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Prime Minister Gaston Browne is greeted by head of oversight committee Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim on arrival at the Booby Alley project site on Monday

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PM Browne elated with the progress at Booby Alley Project



“I am very pleased with the progress made so far,” says a smiling Prime Minister Gaston Browne following a brief tour of the construction site of the Booby Alley Housing project in the Point on Monday.

PM Browne, accompanied by head of the oversight committee, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim, members of the Chinese Embassy and the construction company, CCECC toured the project site to get a first-hand account of the work bring undertaken on the project.

The prime minister, who himself was a contractor before assuming office as the head of government, inquired of the project, including the proposed height of the buildings and even asking about the depth of the pylons used to secure the foundations of the buildings.

“From all indications the project is within budget and timelines that were set. As has been indicated this proj-

ect should be completed by the middle of next year and it will deliver 150-2-bedroom properties to the former residents of Booby Alley. They are going to be climate-resilient homes so our people will benefit from a significant upgrade in their physical environment in terms of the quality of homes as they are as good as any in other part of the

world, so I’m very pleased as this is a true transformational project in which we will be transforming lives,” he stated.

With occupation set for middle of 2026, and with the planned development of a tourism facility on Lower Newgate Street, coupled with the announced plans for ADOMS to build a new

headquarters building nearby, the entire area is in for a major transformation over the next 12 to 18 months.

The Booby Alley project is being financed by funding provided by the People Republic of China. The project site will be fenced and landscaped prior to occupation next year.

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The House of Representatives approves increases in vehicle licence fees



The House of Representatives approved the Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2025, the measure through which the government will increase the fees charged annually for licencing of motor vehicles.

The mover of the bill, Prime Minister Gaston Browne revealed that the measure is necessary as the government wants to urgently address the mammoth task of repairing or reconstructing much of the country's road network which has fallen into disrepair in recent times.

He said the government had entered into an ar-

range with a consortium of local banks to provide funding for the road repairs of up to \$100 million. However, the prime minister also gave assurances that the money will go towards the intended purpose; roadworks.

But there was strong pushback from members of the opposition with Opposition Leader, Jamaile Pringle questioning the wisdom of placing additional funds into the hands of the Transport Board when that agency had not issued an audited statement of accounts even dating back when the UPP was the government.

Other members of the opposition bench were equally critical of the move emphasizing among other things that in the past contracts were awarded to individuals for road construction with any proper oversight.

The government bench however mounted a spirited rebuttal with Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph leading the charge calling the UPP as being guided by an overarching principle of 'opposing' even without taking into consideration the merits of proposals that the government may wish to introduce. He then went into a

detailed list of the projects that the UPP had opposed in the past; the Education Levy, the construction of the Redcliffe Quay pier and the dredging of the harbor to accommodate larger cruise ships, the University of the West Indies FIC, the Heritage Quay complex and the Global Port agreement to name a few.

In his wrap up, PM Browne explained that there will be adjustment to how the monies collected by the ABTB are recorded and that this is being done in anticipation that the banks would require this as the negotiations proceed. Additionally, he noted that the government took into account the concerns of the public and it had readjusted the increase as a compromise.

However, he noted that the government may still have to subsidise the loan payments as the monies collected will likely fall short of the amount necessary to amortise the loan due to the expected smaller collections because of the adjustments.

The bill now goes to the Senate for its consider-

Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney accepts senior appointment at RSS



Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney

of the position and the fact that an Antiguan and Barbudan would, for the first time, occupy such a senior position, I recommended that he accepts the offer. "I immediately contacted the Prime Minister and together we, by telephone, repeated our full support this professional move on the Commissioner's behalf. This move would enure to the benefit of security in the region and would reflect the high regard in which our country is held regionally in matters of national security," Sir Steadroy revealed. The National Security Minister announced that

arrangements are being put out in place to have the Commissioner's position filled as soon as his vacation is ended and he proceeds on pre-retirement leave.

"The PM, the Minister of Public Safety and the entire Cabinet congratulate this outstanding professional on this move to serve the sub-region in that senior capacity. We, wish him all the best in his future endeavors," Sir Steadroy declared. In the meantime, Deputy Commissioner, Everton Jeffers acts as Commissioner of Police.

Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney is heading off to the Barbados-based Regional Security Services (RSS) where he has accepted an appointment as Deputy Director of the English-speaking Caribbean's chief law-enforcing and security agency. Commissioner Atlee's appointment makes him the first Antiguan and Barbuda national to serve in such a high-ranking position at the RSS.

National Security Minister, Sir Steadroy Benjamin has reported that Commissioner Rodney discussed the offer with him last week and the COP indicated that he had asked for God's guidance in his decision making; and, after a night of prayer, he and his family were of the view that he should accept the offer.

"He visited my office and asked for my opinion on the matter. Having discussed the very attractive terms



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Seventeen women honoured for their contributions to national development ahead of International Women's Day



The Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) and the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) have honoured seventeen women for their outstanding service to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda at the Women of Wadadli and Wa'Omoni Awards Gala.

Held on Saturday night, this was the second installment of the award ceremony, the first having been held in 2020. The awards aim to specifically highlight women's contributions to national development and promoting gender equality.

DoGA Executive Director, Jamie Saunders said "The Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) sees the Women of Wadadli and Wa'Omoni (WOW) awards as a unique opportunity, to recognize and validate the contributions that women have made and continue to make as it relates to national development, across a variety of fields and sectors. The WOW awards will remain a staple event for the DoGA, and we hope that it will inspire the women and girls of Antigua and Barbuda to continue to break barriers and to aspire to greatness". For the second time running, the Caribbean Union Bank sponsored the event. This year, they played an extra special role as title sponsor. In her address, Manager-Human

Resources & Employee Engagement, Brendale Josiah said, "Caribbean Union Bank is indeed honoured to be a part of the rich history of formidable women who lead with initiative and excellence in their respective fields. Women who have pushed past the boundaries of mere dreams and words and have placed their feet on the pedal that drives their lives as they accelerated change. Whether it is through advocacy, sports, finance, or the arts, in the courtroom or the boardroom, as women, we continue to stake our claims, use our talents, and defy the odds."

The awards were distributed in three (3) categories. The Woman of Wadadli & Wa'Omoni Awards were presented to women of at least 30 years of age who have made exceptional contributions and impact in their specific field of interest and the empowerment of women and girls nationally. The Minister of Gender Affairs Woman to Watch Award was given to a woman under age 30 making significant progress in her professional life, and the Dame Gwendolyn Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award was given to a woman over 55 years of age who has made significant contributions and impact to national development and the promotion of gender equality

throughout her lifetime.

Ashlea Ambris, project officer, and coordinator of this year's WOW said "The WOW Awards is a celebration of exceptional women who have significantly contributed and impacted their respective fields, contributing to the betterment of society. Their dedication has advanced progress in critical areas, fostering equality and social change across the nation. We are honoured to acknowledge these inspiring individuals whose efforts are transforming communities and shaping a brighter future for all."

The independent selection committee selected the following list of winners from a field of over 100 nominations.

2025 Women of Wadadli and Wa'Omoni Award Winners

Banking, Finance, Business, Industry & Commerce – Angela C.M. Payne

Community Changemaker – Latisha Browne

Culinary Arts – Asheema Willock

Culture – Tavia Hunte

Education – Carlene Spencer

Environmental Activism & Agriculture – Keisha Knight

Fashion & Textile Art – Nicoya Henry

Minister of Gender Affairs Woman to Watch Award – Imani Sinclair

Dame Gwendolyn Tonge Lifetime

Legacy Award – Ruth Spencer

Fine Arts – Veronica Yearwood

Healthcare – Dr Saran King

Law – Alincia Williams-Grant

Media & Communications – Angelica Donoghue

Political Leadership – Alincia Williams Grant

Science & Technology – Keisha Schaff

Sports & Athletics – Heather Samuel-Daley

Tourism – Carlene Spencer

Angelica nabs 'Women of the Year' award, 2025

Communications specialist, Angelica O'Donoghue, has been awarded the 2025 Woman of Wadadli Award for Excellence in Media by the Directorate of Gender Affairs and the Caribbean Union Bank. She was one of seventeen women awarded in various spheres of endeavour and their overall contributions to nation building.

The presentation was made on Saturday night at a ceremony held at the Sir John E St. Luce Conference Centre on the Factory Road. O'Donoghue who was surrounded by family and friends, described the occasion as 'a deeply humbling and inspiring experience'

She observed, "Communication, in all its facets, has always been my passion—how we speak, listen, write, read, interpret, and present



ourselves is one of the most powerful tools we possess.

"I am profoundly thankful to the

Directorate of Gender Affairs and Caribbean Union Bank for recognizing this passion and awarding me the 2025 Woman of Wadadli Award for Excellence in Media and Communications and for my commitment to empowering women and girls."

She added that kicking off Women's History Month in such a meaningful way reminds her of the importance of lifting each other up. "To every girl and woman striving to make an impact—keep pushing, keep occupying spaces, and keep making your voices heard. As Laurel Thatcher Ulrich said, 'Well-behaved women rarely make history',” she remarked.

O'Donoghue is urging women and girls to 'be bold, unapologetic, and thunderous in everything they do!'

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1 in 3 Children in Antigua and Barbuda Affected by Obesity: A Call to Action on World Obesity Day



With one in three children in Antigua and Barbuda suffering from obesity, urgent intervention is required to protect the health and future of the nation's youth.

The Heart & Stroke Foundation, Antigua and Barbuda is bringing this issue to the forefront as it joins the global movement for World Obesity Day on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, under the theme "Changing Systems, Healthier Lives."

Obesity is more than an individual challenge - it is a systemic issue rooted in the availability of nutritious foods, physical activity opportunities, school meal pro-

grammes, and healthcare access. The rising rates of childhood obesity in Antigua and Barbuda highlight the need for immediate and collective action.

To drive home the urgency of the situation, the Foundation is sharing its Childhood Obesity PSA, emphasizing the serious impact of obesity on young lives. The campaign serves as a stark reminder that without systemic change, the health and well-being of future generations remain at risk.

The Heart & Stroke Foundation advocates for:

- Stronger policies to reg-

ulate food options and marketing to children.

- Healthier school meal programmes to provide balanced, nutritious choices.
- Community fitness initiatives to encourage active lifestyles.
- Improved access to nutritious foods for families and children.

Through these measures, the goal is to create an environment where every child in Antigua and Barbuda has the opportunity to grow up healthy.

Two females charged with larceny

Police arrested and jointly charged 30-year-olds Tichelle James and Shania Martin, both from Clare Hall, with larceny.

It is alleged that the two women entered a store on Redcliffe Street on Wednesday, February 26, and stole several items of clothing, including six pairs of shoes, two pairs of shorts, six pairs of socks, a dress, a T-shirt, and other items.

The store owner became suspicious as both women exited the store and noticed an item protruding from one of the bags. They were followed to an area in Redcliffe Quay, where the stolen items were retrieved. The incident was reported to the police, and both women were taken into custody. The total value of the stolen items is estimated at \$1,100.

Meanwhile, Police arrested and charged 36-year-old Javin Maynard of Cedar Grove with unlawful possession of five .25 rounds of ammunition and unlawful possession of 37.5 grams of Cannabis.

On Friday, February 28, police officers executed a warrant at his residence and found the illegal

items in his possession. He was taken into custody and appeared in court on Monday.

Maynard pleaded guilty to the charge of posses-

sion of cannabis but his sentenced was deferred until the case involving the possession of the ammunition is resolved. It was adjourned until

May 21 as he pleaded not guilty to that charge. He has been remanded in prison until the date of his next court appearance.





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Sports administrator is guest speaker for 2024 National Sports Awards

The Ministry Sports has announced that prominent Antigua and Barbuda sports administrator Lynford Inverary as the guest speaker of this year’s ceremony.

Inverary is currently the Chief Operations Officer at Cricket West Indies (CWI) and has had a stellar sports administrative career. In September 2024, he was appointed acting COO and CEO of Cricket West Indies, becoming the youngest to act in the role of CEO.

The confirmation of Inverary as the guest speaker this year adds to the growing list of trailblazers to address the august gathering at the nation’s high-



Lynford Inverary

est sporting awards ceremony. Last year’s awards featured track and field champion and icon, Asafa Powell.

Slated for March 15, 2025, the grand awards ceremony will honour the best of the nation’s sporting exploits in 2024. The reigning Sportswoman of the Year is Ambassador Kimberly Percival of the National Bodybuilding and Weightlifting Federation and the reigning Sportsman of the Year is kite-surfer, Tiger Tyson.

The Ministry of Sports takes this opportunity to congratulate all nominees and wishes them success in the 2024 National Sports Awards.

The categories and nominees are presented below for transparency and media publication:

SENIOR SPORTSMAN 2024 NOMINEES

NAME	DISCIPLINE
Daren Benta	Softball Cricket
Cejhae Greene,	Athletics
Noah St. Clair	Rifle
Dante Browne	Fencing
Marlon George	Golf
Tony Phillip	Bodybuilding
Raheem Deterville	Football
Yashid Auguiste	Volleyball
Xavier Meade	Basketball
Alzarri Joseph,	Cricket
Jodon Wuilliez	Swimming
Rocco Falcone	Sailing

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Equality requires permanent struggle



By Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey

Foreign Minister of Ghana and Secretary General-Elect of the Commonwealth

In recognition of International Women's Day 2025

March 8 is International Women's Day. We celebrate the day because the pursuit of equality is just, fair and necessary. We celebrate the day because the shattering of the false assumptions of patriarchy and the progress women and girls have made in male-dominated societies mark an inflection point for civilization.

But even as we celebrate, the theme for this year's observance, #Accelerateaction, reminds us of the obstacles, reverses and the work that remains to be done. Indeed, as I will argue, the work of and for equality is always in progress. Like all areas of human life that deal with rights, responsibilities and expanding free-

dom, the progress attained at each point can slip away, unless citizens continue to fight daily and relentlessly for hard won victories, and for even more progress.

That is why we must devote the day for reflection and stock taking. Everyone- men, women, boys and girls - can make that effort worthwhile by committing to amplify efforts for attaining gender equality.

I am aware that because of the progress we have made, some assume that the world is an equal place. They see women going to school, voting, working, and leading. The statistics show otherwise. The World Economic Forum for example estimates that it will take some 134 years to reach full parity, roughly five generations beyond the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target.

Aside the statistics from the World Economic Forum and research bodies, most countries, communities and organisations still have men dominating in leadership positions,

science and technology and business. Recent developments have shown that we cannot afford to take even the progress made since the Beijing Conference of 1995 for granted. We see a pattern of regression on women's empowerment and gender equality. Some question the value of gender parity. The pushback against women's rights is what made Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, call for a pushback against the pushback.

In some parts of the world, groups advocating for certain religious and political ideologies have targeted women and girls, especially female human rights defenders, with violence and, at times, death. Some political leaders in democratic states exploit latent misogyny to ride to power and curtail the rights of women. Female representation in parliaments and cabinets continue to ebb and flow. And the consensus around affirmative action has never faced such attack as we see today.

If there was any doubt about the seriousness of the pushback, recent developments demonizing support for diversity and discrimination-conscious or discrimination-sensitive policy-making should make us all sit up.

As a four – term Ghanaian parliamentarian who has also served for eight years as Foreign Minister, including being a proud member of the network of female Foreign Ministers, I am familiar with sexism in politics and other barriers women face navigating leadership and poli-

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tics. I am also very familiar with the cost of discrimination and inequality across all classes and groups. I do not reveal an original truth by saying that we all lose when we relegate women, and girls to an inferior status.

I call on leaders, including female leaders, to ensure that younger generations are empowered to lead conversations on #Me too, achieving gender equality, ending violence against women; eliminating unpaid labour, bridging the financial gap, including women in peace processes and climate change policy deliberations. Political leaders must have the courage to stand by their convictions on the primacy of human rights.

The Commonwealth of Nations which I will lead as the 7th Secretary-General from April 1st, 2025, has a population of 2.7 billion people, out of which about 1.5 billion are young people. Our family of nations hosts a large number of women and girls. I am committed to working with Governments, civil society and boys in the Commonwealth to fight for the equality of men and women and to uphold the rights and voices of girls and women. Parents play an outsize role in the education of children, especially in imparting stereotypes. We must re-engage families and communities in conversations on women's empowerment and gender equality. And we must avoid knee-jerk social goals that contradict evidence, especially as we fight to protect young people from gender based violence, disease and poor health and human well-being outcomes.

I will advocate with others for the access of young girls to digital ed-

ucation and artificial intelligence to bridge the gender data gap, which is exacerbated by inherent biases. As we do that, we must promote independent, non-male-centred data that serves the needs of all members of society.

We cannot let the reverses of today, accentuated by the cynicism of those who yearn for a world gone by, disempower us. I fear that unless we reclaim the fighting spirit of those who brought women the vote; the Universal Declaration on

Human Rights; the victories of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States that inspired others elsewhere; political independence, and the heady promise of Beijing, we shall drown in pitiful pessimism.

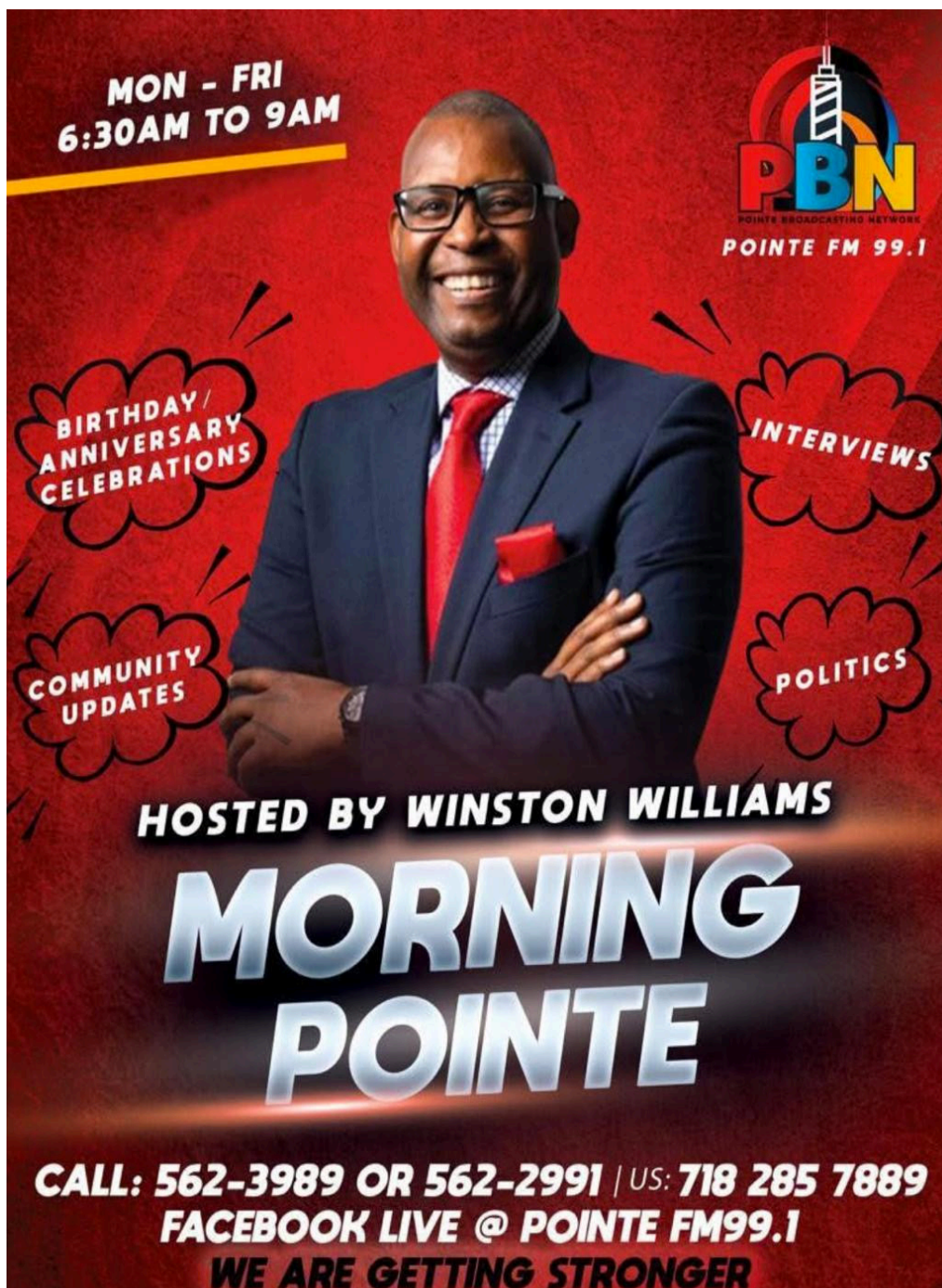
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- April 22nd (Earth Day)
- Longest line of glass bottles
- June (Graduation Season)
- Largest glass bottle number
- Largest plastic bottle word
- Largest plastic bottle number
- Largest bottle cap sentence
- July 2nd (RISE - Carnival Season)
- Most people crushing bottles simultaneously
- Most people opening drink cans simultaneously
- July 3rd (Breakfast Fête - 14-hour Carnival Event)
- Most plastic bottles collected for recycling in one hour
- Most plastic bottle caps collected for recycling in 12 hours
- Most plastic bottles collected for recycling in 24 hours
- Most aluminum cans collected for recycling in one hour
- September 1st (School Opening)
- Longest line of tea bags
- Most plastic bottles collected for recycling in one month
- Largest collection of plastic bottles
- October 16th
- Farthest distance covered on foot in

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- December 3rd (International Day for Persons with Disabilities)
- Farthest distance covered in a wheelchair in one day

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Sentenced to prison, man walks out court, goes to Carnival event

Police officers are searching for a man who walked out of the court after he was sentenced to serve ten months in prison.

The man was charged with driving while disqualified and driving without a certificate of insurance.

After being charged, he was granted bail at the police station by a justice of the peace.

He appeared last Wednesday for the matter at the Virtual Access Customer Centre (VACC) at the Princes Town Court. During the hearing, he entered guilty pleas to the offences and was sentenced to the ten-month prison term.

The Express was told that even though the sentence

was passed, the man left the courthouse.

A police officer familiar with the running of the Princes Town courthouse however said the man was not in the lawful custody of police at the time he left.

It was said the VACC is not a court and while officers are assigned at the court building, they are not rostered to the VACC.

It was further outlined that the process for sentencing is for the police, usually from the Court and Process Department or a legal officer, to be informed, and an armed officer is made to wait outside. This process of officers waiting outside, it was said, was put in place since police officers have not been allowed to enter

the court building with their firearms.

Last August, after there was an issue between the police and judiciary security personnel at the Princes Town court, the Judiciary issued a release stating that, 'All persons entering Judiciary facilities and courthouses, including officers of the TTPS, are required to be scanned either by baggage, walk-through or hand-held scanners....The Judiciary's policy position also prohibits court users and TTPS officers from entering the Court premises with a firearm.'

The Judiciary further said that the position on exclusion of firearms from court buildings was adopted in July 2015, after examination of international court

security practice.

In November last year, then Deputy Commissioner of Police – Operations Junior Benjamin called for police officers to abide by the Judiciary's protocol. He however added that there would be discussions with the Judiciary on the issue.

On Wednesday, officers searched for the man who left the courthouse, and even went that night to the finals of the National Stick-fighting Competition at Skinner Park, San Fernando, after they were told that he had attended the event. They however did not find him there and other searches were unsuccessful.

A warrant was thereafter issued for the man's arrest. *(Trinidad Express)*



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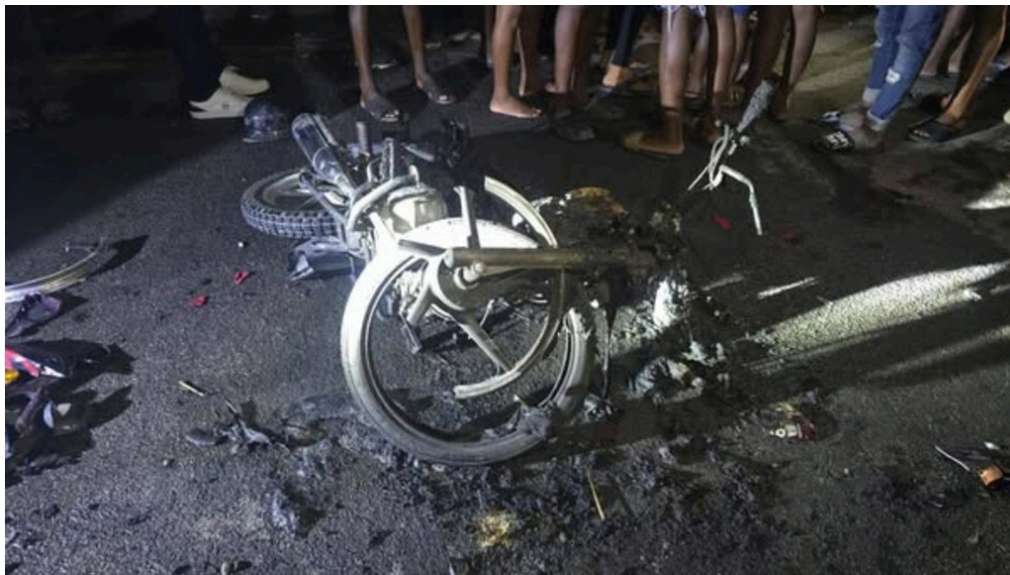
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Guyana: Three die in weekend motorcycle collision



Police in Guyana are investigating a fatal accident which occurred over the weekend claiming the lives of three.

Leon Marks, a 62-year-old motorcyclist, and his pillion rider, 28 year old Reion Alphonso and 18 year old, Davenand Bernard another motorcy-

clist, all succumbed to their injuries when the two motorcycles collided head-on and burst into flames.

According to reports from the police, the collision occurred when a car driven by Ezekiel Stanuel slowed down to give way to the rider behind him.

The pillion rider was flung onto the windshield of the car and then onto the roadway along with the two motorcyclists. All three men received multiple injuries on their bodies.

The driver of the car was arrested and taken to Anna Regina Police Station where he was placed into custody assisting with the investigation. (*Loop Caribbean*)



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Regional News

Senator Helon Francis takes Calypso Monarch 2025 Title



Independent senator Helon Francis is the 2025 Calypso Monarch.

Francis copped the title in the wee hours of this morning with his song “To Whom It May Concern”, in a keenly contested competition that put last year’s winner Machel Montano in the fifth place with “Bet Meh.”

The Last Badjohn of

Calypso Kurt Allen placed second with “Your Turn Now”, while crowd favourite Yung Bredda (Akhenaton Lewis) placed third with “We Rise.”

Francis’s win was the second time around for the young calypsonian, who won the title in 2018 with the nation building song “Change.” He received a one-mil-

lion-dollar grand prize, including \$700,000 in cash and a car valued at \$300,000. Allen received TT \$500,000 and Yung Bredda \$350,000.

The competition was one that saw performers doing the most to get the nod of the judges with the use of props and dancers. Squeezy staged a funeral for “mama good good son”. Both

Montano and Allen used game show themes to boost their performances, with the newly crowned Chutney Soca Monarch even levitating, with the use of cables. However, his vocals seemed to have suffered from a hectic season and his performances the night before.

Here are the full results -

Full results - 1 Helon Francis - To Whom it May Concern

2 Kurt Allen - Your Turn Now

3 Yung Bredda Akhenaton Lewis - We Rise

4 Karene Ashe - Ah Leader

5. Machel Montano - Bet Meh

6 Roderick Chucky Gordon - Look to Press

7 - Ta’zyah O Connor - Kaiso to the World

8. Terri Lyons - Ask Yuh Man

9. Rikki Jai - Kaiso Chutney

10. Squeezy Rankin (Anthony La Fleur) - Justice

11. Roslyn Reid - Sing it in Kaiso

12 . Twiggy (Ann Marie Parks -Kojo) - 65 and still relevant (*Trinidad Express*)

Jamaicans urged to exercise personal digital safeguards



Jamaicans are being encouraged to take control of their personal data and defend their digital rights as the country navigates an increasingly data-driven landscape.

Information Commissioner, Celia Barclay, made the appeal while addressing the recently concluded Data Privacy Conference in Kingston.

The event was hosted by the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) under the theme ‘Data is Power: Defend Your Rights, Secure Your Future’.

“This serves as a vital wake-up call for us living in a digital age, where data is the new gold, to reclaim our ownership of our personal data. We exist in a data-driven world in which the loss or misuse

of data, especially personal data, creates significant risk for both companies and individuals,” Barclay said, while underscoring the need for compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2020.

Companies are also being urged to prioritise the privacy and security of people’s personal data, as failure to do so could lead to significant legal and financial consequences.

“There is tremendous power in the ownership and control of our personal data. With this power comes the great responsibility to protect it and to defend the rights in relation to it,” the information commissioner emphasised.

To assist in heightening public awareness, Barclay said the OIC will ramp up its public education cam-

paign throughout 2025 and

beyond.

This undertaking will include increased outreach through various media platforms to ensure Jamaicans are well-informed about their data rights and how to exercise them effectively.

“We recognise that establishing a robust data-protection framework is not simply about enacting legislation but also about creating a privacy-conscious society in which individuals understand their rights and are empowered to exercise them,” Barclay said. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)



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Blatter and Platini back in Swiss court in long-running legal saga

Former football leaders Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini are back in a Swiss court as their new trial on fraud, forgery and misappropriation charges opens.

“I am hopeful,” ex-FIFA president Blatter, appearing frail one week before his 89th birthday, told reporters in German as he walked slowly down a flight of stairs towards the court in Muttenz, reaching for the handrail to steady himself before wishing everyone a good day, on Monday.

He arrived 10 minutes after his co-defendant Platini, the former UEFA president and FIFA vice president.

Blatter and Platini are facing a second trial nearly three years after they were acquitted by three federal judges. The charges relate to a Blatter-approved FIFA payment of 2 million Swiss francs (now \$2.21m) to Platini.

When federal prosecutors published their initial indictment in November 2021, they said the payment “damaged FIFA’s assets and unlawfully enriched Platini”.

The acquittal came nearly seven years after the investigation was first revealed and removed them from office as leaders of FIFA and UEFA. It also ended Platini’s campaign to succeed Blatter as FIFA president.

The second trial is expected to last four days through Thursday. The verdict from three judges is scheduled



for March 25.

Blatter and Platini have consistently denied wrongdoing. They claim they had a verbal agreement to eventually pay Platini for non-contracted work advising Blatter during his first presidential term from 1998 to 2002.

Federal prosecutors have asked for jail sentences of 20 months, suspended for two years.

Blatter and Platini are back in court more than 14 years after the payment was made and nine and a half years after Swiss federal investigators formally opened their case.

Details of the payment emerged in the fallout from the corruption crisis that hit FIFA in May 2015. Federal investigators in the United States unsealed a sweeping investigation of international football officials. Swiss authorities made early-morning arrests at hotels in Zurich before

seizing FIFA’s financial and business records.

Blatter and Platini were acquitted in July 2022 after an 11-day trial at Switzerland’s federal criminal court in Bellinzona.

An appeal was filed months later by the Swiss attorney general’s office and FIFA, and the new trial was delayed after Platini won a ruling last year ordering federal appeal judges to be recused.

The second trial eventually opened on Monday at a cantonal (state) court sitting as a federal tribunal. It is being heard in German by three judges, each from a different canton (state). FIFA was not represented in court.

“Where is FIFA?” Platini’s lawyer Dominic Nellen asked the judges, requesting a dismissal of the football body’s appeal and civil claim.

FIFA has pursued a civil case to recover the mon-

ey and 229,000 Swiss francs (\$253,000) in social charges paid, plus interest. Platini has said he declared the money as income and paid taxes on it.

Neither Blatter nor Platini has worked for football since they were suspended by the FIFA ethics committee in October 2015. They were later banned and failed to overturn those bans in separate appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in 2016.

Platini’s ban expired in 2019 and Blatter was given a subsequent ban by FIFA in 2021, months before his first was due to end.

The former FIFA president is exiled from football until late in 2028 — when he will be aged 92 — because of an ethics prosecution of alleged self-dealing in eight-figure management bonuses paid for successfully organising the men’s World Cup in 2010 and 2014. (*Al Jazeera English*)



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One killed and several injured in suspected car ramming in Mannheim, Germany

At least one person was killed and several more were injured in a suspected car ramming in the west German city of Mannheim on Monday, police said.

“As part of the search measures that were immediately initiated, a suspect was identified and arrested. No further, reliable information can currently be released beyond the information published so far,” Mannheim Police said in a statement.

Police would not clarify the number or severity of the injuries and released no information about the suspect.

A major police operation was underway and people were urged to avoid the city center, which has been busy due to an ongoing carnival season. The Mannheimer Morgen newspaper spoke to an eyewitness who saw a car drive into several pedestrians.

The news comes just 18 days after



two people were killed and at least 28 people were injured in a car-ramming in Munich, after which police said the suspected driver — a 24-year-old Afghan national — may have had an “extremist background.”

The western German city of Mannheim is in the middle of the Rhineland region’s carnival season, with colorful parades taking place this week alongside a market featuring food stalls, rides and games. (NBC News)

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Iran's Zarif resigns amid political wrangling over economic woes



Mohammad Javad Zarif, strategic foreign policy adviser to Iran's president and a prominent figure advocating for talks with the West, has again resigned amid fierce pushback from hardline opponents.

The former foreign minister and face of reformist-backed negotiations with global powers that led to Iran's 2015 nuclear deal confirmed the move in an online post early on Monday, saying it comes after "the most bitter era of my 40-year period of service".

Remarkably, Zarif said he was "advised" by judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei to resign and go back to a university teaching job

"to prevent further pressure on the government" in a tumultuous period for the country.

He was under pressure from hardline factions to resign for months, based on a 2022 law that forbids nationals with dual citizenship or those with dual-national first-degree family members from assuming political office. Zarif's two children are natural-born United States citizens.

Centrist President Masoud Pezeshkian has yet to publicly react to the news, although state media reported his office received the resignation.

Mohseni Ejei met se-

nior judiciary officials on Monday but did not comment on Zarif's resignation. In a video of the meeting, released by state media, he only urged the judiciary to assist the government in managing the currency market.

Zarif's resignation came hours after another prominent figure in the centrist camp, Abdolnaser Hemmati, was impeached as economy minister by hardline and conservative lawmakers who have dominated Iran's parliament for the past five years via low-turnout elections.

Opponents painted the former central bank chief and failed presidential candidate as a

"dangerous" influence on the Iranian economy and accused him of intentionally weakening the national currency to attract short-term liquidity to plug massive budget deficits.

Hemmati, who denied the accusations and said he was only fighting a multilayered foreign currency system that has bred corruption for many years, was unable to convince MPs that sacking him just six months into the new administration would adversely affect the ailing Iranian economy.

With Nowruz New Year celebrations coming in about two weeks, bringing heightened market and shopping activity, inflation stands at approximately 35 percent and the Iranian rial has been free-falling.

Wary of more unrest that they blame on foreign "enemies", especially the US and Israel, Iranian officials have been voicing concern over the potential for more social unrest which could undermine the establishment. (*Al Jazeera English*)

Sports News

Dominant wins for Flyers and Da Project in Division 1 League



Reigning league and playoff champions, the EZ Fit Flyers, and Da Project achieved dominant wins in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) First Division League on Sunday evening.

The Flyers soared to their seventh win in eight matches with a 91-45 drubbing of the All Saints Slam in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Xavier "X-Man" Meade

sank 17 points and grabbed 14 rebounds; Adonis Humphreys converted 16 points and snatched 25 rebounds; David Hernandez came off the bench to score 16 points; Selassie Brathwaite got 14 points and 11 rebounds; and his brother Kwame Brathwaite had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Flyers.

John Rolland Jr. scored 13 points and claimed 12 rebounds for the All Saints Slam, who lost for the fifth time in eight games.

After losing their first three matches, newly promoted Da Project recorded their fifth successive win with a commanding 103-79 victory against the Northside Stingerz in the opening game of Sunday's double-header.

T'shawn Lewis produced a game-high 30 points with 16 rebounds and five assists; Sean Nicholas sank 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds; Bryan "Hollywood" Matthew converted 15 points and snatched 10 rebounds; and Donte Trimingham had a triple double with 10 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists for Da Project, who have now won five of their eight matches.

Te-Ran Zachariah produced 23 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists; Jaheem James converted 18 points and snatched 10 rebounds; and Sadiq Phillip sank 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Northside Stingerz, who lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Buckley's 3Js lead semi-final line-up in ABSCA's warm-up matches

Buckley's 3Js won their final match in the preliminary stage to claim the top spot in advancing to the semi-finals of the Antigua Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Rudy Mathew 10 Overs Warm Ups at the Potters playing field on Sunday.

Buckley's 3Js finished at the top of the standings after extending their unbeaten run with victory by default against Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors/Dredgers in their final match in the preliminary stage.

It means that Buckley's 3Js will advance to the

semi-finals as the top seed after finishing at the top of the standings in the preliminary stage with 50 points from five games.

Potters finished in second place with 35 points from five matches after winning by default against Strictly Fun in their final preliminary-round encounter.

Potters and Police had to share points after their match was abandoned due to wet conditions.

Jennings Rockets snatched the last berth into the semi-finals after beating Police by 10 wickets in their final preliminary-round encounter.

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Police made 60 for five off eight overs. Isiah Viville hit 27, while Jamoy Jarvis grabbed two wickets for three runs, and Patara Francis picked up two wickets for eight runs.

Jennings Rockets achieved victory at 62 without losing a wicket in 3.3 overs. Giovanni Thomas hit 24 not out. The Rockets ended the preliminary stage with 20 points from five matches.

Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors/Dredgers claimed the other berth into the semi-final by finishing

third in the preliminary stage with 30 points from five matches.

Police and Strictly Fun have been eliminated from the semi-finals. Police ended with five points, while Strictly Fun finished in the cellar without any points.

The semi-finals will be played at the Potters playing field on Sunday, March 9.

Buckley's 3Js will face Jennings Rockets, while Potters will meet Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors/Dredgers.

Cricket West Indies president visits Peru



Dario Barthley, CEO of BMP Sports (centre), Mohan Vaswani, Vice President Cricket Peru (left) and Cricket West Indies President Dr. Kishore Shallow, in conversation. (CWI Media)

LIMA, Peru — A delegation led by Cricket West Indies (CWI) President Dr. Kishore Shallow and Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC) President Keith Joseph visited Lima, Peru, from February 21–23, to discuss and promote international collaboration for cricket ahead of the highly anticipated 2027 Pan American Games.

The visit aimed to strengthen partnerships between nations and explore the potential inclusion of cricket in this landmark event.

Other key participants included Renzo Manyari

Velazco, president of the Peruvian Olympic Committee (POC); former POC president José Quinones González; Dario Barthley, CEO of BMP Sports; and Mohan Vaswani, Vice President Cricket Peru.

The discussions focused on advancing cricket development in Peru, fostering collaborative training programs, and creating exchange initiatives to enhance the sport's presence in the region.

The delegation also explored strategies for building the necessary infrastructure to support cricket's growth, ensuring that the sport is well-positioned for inclusion in the

2027 Pan Am Games. This initiative represents a significant step forward, not only for Peru but also for cricket's broader expansion across the Americas.

The engagement was initiated by CANOC, with President Keith Joseph emphasizing the significance of Cricket West Indies' involvement.

He stated, "The impact of West Indies cricket across the globe is well known. Having Cricket West Indies involved in the effort to bring cricket to the Pan Am Games is crucial. This preliminary engagement marks a significant step toward realizing that dream."

Dr. Shallow expressed optimism about the discussions, highlighting CWI's broader vision.

"As part of CWI's strategic plan for 2024–2027, expanding our market and accessing new developmental opportunities are critical priorities. Peru presents excellent prospects, and both parties stand to benefit from collaboration.

"With the Pan Am Games on the horizon, we are enthusiastic about cricket's inclusion. CWI is fully committed and prepared to play a key role in bringing this vision to life—not just for the Pan Am Games, but also as a stepping stone to the 2028 Olympics."

As cricket continues to expand global recognition, partnerships like these play a crucial role in shaping the sport's future. The visit to Peru marks an important milestone in strengthening ties between the Caribbean and South America, paving the way for cricket's inclusion on one of the region's biggest sporting stages.

With continued collaboration, investment, and strategic planning, the idea of seeing cricket at the 2027 Pan Am Games and eventually at the 2028 Olympics is closer to becoming a reality.

Grenades stay second in Premier Division League

Sandals and APUA Inet Jennings Grenades maintained their perfect run in the second round to remain in the runner-up spot in the overall standings of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Sunday evening.

The Jennings Grenades remain in second place and the only unbeaten team in the league after recording their fourth win in Group 1 by securing a 3-1 victory against Terminix Pigotts Bullets in the last game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center on Sunday.

Barrington Blake opened the scoring in the 44th minute, and Kamol Griffith scored the first of two goals in the third minute of added time to give the Grenades a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Griffith scored his second goal in the 59th minute to increase the Grenades' advantage, while Akeem Isaac reduced the deficit by scoring a consolation goal for the Bullets in the 68th minute.

Their 14th win in 17 matches carries the Grenades to 45 points, one adrift of leaders and defending champions Special Security Services and Bitar Pizza All Saints United.

Pigotts Bullets will remain in fifth place with 28 points after slumping to their seventh loss in 17



Players of the Jennings Grenades football team celebrate

matches.

Island Original John Hughes and Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers recorded wins in the other two matches in Sunday's Premier League triple-header.

John Hughes snatched a 2-1 victory against the Willikies Warriors in their Group 1 encounter in the second game on Sunday.

Troy Jules scored both goals for John Hughes with conversions in the 26th and 45th minutes. Dejzmatch Christian scored a penalty kick in the 67th minute for the Willikies Warriors.

The Willikies Warriors contributed to their own demise, finishing the match with nine men after two of their players received red cards and were expelled. Juniah Thomas was dismissed in the 13th minute,

and another Willikies Warriors player was sent off in the 51st minute.

John Hughes will remain in seventh place by advancing to 21 points after recording their sixth win in 16 matches.

The Willikies Warriors slipped to second from the bottom of the standings on goal difference by remaining on 11 points after suffering their 11th defeat in 17 matches.

Yoandir Puga Estevez struck a hat trick as the Greenbay Hoppers claimed their first win in the second stage, pulling off a 3-0 victory against Green City FC in their Group 1 affair in Sunday's opening game.

Estevez scored in the 36th, 84th, and the fifth minute of added time for the Greenbay Hoppers, who ended the game with

10 men after Jomo Andrew received a red card and was expelled in the 72nd minute.

Green City's midfielder Amali Colbourne also received a red card and was expelled in the 72nd minute. Elijah Whyte of Green City FC also squandered a good scoring opportunity when he failed to convert a penalty kick in the 80th minute.

The result allows the Greenbay Hoppers to move out of the cellar and advance to 12th place on goal difference with 11 points after recording their third win in 16 matches. Parham now drops into the cellar with 10 points from 16 matches.

Green City FC will remain in 10th place on goal difference with 14 points after suffering their 10th defeat in 16 matches.

CWI conducts high performance meeting with coaches and players

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts – Head Coach of the West Indies Women’s senior team, Shane Deitz, met with regional franchise and pathway coaches, along with players from the franchises and pathway level, at the ongoing CG United Super50 competition in St. Kitts over the weekend.

The seminar is part of Cricket West Indies’ strategic plan to develop the women’s game. Thirty-nine (39) players from across the six (6) regional teams attended.

Also present at the meeting were High Performance Manager Dwain Gill, High Performance Officer with responsibility for the Women’s Pathway Programme Clint St Hill, and Senior Talent Manager for Women’s Cricket Ann Browne-John.

The players participated in several tutorial sessions focused on enhancing individual development, working with their territorial pathway coaches, and understanding the demands



Participants at the CWI meeting in St. Kitts last weekend. (CWI Media)

of becoming an elite player at the regional and international levels.

Deitz outlined the importance and focus of the two-hour session with the respective stakeholders.

“It’s really important that everyone gets on the same page, understanding what the senior team is doing so we can filter the philosophies and style of play all the way through all the teams.”

Deitz added that having defined roles for the region’s coaches will play a critical part in the development of the game across the Caribbean.

“This is a vital part of our strategic plan to have the coaches as part of our seminars and meetings so they can start getting together, know each other more, help each other out, and improve cricket in the Caribbean for the girls.”

Following the CG United

Women’s Super50 tournament, a camp for Academy and Emerging players will be held in March 2025, with six pathway coaches invited to work with Head Coach Deitz.

Cricket West Indies has contracted fifteen (15) women’s academy players and fourteen (14) franchise players across the six territories to broaden the player pool and fine-tune the skills of emerging talent.

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balls, including three sixes and eight fours. Nino Henry grabbed seven wickets for nine runs to finish with a match haul of 10 for 27.

The Bolans Blaster won on first innings in their drawn encounter against Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles at the Bethesda playing field.

Scores: Bolans Blasters 286 off

64.3 overs (captain Orlando Peters 106 not out, Gershum Phillip 56, Richie Thomas 43, Tajeja Tonge 33; Oshane Simon six for 78); Bethesda Golden Eagles 147 off 44.2 overs (captain Gavin Tonge 64; Dwaine Fordyce four for 29, Taiem Tonge three for 41) and 116 for eight off 45 overs (Richie Thomas four for 26).

The match at Jennings between the Jennings Tigers and the Pigotts

Crushers was abandoned after it was severely affected by rain.

Scores: Pigotts Crushers 235 off 53 overs (captain Uri Smith 74, Demari Prince 45, Kadeem Henry 37, Brandon Jno Baptiste 31; Bassanio Joseph four for 39, Xavier Freeland three for 58); Jennings Tigers 97 for eight off 19 overs (Nicolas Tappin 39; Kadeem Henry three for 10, Onaje Amory three for 31).

Empire Nation end Blackhawks perfect start in two-day contest



Kenrick Scott

The perfect start of defending champions PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's Two-Day Competition was ended by Empire Nation over the weekend.

After winning their first four matches, the Blackhawks lost on first innings to Empire Nation in their drawn fifth-round encounter at Ball Beef in Liberta.

Empire Nation made 160 off 42.3 overs after being sent in to bat. Captain Kenrick Scott hit 40 off 36 balls, and Kershaski Jno Lewis got 31. Off-spinner Kofi James claimed three for 38, and left-arm spinner Karima Gore took three for 40.

In reply, the Blackhawks were dismissed for 119 in 28.1 overs, with Gore getting 37. Damian Lowenfield grabbed four for 27, and left-arm pacer Yanique Watley captured three for 31.

After gaining a 41-run lead, Empire Nation got to 38 for one off nine



Nino Henry

overs in their second innings when the match ended.

All Saints Pythons and the New Winthorpes Lions recorded the only outright wins in the fifth round of two-day matches.

The Pythons secured their third win in five outings by romping to an innings and seven-run victory against Tertiary Institutions and Schools (TI&S) at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

TI&S won the toss and batted, scoring 117 in 38.1 overs in their first innings. Captain Kaivalya Mishra struck 45, while Justin Robinson grabbed seven for 30.

In reply, the Pythons made 153 off 40 overs. Opener Demetri Lucas hit 42, and Alzarri Joseph smashed 32 off 21 balls, including three sixes and one four. J'Quan Athanaze bagged five for 39.

Facing a deficit of 36 runs, TI&S were bundled out in their second innings for 29 in 21.3 overs. Alzarri



Orlando Peters

Joseph snapped up five for 17, and Robinson snatched three wickets for four runs to end with a match haul of 10 for 34.

The New Winthorpes Lions also recorded their third win in five games with an innings and 14-run victory against WES Rising Sun Spartans at the New Winthorpes playing field.

The Spartans were all out in their first innings for 75 in 16.3 overs after being sent in to bat. Chad Hampson took four for 23, and fellow pacer Nino Henry picked up three for 18.

In reply, the Lions made 175 in 34.5 overs. Captain Bartlette Henry smashed 65 off 54 balls, including three sixes and eight fours, and opener Asher Murray Cornelius struck 46. Chad Walsh took four for 26, and Ryshon Williams captured four for 57.

Facing a deficit of 100 runs, the Spartans tumbled to 86 all out in 29.4 overs in their second innings. Captain Kerry Mentore hammered 70 off 83

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