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GG Sir Rodney Williams (fourth from left) and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Sen Michael Joseph (fourth from right) with members of the Heart and Stroke Foundation

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# Local News



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Four vehicles which have been reported stolen...have been found by the police stripped of their parts as the police search for Orden Passo David intensifies.

A STRATCOM statement said on Tuesday, February 18, police officers from various departments launched an extensive search operation on the eastern side of Antigua in an effort to find Orden David.

“The team of over 50 dedicated officers gathered at Willikies Police Station around 5:30 a.m. for a strategic briefing before commencing search at 7:15 a.m. The search covered several key areas, including Pares and around Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. During the operation, four vehicles suspected of being stolen were found partially stripped of their parts,” according to



the release.

Accordingly, the vehicles were examined by the Forensic Evidence Recovery Unit (FERU), and arranged to be transported to Police Headquarters for further investiga-

tion. The operation lasted over four hours; however, there were still no sightings of Orden David.

The search will continue, and the public is asked to assist by providing any information regarding Orden David’s whereabouts or the circumstances surrounding his disappearance. You may do so by contacting the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or Bolans Police Station at 462-1080.

On Saturday, the police made a significant breakthrough in the case after obtaining valuable information that led to the discovery of his burnt-out Honda Fit motorcar, hidden among bushes behind Pares Secondary School. This crucial piece of evidence has since been taken to the headquarters for further investigation.

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## Antigua and Barbuda and Pakistan want closer fraternal, trade ties

Antigua and Barbuda and Pakistan have expressed a desire to have improved relations in both in trade and people-to-people exchanges.

These were some of the sentiments expressed on Tuesday when Prime Minister Gaston Browne welcomed the Pakistani High Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda, Shahbaz M. Malik, and delegation to St. John's.

PM Browne noted that both countries established diplomatic relations back in 1981 and take it was time to take the relationship to the next level. "I'm hoping that your appointment will signal an improvement in the relationship as we seek to improve people to people exchanges as well as the possibilities of trade between our two countries. In the area of the exchange of expertise, we have here the 4<sup>th</sup> landed campus of the University of the West Indies and I certainly hope that there may be some collaborations at that level," he remarked.

The prime minister expressed the view that the relationship between both countries has spanned decades and now can be elevated, adding that there are areas where both countries can benefit from some level of trade.

He noted that Antigua and Barbuda is keen on expanding its reach with countries



Prime Minister Gaston Browne and the Pakistani High Commissioner Shahbaz M. Malik,

such as Pakistan, a large country with a large population (the world's fifth largest). Using both China and India as examples, PM Browne said he is of the view that Pakistan could also see similar economic growth as its large population is one of the keys to such growth. "With your population and resources, it is just a matter of time," he observed.

In his response, High Commissioner Malik said Pakistan is keen on enhancing its relationship with the smaller islands of the Caribbean, not only in the political sphere but also in the areas of trade and commerce.

"As you are aware, Pakistan has a well-developed

textiles industry, pharmaceutical industry, sports industry and agriculture.

There are several areas in which we therefore can cooperate and I will keep in touch with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this matter," he remarked.

The High Commissioner expressed a desire for the two countries to establish what he termed 'parliamentary friendship groups' which will organize exchange visits between both countries to help strengthen relations. He also suggested the appointments of Honorary Consuls to further enhance the relationship.

The Pakistani diplomat noted that his country has several 'surgical groups' as well as trained doctors and nurses who are available to take up assignments within the health sector of Antigua and Barbuda if requested.



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## The Governor General celebrates with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Antigua and Barbuda

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Antigua and Barbuda proudly marks a month of celebration as it observes its 5th anniversary as a non-profit organization dedicated to cardiovascular health advocacy, education, and prevention. Coinciding with this milestone, the Foundation successfully hosted its 6th Annual Heart and Stroke Symposium under the patronage of Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams.

The Symposium, held on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at Sandals Grande Resort and Spa, brought together medical professionals, researchers, and healthcare advocates to discuss emerging trends and advancements in cardiovascular care. Under the theme, Navigating Modern Health: Technology, Mental Well-being, Stroke & Cardiac Care, the event provided a platform for critical discussions on acute stroke management, artificial intelligence in stroke care, the effects of cannabis use on the heart, chronic stress, anxiety, depression, and advancements in heart failure management.

GG, Sir Rodney Williams delivered congratulatory remarks, emphasizing the importance of continuous medical education, innovation in healthcare, and proactive measures in the fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs).



“This symposium is a testament to our collective commitment to tackling cardiovascular and stroke-related challenges head-on. By fostering collaboration among experts, promoting education, and encouraging the adoption of innovative solutions, we are taking meaningful steps toward reducing the prevalence of NCDs and improving health outcomes for all,”

stated Sir Rodney Williams in his address.

Sir Rodney also presented awards to a number of key supporters of the Heart and Stroke Foundation including Dr. Victor Elliot -Managing Director at Partners Heart and Health, Jamaica, APUA INET and the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force.

On Monday, February 17,

members of the Foundation’s Executive Committee paid a courtesy call on Sir Rodney at Government House, where they discussed the organization’s continued efforts to promote heart health awareness and expand access to preventive care.

Dr. Georgina Meade, President of the Heart and

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Stroke Foundation, expressed gratitude for the unwavering support from their patrons and reaffirmed the Foundation's commitment to strengthening cardiac and stroke care in Antigua and Barbuda.

Meanwhile, in a media release, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Antigua and Barbuda (HSFAB) acknowledged its 5th anniversary on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, marking five years of dedicated service and excellence in promoting cardiovascular health across Antigua and Barbuda.

In honour of this milestone, the release noted, HSFAB has curated a series of impactful events throughout February, culminating in the 6th Annual Cardiac Symposium that took under the theme "Navigating Modern Health: Technology, Mental Well-being, Stroke & Cardiac Care". It brought together renowned medical professionals to explore the latest advancements in cardiovascular health, neurology, and mental well-being.

Featured speakers include:

- Dr. Daniel Quesada – Consultant Cardiologist, Costa Rica
- Dr. Victor Elliot – Consultant Cardiologist, Jamaica
- Dr. Gillian Gordon-Pe- rue – Consultant Neurologist, USA
- Dr. Gaden Osborne – Consultant Neurologist, Antigua and Barbuda



- Dr. Chenelle Joseph – Psychiatrist & Internal Medicine Specialist, Antigua and Barbuda
- As part of its 5th-anniversary celebrations, HSFAB scheduled a lineup of events throughout February, including:

§ February 18: 1st An-

tigua Brownies Heart Health Badge – A partnership with Arter & Co to educate young girls about heart health.

§ February 22: 5th Anniversary Church Service – A moment of reflection and gratitude at New Winthorpes Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

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## Sandals Grande has promoted three more Antiguanans to senior leadership positions

Sandals Grande Antigua is celebrating the well-deserved promotions of three exceptional Antiguan team members, as the company continues to invest in the development and growth of local talent and leadership. They are - Jhavline Patrick, Meria Govia, and Vanessa Leitch who have

department. Govia, who holds a Bachelor's of Administration in Hospitality Management, was also among the recent graduates of the Sandals Corporate University's Diploma in Hospitality Leadership. As Club Sandals manager, Govia will oversee all aspects of the club experience,

roles, shared their excitement on their promotions. "I was honestly shocked, when I heard the news and could not contain the excitement and satisfaction I felt within. I am appreciative to the executive team and look forward to really continuing to enhance our resort's EHS focus", Patrick said.



Jhavline Patrick



Meria Govia



Vanessa Leitch

risen through the ranks to assume key management positions within the resort.

Patrick, who holds an executive master's degree in General Management and has worked at the resort for the last 14 years, has been promoted from administrative assistant to Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) manager. In her new role she will now spearhead the resort's efforts in implementing environmental sustainability initiatives, maintaining hygiene and safety standards, and conducting comprehensive risk assessments, providing recommendations for corrective action.

Govia who started out as a playmaker in the entertainment department and later transitioned to assistant weddings and events manager, has now been confirmed as Head of the resort's prestigious Club Sandals

including amenities, guest relations, and special request coordination. Her expertise in creating memorable events and her ability to build strong relationships will be invaluable in enhancing the exclusive club offering's for guest at the resort.

Leitch who has been in the industry for over 20 years has been promoted from assistant bars manager to Bars Manager. Her experience and proficiency in managing bar operations, inventory control, and beverage service have earned her this leadership position. She will now be responsible for the seamless operation of all bars within the resort, ensuring that guests enjoy exceptional beverage experiences. She holds a diploma in Management and a certificate in Supervisory and Managerial Skills.

The trio, who are elated and ready to transition into their new management

Meria Govia also said, "I am humbled and ready to take on this opportunity given to me by Sandals to further develop myself as leader and most importantly develop the team I'm responsible for leading, as they are our future leaders."

General Manager, David Latchimy shared that these promotions not only reflect their dedication and hard work within the company, but also underscores the resort's commitment to fostering talent and providing opportunities for local team members to advance.

Since the start of 2025, a number of line team members have also been promoted including Tamika Hatchett, Atelisha Rodney and Samantha Lovell who were promoted to restaurant supervisors, and Courtney Anthony who was promoted to restaurant manager.

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The ABYSO is once again pleased to be collaborating with the renowned Kanneh-Mason Family, who have been instrumental in the formation and development of the ABYSO and continue to serve as co-hosts for this distinguished event. The Kanneh-Masons provide year round mentorship, training and resources for young musicians in Antigua and Barbuda. Their ongoing collaboration has played a significant role in raising the orchestra's standard and global visibility.

This year's featured artist, Felix Klieser, is a globally celebrated French horn player who has defied expectations and redefined what is possible in music. Born without arms, Felix began his musical journey at the age of four, mastering the French horn with his feet and achieving worldwide acclaim. His presence

at Playing to Inspire 7 will serve as a powerful testament to resilience, talent, and the boundless possibilities of the human spirit.

ABYSO Chair, High Commissioner Karen-Mae Hill, lauded ABYSO's growth and the concert's increasing prominence, stating, "Reaching the seventh year of Playing to Inspire is a truly remarkable achievement for ABYSO. What began as a vision to develop young musicians in Antigua and Barbuda has now grown into a celebrated event of international acclaim. This year, with the addition of Felix

Klieser, the concert reaches another level of inspiration, proving that music knows no barriers and excellence has no limits."

The concert will also mark the beginning of an exciting collaboration with the Atlanta Music Project (AMP), an organization dedicated to empowering young musicians through world-class training and performance opportunities. Eight musicians from Atlanta, Georgia, will travel to Antigua to be part of this year's event. This partnership will provide a platform for musical exchange, fostering new op-

portunities for ABYSO musicians and strengthening international connections in the orchestral and choral music world.

Playing to Inspire 7 will welcome conductor Jonathan Bloxham to Antigua and Barbuda. The guest lineup will also include Sophie Biddell, Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford and a cohort of young musicians from the Island of Montserrat. Making his debut performance with the ABYSO, local tenor Leslie Nanton will take the stage for this inspirational evening.

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## The Power of Collaboration: A Key Driver of Organizational Success

By Garfield Joseph, MBA

In today's rapidly changing business environment, collaboration has emerged as a pivotal element for enhancing the effectiveness and success of organizations. Collaboration fosters innovation, improves problem-solving, and leads to better decision-making. Yet, there are those who remain skeptical about the benefits of collaboration or fail to grasp its significance. In this article, we will explore why and how collaboration can elevate organizational success, backed by practical examples and actionable insights.

### Why Collaboration Matters

At its core, collaboration brings together diverse perspectives, skills, and experiences. When individuals work together, they pool their knowledge, leading to more comprehensive and creative solutions. This collaborative synergy often results in outcomes that are far superior to what any single individual could achieve alone.

Consider the case of a product development team. A designer may have an eye for aesthetics, while an engineer focuses on functionality. By collaborating, they can create a product that is both visually appealing and highly functional. This collective effort is a testament to the adage that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

### The How of Collaboration

Collaboration is not merely about working together; it involves fostering an environment that encourages open communication, mutual respect, and trust. Here are some

practical steps to enhance collaboration within your organization:

1. **Encourage Open Communication:** Create channels for team members to share ideas, ask questions, and provide feedback without fear of judgment. Regular team meetings and brainstorming sessions can facilitate this.
2. **Leverage Diverse Skills:** Recognize and utilize the unique strengths and expertise of each team member. Assign roles and tasks based on individual capabilities to maximize productivity and innovation.
3. **Build Trust:** Trust is the foundation of effective collaboration. Encourage transparency and accountability and celebrate team achievements to build a culture of trust.
4. **Embrace Technology:** Utilize collaborative tools and platforms that enable seamless communication and effective project management. Tools like Microsoft Teams, summary of meeting minutes, key actions and next steps help to keep everyone on the same page.

### Overcoming Resistance to Collaboration

Despite its numerous benefits, some individuals remain resistant to collaboration. This resistance often stems from a lack of understanding or fear of change. Here are

ways to shift this mindset:

1. **Education and Training:** Provide training sessions and workshops on the benefits of collaboration and how to effectively collaborate. Highlight success stories within the organization or outside the organization to illustrate its positive impact.
2. **Lead by Example:** Leadership should model collaborative behavior. When employees see their leaders actively participating in collaborative efforts, they are more likely to follow suit.
3. **Create Incentives:** Recognize and reward collaborative efforts. Implement incentive programs that celebrate teamwork and collective achievements.

### The Impact of Collaboration

Organizations that prioritize collaboration experience a multitude of benefits. These include increased innovation, improved employee engagement, and enhanced overall performance. For instance, companies like Google and Apple thrive on collaborative cultures, which drive their continuous innovation and success.

I firmly believe in the power of collaboration. Through my experiences working on specific management projects or new market entries with functional experts in marketing, project management, supply chain management, and new product development, I have learned an immense

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amount from colleagues. The reality is, our own understanding and experience in many areas are limited, but the insights and experiences that others can bring to the team (especially from functional experts) can make the sum of the whole greater than its parts. Consequently, embracing collaboration, we can unlock new potential and drive our organization towards unprecedented success.

## Cultural and Intrinsic Barriers to Collaboration

While collaboration offers numerous benefits, there are cultural and intrinsic reasons why some individuals may be hesitant to embrace it:

- 1. Individualism:** In cultures that emphasize individual achievement and autonomy, collaboration can be perceived as a threat to personal success. Individuals may fear that their contributions will be overshadowed or not recognized.
- 2. Fear of Vulnerability:** Collaboration requires openness and transparency, which can make individuals feel vulnerable. The fear of being judged or criticized can deter people from sharing their ideas and opinions.
- 3. Lack of Trust:** Trust is crucial for effective collaboration. If individuals do not trust their colleagues or the organization, they may be reluctant to engage in collaborative efforts.

## Shifting the Mindset

To foster a collaborative culture, it is essential to address these barriers and encourage a shift in mindset:

- 1. Promote a Team-Oriented Culture:** Highlight the value of teamwork and collective success. Encourage employees to see collaboration as a way to achieve greater outcomes together.
- 2. Build Confidence:** Create a safe and supportive environment where individuals feel comfortable sharing their ideas without fear of judgment. Provide constructive feedback and celebrate contributions.
- 3. Strengthen Trust:** Foster transparency and accountability within the organization. Encourage open communication and demonstrate trust through actions and

policies.

## Conclusion

Collaboration is not just a buzzword; it is a fundamental driver of organizational success. By fostering a collaborative culture, organizations can harness the collective power of their teams, leading to innovative solutions and sustained growth. Beyond the workplace, schools, churches, and community projects can also benefit from collaborative efforts. When faced with challenges, collaboration can lead to creative solutions and shared success.

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## Anguilla: Shooting claims the life of man, 29, investigations underway

The Royal Anguilla Police Force has confirmed the death of a 29-year-old man following a shooting incident at Hill Side Bar in South Hill.

The incident occurred shortly after midnight today when police received reports of gunfire at the popu-

lar Back Street location.

The victim has been identified as Omarí Roberts, a resident of the British Virgin Islands. Roberts arrived on Anguilla just three days prior, on February 14. Authorities are still piecing together the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In response to the shooting, police have closed off the section of road near Hill Side Bar to all traffic while an investigation is underway.

The motive for the shooting remains unclear.

The Royal Anguilla Police Force has appealed to the

public for any information that could aid in their investigation. “We are urging anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in the area to come forward. Any information, no matter how small, may assist in our ongoing investigation,” the police said. *(Loop Caribbean)*

## Munga Honorable’s trial delayed over non-disclosure of phone evidence

The murder trial involving dancehall artiste Munga Honorable failed to start today after the prosecution discovered that a piece of phone evidence was not disclosed to the defence, his attorney said.

The case has now been scheduled for a trial readiness hearing on April 30.

The entertainer, whose real name is Damian Rhoden, and his co-defendant Sherdian Gordon are charged with the May 2017 murder of Cleveland Smith.

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ering that a phone data report was not disclosed to the defence.

“Again, we are very concerned about it (the delay) but the prosecution has a duty to serve us and it might also injured to our benefit I also dare report,” he told *The Gleaner*.

The case, which was scheduled to start in the Home Circuit Court in Kingston, was taken off the trial list.

The trial was first set for May 29, 2023.

Smith was allegedly accosted by a group of men, one reportedly armed with a gun, at a dance in Ackee Walk,

St Andrew, the police reported.

An altercation ensued resulting in Smith being shot and killed.

Prior to his death, Smith had injured Munga Honorable in a machete attack.

Smith was a nephew of entertainer Mr Vegas.

Attorney-at-law Kaysian Kennedy Sherman is also representing Rhoden. King’s Counsel Peter Champagnie is representing his co-accused.

The men have denied involvement in the killing. *(Jamaica Gleaner)*



## Haitian man dies after bar brawl in Portland



A dispute between two Haitian men outside a bar in Windsor Forest, eastern Portland, ended with one of them dead on Sunday night.

Shortly before midnight, the men got into a heated argument which turned physical when one man punched the other in the face, according to a police report.

The man reportedly fell and hit the back of his head on the asphalt, leaving him motionless.

Attempts to revive him, including dousing him with water, were unsuccessful.

He was rushed to the Port Antonio Hospital, about 10 miles away, but died

while undergoing treatment.

Witnesses say at least three other men then attacked the Haitian aggressor, beating and kicking him as he pleaded for his life.

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It's believed that the men are part of a group of Haitians who entered the island illegally last year and have been hiding in the area. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)



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## UN calls for calm as violence flares in South Sudan

The United Nations has called for calm as it reported deadly clashes in South Sudan have killed civilians and wounded a peacekeeper.

Fighting broke out between the South Sudan People's Defence Forces (SSPDF) and "armed youth" in Nasir in Upper Nile state – which borders Sudan – on February 14 and 15, the UN mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) said in a statement on Monday.

The oil-rich but impoverished nation, which achieved independence only in 2011, is plagued by instability with frequent clashes and political infighting.

The UN did not identify the armed groups that clashed with the SSPDF, a national military force led by President Salva Kiir, head of the country's unity government.

The statement said some fighters used "heavy weaponry which has, reportedly, resulted in deaths and injuries to civilians as well as armed personnel".

It did not give any details on the number of people hurt, but added that a UN peacekeeper on a scheduled patrol was wounded during mortar shelling.

Nicholas Haysom, special representative of the UN secretary-general and head of UNMISS, called for



an immediate end to the violence.

"I urge all involved to demonstrate restraint and immediately restore calm. I also strongly condemn any violence against our peacekeepers and reiterate that

such actions constitute a violation of international law," said Haysom.

The UN statement also warned of "persistent tensions" in Western Equatoria state – on the other side of the country – between "or-

ganised forces". It did not give further details.

Haysom said the situation in both locations underscored the need for the full deployment of South Sudan's unified armed forces.

The country endured a vicious five-year civil war between Kiir and his bitter rival, Vice President Riek Machar. A 2018 peace deal required the unification of armed forces ahead of repeatedly delayed elections.

UNMISS has said the unification of the army has yet to be achieved. (*Al Jazeera English*)



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## U.S. and Russia hold high-level talks that exclude Ukraine and Europe

The United States and Russia on Tuesday held high-level talks marking President Donald Trump's reversal of American policy on Moscow, fueling fears in Kyiv and building the Kremlin's hopes of reentering the international mainstream.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met for four-and-a-half hours in Saudi Arabia, which is mediating the talks and is itself looking to boost its credentials as a world power.

The talks were successful, Yuri Ushakov, Russian President Vladimir Putin's foreign policy adviser, told the state-owned TASS news agency. He added that they had paved a way for a possible meeting between Trump and Putin, although he did not say when that might take place.

While attention in Europe was focused on the war in Ukraine, the meeting is a major turning point in Washington's relationship with Moscow, which has been diplomatically and financially isolated since it launched its February 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

"This is that second step to determine if the Russians perhaps are serious, and if they're on the same page," State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce told reporters Monday, follow-

ing Trump's announcement last week that he and President Vladimir Putin had held a 90-minute conversation.

As the deadliest war in Europe since World War II rages in Ukraine, the country's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and other European leaders are alarmed and dismayed at being shut out of the talks. One of Kyiv's main concerns was that Russia would be given the go-ahead to keep some 20% of the country it has occupied.

"Ukraine did not know anything about it," Zelenskyy warned ahead of the meeting.

Kyiv "regards any negotiations on Ukraine without Ukraine as ones that have no result, and we cannot recognize ... any agreements about us without us," he said, adding that he planned to travel to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for a trip had had been arranged in advance and was not related to the talks between the U.S. and Russia.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen warned that Russia could use the pause to remobilize and mount a fresh attack on Ukraine or target other countries in Europe.

"Russia is threatening all of Europe now, unfortunately," Frederiksen said, reflecting the view of

many in Europe that Putin would seek to dominate, if not outright occupy, more countries.

In Kherson, a port city in southern Ukraine that has come under heavy Russian shelling throughout the war, residents balanced their hopes for an end to the fighting with fears about Trump's decision to leave Kyiv out of negotiations.

"It's confusing. It's going quickly and we don't see where it's going," Yulia Ishuk, who worked at a restaurant in the port city of Odesa before the war and now runs a rehab center for soldiers, told an NBC News crew on the ground.

"Without our president, Zelenskyy ... its kind of like games behind our backs and we don't like it because we don't understand that," Ishuk, 47, said. "We don't understand what's going on."

As negotiators had discussions in Riyadh, Washington's special envoy for Ukraine and Russia, Keith Kellogg, was in Brussels on Tuesday, where he was meeting with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen ahead of a trip to Ukraine.

During his briefing in Abu Dhabi, Zelenskyy said he wanted to take Kellogg "to the front line" and have

him meet with intelligence officials and diplomats so he could "bring more information back to America."

Kellogg's visit comes after France on Monday hosted an emergency meeting of European Union countries and Britain to decide how to respond after the Trump administration said they would not be part of the talks.

French President Emmanuel Macron said he spoke with both Trump and Zelenskyy following an emergency meeting of European leaders Monday.

"We seek a strong and lasting peace in Ukraine," Macron said in a post on X. "To achieve this, Russia must end its aggression, and this must be accompanied by strong and credible security guarantees for the Ukrainians."

Noting his conversation with Macron, Zelenskyy said in a post on X on Monday that the two world leaders shared a "common vision" of "robust and reliable" security guarantees for Ukrainians.

"Any other decision without such guarantees — such as a fragile cease-fire — would only serve as another deception by Russia and a prelude to a new Russian war against Ukraine or other European nations," he warned. (*NBC News*)



## 18 people injured after Delta plane landing at Toronto airport overturns



At least 18 people were injured Monday when a Delta Air Lines plane overturned upon landing at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

There were no fatalities and the injuries were relatively minor, officials said Monday evening.

Video posted on social media and broadcast from the airport showed a surreal scene — the plane flipped completely upside down as emergency workers evacuated passengers and attended to the crash site.

“We just landed. Our plane crashed. It’s upside down,” John Nelson, who recorded the video, said as he walked away from the plane. He said that “most people appear to be OK” and that passengers were getting off of the plane.

Toronto Pearson CEO Deborah Flint said that of those injured, none were in critical condition.

Earlier Monday, Lawrence Saindon, a superintendent for Peel Regional Paramedic Services, said 12 people were taken by ground for medical attention.

He said two others were airlifted to a nearby trauma center.

One of those was reported to be a man in his 60s who was being taken to St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, according to Joshua McNamara, corporate communications lead with Toronto Air Ambulance. The other was a woman in her 40s, who was being taken to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

Saindon also said an ambulance took a child to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that Delta Air Lines Flight 4819, which was operated by Endeavor Air and was arriving from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, crashed on landing in Toronto around 2:15 p.m. Endeavor is a “wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines headquartered in Minneapolis,” Delta said.

Eighty people were on the plane, a CRJ-900, the FAA said. There were 76 passengers and four crew members on board, Delta said.

Flint said 22 passengers were Canadian and the rest were “multinational.”

Toronto Pearson is under a ground delay “due to an aircraft emergency,”

according to the National Airspace System Status from the FAA, with an average delay of 292 minutes. An earlier ground stop was lifted when departures and arrivals from the airport resumed about 5 p.m., the airport said.

Delta has canceled all flights into and out of Toronto Pearson scheduled for Monday night and issued travel waivers to its customers, the airline said in a statement.

Snow was blowing at the Toronto airport all day. There was lake effect snow earlier in the day, but no snow was reported or on radars at the time of the accident.

At the time of the crash there were 20 to 30 mph winds, with reported gusts up to 40 mph.

As the passengers were being evacuated, the temperature was 18 degrees, with a windchill temperature of minus 2.

The Association of Flight Attendants union, which posted on social media that it was responding to the event, said some of its crew members were working on the flight.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada will investigate, according to the FAA. The TSB confirmed on X that it is deploying a team to investigate.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it will assist the TSB of Canada with the investigation.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said that FAA investigators are on their way to Toronto and that he has been in touch with his Canadian counterpart to help with the investigation.

“The hearts of the entire global Delta family are with those affected by today’s incident at Toronto-Pearson International Airport,” said Ed Bastian, CEO of Delta. “I want to express my thanks to the many Delta and Endeavor team members and the first responders on site.” (NBC News)

## Israel partially withdrawing troops from Lebanon as deadline expires

Israel is pulling its forces out of southern Lebanon as the deadline for their withdrawal under a fragile ceasefire deal has passed.

The Israeli military continued a pullback on Tuesday morning for the second day. However, while the majority of its forces will meet the revised deadline agreed under the ceasefire deal with Hezbollah, Israel has said it will remain in five strategic locations, warning it is ready to resume hostilities.

Lebanon's army, which under the deal should deploy across the south of the country as Israeli forces vacate, reported on Tuesday morning that it was present in about a dozen villages and border areas.

Israeli military spokesperson Nadav Shoshani confirmed that five hilltop locations will be maintained to provide vantage points and protection for communities in northern Israel.

He claimed the "temporary measure" was approved by the United States-led body monitoring the ceasefire.

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun had raised concerns that a complete withdrawal would not be achieved by the deadline, saying "the Israeli enemy cannot be trusted".

On Tuesday, a spokesperson for his office said Lebanon would consider any remaining Israeli presence on its lands an occupation, and that Beirut has the right to use all means to ensure a full withdrawal.

Lebanon is also set to ask the United Nations Security Council to force Israel to comply fully with

incursion and bombardments that killed more than 4,000 people across Lebanon, according to the



the ceasefire agreement.

However, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz confirmed that the five locations would be maintained to guard against any ceasefire violations by Hezbollah. He added that the army has erected new posts on the Israeli side of the border and sent reinforcements.

"We are determined to provide full security to every northern community," Katz said.

Hezbollah and Israel agreed on the ceasefire in November, following months of cross-border hostilities and war, as the Iran-linked Lebanese group reacted to Israel's war in Gaza with rocket attacks on northern Israel, which were reciprocated by fire from the Israeli side.

Israel then launched a ground

Ministry of Public Health.

Under the deal, brokered by the United States and France, Lebanon's military was to deploy in the south of the country alongside UN peacekeepers, as the Israeli army withdrew over a 60-day period.

Hezbollah was to pull back north of the Litani River, about 30km (18.6 miles) from the border, and dismantle its remaining military infrastructure there.

The initial deadline for the Israeli withdrawal in late January was extended to February 18.

However, on Monday, Israel's military announced that it would maintain the five locations along the border to "continue to defend our residents and to make sure there's no immediate threat". (*Al Jazeera English*)



## Blue Jays extend lead atop Second Division League



*Players of the Cedar Grove Blue Jays*

The Cedar Grove Blue Jays have extended their lead at the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League.

The Blue Jays opened up a six-point lead ahead of second-placed Sea View Farm by recording their 13th win in 15 matches with a 3-0 victory against the Young Lions at the Old Road playing field on Monday.

The goals were scored by Rajiel Parchment in the 17th minute, Ja-Rohn Thomas in the 83rd minute, and Maleke Francis in the 88th minute.

The result allows the Cedar Grove Blue Jays to advance to 40 points, six ahead of Sea View Farm FC, which has 34 points from 15 matches.

The Young Lions will remain in seventh place on goal difference with 19 points

after suffering their fourth defeat in 13 encounters.

Guydadli FC consolidated their sixth-place position in the 17-team league by recording their eighth win in 13 matches with a 1-0 victory against the bottom team, Herberts FC, at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium.

Amun-Ra Peters scored the only goal of the match in the 12th minute to secure victory for Guydadli

FC, which will advance to 24 points from 13 matches.

Herberts FC will remain in the cellar of the Second Division with four points after suffering their 10th defeat in 14 matches.

The Second Division will continue with one match on Wednesday (today). Golden Grove FC will take on Glanvilles FC at the Golden Grove playing field at 4:20 pm

## Ojays stay perfect in ABBA's Division 2 league



The Cutie's Ovals Ojays continued the successful start to their campaign in the Second Division of the 2025 Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) domestic season on Monday evening.

The Ovals Ojays 2 made it four wins in as many games with a 68-56 victory against Spanish Heat 2 in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Tequan Brodie and Tajahron Davis each produced 20 points and five rebounds, and Shaheim Omarde had 13 points, eight rebounds,

and five blocks for the Ovals Ojays 2.

Maicol Reyes sank 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, and Charlie Daniel scored 12 points and secured 12 rebounds for Spanish Heat 2, who suffered their first loss in three games.

After losing their first two games, Curtain Bluff Old Road Daggers have notched up back-to-back wins.

The Old Road Daggers followed up their 61-44 victory against Michael Joseph Phoenix with a 73-35 drubbing of Christos United in the first game

of Monday's double-header to record their second win in four encounters.

Braulio Estrada produced 20 points, eight rebounds, and five steals; Kelvin Simon sank 15 points and claimed 13 rebounds; Jesus Lopez converted 13 points, and Yohhan Nicholas scored 10 points for the Old Road Daggers.

Mikhail Gomes converted 16 points and claimed six rebounds

for Christos United, who lost for the second time in as many games.

The ABBA Second Division will continue with another double-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday evening (today).

Ramco Pharmacy Fearless Crew will face Christos United at 6:45 pm, and the Old Road Daggers will take on Spanish Heat 2 at 8:30 pm.



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# Sports News

## More success for Clare Hall in School Basketball League



Players of Clare Hall Secondary engage with coach Edward Shaw, right, during a timeout in their game against Sir McChesney George Secondary in the Senior Boys Division in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday, February 17, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the school basketball league)

Clare Hall Secondary notched up two wins in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball League on Monday.

League champions Clare Hall Secondary ended the unbeaten run of Sir McChesney George Secondary School in the Senior Boys Division in one of three matches at the JSC Sports Complex.

After winning their first encounter, the senior boys of Sir McChesney George Secondary lost for the first time in a 40-50 defeat to Clare Hall Secondary, which won

for the second time in as many games.

Tajahron Davis converted 19 points, Orion Seraphine sank 14 points, and Aiden Tonge scored 13 points for Clare Hall Secondary, while Simeon Adams produced 19 points for Sir McChesney George Secondary.

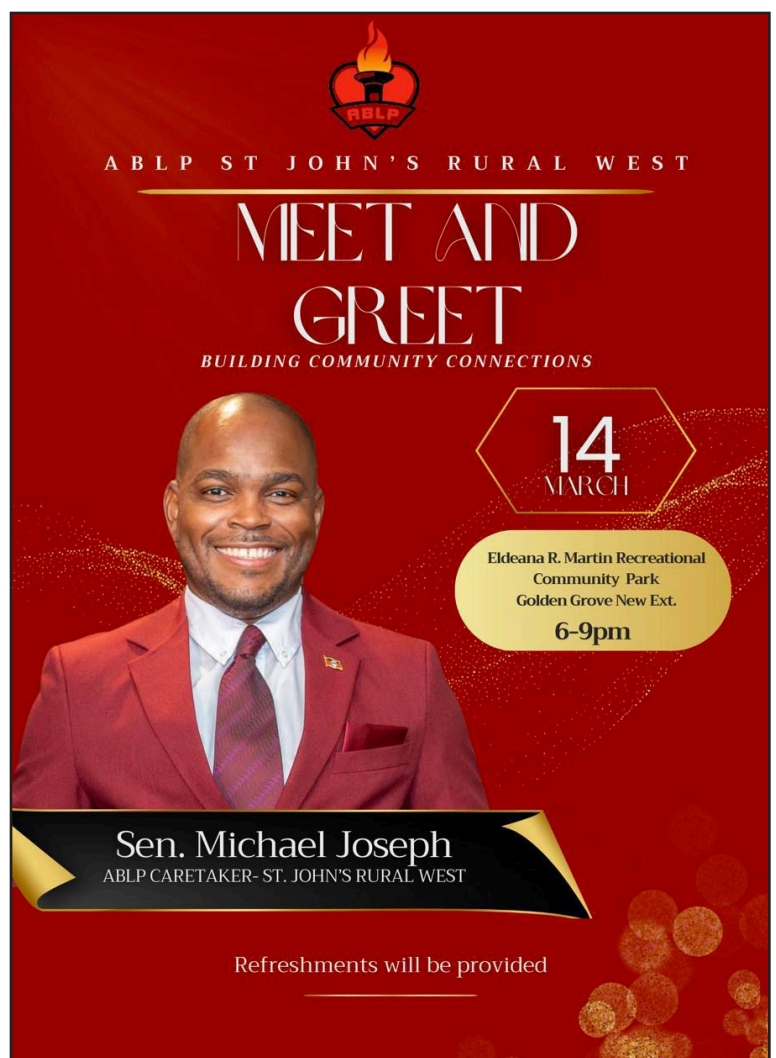
Clare Hall Secondary also remained unbeaten in the Junior Boys Division by recording a 47-30 victory against Ottos Comprehensive School.

Tajahron Davis shot a game-high 30 points for Clare Hall Secondary,

while Jalon Isaac scored 15 points for Ottos Comprehensive School.

However, Sir McChesney George Secondary claimed their third win in as many games in the Junior Boys Division with a 41-22 victory against Island Academy.

Theodore Prince converted 17 points for Sir McChesney George Secondary, while Alexander Fuller sank 15 points for Island Academy.



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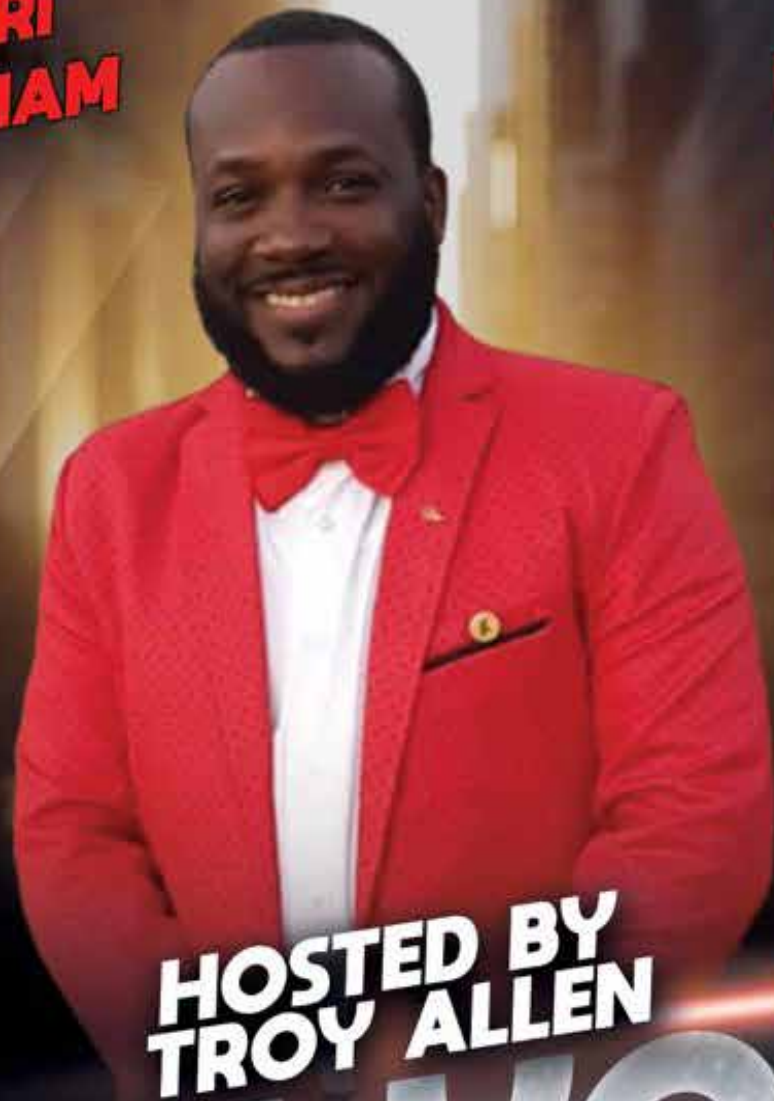
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# Nixon appointed head coach of Antigua and Barbuda Falcons



Paul Nixon

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons have announced the appointment of Paul Nixon as their new head coach for the 2025 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) season.

Nixon, a former England wicketkeeper, brings a wealth of coaching experience to the franchise, having previously led the Jamaica Tallawahs in the CPL.

The 54-year-old coach replaces West Indies legend Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who served as head coach during the Falcons' inaugural season last year.

Franchise owner Kris Persaud and general manager Jeff Miller expressed

their excitement about Nixon's appointment while also recognizing Chanderpaul's contributions to the team's development.

"We want to welcome Paul to the Antigua & Barbuda Falcons as we prepare for the 2025 Republic Bank CPL," Persaud and Miller said in a joint statement.

"He is an outstanding head coach with an excellent track record. We believe he will have a major impact and will bring his energy and enthusiasm to the Falcons family as we look to improve on last year's performance. We also want to sincerely thank Shiv, an outstanding legend of West Indies cricket, for

the work he did with the franchise."

Nixon, known for his passionate approach and strategic acumen, expressed his excitement about taking on the role and guiding the Falcons in what promises to be another highly competitive CPL season.

"It is a great honour to accept the invitation to serve as Head Coach for Antigua and Barbuda Falcons this year," Nixon said. "I extend my sincere gratitude to Jeff and Kris for their belief in my abilities."

Having previously tasted CPL success with the Jamaica Tallawahs, Nixon understands the unique atmosphere and challenges

of the competition and is eager to help the Falcons build on their debut season.

"The Caribbean Premier League is a wonderful competition that has significantly benefited West Indian cricket," he added.

"The CPL's vibrant atmosphere, star-studded lineups, and high-quality entertainment have captivated audiences and sparked a renewed enthusiasm for the sport. Having achieved success with Jamaica previously, I eagerly anticipate a successful 2025 campaign, supported by great players and a first-class support staff."

With Nixon now at the helm, the Falcons will be aiming to make a strong statement in the upcoming CPL season. His experience, leadership, and proven track record in franchise cricket could be the key to unlocking greater success for the Antigua and Barbuda-based outfit.

As the CPL player draft approaches, the focus will now shift to squad-building and preparation, with Nixon expected to play a pivotal role in shaping the team's strategy and recruitment.

With his appointment, the Falcons have signaled their ambition, and fans will be eager to see how the team performs under his guidance when the CPL 2025 season gets underway.

## Wins for AGHS in Schools' Netball Competition



MINISTRY OF SPORTS

### Schools Netball Competition

The Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) won twice in the Ministry of Sports, Joma Caribbean, Cool and Smooth Schools' Netball Competition on Monday.

The Antigua Girls High School second team (AGHS-2) prevailed 11-7 against the Antigua Girls High School first team (AGHS-1) in the Under-16 Secondary Division at the YMCA Sports Complex.

In the same category, Jennings Secondary snatched a narrow 9-8 victory against Christ the King High School, Irene B. Williams Secondary romped to a 15-0 drubbing of Pares Secondary, and Ottos Comprehensive School prevailed 13-9 against Princess Margaret School.

The Antigua Girls High School first team (AGHS-1) also secured success in the Under-13 Secondary Division. The Antigua Girls High School first team (AGHS-1) snatched a 5-3 victory against Princess Margaret School.

The Ottos Comprehensive School also recorded a 7-2 victory against Sir Novelle Richards Academy in the same category.

In other results, in the Under-13 Primary Division, Villa Primary prevailed 2-1 against Sunnysdale Primary and romped to a 5-0 drubbing of St. Andrews Primary.

Potters Primary snatched a 1-0 victory against Buckley's Primary, and Jennings Primary claimed a 2-1 win over Nelvie N. Gore Primary of Willikies.

In the Under-13 Primary Development Division, Buckley's Primary pulled off a 4-0 victory against Golden Grove Primary, and T. N. Kirmon Primary snatched a 2-1 win over the Freemans Ville Primary.

Meanwhile, Clare Hall Secondary beat the third team of the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS-3) in straight sets in the Ministry of Sports JOMA Caribbean Inter-School Volleyball League on Monday.

Clare Hall Secondary prevailed 25-22, 25-18 against AGHS-3 in their female division affair at the YMCA Sports Complex.

In other results in the female division, Ottos Comprehensive School defeated Sir Novelle Richards Academy 25-20, 25-20, and AGHS-1 prevailed 25-14, 25-10 against AGHS-2.

In the male division, Sir Novelle Richards Academy took revenge by pulling off a 25-15, 25-23 against Ottos Comprehensive School, and defending champions, the first team of Island Academy, beat Antigua Grammar School 29-27, 25-21.

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tional squad: Goalkeepers, Alyssa Laviscount and Amyah Hodge; Defenders Dequania Henry, Karmeilla Hughes, Kayla Melvin, Abisha Henry, Thedia Browne, Shemequa Benjamin, and Denovia Jarvis; Midfielders Ajahna Martin, Mia Lake, Daniella De Suza, K'neice Browne, Azaliyah Peterson, Latoya Williams, Zoya Simon, and Ozora Roberts; Forwards Abigail Donalds, Gabrielle De Suza, and Iresseia Allen. Reserved are defender Orianna Cole and goalkeeper Oniyah Prince.

Coaching Staff: Karen Warner, Head Coach; Lorraine Charles, Assistant Coach; Nikisha Samuel, Goalkeeper Coach; Lak-

iesha Samuel, Equipment Coordinator; Anya Allen, Physiotherapist; McLean

Lawrence, Trainer; and Diane Anthony, Team Manager.



TAKUMI MEDIA U20 BENNA GIRLS

Players of the national under-20 women's team participate in a training session ahead of their CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Group A Qualifiers.



## Benna Girls to contest CONCACAF Under-20 Qualifiers

Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Girls national team will launch their campaign at home in the 2025 CONCACAF Under-20 Qualifiers, which will be taking place across six four-team groups in four host countries from February 21 to 25.

Antigua and Barbuda will host Group A, which will also include the national teams of Haiti, Belize, and Guyana, at the ABFA Technical Center.

According to a media release for the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA), "In the lead-up to the qualifiers, the squad has been fully engaged in an intensive preparation regimen, which included a series of local friendly matches against other national teams.

"These matches have honed the team's tactical skills and fostered a strong camaraderie among the players, enhancing their readiness for the challenges ahead."

"We are incredibly proud to host the CONCACAF U20 Qualifiers and to support our young generation of female players as they compete at this prestigious level," said Gwen Salmon, Senior Vice-President of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association.



Management, coaches and players of Antigua and Barbuda women's Under-20 national team, took time out of their busy training schedule to attend church services at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on Sunday, February 16, ahead of their CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Group A Qualifiers, scheduled to kick off on Friday, February 21, at the ABFA's Technical Center in Antigua. (ABFA Media)

"Our girls have shown tremendous commitment throughout their preparation, and we are committed to supporting their journey as they face off against some of the best talent in the region."

As the tournament approaches, anticipation is building within the local community, with plans to encourage widespread support for the team.

The Antigua and Barbuda women's Under-20 national team is determined to showcase the talent within the nation.

"Our focus has been on instilling a strong founda-

tion of teamwork and discipline, which are essential for success at this level," said Head Coach Karen Warner.

"The players have shown immense dedication and are eager to represent Antigua and Barbuda on this international platform."

Competition in Group A will commence with a double-header at the ABFA Technical Center on Friday. Guyana will tackle Belize, and Antigua and Barbuda will take on Haiti.

The second round of Group A matches will take place on Sunday, February 23, and the third and final

round will be held on Tuesday, February 25.

The Dominican Republic will host Groups B and C, Nicaragua will host Group D, and Trinidad and Tobago will host Groups E and F.

After round-robin play between February 20 and 25, the first-place team from each group (six teams in total) will advance to the 2025 CONCACAF Under-20 Women's Championship, joining the two pre-seeded top-ranked nations, the United States and Mexico.

Antigua and Barbuda Under-20 women's na-  
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