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Global Port Holdings Ltd., owners of Antigua Cruise Port, is giving the people of Antigua and Barbuda a commitment that it will increase cruise passenger arrivals to the country from the current 800-thousand to 1.2 million over the next five years. The promise came from GPH's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mehmet Kutman during an address at the ceremony to mark the ground breaking of a new terminal to process home-porting passengers as well as the start of the Upland Development tourist attraction adjacent to the 5th Berth.

CEO Kutman said GPH, the largest cruise port operators in the world, is expanding its footprint in the region with the acquisition of the cruise port in Puerto Rico and with negotiations underway to do the same in both Mexico and California.

Through their efforts and with the attractions that Antigua and Barbuda has to offer, he commits to adding almost 100-thousand additional passengers for each year over

the next five years.

However, when his turn came to speak, Prime Minister Gaston Browne thanked Kutman and his team for the partnership that they have entered into with the government noting that it was one of the first such agreements in the region.

He explained that the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association had flatly refused to agree to an increase in the head-tax paid by cruise passengers. This was particularly vexing, according to the prime minister because Antigua and Barbuda had invested over \$300 million to upgrade port facilities to accommodate cruise ships, but each year had recorded a loss. However, with the agreement with GPH, the government has cleared an outstanding US\$21 million loan from local banking consortium and had earned roughly \$3 million annually from GPH with Solid Waste getting a further \$3 million. This is a much better situation than getting nothing at all, the prime minister noted. However, on the issue of the

number of cruise passengers to visit over the next five years, PM Browne told the GPH Chairman that he is of the view that GPH can do better. "I am looking for you to do 2-million passengers over the next five years, and I know that you can do it," he remarked.

In an interesting turn of events, Chairman Kutman asked to be able to speak again after the prime minister spoke at which time he committed to up the numbers to 2-million cruise passengers over the next five years. He also committed to give US\$5 million annually to a fund that will help finance Antiguans and Barbu-

da nationals who wish to undertake tourism related businesses.

The audience applauded loudly to watch PM Browne in action and he was able to get GPH to up their numbers in terms of cruise passengers over the next five years. Later both PM Browne and Chairman Kutman along with the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams, Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez and other members of the GPH team and government officials participated in the turning of the sod to mark the start of the project.

Resurfacing of the runway at the VCBIA ‘imminent’

Major upgrade work will begin shortly at VC Bird International Airport, including a complete resurfacing of the runway.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne said these developments will commence later in the year. PM Browne had announced earlier that the government has secured funding to undertake the airport upgrade and resurfacing.

No specific date has been given for the start of the work however, airport sources say the process to award the contract to undertake the work should be completed by the end of the week.

The sources revealed that the process is a highly technical matter as the company that is selected must be able to prove that it has the technical competence as well as the breadth of experience to undertake the work.

The project calls for a complete rebuilding of the airport runway as well as moving the turning apron at the far end of the runway to the southern side so that it will be able to accommodate the larger aircraft with extended wingspan such as the Airbus 350.

Meanwhile, PM Browne announced that the plans include adding a further 2000 linear feet to the runway in Barbuda as the government wants to have the American



Prime Minister Gaston Browne Airlines 737 aircraft land on the sister isle within two years.



“I am giving s commitment that we will ensure that the AA aircraft lands in Barbuda within two years; that is

my promise to the people of Antigua and Barbuda,” he remarked.



Antigua Masonry Products Ltd. is seeking a suitable and qualified person for the following position: **MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT.**

The successful candidate will be responsible to perform upkeep tasks such as repairs and cleaning, applying basic fixes to building, equipment, machinery and ensure the general functionality of the facilities.

Job Functions:

- Perform routine maintenance around the building such as cleaning, painting, fixing and repairing,
- Repair broken or leaking plumbing to avoid water damage and restore full use of water fixtures; perform minor fixes such as repairing broken locks
- Perform cleaning activities, to include garden/yard upkeep, mowing lawn
- Apply preventative measures to the building to reduce the risk of future problems, such as using a sealant, replacing light bulbs etc.
- Collaborate with Management, workers and other professionals during renovations
- Fixing potential safety hazards to avoid injuries

Qualifications & Skills:

- High school diploma or other related certification
- Minimum 2 years’ proven experience in the field of Maintenance
- Very good communication and interpersonal skills

Interested persons should send their application to hr@amp.company no later than **Friday 21st February, 2025**. Only suitable applications will be acknowledged.

New appointment made to the Public Service Commission



Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams administered the Oath of Office to Michael Roberts as a member of the PSC

A new member has been appointed to the Public Service Commission of Antigua and Barbuda.

Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, on Monday administered the Oath of Office to Michael Roberts as a member of the PSC.

“The Public Service Commission plays a vital role in the governance of our nation, overseeing matters of appointment, discipline, and public service administration in alignment with the principles of fairness, accountability, and justice as outlined in our Constitution.

“Mr. Roberts, you are joining a team dedicated to upholding these values, and we are confident that your contributions will further enhance the Commission’s work. Your willingness to



serve in this capacity is commendable, and we look forward to your support in addressing the evolving needs of the public service,”

Sir Rodney remarked.

Roberts replaces long-serving member of the PSC, Lauchland Lake, who retired late last year.



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Festivals Commission invites submission of designs for 2025 Independence Logo and theme

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC), a division of the Ministry of Creative Industries, is accepting submissions for the Nation's 44th Anniversary of Independence Logo Design and Theme.

should be all-encompassing, depicting a holistic expression of 'Antigua and Barbuda', which should inspire all citizens and residents with a sense of national pride. Log submissions will be accepted

and as such, all entrants are advised to keep copies of all material/work submitted to the ABFC. Entries can be submitted in any of the three formats: Logo and Theme,



The final logo design and theme

Logo Only, or Theme Only. They must be submitted electronically by email to info.nfo@ab.gov.ag on or before Friday, 30th May at 11.59 p.m. No entries will be accepted after this closing date.

The email should include the original file (logo/s) in the following formats jpeg, png, or pdf, and/or the proposed Independence theme, entrant's name, age, address, phone number and email address.



from all visual artists in all disciplines of art and design, including, but not limited to, fine arts, graphic design, visual communication, media design, or any other related disciplines. There is no limit on the number of submissions per entrant; however, original entries would not be returned,



Local News



REGISTRATION COMMENCES FOR THE 2025 QUEEN OF CARNIVAL AND MR. AND MISS TEENAGE PAGEANT

THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA FESTIVALS COMMISSION HAS ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED 2025 QUEEN OF CARNIVAL AND MR. AND MISS TEENAGE PAGEANT.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE QUEEN OF CARNIVAL IS FRIDAY, 14TH MARCH 2025. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. BE A CITIZEN OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
2. BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 26
3. HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) CSEC SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH A

4. HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED
5. HAVE NEVER BORNE A CHILD
6. HAVE NO CRIMINAL RECORD

MEANWHILE, THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MR AND MISS TEENAGE PAGEANT IS FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL 2025. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. BE A CITIZEN OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
2. BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 19
3. MUST BE ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

APPLICATION REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY

LOCATIONS:

- THE MINISTRY OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES OFFICE ON OLD PARHAM ROAD, LOCATED UPSTAIRS FROM KFC AND THE INET BUILDING – 562 9605/06. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., AND

ON FRIDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

- THE NATIONAL FESTIVALS OFFICE ON REDCLIFFE STREET - 462 4707. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.



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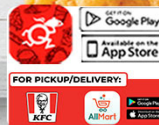
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Reservoir Range Racetrack is now open



Reservoir Range Racetrack, a new motorsport facility but which will also cater for other sporting events, has opened near Pot Works Dam in the eastern section of Antigua.

A grand opening ceremony was held on Saturday with the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams officiating. This state-of-the-art facility is set to elevate the country's profile in the world of motorsport and outdoor recreation, providing a hub for competition, skill development, and economic growth.

In his remarks, Sir Rodney Williams commended the Italian Honorary Consul and President of Antigua Pro Racing, Carlo Falcone, for his visionary leadership and investment in the nation's sporting culture. He highlighted Falcone's longstanding contributions to sailing and motorsport, both of which have significantly enhanced Antigua and Barbuda's international sporting reputation.

The Governor General also announced the official recognition of Antigua Pro Racing as the National Sports Authority for Motorsport by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. Furthermore,



the organization has been accepted as a member of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)—the global governing body for motorsport. This affiliation ensures that the country's motorsport industry aligns with international best practices in safety, sustainability, and inclusivity.

The Reservoir Range Racetrack will offer an exciting mix of activities, including:

- Car racing
- Motocross
- Clay shooting
- Paintball

The facility is expected to bring significant tourism and sporting benefits, attracting regional and international competitors. The first competition is scheduled for next weekend, with drivers from



across the Caribbean already preparing to take part.

During the ceremony, Sir Rodney Williams also presented certificates to newly certified FIA Marshals, recognizing their commitment to maintaining safety and operational excellence at the racetrack.

MP for the St. Paul's and Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, commended Ambassador Falcone, a longstanding pillar of the St. Paul's business community, for once again demonstrating his commitment to the nation's growth through this bold and ambitious venture. "His vision aligns with the government's mission of excellence, further solidifying

Antigua and Barbuda as a premier destination for international sporting events."

With this new facility, the future of motorsport in the Caribbean looks brighter than ever. The introduction of professional rally-cross racing and structured training programs could position Antigua as a hub for motorsport development within the region.

As the island prepares to welcome its first wave of high-octane action, motorsport fans, industry professionals and tourists alike are gearing up for a spectacular launch event that could redefine Antigua's role in the world of racing and sports tourism.

Harper's Office Depot extends sponsorship of ASW Art Competition



Antigua Sailing Week (ASW) announces the return of Harper's Office Depot as the official sponsor of the highly anticipated Annual School Art Competition for the 7th consecutive year. This ongoing partnership reaffirms Harper's Office Depot's steadfast commitment to nurturing creativity and artistic expression among young minds here in Antigua and Barbuda.

This year, the competition unveils an inspiring new theme: "Our Power, Our Planet". The 2025 theme encourages young artists to explore the vital role renewable energy plays in reducing the carbon footprint of Antigua and Barbuda, promoting a sustainable future for both islands. Participants are invited to express their creativity by illustrating how renewable energy can drive environmental preservation and sustainability.

"Harper's Office Depot has always believed in the power of art to inspire and shape young minds," said Roy Bento of Harper's Office Depot. "We are thrilled to support this incredible initiative once more and provide students with a platform to showcase their talents while envisioning a greener future."

The annual Harper's School Art Competition invites participants from primary and secondary schools across the country to submit their final pieces for judging by the deadline March 31.

Students between the ages 5 – 16 can create their artwork in various mediums, including painting, drawing, and digital art.

ASW Event Manager and Coordinator

of this year's competition Shari Martin expresses pride in this longstanding endeavor "Antigua Sailing Week has been holding this competition since 1970 and I am honored to be able to continue the tradition while keeping in mind the sensibilities of the current generations."

The competition will culminate in a grand exhibition and prize-giving at the National Sailing Academy on the afternoon of April 12, where winning pieces will be displayed, and outstanding young artists will be recognized with generous prizes from Harpers Office Depot along with local businesses including Stingray

City, Adventure Antigua and more. For additional recognition, the winning entry will be reproduced as a poster and be installed as a year-long welcome sign to English Harbour placed outside of Cobbs Cross Primary School.

Harper's Office Depot and Antigua Sailing Week invite all schools, art teachers, parents, and students to participate in this annual tradition celebrating creativity and imagination.

Competition themes will be distributed to all public schools within the next week.



Antigua Masonry Products Ltd. is seeking a suitable and qualified person for the following position: **LABOURER.**

Job Functions:

- Assist customers and vendors with loading and unloading of products/materials
- Maintain the operations of the Crusher, as well as, cubing, batching and operating machines and equipment
- Cleaning and maintaining machines and equipment
- Periodic inspection of plant equipment
- Complete all duties in accordance with company health and safety regulations.
- Demonstrate a continuous effort to improve operations, reduce turnaround times and streamline work processes.
- Work independently and collaboratively with other team members to achieve common objectives.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Prior experience working in a construction environment
- Previous experience with stocking and loading
- Multi-tasker and ability to work in a team environment

Interested persons should send their application to hr@amp.company no later than **Friday 21st February, 2025.** Only suitable applications will be acknowledged.

Pooling Resources: Another Path to Prosperity for Antiguans and Barbudans

By Garfield Joseph

The Situation: Antigua and Barbuda do not have a strong history of pooling resources. This lack of trust in resource sharing may be rooted in our colonial past, where financial trust among individuals was scarce. Pooling resources involves the grouping of assets, machinery, people, finances, data, information, and management capabilities to achieve greater benefits collectively than individually.

To illustrate, imagine a small farming community where each farmer works independently. One farmer has the best machinery but lacks manpower, another has a skilled workforce but outdated equipment, and yet another has financial resources but no expertise. By pooling their resources, they could share machinery, labor, and knowledge, creating a more efficient and productive farming operation.

Complication and Question: Without a rich history of pooling resources, and lacking knowledge about its benefits and methods, numerous opportunities have slipped through our fingers. The current situation continues to present both challenges and opportunities for the local population. Recently, the government has highlighted significant investment opportunities for locals in the tourism and

agricultural sectors. Consider the tourism sector: small business owners, such as tour guides, souvenir shop owners, and local artisans, often operate in isolation, competing rather than collaborating. This disjointed approach limits their potential to attract and serve tourists effectively. This leads to a crucial question: How can locals take advantage of these emerging opportunities?

Answer: One of the most effective ways for individuals and SMEs to seize these opportunities is by joining forces and pooling their resources. Pooling can occur among family members, business professionals, or between similar businesses through the formation of cooperatives. Other avenues for pooling include joint marketing efforts, procurement and logistics, management oversight, and finance and accounting.

For example, local tour operators could form a cooperative, pooling their marketing resources to create a unified campaign that attracts more tourists. By sharing logistics, they could offer comprehensive tour packages, enhancing the overall visitor experience and increasing their revenue.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

ELECTRICAL RECONNECTION WORKS OF ELEVEN (11) HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE BARBUDA ENERGY RESILIENCE PROJECT (SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION)

1. The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) utilizing UKCIF funds which are being administered through the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), invites you to submit a price quotation for the execution of the following works:

Electrical Reconnection Works of Eleven (11) Households for the Barbuda Energy Resilience Project (Supply and Installation) as per the attached Works Requirements at Section 2 of this document. These works are divided into the following three (3) Lots

- Lot 1 - Four (4) Houses
- Lot 2 - Four (4) Houses
- Lot 3 - Three (3) Houses

Bidders can bid on one lot, all or a combination of the lots.

2. The quotation must be submitted to Dropbox (link to be provided to those who confirm they will be submitting a bid) with the following:
 - Signed Letter of Quotation
 - Activity Schedule
 - Supplier Information Form
 - Signed Bid Securing Declaration
 - Evidence of electrical installation experience as specified
 - A Completion Schedule
3. Only a quotation from the eligible Bidder as defined in paragraph 2 of Section 1, Instructions to Bidder will be considered.
4. The quotation must be submitted by 14:00 hours Antigua time on February 19, 2025.
5. A non-mandatory site meeting will be held on February 12, 2025, at 10:00 hours Antigua Time on Barbuda. Bidders are to meet at the APUA Business office. APUA will provide transportation to the project locations, returning to the APUA Business Office at the completion of the tour.
6. There will be a pre-bid meeting on February 13, 2025, at 10:00 hours Antigua time via Zoom. This will include a workshop to clarify bidder questions and submission requirements.
7. A Bid Securing Declaration is required.
8. The successful bidders must pay attention to and provide the ESMP prior to commencement of the contract, as defined in Section 6 of this document.
9. Please confirm whether or not you will submit a quotation by email to: sroach@apua.ag quoting the reference by February 13, 2025.



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be traced back to historical factors, including colonial legacies that fostered individualism and mistrust among communities. Overcoming these historical barriers requires a cultural shift towards collective effort and mutual trust. Education and awareness campaigns, led by the government and community leaders, can play a crucial role in changing perceptions about resource pooling. Additionally, modern technology and digital platforms offer new opportunities for resource pooling. For instance, online marketplaces and platforms can facilitate the sharing of machinery, tools, and expertise among farmers and artisans. Social media and digital marketing can enable small businesses to reach a broader audience collectively, rather than competing for visibility.

Diverse Examples:

- 1. Healthcare Sector:** Local clinics and healthcare providers could pool resources to create a centralized medical facility that offers specialized services, equipment, and expertise. This would improve healthcare access and quality for residents, especially in rural areas.
- 2. Education Sector:** Schools and educational institutions could collaborate to share teaching resources, digital tools, and extracurricular programs. This would

enhance the learning experience for students and reduce costs for individual schools.

- 3. Renewable Energy Projects:** Communities could pool their financial resources to invest in renewable energy projects, such as solar or wind farms. This collective investment would lead to sustainable energy solutions, lower electricity costs, and environmental benefits.
- 4. Crafts and Artisans:** Artisans and crafters could form a cooperative to open a shared retail space, reducing overhead costs and increasing their market presence. By working together, they could also pool their marketing efforts to attract more customers and boost sales.

Call to Action: It is imperative that individuals and SMEs start positioning themselves now to capitalize on these upcoming opportunities. This involves establishing proper legal structures to protect each investor's interests. For example, in cooperatives, bylaws determine operating procedures that safeguard the rights of each member. Existing structures such as the Teachers Credit Union and the Police Credit Union demonstrate success that can be achieved when people with similar interests and needs pool their resources. These institutions operate for the benefit of

their members.

Take Action Now:

- Act now. Take the initiative to invite others to invest.
- Share ideas on available opportunities.
- Think of innovative ways resources can be pooled.

Pooling resources is not just about investing in new projects with thousands or millions of dollars; it can start on a smaller scale, too. By coming together, we can create a more prosperous future for Antigua and Barbuda.

To apply this concept, SMEs can look for partnerships within their community. A small restaurant could team up with local farmers to source fresh, organic produce, benefiting both parties. Similarly, artisans could collaborate to open a shared storefront, reducing costs and increasing their visibility.

In essence, pooling resources can transform individual efforts into a collective powerhouse, driving economic growth and community development. Let's embrace this approach and unlock the full potential of our beautiful twin island nation.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY
ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT III (GRADE 9)
BURSARY

The University of the West Indies (UWI) is a dynamic, international institution serving the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean. Its faculties and institutes offer a wide range of undergraduate, master's and doctoral programmes in Humanities and Education, Science and Technology, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences, Sport and the Social Sciences. The institution represents the oldest of its kind within the region and has been responsible for producing outstanding leaders who have made remarkable contributions to regional development. After 76 years, The UWI remains the number 1 ranked university, out of more than 200 registered universities in the Caribbean. The UWI is currently within the top 4% of universities in Latin America and the Caribbean from a complement of over 2,000 registered universities.

The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus (UWI FIC) is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for the post of **Accounting Assistant III (Grade 9) in the Bursary**.

DUTIES OF THE POST INCLUDE:

- Ensuring strict adherence to The University's Financial Code and financial policies and procedures.
- Assisting with the planning of workflow programmes and ensuring that Section and overall Bursarial targets are achieved.
- Assisting in the supervision of staff in fulfilling the objectives of the Section within specified timelines and promoting good work ethics.
- Assisting in the preparation of final accounts and monthly financial schedules, reports specific to the assigned Section and various other financial reports for management and/or external stakeholders within set deadlines.
- Any other duties assigned by the Section Financial Manager to ensure that the departmental goals are achieved and are in alignment with The University's strategic objectives.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Applicants should be familiar with the University's mission, structure, policies and procedures. Applicants must possess knowledge and experience of accounting principles, practices and procedures; knowledge and experience of computerised accounting systems and applications. Applicants should have the ability to meet strict reporting deadlines and should be skilled in performing detailed and complex numerical computations and reports. Candidates should be proficient in Banner Finance and PeopleSoft HRMS and must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

QUALIFICATION, TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

Education:

Required

Candidates must have completed Level II ACCA and/or possess a BSc Degree in Accounting/Management/Finance or equivalent professional accounting qualifications from a recognized body.

Experience:

Required

At least three (3) years of experience in a computerised accounting environment preferably at a Grade 7 Accounting Assistant II level.

CORE COMPETENCIES:

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| • Client Focus | • Adaptability |
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| • Work Ethics and Values | • Critical Judgement |
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| • Continuous Learning | |

Salary will be fixed in accordance with the Grade 9 salary scale.

Applicants are required to submit a completed employment application form, a curriculum vitae (CV) giving particulars of qualifications, experience, the names and addresses of at least three (3) references (one of whom should be from your current or previous organization) and copies of academic qualifications. These are to be sent by electronic mail to fic.employeesuccessdepartment@uwi.edu addressed to **The Campus Registrar, The University of the West Indies, Five Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies**. A full CV and an application form must be submitted. Application forms can be obtained by sending a request to fic.employeesuccessdepartment@uwi.edu or via the link: <https://bit.ly/UWIApplicationForm>. The final date for receipt of applications is **February 14, 2025**. To expedite the appointment procedures, applicants are advised to ask their referees to send reports under confidential cover to the above address without waiting to be contacted.

Clarendon man charged with murder of son while drunk



Detectives assigned to the Clarendon

police division have charged 66-year-old Desmond Savery, otherwise called 'Desi', with the murder of his son at home in May Pen on February 1.

Reports from the May Pen police are that at about 8:11 p.m., Savery, who was intoxicated, was seen along the roadway behaving boisterously when he was accosted by his son, 34-year-old Ryan, who took him home.

Upon reaching home, the father

reportedly picked up a knife and stabbed the now deceased to his upper body and both knees.

The son was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A report was made to the police and the father was arrested and taken into custody.

He reportedly confessed to his son's murder and was subsequently charged. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Rafting unrest Unlicensed operators told to leave White River by Thursday

People operating rafts illegally on White River in St Ann have been told to cease and leave by Thursday, February 13 in a crackdown by the Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCo) on unlicensed operators and in response to security complaints from visitors.

The deadline was issued at a meeting under the White River bridge last Friday by TPDCo's visitor, safety and experience coordinator in Ocho Rios, O'Neil Fitten.

According to Fitten, the authorities are at their wits' end as they have been receiving a growing number of complaints about incidents at the visitor attraction.

"The cruise ships don't stop send reports about this specific location and I was here two weeks ago, and based on my attire, I assume, a guest thought I was an official and he came

up to me and said, 'Sir, I don't feel safe.' These are the things that we have to take into consideration," Fitten said.

"Right now, White River is like a sick cancer patient, and in order to treat it, it has to go through a process to be cured. This is what the authorities think is in the best interest of the country, the tourism product, and ultimately Brand Jamaica," added Fitten.

But the removal order has infuriated raft operators.

"TPDCo a come tell we fi go Rio Nuevo... but the same man them that is sending us to Rio Nuevo have business up there that they want us to go and work in," one female operator claimed.

"We don't want to go up there, so we a beg a little extension so we can go to the necessary places and do this thing the correct way. I have my two kids them up

a my yard, and right here is where I hustle my little bread," she added.

Her colleague, Sebastion Williams, who said he has been a raft operator for more than five years, told the

Jamaica Observer that the activity is his only means of earning an income.

"They are sending us some place where we not even sure if the people them willing fi employ we. We have kids; right now my son just start school. The rafting do a lot for us, it keep me active throughout the day, so when them a tek this from us it don't look good," Williams said.

"We're going to die of hunger," he added.

However, Deputy Superintendent of Police Rochelle McGibbon-Scott of the St Ann Police Division, gave the raft operators strict warning to evacuate in

order to prevent the recurrence of a March 2023 police/military operation in which unauthorised rafts and other vessels on the river were destroyed.

"In 2023 the authorities moved into the space and did what we called a shock and awe effect. So they just took control, confiscated, and dismantled the rafts that were on the water. We don't want to do that this time around, but if come Thursday the space is not evacuated we will be forced to dismantle your rafts and police officers will be placed within the space to ensure no operation is happening," she said.

Bamboo rafting and river tubing are activities offered at the attraction by Calypso Rafting Company Limited, which has been in operation for many years. (Jamaica Observer)



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The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus (UWI FIC) is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for the post of **Web Programmer/Systems Administrator (IT Officer I)**. The incumbent will play a central role in developing, maintaining and optimizing websites, web-based applications and platforms, ensuring seamless user experiences that support business objectives. This role will also be crucial in managing and maintaining IT infrastructure to ensure the Campus's systems and servers are highly available, secure, and scalable.

The Web Programmer/Systems Administrator (IT Officer I) will be expected to work with the Campus' systems which might include Drupal CMS, AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure Oracle, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, Microsoft SQL Server, HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript frameworks (e.g., React, Angular, Vue.js).

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Design, code, modify and troubleshoot web applications, ensuring they are optimized for usability, speed, and performance.
- Functions as the Campus Web Master by maintaining all FIC websites in collaboration with the Marketing team to ensure all the standards regarding the single university brand are met.
- Provides the technical support for content management system (CMS) – Drupal is currently being used.
- Creates online applications to deliver functionality to the user or for the purpose of creating an intuitive interface.
- Monitors system performance and performs routine server backups, updates, and patches.
- Administers databases ensuring data integrity, security and performance.
- Sets up and manages user access, ensuring proper security protocols are in place for system users.
- Troubleshoots and resolves hardware, software, and network issues.
- Administers security solutions (firewalls, EDR, etc.) to protect the organization's digital assets.
- Manages cloud services (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud) and ensures smooth integration with on-premises infrastructure.

QUALIFICATION, TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

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Father jailed in The Bahamas for sexually abusing twins

A High Court judge in The Bahamas has rejected a plea for a lesser sentence from both the prosecution and the defence and sentenced a 37-year-old father to five years in jail after indicating that he had committed a serious breach of trust by sexually abusing his three-year-old twin daughters.

The father faced a potential maximum sentence of eight years.

“A child should always be able to rely on the strength of their father. You are their safe space. In that safe

space that was their home, you sought to abuse these two young girls,” Justice Cheryl Grant-Thompson said as she imposed the sentence on the man who committed the crime in July last year.

The man admitted to indecently assaulting his twin daughters with his 16-year-old daughter breaking down in tears as she recalled how she saw her naked father touching one of her siblings intimately.

The man was arrested for two crimes in August 2024

and was not released on bail.

The court heard that the father shared a bedroom with his children. He slept in the same bed as the toddlers, one of whom is autistic, while his teenage daughter had her own bed.

In passing sentence, Justice Grant-Thompson heard from the man’s attorney, Sonia Knowles, and Director of Public Prosecutions, Cordell Frazier, that due to his relatively early guilty plea and his lack of similar convictions, they believed

a four-year sentence was appropriate.

But as she departed from the sentencing recommendation the senior judge imposed a sentence of five years to take effect from February 7. The time that the father spent on remand was taken into consideration.

Justice Grant-Thompson also recommended that the father receive counselling for sex abuse as well as a psychiatric evaluation and treatment. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Two young boys severely attacked by dogs in a home in Sint Maarten



Two minors were severely injured in a dog attack on St Peters Road on Saturday evening, police in Sint Maarten reported.

An 11-year-old boy was found severely mauled by two dogs inside a residence, while a 14-year-old boy, who managed to escape, suffered bite wounds to his

lower legs.

The Sint Maarten Police Force (KPSM) said they received multiple emergency calls at approximately 9:00pm regarding the incident. Upon arrival, officers found the 11-year-old boy with the two dogs standing near him.

Police said to reach the child and eliminate the threat, officers were forced to put down the dogs.

Both boys received emergency first aid at the scene before being transported to the Sint Maarten Medical Centre (SMMC) for further treatment.

Detectives and forensic officers are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the attack and indicated that further updates will be provided.

Meantime, the Sint Maarten Police Force has urged pet owners to take necessary precautions to prevent such tragic incidents from occurring. (Loop Caribbean)

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Bodies of migrants in Libya mass graves had gunshot wounds, UN says



Gunshot wounds have been discovered on some of the bodies of migrants and refugees recently discovered in mass graves in Libya, the United Nations says.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) expressed “shock and concern” on Monday over the discovery of the two mass graves in the North African country, saying that they were found by authorities following a police raid which saw hundreds rescued from people traffickers.

According to the IOM, 19 bodies were discovered in Jakharrah, located around 250 miles (400km) south of Benghazi. At least 30 more were found in a mass grave in the desert region of south-eastern Kufra, which could contain as many as 70 bodies.

While gunshot wounds were discovered on some bodies, confirming previous reports from Al-Abreen, a charity helping refugees in the country, the exact circumstances of the deaths were unknown, said the UN agency.

“Far too many migrants along these journeys endure severe exploitation, violence and abuse, underscoring the need to prioritise human rights and protect those at risk,” Nicoletta Giordano, the IOM’s chief of mission for Libya, said in a statement.

Last year, authorities unearthed the bodies of at least 65 migrants in the Shuayrif region, south of the capital Tripoli.

Human traffickers have benefitted from more than a decade of instability, smug-

gling migrants and refugees across the country’s borders with six nations – Chad, Niger, Sudan, Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia.

Rights groups and UN agencies have for years documented systematic abuse of migrants in Libya.

On Monday, the IOM urged the Libyan authorities to ensure “a dignified recovery, identification, and transfer of the remains of the deceased migrants while notifying and assisting their families”. According to the agency, more than 22

percent of the 965 recorded deaths and disappearances of migrants and refugees in Libya last year occurred on land routes.

“This highlights the often-overlooked risks migrants face on land routes, where fatalities frequently go underreported,” the IOM said.

Libya has seen more than a decade of instability after plunging into chaos following a NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

The political turmoil has given rise to rival governments and competing armed groups, which have been accused of violations against migrants. “Migrants and asylum seekers, including children, arbitrarily detained in facilities controlled by armed groups affiliated with both governments or smugglers and traffickers, suffered inhumane conditions, torture, forced labor, and sexual assault,” Human Rights Watch said in a recent report on Libya. (Al Jazeera English)



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Third judge blocks Trump's order ending birthright citizenship for kids of people in US illegally



A third federal judge on Monday blocked President Donald Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship for the children of people who are in the U.S. illegally.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Joseph N. Laplante in New Hampshire comes after two similar rulings by judges in

Seattle and Maryland last week.

Laplante, who was nominated by Republican President George W. Bush, said he wasn't persuaded by the Trump administration's defense of the executive order. He said he would issue a longer preliminary injunction later explaining his reasoning.

A lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union contends that Trump's order violates the Constitution and "attempts to upend one of the most fundamental American constitutional values." It was brought on behalf of immigrant rights groups with members who are pregnant and whose children could be affected by the order.

Trump's Republican administration asserts that children of noncitizens are not "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States and therefore are not entitled to citizenship.

The administration is appealing the Seattle-based judge's block on Trump's executive order. (*Associated Press*)

Bus plunges into Guatemala ravine, killing at least 31

A bus carrying 75 people plunged into a ravine in Guatemala City on Monday, killing at least 31 people and leaving others trapped under the wreckage in a river, rescue workers said.

"Thirty-one bodies have been recovered from the bus so far and we are trying

to save other people who are trapped," Mynor Ruano, a spokesman for the city's fire service, told reporters. Emergency workers had managed to extricate 10 injured people from the bus, which crashed off the Puente de Belice bridge at the northern entrance to Guatemala's capital into

a river contaminated with effluent.

Several seriously injured people were taken to a nearby hospital, Ruano said.

According to local media, the bus was travelling to Guatemala City from the town of San Agustin Acasaguastlan in El Pro-

greso department, about 90 kilometers (56 miles) to the northeast.

Police were investigating the cause of the accident, which occurred in the early morning. (*Jamaica Observer*)

Flyers maintain winning form in ABBA's Division 1 League



Players of the EZ Fit Flyers basketball team (File photo)

Reigning Division 1 league and playoff champions, the EZ Fit Flyers, made it three wins in a row as they continued their impressive start to their campaign in the 2025 Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) domestic season on Sunday evening.

The Flyers extended their perfect run by soaring to their third win in as many outings with a 79-68 victory against the Spanish Heat in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Adonis Humphreys sank 16 points and grabbed 19 rebounds, Selassie Brathwaite converted 13 points and claimed 11 rebounds, and Delonte Phillip had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Flyers.

Danny Perez produced a game-high 26 points along with five rebounds, five assists, and five steals; Daniel Perez contributed 12 points, five rebounds, and five assists; and Bernard Andrew scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Spanish Heat, which lost for

the second time in four games.

The Northside Sting-erz recorded their second win in four games with an 86-68 drubbing of Kennedy's Club Ottos Full Throttle in Sunday's opening encounter.

The Northside Sting-erz were led by Te-Ran Zachariah with a game-high 23 points along with eight assists and six rebounds.

In support, Alexander Fuller produced 14 points and five rebounds; Tristan Jacobs had 12 points, eight

rebounds, and seven assists; Jaheem James contributed 12 points and five assists; and Sadiq Phillip chipped in with 11 points and seven rebounds for the Sting-erz.

Nechus Jones sank 22 points and claimed 10 rebounds, Warren Bogle produced 21 points and five rebounds, Mali Newton converted 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Marlon Davis had 14 rebounds and 10 assists for the Ottos Full Throttle, which lost for the fourth time in as many games.

All Saints United get second win in group phase of Premier League

Defending champions Special Security Services and Bitar Pizza All Saints United stayed in contention for a successful title defense by notching up their second victory in the second round or group stage of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division on Sunday.

All Saints United claimed their second win in Group 2 with a 5-0 drubbing of Five Islands in the second game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center to move back to the top of the standings in the Premier League.

Tiquan Isaac opened the scoring with a conversion in the 19th minute, and goals by Nazir McBurnette in the 40th minute and Raheem Deterville in the first minute of added time in the first half gave All Saints United a 3-0 advantage at the interval.

D'Andre Bishop had a 64th-minute conversion, and Randolph "Etty" Burton scored in the first minute of added time to wrap up the win.

It was the 13th win in 15 matches for All Saints, which carries United to the top of the overall standings with 40 points, one ahead of Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades.

It was the first game in the group stage for the Potters Tigers, who will remain in 11th place in the overall



Players of the All Saints United football team

standings with 10 points after suffering their 10th defeat in 14 matches.

Old Road and Green City recorded wins in the other two encounters in Sunday's Premier League triple header.

Joshua Ferdinand scored twice as Old Road consolidated their third-place position in the overall standings with a 4-2 victory against the Attacking Saints in their Group 2 affair in Sunday's opening encounter.

Ferdinand put Old Road ahead with an eighth-minute conversion. Two minutes later, the Attacking Saints were reduced to 10 men when Shafeeq Joseph received a red card and was expelled.

Shackwon Simon doubled Old Road's lead with a 17th-minute conversion. The Attacking Saints reduced the deficit via Obafemi Poyotte's 31st-minute conversion, but Ferdinand

restored his team's two-goal advantage when he scored his second goal in the 38th minute to give Old Road a 3-1 lead at halftime.

Once again, the Attacking Saints reduced the deficit when Poyotte scored his second goal of the match with a 53rd-minute conversion. But Johnathan Shoy wrapped up the victory by scoring Old Road's fourth goal with a conversion in the 82nd minute.

Their 11th win in 15 matches ensures Old Road remains in third place by advancing to 34 points, while the Attacking Saints will remain in ninth place on 15 points after crashing to their eighth defeat in 15 matches.

Green City recorded their first win in Group 1 by snatching a 3-2 victory against Terminix Pigotts Bullets in the last encounter on Sunday.

Sujae Mcbean converted a penalty kick to put

Bullets ahead, but Julian Joseph scored an equalizer for Green City with a 17th-minute conversion as both teams reached half-time deadlocked at 1-1.

Aquan Singh scored in the 53rd minute to give Green City a 2-1 lead, but Akeem Isaac equalized for Bullets with a 72nd-minute conversion.

Malik Charles snatched the winner for Green City with a conversion in the 79th minute. Charles was expelled after picking up a second caution in the 89th minute as Green City finished the match with 10 men.

Green City remains in 10th place by advancing to 14 points after recording their fourth win in 15 encounters. The Pigotts Bullets dropped from fourth to fifth place by remaining on 28 points after suffering their fifth defeat in 15 matches.

PMS make successful start in U/16 Girls School Football League

Defending champions Princess Margaret School (PMS) have made a successful start in defense of their title in the Under-16 Division of the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth Joma Female School Football League.

Rolisha Humphreys and J'Kayla Bellot both struck hat tricks to propel Princess Margaret School to a 9-0 drubbing of St. Mary's Secondary School in their opening encounter at the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG).

Humphreys had conversions in the 23rd, 43rd, and 49th minutes, and Bellot scored in the 32nd, 41st, and 51st minutes. The other goals were scored by Anesa Versailles in the third minute, Aliyah Francis in the 25th minute, and Tianna Henry in the 42nd minute.

The Antigua Girls High School also got off to a winning start by

pulling off a 6-1 victory against Clare Hall Secondary School in their opening encounter at the ARG.

Michaela Isaac hit a hat trick with conver-

sions in the third, sixth, and 20th minutes, and Blessings Creese scored twice with goals in the fifth and 33rd minutes.

Nafissa Quashie scored the other goal

for the Antigua Girls High School in the 40th minute, while Aliah London converted the only goal for Clare Hall Secondary in the 38th minute.



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CWI passes governance reform at special meeting of shareholders



President Dr. Kishore Shallow (left) standing beside Barbados Cricket Association representatives Pedro Greaves (center) and Senator Gregory Nichols.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) is pleased to announce that its Full Member shareholders have officially approved a historic set of governance reforms at a Special Meeting of Members of Cricket West Indies Inc. in Trinidad on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

This landmark decision represents a significant step in modernizing the organization's governance structure, enhancing accountability, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of West Indies cricket.

At the forefront of these reforms is the introduction of a term limit of a maximum of three terms of three years each for the positions of President and Vice-President.

This critical change ensures fresh leadership opportunities, promotes continuity while preventing stagnation, and aligns CWI's governance framework with modern best practices.

Additionally, the reforms include the increase of the term of the President and Vice President from two years to three years. This change will take effect from the next Presidential and Vice-Presidential election, which is due in March 2025.

CWI President Dr. Kishore Shallow hailed the passage of these reforms as a landmark achievement.

"Today marks a defining moment for Cricket West Indies. With the implementation of long-overdue term limits and critical governance reforms, we are taking a bold and uncompromis-



Representatives who participated in a special meeting of members of Cricket West Indies Inc. in Trinidad on Sunday, February 9, 2025. (CWI Media)

ing step toward stronger, more transparent, and accountable leadership.

"For years, governance has been at the heart of regional debate, with stakeholders demanding change. This is not just reform; it is a necessary transformation that will ensure Cricket West Indies is led with integrity, vision, and responsibility. These changes lay the foundation for a more dynamic and forward-thinking institution, one that truly serves the best interests of West Indies cricket."

The governance reform process has been a strategic priority for CWI, undergoing extensive discussions and consultations over the past few years, including insights from the Wehby Report.

President Shallow emphasized the collaborative effort behind this milestone.

"I extend my sincere gratitude to our full member shareholders for their leadership and commitment to the entire process. Their support has been instrumental in driving this initiative forward, reaffirming our collective responsibility to safeguard and strengthen West Indies cricket.

"I also wish to express my deep appreciation to Don Wehby and his task force colleagues along with His Excellency Michael Findlay for their invaluable contributions—their report served as a crucial roadmap in shaping this important reform.

"Additionally, I acknowledge past president Ricky Skerritt for his shared

vision to strengthen our governance structure with the initiative of this Task Force in 2019."

The full member shareholders who attended this meeting were the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA), Guyana Cricket Board (GCB), Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA), Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB), Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB), and Windward Islands Cricket Board (WICB).

President Shallow also stated, "For decades, I have championed term limits in leadership, ensuring fresh ideas and new energy at the helm. I fought for this principle as President of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Windward Islands Cricket Board, and I stand by it today.

"While the decision was not unanimous, there is no division in Cricket West Indies. Every territorial board stands united in one common purpose—to strengthen our organization, uphold transparency, and secure a brighter future for West Indies cricket. We move forward together, committed to the growth and success of the game we all love."

The introduction of term limits and the term extensions, adds to a list of other sweeping governance reforms designed to strengthen CWI's operational structure and accountability. Over the years, CWI has implemented several governance changes aimed at improving its structure and efficiency.

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Blackhawks claim second win in ABCA two-day contest

Reigning champions PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks maintained their successful start with their second victory in as many games in defense of their Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) Two-Day Championship over the weekend.

After trouncing the Bolans Blasters by an inning and 224 runs in the opening round, the Blackhawks crushed the WES Rising Sun Spartans by 158 runs in their second round encounter at Ball Beef in Liberta.

Number 10 batsman Javier Spencer hit 37 off 32 balls as the Blackhawks made 122 off 26 overs in their first innings after winning the toss and opting to bat. Spartans skipper Andre Edwards bagged five for 35, and Dario Hodge claimed three for 39.

In reply, Rising Sun Spartans were bundled out for 88 in 26 overs, with Melvin Charles hitting 35 not out and Blackhawks off-spinner Kofi James grabbing five for 20.

The Blackhawks then made a declaration in their second innings after scoring 289 for seven off 47 overs. Michael Greaves struck 87, skipper Amahl Nathaniel hit 66, opener Malique Walsh made 34, and Deran Benta smashed an unbeaten 33 off 18 balls.



Kofi James

Set 324 to win, Rising Sun Spartans fell well short of their victory target as they were dismissed for 165 in 29.2 overs in their second innings. Kerry Mentore got 40, and left-arm spinner Kadeem Phillip took three for 34.

Pigotts Crushers and All Saints Pythons both claimed their first win in two matches. The Crushers prevailed by nine wickets against Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles at Pigotts.

The Crushers declared their first innings at 272 for five off 43 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Opener Demari Prince hit 69, Ronnel Jeffery slammed an unbeaten 53 off 33 balls, captain Uri Smith hit 46, and Joshua Grant struck 45.

In reply, Tayari Tonge cracked 57 as Bethesda Golden Eagles were dismissed for 169 in 43 overs.



Michael Greaves

Nevisian and Leeward Islands left-arm spinner Onaje Amory snapped up six for 41.

Asked to follow on 103 behind, the Golden Eagles were all out in their second innings for 142 off 44.5 overs. Shacoy Floyd got 37, and opener Tron Payne made 32. Amory took five for 50 to finish with a match haul of 11 for 91. Set 40 to win, the Pigotts Crushers achieved victory at 43 for one in 6.3 overs.

The All Saints Pythons beat the Bolans Blasters by an innings and 35 runs at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

Scores: Bolans Blasters 92 all out in 36.1 overs (Gershun Phillip 40; Justin Robinson seven for 27) and 85 all out in 22.5 overs (Taiem Tonge 31; Andra Samuel five for 44, and Justin Robinson three for 23); All Saints Pythons 212 for eight declared in 50.3 overs

(Michael Dover 79, Akeem Blackman 36, Malone Joseph 35; Dwaine Fordyce three for 48).

However, the other two second-round matches in the two-day contest ended in draws. Empire Nation won on first innings in their drawn encounter against Tertiary Institutions and Schools, formerly Combined Schools, at the Factory Grounds.

Scores: Tertiary Institutions and Schools 176 all out off 64.2 overs (Kaivalya Mishra 72 not out, JQuan Athanaze 30; Justin Athanaze four for 19, and Michael Harilall three for 39); and 76 for seven off 39 overs (Tanez Francis three wickets for two runs); Empire Nation 269 for six declared off 61 overs (Tyrone Williams Jr. 90, Xaveek Toppin 73, Zianni Da Silva 31).

The New Winthorpes Lions also won on first innings in their drawn affair with the Jennings Tigers at the Bethesda playing field.

Scores: Jennings Tigers 74 all out in 19 overs (Orandel Boston six for 18) and 57 for one off 15 overs (Jahiem Africa 30 not out); New Winthorpes Lions 114 all out in 42 overs (Ishmael Peters 36; Glenton Williams four for 58, Xavier Freeland three for 17, and Bassanio Joseph three for 30).