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on his  
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# Local News



## Head of the SJPC survives attempts on his life

The spiritual leader of the St. John's Pentecostal Church of Restoration, Apostle Dr. Stephen Andrews, has survived an attempt on his life after he intercepted a robbery in progress at his church early Sunday morning.

Apostle Andrew recalled the harrowing incident when he addressed his church congregation during the morning service on Sunday.

He reported that the church was broken into on Wednesday night and he had engaged the services of extra security.

The security team was on duty Thursday and Friday night, but was apparent-

ly absent on Saturday night.

Therefore, early Sunday morning he was awoken by the alarm that indicated that the church sanctuary was again broken into. Not being able to get anyone to accompany him, he decided to travel to the church alone to investigate.

When he arrived, he noted that the window to the secretary's office had been broken into that the burglar bars removed. He then entered into the sanction and discovered that the intruders were still present inside.

"I returned to be vehicle and drove around the building to give the impression that I had left. I left the car engine running and

re-entered the building only to encounter them face to face...I started to approach them...not being aware that one had a gun...the other guy shouted 'shoot him' and the one with the gun pulled the trigger...but thanks be to God...the weapon did not discharge.

"I started to run away from them and again the intruder pulled the trigger and again...the weapon did not discharge...the got to the vehicle before me and for a third time the man with the gun pulled the trigger and for a third time...the weapon did not discharge. They jumped into my vehicle and drove off," he recalled.

Both men reportedly



Dr. Stephen Andrews

wore hoodies and masks and according to Apostle Andrew he was not able to identify them.

A report has been made to the police, but attempt to reach the police spokesman has not been successful.

Apostle Andrew dis-  
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## MP Greene chides Opposition Leader Pringle over absence from Sir Gerald Watt's send-off

The Member of Parliament for St. Paul, E.P. Chet Greene has chided the Leader of the Opposition, Jamale Pringle for his failure to attend last week's ceremony where Sir Gerald Watt retired from the Speakership of the House of Representatives.

Speaking on the *Browne and Browne* show on Saturday, Greene, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Barbuda Affairs as well as chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, said he was particularly disappointed with Pringle's absence knowing that the opposition leader, perhaps more than anyone else, had benefitted quite a lot from Sir Gerald.

"Sir Gerald was not one to mince words or curry favour. The person, I believe, who benefitted most from Sir Gerald in the parliament was the Leader of the Opposition Jamale Pringle. He was so woefully short in his ability, in his presentation



MP for St Paul, E.P. Chet Greene

that to have Sir Gerald every time reminding him how it's done; what should be done; what should not be done, he should look back at Sir Gerald's tenure, his support and guidance in parliament as being meaningful and helpful," he remarked.

Greene noted that in an atmosphere of what he termed 'colour-coded' politics, Sir Gerald's contribution may be seen by the Opposition Leader as being hostile, or negative, but challenged anyone to look at Pringle's presentations in parliament and Sir Gerald's instances of

intervention and not be honest to say that Sir Gerald had gone 'above and beyond' to assist Pringle.

MP Greene proffered the view that Pringle's absence may be more a decision by his 'handlers' who may have advised him not to attend.

"Somewhere within the UPP, they always felt that Sir

Gerald was hostile to Pringle, instead of seeing that Sir Gerald was helping to guide him," he observed.

Greene is hopefully that the opposition leader would take his comments and be guided by them. "I think Pringle was given bad advice by those who encouraged him to stay away from the House for the Special sitting in honour of the retiring Sir Gerald. In any other country this would have been an occasion to celebrate," he emphasised.

Sir Gerald was the sixth Speaker of the House since statehood. The previous ones were; Denfield Hurst, Cecil Hewlett, Casford Murray, Dame Bridget Harris, and D. Gisele Isaac.

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closed that a number of minor items have been stolen, but that whilst these can be replaced, there's no replacing of a human life. He gave thanks to God, that he intervened to let the weapon malfunction and that he is alive and well to recount his ordeal.

"It is clear that my work here is not yet complete; the Lord has much more work for me to do; I am thankful for his mercies that I have been able to walk away from this incident unscathed. However, this has strengthened my resolve to continue God's work," he stated.

At the Sunday morning worship, the congregation was shown a clip of the incident and prayers were offered up for God's continuing protection to the man of God.

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## 'Thumbs up' to the Ministry of Education ahead of e-books roll-out

The Ministry of Education is getting full marks from participants attending the first of several townhall meetings planned to educate stakeholders ahead of rolling out a new e-book platform within the education system.

The Ministry convened the meeting on Thursday at the John E. St. Luce Conference Centre to begin the process of getting what it termed 'buy-in' from all stakeholders prior to the decision to introduced the new e-books widely among the target group – children in the primary schools.

In attendance were Minister of Education, Daryll



Matthew, Minister of State in the Ministry, Senator Shenella Govia, Director of Education Clare Browne as well as a representative of the company that is provid-

ing the e-books – Fortuna Pix.

Director Browne revealed that the new e-books have been introduced in four primary schools on a pilot

basis in order to get feedback from both the teachers and the students about issues that may have encountered. These concerns will

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be fed back to Fortuna Pix so that they can tweak the system accordingly.

According to the Director the ministry is aware that the last attempt at introducing e-books did not go as intended so this time around it wants to take an approach involving more consultations and conversations.

Browne said there is no immediate date for the introduction of the new e-book, being supplied by Fortuna Pix and that this is why the pilot scheme in the four primary schools is such an important part of the process.

“We want to get real-life situations and to get real-time responses from teachers and students,” he noted.

The director promises that the ministry will hold more town-hall meetings as well as other types of engagements to get the support of all stakeholders before the e-books are



fully introduced into the system.

Among those attending the town-hall were a number of teachers as well as representatives from the opposition United Progressive Party, the representative for St. John's Rural West, Richard Lewis and Senator Jonathan

Joseph and radio host Franz DeFreitas.

All three voiced support both for the introduction of the e-books as well as for the decision to hold consultations with stakeholders prior to introducing the e-books on a wider scale.



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## PM Browne calls for regional approach to tackling “pernicious scourge” of crime

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne Friday called for a regional approach to tackle what he termed the “pernicious scourge of crime and violence” in the Caribbean.

Addressing the second Regional Symposium on Crime and Violence as a Public Health issue here, Browne said that “there has been an escalation of crime and violence throughout the region which requires a holistic collaboration, approach, and strategy especially but not limited to the regional judiciary and governments”.

He identified among the challenges was the emergence of the lack of civility, the need for the intensification of strategies to encourage drug demand reduction, the need to increase public



education programmes, the reduction in the access to firearm and the proliferation of youth gangs which he said “must be at the core of our interventions”.

“Many of our youth are showing a lack of empathy and an overall disregard for authority. Therefore, we as leaders in the Communi-

ty need to focus on a total re-culturing of our households and broader society”.

He also suggested that governments create pathways to rehabilitate youth involved in gang activities so that they could become productive members of society.

Browne also agreed that

crime and violence are a health concern requiring a holistic societal approach after Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley had commended him for championing the mental health issue, which she believes many criminals are suffering from.

Browne told his colleagues and other stakeholders that the issue of mental health must not be dismissed when speaking on criminal activities, noting also the impact of some music and ‘changes to our cultural norms’ represent a key element to the rise in crime and violence across the Caribbean.

“We must be more respectful of others, we must recognize the other types of crime and the transnational organized crime, the facilitators. Governments are now called upon to place more resources to better handle the upsurge of crime and violence,” Browne said.







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## Government to develop a policy regarding Electric or Hybrid Vehicles

The Cabinet-mandated Working Group for the Development of Antigua and Barbuda's Electric Vehicle (EV) and Hybrid Vehicle Policy convened its first meeting last week under the chairmanship of Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim.

By way of setting the tone for the meeting, Ambassador Pilgrim noted that the transportation sector is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and transitioning to cleaner, more energy-efficient alternatives is no longer a choice but a necessity.

"As a small island de-



veloping state, Antigua and Barbuda remains particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

"This working group represents a crucial step towards meeting our obligations under international climate agreements while

safeguarding our environment for future generations.

"With approximately 45,000 fossil fuel-based vehicles registered in Antigua and Barbuda, it is small wonder that the wear and tear on our roads is a constant challenge due to the



daily accumulated weight of each vehicle.

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is a sub-topic worth exploring further as we look to create a more balanced and sustainable transportation ecosystem,” he explained.

PS Pilgrim pointed out that the initiative aligns directly with Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7): ***Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.*** “By promoting the use of EVs and hybrid vehicles, we are actively contributing to reducing reliance on fossil fuels, improving energy efficiency, and expanding access to clean energy technology. Additionally, this initiative complements SDG 13: ***Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts,***” he noted.

During the meeting there were several presentations by the members who represent different stakeholders.

The representative from the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board, Arif Jonas provide information of Electric and Hybrid vehicles.

The Ministry of Energy’s Dwight Laviscount’s presentation was on Identification of key challenges for

EV and Hybrid adaptation in Antigua and Barbuda. Other discussions focused on Electric Vehicle duty waiver and the Environment Levy as well as Potential Policy and Regulatory Framework and Policy Targets.



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# Local News



Samantha Marshall

## Statement by the First Vice Chair of the ABLP - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and 16 days of activism

*“TOWARDS BEIJING+30: UNITE to End Violence Against Women and Girls”*

By Samantha Marshall

As the First Vice Chair of the ABLP and the first woman elected at a general election representing our party, I am filled with pride and determination.

Today, we recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and the 16 days of activism under the banner of “Towards Beijing +30: UNITE to End Violence Against Women and Girls,” a cause that resonates deeply within our hearts and communities.

Thirty years ago, the world came together in Beijing to affirm the rights of women and girls, laying a foundation for gender equality and empowerment. Yet, despite significant progress, we find ourselves at a critical juncture where violence against women and girls persists as a global epidemic. This is not just a women’s issue; it is a human rights issue that requires our collective action.

As women leaders, within our homes; our churches; our workplace; and our communities, we have the moral obligation to champion the rights of those who are often silenced. Our voices must echo not only in

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support of our Government but also to continuously, advocate for policies that will protect and empower every woman and girl. We must support and aide our Government in not only addressing the symptoms of violence but also confronting the root causes that perpetuate it: harmful stereotypes, economic inequality, and systemic discrimination.

Our journey towards a violent-free society begins with education and awareness. We must equip our communities with the tools to challenge and dismantle the cultural norms that allow violence to flourish. Together, we can create environments where women and girls feel safe, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams without fear.

Moreover, we must engage men and boys in this fight. True change requires the active participation of all genders. We must foster dialogue that encourages men to become allies in the pursuit of equality, helping to reshape the narratives around masculinity and power.

As the First Vice Chair of the ABLP, I commit to working tirelessly to amplify our efforts in this mission. Together, we will advocate for comprehensive policies that address the needs of survivors and hold perpetrators accountable. We will support grassroots organizations that work directly with affected communities, ensuring that no voice goes

unheard.

In the spirit of collaboration, let us unite with our Government, civil society, and international organizations. Let us share best practices and learn from one another's experiences. We can create a global movement that not only raises awareness but also drives

real change in our societies. As the oldest political party with so many women taking various leadership roles within, we must appreciate that we have a role to play in supporting our Government initiatives and holding them accountable.

As we look towards Beijing +30, let us as a po-

litical organization renew our commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Let us stand together, not just as leaders, but as a powerful force for change. Together, we can build a future where every woman and girl can live free from violence and achieve their fullest potential.



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# Local News



## Liberta clinic back in service; new Cobbs Cross clinic by year-end

The provision of primary health care in the St. Paul constituency took a big step forward last week with the reopening of the Liberta Clinic offering services – Mondays to Fridays to the people of the area.

Area representatives, E.P Chet Greene is public expressing his thanks and appreciation to both the Ministries of Health and Works for their efforts to bring back this vital service to the people. “It is not yet officially opened with any fanfare, but the nurses are there providing service and the notice has been publi-



Liberta Clinic now reopened  
cized for the benefit of the  
people,” he noted.

According to Greene

the clinic was built more  
than 40 years ago and over  
that time it was never re-

furbished nor had any work  
done to it. “These repairs  
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## Antigua and Barbuda's Director of Environment encourages CARICOM AOSIS Fellows

The Director of the Department of the Environment for Antigua and Barbuda, Dianne Black-Layne, delivered inspiring remarks to the graduating class of the 2024 AOSIS Fellows from the CARICOM region.

Her address followed a panel discussion featuring four CARICOM AOSIS Fellows representing Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominica, and Belize. The discussion, titled AOSIS CARICOM Fellows Capacity Building in CARICOM: The Next Generation of Climate Change Negotiators, provided these emerging leaders an opportunity to reflect on their experiences in the

AOSIS Fellowship program and their participation in the COP29 Climate Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the moderator, Cozier Frederick, Minister of Environment and Rural Affairs of Dominica, invited Director Black-Layne, a distinguished guest in the audience, to share her thoughts. A respected stalwart of CARICOM and AOSIS climate diplomacy, Black-Layne offered valuable advice to the fellows.

In her remarks, she emphasized the importance of creating tangible impacts in their communities through their work. She urged the fellows to remain connected to their local communi-



Ambassador Diann Black-Layne addressing fellows at COP29

ties, stay focused in their careers, and ensure that their efforts translate into meaningful outcomes for those most affected by cli-

mate change.

Reflecting on her own illustrious career, she highlighted the significance of respecting political leaders, who are directly accountable to the people. She concluded by wishing the fellows success and expressing optimism for the region's future, given the exceptional talent being cultivated.

In addition to her role as Director of the Department of the Environment, Dianne Black-Layne has served as Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador for Climate Change and as a former Lead Negotiator for AOSIS on climate finance. She currently co-chairs the Standing Committee on Finance at the UNFCCC.

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meant changing the roof as well as a total upgrade of the clinic, including the services that are offered there," the representative reported.

In Cobbs Cross, the minister said the new clinic has been completed although not yet opened but the expectation is that this will happen before yearend. Greene noted that this has been a long time in coming but the endgame is now within sight.

"The previous administration had closed the clinic back in time in office after the nurses were complaining about rodent infestation. We promised the people of Cobbs Cross that we would build a new clinic when we campaigned in 2014. However, when we came to office, we found the treasury empty so projects such as the

clinic in Cobbs Cross were placed on the 'back-burner'. By 2018, the clinic was again promised and work started, but by 2023, the people of the area became quite upset with me as the representatives and the ABLP and they showed their displeasure at the polls," he explained.

Greene revealed that in the 2023 general elections he lost the Cobbs Cross boxes, while he won them in 2014 and again in 2020, as an indication of the people's displeasure with the ABLP.

"The people showed their anger by voting against us. However, I am pleased to report that I have seen a resurgence in my support and I am confident that if general elections are called today, that I would win all the boxes in the area," he emphasized.



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## Development bank for resilient prosperity launched

CMC - The Development Bank for Resilient Property (DBRP) was launched here on Friday with its executive director, Dr Hyginus “Gene” Leon, saying it represents a direct challenge to the status quo and a declaration that “we are done settling for half-measures in the face of global crises”.

The concept of a financial institution dedicated to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was first introduced at the SIDS Inter-Regional Conference in Cabo Verde in August 2023. The initiative aimed to amplify the voices of SIDS, mobilize finance for resilient infrastructure, and address regional economic disparities.

The fourth International Conference on Small Island States (SIDS4) held in Antigua and Barbuda in May this year, provided even further impetus for the DBRP that aims to address the persistent financial challenges faced by SIDS, which have long struggled to secure affordable financing and often burdened by unsustainable debt.

Leon, the former president of the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) told the event co-hosted by the University of the West Indies (The UWI) and the PVBLIC Foundation that the launch demands bold action and calls on all stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, academia, and civil society “to rise to the challenge and reshape how development works for people and the planet.

The United States based Public Foundation is a public charity that creates and manages programmes and partnerships to advance social impact and sustainability around the world.

“The current system is failing us. Climate change is accelerating, in-



Development Bank for Resilient Property (DBRP) executive director, Dr Gene Leon addressing the launch of the institution on Friday. Photo: CMC

equality is growing, and outdated financial models lock countries, particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in cycles of debt and despair,” said the St Lucia-born economist. He said for decades, global development has been measured by a single flawed metric, namely the gross domestic product (GDP) but that “GDP doesn’t count what matters most.

“It doesn’t measure the destruction of natural resources, the costs of inequality, or the fragility of our ecosystems. It’s time to admit that this model is broken,” he said, adding that the DBRP is the bold solution that is needed.

“It is not just another development bank, it’s a bank designed for this moment. It prioritizes people and the planet, embedding equity, sustainability, and resilience into its DNA,” he said, noting that the DBRP takes a systems approach because the challenges are deeply interconnected.

Leon, a former senior International Monetary Fund (IMF) official, said that poverty, inequality, and ecological

collapse aren’t separate issues, noting “they are symptoms of a system in crisis.

“We cannot fix one without addressing the others. That’s why the DBRP is grounded in a simple but transformative principle: to create lasting stability, we must balance economic, social, and environmental priorities.”

He said this approach ensures that no single aspect of development comes at the expense of others.

“It’s about allocating resources equitably, economic, valuing human rights, social, and embracing sustainability, ecology, as the foundation of progress. That is, maximize the productive capacity function subject to attaining ecological stability.

“Let’s be clear: the DBRP cannot do this alone. Partnership is the cornerstone of this vision – a new PPP-partnership for prosperity and planet-in finance, in productivity enhancing activities”.

Leon said that the private sector is

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# Business



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critical to driving innovation and mobilising resources and that by collaborating with business leaders, such as those engaged in the Family Offices for Sustainable Development, bridges are being built between purpose and profit.

He said academia is equally essential as he praised the UWI “for its bold statement of partnership and for agreeing to host the DBRP’s launch.

“This is a testament to UWI’s un-

wavering commitment to the Caribbean and SIDS globally. For decades, UWI has been the intellectual backbone of the region, shaping policies, nurturing leaders, and driving innovative solutions. By partnering with the DBRP, UWI underscores the vital role academia plays in changing systems that have failed SIDS, ensuring that these nations have a voice and the tools to secure their future.

“Together, the DBRP and UWI are sending a powerful message: that re-

silience, sustainability, and equity are not just aspirations—they are achievable realities when we work in partnership,” he said.

The UWI described the bank as a transformative financial entity focused on advancing sustainable climate resilience development across the Caribbean, Pacific Africa, Latin America, and SIDS.

It said the establishment of the DBRP is significant and timely, noting that climate finance has taken centre stage at the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP29) in Azerbaijan, with discussions focusing on supporting climate action and enhancing resilience in developing countries.

The UWI said that the launch highlights the bank’s “innovative approach to addressing critical challenges through partnerships and data-driven finance”.

Leon told the ceremony that the DBRP is not just here to talk about change but to deliver change for sustainable development.

“We will champion the monetisation and tokenisation of natural assets, create value to natural assets and promote a regenerative economy with ecosystem services in all nine planetary boundaries (to drive sustainable development.

“We will leverage innovative financing tools (propose broadening reserve assets, state contingent instruments that reward performance and manage disaster risks linked to resilience capacity, swaps for ecological sustainability, guarantees to help countries build resilience and break free from cycles of debt”.

He said the bank will also reimagine return by adopting a total cost measure including social and environmental and will align every decision with the principle that development must serve both people and the planet.

“This is a new model for a new  
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## Bermuda: Government to phase out use of single-use plastics

CMC - The Bermuda government says it intends to draft legislation soon aimed at phasing out single-use plastics.

Home Affairs Minister Walter Roban, addressing the fourth annual Youth Climate Summit, said that a draft version of the Bill would be available for public consultation before being passed into law.

Roban, saying that he is "passionate about using the resources at my disposal to protect our environment while encouraging the growth and development of green initiatives," told the young people that as Bermuda's future leaders, they must be knowledgeable and have a say in the island's future direction.

Legislative plans to ban single-use plastics were an-



nounced in the 2018 Throne Speech, with the goal of eliminating them by 2022. Roban said the Bill focused on the environment and human health, with a realistic phase-out timeline at the top of the list.

He said allowances would be made for medical

items or cases where single-use plastics came with no alternatives.

In his address, the Home Affairs Minister spoke on measures to ensure cleaner air, saying that limits for contaminants listed in Bermuda's Clean Air Regulations will be updated for

the first time in more than 30 years.

Enforced quality standards and target levels will now align with those set in Britain and the European Union.

Roban said updates had been made to strengthen water resource protections by cracking down on ground pollution and the dumping of sewage and contaminants into the ocean.

"The successful implementation of these initiatives will create economic opportunities, improve living standards and, most importantly, protect and preserve our environment for future generations.

"As the saying goes, 'We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children,' he said, adding that the government is prepared to throw its weight behind protecting the environment.

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era. The moral imperative for change. Let me say this plainly: this is not just a financial challenge; this is a moral reckoning.

"How can we accept a world where the richest one per cent captures 63 per cent of all new wealth while hundreds of millions live on less than US\$2.15 daily? How can we call ourselves stewards of the Earth when G20 nations, responsible for 75 per cent of global emissions, continue to fall short of their climate commitments?

"This isn't just about numbers, but lives, livelihoods, and the legacy we leave for future generations. The DBRP is a declaration that we will not stand by while inequality and environmental degradation threaten the foundations of global stability.

"Today, I am calling on you, not to

support the DBRP but to own its mission; embrace joint responsibility. To governments: invest in a future that values resilience over short-term growth.

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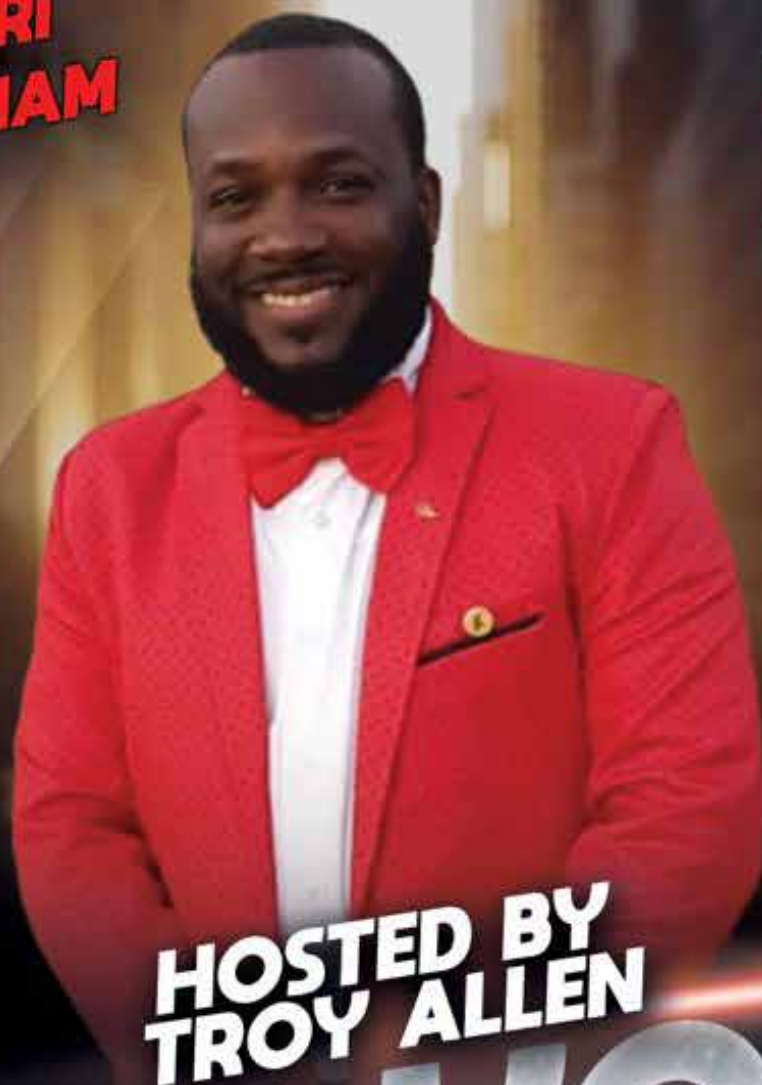
"The DBRP is not just a bank; it's a rallying point for those who believe we can do better, with bigger, bolder actions! Let us be clear: incremental change is no longer enough.

"The time for bold, systemic action is now. Together, we can build a world where resources are shared equitably, ecosystems are protected, and everyone can thrive," Leon said.





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## Haiti: Several gang members killed during confrontation with police

CMC - The National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), says more than 100 gang members have been killed in Haiti in a three day period, as armed gangs have stepped up attacks and attempted last Tuesday to invade one of the capital's upscale neighbourhoods, Pétion-Ville.

The Haitian National Police (PNH) said it is maintaining its security operations also in Vivy Mitchell and Belleville in the commune of Pétion-Ville as the authorities seek to dismantle the operations of the gang that has ever since the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in July 2021, seized a significant position of the capital, Port au Prince.

RNDDH executive director, Pierre Espérance, said that in several cases, the police have fatally wounded the armed individuals with members of the public setting fire to the bodies.

He said in other cases, it is the residents themselves who have killed the bandits to protect themselves.

RNDDH said that among the 90 deaths reported on Tuesday, 25 occurred in the Canapé Verte neighbourhood and 15 along the Pan-American Highway near the Oasis Hotel in Pétion-Ville.

It said last Thursday, six gang members were killed between Delmas 57 and 59 and the Christ-Roi neighbourhood.

"Justice is sick. How can we explain that since 2018, you have all these massacres, all these rapes, these kidnappings and that there is no judicial process? Justice has completely collapsed," he said.

Last Thursday, the gang leader, Jimmy Chérizier alias "Barbecue," a former police officer, posted a video confirming that he was present when



the gang members clashed with the police and that while two of his most trusted had been killed, he managed to escape.

The new Protector of Citizens, Wilner Morin, said the country is in 'total anarchy.'

"We are in a situation where...the population is so backed up against the wall that they feel like they can take justice into their own hands.

"It's very serious," Morin added.

Known as the "Bwa Kale" movement, acts of vigilantism by unorganized groups of Haitians and self-defense groups are on the rise, with the Human Rights Branch of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) noting in a September 2024 report that the groups often operate "with the support or approval of police officers."

In such incidents, victims are mutilated with machetes, stoned, decapitated, burned alive, or buried alive, the report said, also raising concerns

about extrajudicial killings by members of the police.

Last week, the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said he is "deeply concerned by the escalation of gang violence in Port-au-Prince and its impact on health.

"Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is a key partner in Haiti and the recent closure of its five health facilities will have a major impact. In addition to injuries caused by ongoing violence and infectious disease outbreaks.

"Haiti is facing one of the worst food crises in the world, with half the population facing hunger. Since March 2024, access to health care has been extremely limited across the country, with less than a third of hospitals functioning normally.

"We must ensure the safety of health and humanitarian workers so that they can help the Haitian people in difficult times," he added.



## Sudan in danger of becoming a failed state, aid chief warns

War-stricken Sudan is in danger of becoming another failed state because civil society is disintegrating amid a proliferation of armed groups, the head of a leading international aid agency has told the BBC.

As well as the two main warring parties in Sudan - the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces - there are many smaller "ethnic armies" looting and going "berserk" on civilians, Jan Egeland, head of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), said.

"The parties are tearing down their own houses, they are massacring their own people," he said.

For nineteen months, there has been a brutal power struggle between the army and the RSF, that has forced over 10 million people to flee their homes and pushed the country to the



Millions of people have been forced to flee their homes in Sudan.

brink of starvation.

"All that I saw confirms that this is indeed the biggest humanitarian emergency on our watch, the biggest hunger crisis, the biggest displacement crisis," Mr Egeland said, following a trip to Sudan.

In September, the World Health Organization (WHO) said starvation in Sudan "is almost everywhere".

Soup kitchens have been forced to close due to being

underfunded. Egeland said the lack of humanitarian response meant remaining sources of aid are simply "delaying deaths instead of preventing them."

"Most of Sudan is starving, it's starving," he said, adding that starvation has been used as a method of warfare. Some food security specialists fear that as many as 2.5 million people could die from hunger by the end of this year.

Mr Egeland warned that the world is "failing Sudan completely" by not doing enough. He told the BBC if Europe wanted to avoid a refugee crisis, it needed to invest in "aid, protection and peace in this corner of the world".

"It's an underfunded operation, even though it's the world's biggest emergency," he said.

Thousands of people have been killed since a civil war broke out. Rights groups have also expressed fears that there may be ethnic cleansing and genocide in Sudan.

Despite this, peace talks between the RSF and the army have been fruitless.

"The war will stop when these warlords feel they have more to lose by continuing fighting, than by doing the sensible thing" Egeland said.

## Dozens killed in Pakistan sectarian violence

By Henri Astier

Pakistani authorities say they have negotiated a seven-day ceasefire after more than 80 people were killed in renewed sectarian violence in the north-west of the country.

Another 156 are said to have been wounded in three days of fighting in the tribal district of Kurram, near the Afghan border.

The violence began on Thursday, when gunmen attacked convoys of Shia Muslims travelling through the area under police escort. More than 40 died in that incident, which triggered



The violence comes less than two months after funeral for victims from previous unrest. revenge attacks.

Shia and Sunni Muslims have engaged in tribal and sectarian rivalries

over land disputes for decades.

After negotiations on Sunday, gov-  
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## CWI to review playing conditions after Super50 Cup final ends in double forfeit

The 2024 CG United Super50 Cup ended in unprecedented fashion on Saturday, as both finalists, Jamaica Scorpions and Barbados Pride, forfeited the final after their captains failed to attend the scheduled coin toss.

As a result, Cricket West Indies (CWI) has declared that there will be no champion for this year's tournament. The anticlimactic conclusion followed what had been an exciting and competitive tournament, leaving organizers, fans, and players stunned.

The forfeiture occurred after a heavily rain-affected day at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad, where persistent showers delayed the start of play.

Despite the delays, match officials confirmed that the game could proceed as a 20-over-a-side contest if play commenced by 6:17 pm. Both teams were informed that the toss would be held at 6:00 pm to facilitate the adjusted



Players of the Barbados Pride start time. However, neither captain appeared for the toss, leading to both teams failing to take the field and the final being ruled a double forfeit.

In a statement, CWI announced plans to review the tournament regulations following the unprecedented events. According to the playing conditions, if no play was possible due to rain, both teams would have been declared co-champions.

However, as conditions were deemed playable, the

failure of both teams to take the field resulted in the forfeiture.

"These unanticipated events highlight the need for a thorough review of the playing conditions to prevent a recurrence of such situations," CWI said.

"Further consultation with stakeholders will determine the necessary adjustments to the regulations."

The conclusion marred what had been a tournament filled with memorable mo-

ments and outstanding performances.

Barbados Pride secured their spot in the final with a commanding 153-run victory over defending champions Trinidad & Tobago Red Force in the first semi-final, while Jamaica Scorpions cruised past the Leeward Islands Hurricanes with a 107-run win in the second semi-final.

The forfeiture also impacted the tournament's financial outcomes. The champions were set to receive US\$100,000, while the runners-up were to earn US\$50,000. Both semi-finalists will receive US\$25,000 each.

CWI is expected to release additional information after completing its review, as the cricketing community reflects on an unforgettable—but ultimately disappointing—conclusion to the region's premier 50-over competition.

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ernment spokesman Muhammad Ali Saif said that both Shi'ite and Sunni leaders had agreed to halt the violence, Reuters and AFP news agencies reported.

On Sunday a local administration official told AFP: "The clashes and convoy attacks on November 21, 22, and 23 have resulted in 82 fatalities and 156 injuries."

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said that 16 of the dead were Sunni and 66 belonged to the Shia community.

Those killed in Thursday's attacks on convoys included women and children. Passenger Saeeda Bano described to BBC Urdu how she feared she would be killed as she hid under the car seats with her children.

Hundreds of residents fled amid escalating violence Friday and on Saturday. A resident of a Sunni village said members of his family have fled to safety while he stays behind. "We've been hearing gunfire all night. I sent the women and children of my family to hide in the mountains," the man said.

"You see how cold the weather is now. But I have no other option. Everyone else here is doing the same," he added.

It comes after dozens of people died in attacks over the past few months, prompting calls for a ceasefire from a tribal council.

On Saturday provincial officials began talks with both Shia and Sunni community leaders, AFP reported.

A security official in the provincial capital Peshawar told AFP that the negotiators' helicopter had come under fire as it arrived in the region.



# Sports News



## OCS and PMS extend unbeaten runs in Under-16 Boys league

Ottos Comprehensive School and defending champions Princess Margaret School have extended their unbeaten runs in the Under-16 Boys Division of the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup competition.

Ottos Comprehensive School claimed their sixth win in as many games by snatching a 1-0 victory against Irene B. Williams Secondary at the Buckley's playing field.

Tafari Looby scored the only goal of the match as

Ottos Comprehensive continues to lead the 11-team round-robin competition by advancing to 18 points. Irene B. Williams Secondary remains on four points after suffering their fifth defeat in seven matches.

Makhi Phillip scored twice as Princess Margaret School notched up their fifth win in as many games with a 3-1 victory against All Saints Secondary at the same venue.

Phillip had conversions in the 12th and 23rd minutes, and Shamar Walters scored the other goal for

Princess Margaret School, which remains in joint second place by advancing to 15 points.

Kymani Francis scored in the 40th minute for All Saints Secondary School, which will remain on 10 points after losing for the second time in six matches.

Joshua James scored twice as St. Joseph's Academy moved into joint second place with Princess Margaret School by securing a 3-0 victory against Sir Novelle Richards Academy at the Clare Hall playing field.

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Joshua James of SJA

## Empire FC continues to reap success in First Division league

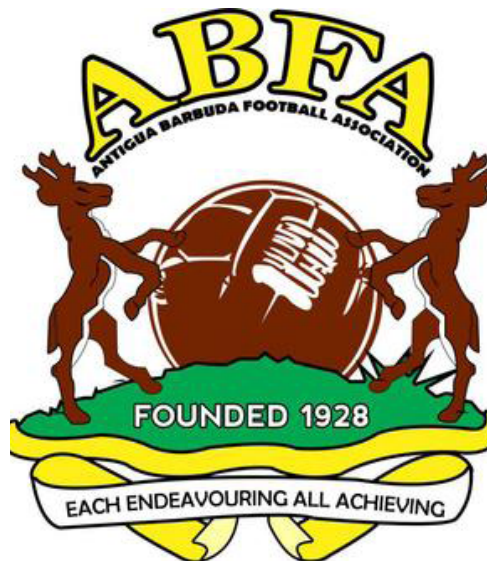
Empire FC continued their successful run in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division during the latest round of matches.

Nyque Watkins scored twice as Empire FC claimed their fourth win in five matches with a 4-1 victory against Tryum at the Cashew Hill playing field.

Watkins had conversions in the fifth and 47th minutes, Jamaal Andrew scored in the 38th minute, and Silence Manyaka converted an own goal in the 69th minute for Empire FC.

Leon Moses Jr. scored in the 50th minute for Tryum FC, which suffered its third defeat in four matches.

FC Master Ballerz won for the second time in four matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against the



Liberta Blackhawks at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Shareem Richards scored in the 15th minute, and Shemarah Andrew had a 21st-minute conversion for FC Master Ballerz.

Tyrique Francis scored in the 31st

minute for the Liberta Blackhawks, who remain in the cellar of the First Division after suffering their fifth loss in as many games.

The Real Blizzard picked up their first win in the ABFA's Second Division with a 3-2 victory against the Cedar Grove Blue Jays FC at the Cedar Grove playing field.

Walter Bellot scored an own goal in the 17th minute, Nathan Fenton had an 86th-minute conversion, and Clive Ambrose scored the winning goal in the 88th minute for Real Blizzard FC, which advanced to four points from four matches.

Ti-Zone Matthew had a 60th-minute conversion, and Ja-Rohn Thomas scored in the 68th minute for Cedar Grove FC, which lost for the first time after winning their first three matches in the Second Division.

## Wings end Young Lions unbeaten run in Second Division league

The CPTSA Wings have claimed their first win and ended the unbeaten run of the Young Lions of Old Road during the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League.

The CPTSA Wings recorded their first win in four matches by snatching a 1-0 victory against the Young Lions at the Old Road playing field.

Following a goalless first half, Joshua James scored the only goal of the match in the 56th minute.

The result allows the CPTSA wings to advance to four points from four matches, and the Young Lions will remain on 10 points after losing for the first time in five encounters.

Klyster Rowe scored twice as Sea View Farm notched up their third win in four matches with a 3-0 victory against Blackburn Palace at the ABFA Technical Center.

Rowe had conversions in the 14th and 70th min-



The CPTSA Wings football team.

utes, and Markland Wright scored in the 10th minute for Sea View Farm, which will advance to nine points from four matches.

Blackburn Palace FC will remain on three points after suffering their second defeat in three matches.

English Harbour claimed their fourth win in five matches to advance to 12 points by snatching a 3-2 victory against Guydadli FC

at the English Harbour playing field.

Clarence Marsh scored twice with goals in the 32nd and 60th minutes, and Akeem Weekes snatched the winner with a 73rd-minute conversion for English Harbour.

Michael Peters scored both goals in the 11th and 65th minutes for Guydadli FC, which will remain on six points after slumping

to their third defeat in five matches.

Golden Grove recorded their third win in four matches to advance to nine points with a 3-0 victory against Bethesda at the Bethesda playing field.

The goals for Golden Grove were scored by At-tien Fabian in the 23rd minute, Tyler Anthony in the 27th minute, and Stephen Hughes in the 70th minute.

Bethesda played most of the second half with 10 players after Jawakie Joseph was expelled in the 55th minute after receiving a red card for using offensive, insulting, and abusive language to the referee.

Bethesda FC will remain on seven points after suffering their first defeat in four matches.

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James had conversions in the 36th and 38th minutes, and Tenaury Simon scored in the 32nd minute for St. Joseph's Academy to record their fifth win in six matches to advance to 15 points.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy will remain on four points after slumping to their fifth defeat in seven matches.

St. Mary's Secondary School recorded their third win in five matches by snatch-

ing a 2-1 victory against Clare Hall Secondary at the same venue.

Jahdante Griffith scored both goals with conversions in the 32nd and 40th minutes for St. Mary's Secondary School, which advanced to nine points.

Jayden Martin scored in the 48th minute for Clare Hall Secondary, which will remain on 12 points and slipped into fourth place after suffering their second defeat in six matches.



# Sports News



## West Indies in control of first Test as Bangladesh avoid follow-on

The West Indies maintained their control of the first cricket Test despite Bangladesh ending the day on 269 for nine at the close of the third day at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Sunday.

The West Indies hold a lead of 181 runs after Antiguan fast bowler Alzarri Joseph, fellow pacer Jayden Seales, and allrounder Justin Greaves nearly did enough to enforce a follow-on on Bangladesh.

However, a late resistance helped the visitors avoid the follow-on, but Bangladesh remains well on the back foot after three days of play.

Bangladesh looked to bat steadily on a slow surface, but despite starts, couldn't find one batter to go big like West Indies achieved in their first innings of 450 for nine declared.

Jaker Ali (53) and Mominul Haque (50) got out soon after reaching their fifties, while Litton Das fell for 40. Jaker and Taijul Islam (25) added 68 runs for the seventh wicket to get Bangladesh closer to the follow-on mark of 251, which they crossed in the day's last hour.

Resuming on their overnight total of 40 for two, the Bangladesh batsmen started the third morning quietly, with Mominul getting a pair of boundaries off pacer



Bangladesh batsman Mominul Haque

Shamar Joseph.

Shortly afterwards, pacer Kemar Roach removed Shahadat Hossain for 18 off 71 balls. Mominul and Litton Das reached the end of the first session, continuing to bat obdurately.

The West Indies, however, got the breakthrough shortly after the lunch break when Seales trapped Mominul lbw after the left-hander reached his 21st Test fifty.

Stand-in captain Mehidy Hasan Miraz then endured a test of bouncers from the West Indies attack, with Alzarri even hitting him on his shoulder.

Litton Das also got bogged down, resulting in getting bowled by a slightly short delivery from Shamar

Joseph that he dragged onto his stumps. Litton made 40 off 76 balls, with three fours.

After surviving 66 balls, Mehidy finally popped an Alzarri Joseph bouncer to short leg, where Mikyle Louis took a comfortable catch.

Then came the unlikely revival act by Taijul and Jaker. The pair did take advantage of a tiring West Indies attack while also being disciplined with their choice of shots. They survived a dropped chance apiece too.

Jaker got his four boundaries with the pull shot and the hoick, one of which helped him bring up his fifty. Joseph separated the pair after they had batted along for 19 overs when he bowled Taijul. Jaker fell

to a Seales catch on the deep midwicket boundary as he tried to clip Greaves for a six.

There was a bit of by-play between Joseph and Taskin Ahmed towards the end, particularly after the fast bowler hit the Bangladeshi tailender on the head. The two exchanged words, but Joseph couldn't knock off the 10th Bangladesh wicket against the fading light.

The West Indies came into the third day on the back of a fine batting performance on the first two days.

They continue to have control of proceedings at North Sound in Antigua, going into Monday's penultimate day in pursuit of a result.

## PMS leads Under-20 Boys Division in school league

Princess Margaret School beat All Saints Secondary School in a top-of-the-table clash to take sole leadership of the Under-20 Boys Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup football league on Friday.

Following a goalless first half, Greg Williams scored the only goal of the match in the 50th minute to give Princess Margaret School a 1-0 victory against All Saints Secondary School at the Antigua Grammar School (AGS) playing field.

Both teams entered the match with identical records, but at the end, Princess Margaret School moved to the top of the league by advancing to 18 points after claiming their sixth win in seven matches.

All Saints Secondary School dropped to joint second place by remaining on 15 points after suffering their second defeat in seven matches.

The Antigua Grammar School joined All Saints Secondary on 15 points after snatching a 1-0 victory against Clare Hall Secondary at the AGS playing field.

Jaquante Joseph scored the only goal of the match to give the Antigua Grammar School their fifth win in seven matches. Clare Hall Secondary will remain in



The Princess Margaret School's Under-20 Boys football team.

seven points after suffering their fifth defeat in eight matches.

The Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE) and defending champions Antigua State College missed the chance to narrow the gap on the front-runners.

Both teams could only battle to a 2-2 draw when they met at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Karique Knight scored in the 33rd minute, and Imar Nicholas converted a penalty kick in the 59th minute for ABICE. Jevaughn Parker scored in the 16th minute, and Denison Stevens had a 36th-minute conversion for Antigua State College.

The result was the first draw for both teams, and it allows the two sides to move into joint third place by advancing to 13 points apiece. However, ABICE has played seven matches, one more than Antigua State College.

Ottos Comprehensive School claimed their fourth win in seven matches to advance to 12 points with a 3-0 victory at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

The goals for Ottos Comprehensive School were scored by Shamoy Chiddick in the second minute, Cody Richardson in the 16th minute, and Dejarnie Moore in the 38th minute.

The Irene B. Williams

Secondary remains winless and without any points in the cellar of the 10-team round-robin competition after suffering their sixth defeat in as many games.

The match between St. Anthony's Secondary School and Jennings Secondary School at St. Anthony's playing field was not played. St. Anthony's Secondary School remains third from the bottom of the standings on goal difference on three points with a record of one win and four losses in five matches.

Jennings Secondary remains second from the bottom of the standings on goal difference with three points with a record of one win and five defeats in six matches.



# Sports

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## Grenades and Villa Lions enjoy goal fest in Premier League

The Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades and Aston Villa Lions enjoyed a goal fest in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Saturday.

The Grenades extended their unbeaten run, securing their fourth win in five matches, scoring seven second-half goals in a 9-0 drubbing of newcomers Attacking Saints in the last game of a triple header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Luis Ciudad Labrada scored three late goals to record a second-half hat trick by converting a penalty kick in the 77th minute and burying strikes in the 87th and the fifth minute of added time (90+5 minutes).

D'Jarie Sheppard scored twice with conversions in the 18th and 29th minutes. The other goals were scored by Eugene Kirwan (51st minute), Tony Sanchez (60th minute), Carl Osborne (65th), and Lester Joseph (72nd minute).

The Grenades advanced to joint second place on 13 points after securing their fourth win in five matches.

The Attacking Saints will remain in the lower half of the 14-team stand-



Players of the Aston Villa Lions teams

ings on four points after suffering their fourth defeat in six matches.

Forward Joshua Ferdinand recorded his second successive hat trick to fire the Villa Lions to a 6-1 victory against the Potters Tigers in Saturday's opening game.

Ferdinand, who scored a hat trick in a 4-0 win against the Attacking Saints in the Villa Lions previous encounter, achieved the feat once more with goals in the 12th, 58th, and 89th minutes.

Rakeem Joseph scored twice with conversions in the 19th and 28th minutes, and midfielder Kwame "Munchie" Kirby scored

the other goal for the Villa Lions in the 70th minute.

The Villa Lions advance to joint second place with 13 points after claiming their fourth win in six matches.

Forward Keon Greene converted a penalty kick in the 68th minute for the Potters Tigers, who will remain in the lower half of the 14-team standings on four points after suffering their fourth defeat in six matches.

Garden Stars extended their unbeaten run to six matches to maintain their position at the top of the standings in the Premier Division League.

The Garden Stars

notched up their fifth win in six matches by snatching a 1-0 victory against Green City FC in the second game on Saturday.

Following a goalless first half, Sedique Adams scored the winner and only goal of the match in the 84th minute for the Garden Stars, who advance to 16 points from six matches to consolidate their position at the top of the Premier Division League.

Green City FC is still searching for their first win and will remain second from the bottom of the 14-team round-robin competition with one point after suffering their fourth defeat in five matches.