

PM ENGAGES IN HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AHEAD OF CHOGM

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Students from across the nation turned out in droves to take part in the national youth rally which was held at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. *Story on page 10*

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PM Browne engages in key high-level discussions on the margins of CHOGM

Prime Minister Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda on Wednesday, participated in several high-level engagements on the margins of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2024, focusing on sustainability, decarbonisation, and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

As a high-level panelist on the Commonwealth Business Forum Fireside Chat, Prime Minister Browne presented Antigua and Barbuda's decarbonisation strategy, urging organisations to transition towards zero emissions. He also ad-

ressed the recent International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) decision, emphasising the legal responsibilities of polluters to compensate for environmental damage.

In a bilateral meeting with Minister of Parliamentary Affairs of the Republic of India, Kiren Rijiju, Prime Minister Browne discussed plans for Antigua and Barbuda's hosting of CHOGM 2026. They highlighted India's continued support for SIDS and the vital role of the International Solar Alliance in promoting efficient solar energy consumption to reduce reliance on fossil



fuels.

Additionally, Prime Minister Browne participated in the Commonwealth Business Forum Island Nation Roundtable, where, along with several other leaders including the Prime Minister of Samoa,

he passionately advocated for equity in international trading and financial systems for small island developing states (SIDS). He also called for increased access to concessional financing for development for SIDS.

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PM Browne meets with fellow leaders ahead of CHOGM

APIA, Samoa – Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Honourable Gaston Browne, on Thursday held a series of bilateral meetings with world leaders from the Independent State of Samoa, the Republic of Rwanda, and the Republic of Fiji ahead of the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The discussions focused on Antigua and Barbuda's bid to host CHOGM 2026 and shared challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS), particularly on Climate Change.

During his meeting with the Honourable Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa, Prime Minister Browne received firm assurances of Samoa's support for Antigua and Barbuda's bid to host the 2026 CHOGM. Samoa is currently hosting the 2024 CHOGM, and Prime Minister Mata'afa availed her government to assist Antigua and Barbuda



in planning and executing the anticipated event.

The Prime Ministers explored the critical issue of access to financing for SIDS, underlying the need for more flexible and innovative financing models that are scalable and tailored to the vulnerabilities of SIDS.

The heads of government highlighted the importance of creating frameworks within the Commonwealth to ensure equitable access to resources and the development of climate-resilient infrastructures.

Additionally, both lead-

ers reaffirmed their shared commitment to climate action, agreeing on the importance of collaboration among SIDS to address the escalating climate crisis.

Prime Minister Browne emphasised the urgency of collective advocacy in international fora, particularly to secure stronger commitments on climate financing, loss and damage, and resilience-building for vulnerable island nations.

Prime Minister Browne's bilateral engagements with Honourable Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda



and Honourable Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, also focused on strengthening multilateral ties, emphasising climate resilience and sustainable development. Both countries reiterated their support for Antigua and Barbuda's CHOGM bid and agreed to reinforce the Commonwealth's role in addressing the unique needs of SIDS within the global climate change framework.

Prime Minister Browne also raised the critical issue of reparatory justice in all his bilateral discussions, advocating for global recognition and compensation for the historical injustices of the transatlantic slave trade.

This call for reparations remains a key initiative of CARICOM, with Prime Minister Browne urging his counterparts to support the Caribbean's ongoing efforts to secure justice and reparative measures for the descendants of enslaved people.

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The Head of Government of Antigua and Barbuda also met with Lord Jonathan Marland, Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) and Sir Hugo Swire, Deputy Chairman of CWEIC, to discuss Antigua and Barbuda's bid to host CHOGM in 2026. CWEIC organizes the Commonwealth Business Forum which is one of the forums at each CHOGM. During their meeting, Prime Minister Browne outlined his country's vi-

sion for the occasion and explored potential areas of collaboration with CWEIC to ensure a successful event.

The discussions centred on promoting investment opportunities in Antigua and Barbuda and leveraging Commonwealth networks for sustainable development. This meeting underscores Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to fostering partnerships within the Commonwealth and enhancing economic opportunities for its citizens.

A&B partners with UN to achieve Sustainable Development Goals

As the World paused to celebrate United Nations Day on Thursday, Antigua and Barbuda is again signaling its commitment to multilateralism and the principles and ideals that led to the formation of the UN 79 years ago.

“We reaffirm our commitment to the principles and ideals that unite us as a global community. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the vital role the United Nations plays in fostering peace, security, and development across the world, particularly in our beloved Antigua and Barbuda,” Foreign Affairs Minister E.P Chet Greene said in a video message to the ceremony marking UN Day 2024 held at the Office of the Prime Minister.

According to Minister Greene... the United Nations has been a beacon of hope for nations that were emerging from conflicts and division. Over the years, while progress has been made, he stated, several challenges persist. These, he noted, include climate change, economic inequality, and social injustice which continue to threaten the collective future.

“Antigua and Barbuda, with its unique vulnerabilities, stands at the forefront of these challenges, facing the harsh realities of rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the urgent



Foreign Affairs Minister E.P Chet Greene need for sustainable development.

“Currently Antigua and Barbuda is partnering with the United Nations Development System to implement the UN Country Implementation Plan for the period 2024 to 2025,” he reported.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim, highlighted some of the ways that Antigua and Barbuda continues to partner with the UN.

“Our success is largely driven by our partnerships—with the international community, private sector, bilateral allies, and the many key institutions, countries, and organizations that work alongside us to promote equality, prosperity, and peace for all. Antigua will continue to be at the forefront of efforts to enhance these partnerships, making our nation the foundation for



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim

the Centre of Excellence, a building block for international peace and co-operation. This Centre will serve as another component of our dedication to global collaboration and development,” he observed.

Noting the proximity of the UN Day activities with the observance of Independence Day in Antigua and Barbuda, Amb. Pilgrim said this further highlights the country’s unwavering commitment to multilateralism. “Antigua and Barbuda’s journey over the years stands as a testament to our belief in the values upheld by the United Nations, especially as we strive to uphold global peace, cooperation, and sustainable development,” he stated.





UN reiterates its pledge to assist Eastern Caribbean countries

United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Simon Springett, has reiterated the commitment of the United Nations to work hand in hand with countries of the Eastern Caribbean as they pursue attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

Speaking in remarks at the special ceremony held to observe United Nations Day at the Office of the Prime Minister on Thursday, Springett noted that the world, and Barbados

and the Eastern Caribbean, are facing a multitude of interrelated challenges.

“Climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss coupled with the issue of access for financing for development. We all feel the enormity of responsibility to support citizens and communities – to leave no one behind. Future generations depend on the choices we make – or fail to make – today, and our willingness to come together around a commitment to collective problem-solving and action,” he noted.

Despite the challenges, Springett said the UN cast a large footprint across the region with multiple agencies working on the ground to help improve the lives of residents of the region.

“The United Nations across Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean is bigger than the sum of its parts – 23 UN agencies, funds and programmes are working hand in hand with all governments in the region to deliver joint results against government priorities – in support of people, families, and communi-



Resident UN Coordinator, Andrea Andrews

ties,” he remarked.

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ceremony was the Resident UN Coordinator, Andrea Andrews who used the opportunity to reflect on the theme for this year's celebrations.

"I would like to again reflect on the theme for UN Day this year, SDG 8, Decent Work and Economic Growth, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the goals.

"Our region is one of the most vulnerable regions on the planet, characterized by small economies, small populations and prone to natural disasters.

Increasing debt levels are constricting national budgets, limiting the ability of States to allocate adequate resources to key areas leading to deep social gaps," Andrews observed.

According to the UN Coordinator it is now a matter of urgency to tackle the issues of concern to the region.

"Now more than ever we need to tackle the challenges of, trade imbalances, increased indebtedness, communicable and non-communicable diseases, food insecurity, natural disasters, and the adverse effects of climate change head-on," she declared.



30-year old man sentenced to prison for battery on a woman

Thirty-year old Grays Farm man – Randy Daniel – has been sentenced to a prison term of seven month and 27 days when he was found guilty of battery on a woman with whom he had a relationship.

Daniel appeared in the Magistrate's Court on Thursday to answer charges related to beating Mahalia Matthew of Bolans. He was charged with violating Section 22 of the Offences Against the Person Act.

The court heard that Daniel hit Matthew with a folded fist to the left side of her face and eye. He also hit her on her left leg with a perfume bottle.

She reported that she was beaten about her body and in the process sustained broken nails.

The court also accepted evidence submitted by the prosecution that included a Medical Report submitted by the police.

The woman declined an offer to return to the doctor for a follow-up visit on the basis that she was feeling okay. She told the court that she had returned to work after a few days of sick leave.

However, she was forced to wear make up to hide the black and blue marks around her left eye.

The court heard that the woman indicated to Daniel that she no longer wished to continue a relationship with him and that this was what triggered his violent behaviour towards her.

Meanwhile, the case against the

five women who were involved in the cemetery brawl last week, has been dismissed.

The prosecution appeared before the court on Thursday along with defense attorneys Wendel Alexander and Joanne Massiah, to tell the court that the parties involved no longer wished to proceed with the matter.

In the circumstances, the prosecution withdrew the case and the trial date in February 2025 was vacated. The court has learnt that the five women involved in the brawl are all related.

However, the case against Ty Thomas who discharged a firearm in the cemetery, will proceed on December 4 as was decided by the court.



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Water related projects in Antigua and Barbuda to benefit from a new CDB initiative

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has just announced a new initiative to support water supply and management project across the Caribbean from which Antigua and Barbuda is in line to benefit.

The CDB announced the new joint initiative with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to provide much-needed support for water supply and management and the ocean ecosystem across the Caribbean.

The CDB said a €100 million (USD109.4 million) loan from the EIB will boost CDB support to projects that secure the supply of clean water, improve collection and treatment of wastewater and solid waste and upgrade flood prevention. The investments will help countries adapt to more frequent periods of drought or intense rain caused by climate change and contribute to environmental sustainability through reduced

ocean pollution.

The eligible countries for the EIB-supported investments are Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago.

“CDB and the EIB continue to enjoy a mutually beneficial collaboration, with this latest initiative providing access to addi-

tional concessional resources to 14 states, representing almost three-quarters of CDB’s Borrowing Member Countries. More importantly, those countries represent over 19 million people. Resources such as these are therefore deeply appreciated, as adequate water and sanitation services, and the prevention of water-related disasters, are key to achieving and maintaining development in our region,” said CDB President (Ag.) Isaac Solomon.

“The vulnerability of small island states on the frontline of climate change is at the centre of discussions here in Washington. Working together we can achieve a far greater impact in tackling these challenges than working alone.

“Partnerships, like the European Investment Bank’s longstanding relationship with the Caribbean Development Bank, mean that we can contribute to projects and initiatives such as the one we have signed today, that support communities and our precious ocean ecosystems as well,” said EIB Vice President Ambroise Fayolle, speaking from Washington DC. “Investing in sustainable water management is vital for the Caribbean small island developing states on the frontline of extreme weather and climate change.”

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LIAT 2020 commences regular flights into Sint Maarten

LIAT 2020 has announced the launch of its inaugural flight to Sint Maarten (SXM), scheduled for October 24, 2024. This historic flight marks an important expansion in LIAT 2020's growing network, offering seamless connectivity to one of the Caribbean's premier destinations. This new route to Sint Maarten (SXM) will provide travelers with convenient direct connections between the islands of Antigua, Dominica, St Kitts and Tortola.

The introduction of this route underscores LIAT 2020's commitment to expanding regional connectivity and providing high-quality service throughout the Caribbean. Hafsah Abdul-salam, Chief Executive Officer of LIAT 2020, stated "We are thrilled to add Saint Maarten to our growing network to contribute opportunities for trade, tourism, and

cultural exchange within the Caribbean region. LIAT 2020 is proud to facilitate this vital connection for the people of the region leisure passengers, helping to boost the local economy."

Brian Mingo, Chief Executive Officer of Princess Juliana International Airport added "As we continue our journey of growth and strengthening regional connectivity, this new route between Antigua and Sint Maarten represents a major step toward our vision for the future. It's not just about connecting two airports; it's about creating deeper cultural connections and collaborations throughout the Caribbean. With the launch of this new service, we are excited to create new opportunities for both business and leisure travellers, offering more efficient and affordable options for reaching one of the region's top

destinations."

Tickets for the new service route are available for booking through our website at www.flyliat20.com, LIAT's Customer Experience Centre via +1 (268)

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

(Probate)

In the Estate of Marlene Edwards late of Bathlodge, St. John's, Antigua, Deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

SECOND PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CLAUDIA HOLMES of Bathlodge, St. John's, Antigua for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th day of November, 2020.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2024.

Mrs. Denise Parillon
Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc.
Attorney at Law of the Applicant

Filed by Jonas Parillon & Co. Inc., Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Sir Sydney Walling Highway, St. John's, Antigua, e-mail: jonasparillon@gmail.com telephone number: (268) 562-6530 / (268) 721-3882.



2024 National Youth Rally dubbed a success

Senator Shenella Govia expressed her admiration for the turnout of supporters at the National Youth Rally. She also welcomed the increased participation from schools in the special drills competition with the return of AGS and AGHS.

National Youth Rally Competition Results 2024

Special Drills

Winner - Antigua Girls High School
 2nd - Antigua Grammar School
 3rd - Clare Hall Secondary School

Cheerleading

Winner - Ottos Comprehensive Secondary
 2nd - Glanville Secondary School
 3rd - Sir Novel Richards Academy

DJ Competition

Winner - Clare Hall Secondary School
 2nd - Antigua Grammar School
 3rd - Ottos Comprehensive Secondary





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Schools Panorama

October 26th, 2024

Schedule Of Events

Prelude Music - DJ Jay

Master of Ceremony - DJ Quest and Ibis

National Anthem - DJ

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Primary Schools' Category

Band Number 1 – Pigotts Primary School

- Tune: Good Life by Ricardo Drue
- Arranger: Kenwas James
- Captain: Skylah Decastro
- Teacher: Shara Quinn

Band Number 2 – Sunnyside Tutorial

- Tune: Sand to the Beach by Menace XL
- Arranger: Sahyen Smith
- Captain: London Charles
- Teacher: Jo-Anne Thomas

Band Number 3 – Nelvie Gore Primary School

- Tune: Don't Stop the Party by King Swallow
- Arranger: Curtis CC Cochrane
- Captain: Jesane Charles
- Teacher: Chaka Grant

Band Number 4 – Villa Primary School

- Tune: Island Girl by Burning Flames
- Arranger: Jonathan Mills
- Captain: Leachel Hawkins
- Teacher: Jonathan Mills

Band Number 5 – Greenbay Primary School

- Tune: Out Dey by Claudette Peters
- Arranger: Oren Peters
- Captain: Yokiba Charles
- Teacher: Oliver Joseph



Band Number 6 – T.N. Kirmon Primary School

- Tune: Dear Carnival by Sammie C
- Arranger: Devonson David
- Captain: Lashawnte Cochrane and Genieve Pierre
- Teacher: Jessica Thomas

Intermissions - DJ 10min

Primary School Presentation of Awards Ceremony

Secondary Schools' Category

Band Number 1 – Princess Margaret Secondary School

- Tune: Hurricane Ah Come by Burning Flames
- Arranger: Kareem King
- Captain: Arusa Murray Watkins
- Teacher: Sharisse Moore

Band Number 2 – Ottos Comprehensive School

- Tune: Hurricane Ah Come by Burning Flames
- Arranger: Mikela Simmons
- Captain: Abigail Noel
- Teacher: Zahra Lake

Band Number 3 – Clare Hall Secondary School

- Tune: Jumbie by King Obstinat
- Arranger: Curtis CC Cochrane
- Captain: Jesane Charles
- Teacher: Chaka Grant

Band Number 4 – Antigua Girls High School

- Tune: Oath by Tian Winter
- Arranger: Gavin Francis
- Captain: Tekyra Richards
- Teacher: Gavin Francis

Band Number 5 – All Saints Secondary School

- Tune: Magician by Burning Flames
- Arranger: Calique Thomas
- Captain: -
- Teacher: Nakiya Defreitas

Band Number 6 – Christ the King High School

- Tune: One Bad Apple by Burning Flames
- Arranger: Alston Davis
- Captain: Sherez Games
- Teacher: Sharon Hopkins

Band Number 7 – St. Joseph's Academy School

- Tune: Antigua is Home by Rupert "Baba" Blaize
- Arranger: Jawan Henry
- Captain: Calbert Henry
- Teacher: Rudolph Davis

Band Number 8 – St. Anthony's Secondary School

- Tune: Soca Overload by Asha Otto
- Arranger: Lorenza Hodge
- Captain: Imani Quinlan
- Teacher: Patrick Thomas

Band Number 9 – Antigua Grammar School

- Tune: Subway Jam by King Swallow
- Arranger: Aubrey "Lacu" Samuel
- Captain: Nicholas Daniel
- Teacher: Nerisa Joseph

Secondary School Presentation of Awards Ceremony

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2	ST. JOHN'S CITY EAST	32	26	24	82	26	25	29	11	3	94	5	11	12	0	0	28	204
3	ST. JOHN'S CITY SOUTH	40	24	34	98	30	17	17	13	1	78	3	20	10	0	0	33	209
4	ST. JOHN'S RURAL WEST	83	158	164	405	25	92	75	61	11	264	7	37	28	0	0	72	741
5	ST. JOHN'S RURAL SOUTH	89	82	87	258	68	36	38	29	2	173	15	29	25	0	0	69	500
6	ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST	145	111	94	350	61	46	64	30	8	209	19	49	32	0	0	100	659
7	ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH	148	130	73	351	80	39	43	35	9	206	16	33	23	0	0	72	629
8	ST. MARY'S NORTH	81	137	85	303	92	54	68	34	5	253	28	35	42	0	0	105	661
9	ST. MARY'S SOUTH	85	76	64	225	27	64	42	35	10	178	19	20	33	0	0	72	475
10	ALL SAINTS EAST AND ST. LUKE	97	127	88	312	80	67	41	38	9	235	22	37	20	0	0	79	626
11	ALL SAINTS WEST	72	122	86	280	4	106	85	57	3	255	30	37	57	0	0	124	659
12	ST. GEORGE	131	162	129	422	99	78	67	49	9	302	23	32	40	0	0	95	819
13	ST. PETER	100	106	65	271	80	22	27	39	2	170	32	25	27	0	0	84	525
14	ST. PHILIP NORTH	75	61	44	180	32	27	35	28	3	125	28	20	16	0	0	64	369
15	ST. PHILIP SOUTH	7	57	29	93	29	24	17	12	3	85	10	15	8	0	0	33	211
16	ST. PAUL	85	93	72	250	80	50	64	38	5	237	12	28	30	0	0	70	557
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Commentary

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with labour in kind for four extra years of enslavement after they were freed. They received no compensation for the theft of their labour or the denial of their human identity.

The issue of Britain's black debt has generated several accounting and actuarial studies. Many methodologies have been used to quantify the debt, resulting in figures that include the pain and suffering of dehumanisation, torture, terror and genocidal management practices.

The British imported some 3 million Africans into the Caribbean and upon emancipation in 1833, only about 700,000 had survived. Barbados, where it all began as an economic explosion, received 600,000 people from British ships over 200 years; only 83,000 survived.

Since the 19th century, Caribbean communities have been calling for reparatory justice as part of their social and economic emancipation. There is nothing new or sudden about it. Until recently they were mostly colonies and could not bring a claim against the "imperial nation".

In the 1960s, when nationhood broke on to the development agenda, the first generation of political leaders, led by Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago and Alexander Bustamante of Jamaica, tried to open a dialogue about reparations to promote economic transformation. They were humili-

ated, rejected and told that by claiming national independence they were on their own, and that Britain owed them nothing. However, the legitimacy and loudness of their claim for development support has grown over time. The Caricom Reparations Commission has proposed a 10-point plan to frame the dialogue.

It is rooted in the call for a conversation about economic development and social justice.

It imagines a summit in which governments can engage around the need for economic modernisation in the Caribbean.

The region has consistently been rejected in calls for a development partnership that recognises reparations. At the moment, "aid" is offered as an alternative to development investment, but this has never been accepted in the region. What has been consistently called for is an investment initiative designed to assist cleaning up the colonial mess left behind in the Caribbean.

Investments are required to facilitate competitiveness in leading economic sectors such as tourism and financial services; in education and health to uproot illiteracy and support research to tackle the chronic disease pandemic. There is a need for partnerships in digital transformation and technological transfer. Finally, there is a call for debt cancellation, given that these young nations received no investment support at inde-

pendence and were forced to finance their nation-building with debt.

Once again Caribbean governments and civil society are calling on the British government and national institutions such as the Bank of England and the Church of England – as well as the high street banks and insurance companies that generated and distributed wealth from slavery – to engage in a compassionate, intergenerational strategy to support postcolonial reconstruction. Britain received the Marshall plan after the second world war, but refuses to engage with the Caribbean after the slavery holocaust.

Many British families whose wealth is derived from slavery have already

come forward to discuss the reparations project and have been well received. The search for a win-win solution remains the dominant approach. The concepts of reconciliation and racial healing inform the initiative proposed by the Caricom commission.

"Correcting the world" for the 21st century is indeed the imperative, and stands in contrast to those who seek to promote fear-mongering and persistent racist attitudes. The British government has yet another opportunity to do the right thing by its citizens and the Caribbean world. There are no enemies within the reparations enterprise, just partners in search of mutual development and justice for all.

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In the Estate of "CARLOS GUILLAMON" also known as "CARLOS GUILLAMON SIERRA", late of
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An Application is hereby made to the Registrar by NELVA ELENA ANGULO BOZO of 2916 Meadowglen
CV, Houston, Texas 77082, United States, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is
the surviving spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of May, 2019.

Dated the 16th day of July, 2024


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Opinion



Safeguarding human rights requires more than words

By Sir Ronald Sanders

In the councils of the Organization of American States (OAS) and at least two of its associate institutions – the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) – much is spoken about the importance of human rights. But the words are not backed by financial support.

The bedrock of every democratic society is the dignity and worth of the human person, which can only be respected and upheld by safeguarding their human rights.

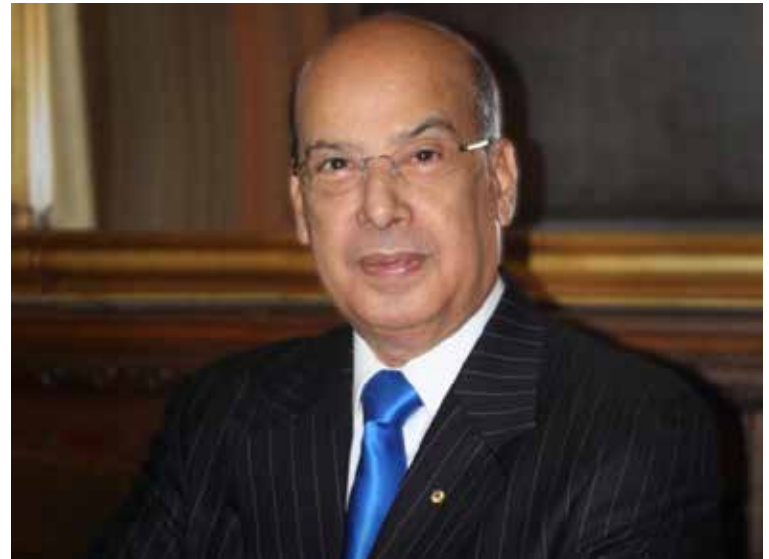
Yet, it is remarkable that the two main institutions responsible for protecting these human rights—institutions to which states assert their commitment—are hopelessly underfunded and under-resourced. Consequently, they struggle to carry out the critical tasks assigned to them by the very governments that created them.

What is worse is that both the IACHR and IACtHR now depend on financial assistance from European nations to fulfil their obligation to the peoples of the Americas. In other words, the countries of the Americas, from Canada and the U.S. in the North to Argentina in the South,

with the Caribbean in between, now rely on European states, including former colonial powers, to fund the protection of human rights within their own region. The inappropriateness of that situation is absurd.

But worse yet, this state of dependency raises serious questions about how truly committed the governments of OAS member states are to upholding human rights in all countries, including their own. It is no longer enough to voice support for human rights in resolutions. Financial commitment must match rhetoric.

The case of the IACtHR is instructive. The Court was established by the American Convention on Human Rights, which entered into force in 1978, and it began functioning in 1979 from its headquarters in Costa Rica. However, like the IACHR, the Court has always struggled financially. As early as 1992, one of its judges, Sonia Picado Sotela of Costa Rica, declared, “The Court has very little money, and one of these cases is very expensive.” She went on to state that “the Inter-American system is in an economic crisis as well as a crisis of credibility. I think the OAS States is not in its strongest moment.” Unfortunately, the situation has worsened since that statement was



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made, as many governments continue to decline providing adequate funding.

Yet, the IACtHR provides the ultimate legal protection for victims of human rights abuses. Without adequate funding, the Court will be unable to deliver that protection, leaving victims—and potential victims—exposed to violations. This is not just a hypothetical risk; it is a real and pressing concern for millions across the Americas.

A survey of other international human rights courts and arbitral bodies demonstrates the sheer disparity in funding. In 2023, the IACtHR operated on a budget of just US\$7.04 million. By comparison, the European Court of Justice had an annual budget of US\$81 million, and the African Court of Justice op-

erated with approximately US\$50 million. Alarming, 30 percent of the IACtHR’s budget is funded by European countries, including the European Union.

It is high time the governments of the Americas, especially the wealthier ones, asked themselves if it is acceptable that, after fighting for political and economic independence from European nations, they are now content for the legal protection of human rights in their “sovereign” states to be propped up by European funds?

Both the IACHR and the IACtHR are vital institutions for the protection and advancement of human rights throughout the Americas. Neither governments, political parties, nor civil society should be satisfied with weak human rights in-

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stitutions. Politicians, including current leaders, have depended on these bodies to protect them from political persecution. For example, the present President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, acknowledges that he benefited from a 2014 decision by the IACHR that overturned a 15-year ban on him holding public office.

For the Caribbean, the IACHR and IACtHR also provide important avenues for justice. While Caribbean countries have access to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) and, in some cases, the Judicial Committee of the British Privy Council, the IACHR offers further scope for human rights protection. Those Caribbean countries that are signatories to the IACtHR can also seek justice directly from the Court. But whether or not a Caribbean country is a formal member of the Court, as a member of the OAS, it still has access to the Court's "advisory jurisdiction," which allows for inter-

pretation of the American Convention and other human rights instruments at the request of OAS member states.

A compelling example of the importance of the IACtHR's role is the ongoing proceedings brought by Colombia and Chile, seeking an advisory opinion on the effects of climate change on human rights. Several Caribbean countries, including Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, gave testimony through their joint organization, the Commission for Small Island States and International Law (COSIS). A favorable advisory opinion from the IACtHR, building on a strong opinion already delivered by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), would significantly bolster the legal arguments for Caribbean States seeking compensation for the loss and damage caused by the world's largest contributors to global warming and sea level rise.

Given the rising importance of

such issues, it is deeply troubling that these vital institutions, tasked with defending the human rights of the peoples of the Americas, are left in such precarious financial situations. Without secure funding, they cannot plan for the future or handle the increasing number of cases, including those concerning climate justice.

The protection of human rights in the Americas demands more than speeches and resolutions; it requires concrete financial action. Governments must move beyond declarations and allocate the necessary resources to these institutions. Their commitment must be demonstrated not just in words, but in their willingness to invest in the future of human rights for all the peoples of the Americas.

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Disposable vapes to be banned in England from June

The sale of single-use disposable vapes will be banned in England and Wales from June next year, the government has confirmed.

Ministers in England said the move, first announced in January by the previous government but not enacted before the general election, is intended to protect children's health and prevent environmental damage.

The government said it had worked closely with the devolved nations and they would "align coming into force dates" on bans, with Wales already confirming it will follow suit.

Vaping industry leaders have warned the move could fuel a rise in illegal sales of the products.

Single-use vapes had been due to be banned in Scotland from April of next year - but the Scottish government has said the ban will now be delayed until 1 June to align with England and Wales.

The Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra) said vape usage in England had grown by more than 400% between 2012 and 2023, with 9% of the British public now buying and using the products.

The number of people who vape without ever having smoked has also increased considerably over recent years, driven mostly by young adults.

It is illegal to sell any vape to anyone under 18, but disposable vapes - often sold in smaller, more colourful packaging than refillable ones - are a "key driver behind the alarming rise in youth vaping", the previous government said when it first set out its plan.

Public health minister Andrew Gwynne said banning disposables would "reduce the appeal of vapes to children and keep them out of the



The government plans to introduce legislation to ban the sale of disposable vapes from 1 June 2025.

hands of vulnerable young people".

Vaping is substantially less harmful than smoking, but it has not been around for long enough for its long-term risks to be known, according to the NHS.

The ban will not apply to rechargeable or refillable devices.

Single-use vapes are difficult to recycle and typically end up in landfill, where their batteries can leak harmful waste like battery acid, lithium, and mercury into the environment, the government said.

Batteries thrown into household waste also cause hundreds of fires in bin lorries and waste-processing centres every year.

Defra estimates almost five million single-use vapes were either littered or thrown into general waste each week last year, a nearly four-fold increase on the year before.

In 2022, vapes were discarded containing a total of more than 40 tonnes of lithium, enough to power 5,000 electric vehicles, it said.

Defra minister Mary Creagh, whose role focuses on reducing waste

in the economy, said disposable vapes were "extremely wasteful and blight our towns and cities".

Paediatric respiratory consultant Dr Claire Hogg told BBC Radio 5 Live that disposables had "lead to an absolute epidemic of nicotine addiction and a group of children... who are having disrupted sleep, disrupted concentration and really struggling with problems with addiction".

She said her son had previously vaped and thought the ban was "brilliant news" as he had been "addicted to nicotine through false marketing" since he was around 14-years-old.

Disposable vapes - often priced at about £5 - are usually cheaper upfront than many refillable vape kits - often priced at about £8-12 - and can be bought from non-specialist retailers.

But the long-term costs associated with refillable kits are lower than for disposables.

Ireland and Belgium have recently outlined plans to ban the products, while countries including New Zealand, Australia, South Korea, India

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ECCB: Redesigned EC currency to be in circulation by 2027

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) announced during its 109th Monetary Council meeting that redesigned currency notes featuring new imagery could begin circulating by 2027.

Under the agenda item “Change of Queen’s Image on Eastern Caribbean Currency,” the meeting’s communiqué revealed that the revamped EC\$100 banknote is expected to be released by late 2027, followed by the \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 notes as existing stocks are used up.

The redesigned banknotes will showcase dual portraits of two distinguished nationals from the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), with a total of ten prominent regional figures featured across all denominations.

This move marks a sig-



nificant departure from decades of tradition, as the late Queen Elizabeth II’s portrait has long adorned ECCB-issued notes and coins.

The decision to remove the monarch’s image was made at the 105th Monetary Council meeting on July 21, 2023, in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Council members agreed to replace the Queen’s image with the ECCU logo, pending a public consultation process

that ran until December 31, 2023, inviting community feedback on the proposal and suggestions for the new designs.

During this consultative process, the public was invited to comment on the proposal to replace the Queen’s image with the ECCU logo, as well as offer suggestions for alternatives or additional images to use on the EC currency.

The first EC banknotes were issued in November

1984 to commemorate the ECCB’s first anniversary. Before 1984, banknotes – featuring different portraits of the Queen – were issued by the East Caribbean Currency Authority (ECCA) from 1965 to 1983 and the British Caribbean Currency Board (BCCB) from 1950 to 1965.

The logo of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) shows the flags of the ECCB Member Countries encircling the logo of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

The logo of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank was designed by Dennis Richards of St Kitts/Nevis on June 27, 1984.

In June 1992, Marijka Grey of St Kitts and Nevis reproduced a coloured version of the logo with the colours blue, green and yellow.

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and Brazil already have restrictions in place. John Dunne, director general of the UK Vaping Industry Association, told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme that a ban would “fuel” illegal sales.

“We have a black market in vaping products already that the authorities can’t really keep up [with], so now this is going to be dropped right on their lap as well,” he said.

Mr Dunne said the association had called on the government to alternatively introduce a licensing scheme for retailers and distributors of the products, “which will include things like mandatory age verification pro-

cesses”.

The government plans to introduce legislation to ban the sale of single-use vapes from 1 June 2025, allowing retailers time to sell their remaining stock. It will cover all single-use vapes, regardless of where they are imported from.

Online shops and major retailing platforms will be expected to use “online takedown procedures” to stop illicit suppliers when the ban comes into force, the department for health and social care said.

The devolved governments have previously announced an intention to bring in similar bans, and the UK gov-

ernment said it was working with them to align the dates on which the bans come into force.

Welsh Deputy First Minister Huw Irranca-Davies said introducing the bans on the same date across the nations would enable “high levels of compliance and consistent approach to enforcement across the UK”.

The measure is separate from government plans to end smoking by banning the sale of cigarettes to anyone born after January 2009.

Health Secretary Wes Streeting said on Monday a bill to enact that ban would be introduced to parliament before Christmas.

Regional News



Barbados on National Geographic's Best of the World list for 2025

CMC - National Geographic has unveiled its annual list of the 25 most awe-inspiring places with Barbados being the only Caribbean destination selected by the editors.

Barbados Tourism Marketing, Inc. (BTMI) on Wednesday said that "following a robust nomination, researching and reporting process," Barbados was selected as one of the Best of the World for 2025 by National Geographic's team of travel experts and NatGeo Traveler's international editorial teams, which serves millions of readers through their magazines and websites around the world.

"We are extremely honoured and proud that National Geographic has recognised Barbados as the only Caribbean destination in its highly regarded Best of the World 2025 list," said Peter Mayers, BTMI's USA director.

"This inclusion is a testament to the tireless work of our tourism stakeholders whose commitment to showcasing the unmatched beauty, culture

and hospitality of our island is unwavering.

"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our partners who represent the best of the island, as well as the Caribbean, with their passion and excellence," he added.

"Together, we have demonstrated to the world that Barbados is not just a destination but an experience of a lifetime rich in history, culture and beauty."

Designed as a menu of options to inspire travellers, BTMI said Best of the World 2025 "includes something for everyone, from families and epicureans to animal lovers and adventurers.

"While many might assume Barbados was selected for its sandy beaches, cerulean waters and culinary excellence, it was the island's slave trade history and the new Barbados Heritage District, which occupies an area where many of the enslaved were buried, that piqued the editors' interest," BTMI said.

Designed by David Adaye, the Ghanaian-British architect whose work includes the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., BTMI said the soon-to-open complex will house a global research institute, with access to the Barbados National Archives and a memorial with 570 timber poles in remembrance of the people buried below.

"I like to think of Best of the World as National Geographic's annual invitation to get out and explore the incredible diversity of places and experiences around the world," said Nathan Lump, National Geographic's editor-in-chief.

"This year, at a time of uncertainty and difficult challenges, that feels more important than ever.

"My hope is that our 2025 list is a reminder that there's still so much to be excited about and that, through travel, we can connect with joy and hope," he added.

Mozambique's ruling party wins landslide in disputed poll

Mozambique's ruling party, Frelimo, has won the country's divisive, violence-marred election, extending its 49-year grip on power in the southern African nation, according to official results.

Daniel Chapo, Frelimo's relatively unknown presidential candidate, seen as an agent of change, will replace Filipe Nyusi, who has served two terms.

At 47, Chapo, who gained 71% of the vote, will be the first president born after independence in 1975. His closest challenger, Venancio Mondlane got 20%.

Chapo said in his victory speech: "We remained silent all this time, for respecting the law. We are an organised party that prepares its victories."

Following the announcement of the result, there have been violent protests in several towns and a number of people have been killed. There is also heavy police presence in some areas.

The election has been marred by allegations of rigging and the killing of opposition supporters, prompting protests across the country.

Zimbabwe's President Mnangagwa, who has also been hit by allegations of election fraud over the years, prematurely congratulated Chapo on his "resounding victory", even before the results were announced.

Ossufo Momade, the candidate of former rebel group Renamo, which was previously the main opposition party, came in third with 6%.

Political analyst Tomas Viera Mario told the BBC that Renamo had lost its "historical position" because Momade, 68, had failed to attract young voters.

The numbers announced surprised all voters, including some members and sympathisers of the ruling party, especially Frelimo's landslide victory.

The deputy chairperson of the elec-



Daniel Chapo will become the first Mozambican president born after independence in 1975.

toral commission Fernando Mazanga, who was appointed by Renamo, said the "results are against electoral justice".

"These results do not represent the reality," he said.

The electoral commission says 43% of the more than 17 million registered voters took part in the poll.

Parliamentary and provincial elections were held at the same time as the presidential vote.

Frelimo won 195 of the 250 seats in parliament. The opposition Podemos, which backed Mondlane for president, got 31 seats and Renamo secured 20 seats.

Frelimo also won all the provincial elections.

President Nyusi followed the election results with a jubilant television address to the nation.

"With more than 70% of the votes, I don't see any teacher failing a student," he said.

The election had been seen as a turning-point for the resource-rich country which is wracked by economic problems, corruption, and poverty.

Mondlane had called for a national

strike on Thursday in protest at the alleged rigging.

He said that the protests would honour his lawyer and a party official who were shot dead last week in what he described as politically motivated killings.

He claimed that he won the election despite preliminary polls showing that Chapo was well ahead.

Mondlane now has until December to contest the results.

On Monday, he organised nationwide demonstrations, which were dispersed by police firing live rounds and tear gas.

The election has also been criticised by EU election observers, who said some results may have been doctored.

They said there were "irregularities during counting and unjustified alteration of election results".

Political analyst Adriano Nuvunga decried what he called a pattern of fraudulent elections in Mozambique.

The electoral commission has declined to comment on allegations of vote-rigging, according to Reuters.

Chapo will be sworn into office in January.

'We can't change our history' on slave trade - UK PM

The UK "can't change our history", Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has told the BBC when asked about paying reparations to countries impacted by the transatlantic slave trade.

His comments come after diplomatic sources told the BBC that Commonwealth heads of government want to start a "meaningful conversation" about an issue that could mean the UK paying billions of pounds for its historical role in the trade.

Sir Keir, who is currently in Samoa for a meeting of Commonwealth countries, said the trade was "abhorrent" and that it was important to "talk about our history".

Chancellor Rachel Reeves ruled out making payments, in an interview earlier on Thursday, saying "that's not something that this government is doing".

Sir Keir said the focus should be on "today's challenges" including resilience in the face of climate change and boosting trade between Commonwealth nations.

He added he wanted to help member countries work with international financial institutions to "unlock money that might help them" in relation to climate change.

Leaders from 56 countries are attending the



Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting taking place in Samoa on Friday and Saturday.

Commonwealth leaders are expected to defy the UK and debate ways of securing reparations for historical slavery. At its height, Britain was the world's biggest slave-trading nation. Downing Street has the issue is not on the agenda for the summit.

Reparatory justice for slavery can come in many forms, including financial reparations, debt relief, an official apology, educational programmes, building museums, economic support, and public health assistance.

In the run-up to the summit, there have been

growing calls from Commonwealth leaders for the UK to apologise and make reparations.

King Charles will formally open the summit and is expected to use his opening speech to pay tribute to his mother the late Queen Elizabeth II and her connection to the Commonwealth.

He will also say the Commonwealth's scale and diversity allows it to "discuss the most challenging issues with openness and respect".

During the gathering, a new Commonwealth secretary general will be elected. All three of the candidates - Shirley Botchwey of Ghana, Joshua Setipa of Lesotho and Mamadou

Tangara of Gambia - back reparatory justice.

Speaking to BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Frederick Mitchell, the foreign minister of the Bahamas, said he believed the UK would change its stance, saying: "It may take a while for people to come around but come around they will."

Mitchell has also urged the UK government to offer an apology, telling the Commonwealth gathering: "It's a simple matter - it can be done, one sentence, one line."

Asked if an apology would be offered, Sir Keir said: "Of course, an apology has already been made in relation to the slave

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trade, and that's not surprising, it's what we would expect."

In 2007, then-Prime Minister Tony Blair apologised for the slave trade. Following talks with the Ghanaian president, he said: "I have said we are sorry and I say it again."

During the interview with the BBC, Sir Keir was also asked about a complaint Donald Trump's team has filed against the Labour Party objecting to its staff and activists volunteering for Kamala Harris's presidential campaign.

"I think this needs to be seen for what it is," the prime minister said, adding: "It is some Labour Party members and staff in their free time campaigning."

"It's happened in every election in different parts of the world. All political parties do it... I think it needs to be put in it's proper perspective."

Sir Keir added that both he and Trump wanted to have a "good working relationship" and that the pair recently had dinner together.

He dismissed suggestions that his party were still adjusting to being in government, saying he had "absolute clarity" on his "number one mission" of economic growth.

Next Wednesday Chancellor Rachel Reeves, will set out the government's tax and spending plans in

the Budget.

Ahead of this Reeves told the BBC she would be changing the government's self-imposed debt rules to free up money for infrastructure spending.

Asked about the Budget, Sir Keir said the economy barely grew under the Conservatives and that he wanted to "clear the decks"

and "clear up the mess".

"I believe in running towards problems. If you know what the problem is, what the challenge is, every business knows this, every family knows it, run towards it and fix it."

The Conservatives have challenged Labour's argument that they created a £22bn black hole in the

economy and questioned the chancellor's decision to change the debt rules.

The party's shadow Treasury minister Gareth Davies said "uncertainty over additional borrowing risks interest rates staying higher and for longer."

"It's families up and down the country who would pay the price."



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Sports News



Anjo Wholesale clinch runners-up spot in Business Basketball League

Anjo Wholesale clinched the runners-up spot as the round-robin first stage of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League came to an end on Wednesday evening.

Anjo Wholesale wrapped up their league campaign with victory by default after Lion Feast failed to show up for their final league encounter at the JSC Sports Complex.

The result allowed Anjo Wholesale and league champions Sandals to finish with identical records of 11 wins and one defeat from their quota of 12 matches.

Lion Feast ended their league

campaign with two wins and 10 losses from their 12 matches.

Former champions Richie's Shooterz clinched third place ahead of H. Wright Promotions. Richie's Shooterz snatched a 65-57 victory against H. Wright Promotions in the final encounter in the round-robin league contest.

Cohen Desouza sank 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Tavarus Benta had 16 points, six rebounds, and four steals for Richie's Shooters, which ended their league campaign with a record of 10 wins and two losses from their 12 matches.

Javonte Daley produced a game-high 24 points, with five rebounds,

five assists, and four steals for H. Wright Promotions, which finished in fourth place with a record of nine wins and three losses from their 12 matches.

The teams that finished in the top eight positions at the end of the 13-team round-robin league advanced to the business league playoff championship.

The playoff championship will commence with a double header at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday.

Top seed Sandals will face eighth-seed Eye Mobile Vision Care at 7 pm, and third-seed Richie's Shooterz will face sixth-seed Board of Education at 8 pm.



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New records set at ABSF Invitational Championships

Several new records were set at the recently concluded 9th Annual Invitational Championships hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Federation (ABSF) from October 9 to 11.

One new national swimming record and six age-group records were established at the event.

Madison MacMillan set a new national and an age-group record in the girls' 15-17 category in the 100-meter backstroke, clocking one minute and 7.17 seconds.

MacMillan went on to establish another age group record in the 400-meter freestyle, completing the race in four minutes and 34.90 seconds.

Other age group records were set by four other swimmers. Anya DeGannes achieved a new record in the girls 11-12 age group in the 200-meter freestyle, with a time of two minutes and 14.65 seconds.

Kaylee Warner established a new mark in the girls 9-10 age group in the 200-meter freestyle, clocking two minutes and 24.76 seconds.

Isabel Nicholas set a new record in the 8 and under girls age group in the 25-meter butterfly with a time of 16.76 seconds.

Jalen Weste established a new record in the boys 8



Some of the top performers and winners at the 9th Annual Invitational Championships hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Federation from October 9 to 11. (Photo courtesy of the ABSF)

and under age group 25-meter freestyle, clocking 14.91 seconds. Recognition was also given to male and female swimmers who excelled in their age groups.

The top swimmers from each category were: Isabel Nicholas won the girls 8 and under; Jalen Weste won the boys 8 and under; Kaylee Warner captured the title in the girls 9-10 category; and Christopher Walter won the boys 9-10 division.

Anya DeGannes claimed the girls 11-12 category; Alessandro Bazzoni took the boys 11-12 division; Isabelle Bremner won the girls 13-14 category;

Esprit Shaw captured the boys 13-14 division; Elie Shaw claimed the girls 15 to 17 category; Neil Noronha captured the boy 15-17 division; Kimberlee Warner won the girls 18 and over category; and Stefano Mitchell captured the boys 18 and over division.

This exciting event saw 58 swimmers competing in their final opportunity to qualify for the 32nd OECS Swimming Championships, which is scheduled to take place in St. Vincent and the Grenadines from November 8-10. Antigua and Barbuda are the defending OECS champions.

President of the ABSF Edith Clashing praised the efforts of the athletes, stating, "The results from this year's invitational are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our athletes."

"Setting a national record and breaking multiple age group records demonstrate how far we've come as a swimming community. We are proud of each swimmer's achievements -- national records, age group records, top age group performers, and personal best performances -- and look forward to continued success at the OECS Championships."

Sports News



Antigua Grammar beat SASS in Under-20 Boys Division

The Antigua Grammar School claimed their third win in the Under-20 Boys Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup on Wednesday.

All Antigua Grammar School won for the third time in four matches in the 2024 secondary schools' football league with a 3-0 victory against the St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) at St. Anthony's.

Sedique Adams scored twice with conversions in the 37th and 58th minutes, and Samuel Brazier scored in the 63rd minute for the Antigua Grammar School.

It was the third loss in four matches for St. Anthony's Secondary School.

After losing their first three matches, Jennings Secondary School claimed their first win in the Under-20 Boys Division with a victory by default against Irene

B. Williams, which failed to show up for their scheduled encounter at the Swetes playing field.

Their fourth loss in as many games keeps Irene B. Williams Secondary firmly rooted in the cellar of the 10-team round-robin competition without a point.

The secondary schools' football league will continue with three more fourth-round matches in the Under-20 Boys Division on Friday (today) at 3 pm.

Defending champions Antigua State College will clash with Princess Margaret School at the PMS playing field.

Clare Hall Secondary will take on All Saints Secondary at the Clare Hall playing field, and the Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE) will tackle the Ottos Comprehensive School at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.



Sedique Adams of Antigua Grammar School

Agriculture return to winning form in Business Football League

The Ministry of Agriculture returned to winning form during the fifth round of matches in the 2024 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship.

The Ministry of Agriculture, which were held to a 1-1 draw by Galle Bay Resort in their previous outing, claimed their fourth win in five matches with a 2-1 victory against

DEWS at the Jennings playing field.

The Ministry of Agriculture continues to lead Group 2 by advancing to 13 points from five matches.

But the Royalton Strikers maintained their perfect run by recording their fourth win in as many games to lead Group 1 with 12 points. The Royalton Strikers romped to a 5-0 drubbing of APUA Head Office at Jen-

nings.

Sandals and the Antigua Port Authority recorded wins in their latest matches to remain joint leaders of Group 3 by advancing to 10 points each.

Sandals maintained their unbeaten run by securing their third win in four matches with a 6-2 drubbing of the

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ABNDA crowns female and male pairs champions

The Antigua and Barbuda National Domino Association (ABNDA) has crowned the Female and Male Pairs winners in its Pre-Independence Classics.

The combination of Natalie Heron and Amsha-Ann Eusebe captured the Female Pairs title, while the duo of Glenford George and Jahrio O'Brien won the Male Pairs competition, which was recently held at the ABNDA's headquarters in Ottos.

The team comprising Joanne Davis and Edna Charles came in second, and the duo of Francine Hector and Bernia Richards claimed third place in the Female Pairs contest.

The combination of Zenus Williams and Maclean Harve captured the runner-up position, and the team of Kenny Charles and



Mervin LeFleur secured third place in the Male Pairs competition.

A total of 63 male players participated in the male pairs contest, while 42 female players contested the female pairs domino competition.

The recent winners were

the latest champions in the series of ABNDA's Pre-Independence Classics.

Jason King won the King of Domino crown, while Seymone Parkes claimed the Queen of Domino title in the three-hand domino contests.

The duo of Zenus Wil-

liams and Maclean Harve won the first competition by securing victory in the 500 Pairs four-hand knockout competition.

The Pre-Independence classics will continue at the headquarters of the national domino association in Ottos this weekend.

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Ministry of Tourism at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

The Antigua Port Authority notched up their third win in five matches with a 3-0 victory against the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) at the same venue.

The General Post Office hammered Mackey Enterprises 3-0 at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos to claim their fourth win in five matches and remain in second place in Group 2 by advancing to 12 points.

In other results, the Immigration Department and Galley Bay Resort both recorded their first win in four matches at Radio Range in Ottos. The

Immigration Department beat Royalton Chic 2-0, while Galley Bay Resort prevailed 3-0 against APUA Water Division.

Hermitage Hotel claimed their third win in four matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against Antigua Plumbing and Hardware Center at the Golden Grove playing field.

The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus (UWIFIC) and the St. John's Development Corporation (SJDC) both recorded their first win at the same venue.

The UWIFIC claimed their first win in four matches with a 4-1 victory against the Emergency Medical Services, which suffered their third loss

in four matches.

The SJDC secured their first win in three matches with a 5-0 drubbing of Blue Waters Hotel, which lost for the third time in as many games.

Defending champions APUA Telecoms claimed their third win in four matches with a 3-1 victory against Fresh Acres Enterprise at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

The Antigua Rainforest and Cocos/Keyonna fought to a 1-1 draw at Jennings.

The 2024 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship will continue with the sixth round of matches at four venues on Saturday.

Winning start for Antigua at ECVA Men's Championship

Hosts Antigua and Barbuda made a winning start in defense of their title at the 2024 Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association's (ECVA) Senior Men's Championship, which got underway in St. John's on Wednesday.

Antigua and Barbuda launched their title defense with a comfortable straight-set 3-0 victory against St. Eustatius in the final game of an opening day triple header at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The Antiguan took control of their opening match in Pool A from the start to the finish, beating St. Eustatius 25-13, 25-11, and 25-19.

Grenada also got off to a winning start in Pool A, surging to a 3-1 victory against Bermuda in the first game of the tournament.

But it was Bermuda who made the better start to the encounter and took the opening set 25-19.

The Bermudans were unable to sustain their lead as the Grenadians rebounded to take the next three sets to win the match 25-22, 25-20, and 26-24.

Dominica also recorded



Coach Carl Williams engages the players of the Antigua and Barbuda team during a timeout in their opening match against St. Eustatius at the 2024 Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association's Senior Men's Championship at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. (ABAVA)

a 3-1 victory against Anguilla in the opening match in Pool B.

The Anguillan men won the opening set 25-19 but were also unable to press home their early advantage as Dominica staged a resurgence to secure victory by winning the next three sets 25-13, 25-11, and 25-21.

Ten teams, which are divided into two zones, are contesting the five-day tournament, which will conclude on Sunday.

Battling for supremacy in Pool A are Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, and St. Eustatius.

The participants in Pool

B are St. Lucia, St. Maarten, Dominica, Anguilla, and Saba.

The teams will engage in a round-robin pool play, with the top two finishers in each group advancing to the semi-finals. The two winners of the semifinals will clash in the final for the title on Sunday night.