

CABINET AND LAYERS ASSOCIATION REACH AN AGREEMENT ON EGG PRICES

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Local News



Cabinet and Layers Association come to an agreement on egg prices

The government of Antigua and Barbuda and Layer Farmers Association have agreed to work collaboratively to maintain the wholesale price of eggs at \$13 per dozen for the next forty-five (45) days.

This decision was made in a round robin meeting of the Cabinet on 25th September, during which members considered a report submitted by Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Smith, who is also the chairman of the Cabinet-appointed working group tasked with reviewing the proposed wholesale price increase on locally produced eggs.

Cabinet was in-



formed by Minister Smith, that following a meeting, members of the working group, which included the Permanent Secretary, the Director of Agriculture, the

Chief Veterinary Officer, and the Veterinary Officer on Poultry from the Ministry of Agriculture, along with representatives from the Layer Farmers Asso-

ciation, that an agreement was reached to work collaboratively to facilitate an in-depth review and analysis of the pricing of locally

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produced eggs.

As a result, Cabinet revisited its decision made on 18th September 2024, which stemmed from the Layer Farmers Association announcing an increase in the price of eggs per dozen to \$18; and agreed as follows:

1. To reinstate the requirement for importers of eggs to pay all applicable duties and taxes; and

2. To reinstate the requirement for importers of eggs to obtain a licence from the Ministry of Trade.

Over the next forty-five (45) days, both the government and the Layer Farmers Association will collaborate on the development of a detailed plan to assist in re-



ducing the cost of local egg production while improving the reliability and standards for the industry, which will be submitted for the consideration of Cabinet.

The government reaf-

firms its support and commitment to the establishment, sustainability and growth of indigenous businesses and to provide the framework necessary to enable all Antiguan and Bar-

budans to contribute to the economic development and prosperity of the state.

The new decision of the Cabinet takes effect from Friday 27th September 2024.



NOTICE OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua and Barbuda - September 20th, 2024

To: Shareholders of The West Indies Oil Company Limited

The West Indies Oil Company Limited will be holding the second Annual General Meeting of shareholders since its listing on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange on October 10th, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The meeting venue is the John E St. Luce Finance and Conference Centre on Factory Road.

Members may opt to attend the meeting using the instructions for the company's online AGM platform provided in the official notice of meeting, sent to members on September 10th.

We encourage members who are unable to attend the meeting to exercise their vote by proxy using the form provided in the official notice of the meeting. Members attending in person or online are expected to be in place at the meeting venue or access the online platform at least half an hour before the meeting commences.

We look forward to another very productive meeting and thank you for your support and commitment to the Company.

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Local News

OECS workshop on Development Strategy convened

Senior technicians from across the OECS gathered this month in St. Vincent and the Grenadines for a workshop convened by the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission.

The technicians came together to discuss the OECS Development Strategy (ODS) in the workshop that primarily focused on accelerating the implementation of the ODS Action Framework and achieving alignment of its key initiatives with those of Protocol Member States' National Development Plans (NDPs).

The ODS Action Frame-



work, established from the OECS Development Strategy paper in 2018, underwent significant refinement based on consultations with Protocol Member States. This Framework, which takes on board the Organisation

for Economic Co-operation and Development's review in 2022 also prioritizes the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The workshop aimed to achieve several objectives

including:

Assessment of the Alignment of Protocol Member States' NDPs with the ODS Action Framework to prioritize regional actions.

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ODS Workshop attendees in St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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Assessment of the implementation status of NDPs towards drafting the OECS Development Report Update.

Identification of achievements towards meeting the NDPs, supported by data and testimonials.

Identification of Challenges and the exchange of best practices to enhance the implementation of the NDPs.

Assessment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Progress through shared experiences and engagement through peer-to-peer learning on progress monitoring.

Approval of Indicators to support the full implementation of the ODS scorecard and revision of regional targets to support measuring progress.

The ODS workshop provided a platform for representatives of Protocol Member States to communicate national priorities, demonstrate data-backed results, address implementation

challenges, and approve indicators for the ODS scorecard. This engagement also strengthened collaboration across the Protocol Member States and explored avenues for promoting regional collaboration towards achieving sustainable development.

Director of International Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Joy-Marie King, who is also the country's focal point on Antigua and Barbuda's Sustainable Development Goals, represented the country at the workshop.

The OECS Commission says it remains committed to fostering a cooperative approach to sustainable economic development that will enhance the well-being of all citizens in the region. The successful completion of this ODS workshop marked a crucial initial step towards this achievement. This activity by the OECS Commission was funded by the 11th European Development Fund Regional Integration Through Growth



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Requirements:

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- Ability to work independently and solve problems.

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Responsibilities:

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- Monitor campus safety.
- Train and supervise security personnel.
- Respond to emergencies and coordinate security efforts.

Requirements:

- Minimum 3 years of supervisory experience in security.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Ability to handle high-pressure situations.

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Responsibilities:

- Maintain the safety and security of the school premises.
- Monitor access to the campus and enforce school policies.
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Requirements:

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Local News



Case against Karim Edwards committed to High Court

A no-case submission made in the Magistrate's Court on Thursday in the matter where 46-year-old Karim Edwards of Yorks is charged with causing death by dangerous driving...has been dismissed and the matter has been referred to the High Court for trial.

Acting Chief Magistrate Dexter Wason ruled in favor of the prosecution throwing out the defense attorney – Wendel (Robinson) Alexander's attempt to have the matter dismissed

against his client.

However, there was an adjournment for the parties to return to the Magistrate Court on October 23rd, which incidentally is the second anniversary of the accident for which Edwards is charged.

Edwards was charged with causing death by dangerous driving in the highly publicized case of October 23, 2022.

He is accused of traveling at high

speed, lost control of his vehicle and struck two medical students. One died and one lost her right arm with other serious issues.

The accident happened on the Friar's Hill Road in the wee hours of the morning.

Thursday's hearing was for the court to hear the Magistrate's ruling on the no-case submission. The other matters will be determined when the case resumes in October.

47 firearms and 400 rounds of ammunition confiscated January – September, 2024

The police have reported that they have removed a total of 47 firearms and over 400 rounds of ammunition

from January to September this year.

"From 1st January 2024 to present, the police have confiscated 47

illegal firearms and over 400 rounds of ammunition from off the streets. Within the same period, several persons have been arrested and charged for firearm-related offences and taken before the court. Many of them were convicted and fined or sentenced to prison.

"The police have promised to continue intensifying their crime-fighting measures in an effort to rid the streets of illegal firearms and keep crime under control," a STRATCOM media released stated.

This comes as the police have also reported that on Thursday, September 26, they executed a search warrant on a property at Liberta and seized one 9mm firearm and several rounds of ammunition, along with a portion of cannabis. Four persons were arrested and taken into custody for questioning.

Meanwhile, two residents of Clark's Hill were also arrested and taken into custody on Thursday, after the police searched their home and found over 100 rounds of different caliber ammunition, and a quantity of cannabis in their possession. They are also being questioned by the police.



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A pig with lipstick is still a pig

I read with a mixture of amusement and disbelief a recent press release from the United Progressive Party (UPP), where D. Giselle Isaac, Chairman of the UPP, accused Antigua Today of being a “lie factory.” In this piece of political theater, she claimed that the publication had been spreading falsehoods aimed at tarnishing her reputation and that of other UPP members.

Over the past few weeks, we have been revealing the internal strife within the UPP, and every article has been based solely on facts. We accurately predicted the resignations of Dr. Edmund Mansoor, Damani Tabor, and several others. We have even published direct quotes from Chairman Isaac herself, including threats she allegedly made to party members, which have been supported by resignation letters, most notably from Damani Tabor.

Frankly, I have no idea what fabrications Giselle is referring to. Everything we have reported has already come to light. She further damages her credibility by claiming that Antigua Today is somehow a production of the Office of the Prime Minister—an utterly baseless accusation.

Let me set the record straight with a few more indisputable facts:

1. The UPP recently held an executive meeting with twenty-two potential candidates.
2. Some constituencies have multiple candidates, while others have only one.
3. The Chairman believes general elections will be called next year.
4. The Chairman identified three sitting representatives and two caretakers who, according to internal polls, are likely to lose their seats if



an election were held.

5. None of the identified MPs or caretakers attended the meeting.

I challenge the Chairman to publicly deny that she made these predictions.

It's unfortunate to see how far Jamale Pringle has fallen. His recent comments about “staged resignations” were dismissed as nothing more than a “pathetic excuse and deflection.” It's clear that Pringle is being misled by the very person who should be guiding him. Instead of receiving sound mentorship, he's been politically undermined, as evident in the scripted remarks he's been handed.

Ambition should never overshadow the principles and goals of the organization you serve. If one aspires to a position as dignified as Governor General, they must conduct themselves with grace and be approachable to all citizens. Unfortunately, the Chairman's behavior has become increasingly bitter and divisive. The internal chaos within the UPP can be traced directly to her attitude and actions.

Under her leadership, the party has been purged of individuals capable of making meaningful contributions. Where is the talent within the UPP? It has resigned, one by one, and more will undoubtedly follow.

This vile and wicked woman continues to be cold, with a calculating demeanor and manipulative nature. She is unfeeling, scanning for weakness in others with venomous intent. She delights in causing suffering, feeding of the misery of those around her.

She has expertly conjured webs of lies and betrayal, using others as pawns for her own gains. Lacking empathy and remorse, she feels no guilt for the harm she inflicts, and her personal desires and ambitions know no bounds, driven by a deep-seated need for control and dominance, with a heart consumed by cruelty and spite.

As they say, “A pig with lipstick is still a pig.” According to Serpent, “Everyone is leaving one by one, until she's the only woman left standing.”

Stay tuned... more at eleven!

Opinion



The Middle East Crisis and the Failure of the UN Security Council

By Sir Ronald Sanders

As the Middle East plunges deeper into conflict, the weakness of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), the body charged with maintaining international peace and security, is being starkly exposed. Entrusted with the “primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security,” the UNSC has been paralyzed by the veto power wielded by each of its five permanent members, who often prioritize national interests and alliances over collective global responsibility.

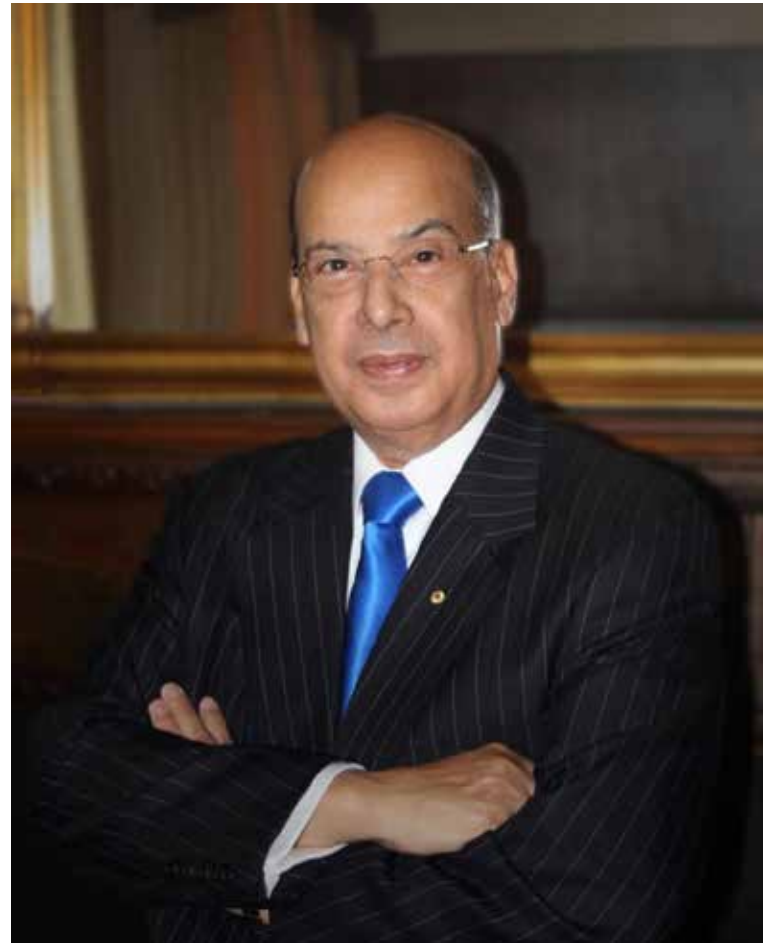
Nowhere is this failure more evident than in the present escalating violence between Israeli forces and Hezbollah militants across Lebanon’s southern Blue Line, and in the conflict in Gaza which preceded it.

On September 25, the day after the opening of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned the Security Council that “hell is breaking loose in Lebanon.” He urged the Security Council to work “in lock-step” to prevent further catastrophe, highlighting the conflict’s growing “scope, depth, and intensity.” Despite this plea, the Security Council did not act, although 500,000 people have already been displaced in Lebanon, with the death toll mounting daily.

This failure to act prompted French President Emmanuel Macron to voice his frustration. Speaking to the General Assembly, he lamented the deepening divisions among nations and underscored the urgent need for effective multilateralism to rebuild trust and tackle crises. Macron went further, acknowledging that the Security Council itself, of which France is a permanent member, requires reform. He called for a change in the body’s working methods, proposing limitations on the right of veto in cases of mass atrocities and greater attention to operational decisions needed for peace-keeping.

By contrast, while the Security Council indulges in inconclusive debates, held hostage to narrow self-interested positions, the UN General Assembly has demonstrated the grave concern of the majority of UN member states regarding the Middle East crisis. On September 18, the General Assembly adopted a historic resolution demanding that Israel end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory within 12 months. The vote, with 124 nations in favour, 14 against, and 43 abstaining, reflects the growing global impatience with Israel’s occupation.

This vote is more than just another UN resolution;



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it is historic for two reasons. First, it is the first time the General Assembly has explicitly condemned Israel’s apartheid regime. Second, it is the first time in 42 years that the UN has called for sanctions to end the illegal occupation, as confirmed by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in its July ruling. Human rights experts have pointed out that international law now hangs “on a knife’s edge,” with most states failing to take meaningful steps to comply with their legal obligations.

The Israel-Palestine conflict, complex as it is, remains a story of missed

opportunities and broken promises. At its heart lies the failure of powerful governments, which emerged from the Second World War, to create a Palestinian state alongside Israel, as they promised in 1948. The ongoing violence since then is a tragic consequence of the refusal by major powers to engage on this question in a fair and balanced manner that acknowledges the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, both Muslim and Christian who lived in Palestine until they were driven out in 1948.

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has remained belligerent, rejecting calls for a ceasefire with Hezbollah and continuing his aggressive military campaign.

Since October 7, when Hamas launched a stupid and inhumane targeted assault on Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking over 200 hostages, over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's retaliatory strikes, many of which were indiscriminate.

Netanyahu's intransigence, despite mounting international pressure - including now from Israel's closest ally, the United States - has deepened the possibility of a full-scale regional war.

For decades, the U.S. has shielded Israel from international censure by using its veto power to block Security Council resolutions. But as the violence escalates and Netanyahu's refusal to heed American advice becomes more pronounced, cracks in

this long-standing relationship are emerging.

The U.S. now faces a delicate balancing act: maintaining its commitment to Israel's security while addressing growing frustration among Arab states and the majority of other nations.

Supporting Netanyahu's policies serves no interest except his own and those of the ultranationalist and ultrareligious factions in Israel, upon whom his political survival depends. His actions not only deepen the conflict, but also jeopardize long-term regional stability.

The two-state solution, once a distant hope, is now an urgent necessity. Stability in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as the security of the Israeli people, can only be achieved through a peaceful, negotiated settlement.

The overwhelming majority of UN member states have expressed support for this path. It is time for the Security

Council to move beyond its divisions and take decisive action. A binding resolution that enshrines the commitment to a two-state solution is not just a moral imperative—it is a practical one.

The United States, with its unique influence over both Israelis and Palestinians, is the only country capable of brokering peace, if it sheds all double standards, and applies objective and fair criteria to its approach.

The rest of the world must encourage and support U.S. leadership in this context. The survival of countless lives and the future of peace in the region depend on it. So, too does, any confidence in the UN Security Council that may still exist.

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. The views expressed are entirely his own. Responses and previous commentaries: www.sirronaldsanders.com)



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Campbell cannot be a charity trustee for five years.

Naomi Campbell banned from being charity trustee

By Annabel Rackham

The model Naomi Campbell has been banned from being a charity trustee after a watchdog found charity funds were spent on luxury hotels and spa treatments.

A Charity Commission inquiry found Fashion for Relief was not passing on as much of the money raised as it was supposed to.

Instead it was being spent on cigarettes and security for Campbell and other unauthorised payments to one of her fellow charity trustees.

"I've just found out today about the findings, and I am extremely concerned," Campbell, 54, told AP news agency.

She has been banned from charity involvement for five years with two other trustees, Bianka Hellmich and Veronica Chou, being banned for nine years and four years respectively.

Representatives for the British

model have been contacted by the BBC.

The inquiry found that unauthorised payments totalling £290,000 for consultancy services had been made to Ms Hellmich, which was in breach of the charity's constitution.

Whilst Ms Hellmich had proactively proposed repaying these funds, the Commission-appointed interim managers secured repayments to the charity. A sum of nearly £345,000 was recovered from the charity by investigators and protection for a further £98,000 of charity money has been established.

The funds have been used to make payments to two other charities - Save the Children Fund and the Mayor's Fund for London - and to cover the cost of Fashion for Relief's liabilities.

The inquiry, which looked at Fashion for Relief's expenses between April 2016 and July 2022, found that

just 8.5% of funds raised were spent on grants to charity.

Following the opening of the inquiry, both Save the Children Fund and the Mayor's Fund for London made complaints to the commission regarding Fashion for Relief.

Fashion for Relief held fundraising events for the two charities, but the inquiry found that it failed to manage its partnership arrangements.

Tim Hopkins, who was part of the investigations team, said in a statement: "Trustees are legally required to make decisions that are in their charity's best interests and to comply with their legal duties and responsibilities".

He added: "Our inquiry has found that the trustees of this charity failed to do so, which has resulted in our action to disqualify them".

Fashion for Relief was removed from the register of charities on 15 March 2024.



Bahamas PM Phillip Davis leads high-level team in discussions with CAF delegation.

CAF Development Bank activates its partnership with The Bahamas

CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean successfully concluded an exploratory mission to The Bahamas.

The mission follows the formal agreement signed between The Bahamas and CAF in April 2024 and the passage of the CAF Bill on July 26, which laid the groundwork for the commencement of CAF operations in the country.

It also marks an important step in deepening an understanding of the key areas where CAF can provide strategic support.

Led by CAF's Regional Manager for the Caribbean, Dr Stacy Richards-Kennedy, and CAF's Representative for the Northern Caribbean, Oscar Avalle, the two-day mission sought to establish and strengthen relationships across the state sector.

It also demonstrated CAF's collaborative approach - listening closely to the unique needs of its shareholder

countries to deliver agile and flexible financial solutions.

During the mission, CAF representatives held productive discussions with Prime Minister Philip Davis and Minister of Foreign Affairs Frederick Mitchell. They also paid a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition Michael Pintard and East Grand Bahama MP Kwasi Thompson.

The team engaged in working sessions with senior technocrats across various ministries, presenting CAF's expertise in areas such as infrastructure development, climate change, sustainable agriculture, education, and health, all aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CAF also highlighted its potential support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and water management solutions.

Dr Stacy Richards-Kennedy stated: "We are pleased to have engaged directly with key stakeholders in The

Bahamas. This mission represents the start of what we anticipate to be a long and productive partnership. Our focus is on aligning our expertise with the country's priorities, and we are ready to support The Bahamas in realising its development goals."

Oscar Avalle, added: "At CAF, we recognise that every country's development needs are unique, and The Bahamas is no exception. As we move forward, our priority is to ensure our support is responsive, flexible, and delivered with the agility required to meet the evolving needs of the Bahamian people. Our commitment is to serve as a reliable development partner in building a sustainable and resilient future for The Bahamas."

CAF stated that it looks forward to working closely with all actors in the national development process to advance its partnership with The Bahamas and contribute to the nation's continued development and prosperity.

Regional News



Guyana announces launch of global biodiversity alliance

CMC - Guyana on Wednesday announced the launch of a Global Biodiversity Alliance and will host the inaugural summit of that alliance focusing on creating a market for biodiversity credits. President Dr Irfaan Ali, addressing the 79 session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), said that the summit to be held in 2025, will also focus on scaling biodiversity conservation debt swaps, accelerating biodiversity bonds, establishing a blueprint for biodiversity taxonomies, and promoting nature positive action.

“We do not make this announcement by mere words. Guyana is also committed to doubling its protected areas by December 2025 and achieving the global biodiversity target of 30 per cent by 2030.

“These are real solutions that Guyana is putting forward to address the global problem of biodiversity loss. We do not lecture, we lead by example without arrogance,” Ali told the global community.

He said the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) estimates that Guyana is one of the world’s most important countries for biodiversity density, straddling two of the richest biodiversity zones, the Guiana Shield and the Amazon.

“As a country, we are dedicated to the preservation of this vital global asset. I



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali. Photo: UN

especially salute the Indigenous Peoples of Guyana, the Amerindians, who are the foremost stewards of this great natural heritage. We recognise their leadership and 15 per cent of all revenues earned from carbon sales are directly transferred to our Indigenous communities.”

But he said even with its newfound natural resource of oil and gas, it would require less than 20 per cent of sequestered carbon to offset Guyana’s emissions at maximum output.

“We have preserved our biodiversity and know its value. We believe it is only fair and just that this global asset be monetised in a fair carbon market,” Ali said.

In his wide-ranging speech that covered issues such as the ongoing war in Gaza, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, as well as climate change and human rights violations, Ali said that the United Nations must continue to be a beacon of hope amidst a turbulent global environment.

He said the theme of this year’s UNGA, “Leaving no one behind: acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development, and human dignity for present and future generations” resonates with the vision set out in the United Nations Charter.

But he acknowledged “this vision demands decisive action and enlightened multilateralism.

“Today, we find ourselves in a world where the quest for peace is met with the defiant echo of conflict, where the promise of sustainable development is eclipsed by the dangerous spectre of climate change and food insecurity, and where the dignity of millions of people is trampled upon with impunity.

“In Ukraine, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a nation are being violated. Yet, decisive action by the United Nations Security Council remains fettered by the veto. Justice demands that we defend the territorial integrity of all States – large,

small, powerful and weak.”

Ali said equally concerning is the conflict in Sudan which rages on with devastating consequences for the people of that country, including famine and mass displacement.

“This conflict will continue to undermine efforts to achieve lasting peace and sustainable development,” Ali said, calling for the UNGA to also condemn the continued oppression and persecution by the Taliban of women and girls in Afghanistan who face, not just lack of access to education and restrictions on their movements, but now even their voices cannot be heard in public.

He told the global community that in the Caribbean region, the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping has been actively supporting a Haitian-led process for the restoration of democracy, peace and stability in Haiti.

“We welcome the deployment of the UN authorised Multinational Security Support Mission, led by Kenya, as a crucial step towards stabilizing the security situation. We call on the international community to urgently scale up financing for the MSS and secure its renewed authorization so that the Mission can succeed.

“We must also address the dire humanitarian situation where almost half of Hai-

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ti's population suffers from acute hunger, mass displacement, and women and girls are enduring brutal violence, including sexual violence."

Ali said that Guyana is leading CARICOM's efforts in mobilizing humanitarian support for Haiti and that he would be reaching out to the international for its support.

"We must stay the course with our Haitian brothers and sisters in their quest for durable peace and sustainable development. The people of Haiti deserve nothing less."

Ali said also that the situation in Cuba also needs to be examined as the rights of the people there to development continues to be stymied by the economic embargo.

"Guyana renews its call for revocation of the embargo and the removal of Cuba from the list of State sponsors of terrorism," Ali said, adding that the United Nations has a special responsibility for the security of small states.

"Small States look to multilateralism and the rule of international law to protect them from foreign aggression," Ali said, as he updated the international community on the ongoing border dispute between his country and Venezuela.

"Guyana is a small state that has had to contend with aggression from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for all 58 years of our nationhood. International law and its strict application have been our armour and our shield in our determination to protect ourselves from this

aggression.

"We remind this august Assembly that the border between Guyana and Venezuela was fully, finally and perfectly settled in an 1899 award by an international tribunal. Venezuela was fully represented in that tribunal whose award it proclaimed in its own Congress and welcomed for more than six decades, before re-opening the issue on the eve of Guyana's independence, claiming two-thirds of our territory."

Ali said that this controversy, initiated by Venezuela, was submitted by Guyana to the International Court of Justice (the ICJ) in accordance

with a decision of the United Nations Secretary General and consistent with our position to settle this matter by legal and peaceful means.

He said in 2023, in light of intensified acts of aggression by Venezuela, the ICJ issued provisional measures stating that pending a final decision in the case, Venezuela shall refrain from taking any action which would modify the situation that currently prevails in the territory in dispute, whereby Guyana administers and exercises control over that area.

Ali said after years of refusing to participate in the proceedings of the ICJ and

stating that it does not recognize the jurisdiction of the Court, the Venezuelan government has now submitted a counter memorial to Guyana's submission.

"We welcome Venezuela's decision to participate in the Court's proceedings, and express the hope that Venezuela will accept the decision of the Court, as Guyana has long pledged to do

"I reaffirm Guyana's unwavering commitment to a peaceful resolution of this long-standing controversy in full conformity with international law and the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter," Ali told the UNGA.



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Sudan army launches major attack on capital Khartoum

Sudan's army has launched a major offensive against the powerful paramilitary group it is fighting in the country's civil war, targeting areas in the capital it lost at the start of the conflict.

In dawn strikes on Thursday, government forces shelled Rapid Support Forces (RSF) bases in the capital Khartoum, and Bahri to its north.

Sudan has been embroiled in a war since the army and the RSF began a vicious struggle for power in April 2023, leading to what the UN has called one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

Up to 150,000 people have been killed in the conflict while more than 10 million people - about a fifth of the population - have been forced from their homes.

The military escalation comes despite US-led efforts to broker a ceasefire, which is being discussed on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly this week.

Residents of the capital said the artillery and air strikes started overnight and intensified at dawn.

Numerous accounts said the army crossed key bridges over the River Nile - which had separated government-controlled areas in Omdurman from the regions controlled by the RSF.

The RSF claimed to



Smoke was seen rising over Khartoum on Thursday during the fighting.

have repelled the attempts, but sounds of clashes and plumes of smoke were reported coming from locations in central Khartoum.

Since early in the war, the paramilitaries have been in control of nearly all of the capital.

Thursday's advances appear to be the government's first significant push in months to regain some territory.

Speaking later at the UN General Assembly in New York, Sudan's de facto leader, Gen Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, said that he supported efforts to bring an end to the war, but only if they brought an end to the RSF's occupation of Sudanese territory.

He questioned why the international community had not stepped in to help counter the group, and accused states in the region of "providing funding and

mercenaries for their own political and economic benefit, in flagrant violation of law and international will".

The UN has called for "immediate" action to protect civilians and end the fighting.

It says that, since the start of September, it has documented at least 78 civilian deaths as a result of artillery shelling and air strikes in the greater Khartoum area.

Much of the worst and most intense fighting has taken place in heavily populated regions. Both sides have accused each other of indiscriminately bombing civilian areas.

"Relentless hostilities across the country have brought misery to millions of civilians, triggering the world's fastest-growing displacement crisis," warned the UN on Wednesday.

It noted that half of the 10 million people who had fled their homes were children, while at least two million have sought protection in neighbouring countries.

It also called Sudan "the world's largest hunger crisis". There are fears of widespread famine as people have not been able to grow any crops.

There have also been warnings of a possible genocide against non-Arabs in the western region of Darfur.

A cholera epidemic is also raging throughout the country - more than 430 people have died from the easily-treatable disease in the past month, the health ministry said on Wednesday.

But getting treatment to those affected areas is hugely complicated by the conflict.

NYC mayor charged with taking bribes and illegal campaign funds

New York City Mayor Eric Adams is due to be arraigned in a federal courthouse on Friday to face five counts of criminal offences, including bribery, wire fraud and soliciting illegal foreign campaign donations.

An indictment unveiled on Thursday alleges Adams sought and accepted illegal campaign funds and over \$100,000 (£75,000) in luxury travel benefits from Turkish businessmen and an official seeking to gain his influence.

Adams, 64, is a former police officer who was elected to lead the most populous US city nearly three years ago on a promise to be tough on crime.

The mayor has denied any wrongdoing and rejected growing calls for his resignation.

Mr Adams' arraignment, in which he will be formally informed of the charges and asked to enter a plea, will take place at noon local time before Magistrate Judge Katherine Parker.

"I ask New Yorkers to wait to hear our defence before making any judgments," Adams said at a press conference on Thursday.

"I follow the rules, I follow the federal law, I do not do anything that's going to participate in illegal campaign activity."

The news conference was regularly interrupted



Officers outside Mayor Adams residence on Thursday morning.

by New York residents who called Adams a "disgrace" to the city and asked for "justice".

If convicted, the mayor could face up to 45 years in prison.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul - who has the power to remove the mayor from his post - said on Thursday she was reviewing the charges.

"I'm going to take the time I need to review this indictment, see what's embedded with this, but my number one responsibility is to make sure the people of New York city and state of New York are served," Governor Hochul said.

The 57-page indictment lays out an alleged scheme of corruption and bribery that spans a decade, beginning when he was the Brooklyn borough president. The corrupt activity

continued after he became mayor, the documents alleged, and included extravagant international travel.

In one alleged text exchange included in the indictment, an Adams staffer and an airline manager discuss where the mayor should stay on a trip to Turkey.

After the airline manager suggests the Four Seasons, the staffer replies "it's too expensive".

"Why does he care? He is not going to pay," the manager replies.

"Super," the Adams staffer says.

Prosecutors claim that same staffer asked the airline manager to charge Adams an artificial price for his travel, to conceal the favourable treatment.

"His every step is being watched right now," the staffer says, suggesting the

mayor be charged \$1,000 for a flight to Turkey. "Let it be somewhat real."

At a Thursday press conference, US attorney for the Southern District of New York Damian Williams alleged that the mayor developed relationships with foreign nationals to take in illegal funds for his 2021 campaign.

"In 2023 the mayor re-kindled these corrupt relationships, seeking more illegal campaign contributions from some of the same foreign sources to support his re-election campaign," said Mr Williams.

The indictment notes Adams used straw donors - a scheme that a person or entity uses to evade campaign finance limits - to take in illegal donations from foreign entities.

Prosecutors say his
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Sports News



Sandals extend unbeaten in Business Basketball League

Sandals extended their unbeaten run in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League on Wednesday night.

Sandals maintained their perfect record by romping to their fifth win with a 64-43 victory against Sledge O'Ballers in the final game of a triple header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Keroi Lee sank 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Adissa Harris scored 17 points and claimed five rebounds; and T-Shawn Lewis had 14 points and five rebounds for Sandals.

Deon Jules scored 14 points for the Sledge O'Ballers, who suffered their fourth loss in five games.

The Antigua Power Company recorded their third win in four games with a 52-39 drubbing of the Lava Smoke Shop in Wednesday's second encounter.

Tristan Jacobs and Sergio Symister each scored 12 points; Akeem Davis produced 10 points, seven re-



bounds, seven steals, and five assists; and Judah Ferris chipped in with 10 points and eight rebounds for the Antigua Power Company.

Lincoln Weekes produced a game-high 19 points for the Lava Smoke Shop, which tumbled to their fourth loss in five outings.

Lion Feast recorded their first win in five games after romping to an emphatic 81-51 victory against

Christos Supermarket United in Wednesday's opening encounter.

Adrian Carnegie shot a game-high 28 points and claimed five steals; Delornje Jules produced 18 points, eight steals, and seven rebounds; Baldwin Anthony had 14 points, 10 rebounds, and seven assists; and Felix Hamilton scored 10 points for Lion Feast.

Neville Chambers converted 12 points and snatched nine rebounds for Christos Supermarket United, which lost for the fourth time in as many games.

The business basketball league will continue with a triple header at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday.

Sandals will clash with H. Wright Promotions at 6:30 pm, Eye Mobile Vision Care will face the Board of Education at 7:30 pm, and the Antigua and the Barbuda Transport Board will clash with Richie's Shooterz at 8:30 pm.

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campaign also applied and received NYC funds that are supposed to match small dollar contributions from city residents, which amounted to more than \$10m.

He is also accused of seeking to conceal the benefits he received, hiding the gifts from annual disclosure forms and telling a co-conspirator he "always" deleted text messages related to illegal trips and gifts, according to court documents.

Several high-profile New York Democrats, in-

cluding Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, have called on Adams to step down.

Others, including House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries, stopped short, saying Adams was entitled to the presumption of innocence.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre denied any connection to political squabbles over immigration and disputed any coordination between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the White House.

"DOJ is handling this

case independently, she told reporters on Thursday.

Since being sworn in on the first day of 2022, Adams and his colleagues have been put under growing federal scrutiny.

The FBI raided the home of his chief fundraiser, Brianna Suggs, and other members of his campaign last year as part of a probe believed to be focused on whether he received illegal campaign contributions from the Turkish government and other foreign sources.

In more recent weeks,

the Adams' administration has been roiled by the resignation of a number of top aides as new investigations grew to a fever pitch. The police commissioner, the health commissioner, and the mayor's chief counsel have all left office.

New York City Schools Chancellor David Banks also announced his plans to resign weeks after federal investigators seized his phones during a search of the home that he shares with his partner, Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright, on 4 September.

ABCF to stage Robert Peters two-stage race this weekend

Domestic racing will resume on the 2024 Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation's (ABCF) calendar with the staging of the Robert Peters two-stage race on Sunday, September 29.

Sunday's two-stage race will comprise an individual time trial and a criterium or circuit race.

The individual time trial will commence at 7 am at the Pan Am Base, and the cyclists will proceed to the Jabberwocky on the Jabberwock road and then return to the starting point.

The Criterium race will take place around the Pan Am Base, starting at 3 pm, on Sunday.

The nation's cyclists and participants from the various cycling clubs are expected to contest the event. Participants must complete both races to be eligible to win the event.

Cyclists in the various classes in the Criterium race will be required to complete several laps around the Pan Am Base to be in contention to win the title.

Teenager Tahje Browne of the Wadadli Cycling Academy will be strong favourites to retain the title after winning the 2023 Robert Peters Two-Stage Race.

Browne conquered the field in the first stage, which was an individual time trial from Hideout to the Block



Wadadli Cycling Academy's Tahje Browne, left, rides with other cyclists during the Robert Peters Two-Stage Race, which was hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation on Sunday, October 8, 2023. (Photos courtesy ABCF)

House at Shirley's Heights, and in the second stage, which was a criterium at the Pan Am Base last year.

The teenager has been in dominant form this year, capturing several

titles already in the 2024 ABCF domestic season.

Sunday's two-stage race is being supported by APUA Inet and Gatorade.



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MATCH SCHEDULE

FRI 27 SEP	TKR	v	BR	7:00 PM	TRINIDAD
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Sports News



His Majesty's Prison United among winners in Business Football League

His Majesty's Prison United and the Ministry of Agriculture were among the winners during the opening round of matches in the 2024 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship.

His Majesty's Prison United came from behind to prevail 3-1 against the Antigua Port Authority at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Omarley Henry scored in the 22nd minute, Errol Barned converted a penalty in the 41st minute, and Ian Francis had a 56th-minute conversion for His Majesty's Prison United.

Alren Lewis scored the opening goal of the match in the sixth minute for the Antigua Port Authority.

Chad Williams and

Tyrique Tonge each scored twice to lead the Ministry of Agriculture to a 5-2 victory against the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA) at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park (formerly King George) in St. John's.

Williams scored in the 34th and 38th minutes, and Tonge had conversions in the 16th and 40th minutes. Clive Sansculotte scored the other goal for the Ministry of Agriculture in the eighth minute.

Tejhano Jarvis scored the only goal of the match to give the General Post Office a one-nil victory against DEWS in their opening encounter at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

There was success as well for APUA Head Office, which launched their cam-



Tyrique Tonge

paign with a two-nil victory against Cocos/Keyonna Resort at the Jennings playing field.

But the Galley Bay Resort and Royalton Chic fought their way to a goalless draw in their opening encounter at the Jennings playing field.

The business football league will continue with the second round of matches at four venues on Saturday.

At 4:45 pm, His Majesty's Prison United will go in search of more success when they face defending back-to-back champion APUA Telecoms in one of three matches at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Sandals will meet West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) at 6:15 pm, and the Antigua Port Authority will clash with St. John's Development Corporation at 7:30 pm.

At Jennings, Hermitage

will tackle the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus (UWI FIC) at 4:45 pm, APUA Head Office will challenge the Antigua Rainforest at 6:15 pm, and Blue Waters will oppose Fresh Acres Enterprise at 7:30 pm.

At Golden Grove, Public Works Department (PWD) Asphalt will challenge the Antigua Plumbing and Hardware Center at 4:45 pm, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will take on the Royalton Strikers at 6:15 pm, and DEWS will clash with Royalton Chic at 7:30 pm.

At the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park, Mackey Enterprise will meet the Department of Immigration at 4:45 pm, the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA) will oppose APUA Water at 6:15 pm, and the Ministry of Agriculture will meet the General Post Office at 7:30 pm.



Chad Williams



Antigua and Barbuda with their championship trophy after winning their first ever Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association's Senior Men's title at the indoor facility at the YMCA Sports Complex on Sunday, 10 July, 2022. (File photo)

Teams confirm participation for ECVA's men and women championships

Sixteen teams have confirmed their participation in the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association's (ECVA) men's and women's championships, which will be held on back-to-back weekends at the indoor volleyball stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex in Antigua next month.

According to a media release from the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball

Association (ABAVA), six teams featuring some of the top female volleyballers from across the region will contest the ECVA's Women's Championship from October 17 to 22.

Reigning champions St. Lucia, as well as Bermuda, Anguilla, St. Maarten, and Grenada, will join hosts Antigua and Barbuda to battle for the championship trophy.

Ten teams will participate in the ECVA's Men's Championship from October 23 to 28.

Host and defending champions Antigua and Barbuda will be challenged for their title spot by teams from Grenada, St. Lucia, Dominica, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten, Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, and Bermuda.

According to the media

release, "President of the ABAVA Wilbur Harrigan has confirmed that his Local Organising Committee is working tirelessly towards ensuring a smooth and successful hosting of the upcoming tournaments.

"He further anticipates that level of games and competition will be at an all-time high, but is confident that both Antigua and Barbuda's national teams will represent the nation with success and pride.

"Harrigan is also pleading for more support from corporate Antigua towards the ABAVA's viable staging of the event."

Antigua and Barbuda's male and female teams have been in intense training for the last six weeks in preparation for the upcoming tournaments.

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Defending champions Grenada claimed their third win in four outings with a 55-30 victory against the Commonwealth of Dominica, which lost for the third time in four matches.

Goal shooter Carlene Alexander scored 40 of her 41 attempts, and goal attack Celine Brown converted 14 of her 19 shots for Grenada. Goal shooter Anna-Maria Panthier sank 23 of her 31 attempts, and Kenya John scored all of her five shots for Dominica.

The Cayman Islands notched up their third win in four encounters with a 69-18 drubbing of Montserrat, which suffered their fourth loss in as many games.

Goal attack Rose Wilson sank 34 of her 41 attempts, goal shooter Kay Copeland converted 30 of her 36 shots, and Winsome Campbell scored five of her nine attempts for the Cayman Islands.

Goal shooter Juana Osbourne scored 10 of her 18 attempts, and goal attack Twila Fenton converted eight of her 16 shots for Montserrat.

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Antiguans get second win at International Netball Series

Antigua and Barbuda's senior female team claimed their second win in four matches at the Fourth Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series in St. Lucia on Wednesday.

Antigua and Barbuda rebounded from losses to host St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines in their two previous outings to trounce Anguilla 81-27 at the Beausejour Indoor Facility in Gros Islet.

Goal shooter Rayana Regis sank 73 of her 80 attempts, and fellow goal shooter Zhanira Pereira scored seven of her eight shots for Antigua and Barbuda.

Goal shooter Tishana Depass-Smith converted 17 of her 25 shots, and goal attack Lakisha Hughes scored 10 of her 13 attempts for Anguilla, which suffered their fourth loss in as many games.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, defending champions Grenada, and guest team, the Cayman Islands, also recorded wins in the other fourth-round matches in the eight-team round-robin regional competition.



The Antigua and Barbuda's goal shooter Rayana Regis, center, takes a shot during her team's match against St. Lucia at the ECCB International Netball Series at the Beausejour Indoor Facility in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, on Monday, September 23, 2024.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines prevailed 56-45 against hosts St. Lucia in a top-of-the-table clash.

Goal shooter Mary-Ann Fredericks scored 47 of her 49 attempts, and goal attack Kristiana Christopher

converted all of her nine shots for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which recorded their fourth win in as many games to remain the only unbeaten team in the competition.

Goal attack Deaha Eu-

gene sank 22 of her 27 attempts, and goal shooter Merlessa Alfred converted 20 of her 29 attempts for St. Lucia, which suffered their first loss after winning their previous three matches.

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