rourke in his next over to seal Sri Lanka's victory, beating the batter's defensive prod at an arm ball.

"Tough place to come, but a good Test match throughout," New Zealand captain Tim Southee said.

"There's plenty of pos-

itives for us to take away from it, but obviously disappointing to come out on the wrong side."

Jayasuriya's match haul of nine wickets earned him the player of the match award, while Ramesh Mendis claimed three second-innings wickets.

"I like this Galle pitch," Jayasuriya said. "I just concentrate on bowling a consistent line and length, focus on that and get the results."

The two teams will clash in the second Test, also in Galle, beginning on Thursday.

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Goal shooter Desiree Antoine scored nine of her 14 attempts for Anguilla.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines prevailed 71-32 against the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Goal shooter Shellisa Davis sank 48 of

her 53 attempts, and goal attack Kristiana Christopher converted 12 of her 15 shots for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Goal shooter Ann-Maria Panthier converted 13 of her 15 shots, and goal attack Galeine Gordan-Seraphine scored seven of her nine attempts for Dominica.

## Great start for Antiguan netballers in St. Lucia

The senior female netballers of the Antigua and Barbuda made an impressive start to their campaign at the Fourth Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series in St. Lucia on Sunday.

Following an official opening ceremony, Antigua and Barbuda snatched a surprising 39-37 against defending champions Grenada in one of four first-round matches in the eight-team round-robin tournament at the Beausejour Indoor Facility in Gros Islet.

Goal shooter Rayana Regis sank 32 of her 36 attempts, and goal attack Amey Lake scored seven of her 10 shots for Antigua and Barbuda.

Goal attack Celine Brown converted 26 of her 33 shots, Brittany Jones scored eight of her 12 attempts, and goal shooter Carlene Alexander sank three of her four shots for Grenada.

Hosts St. Lucia, the Cayman Islands, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines also recorded wins in their opening matches.

The St. Lucians trounced Montserrat 66-9. Merlessa



Montserrat's goal shooter Juana Osbourne attempts a shot during their match against St. Lucia at the ECCB International Netball Series at the Beausejour Indoor Facility in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Alfred converted 31 of her 33 attempts, Dasha Eugene sank 12 of her 14 shots, and goal shooter Semaj Marguerite scored 10 of her 11 attempts for St. Lucia.

Goal shooter Juana Os-

bourne sank eight of her 15 shots for Montserrat.

The Cayman Islands crushed Anguilla 90-14. Goal shooter Kay Copeland sank 41 of her 52 attempts, Rose Wilson converted 21

of her 26 shots, Meleshia Joseph scored 14 of her 16 attempts, and goal attack Freya Ramfaran sank 10 of her 15 shots for the Cayman Islands.

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