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Prime Minister Gaston Browne provides a robust defence of his statements in the House of Representatives last week where he called on the financial institutions to reserve a percentage of their profits to go towards agricultural loans.

This as UPP spokesperson, D Giselle Isaac has been critical of the comments characterizing them as “bullying” the private sector. But the Prime Minister offered a different perspective, one rooted in pragmatism and national interest.

The Prime Minister underscored a chilling reality: Antigua and Barbuda is one of the most food-insecure countries in the world. He emphasized that if food shipments from the United States ceased for just two to three weeks, a significant portion of the population could face starvation. This dire vulnerability is the driving force behind his appeal to the banking sector.

He argued that while he respects the risk-averse nature of banking, especially when it comes to sectors like agriculture, the time has come to do more. His proposal



Prime Minister Gaston Browne speaking on the Browne and Browne show

for the banks was straightforward: after turning a healthy profit—say \$60 million—there should be no issue with allocating a small portion (such as 5%, or \$3 million) toward agriculture. He even offered ‘government guarantees’ on these agricultural loans, effectively eliminating the risk to the banks.

The Prime Minister was clear: this is not about taxing or forcing banks, but encouraging a ‘voluntary contribution’ to a sector crucial for national survival. He emphasized that if banks do not support agriculture, even their own operations

would be at risk in the event of a food crisis. “Where are they going to nam (eat) the money in the bank?” he quipped, reinforcing the point that ‘everyone is vulnerable’ in a broken food supply chain.

He acknowledged the historical reasons for financial institutions’ reluctance to fund agriculture: the country’s water scarcity, poor soil quality, vulnerability to hurricanes, and farmers’ lack of formal records. But he insisted these challenges are surmountable with the right systems, proper training, and modern technology—even calling for

the integration of AI to help modernize farming practices.

He challenged critics to explain why such a practical, protective measure could be considered bullying. “What is so unreasonable about a prime minister who cares about the people... calling upon those who can help, to help?” he asked.

Importantly, the Prime Minister pointed to his personal investment in agriculture—noting that the capital he allocated to farming could have been much more profitable had he invested in real estate. Yet he chose to back food security instead. That, he said, is the type of national service and sacrifice that others in the private sector should emulate.

Although more wealthy individuals are slowly engaging in agriculture, he made it clear: more needs to be done, and it needs to happen now. As the population grows and health needs evolve, the demand for safe, nutritious, and fresh food has never been more urgent, according to the prime minister.



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Public Sector Reform and Stakeholder Dialogue Continue to Evolve



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

Prime Minister Gaston Browne emphasized the importance of inclusive dialogue in the ongoing reform of the public sector. With the return of permanent secretaries and key government officials scheduled for this Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, PM Browne reiterated that the focus remains constructive and forward-looking. "The goal," he explained, "is to develop an "outcome document"—a collaborative framework that identifies inefficiencies and offers actionable solutions aimed at boosting productivity."

He confirmed that the University of the West Indies (UWI) Five Islands Campus is developing a specialized training module for senior public servants. This program, expected to run as a day release model, will address modern governance needs, including artificial intelligence and other technological innovations that can enhance efficiency in the public sector.

The Prime Minister noted that dialogue is already bearing fruit. Two ministers engaged directly with public servants after his initial intervention, and these conversations will continue as part of an evolving strategy to find a workable consensus. He acknowledged that such efforts are long overdue, but added, "We take responsibility for that."

A Commitment to Accountability

PM Browne underscored his own ac-

countability—not just as a political leader, but as a public servant answerable to the nation. He emphasized that appearances on the radio are not merely informational but a platform for citizens to hold him accountable. "Anything I may have done, would have said, or what I may have left undone," he said, "is fair game for scrutiny."

He candidly admitted that his administration hesitated in the past to tackle public sector inefficiencies head-on, out of fear that political opponents would weaponize the issue. As anticipated, opposition voices have already begun framing the reforms as punitive. Nevertheless, Browne stood firm: "We're not going after anybody. We're trying to increase productivity within the public sector."

He detailed how earlier efforts, including a retreat with senior public servants, lacked the momentum and ur-

gency now in play. The Prime Minister attributed the renewed vigor to lessons learned over the years—particularly the political caution of a first term, the disruptions caused by COVID during the second term, and the undeniable need for progress in this third term.

Inclusion of Unions and Constructive Dialogue

The unions, according to the Prime Minister, are indispensable to the reform process. He explained that they were invited early in the discussions to help shape the outcome document. Rather than a top-down decree, this initiative aims to be built from "ground zero" with full input from all parties involved.

A draft framework is being developed to guide discussions, allowing for both individual and collective feedback from stakeholders, including unions, public servants, and ministers.



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Foreign Affairs Minister Greene issues statement re: travel to the US

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, has issued the following statement regarding travel by Antiguan and Barbudans to the United States:

The Government of the United States has recently announced a strengthened immigration enforcement policy. It makes clear that anyone—regardless of nationality—who enters the U.S. illegally or overstays their visa now faces a heightened risk of arrest, deportation, and a ban on future travel.

Most Antiguan and Barbudans travel to the United States for legitimate purposes—holidays, business, family visits, or shopping. They apply for visas, meet the requirements, and return home without difficulty. For these travellers, nothing has changed. They will continue to be welcomed, provided they continue to respect the conditions of their visas.

However, to those who believe they can enter the U.S. on a visa and remain after it expires—including for the purpose of giving birth or living without legal status—I urge you to reconsider. The United States, like Antigua and Barbuda, has every right to uphold and enforce its immigration laws.

U.S. authorities have been clear: violations will be met with strict and consistent penalties. That is their sovereign prerogative.

Our Government cannot



Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene

shield those who knowingly break U.S. law. What we can do—and what we are doing—is working to protect the reputation of our people and ensure that those who travel lawfully continue to be respected.

The United States remains a vital partner for Antigua and Barbuda. Like any partnership, that relationship must be based on mutual respect—and that includes respect for each other's laws.

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The new service will operate three times weekly, with flights departing V.C. Bird International Airport (ANU) to Norman Manley International Airport (KIN) and onward to Sangster International Airport (MBJ) on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Return flights from Montego Bay to Kingston and back to Antigua are scheduled for Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This schedule is designed to facilitate seamless travel for both leisure and business passengers, enabling same-day connections across LIAT20's expanding network.

"The introduction of the Montego Bay route is a significant milestone in our mission to connect the Caribbean more efficiently," said Hafsah Abdulsalam, CEO of LIAT20. "By providing direct flights between Antigua and Montego Bay, we're not only opening doors to Jamaica's vibrant tourism sector but also strengthening the bonds between our Caribbean communities."

LIAT20's expansion into Montego Bay underscores its dedication to fostering regional collaboration, promoting economic growth, and enhancing cultural exchange. With the addition of this route, LIAT20 now serves 13 destinations reaffirming its role as a vital link in the region's transportation infrastructure.

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LIAT's Revival and Regional Expansion: A Symbol of Caribbean Resilience



One of the most inspiring developments in the regional airline industry has been the remarkable resurgence of LIAT under the new entity, "LIAT 2020." The airline, which had effectively collapsed in 2020, is now steadily climbing back to regional prominence, supported by strategic investments and unwavering political commitment.

The Prime Minister Gaston Browne revealed that by the end of 2025, LIAT is expected to operate six to seven aircraft. A major milestone includes the expansion of its services into Jamaica, complete with direct flights—an unprecedented move that strengthens inter-island connectivity. Additionally, this growth phase is set to generate approximately 200 new jobs, contributing significantly to middle-class employment in Antigua and Barbuda and other Caribbean nations where LIAT maintains a presence.

Significantly, the airline may also undergo a rebranding initiative, with "LIAT Air" being a strong contender for the new name. Regardless of the branding, what remains consistent is its symbolic representation of Caribbean resilience. As noted by the Prime Minister, while several regional governments withdrew their support from

the former LIAT structure, Antigua

and Barbuda stood firm, forging a new path by partnering with an external entity from the region to resurrect the airline.

Plans are also being discussed to approach AfriExim Bank for additional funding to support further expansion, reflecting the ambitious growth vision for LIAT. The Prime Minister was emphatic in his appeal for regional support: "LIAT is Antigua, and LIAT is Caribbean. It is the pride of the Caribbean," he said, urging Caribbean nationals to embrace and prioritize their own.

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High Priest Selah named new Rastafari Ambassador

Conneal McMear Christian, who now goes by the moniker, High Priest Selah, a leader in the Nyabinghi Rastafarian Order, is the newly appointed Ambassador to the Rastafarian community, replacing the late King Frank I Tafari.

The Prime Minister expressed full confidence in the new ambassador, noting that he had personally recommended him for the role.

The new High Priest and ambassador offered heartfelt words of gratitude:

“We give thanks for that for this honour.”

He reflected on the significance of the role, emphasizing the Rastafari community’s deep spiritual and

cultural connection to Ethiopia. “Just like how Mecca is to the Islamic people, so is Ethiopia to us,” he explained.

He underscored Ethiopia’s unique historical position as the only African nation to resist colonial domination and maintain an unbroken dynasty for over 3,000 years. Highlighting its role in the establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), he praised Ethiopia as a beacon of liberation across the continent.

The ambassador also took the opportunity to commend Prime Minister Browne for his international leadership in defending the rights of indigenous people. He recalled attending conferences

with the Transnational Institute, where PM Browne was applauded for his work respecting and apologizing to the Rastafari community for historical injustices, including marginalization and violence.

“Out of all the leaders in the world, it’s the prime minister alone who respected the indigenous people... and apologized for atrocities committed against them.”

In a powerful and moving segment on Saturday’s Browne and Browne show, High Priest Selah led the group in a spiritual invocation to mark African Liberation Day and to honor Denise Charles’ symbolic liberation from decades of absence. His prayer was a

deep call for divine guidance and healing—for Denise, for the community, and for the nation.

With poetic rhythm and sacred language, the prayer called for the hungry to be fed, the naked clothed, the sick nourished, and the aged protected. It was a message of love, justice, and faith. He spoke of deliverance from enemies and the hope for fruitfulness in a world facing trials. With references to the “King of Kings” and the “Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah,” the prayer placed the entire gathering within a spiritual and Pan-Africanist framework, blending religious reverence with social responsibility.



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Another honorary doctorate degree for the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams



Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Errey Lawrence Williams, was on Thursday, May 22, 2025, conferred with yet another Honorary Doctor of Medical Science degree by the American University of Antigua (AUA) College of Medicine during its 2025 Commencement Ceremony held in Newark, New Jersey.

In addition to receiving the distinguished honorary degree, Sir Rodney served as the Keynote Speaker for the commencement, addressing the graduating class of medical professionals and emphasizing the importance of ethical practice, lifelong learning, compassion in patient care, and service to humanity.

Sir Rodney's recognition was in tribute to his outstanding service as a physician and national leader. His career in medicine has spanned over four decades, including work as an emergency medical physician, district medical officer, and advocate for community-based healthcare. Notably, he provided free medical clinics, led training of nurse practitioners, lectured pro bono to student nurses in pediatrics at the Holberton Hospital and offered regular medical care — gratis — to residents of Barbuda before assuming national leadership roles.

In politics, Sir Rodney served as a



Member of Parliament for two decades and held multiple ministerial portfolios, including Education, Tourism, and Culture. Since his appointment as Governor-General in 2014, he has championed heritage preservation, social development, and education through partnerships and patronage of over forty organizations.



The honorary doctorate celebrates his dual legacy of healing and leadership, reflecting AUA's mission to inspire excellence in global medical education and service.

Sir Rodney was accompanied by his wife, Lady Williams, who joined him in extending warm congratulations to the graduates and their families.



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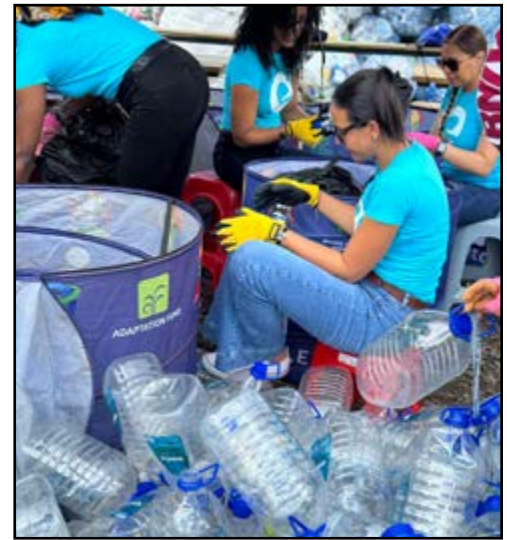
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Expedia Group Joins Hands in John Hughes in Powerful Recycling Push



The hills of John Hughes echoed with new energy this past Friday as six volunteers from Expedia Group stepped into action, supporting the ongoing CHATS Marketplace initiative alongside local changemakers from Good Humans 268.

Their visit marked a turning point in the momentum behind the Recycling Expo, a vibrant educational event built around sustainability, inclusion, and empowerment.

Originally launched in alignment with the Commonwealth King's Baton Relay, the Recycling Expo was designed to spotlight Antigua and Barbuda's

efforts to tackle plastic pollution and promote better waste practices. But thanks to overwhelming interest and support—especially from groups like Expedia Group—the expo has been extended and is now open to the public for just \$10.

The team from Expedia Group brought more than just helping hands—they brought heart and humility. Their efforts directly supported the mission of Good Humans 268, an organization committed to merging environmental action with disability advocacy.

“Too often, the disabled community is left out of national and global con-

versations,” said Joshuanette Francis, founder of Good Humans 268. “This expo proves that sustainability can and must be inclusive.”

Thanks to the added support, the expo will remain open to school groups, families, and individuals who want to deepen their understanding of waste management, upcycling, and climate action. For only \$10, attendees are guided through hands-on displays that explore sorting techniques, the importance of reducing single-use plastics, and how local actions tie into global movements.

The event has also become a shining

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clusion, the organization is redefining what community leadership looks like in a small island state.

And the invitation is still open. As the expo continues in the coming weeks, everyone is welcome to visit, learn, and become part of this growing movement.

Because in John Hughes, with volunteers from near and far, and with a powerful mission at its core, something extraordinary is happening.



example of how international partnerships can elevate grassroots work. With organizations like Expedia Group recognizing the importance of these local efforts, communities like John Hughes are stepping into the spotlight.

“The best thing about this partnership is how mutual the learning was,” said one of the volunteers. “We came to help, but we’re leaving inspired by what’s being done here.”

Good Humans 268 continues to lead the charge with a commitment to environmental education that is not just informative—but transformational. From eco-tourism to school recycling programs and disability in-

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Civic Pride in Action: Ms. Bonita John Leads Community Effort Despite Election Loss



Political first-timer, Bonita John, appears not to be deterred by her electoral defeat in the March Barbuda Council Elections; in fact, she appears to be more motivated by the loss than anything else.

This as she continues to demonstrate unwavering commitment to the people of Barbuda through her Civic Pride Initiative.

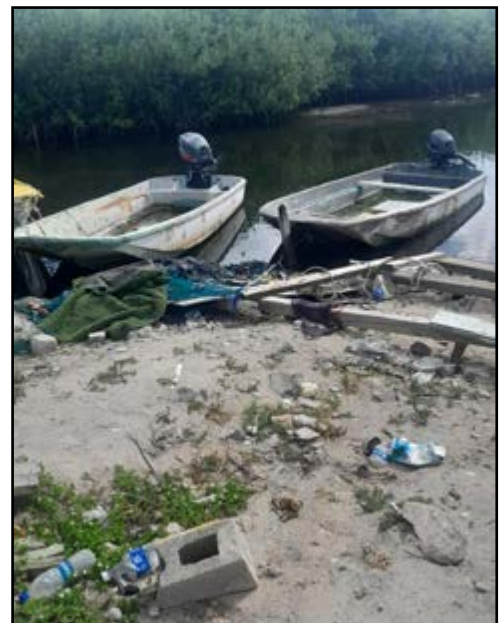
Running on the ABLP ticket, John has not allowed the outcome of the election to deter her from making a positive impact. She has been actively reaching out to the less fortunate and is currently leading a cleanup of the Pearl Harbour area. With the use of backhoes and trucks, she and her dedicated Civic Pride team worked tirelessly over the weekend to ensure the area was left spotless.

“Good job, Bonita John! Keep up the great work and community spirit,” is a sentiment often heard in Barbuda in recent weeks.

Bonita John continues to demonstrate her commitment to the people of Barbuda through meaningful community work. John has shown that leadership goes beyond elected office. She has been consistently reaching out to residents, particularly the less fortunate, offering support and lending a helping hand wherever needed.

Her dedication to environmental care and community wellbeing has not gone unnoticed, as many residents expressed appreciation for the visible improvements and the positive energy she continues to bring.

John is setting an example of what it means to serve with purpose, regard-



less of title. Her actions reflect a genuine love for her community and a belief that everyone has a role to play in building a better Barbuda.



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Grays Farm man hospitalized following shooting incident



The police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred in Gray's Farm, leaving one man hospitalized

with a gunshot wound.

Around 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, Andre Mills of Lovelace Road was report-

edly sitting on the eastern side of Lovelace Road when two unknown assailants exited a silver Honda Fit motor car and allegedly shot him in the right leg.

Mills was subsequently transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, where he is currently receiving treatment.

Medical personnel have confirmed that the injury is not considered life-threatening. However, further

medical assessments will be done to determine whether surgery is necessary.

The scene was processed by officers attached to the Forensic Evidence Recovery Unit (FERU).

Police are appealing to anyone with information that may assist in identifying those responsible to contact the Gray's Farm Police Station at 462-0481 or call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).

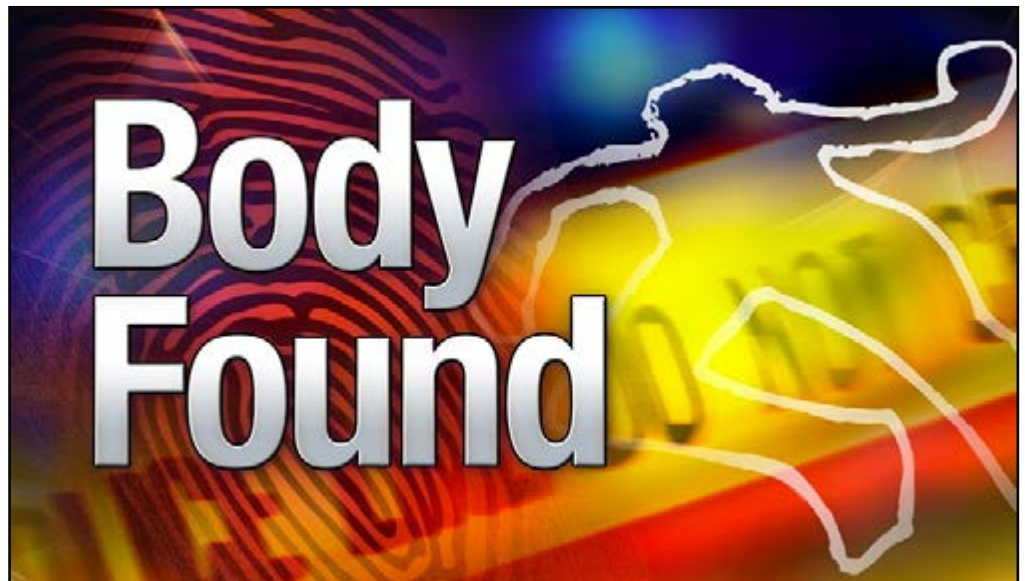
Body found...murder suspected

Police are now probing the country's sixth homicide since the start of 2025. They have confirmed that the man whose body was found on a farm in Bendals Sunday evening, was murdered. His identity will be revealed once members of his family have been informed.

Meanwhile, the police have launched an appeal for the public's help in locating a missing Pigotts man, Kerry Oliver police are appealing to the public for assistance in locating of Pigotts.

Reports indicate that he left home around 9:45 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025, and has not been seen or heard from since.

During the course of investigations, police discovered a white Honda HR-V, registration number A49722, belonging to Kerry Oliver abandoned on a by-road leading to Pioneer Kennels in the Bathlodge area. The vehicle was



found unlocked, with the keys inside. The vehicle was processed at the scene and later towed to the police headquarters for further investigations.

The police also conducted an extensive search of the area, along with the use of drones, however, there were no sightings of the missing man.

Up to the time of going to press,

the police have not confirmed whether there is any connection between the missing person and the body found in Bendals.

The police are urging anyone with information that may assist in this investigation to immediately contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or 462-3914, or call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).

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PM Skerrit urges immediate surrender of illegal firearms, vows aggressive crackdown



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit has urged individuals in possession of illegal firearms to hand them over to the authorities, emphasizing the urgent need to remove these weapons from the streets.

Speaking at the Graduation Ceremony and Passing Out Parade of the 36th Recruit Training Course at Windsor Park Sports Stadium, Skerrit underscored the government's commitment to addressing the issue.

"This matter is our number one priority in this country—to crack down on illegal firearms," he stated. "So, if you have one, take it to the nearest police station, please."

He stressed the importance of public safety, stating, "We need to ensure that people can go to our beaches safely, that they can walk

the streets of Dominica without fear of being shot."

According to Skerrit, maintaining security is a collective responsibility. "This is who we are as a people, and it is the responsibility of everyone—not just the police—to rid our streets and communities of illegal firearms."

"Everyone, please—a word to the wise is sufficient," he added. "We are building a nation rooted in strong moral values—a country where families feel safe, businesses operate without fear, and visitors continue to experience warmth and security."

Dominica has traditionally maintained a relatively low crime rate, which Skerrit attributed to the vigilance of law enforcement and the values upheld by its citizens.

"However, we must never become complacent, for even one crime is one too many," he cautioned.

Acting Commissioner of Police Lincoln Corbette echoed the Prime Minister's sentiments, reaffirming the police force's dedication to combating crime.

"Gun crime has no place in our society," he declared. "We will continue to relentlessly pursue criminals wherever they are. This nonsense has to stop—the senseless killing of our brothers and sisters must end."

In November 2023, then-Minister Rayburn Blackmoore announced that two illegal firearms had been surrendered to the police under the Gun and Ammunition Amnesty, which ran from October 1 to October 31, 2023.

The initiative aimed to address the ongoing issue of illegal firearms and related criminal activities across the country.

Blackmoore highlighted efforts to enhance the police force's capabilities, including advanced training, improved equipment, and proactive policing strategies. Legislative measures were also introduced to impose stricter penalties and broaden the consequences for illegal firearm possession.

"However, the fight against illegal firearms and the violence they bring is not one that can be fought by the authorities alone," he pointed out, noting the government's commitment to innovative strategies aimed at curbing and discouraging their use. (*Dominica News Online*)

STATEMENT: CARICOM Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) on the US bill for strengthening US-Caribbean Partnership

The Caribbean Community Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR), welcomes the introduction of the Bill, the Strengthening U.S.-Caribbean Partnership Act by United States Congress representatives Castro, Salazar, Cherfilus-McCormick, and Lawler.

This bipartisan effort marks a pivotal moment in our shared commitment to deepening Caribbean-American cooperation.

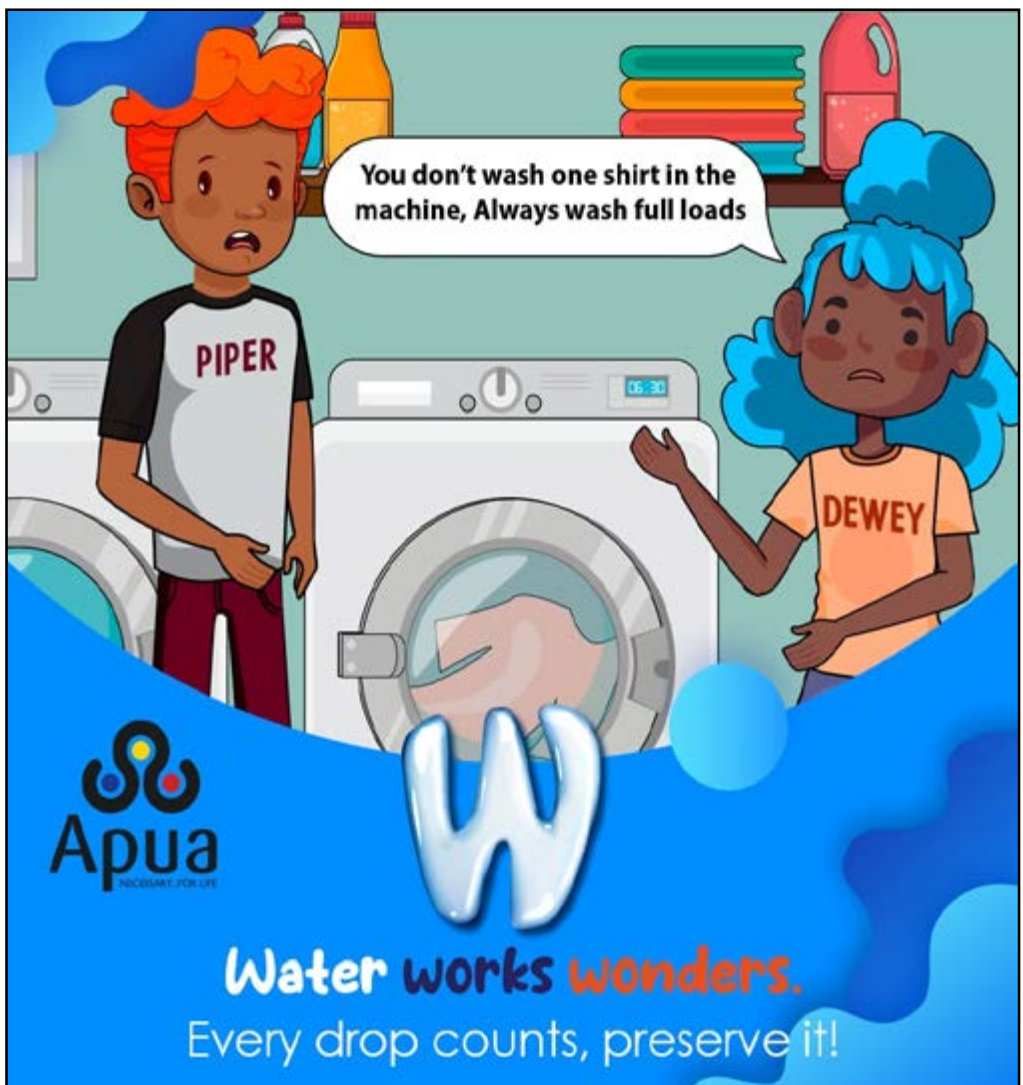
By formally recognizing the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) under the International Organization Immunities Act, the United States will not only be affirming the enduring value of our partnership but also reinforcing its trust in CARICOM's role as a vital and unified regional voice.

This forward-looking legislation sends a clear and powerful message: the prosperity, security, and democratic stability of the Caribbean and the United States are intrinsically linked.

The COFCOR views this Bill as an important milestone in our decades-long journey to strengthen regional collaboration, enhance people-to-people ties, and advance mutual interests in trade, climate resilience, public health, and citizen security.

It reflects a growing recognition that the Caribbean is not just a neighbour but a strategic partner in shaping a more stable and prosperous hemisphere.

We commend this visionary initiative and stand ready to work closely with our American counterparts to turn these shared aspirations into lasting outcomes for all our peoples. (*Dominica News Online*)



Regional News



Bahamas election date remains under wraps despite early vote rumours

Prime Minister Phillip Davis is keeping the election date close to his heart amid widespread speculation that his ruling Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) will seek a fresh mandate ahead of the constitutional deadline in late 2026.

Davis has all but ruled out the country following several other Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries including Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Suriname, Guyana and St Vincent and the Grenadines in staging elections in 2025.

"I'm hearing the talk of early election, but we have a lot of work to do, and we are executing our work, and I

have still a number of things to get started before I call an election and when they get started and, on the way, then you can say election is imminent but it's not imminent now," Prime Minister Davis told reporters.

"When the election will be called is here in my heart and I'll let that be known at the appropriate time," he added.

In September 2021, the PLP won 32 seats, defeating the then incumbent Free National Movement (FNM) that won the remaining seven seats in Parliament.

The FNM leader, Michael Pintard, said recently that Prime Minister Davis is



planning to call a snap poll as early as September this year.

While the PLP chairman and Foreign Affairs Minister, Fred Mitchell, has

dismissed Pintard's statement, Prime Minister Davis maintained that the election will be held within the prescribed timeframe. (Loop Caribbean)

Colorado man gets 210 years for sexual abuse at Haitian orphanage he founded

A Colorado man was sentenced Friday to 210 years in federal prison for sexually abusing multiple children at the Haitian orphanage he founded and operated for more than 20 years, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced.

Michael Karl Geilenfeld, 73, of Littleton, Colorado, founded St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Haiti in 1985, creating what was supposed to be a safe haven for orphaned, impoverished, and vulnerable children.

Instead, according to court documents and trial evidence, Geilenfeld repeatedly traveled from the United States to Haiti where he sexually abused the boys

entrusted to his care. The DOJ said he also physically and emotionally abused the children through physical assault and other forms of punishment.

In February 2025, a federal jury convicted Geilenfeld of one count of traveling in foreign commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct and six counts of engaging in illicit sexual conduct in a foreign place between 2005 and 2010. Each of the six counts relates to a separate child victim.

During the trial, six victims testified about the sexual abuse they suffered and its devastating impact on their lives. Additional victims

who were not part of the charged offenses also testified as adults about their experiences.

The victims and witnesses described not only the sexual abuse but also the physical violence Geilenfeld inflicted and the manipulation tactics he used to maintain his operation and secure financial support from others. "The defendant's sustained sexual, physical, and emotional abuse of some of the most vulnerable children in the world is intolerable," said Matthew Galeotti, head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "This prosecution demonstrates the department's commitment to securing justice for

children harmed by criminals who travel abroad from the United States to commit their crimes."

Jose A. Perez, assistant director of the FBI Criminal Investigative Division, praised the survivors' courage and investigators' dedication.

"For decades, Geilenfeld used his position of trust and access to exploit vulnerable children under the guise of humanitarian work," Perez said. "The FBI is committed to pursuing those who commit crimes against children no matter where they occur or how long ago they were committed." (Loop Caribbean)

Bodycam supplier threatens \$30m lawsuit against TTPS

DIAMOND Systems and Supplies Ltd (DSSL), which was awarded a \$25 million contract by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) last August to supply 3,000 body-worn cameras, is pursuing legal action against the TTPS.

DSSL is claiming the TTPS failed to honour the agreement approved by then-commissioner Erla Harewood-Christopher.

In a February 26, 2025, pre-action protocol letter, the company's attorney, Jamie Maharaj, informed the TTPS they had been instructed to pursue legal action and seek over TT\$30 million in damages for breach of contract. Last year, the Sunday Express exclusively reported that former commissioner Harewood-Christopher had approved a contract for body cameras with the La Romaine-based company. The letter to DSSL stated then that its quotation of July 18, 2024, for the supply and delivery of 3,000 EC310 Smart 4K body-worn cameras, accessories and services for the TTPS had been evaluated and assessed, and that the CoP had accepted the offer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the quotation submission at a cost of \$24,965,310.

Sources familiar with the contract at that time said DSSL had partnered with international telecoms giant Huawei to bring in the body-worn cameras from China.

However, the process stalled following the initial contract award in late August 2024. The Sunday Express reported in January 2025 that DSSL's request for a 70% downpayment—as specified in the contract—had not been met, despite multiple letters sent to the TTPS hierarchy, which included Harewood-Christopher, now-acting Commissioner of Police Junior Benjamin, and DCP Natasha George.

The latest failure to honour the agree-

ment triggered the February 2025 letter to the TTPS. DSSL said they had honoured the contract by providing a performance bond. Their attorney said, "Having satisfied this prerequisite as the intended claimant executed and provided the said performance bond to the Commissioner of Police, it had a legitimate expectation that a binding contract was formed and that the signing thereto was a formality."

The company's attorneys added that for the 3,000 units to be shipped from China as "per the technical proposal accepted by the Commissioner of Police, the payment of 70% of the initial payment in the sum of \$2,600,553.13 USD (TT\$17.6m), which was due and payable on September 5th, 2024, and to date has not been paid".

In addition to the 70% downpayment, DSSL is demanding that the TTPS pay US\$220,000 per month in storage fees for equipment held in China since September 2024, totalling approximately US\$1.9 million or TT\$13.4 million for the last nine months.

They are also requesting that the TTPS cover the interest accrued on their overdraft facility, which is computed at a rate of 9.75% per annum, as well as legal costs, which have reportedly totalled roughly \$20,000 to date.

DSSL's attorney gave the TTPS 14 days to respond, or legal action would be initiated to claim monies due and owed and for damages and breach of contract.

On March 11, 2025, the TTPS Legal Unit responded to DSSL's attorney, asking that the TTPS be given an extension of 30 days to respond, adding that the "additional time will allow the Legal Unit (sic) to take the relevant steps to obtain the necessary instructions, which would facilitate a comprehensive response to your missive". The Sunday Express understands that the attorneys are now awaiting the

next move by their client in this legal tussle.

Speaking to the Sunday Express last Thursday morning, acting Commissioner of Police Junior Benjamin said, "This matter is being looked at seriously and is engaging the attention of the Ministry of Homeland Security, and a final decision will be made on that soon."

Benjamin explained that with the change of government, they were "assessing several things that have been affecting the TTPS".

Asked if the outcome suggested the TTPS be required to compensate DSSL for an alleged breach of contract, he responded, "This is a matter that has to be guided by collaboration and discussion with the Ministry of Homeland Security."

That ministry falls under the purview of national security, and its line minister is Roger Alexander, a former senior superintendent of the TTPS.

Currently, the TTPS has just 940 body-worn cameras operating throughout the police force of over 6,000. The use of body-worn cameras is an ongoing public debate given the need for greater accountability and transparency within the TTPS, and especially in light of several fatal police-involved shootings reported in both 2024 and 2025.

As of May 18, there have been 32 fatal police-involved shootings for the year. In March this year, Police Complaints Authority (PCA) director David West said the number of people who had been shot and killed this year had doubled in comparison to last year. He described this trend as "disturbing".

At the time, West also told the media his concerns arose from "the fact that there has been no record of body-worn camera (BWC) footage on any of the aforementioned incidents to date". (Trinidad Express)

Bodies of five skiers found near Switzerland resort



The bodies of five skiers have been found by rescuers near Switzerland's luxury Zermatt resort.

They were recovered a day after emergency services were alerted by a group of climbers ascending the Rimpfischhorn - a 4,199-metre peak in the Valais Alps - to several pairs of skis left unattended near the summit.

Aerial and ground searches led to the discovery of the bodies below the summit on the Adler Glacier, Valais local police said in a

statement on Sunday.

The victims were found at varying altitudes on avalanche debris in high altitude areas near the Swiss-Italian border.

Three bodies were located in one area and two more were discovered higher up on a narrow patch of snow, rescue service Air Zermatt said.

A fifth pair of skis was later found during the search, confirming that the group had travelled as a party of five. Their identities have not yet

been formally released.

The public prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into the circumstances of the accident.

Zermatt is one of Switzerland's more premium Alpine resorts, visited by affluent British and other European skiers. But the climb to Rimpfischhorn is considered a more advanced expedition, around five hours from the resort.

There are a number of approaches to the climb, all of them re-

quiring an overnight in a high hut. From Zermatt the usual way is to take lifts to Blauherd at 2570 meters

In a separate incident on Friday night, Air Zermatt was also involved in a challenging mountain rescue on the Fiescherhörner, where four alpinists were stranded amid fog and high winds.

The initial evacuation attempt had to be aborted due to the weather, but a second attempt just after midnight brought all four to safety. (BBC News)

Federal judge blocks Trump administration from barring foreign student enrollment at Harvard



A federal judge on Friday blocked the Trump administration from cutting off Harvard's enrollment of foreign students, an action the Ivy League school decried as unconstitutional retaliation for defying the White House's political demands.

In its lawsuit filed earlier Friday in federal court in Boston, Harvard said the government's action violates the First Amendment and will have an "immediate and devastating effect for Harvard and more than 7,000 visa holders."

"With the stroke of a pen, the government has sought to erase a quarter of Harvard's student body, international students who contribute significantly to the University and its mission," Harvard said in its suit. "Without its international students, Harvard is not Harvard."

The temporary restraining order was granted by US District Judge Allison Burroughs.

The Trump administration move has thrown campus into disarray days before graduation. Harvard said in the suit. International students who run labs, teach courses, assist professors and participate in Harvard sports are now left deciding whether to transfer or risk losing legal status to stay in the country, according to the filing.

The impact is heaviest at graduate schools such as the Harvard Kennedy School, where almost half the student body comes from abroad, and Harvard Business School, which is about one-

third international.

Along with its impact on current students, the move blocks thousands of students who were planning to come for summer and fall classes.

Harvard said it immediately puts the school at a disadvantage as it competes for the world's top students. Even if it regains the ability to host students, "future applicants may shy away from applying out of fear of further reprisals from the government," the suit said.

If the government's action stands, Harvard said, the university would be unable to offer admission to new international students for at least the next two academic years. Schools that have that certification withdrawn by the federal government are ineligible to reapply until one year afterward, Harvard said.

Harvard enrolls almost 6,800 foreign students at its campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Most are graduate students and they come from more than 100 countries.

The Department of Homeland Security announced the action Thursday, accusing Harvard of creating an unsafe campus environment by allowing "anti-American, pro-terrorist agitators" to assault Jewish students on campus. It also accused Harvard of coordinating with the Chinese Communist Party, contending the school had hosted and trained members of a Chinese paramilitary group as recently as 2024.

Harvard President Alan Garber earlier this month said the university has made changes to its governance over the past year and a half, including a broad strategy to combat antisemitism. He said Harvard would not budge on its "its core, legally-protected principles" over fears of retaliation. Harvard has said it will respond at a later time to allegations first raised by House Republicans about coordination with

the Chinese Communist Party.

The threat to Harvard's international enrollment stems from an April 16 request from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who demanded that Harvard provide information about foreign students that might implicate them in violence or protests that could lead to their deportation.

Harvard says it provided "thousands of data points" in response to Noem's April 16 demand. Her letter on Thursday said Harvard failed to satisfy her request, but the school said she failed to provide any further explanation.

"It makes generalized statements about campus environment and 'anti-Americanism,' again without articulating any rational link between those statements and the decision to retaliate against international students," the suit said.

Harvard's lawsuit said the administration violated the government's own regulations for withdrawing a school's certification.

The government can and does remove colleges from the Student Exchange and Visitor Program, making them ineligible to host foreign students on their campus. However, it's usually for administrative reasons outlined in law, such as failing to maintain accreditation, lacking proper facilities for classes, or failing to employ qualified professional personnel.

Noem said Harvard can regain its ability to host foreign students if it produces a trove of records on foreign students within 72 hours. Her updated request demands all records, including audio or video footage, of foreign students participating in protests or dangerous activity on campus.

The lawsuit is separate from the university's earlier one challenging more than \$2 billion in federal cuts imposed by the Republican administration. (Loop Caribbean)

Russia launches largest air attack yet on Ukraine



Russia has intensified strikes on Ukraine, with the highest number of drones and missiles launched in a single night yet.

At least 12 people, including three children, were killed and dozens injured in widespread strikes, officials said. The attack came a day after the Ukrainian capital Kyiv suffered one of the heaviest assaults of the war.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said the "brutality cannot be stopped" without "strong pressure on the Russian leadership". Russia has been ignoring calls for a ceasefire.

He continued to say the "silence of America" and others "only encourages Putin", an apparent effort to exert pressure on US President Donald Trump who has said the Russian leader is interested in ending the war.

Ukraine's Air Force said that since 20:40 on Saturday local time (17:40 GMT), Russia had carried out strikes

using 367 missiles of various types, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones.

The air force said it had shot down 45 cruise missiles and destroyed 266 UAVs, with most regions in Ukraine affected and hits recorded in 22 locations.

Rescuers were working in more than 30 cities and villages after the "massive" strike, Zelensky said in a statement on X on Sunday morning.

"Russia is dragging out this war and continues to kill every day," he said.

"The world may go on a weekend break, but the war continues, regardless of weekends and weekdays. This cannot be ignored."

Russia's defence ministry said it had inflicted damage on targets including military airfields, ammunition depots and electric warfare stations, claiming damage across 142 areas.

According to Ukraine's Minister of Internal Affairs, Ihor Klymenko, 13 regions were attacked, with more than 60 people injured, 80 residential buildings damaged, and 27 fires recorded. Deaths were reported in several regions.

Klymenko called it a "combined, ruthless strike aimed at civilians".

Putin launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and Moscow currently controls about 20% of Ukrainian territory.

This includes Crimea - Ukraine's southern peninsula annexed by Russia in 2014.

In terms of the numbers of drones and missiles launched by Russia, Saturday night was the highest yet.

Russia is able not only to just manufacture them at a faster rate, but they are also evolving. Shahed drones are

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now being packed with more explosives and improved technology to evade detection.

Russia's previous largest drone attack came just a week ago when 273 drones were launched on the central Kyiv region and Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk regions in the east, according to Ukraine's air force.

Ukraine said the 13 regions hit by strikes on Sunday were Kyiv and the capital's wider region, as well as the regions of Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi, Ternopil, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Sumy and Poltava.

Of the people killed, three were children aged eight, 12 and 17 in the Zhytomyr region, Ukraine's state emergencies service DSNS said.

Klymenko said they were from the same family and their parents were in hospital.

Two women, aged 85 and 56, were killed after a house in Kupiansk was hit, according to Oleh Syniehubov, head of the Kharkiv regional office.

In the Kyiv region, four people were killed and 16 injured, including three children, DSNS said.

In Kyiv, local officials reported 11 injuries, multiple fires and damage to residential buildings, including a dor-

mitory.

Hundreds of people headed to the city's deep metro stations for shelter. The din of drones filled the air, occasionally punctuated by the booms of air defences, or the moments of impact. Several fires were reported.

A BBC colleague messaged to say a block of flats had been destroyed, just a five minute drive from where she lived.

The strikes come as the capital marks its annual Kyiv Day holiday.

In Russia, the defence ministry said 110 Ukrainian drones were destroyed and intercepted over 12 Russian regions and the Crimea peninsula between midnight and 07:00 local time (05:00 BST).

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin reported that 12 drones heading towards the capital were shot down.

He added that emergency services crews were deployed to assess damage caused by falling drone debris.

In the Tula region, just south of Moscow, drone wreckage crashed in the courtyard of a residential building, smashing windows in a number of apartments, local governor Dmitriy Milyaev said.

No-one was injured, he added.

Sunday is also the third and final day

of a major prisoner of war exchange between the two sides, and after this weekend, there is even less hope it will lead to further co-operation.

On Friday, Ukraine and Russia each handed over 390 soldiers and civilians in the biggest prisoner exchange since Russia launched its full-scale assault in February 2022.

On Saturday, Zelensky announced that another 307 Ukrainian prisoners had returned home as part of an exchange deal with the Kremlin.

And on Sunday, Ukraine and Russia each confirmed 303 of their soldiers had returned home - bringing the total over the three days to 1,000 prisoners each.

The swap follows the first face-to-face talks between the two sides in three years, which took place in Turkey.

Earlier this week, Trump and Putin had a two-hour phone call to discuss a US-proposed Ukraine ceasefire deal.

Trump said he believed the call had gone "very well", and added that Russia and Ukraine will "immediately start" negotiations toward a ceasefire and "an end to the war".

However, Putin has only said Russia would work with Ukraine to craft a "memorandum" on a "possible future peace", and has not accepted a 30-day ceasefire. (*BBC News*)



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Team Antigua and Barbuda Clinches Victory at the 2025 West Indies Fullbore Shooting Championships



Team Antigua and Barbuda has claimed a resounding victory at the 2025 West Indies Fullbore Shooting Championships, held at the Paragon Rifle Range in Barbados from May 17 to 25. Competing in the fiercely contested short-

range category (300, 500, and 600 yards), Antigua and Barbuda outperformed defending champions Guyana at every distance to secure the region's most prestigious title in fullbore rifle shooting.

This historic achievement marks a milestone for Antigua and Barbuda's fullbore shooting program, with the team

demonstrating precision, focus, and unmatched teamwork throughout the competition.

The winning squad was comprised of:

Christopher Joseph
(Captain)

Daryl Charles

Edworth Benjamin

Maxine James

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fullbore rifle shooting. The Antigua and Barbuda Shooting Club looks forward to building on this success, continuing to develop talent and represent Antigua and Barbuda proudly on the regional and international stage.

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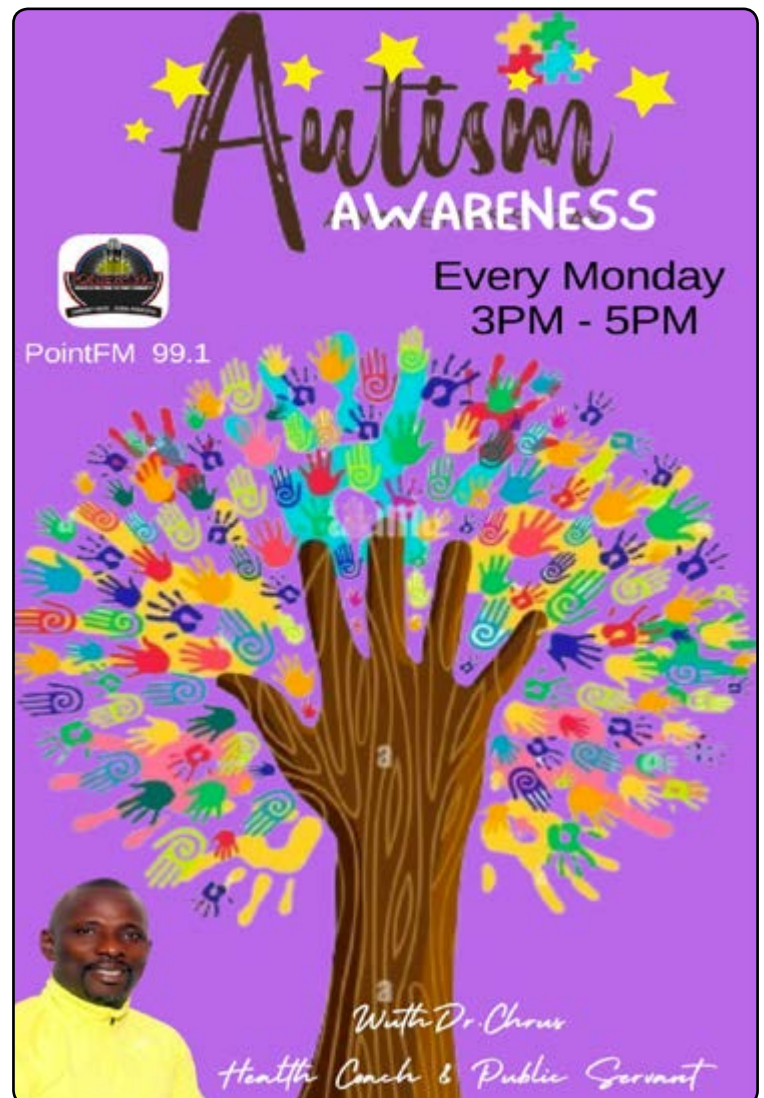
Their commitment and consistent execution under pressure led to this landmark victory, reflecting the depth of talent and preparation within the Antigua Barbuda Shooting Club (ABSC).

About the Championships

The West Indies Full-

bore Shooting Championships is the premier annual rifle shooting competition in the Caribbean. It brings together top marksmen and women from across the region to compete in both short and long-range disciplines. Hosted this year in Barbados, the event drew strong participation and was marked by tough competition and challenging conditions.

This win is a major milestone for Team Antigua and Barbuda and positions them as a rising power in regional



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Flyers and Ovals Ojays move closer to clinching ABBA's playoff titles



The two top seeds, EZ Fit Flyers and Cuties Ovals Ojays, have moved one step closer to clinching the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) playoff titles.

Both teams are now just one win away from lifting the playoff title in their respective divisions after taking

a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five finals at the JSC Sports Complex.

After winning the opening game 89-65, reigning league and defending Division 1 playoff champion EZ Fit Flyers snatched a 78-74 victory against second seed Total Imports EMC's Potters Steelers in Game 2 of the finals.

Xavier Meade sank 22 and grabbed 10 rebounds; Adonis Humphreys converted 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds; Kenya Ahcom scored 14 points and claimed eight rebounds; and David Hernandez converted 10 points for the Flyers.

Cohen Desouza sank 14 points and claimed five rebounds; Kareem Edwards scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds; Marlon Charles converted 13 points and snatched six rebounds; Jayden Andrew produced 12 points and nine assists; and Leroy Wilkinson chipped in with nine points and eight

rebounds for the Potters Steelers.

After winning the opening game 77-55, the Ovals Ojays, who are also the reigning league champions, notched up a 63-50 victory against second seed Navigators in Game 2 of their Division 2 playoff finals.

Jayleyle Joseph produced 17 points, 11 rebounds, and five blocks; Tajahron Davis sank 14 points and claimed five rebounds; Orion Seraphine scored nine points and snatched eight rebounds; and Tequan Brodie converted eight points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Ovals Ojays.

Ricky Willock converted 14 points; De-Lorngé Jules sank nine points; Baldwin Anthony scored eight points and grabbed 10 rebounds; and Ariel Quallis contributed seven points, 11 rebounds, and five assists for the Navigators.

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Stoneville stay second in Men's Division 1 volleyball league



Reigning Men's Division 1 champions Theatric Lighting and Stage Effects and JOMA Caribbean Stoneville volleyball team.

Reigning Men's Division 1 champions Theatric Lighting and Stage Effects and JOMA Caribbean Stoneville have consolidated their second-place position in the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Local League.

Stoneville claimed their seventh win in nine matches by snatching a hard-fought 3-2 victory against the Storming Lions in their keenly contested affair at the indoor stadium of the YMCA

Sports Complex.

It took the Stoneville men two hours and 12 minutes to prevail against the Storming Lions, who made the better start of the two men's teams by winning the opening set 25-22.

Stoneville hit back to level the match by winning the second set 25-21 and won the third 25-15 to take a 2-1 lead. The Storming Lions rebounded to force a fifth and deciding set by winning the fourth 25-17 to draw level at 2-2.

However, Stoneville took the match by winning the fifth set 16-14 as the Storming Lions remain in third place in the seven-team Men's Division 1 round-robin league after slumping to their fourth loss in 10 games.

Jets wrapped up their campaign in the Women's Division 1 League by soaring to a 3-1 victory against DHS Enterprises, Print Xpress and Auto Craze Royal Cruisers in their final outing in the six-team round-robin competi-

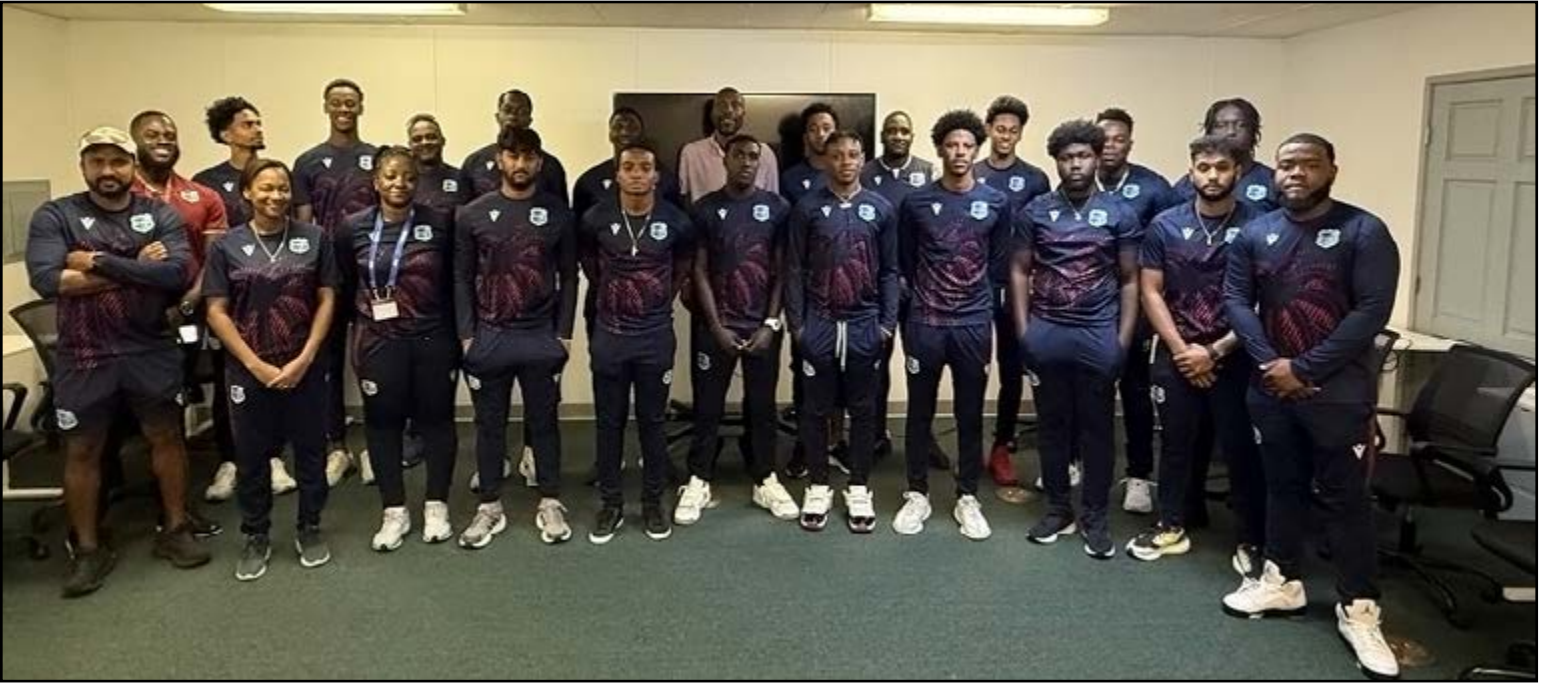
tion.

After losing the opening set 16-25, the Jet roared into life, taking the next three sets, 25-21, 25-14, and 25-22, to win the match in an hour and 53 minutes.

The Jets finished their league campaign in third place with a record of four wins and six losses from their quota of 10 games.

The Royal Cruisers, who have one game left, remain in the cellar after crashing to their eighth loss in nine encounters.

CWI leverages Ambrose, Walsh's legacy to mentor rising stars



West Indian fast-bowling great Sir Curtly Ambrose with members of the West Indies Academy. (CWI Media)

“The legacy of our legends must be embraced and utilized to help shape our future success.” This is the stance being taken by Cricket West Indies (CWI) and practically applied in the regional body’s most recent mentorship initiative.

As part of CWI’s ongoing commitment to nurturing regional talent, legendary West Indies fast bowlers Sir Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh are actively engaging with West Indies Academy players at the Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) in Antigua.

The initiative began on Wednesday, May 21, with a powerful Legacy Discussion led by Sir Curtly Ambrose, who shared personal stories and insights on the proud heritage, global achievements, and enduring spirit of West Indies cricket.

The session served as a reminder to the Academy players of the prestigious legacy they are now part of as emerging ambassadors of the game.

Building on this momentum, the mentorship programme will continue

with a series of technical and experiential sessions led by the fast-bowling greats.

Sir Curtly Ambrose will lead red ball scenario-based training, focusing on match awareness, tactical execution, and mindset development on May 26–27, while on June 2–3 Courtney Walsh will guide the players through a two-day practice match, offering in-depth mentoring as part of his role as Bowling Mentor.

CWI Director of Cricket, Miles Bascombe, welcomed the initiative.

“There is no greater inspiration for our young players than learning directly from the legends whose names are etched in the history of West Indies cricket. This initiative not only enhances their technical skills but also helps instill the values, pride, and passion that define what it means to wear the maroon,” he said.

Academy Head Coach Ramesh Subasinghe spoke about the importance of historical education in the development of the young players.

“For our young players, understanding the history of West Indies cricket is just as important as developing their technical and tactical skills. Having legends like Sir Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh share their journeys, approaches, and values bring a depth of learning that no textbook or training manual can offer. It connects our players to something greater than themselves—it reminds them of the legacy they’re carrying forward every time they step onto the field,” he said.

The mentorship sessions are part of a broader player development strategy being rolled out by CWI to ensure that promising young cricketers receive world-class guidance both on and off the field.

In two-weeks time, the Academy takes on their counterparts from Sri Lanka here in Antigua, in two four-day first-class matches and three 50-over matches to be played at the Coolidge Cricket Ground and the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, respectively.

Liverpool players raise Premier League trophy in front of Klopp



Liverpool players celebrate with the winner's trophy after the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Crystal Palace at the Anfield stadium in Liverpool, England, Sunday, May 25, 2025. (AP)

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Liverpool's players have finally got their hands on the Premier League trophy — and Jurgen Klopp was back at Anfield to enjoy the celebrations.

The Reds clinched a record-tying 20th English top-flight title on April 27, but had to wait a month to receive the trophy after their final game of the season — a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace at Anfield on Sunday.

Klopp, who left as Liverpool manager at the end of last season, returned to Anfield for its campaign-ending party. The German was seen clapping and smiling as the team's players, starting with captain Virgil van Dijk to a backdrop of fireworks and ticker tape, lift-

ed the trophy.

Trent Alexander-Arnold, who is leaving Liverpool to reportedly join Real Madrid, was given a good reception after coming on as a halftime substitute and again when going up to get the trophy.

He was jeered by some Liverpool fans at a home match against Arsenal two weeks ago. Alexander-Arnold was seen wiping away tears as he celebrated with his teammates on Sunday.

Liverpool finished the season on 84 points, 10 clear of second-placed Arsenal. Manchester City, Chelsea, and Newcastle secured the remaining Champions League places on a dramatic final day of the Premier League

season.

Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest were the big losers on Sunday — missing out in the race for the top five.

Villa was left with a sense of injustice after having a goal ruled out against Manchester United just moments before going behind and eventually losing 2-0 at Old Trafford.

A draw would have been enough for Unai Emery's team on a day when Newcastle lost 1-0 at home to Everton.

Chelsea beat Forest 1-0 to secure a return to the Champions League after a two-year absence. Manchester City ended the season in third place with a 2-0 win against Fulham.

West Indies rout Ireland to draw ODI series



West Indies batsman Keacy Carty, left, celebrates after scoring his second successive century against Ireland in the third ODI in Clontarf, Dublin, Ireland on Sunday, May 25, 2025. (Getty Images)

Kaecy Carty delivered a career-defining knock of 170 runs off 142 balls, while Jayden Seales tore through Ireland's top order to help the West Indies secure an emphatic 197-run victory via the Duckworth/Lewis Stern Method in the rain-impacted third One Day International (ODI) at Malahide on Sunday, leveling the three-match series at 1-1.

Following his maiden century (102) in the rain-affected no-result on Friday, Carty returned with even greater authority to anchor the Windies to a commanding 385 for seven—their

highest-ever total in an ODI against Ireland.

Despite an early wobble at 31 for two after the dismissals of Brandon King (1) and Evin Lewis (14), Carty and captain Shai Hope led the recovery with a crucial third-wicket partnership of 137 runs. Hope matched Carty's tempo with a polished 75 from 75 balls, striking nine fours and two sixes before falling in the 30th over.

Carty then combined with Amir Jangoo (22) to add 78 more, before launching into a flurry of boundaries with Justin Greaves, who blasted his maiden ODI fifty—a

blistering 50 off just 23 deliveries featuring five fours and three sixes.

Their 97-run stand for the fifth wicket in just 6.2 overs powered West Indies past 340 before Carty finally fell for his brilliant 170, which included 15 fours and eight sixes at a strike rate of 119.71.

Greaves' cameo and a late burst from Matthew Forde (12 off 5) ensured the Windies closed at 385 for seven, leaving Ireland with a daunting chase.

Ireland's bowlers struggled to contain the West Indies firepower, with Barry

McCarthy (three for 100) and Liam McCarthy (two for 93) both going for over nine runs per over. Andy McBrine (one for 56) was the most economical, while George Dockrell chipped in with one wicket.

In reply, Ireland, chasing a revised target 363, never got going. Jayden Seales set the tone with a double strike in his second over, removing Andy Balbirnie (3) and the dangerous Paul Stirling (26) before dismissing Harry Tector (0) to leave the hosts reeling at 40 for three.

Cade Carmichael showed some resistance with a composed 48 off 61 balls, but lacked meaningful support. Lorcan Tucker (29) and George Dockrell (23) threatened briefly, but wickets continued to fall at regular intervals.

A sharp run out from Evin Lewis ended Andy McBrine's useful knock of 28, before Greaves and Roston Chase wrapped up the innings.

Seales was the pick of the bowlers with three for 26 from 5.5 overs, while Alzarri Joseph (one for 37), Greaves (one for 35), and Chase (one for one) all contributed.

Ireland were bowled out for 165 in 29.5 overs, handing West Indies a massive 197-run victory—their second-largest margin of victory by runs in ODIs.