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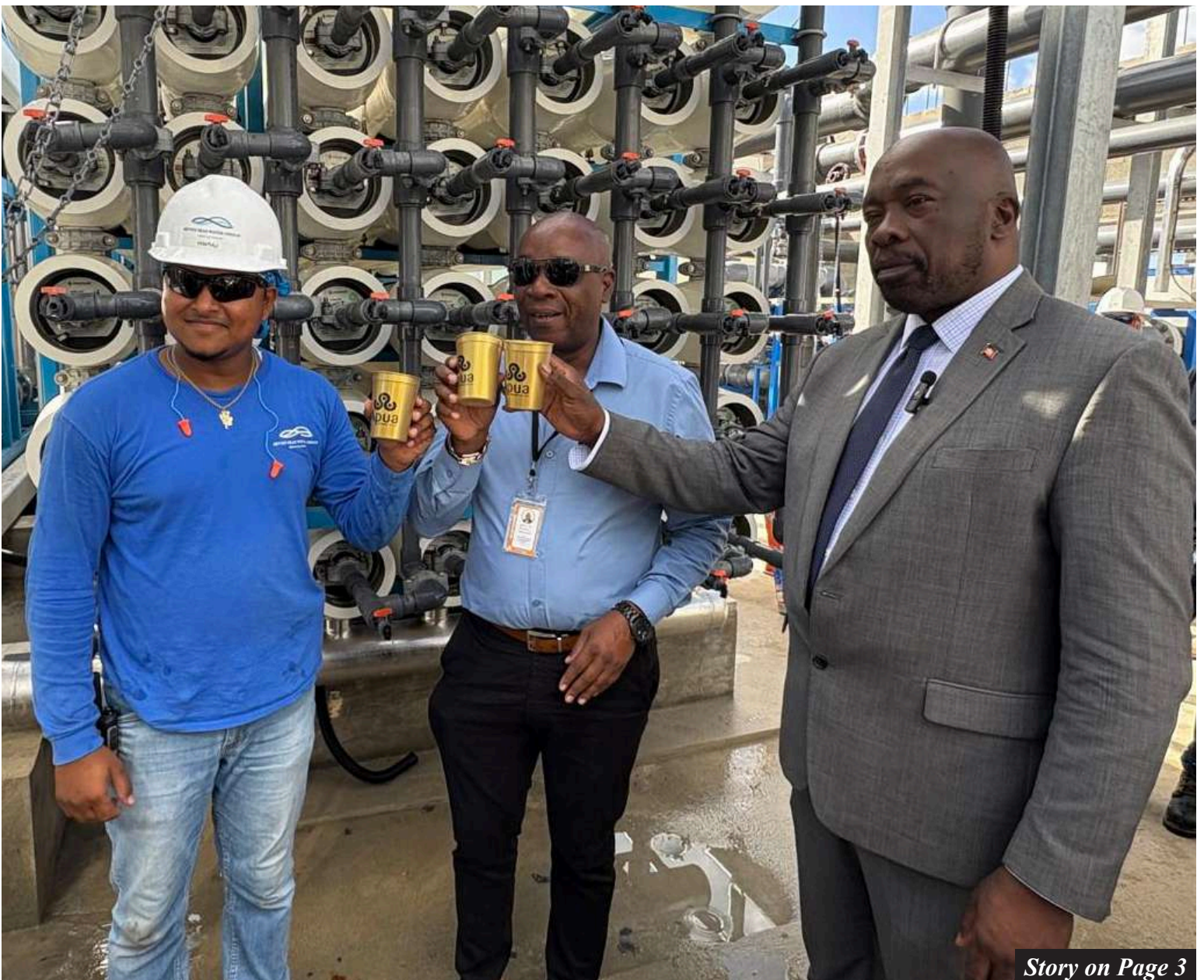
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Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas, APUA General Manager, John Bradshaw and a technician from Seven Seas company,

PM Browne: US tariffs against China could hurt Antigua and Barbuda consumers



Prime Minister Gaston Browne is voicing concerns over the imposition of tariffs by the Trump Administration on goods entering the US from Canada, Mexico and China.

Noting that trade between Antigua and Barbuda and Mexico and Canada are quite limited, PM Browne said he is particularly concerned about the tariffs that are being imposed on goods from China entering the US market. Observing that many US-manufactured goods are done with parts originating from China, the prime minister expressed the view that this could hurt consumers in Antigua and Barbuda as this would mean higher prices for goods imported from the US.

“We are very concerned over the situation with China and the United States because a lot of the inputs that the US manufacturers use for their products come from China. Those tariffs could also impact the farming sector in the United States causing their products to go up in prices. Now Antigua and Barbuda

imports as much as 80 percent of what we consumer from the US so any form of tariff could be consequential,” he observed.

PM Browne said he believes that many countries in the OECS and the wider Caribbean are in a similar position to one degree or

another as all have trade deficits with the US.

“Antigua and Barbuda, as small as it is, our trade deficit is up to US\$200 million per year, which is significant. Tariffs can also increase inflation and the world has been struggling with inflation especially since the Russia/Ukraine war which resulted in an increase in the price of grain that has affected many products,” he noted.

According to PM Browne, inflation is also a drag on growth as before a country is able to grow its economy it first has to tackle inflation.

“When inflation increases it makes your work harder; it affects the price of goods, it impacts on people’s abil-

ity to save or even to eat. Therefore, tariffs can be very, very devastating in terms of their impact,” he declared.

The prime minister described the OECS countries as ‘especially vulnerable’ noting that the tariffs may affect people in these countries disproportionately to consumers in places like the United States based on average income. He believes the American consumer will be better able to navigate the tariffs than consumers in the OECS countries.

He also believes that tariffs could nonetheless impact on disposable income in the US that could over time affect travel to places like Antigua and Barbuda.

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Minister Nicholas, APUA officials give water from new RO plant ‘thumbs up’



Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas, There was much excitement the water, it became time



Jason Peters, Acting Manager of APUA Water Business Unit



APUA General Manager, John Bradshaw

in the air last Friday as the new reverse osmosis plant at Ffryes Beach that has been installed by the company, Seven Seas, was turned on to produce its first batch of potable water.

After running a series of tests, including using a meter to determine the Total Dissolved Solid (TDS) of

to do the actual the test that counts; the tasting of the water.

Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas, APUA General Manager, John Bradshaw and Area Manager for Seven Seas, Boyd Weber, participated in tasting the water following which they gave an enthusiastic ‘thumbs up’.

“O happy day, O happy day! I am exceedingly delighted about what’s taking place here today. You have witnessed the start-up of the plant, you would have seen from the meters that they have started to produce water and sending it to our storage tank on site. My expectations are that by this time tomorrow (Saturday), they would have produced the first one million gallons of water which will go a long way in helping APUA overcome the significant and tremendous challenges we have had with water production, distribution and management. Certainly this means improved water supply for consumers in the south, south-western side of the island, to include the Reservoir system at Gray Hill which will be able to be replenished from this location,” Minister Nicholas revealed.

He said the commissioning of the Seven Seas plant with a capacity of one million gallons daily will bring relief to consumers in the Southern Corridor; from the plant northwards to Creeks Side, Golden Grove and Five Islands, and Southwards to

include the villages hotels and other developments going as far as Old Road.

Minister Nicholas indicated that the successes achieved with the production and distribution of water from the Seven Seas plant at Ffryes will serve as a template for how APUA will approach the other areas of the island that are currently water-challenged beginning in the east, then the north and then the central areas.

GM Bradshaw said the start of water production from the new plant marks ‘a very good day’ for APUA and water consumers particularly in the south. “It marks the start of one of two plants that Seven Seas will install and a third plant that APUA itself will install at Crabbes Peninsula. The water has been of good quality; measuring 500 TDS which is within the standard established by the World Health Organisation of 1000 TDS or below. We expected that within two weeks it will decrease to 300 TDS, this is bottled water quality,” he noted.

He too expressed the belief that the production from the new plant will go a long way in solving the water challenges faced by the authority.

Newly appointed Acting Manager of the Water Business Unit, Jason ‘Bassue’ Peters, said the new plant shows that APUA has heard the cries of the consumers and it is doing something to relieve the water shortages that they have been experiencing. He promised that the authority is working systematically to resolve the water challenges, one area at a time, beginning with consumers in the south.

Ground-breaking for new terminal at the Fifth Pier set for next Monday

The ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of a terminal building for the 5th Pier at the St. John’s Harbour will take place next Monday.

Newly appointed Marketing and Communications Manager at the Antigua Cruise Port, Elijah James, said the new terminal is very important especially as Antigua and Barbuda has distinguished itself as a leader in home-porting within the cruise industry.

“We have just confirmed the date of February 10 for the ground-breaking for the new terminal and we will be launching it under a campaign tagged; ‘Ready, set, sail: unlocking quay opportunities for Antigua and Barbuda,’” he announced.

According to James it is expected that guests from both the government and the private sector will be in atten-



dance for the ground breaking. “As you know, home-porting is a new business opportunity for Antigua Cruise Port. The ground-breaking

will mark the start of construction on this facility that is needed for the guests arriving or departing as part of the home-porting. Currently, we are using a temporary tent to process our passengers and that has to change,” he declared.

James could not give a figure for the cost of the project, but he did say the plan is to have the facility ready by the start of the 2025-26 cruise tourism season.

In addition, according to James, work on the development of a tourism entertainment hub on the lands on Lower Newgate Street will commence immediately after the completion of the new terminal slated for September/October this year.

The facility is expected to be completed for the start of the cruise season next year, 2026.

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More than twenty-thousand cruise passengers and crew visit in three days.



Captain Martin Allen

More than twenty-thousand cruise passengers and crew members have visited Antigua and Barbuda over the past three days. They arrived aboard eight cruise ships that visited the country between Friday and Sunday.

Three of the cruise ships arrived on Friday, including the Iona of the P&O Lines, which was making its inaugural call to the St. John's Harbour. The Iona is the sister ship of the Arvia, which home-ports in the country fortnightly. Under the experienced hands of Captain Martin Allen, Iona sailed into the port with 6,612 passengers and crew.

There was an official welcome aboard the ship with a representative from the shipping agent,



Operations Manager at Delisle, Walwyn, Francis, Athena Richardson leading the welcome party that included, Marketing and Communications Manager, Antigua Cruise Port, Elijah James, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Immigration and Security in attendance.

Captain Allen said he has been coming to Antigua and Barbuda for many

years and he was complimentary of the continued efforts by local authorities to upgrade the facilities at the St. John's Harbour.

He said this is the only scheduled call by Iona to the St. John's Harbour this year, but noted that for the 2025-26 cruise season more calls have been scheduled.

Meanwhile, on Friday three other ships called

at port, even though one – the Queen Mary, did not sail into the harbor. Instead it discharged its passengers using ferries. It brought a total of 3694 passengers and crew. The other two vessels were Beyond of Celebrity Cruises with 3600 passengers and crew and Explorer with 1200 passengers and crew.

On Saturday, two ships called at the St. John's Harbour; Odyssey of the Seas – (its passenger and crew total was not immediately available) as well as Marella Explorer 2 with 2276 passengers and crew.

Two ships called on Sunday, Mein Schiff 2 – 2850 guests + 1013 crew = 3863 visitors and Viking Sea – 910 guest + 460 crew = 1370 visitors.



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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:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Systems or a related discipline.
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- Technical training and deep familiarity with the Drupal CMS.
- Experience with server operating systems (Linux, Windows Server).
- Experience with higher education applications, Ellucian Banner is a plus
- Hands-on experience with cloud services (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure).
- Experience providing technical support and training end-users.
- Familiarity with database technologies, including Oracle, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, Microsoft SQL Server and Microsoft Access.
- Proficiency in programming languages such as Python, PHP, JavaScript, and SQL.
- Strong knowledge of web technologies including: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript frameworks (e.g., React, Angular, Vue.js).
- Knowledge of secure coding practices, web vulnerability assessments, and penetration testing.

REQUIRED SKILLS:

- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Attention to detail and a commitment to quality.

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.

Antigua and Barbuda National Music Awards Set for February 5, 2025

Minister of Creative Industries, Daryll S. Matthew and the Ministry of Creative Industries, announce the Antigua and Barbuda National Music Awards (ABNMA), slated for February 5, 2025. This prestigious event will celebrate the outstanding achievements of musicians and contributors to the nation’s rich musical heritage.

The ABNMA will honor individuals and groups across three macro categories:

- **Musician of the Year Awards (MY Awards):** Recognizing the best performers, producers, and contributors in various

genres.

- **Special Recognition Awards:** Celebrating those who have made significant contributions to the local and regional music industry.

- **Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Paying tribute to pioneers whose impact on music in Antigua and Barbuda has left a lasting legacy.

Among the distinguished honorees are King Short Shirt, King Obstinate, and Burning Flames, whose legendary contributions have shaped Antigua and Barbuda’s musical identity on the global stage. Addi-

tional recipients include Vinema Phillip, Junior “Jagger Martin, Eustace “Gaetux” Harris, the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Le Château D’or Music Academy, whose dedication has nurtured musical excellence across generations.

The awards will also spotlight talent in steelpan, vocal performance, sound clash groups, and music production, recognizing the best from the period December 2023 to November 2024.

Minister Matthew emphasized the significance of the event, stating, “This awards

ceremony is more than just a night of recognition—it is a celebration of our culture, our history, and the creative minds that continue to elevate Antigua and Barbuda’s music industry. It is imperative that we honor our pioneers while also shining a light on the new wave of talent that is carrying our musical legacy forward.”

The Antigua and Barbuda National Music Awards will be a night of celebration, reflection, and inspiration as the nation pays homage to its musical trailblazers and emerging stars. It takes place at the Sir John E. St. Luce Financial Centre’s auditorium.

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UWI Five Islands to launch initiative to help combat rising youth violence

The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus announces a timely professional development seminar for youth counsellors, mentors and advocates scheduled for February 6, 2025. This free half-day event, running from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, comes at a crucial time as the nation grapples with recent incidents of youth violence, including the concerning trend of weapons being found in schools and several reported cases of student altercations that have made headlines in recent months.

The seminar will address three critical topics: Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, Abnormal Psychology, and Men and Masculinity in the Caribbean. The focus on juvenile justice is particularly relevant given the recent community discussions about youth rehabilitation and the role of counselling in preventing juvenile delinquency.

“With the increasing reports of youth-related incidents in our schools and communities, this seminar couldn’t be more timely,” says Adeola Matthew, organiser of the event. “We aim to equip those who interact regularly with youth with the latest strategies to address these challenges as they support our young people in making better choices.”

During the seminar, participants will also learn about UWI Five Islands’ innovative degree programmes designed to address these contemporary challenges. The BSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice programme prepares professionals to

understand and respond to criminal behaviour, while the BSc in Psychology programme develops skilled practitioners capable of addressing mental health needs in our communities.

“These degree programmes represent our commitment to building local capacity in addressing social challenges,” explains Ms Matthew, the Student Recruitment and Retention Manager. “Both

programmes offer practical, Caribbean-focused training that directly responds to the issues we’re seeing in our society today.”

“Our goal is not just to provide a one-day training, but to create pathways for professionals to further develop their expertise,” she adds. “By addressing these issues head-on and offering quality education programmes, we hope to contribute to creat-

ing safer schools and communities.”

If you are interested in attending this free seminar, you can RSVP by contacting us at adeola.matthew@uwi.edu or 484-3900 Ext 118.

Information about the BSc Criminology and Criminal Justice and BSc Psychology programmes will be available during the event.



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Youth Join the Movement Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Antigua and Barbuda

Dozens of young people have added their voices to the chorus rejecting gender-based violence (GBV) in Antigua and Barbuda, and calling for action and change. During the Change Starts Here: Youth Against Gender-Based Violence Workshop on Saturday, February 1st, at the Multipurpose Cultural Centre, 39 youngsters took part in informative and creative activities organised by the Integrated Health Outreach Gender-Based Violence Coalition (IHO-GBV). Most participants were between 15-17 years old.

While the majority were girls, the males who took part showed equal enthusiasm for the message being communicated. Asked for his feedback near the end of the workshop, Jamalee Jarvis, a teenager currently in secondary school, stated, “I want to appeal to the boys and men in Antigua and Barbuda: Do not hurt people’s children. In the future that could be your child. Do unto others as you want people to treat



you.”

Women and girls are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence, or some form of violence by an intimate partner, whether emotional, sexual, physical or financial. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), as many as one in three women globally has experienced violence from an intimate partner. In the Caribbean, these rates are higher than the global average. Surveys by UN Women suggest that in the Caribbean, 46 percent of women have experienced at least one form of violence in their lifetime. Surveys on GBV

in the region also show that a high number of cases go unreported.

The initiative on Saturday aimed to sensitise boys and girls about topics such as consent, healthy relationships and how to recognise abuse - whether sexual, physical, emotional, or financial - and what to do in such situations. The workshop team addressed “red flags” in relationships - things that people do or say to one another that are abusive and should not be accepted.

While the first component of the session was informative, the second was

creative. Youngsters were given manilla, pens, markers, glue and all the essentials necessary to set about crafting placards with powerful messages that will be displayed at the Men & Women United 2025: Stop Gender-Based Violence 5k Walk on March 8th, 2025. Some of the slogans chosen by the youth included “My Clothes Are NOT My Consent”, “Real Men Don’t Rape”, “Respect Our Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters”, “No More Silence, No More Shame” and “Girls & Women’s Safety is a Human Right”.

The IHO-GBV Coalition is an arm of the nonprofit organisation Integrated Health Outreach Inc. (IHO). The workshop team from IHO was led by Counsellor, Karen Germain, with other core team members being Joel Germain and Jahna Peter. IHO’s Communications Specialist Kieron Murdoch and its Executive Director, Dr Nicola Bird were also part of Saturday’s event.

Guiding Light Awards presented to two young people



H.E. Lady Williams presents award to Girl Guide Maya-Ann Crawford



H.E. with a young brownie Maya-Ann Crawford (file photo)



Marc Crawford receives the Guiding Light medal from Sir Rodney Williams



Left - Right: Representative from the Scouts Association; Patricia Salm-on (Chief Commissioner, Antigua and Barbuda Scouts); Marc Crawford (awardee); Maya-Ann Crawford (awardee); Suzette Spencer-Burton (Chief Commissioner, Antigua Girl Guides Association); and Marcia Small-Persaud (Deputy Chief Commissioner, Antigua Girl Guides Association)

During a brief ceremony at Government House, Governor General, Sir Rodney and Lady Williams presented medals to two young individuals who have exhibited exceptional character and dedication within their respective service organisations.

The Guiding Light Award is presented annually to an outstanding guide and scout (at any level) who demonstrates excellence in activity, innovation, and generosity towards their

community and peers. This year's honourees, Marc Crawford and Maya-Ann Crawford, were recognised for their selfless service and significant contributions to their organisations' missions.

The medals, manufactured in the United Kingdom by Worcestershire Medal Services—by appointment of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—symbolise the highest standards of dedication and service.

The selection process,

conducted confidentially by the leadership of both organisations, coincidentally resulted in the selection of the brother and sister duo. During the ceremony, the awardees were encouraged to continue along their commendable path, striving to become exemplary citizens. Their parents were also congratulated for raising two outstanding young

individuals who embody the principle of 'service before self'.

President of The Halo Foundation, Lady Williams, announced that in 2026, the Guiding Light Award will be expanded to include all youth uniformed organisations under the umbrella of the Halo Foundation.

ABEC targets primray school students for voter education programme

The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) continues to expand its Civic and Voter Education programme by incorporating practical exercises aimed towards educating the nation's youth about the electoral process.

As part of the initiative, ABEC recently hosted thirty-five (35) students from the Newfield Primary School at its Headquarters as well as at the St. John's City East and St. John's City South Constituency Registration Units respectively. Accompanied by their three Social Studies teachers, the students received both theoretical and practical insights into the Commission's role and functions.

During their visit, they learned about key aspects of the electoral process, including:

- The Registration Process
 - The Expired Voter's ID Card Replacement Process
 - The Transfer Process
 - The role of the Supervisor of Elections and the seven-member Commission
 - Voting Procedures
 - The responsibilities of Election Day workers
- One of the highlights



of the experience was to witness an elector undergoing the process of replacing an expired Voter's ID Card. The real-time demonstration allowed the students to observe firsthand how registration personnel

conduct interviews and process applications.

Supervisor of Elections, Ian S Hughes, welcomed the students and their teachers, emphasizing ABEC's commitment to sustained Voter Edu-

cation, adding that the education of the nation's youth is directly linked to informed adults in the future. He stressed the importance of fostering an inclusive democracy by encouraging young people to actively participate in the electoral process from an early age.

Public Relations Officer, Elisa Graham, reinforced this message, stating that ABEC's mandate includes continuous education on electoral processes and procedures and engaging the youth in a practical training experience which will not only enhance their understanding for upcoming examinations but help shape their future decision-making as responsible citizens.

Speaking on behalf of the Newfield Primary School, Social Studies Teacher, Neglee Peters, explained that Government and Politics form a key part of the Social Studies curriculum, particularly the study of the electoral processes. She added that the students garnered a lot of knowledge from the face-to-face interaction with election practitioners. She expressed the hope that this would positively impact their academic performance.

Strengthening Democracy: Expanding Parliamentary Representation in Antigua and Barbuda

By Dr. Oswald Thomas

A democracy flourishes when its people feel heard, represented, and empowered. In Antigua and Barbuda, where the population has grown and communities have evolved, the current structure of 17 parliamentary seats no longer reflects the realities of modern governance. Expanding representation to 25 seats is not just a numerical adjustment—it is a necessary step toward more effective leadership, greater accountability, and a more engaged citizenry.

The political landscape has shifted, yet our parliamentary structure remains static. Certain constituencies, such as St. John's Rural West, St. John's Rural East, St. George's, St. Peter's, and Barbuda, have expanded significantly in both population and geographic reach. The demands on a single representative in these areas far exceed what was once manageable. Splitting these constituencies would create a more balanced electoral map, allowing representatives to focus more closely on the needs of their communities rather than being stretched too thin.

With smaller constituencies, democracy becomes more personal. Representatives can engage more directly with their constituents, fostering stronger relationships and ensuring that local concerns receive the attention they deserve. Elections in smaller districts would require fewer resources, shifting

the dynamic away from reliance on special interest groups and toward genuine, people-driven representation. When MPs are less beholden to external funding pressures, they are freer to advocate for policies that prioritize their constituents rather than those with deep pockets.

Bermuda offers a compelling example of the benefits of enhanced representation. Despite its population of just 64,589 and a landmass of only 21 square miles, Bermuda's parliament consists of 36 seats. This structure allows for close ties between elected officials and the people they serve, leading to more responsive governance and stronger civic engagement. By contrast, Antigua and Barbuda—with a population of approximately 100,000 and a landmass of 171 square miles—operates with a system that has not kept pace with its evolving social and political realities. A more localized, people-centered approach to governance would allow Antigua and Barbuda to build on its democratic foundations and move toward a future where every citizen's voice carries weight.

Expanding parliamentary representation is important for increasing the number of seats and improving the quality of governance. As the country grows, so too must its institutions. A system that was once sufficient may now be limiting progress, stifling engagement, and leaving some communities underrepresented. Addressing these imbalances would strengthen democracy, making it more inclusive and responsive to the needs of the people.

Antigua and Barbuda stand at a

crossroads. Expanding parliamentary representation would not be a departure from democratic principles but a fulfillment of them. It is a call to modernize governance, ensure fairness in representation, and embrace a system where leaders are closer to the people they serve. In doing so, the nation would not only enhance its democracy but set a standard for effective governance in the region.

About the author:

Dr. Oswald R. Thomas is a political strategist, government affairs expert, and a clinical, forensic, and political psychologist specializing in political psychology, public policy, and governance strategy. He has served as a special advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, a constituency campaign chairman, and a commissioner of youth empowerment. With over 30 years of experience in political consulting, electoral strategy, and policy analysis, he provides research-driven insights that enhance leadership and democratic engagement. Dr. Thomas holds PhD's from Pacific Western University and Northcentral University, a Master's degree and Bachelor's from Metropolitan College of New York, and has completed clinical training in behavioral analysis. His work continues to shape conversations on governance, representation, and the psychology of political decision-making. Dr. Thomas has published two books (*Breaking The Bonds of Dependence* and *The Delight And Dilemma Of Female-To-Male Transgender*) as well as many articles.

Indian diaspora welcomes Indian rower to Antigua



Last Saturday, members of the Indian diaspora here in Antigua and Barbuda were on hand to welcome Ms Ananya Prasad to the shores of Antigua on her vessel *Atlantic Odyssey*.

She has made history for being the first female solo rower of colour to have completed the World's Toughest Row Challenge, 2024 across the Atlantic.

Honorary Consul of India Vijay Tewani led a delegation representing members of the Indian diaspora to welcome her. Mr. Tewani said, "It is a proud moment for all of us to witness this historical achievement as we welcome Ms. Ananya Prasad to Antiguan Shores.

"Congratulations to her and her family. I extend my greetings and congratulations on the behalf of High Commissioner

of India, Dr. Amit Telang as he said "it is matter of pride for all of us as

she has made all of us proud."

The Indian government

representative extends wishes for continued success to Ms Prasad.

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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 **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.

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Dominica's Kyanna Dyer crowned Miss OECS 2025

Twenty-one-year-old Kyanna Dyer of Dominica has been crowned Miss OECS 2025, succeeding Saint Lucia's Claire Smartt.

The pageant, held yesterday, saw five contestants competing for the regional title.

St Lucia's Timiqua Dertville secured the first runner-up position, while Lisha Beache of St Vincent and the Grenadines placed second runner-up.

Dyer, who currently serves as an Information Technology Officer with the Government of Dominica, brings significant pageant experience to her new role.



Kyanna Dyer of Dominica has been crowned Miss OECS

Her previous titles include Miss Dominica 2024, Miss Convent High

School 2019, and Miss Teen Dominica 2019.

She also earned the 'Best

Talent' award at the Miss Haynes Smith Caribbean Talented Teen Pageant in 2019.

The Miss OECS Pageant, established in 1984, celebrates the grace, talent, and cultural heritage of young women across the Eastern Caribbean. After a twenty-year pause, Dominica revived this cherished tradition in 2019.

This year's event, themed 'Elysian Elegance and Empowerment,' continued its mission of promoting regional unity and Caribbean womanhood. *(Loop Caribbean)*

Woman being sought after 70-y-o left hospitalised in knife attack

The police in St Catherine are searching for a woman who stabbed an elderly woman several times in an attack at her home in Innswood, Spanish Town.

The 70-year-old woman remains hospitalised.

Reports are that on Thursday, January 30, the senior citizen was at home when the woman, who works with the victim's family, made a request to which the elderly woman disagreed.



The suspect reportedly became enraged and attacked the elderly woman with a knife, which she used to inflict stabbed wounds to her jaw, back, leg, and shoulders.

The injured woman was assisted to the Spanish Town Hospital where she was admitted.

The Spanish Town Criminal Investigation Branch is probing the incident. *(Jamaica Gleaner)*

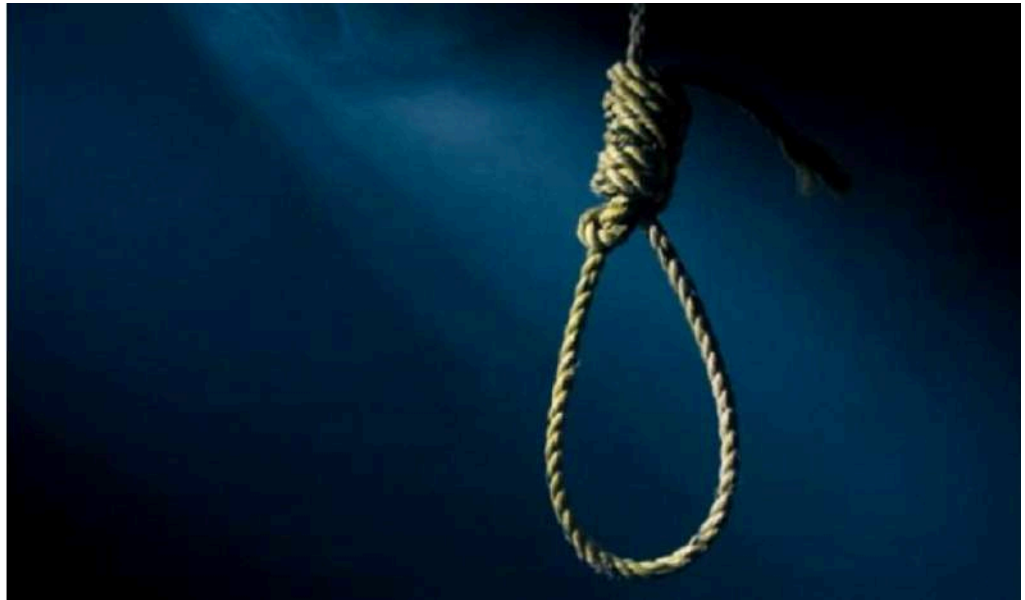
Grenada: Police investigate possible hanging death of 61-year-old man

The Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) is investigating the death of 61-year-old Peter Williams, a laborer from Gouyave Estate, St John, following a reported hanging incident.

On Saturday afternoon police responded to a report at Williams' residence, where they found his lifeless body hanging from a rafter in his living room.

Medical personnel at the scene pronounced him dead shortly afterward.

A postmortem examination will be conducted to determine the exact cause of death, as investigations continue into the circumstances



surrounding the incident.

The Commissioner and the RGPF have expressed their condolences

to the family and friends of Williams during this difficult time. (Loop Caribbean)

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Update | Seven dead, 19 injured in air ambulance crash in Philadelphia, officials say

Authorities sifted through burned cars and charred debris Saturday to gather clues that might explain why an air ambulance exploded into a fiery ball as it crashed to the ground in Philadelphia, leaving no survivors on board.

The small plane carrying six people, including a child who had just undergone treatment at a hospital, crashed onto a busy intersection just after takeoff from the

small Northeast Philadelphia Airport.

Authorities couldn't say why the jet crashed and Adam Thiel, the city's managing director, said it could be days — or more — until authorities are able to confirm the number of dead and injured.

As of Saturday morning, officials confirmed seven dead — six on the jet, one person on the ground — and 19 injured.

Spokespersons for hospitals treating the injured, Temple University Hospital-Jeanes and Jefferson Health, said most of the patients they saw had been treated and released by midday Saturday, but at least three were admitted and remain hospitalized.

The crash scene was a large area, and authorities were working to assess the damage, Thiel said. Teams were going house to house inspect-

ing the dwellings in the area. The plane crashed near Roosevelt Mall in a densely populated area.

It is “entirely possible” that there will be changes to the casualty figures, Thiel said. There are “a lot of unknowns” as to who was where on the streets of the neighbourhood when the plane crashed. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Thousands flee homes as floods hit Australia

A woman has died in Australia and thousands have been forced to flee their homes after torrential rainfall caused flooding in northern Queensland.

Authorities say waters will continue to rise and have warned of a “dangerous and life-threatening” situation.

More than 1,000mm (39in) of rain has fallen on parts of north-east Queensland since Friday with “record rainfalls” set to continue into Monday, according to Queensland State Premier David Crisafulli.

Meteorologists say these could be the worst floods in the region in more than 60 years.

Crisafulli said conditions were unlike anything northern Queensland had experienced “for a long time”.

“It’s not just the intensity, but it’s also the longevity of it,” he told Australian broadcaster ABC.

The woman who died was onboard a State Emergency Service (SES) dinghy which hit a tree and capsized in the town of Ingham, in north-west Queensland.

It is understood she was a member of the public who was being rescued at the time, and was not an emergency worker. The other five people on board were able to get to safety. An investigation has been

launched.

Meanwhile, three people were rescued from the roof of a house in Cardwell, about halfway between Cairns and Townsville.

Video has emerged showing a man clinging to a pole in Ingham after his vehicle was washed away – and being taken to safety by locals in a boat.

The Townsville Local Disaster Management Group says that 1,700 homes in the city may be inundated – some up to the second floor – as river levels rise.

Thousands of people across six Townsville suburbs were told to leave their homes by midday on Sunday, but officials say about 10% of residents had opted to stay.

The same areas were severely hit during 2019 flooding.

Premier Crisafulli urged people to heed the warnings, saying: “In the end, houses and cars and furniture, that can all be replaced. Your family can’t”.

Andrew Cox was among those who heeded the advice to leave. He told the BBC that police had visited his partner’s home on Saturday evening advising they may have to evacuate and had returned early on Sunday to reiterate the message.

“Some of the neighbours said they’d been here during floods in 2019 and that it would be fine, but we didn’t want to take a chance, so we packed up,” he said.

On Sunday night local time a new evacuation centre was being opened – as others reached capacity.

Parts of the road between Townsville and the tourist centre of Cairns have been cut off, hampering efforts to get rescue teams and sandbags to the worst-hit areas.

Meanwhile Townsville airport is closed until Monday morning, supermarkets have run out of fresh food,

and thousands of homes are without power, including in Ingham and the Indigenous community of Palm Island.

And there is a warning for locals to watch for crocodiles lurking in floodwaters away from their usual habitats.

Sitting in the tropics, north Queensland is prone to destructive cyclones, storms and flooding.

But climate scientists say that warmer oceans and a hotter planet create the conditions for more intense and frequent extreme rainfall events. (*BBC News*)

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Instructed by the ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK of 27 St. Mary’s Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 11:00 a.m. on site, the under mentioned wooden residential dwelling registered in the name of Shemecca Colbourne of Golden Grove Ext, St. John’s, Antigua.

The Chattel Dwelling House is located in Golden Grove Extension, St. John’s Antigua, and comprises of a 700 sq. ft. duplex situated on 0.10 acre of leasehold land owned by William D. Martin. Each of the duplex units consists of an open living/ dining room, kitchen, 1 bedroom, and 1 bathroom. The service lines for potable water, electricity and telephone which are provided by A.P.U.A are accessible to the property.

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Trump puts tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China, spurring trade war as North American allies respond

President Donald Trump on Saturday signed an order to impose stiff tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada and China, drawing swift retaliation and an undeniable sense of betrayal from the country's North American neighbors as a trade war erupted among the long-time allies.

The Republican president posted on social media that the tariffs were necessary "to protect Americans," pressing the three nations to do more to curb the manufacture and export of illicit fentanyl and for Canada and Mexico to reduce illegal immigration into the U.S. The tariffs, if sustained, could cause inflation to significantly worsen, threatening the trust that many voters placed in Trump to lower the prices of groceries, gasoline, housing, autos and other goods as he promised. They also risked throwing the global economy and Trump's political mandate into turmoil just two weeks into his second term.

Trump declared an economic emergency in order to place duties of 10% on all imports from China and 25% on imports from Mexico and Canada. Energy imported from Canada, including oil, natural gas and electricity, would be taxed



at a 10% rate. Trump's order includes a mechanism to escalate the rates charged by the U.S. against retaliation by the other countries, raising the specter of an even more severe economic disruption.

"The actions taken today by the White House split us apart instead of bringing us together," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a somber tone as he announced that his country would put matching 25% tariffs on up to \$155 billion in U.S. imports, including alcohol and fruit.

He channeled the betrayal that many Canadians are feeling, reminding Americans that Canadian troops fought alongside them in Afghanistan and helped respond to myriad crises from wildfires in California to Hurricane

Katrina.

"We were always there standing with you, grieving with you, the American people," he said.

Mexico's president also ordered retaliatory tariffs.

"We categorically reject the White House's slander that the Mexican government has alliances with criminal organizations, as well as any intention of meddling in our territory," Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum wrote in a post on X while saying she had instructed her economy secretary to implement a response that includes retaliatory tariffs and other measures in defense of Mexico's interests.

"If the United States government and its agencies wanted to address the serious fentanyl consumption in their country,

they could fight the sale of drugs on the streets of their major cities, which they don't do and the laundering of money that this illegal activity generates that has done so much harm to its population."

The premier of the Canadian province of British Columbia, David Eby, specifically called on residents to stop buying liquor from U.S. "red" states and said it was removing American alcohol brands from government store shelves as a response to the tariffs.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the country's government "firmly deplores and opposes this move and will take necessary countermeasures to defend its legitimate rights and interests." (Associated Press)

Congo says 773 dead in weeklong fighting as military tries to repel Rwanda-backed rebels



At least 773 people were killed in eastern Congo's largest city of Goma and its vicinity this week amid fighting with Rwanda-backed rebels who captured the city in a major escalation of a decadelong conflict, Congolese authorities said Saturday.

The rebels' advance into other areas was slowed by a weakened military that recovered some villages from them.

Authorities confirmed 773 bodies and 2,880 injured persons in Goma's morgues and hospitals, Congolese government spokesman

Patrick Muyaya told a briefing in the capital, Kinshasa, adding that the death toll could be higher.

"These figures remain provisional because the rebels asked the population to clean the streets of Goma. There should be mass graves and the Rwandans took care to evacuate theirs," said Muyaya.

Hundreds of Goma residents were returning to the city on Saturday after the rebels promised to restore basic services including water and power supply. They cleaned up the neighbourhoods littered with

debris from weapons and filled with the stench of blood.

"I'm tired and don't know which way to go. On every corner (there) is a mourner," said Jean Marcus, 25, one of whose relatives was among those killed in the fighting.

M23 is the most potent of more than 100 armed groups vying for control in Congo's mineral-rich east, which holds vast deposits critical to much of the world's technology. They are backed by around 4,000 troops from neighbouring Rwanda, according to UN

experts, far more than in 2012, when they first captured Goma and held it for days in a conflict driven by ethnic grievances.

As the fighting raged on with the M23 rebels Saturday, the Congolese army recaptured the villages of Sanzi, Muganzo and Mukwidja in South Kivu's Kalehe territory, which had fallen to the rebels earlier this week, according to two civil society officials who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity over fear for their safety. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Belmont FC move into joint fourth place in Second Division League



Belmont FC has moved into joint fourth place with Golden Grove after the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League.

Belmont FC achieved the feat by recording their ninth win in 13 matches with a 9-0 drubbing of the Young Warriors at the Buckley's playing field.

Zamaal Greene scored four goals, including a first-half hat trick that propelled

Belmont FC to a 4-0 advantage at halftime. Greene scored in the 14th, 25th, and 34th minutes and completed his four-goal blitz with an 84th-minute conversion.

Jamal Spencer and Malique Edwards both scored twice, and the other goal was converted by Iandre Hodge in the 60th minute. Spencer scored in the 10th and 70th minutes, and Edwards had conversions in the 82nd and 89th minutes.

The result allows Belmont FC to move into joint fourth place with 27 points, the same as Golden Grove FC, which has played 12 matches. The Young Warriors will remain on seven points after slumping to their eighth defeat in 11 encounters.

After losing their first seven matches, West Ham FC continued their resurgence by recording their third win in a row with a 2-1 victory over

Earthquake FC at the PMS playing field.

Raheim Andre scored in the eighth minute to give West Ham a one-nil advantage at halftime, and Vaughn Roberts doubled their lead with a 67th-minute conversion. Akiel Thomas scored in the 85th minute for Earthquake to reduce the deficit.

The result allows West Ham FC to move on to nine points from 10 matches, while Earthquake FC will remain on 16 points after suffering their sixth defeat in 12 encounters.

Herberts FC and Real Blizzard FC fought to a 2-2 draw in their Second Division encounter at the New Winthorpes playing field. Shakeno James scored in the fifth minute, and Orane Gore had a 61st-minute conversion for Herberts FC.

Taharie James scored both

goals in the 19th and 51st minutes for Real Blizzard FC, which will advance to 12 points after recording their third draw in 12 matches.

Herberts FC will move on to three points but will remain in the cellar of the Second Division after recording their third draw in 11 matches.

Glanvilles FC notched up their first win in the competition by claiming victory via default against TAMO FC, which failed to show up for their encounter at the Golden Grove playing field.

Glanvilles FC will remain second from the bottom of the standings in the 17-team league but will advance to five points after securing their first win in 10 matches.

TAMO FC will remain on eight points after suffering their ninth loss in 13 matches.

Urlings end Jennings United's unbeaten run in First Division League

Jennings United dropped crucial points in the race for promotion when their unbeaten run was ended during the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

Jennings United suffered their first loss in 10 matches this season when they crashed to a 3-1 loss against Urlings, who was the bottom team at the time, at the Urlings playing field.

Devlyn Williams had a double conversion with goals in the fourth and 35th minutes, and Devonte Matthew scored the other goal in the 19th minute for

Urlings, who recorded their first win in 12 matches.

Kemon Samuel scored the only goal for Jennings United with a conversion in the 11th minute. The result allows Jennings United to drop down to joint fifth place with Swetes on 21 points after suffering their first loss in 10 matches.

Their first win in 12 matches allows Urlings to move out of the cellar and go second from the bottom of the standings by advancing to five points.

Empire moved into joint third place with the Freeman's Village Scorpions by recording their seventh win in 11 matches

with a 2-0 victory against Police at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Carlos Solomon opened the scoring with a conversion in the second minute, and the other goal for Empire was scored by Nickado Lindsay in the 34th minute.

The result allows Empire FC to advance to 23 points, the same as the Freeman's Village Scorpions, who have played 12 matches. Police will remain third from the bottom of the standings on six points after suffering their ninth defeat in 11 encounters.

Tryum FC and FC Master Ballerz played to a 1-1 draw in their latest

encounter. Leon Moses had a conversion for Tryum FC in the 26th minute, and Marvin Moses scored for FC Master Ballerz.

Both teams remain with identical records of 14 points after recording their second draw in 11 matches.

But the First Division encounter between Lion Hill FC and the Liberta Blackhawks was not played and will be rescheduled.

The Liberta Blackhawks are now occupying the cellar on three points from 11 matches, while Lion Hill are now fourth from the bottom of the standings on seven points from 11 encounters.

Clare Hall and AGS among winners in school basketball league



The players of the Antigua Grammar School Miniboy's Secondary Division team listen to their coach Bradbury Browne, second right, prior to the start of their game against St. Anthony's Secondary School in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Friday, January 31, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the school basketball league)

Clare Hall Secondary School and Antigua Grammar School (AGS) were among the winners in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Friday.

Tajahron Davis converted 22 points to lead Clare Hall Secondary School to a 33-26 victory against St. Anthony's Secondary School in the Junior Boys Division.

The Antigua Grammar School prevailed 20-16 against St. Anthony's Secondary School in the

Miniboy's Secondary Division. Giovanni Hodge sank 15 points for Antigua Grammar School, while Elai Rodrigues scored six points for St. Anthony's Secondary School.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Princess Margaret School (PMS) recorded three wins in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball League.

One of the wins was achieved in the Senior Boys Division as Princess Margaret School romped to an emphatic

58-29 victory against last year's playoff champions, St. Anthony's Secondary School.

Tyrese Whyte shot a game-high 26 points, and Gabriel Desouza sank 14 points for Princess Margaret School. Cahjorn Jeffers scored six points for St. Anthony's Secondary School.

Princess Margaret School snatched a 44-37 victory against Ottos Comprehensive School in the Junior Boys Division.

Gabriel Desouza sank

15 points, Elijah Charles scored 14 points, and

Ezekiel Burnett had 10 points for Princess Margaret School.

Ajani Adams produced a game-high 20 points, and Jalen Isaac converted eight points for Ottos Comprehensive School.

Princess Margaret School also notched up a 29-12 victory against Island Academy in the Miniboy's Secondary Division.

Kevani Whyte shot a game-high 18 points, and Elijah Charles scored six points for Princess Margaret School, while Elijah Peters also converted six points for Island Academy.

Last year's playoff champions, Antigua Girls High School, snatched a 35-30 victory against Christ the King High School in the Senior Girls Division.

Ruchira Daley converted 12 points, and Shakera Prince scored 10 points for AGHS. Jada-liah Constant produced a game-high 20 points for Christ the King High School.

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All Saints United continue winning form in Second phase of Premier League

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

D'Andre Bishop struck a double to propel All Saints United to a 2-1 win over Parham in Group 2 in the last game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Bishop scored in the 29th and 55th minutes for All Saints United, while Tyrese Gowe scored for Parham in the 80th minute in the encounter, which was the opening game in Group 2 that featured seven of the 14 teams in the Premier League.

It was the 12th win in 14 matches for All Saints, which carries United to the top of the overall standings with 37 points, two ahead of Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades, who have a game in hand. Parham remains on nine points after suffering their 11th defeat in 14 matches.

FC Aston Villa Lions and Terminix Pigotts Bullets both won their opening games in Group 1. The Villa Lions snatched a 2-1 win against Green City in their opening game of the group stage.

Tyrik "Castro" Hughes scored in the 26th minute, and fellow midfielder Sean Tomlinson had an 81st-minute conversion for the Villa Lions. Amali Colbourne scored in the 40th minute for Green City FC.

Their seventh win in 14

the bottom of the overall standings on goal difference with 10 points after crashing to their 10th loss in 14 matches.

The 14 Premier League teams have been divided into two zones based on their placing in the first

each team will play a total of six matches against the other teams in their respective groups.

Points achieved in the first phase are brought forward and added to the points gained in the group stage.



Players of the All Saints United football team

matches allows the Villa Lions to advance to 24 points, while Green City remains on 11 points after suffering their ninth loss in 14 encounters.

The Pigotts Bullets prevailed 1-0 against the Willikies Warriors in the second game on Saturday. Akeem Isaac scored the only goal of the match in the 17th minute for the Pigotts Bullets.

It was the ninth win in 14 matches for the Pigotts Bullets, who advanced to 28 points, the same as Old Road FC, which has a game in hand.

The Willikies Warriors will remain third from

round to contest a group or second stage of the competition.

Contesting Group 1 are current Premier League leaders, Sandals and APUA Inet Jennings Grenades, Terminix Pigotts Bullets, FC Aston Villa Lions, Island Original John Hughes, Green City, Willikies Warriors, and Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers.

In Group 2 are defending champions Special Security Services and Bitar Pizza All Saints United, Old Road, Garden Stars, Potters Tigers, Attacking Saints, Five Islands, and Parham.

Starting last weekend,

The team with the highest amount of points at the end of the group stage or second round will be declared champions of the 2024/25 ABFA's Premier Division League.

The teams that finished in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th positions will be automatically demoted to the First Division next season.

The team that finished in 10th place will contest a playoff with the third and fourth place finishers in the First Division. The winner of that round-robin playoff will compete in the Premier Division next season.

Flyers win again in ABBA's Division 1 League

Reigning Division 1 league and playoff champions, the EZ Fit Flyers, made it two 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 Saturday evening.

The Flyers, who began the defense of their league title with an 88-64 victory against the Northside Stingerz on the opening night, notched up their second win with an emphatic 91-47 drubbing of newly promoted team, Da Project, in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

T-Shawn Lewis produced 15 points and eight rebounds, and Delonte Phillip had 14 points and seven rebounds for the Flyers.

They were supported by Xavier "X-Man" Meade with 11 points and 12 rebounds, Najee George with 11 points, and Selassie Brathwaite with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Flyers.

Da Project was led by Sean Nicholas with 19 points and 14 rebounds and Bryan "Hollywood" Matthew with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

But Lava Smoke Shop Warriors, which gained promotion to the first division after winning last season's second division league, won for the first time after losing their opening game during their debut campaign in the



Players of the EZ Fit Flyers basketball team (File photo) Division 1 League.

The Warriors romped to a 75-62 victory against Kennedy's Club Ottos Full Throttle in the first game of Saturday's double-header.

Kebo Orford produced 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds; Lincoln Weekes also sank 15 points; Faisal Obeidat converted 14 points; and Zuri Nesbitt had 12 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists for the Warriors.

The Ottos Full Throttle was led by Akeem Davis with 16 points, eight steals, and five rebounds, and Sheldon Abrams with 12 points and six rebounds.

In support, Warren Bogle produced 11 points, 11 rebounds, six steals, and five assists; and Nechus Jones scored 11 points for Ottos Full Throttle.

It was the second loss in as many games for the Ottos Full Throttle, which suffered a 58-66 loss to the All Saints Slam in their opening encounter.

Humroy Wright shot a game-high 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and Jason London scored 14 points for All Saints Slam.

Akeem Davis had 12 points, six rebounds, and six steals; Warren Bogle produced 11 points and five assists; and Nechus Jones sank 10 points and claimed five rebounds for Ottos Full Throttle.

The Lava Smoke Shop Warriors lost by 37 points to the Spanish Heat in their debut encounter in the Division 1 League.

The Spanish Heat rebounded from a narrow

79-81 defeat to Total Imports Potters Steelers in their opening game to romp to an emphatic 93-56 victory against the Warriors.

The Spanish Heat was led by Danny Perez with 30 points and seven assists and Steven Matthew with 18 points.

In support, Bernard Andrew sank 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Kelvyn Pimental contributed 11 points, six assists, and five steals; and Coy Quinland scored 10 points and snatched eight rebounds.

Lincoln Weekes sank 18 points and claimed five rebounds; Michael Barton converted 11 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, and Kebo Orford scored 11 points and snatched 13 rebounds for the Warriors.