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Prime Minister Gaston Browne speaking on the Browne and Browne show

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is willing to make space at the table for opposition supporters as he focused on the proposed allocation of plots at Pensioner's Point for nationals to get involved in investment opportunities.

Speaking on the Browne and Browne show on Saturday, the prime minister reiterated a central point: government-owned land belongs to all citizens, regardless of political affiliation. He urged members of the opposition and their supporters not to shy away from seizing the investment opportunities simply because the initiative is spearheaded by the current administration.

In his words, it would be "total ignorance" for someone to turn down an empowering investment opportunity solely due to party lines. The Prime

Minister emphasized that the development is structured to be inclusive—providing access not just to the wealthy or politically aligned but to all enterprising Antiguan and Barbudans, including those in the diaspora.

The Prime Minister also hinted at creative financing approaches to make participation more accessible. For instance, he encouraged the use of collateral such as existing properties—including commercial property in St. John's—to secure funding for investment. In one candid moment, the Prime Minister directly engaged a caller, humorously suggesting she leverage her resources and urging others to adopt a proactive mindset.

The importance of engaging the diaspora was highlighted once again. Many Antiguan and Barbudans

living in Canada, the United States, and elsewhere have the means and interest to invest—but often, they simply aren't aware of the opportunities. The PM noted that, thus far, many of the investors showing interest in Pensioners Beach have been from the diaspora community. Still, he stressed that increased promotion is needed to fully engage this group.

Explaining the rationale behind the project's structure, Prime Minister Browne said that rather than one large hotel development on 40 acres, only six acres have been designated for a hotel. The remainder of the land has been subdivided into individual lots. This decision reflects cultural preferences: while many are reluctant to buy shares in companies, they are far more eager to purchase land and build on it.

This model aligns well with the thriving Airbnb market. Approximately 35% of tourists in Antigua and Barbuda now opt to stay in Airbnb-style accommodations. In Jamaica, that figure reportedly climbs as high as 40–45%. The Prime Minister made it clear that these lots are not just residential but are meant to support the broader tourism ecosystem, contributing to national economic growth.

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Booby Alley Redevelopment: Maintaining Standards in a Transformational Housing Project

The Booby Alley redevelopment initiative continues to garner national attention as construction progresses rapidly. The transformation of this area into a state-of-the-art residential condominium community represents one of the most significant and socially empowering projects in Antigua and Barbuda.

However, alongside this physical transformation, Prime Minister Gaston Browne emphasized the equally critical need for cultural and behavioral upliftment among the project's beneficiaries.

Speaking about the project brings much joy and satisfaction for PM Browne, who had to endure opposition-backed protests and several other forms of resistance as there was an organized move to derail the project, by any means necessary.

However, the prime minister persevered and today the project, while still in the construction phase, is already attracting national attention and admiration.

The Prime Minister shared updates and visuals of the

new condominium blocks, which are now well into the advanced stages of construction. One particular unit—directly across the street from a resident known as Comrade Tila—has drawn interest for its coveted penthouse. While humorous in tone, Browne stressed that unit allocation will follow transparent and merit-based procedures.

According to PM Browne as the redevelopment of Booby Alley continues to take shape, it represents not only as a physical transformation but as a deep investment in community upliftment. The Prime Minister outlined the aesthetic and social goals of the project—drawing comparisons to condominiums in Miami with palm trees, panoramic sea views, and modern living standards. This vision is deliberately aimed at breaking cycles of poverty and stagnation commonly linked to poor housing conditions.

Numerous sociological studies, he noted, affirm that substandard housing environments often attract and nurture criminal elements. In contrast, by cre-

ating a clean, beautiful, and orderly living space, the government hopes to discourage criminal activity from taking root in the community. The Prime Minister pointed out that if the area is well-maintained, individuals inclined toward illegal behavior would be less likely to frequent or settle there. He added that a significant feature of the new units is their climate resilience. Constructed from concrete—including what appears to be concrete roofing—these buildings are designed to withstand the elements and last for generations. The Prime Minister emphasized that these units will be more climate-resilient than 90% of properties in the country.

Ventilation has also been a key design consideration. Each unit is fitted with multiple windows to ensure airflow, thus minimizing the risk of mold that often plagues poorly ventilated spaces. This is particularly important in tropical climates where humidity can quickly lead to structural and health issues.

While the government is of-

fering these housing units at nominal rents—or in some cases, free of charge—the expectation is that residents must take responsibility for their utilities. The Prime Minister dismissed any notion that the government would cover electricity or water bills indefinitely, emphasizing that while these are subsidized offerings, there can be no “free lunch.” Another important consideration is the inclusion of commercial or communal utility spaces within the development. The Prime Minister suggested that some ground floor units could be converted into laundromats, salons, or small shops. This is both an aesthetic and practical move—minimizing unsightly clotheslines on balconies and providing convenient services to residents.

These ground-floor businesses would also stimulate small-scale economic activity within the community. Even if detailed plans for these business units haven't been finalized, he stressed that they would be incorporated if missing from the current design.

ABUT President accused of acting outside his presidential authority



A&BUT

There is an ongoing impasse between the President of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT), Casroy Charles, and outgoing Treasurer, Denise Gardiner.

The matter stems from a letter Charles wrote to Gardiner dated May 19, 2025, in which he asked informed her that based on a legal opinion, her election of three years earlier was invalid and therefore ‘effective immediately you no longer hold the office of Treasurer of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers’.

Despite this however, Charles is asking Gardiner to ‘extend the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers the courtesy of facilitating the signing of all financial documents that demand the affixing of your signature... until the changing of signatories is legitimized...’

But Gardiner decided to respond in kind by writing to Charles in a letter dated May 21, 2025, asking him to provide in writing the legal basis for his correspondence. “Your reference to a legal opinion suggests that your actions were predicated upon external legal advice. You, as a learned individual, must know that a legal opinion is precisely that—an *opinion*, not a court ruling. Its implementation, if at all warranted, rests with the Executive Committee, not with the President acting unilaterally,” she wrote.

She went further asking him to provide records of the count of those who voted to support his action and whether or not the Executive Committee had sanctioned his decision to seek a legal opinion.

“In the interest of transparency, fair play, and natural justice, I request responses to the following:

1. When did the Executive instruct you to seek legal advice on the legitimacy of my election as Treasurer?
2. What was the count and wording of such a motion?
3. Did the Executive move a formal motion for my removal? If so, what was the vote count?

“Should such records exist, I hereby invoke my right under *Section 7H* of the Constitution of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers to access them. Absent these records, I am left with no alternative but to conclude that you acted unilaterally and without the authority vested in your office. I remind you that *Section 7A* of our Constitution clearly defines the President’s role as follows:

- (a) Preside over meetings
- (b) Summon any special meeting
- (c) Deliver the State of the Union Address at the Annual Conference

“The President *does not* possess



President of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT)

the authority to make executive decisions on behalf of the Union outside of these parameters. *Section 8* explicitly assigns that power to the Executive Committee, stating: “*The Executive Committee shall function as an executive body in the best interest of the Union.*” I challenge you to explain how this decision was made without consultation, consensus, or due process or can possibly be viewed as in the best interest of the Union,” Gardiner noted.

The outgoing treasurer noted that she did not seek re-election as treasurer and that a new treasurer was to take office in a short time, therefore, what was the motivation for his actions.

Gardiner noted that she may have been singled out because she questioned the president’s decision to meet with the opposition UPP, a decision she believes, jeopardized the union’s claim to impartiality. She noted that there she may have been singled out for political and others reasons.

Gardiner, has been a member of the ABUT for many years. She and PM Gaston Browne have a child together.



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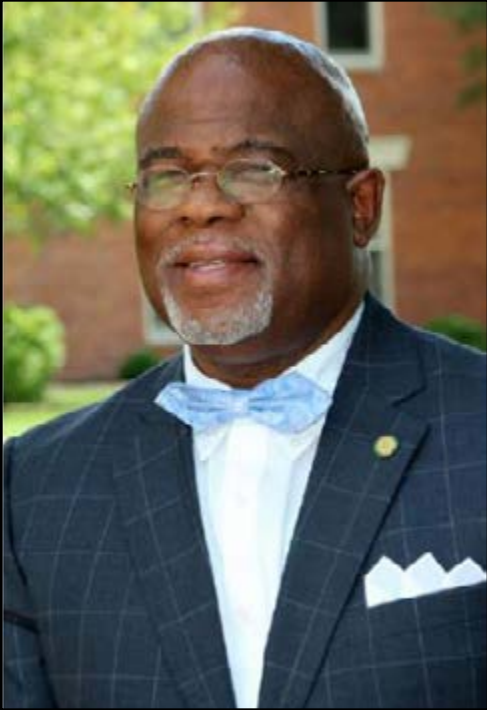


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Dr. Curtis Charles: Antiguan and Barbudans must wake up to the fact that AI Is here!



Director of Academic Studies at the University of the West Indies FIC, Dr. Curtis Charles

Head of the Academic Studies at the University of the West Indies Five Island Campus, Dr. Curtis Charles, and one of the driving forces behind the upcoming 5th Industrial Revolution Artificial Intelligence Research Conference, said Antiguan and Barbudans must wake up to the fact that AI is here...not coming.

Speaking with Point Express newspaper, Dr. Charles said there is urgent need for nationals and residents to embrace AI as this technology is already transforming the world.

“At the heart of a groundbreaking conference lies a critical mission: to awaken Antiguan and Barbudans to the fact that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not a distant future—it is the present. The urgency was underscored by a recent article featuring one of the co-founders of Claude, a widely used large language model (LLM), which alongside OpenAI’s ChatGPT, is revolutionizing the digital landscape. These technolo-

gies are not hypothetical constructs—they’re actively reshaping industries, economies, and societies,” Dr. Charles observed.

He noted that one of the most startling projections shared is that within the next five years, 50% of white-collar jobs could be lost due to automation and AI-driven systems. “This is a clarion call for retraining and reskilling, especially within the public sector. Government entities need to embrace short courses tailored to emerging roles, such as those focused on data analytics—a common thread running through finance, medicine, and nearly every other professional field. With AI, decision-making is increasingly data-driven, necessitating analytical literacy at all levels,” he declared.

He made it clear that AI isn’t just a novelty; it’s a tool for efficiency and strategic advantage.

A sobering point was made: “If your job is the same way it was 10 years ago, you’re cheating the government.”

He noted that the training is AI should also extend to members of the diplomatic corps who must operate in a world where this is increasingly being used. This statement underscores the urgency for transformation. AI is not replacing diplomats—yet—but those who understand and use it will certainly replace those who don’t. This is why retraining mid-level and lower-level foreign service staff is essential to national competitiveness.

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Tourism Minister, Charles Max Fernandez last Friday night at an event at Salt Plage to mark the end of Culinary Month, 2025, describing it as ‘a moment of national pride’.

Minister Fernandez said the nomination speaks to the momentum that the Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority have built especially this year where Restaurant



Week was morphed into Culinary Month and the potential that lies ahead.

“Let’s continue supporting our culinary community, because every bite we serve tells a story of who we are as a people,” he urged.

Planning Committee chair, Sherman Jeremy said the nomination is a reflection of all the hard work,

creativity, and heart poured into Culinary Month by the chefs, partners, and the community.

Speaking of Culinary Month, Minister Fernandez observed that it continues to grow in flavor, impact and importance for Antigua and Barbuda. He expressed appreciation to the several visiting chefs, the sponsors – Grace Foods, Red Stripe Beer, ACB Caribbean and LIAT20 and to the team at the ABTA for a job well done.

There was special mention for two of the visiting chefs – Chef Shorne Benjamin from New York and Chef Suzanne Barr from Atlanta – as well as for Chef Amlin of Salt Plage for preparing several ‘incredible’ dishes.





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13 Dynamic Delegates Unveiled as ECAB Mr. & Miss Teenage Pageant 2025 is Officially Launched

Representatives from Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission and the Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB) met over the weekend for the official launch of the ECAB Mr. & Miss Teenage Pageant 2025.

During the exercise, held at the bank's Redcliffe Street conference room, the event saw the unveiling of thirteen (13) outstanding student delegates who will vie for the coveted titles this Carnival season. This launch marks a defining moment for youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and corporate partnership in Antigua and Barbuda. This year's delegates are:

Mr. St. Joseph's Academy – William Christian

Miss Ottos Comprehensive School – Kimora Simon

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Mr. Ottos Comprehensive School – Najah Monford

Miss Clare Hall Secondary School – N'Khira George

Miss Sir Novelle Richards Academy – Jahkeira Samuel

Mr. Antigua Grammar School – Emari John

Miss Princess Margaret School – Ni-keema Dickenson

Mr. All Saints Secondary School – Marsa Farrell

Mr. Clare Hall Secondary School – Te'Mouri Swift

Miss Island Academy International – Sanae James

Miss All Saints Secondary School – Keairra Smith

Miss Antigua Girls' High School – Tekyra Richards



K. Michele Marshall, Marketing Manager of ECAB, reflected with pride:

"This is your moment. As you continue your preparations, remember that success starts with showing up, giving your best, and staying committed to your personal growth. Whether you walk away with a title or not, the ex-

perience itself is a victory, and the lessons you learn will stay with you for life. Following last year's experience, ECAB is pleased to be on board once again.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Creative Industries Senator Shenella Govia, delivered remarks on behalf

of Minister Daryll Matthew, who is currently away on official government business. She stated:

“The Ministry is pleased to once again partner with ECAB and the Mr. & Miss Teenage Committee for what has become a premier youth-centered event on the national Carnival calendar. We commend ECAB not only for their sponsorship yet again but for their belief in the potential of our young people.

“Let us be clear—Carnival is a major cultural and economic undertaking. It is costly, resource-intensive, and requires the backing of committed stakeholders. So when we have institutions like ECAB who continue to show up, year after year. Fulfilling their corporate social responsibility.

“To the delegates, I salute your courage. You have chosen a path that requires discipline, vulnerability, and excellence. To the parents and schools—thank you for walking alongside them. Together, we are shaping a generation



that will preserve and transform our national identity.”

Also speaking at the launch were reigning titleholders Gabrielle Hamlet and Mandela Anyandjuh, who both delivered heartfelt testimonies about the power of the pageant experience. From rigorous training sessions to lasting friendships, they described their journeys as life-changing and said they would do it all again without hesitation.

The 2025 ECAB Mr. & Miss Teenage Pageant will be staged at Carnival City on Friday, July 19th at 8:00 PM. Tickets are priced at just \$20.00, offering the public a chance to witness the future of culture, leadership, and artistic expression in Antigua and Barbuda.

The pageant committee is chaired by Neilson Duberry, supported by Deputy Chair Samantha Albert and team members Stephon Hector, Briana Anthony, and Shaveesa Gasper.



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CIBC Caribbean re-launches 'unsung heroes' initiative with Antigua and Barbuda included

Individuals in Antigua and Barbuda who have been performing outstanding work in their communities and who often go unnoticed and even those individuals who perform heroic acts will likely get the attention they deserve through the re-launched *Unsung Heroes* initiative being spearheaded by CIBC Caribbean.

CIBC Caribbean officially relaunched one of its signature community outreach programmes – CIBC Caribbean Unsung Heroes - looking to unearth new homegrown heroes quietly making a difference in their communities.

Building on the strong legacy of the decade long, Unsung Heroes programme which ran from 2003 to 2013, and which highlighted and rewarded scores of Caribbean men and women working quietly in their communities and making a difference in the lives of many, the Caribbean bank has rebooted the campaign to find those hidden heroes across its 10-member regional footprint. This includes Antigua and Barbuda.

Mark St. Hill, CIBC Caribbean's Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the ComTrust Foundation, the bank's charitable arm behind the initiative, said he was "very excited as Chair of our ComTrust foundation



to offer this unique opportunity for people to identify and celebrate the immense goodness and kind acts that take place every day in our communities."

"Today we kick off a renewed campaign to find those hidden heroes across our communities and to shine the spotlight on the life-changing work they are doing", Chief Country Management Officer, Donna Wellington said as she addressed a regional press conference to launch the programme.

The bank has made a modification to the original programme. While the original campaign focused mainly on people from the region

who worked over a number of years to better their communities, the 2025 version of CIBC Caribbean Unsung Heroes campaign is open to all persons aged ten and over who have been making a difference in their communities and who have not been highlighted or rewarded in any significant way.

The new campaign will offer two categories under which persons can be nominated – the original category of "outstanding work in the community" and a new category covering "an act of heroism/bravery/extraordinary act of kindness" within the 12 months preceding the start of the

year's campaign.

Winners will be selected from among those nominated at the local level and will be announced in August. The winners from each country will then be eligible for the regional awards, the winners of which will be announced in September.

In October the top three regional winners – the regional CIBC Caribbean Unsung Hero and two runners-up - and a guest each will be brought to Barbados for the presentation of prizes at a special awards dinner.

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Grow with the Flo: Scrub Life Cares Unites Hundreds for Women's Health and Empowerment in Antigua and Barbuda



On Saturday, May 24th, 2025, Scrub Life Cares hosted the 4th Annual “Grow With the Flo” Women’s Health and Wellness Event at the Cana Moravian Church in Antigua and Barbuda. What began as a grassroots initiative to promote menstrual health education and support services for girls and women has rapidly evolved into one of the island’s most anticipated public health events. This year’s edition, themed around inclusion, intergenerational care, and health access, drew hundreds of women, men, and youth from across Antigua and Barbuda united by a shared purpose to eliminate stigma and expand health education for women and girls.

Timed in observance of Menstrual Hygiene Day, globally recognized on May 28th, the event focused on raising awareness around menstrual health and hygiene management. It also addressed the systemic issue of period poverty defined by a lack of access to sanitary products, hygiene facilities, waste management, and education which continues to disproportionately impact low-income women and girls, particularly in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like Antigua and Barbuda. In many of these communities, girls still miss school due to inadequate access to menstrual supplies or because of prevailing taboos around menstruation that silence and isolate

them during their cycles. Scrub Life Cares created this event to dismantle those barriers.

At the center of the day’s success was the event’s focus on shared learning and experiential engagement. The Cana Moravian Church was transformed into a vibrant space for wellness, conversation, and culture. Community health booths featured topics ranging from fibroid education and postpartum care to nutrition and mental health. Conversation echoed throughout the grounds during sessions that promoted physical movement, mental health awareness and menstrual knowledge. Children participated in yoga sessions offered by Beautiful Blue Butterfly. Teenagers, parents, and elders, including men participated side by side in a series of wellness exercises that emphasized empathy and shared responsibility in health and caregiving. This intentional intergenerational model reflects the holistic community care values that define Scrub Life Cares’ Grow with the Flo Initiative.

Tanya Ambrose, MPH, Founder of Scrub Life Cares, expressed profound gratitude and pride in seeing the event flourish. “We created ‘Grow With the Flo’ as a movement to bring menstrual health out of the shadows. Our Caribbean women have a long tradition of strength, but they have also carried silent burdens. This event is about opening up space to talk about our bodies, access care, and be treated with dignity regardless of age, income, or location,” said Ambrose. “What stood out to me this year was seeing fathers attend with their daughters, listening attentively and asking questions. This is the kind of cultural shift we need.” Among the standout features of the event was the educational installation created by the Scrub Life Cares medical team. Girls and young women explored detailed anatomical models and received guidance from nurses, gynecologists, and student volunteers. Dr. Sherida Philip, one of the orga-

nization’s lead medical advisors, explained the importance of community-based medical education. “We often see women and girls come into clinics with preventable health concerns simply because they weren’t taught what to look for or when to speak to their primary care physician,” said Dr. Philip. “Through ‘Grow With the Flo,’ we’re building dialogue and trust. We are bringing our medical student volunteers with us in order to learn how to serve communities with health education.”

With the rising concern of mental health in a post-COVID-19 world, Scrub Life Cares has made mental health a permanent fixture in their women’s health advocacy. In partnership with the WISH Foundation, a local nonprofit addressing mental wellness in vulnerable populations, the event featured open conversations on hormone-related mood disorders, body image, and trauma recovery. Founder of WISH, Chaneil Imhoff, emphasized the importance of these spaces. “Women undergo intense hormonal changes throughout their lives, from menstruation to menopause, yet mental health remains taboo for us in the Caribbean. Events like this allow us to dismantle stigma and let girls know that it’s okay to ask for help.”

Mental health advocate and international psychotherapist Jamion Knight lent his expertise to the event. Knight announced plans to develop a mobile wellness unit designed to support expectant and new mothers in Antigua and Barbuda. He emphasized that postpartum depression continues to be a silent storm among Caribbean women. “This is not only a medical issue, it’s a societal one,” Knight said. “It is important to have events like [Grow with the Flo]. One of the topics that I will be focusing on is postpartum depression, which is not discussed enough. It has a significant impact on the life of the mother, and bonding between mother and child. We have to

talk about the role that fathers should place and the role in the home. This event is a great opportunity to speak about this, and create communities of support.”

Recognizing the intersection of environmental sustainability and health, Scrub Life Cares partnered with Good Humans 268 to ensure responsible waste management and promote awareness about how environmental conditions affect women’s health. “There’s a direct connection between where we live, how we treat our environment, and our physical wellbeing,” shared Joshuanette Francis, Founder of Good Humans 268. “We’re proud to partner with Scrub Life Cares to promote eco-conscious health practices and sustainable waste management.”

The event showcased local and international partnerships dedicated to women’s empowerment. RIF Care, a California wellness brand founded by Val Emmanuel and inspired by her Antiguan roots as the grand-daughter of King Short Shirt, donated biodegradable menstrual products to promote eco-friendly menstruation options. The Flow World and SAALT, two global leaders in menstrual hygiene advocacy, supplied hundreds of reusable menstrual cups and educational materials to attendees, bridging knowledge and product accessibility. Local sponsors, including Caribbean Pharmaceuticals, Cool & Smooth, and Humble and Free Wadadli, fortified the event’s grassroots efforts with their steadfast support. Community-based vendors and practitioners brought added value through herbal wellness offerings, skincare education, and traditional Caribbean healing practices.

Performances added depth and energy to the day’s message. The Honey Bee Theatre Group of the Antigua Girls High School led by Creative Director and Playwright, Zahra Airall, moved the audience with a dramatic presentation centered on body autonomy, self-worth, and resilience. The Line Dance Connection brought joy and rhythm to the gathering, embodying the belief that women can celebrate vitality and

connection through movement. Their performance challenged affirmed that wellness is a lifelong journey.

Youth from Green Bay Primary School, Irene B. Williams Secondary School, and Antigua Girls’ High School were active participants in the event’s dialogue. Educators and Scrub Life Cares volunteers guided these students through health-focused stations, encouraging open questions and conversations. Ambrose shared that this engagement was a deliberate act of empowerment. “By involving girls in these discussions early on, we equip them with knowledge and the language to advocate for themselves, giving them space to lead.”

Scrub Life Cares hosted a pre-event retreat at Hawksbill Beach, which combined yoga, mindfulness, and mindfulness practices led by local partners Wadadlivity and clinical psychologist, Regina Apparicio. Apparicio, who also serves on the Scrub Life Cares team, highlighted the significance of grounding mental health support in place-based and culturally relevant practices. “For us as Caribbean people, the land and sea are healing spaces. Mindfulness and self-regulation are necessities. When we contextualize wellness within our environments, our communities are more likely to embrace it,” she explained.

As the event drew to a close, each participant left with a specially prepared “Grow With the Flo” wellness bag filled with essential health items, sanitary products, and educational brochures. These powerful tokens symbolize something far greater: dignity, access, and the right to care. In countries like Antigua and Barbuda, where conversations about periods have historically been met with shame or silence, events like Grow with the Flo become revolutionary.

Scrub Life Cares remains deeply committed to expanding its reach and building on the momentum generated each year. Plans are already underway for the 5th edition of “Grow With the Flo” in May 2026. The organization aims to deepen its focus on health lit-

eracy, maternal care, and legislative advocacy around menstrual equity and women’s health rights.

Scrub Life Cares continues to be powered by a committed team of renowned medical professionals, volunteers, educators, and community stakeholders, all working toward a shared goal of health justice. Their work reflects the broader call from Menstrual Hygiene Day to create a world where menstruation is never a barrier to education, mobility, or self-worth. As Ambrose states, “Grow With the Flo is a movement of care, care that begins with our girls and women but extends to everyone. When we uplift our women, we uplift our communities.”

Behind the success of Grow With the Flo is a growing network of **dedicated sponsors and mission-aligned partners**. This year’s event was made possible with the contributions and in-kind donations, locally and internationally:

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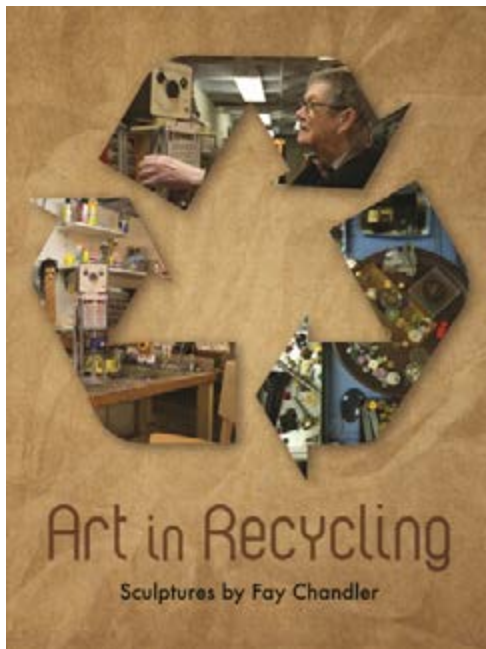
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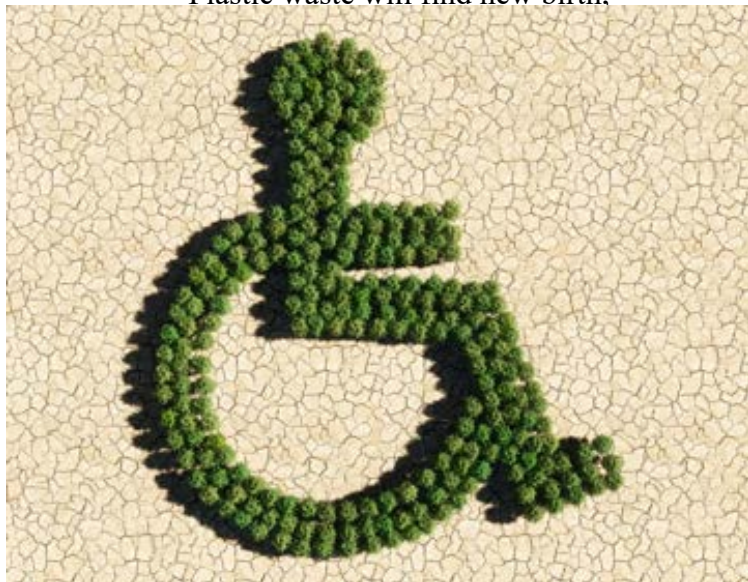
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CCJ ceremonial sitting to pay tribute to outgoing President



On Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) will hold a Ceremonial Sitting at Queen's Hall, Port of Spain, Trinidad, to honor the distinguished service of the Honourable Mr Justice Adrian Saunders, the outgoing President of the Court.

The CCJ, via press release, stated that the event will commemorate Justice Saunders' retirement from his judicial duties after nearly thirty years of dedicated service to the Caribbean region, including twenty years at the CCJ, seven of which he served as the Court's third President. His tenure concludes on 3 July 2025.

In a statement reflecting on the occasion, Justice Saunders expressed that it has been a true honor to serve the people of the Caribbean for almost three decades.

"Both at the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and here at the CCJ, I have had the privilege of working alongside a distinguished panel of judges and a committed team of staff, all of whom share an unwavering dedication to justice, regional development, and institutional excellence," remarked Justice Saunders.

Justice Saunders hails from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and is recognized as the first citizen of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to serve on the bench. His judicial career began in 1996 with an appointment to the High Court of the ECSC. He was promoted to the Court of Appeal in 2003 and served as acting Chief Justice from 2004 to 2005.

The CCJ acknowledged that throughout his tenure at the ECSC, Justice

Saunders was actively involved in judicial reform initiatives, including the introduction of court-connected mediation and the development of the Court's first Judicial Code of Ethics. In 1998, he was awarded a Fellowship from the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI). He served as the Course Director for the CJEI's Intensive Study Programme for several years and currently holds the position of Vice President within the Institute.

According to the CCJ, "Due to his active engagement in advancing judicial integrity, Mr Justice Saunders was also appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime."

In 2005, Justice Saunders became one of the inaugural judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice. He is a founding member of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO), an organization dedicated to judicial education across the region, and served as its Chairman from 2009 until 2019.

In 2018, he was appointed President of the CCJ, a role he has held for approximately seven years—the maximum term permitted for Presidents of the Court. During his presidency, he oversaw the development of the Court's Strategic Plans and played a key role in improving the Court's administrative structure and public outreach efforts.

The Special Sitting will be available on the Court's YouTube page and can be viewed here: [Special Sitting for the Hon. Mr Justice Adrian Saunders.](#) (*Dominica News Online*)



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Regional News

Guyana Election: Nomination Day is July 14

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) on Friday announced that Nomination Day is July 14.

That's according to the work plan approved by the seven-member Commission on Thursday for general and regional elections slated for September 1, 2025.

"In keeping with statutory provisions, Political Parties desirous of contesting the upcoming elections will be required to submit their respective Lists of Candidates on the 14th July, 2025 i.e., Nomination Day," the com-



mission said in a statement. According to GECOM, political parties must submit applications for the allocation of symbols for approval

by the Commission by June 22.

The elections management authority said the GECOM Secretariat has been autho-

risied to proceed with implementation of the tasks in the workplan to "ensure that the elections are conducted in a free, fair, and transparent manner."

With Nomination Day now announced, GECOM said the statutory forms for the submission of lists of candidates are accessible on its website.

The date for the general election was announced on May 25, however, President Irfaan Ali is yet to dissolve Parliament. (*Loop Caribbean*)

Guyana Defence Force confirms recovery of soldier's body

The Guyana Defence Force (GDF) on Saturday confirmed the recovery of the body of Lance Corporal Stefon Tudor, who went missing during a routine riverine patrol on Thursday.

Tudor reportedly fell overboard in the vicinity of the Makapa Rapids along the Cuyuni River.

Immediate rescue efforts were made by his patrol team, followed by a sustained search operation led by GDF units with support from local partners.

His body was recovered on Saturday, approximately 800 meters from the point where he fell.

Lance Corporal Tudor was attached to the Infantry Battalion and deployed at Location Eteringbang at the time of the incident. He served with professionalism, discipline, and commitment.

The GDF extended its condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.



"The Force stands in solidarity with all ranks as we mourn the loss of a soldier who died in the line of duty."

A Board of Inquiry has been estab-

lished and has commenced its investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident. (*Loop Caribbean*)

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Regional News



15-year-old boy charged over alleged shoot-out with police at Ferry

The police have charged a 15-year-old boy who, along with two men, allegedly engaged cops in a shoot-out along the main road in Ferry.

The teen was charged on Friday, following his release from hospital for gunshot wounds.

He is charged with two counts of assault at common law, possession of a prohibited weapon, using a firearm to commit a felony, and discharge of firearm.

The incident happened on Thursday, May 22.

Reports from the Hunts Bay police about 12:55 a.m., a police team was on patrol in the area when the boy and two men were seen walking towards them.

On seeing the police team, one of the men, armed with a rifle, and the other, armed with a handgun, pointed their weapons at the police and opened fire, according to the police.

The police team returned fire, however, the persons escaped in different directions.

The police say a search of

the area was conducted and the teen boy was seen in a yard suffering from gunshot wounds.

He was subsequently taken to hospital for treatment.

Following his release from the hospital, he was inter-

viewed in the presence of his attorney and was charged on Friday, May 30.

His court date has not been finalised.

His alleged accomplices are still being sought by the police. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

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At least seven dead after two Russian bridges collapse



Two bridges have collapsed overnight in separate incidents in Russian regions bordering Ukraine, killing at least seven people and injuring dozens more.

State media said the collapses were being probed as “acts of terrorism”.

A road bridge came down in Bryansk, bringing several heavy trucks onto a moving passenger train late on Saturday, the regional governor said.

At least seven people were killed and at least 71 were injured, Governor Alexander Bogomaz said.

Hours later another bridge collapsed in the Zheleznogorsk district of Kursk, derailling a locomotive train, acting governor Alexander Khinshtein said.

The train caught fire and a driver suffered injuries to his legs, Khinshtein said.

Khinshtein wrote on Telegram in the aftermath: “The cause of the bridge collapse will be established. All emergency services are working on the scene. I am keeping the situation under control.”

Moscow Railway alleged on Telegram that the Bryansk bridge came down as a result of “illegal interference”.

A Ukrainian national security official said the incidents were Russian “false flag” operations, designed to “manipulate international opinion” ahead of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine in Turkey on Monday.

Andrii Kovalenko, head of Ukraine’s National Security and Defence Council’s Centre for Countering Disinformation, accused Russia of “laying the groundwork to derail the negotiations”.

He added Ukraine had “absolutely no incentive to sabotage the Istanbul summit”.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was briefed on the incidents throughout the night, the Kremlin said.

Pictures online from Bryansk showed mangled carriages and passengers helping each other climb out of the wreckage in the dark.

Moscow’s interregional transport prosecutor’s office said an investigation had been launched.

Authorities said the train’s locomotive and several cars derailed when the road bridge fell on to it.

Additional emergency workers, as well as rescue equipment and light towers for carrying out work at night have been sent to the area, according to Russian news agency TASS.

The train was going from the town of Klimovo to Moscow and was in the Vygonichsky district when the collapse happened, officials said.

Passengers were evacuated and guided to a meeting point at a nearby station, Moscow Railway said, adding: “They will be able to continue their journey on a specially formed reserve train” travelling from Bryansk to Moscow.

The first incident took place about 100km (62 miles) from the Ukraine border.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Air Force said seven regions were hit by intense Russian strikes overnight on Saturday, with a total of 472 UAV and drone attacks and seven missile strikes. (*BBC News*)

Bangladesh Supreme Court lifts ban on Jamaat-e-Islami party



Bangladesh has restored the registration of the country's largest Muslim party, more than a decade after it was banned by former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government.

Sunday's Supreme Court decision means the Jamaat-e-Islami party can now be formally listed with the Election Commission, paving the way for its participation in the next general election, which the interim government has promised to hold by June next year.

Jamaat-e-Islami lawyer Shishir Monir said the ruling would allow a "democratic, inclusive and multiparty system" in the Muslim-ma-

jority country of 170 million people.

"We hope that Bangladeshis, regardless of their ethnicity or religious identity, will vote for Jamaat and that the parliament will be vibrant with constructive debates," Monir told journalists.

The party had appealed for a review of a 2013 high court order cancelling its registration after Hasina's government was ousted in August by a student-led nationwide uprising.

Hasina, 77, fled to India and is now being tried in absentia over her crackdown last year, described by prosecutors as a "systematic attack"

on protesters, which according to the United Nations, killed up to 1,400 people.

Islam was sentenced to death in 2014 for rape, murder and genocide during Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence from Pakistan. Jamaat-e-Islami supported Pakistan during the war, a role that still sparks anger among many Bangladeshis today.

"We, as individuals or as a party, are not beyond making mistakes," Jamaat-e-Islami leader Shafiqur Rahman said after Islam's conviction was overturned without specifying what he was referring to.

"We seek your pardon if we have done anything wrong," he said.

The party's members were rivals of Hasina's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of the Awami League, who would become Bangladesh's founding president.

Hasina banned Jamaat-e-Islami during her tenure and cracked down on its leaders.

In May, Bangladesh's interim government, led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, banned the Awami League, pending the outcome of legal proceedings over its crackdown on last year's mass protests. (*Al Jazeera English*)

India's monsoon floods kill at least 22 people

Landslides and flash flooding triggered by days of torrential monsoon rains in India's northeast have killed at least 22 people, officials said Saturday.

Five people, including three from a single family, were killed on Saturday when their homes were buried in a mudslide in Assam state's Guwahati city, an official flood bulletin said.

In neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh state, which borders China, seven people were killed on Friday when their vehicle was swept away by floodwaters. Two others drowned in a separate incident in the state.

Eight people were killed in the states of Mizoram, Tripura and Meghalaya in the last 24 hours due to floods and mudslides



brought on by the rains, according to official figures.

Meanwhile in Assam, authorities disconnected the electricity in several areas to reduce the risk of electrocution, state Chief

Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

Heavy rains also led to flooding in many urban areas of Assam's capital city of Guwahati, leading to long power outages Friday night and prompting

authorities to shut schools and colleges on Saturday.

India's weather agency has forecast more heavy rains in the region in the coming days. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

1 dead and 11 wounded in North Carolina mass shooting

One person is dead and 11 others were wounded at a Sunday morning shooting in a western North Carolina community, according to the Catawba County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies from the sheriff's office and officers with the Hickory Police Department responded to a home on Walnut Acres Drive in the Mountain View community, about 57 miles northwest

of Charlotte, at 12:45 a.m.

"As of this release, twelve victims have been reported," the sheriff's office said. "One of these reported victims is deceased. Another of these reported victims is in critical condition. Several others remain hospitalized."

No one has been arrested in connection with the shooting as of Sunday

morning, the sheriff's office said.

The shooting is under investigation by the Catawba County Sheriff's Office, the Hickory Police Department and special agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

The sheriff's office is asking anyone with information on the shooting to contact them. (*NBC News*)



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Sports News

Flyers complete double and win third successive D-1 playoff title

Top seed EZ Fit Flyers are now three-peat champions after retaining the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Division I playoff championship.

The Flyers clinched the best-of-five Division 1 playoff finals 3-2 by soaring to a 90-73 victory against second seed Total Imports EMC's Potters Steelers in the deciding Game 5 at the JSC Sports Complex.

It means the Flyers completed the double for the second successive year by also retaining the round-robin Division I league title earlier this season.

The Flyers got off to a fast start in Game 5, swooping to a 27-14 advantage at the end of the first quarter and taking the second 27-19 to hold a commanding 54-33 lead at halftime.

The Flyers took total control of the match by outscoring the Steelers 24-19 to take a 78-52 advantage at the end of the third quarter. The Steelers surged ahead to outscore the Flyers 18-14 in the fourth and final quarter to snatch victory.

Having built up a 26-point advantage at the start of the fourth quarter, the Flyers were able to preserve their lead and secure their victory despite being outscored 21-12 by the Potters Steelers in the final quarter of the game.

Adonis Humphreys, who claimed the Most Valuable



Players and supporters of the EZ Fit Flyers celebrate with the trophy after retaining their ABBA's Division 1 Playoff title at the JSC Sports Complex on Thursday, May 29, 2025. (Photos courtesy of the ABBA)



Representative of 1Axxess Antigua Limited Ivalin Murrain, left foreground, presents a gift to EZ Fit Flyers center Adonis Humphreys at the JSC Sports Complex on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Player (MVP) of the league and playoffs, converted 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and Javonte Daley sank 18 points to lead the Flyers. In support, David Hernandez scored 12 points; Alexis Jackson produced 11 points, 15 rebounds, and six assists; and Kenya Ahcom also scored 11 points for the Flyers.

Point guard Jayden Andrew produced a game-high 29 points, seven rebounds, and five assists; Raniq Nicholls sank 12 points; Kareem Edwards converted 11 points and claimed eight rebounds; and Cohen Desouza scored nine points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Potters Steelers.

Pytonz wins first Men's Division 1 League volleyball title



The ABI Insurance and Cool and Smooth Pytonz men's volleyball team.

The ABI Insurance and Cool and Smooth Pytonz have captured their first Men's Division 1 title of the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Local Club League.

The Pytonz, who have three games remaining, clinched the title in the seven-team round-robin league by extending their unbeaten run with a 3-0 victory against the Renegades at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex.

The Pytonz recorded their ninth win in as many games by surging to their 25-8, 25-15, and 25-14 victory against the Renegades to advance to an unassailable 41 points at the top of the standings.

The Renegades remain second from the bottom of the standings with 14 points after slumping to their eighth

defeat in 10 games.

The Storming Lions leapfrogged defending men's Division 1 champions Theatric Lighting and Stage Effects and JOMA Caribbean Stoneville from third to second place by pulling off a 3-0 victory against the Phoenix High Flyerz.

The Storming Lions notched up their seventh win in 11 games by prevailing 25-16, 25-23, and 25-21 against the Phoenix High Flyerz, who remain in fifth place after suffering their fourth loss in eight encounters.

Vernon G. Edwards High Flyerz notched up their fifth win in nine games to move into fourth place by soaring to a 3-0 victory against the Invaders in their Men's Division 1 affair on Saturday.

The High Flyers took an hour and

12 minutes to prevail 25-22, 25-17, and 25-13 against the Invaders, who slipped from fourth to fifth place after suffering their seventh defeat in 11 encounters.

Cool and Smooth and JOMA Caribbean Da Squad continue to dominate the Women's Division 1 League.

Da Squad, who have already clinched their fourth consecutive title, maintained their unbeaten run with a 3-1 victory against Theatric Lighting and Stage Effects and JOMA Caribbean Stoneville in their penultimate game in the six-team round-robin league on Saturday.

Da Squad claimed their ninth win in as many games by pulling off a 24-26, 25-16, 25-15, and 25-23 victory against Stoneville in an hour and 40 minutes. Stoneville remains in fourth place after slumping to their fifth defeat in nine games.

However, the Women's Second Division game between DHS, Print Xpress and Auto Craze Royal Cruisers 2 and High Flyerz Valkyries was not played after both teams failed to show up for the encounter.

Both teams have been penalized by the ABAVA, which has ruled that they have forfeited the game.

It means Royal Cruisers 2 will remain second from the bottom of the standings after suffering their fifth loss in six games.

The High Flyerz Valkyries also remain in seventh place in the nine-team round-robin league after slumping to their third loss in five encounters.



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Overton out of white-ball series against West Indies



Jamie Overton

Jamie Overton has become the latest England bowler to be struck down by injury after breaking his finger against the West Indies.

England all-rounder Jamie Overton has been ruled out of the remaining ODI and upcoming T20I series against West Indies due to injury.

The Surrey man will play no part in the last two of the three-match ODI series against the Windies, as well as the trio of 20-over internationals that follow.

Overton sustained a broken little finger on his right hand during last Tuesday's emphatic 238-run victory against the West Indies at Edgbaston.

The 31-year-old played a starring role with the ball in that win, leading with three for 22 after dismissing Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, and Gudakesh Motie in the middle overs.

Overton's career-best ODI figures were made more impressive considering he left the field after dropping a sharp re-

turn catch from just his second delivery, before returning to claim the three Windies scalps.

"He will now undergo a period of rehabilitation under the supervision of the England medical team," the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed on Saturday.

England will not draft a replacement for the last two ODIs at Cardiff on Sunday (yesterday), prior to Tuesday's final match at the Oval, or the three-match T20I series that starts on Friday in

Durham.

Overton joins a growing list of pace-bowling absentees, with injuries to Jofra Archer and Gus Atkinson already seeing them withdraw from the squad ahead of the ODI series.

Saqib Mahmood, Brydon Carse, Matthew Potts and Luke Wood are England's remaining pace options as Harry Brook looks to double down on his opening success as white-ball captain.

West Indies women still winless on England tour



England's Em Arlott, second right, celebrates with her teammate after dismissing West Indies women's captain Hayley Matthews, left, during the first ODI at the County Ground in Derby, England, on Friday, May 30, 2025. (Getty Images)

The West Indies Women remain winless on their tour of England after suffering a 108-run loss in the first of three One-Day Internationals at the County Ground in Derby on Friday.

The hosts piled up a mammoth 345 for six from their 50 overs after captain Nat Sciver-Brunt won the toss and chose to bat. Openers Tammy Beaumont and Amy Jones set up the massive total with a brilliant 222-run opening partnership.

Jones, opening for the first time in ODIs, top scored with 122 off 121 balls including 15 fours and a six, while Beaumont hit 107 off 104 balls including eight fours and four sixes in support.

Sciver-Brunt also provided some ex-

citement for the Derby crowd with six fours and a six on her way to 52 off 36 balls. Captain Hayley Matthews (two for 49) and Afy Fletcher (two for 65) were the best bowlers for the West Indies.

The West Indian reply started well with Matthews and opening partner Qiana Joseph putting on 91 in 14 overs before the skipper fell for 48 off 47 balls one ball into the 15th over.

Joseph carried on to a top score of 62 off 74 balls before she fell in the 28th over to make it 139 for three. Zaida James was second to go for seven.

The wickets of Shemaine Campbelle (9), Mandy Mangru (1) and Shabika Gajnabi (16) followed not long after before Aaliyah Alleyne and Jahzara

Claxton fought back gallantly with a 21-run seventh-wicket stand.

That resistance ended when Claxton (17), Cherry-Ann Fraser (3) and Afy Fletcher fell within less than five overs of each other to leave the West Indies 219 for nine halfway through the 44th over.

Alleyne was eventually last out for 44, her highest score in ODIs, as the West Indies were dismissed for 237 in the 49th over.

Left arm-spinner Linsey Smith was the pick of the English bowlers with five for 36 from her 10 overs, while pacer Em Arlott took two for 37 from eight overs. The second ODI takes place on Wednesday in Leicester.

CWI establishes new commercial partnership with Courts



The partnership deal was recently signed in Trinidad by (sitting Left to Right) CWI's Chief Commercial Officer, Rupert Hunter; and VP & Managing Director for Courts Caribbean, Felix Siman; who was accompanied by Regional Marketing Director, Feisal Muradali. Witnessing the signing were West Indies Players (standing Left to Right) Shunelle Shaw, Joshua Da Silva, and Djenaba Joseph.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced its newest partnership with Courts, the Caribbean's most trusted home furnishing and appliance retailer—a strategic alliance that unites two iconic symbols of Caribbean identity. Courts is retail brand of the Unicomer Group.

With a legacy spanning over 60 years, Courts has been a staple in Caribbean homes, synonymous with comfort, value, and trust. Now, by aligning with Cricket West Indies, the brand is investing even

deeper into the cultural fabric of the region.

Cricket West Indies CEO, Chris Dehring, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, which commences just prior to the start of the highly anticipated "Full Ah Energy" home series.

"Courts is a brand that is deeply woven into the everyday lives of Caribbean people, just like cricket. This partnership represents a perfect alignment of two institutions that celebrate the region's pride, resilience, and community spirit, and could

not have come at a better time, with both our women's and men's squads preparing to do battle right here in the Caribbean. We are excited to work with Courts to bring fans closer to the game they love and to continue building the future of West Indies cricket."

Through this collaboration, Courts will support grassroots cricket development, fan engagement initiatives, and key regional tournaments — helping to fuel the dreams of young cricketers while giving fans more opportu-

nities to connect with the game they love.

"Cricket is more than a sport in the Caribbean — it's a popular pastime that ignites the passion of West Indian people," said Felix Siman, Caribbean Vice President, UNICOMER GROUP.

"Courts is proud to support Cricket West Indies, investing in the heart of Caribbean culture and the hopes and dreams of people of all ages. For more than sixty years Courts has been part of Caribbean homes and sees this partnership as another way in which the brand can strengthen its connection with consumers across the region."

This partnership reflects Courts' continued commitment to uplifting Caribbean communities by supporting initiatives that resonate deeply with their values and lifestyle. Cricket, with its unmatched ability to bring families and nations together, mirrors Courts' own role in the lives of generations of Caribbean people.

Together, Courts and Cricket West Indies will celebrate what it means to be Caribbean — bold, resilient, passionate, united, and "Full Ah Energy."

England beat West Indies to clinch ODI series



West Indies batsman Keacy Carty, right, celebrates after reaching his century against England during the second One-Day International in Cardiff, Wales, on Sunday, June 1, 2025. (Getty Images)

Keacy Carty's purple patch with the bat continued as he registered a third century in four matches, but his effort was ultimately eclipsed by a sublime unbeaten 166 from Joe Root that powered England to a three-wicket victory and an unassailable 2-0 lead in their three-match One-Day International (ODI) series against the West Indies at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on Sunday.

Sent in to bat, the West Indies posted a competitive 308 all out in 47.4 overs, thanks in large part to a 105-ball 103 from Carty, who anchored a series of vital partnerships.

His 141-run stand with

captain Shai Hope (78 off 66 balls) was the highlight of the innings, reviving the Caribbean side after an early stumble at six for one.

Earlier, Brandon King gave the innings early momentum with a brisk 59 off 67 deliveries, featuring 10 boundaries. But despite a promising 205 for two platform, the Windies lost their last eight wickets for 103 runs as England's bowlers struck back.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid led the charge with four for 63, including the key wickets of King, Hetmyer, Motie, and Joseph. Saqib Mahmood was tidy with 3-37 from 9.4 overs, while



England's batsman Joe Root celebrates after reaching his century against the West Indies during the second One-Day International in Cardiff, Wales, on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Carse, Bethell and Jacks chipped in with one apiece.

In reply, England were rocked early, losing both openers Jamie Smith and Ben Duckett for ducks inside the first two overs. Jayden Seales and debutant Matthew Forde had the hosts reeling at 2-2, but from that moment on, Root took charge.

The former England captain played one of his finest ODI innings, crafting 166 not out from 139 balls with 21 fours and two sixes. He was supported by Harry Brook (47 from 36) in an 85-run third-wicket stand that steadied the innings, before Will Jacks contributed a valuable 49 in a 143-run sixth-wicket partnership that virtually

sealed the result.

Despite Alzarri Joseph's impressive four for 31, including the scalps of Brook, Buttler, Jacks, and Carse, the West Indies couldn't halt Root's march. Rashid added a composed 10 not out to help take England home with 1.1 overs to spare, finishing on 312 for seven.

The match showcased flashes of brilliance from both sides, but in the end, it was Root's commanding knock that proved the difference, guiding England to a three-wicket win and a series-clinching result.

The two teams will meet again in the third and final ODI at The Oval in London on Tuesday.

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Antigua make winning start to LICB T20 Festival



Vice-captain of the Antigua and Barbuda senior team Karima Gore

Host Antigua and Barbuda made an impressive start in the inaugural Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) Senior Men's T20 Cricket Festival at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium (SVRS) on Saturday.

The Antigua and Barbuda senior men launched their campaign with an emphatic 83-run victory against St. Kitts in their first encounter, which was the last match of an opening day triple-header.

The Antiguan made

192 for six off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat. Vice-captain Karima Gore slammed 79 off 51 balls, including six fours and four sixes.

Nino Henry smashed an unbeaten 34 off 14 balls, including four fours and two sixes. Tariq Newman picked up three for 26.

In reply, St. Kitts were restricted to 109 for six off their 20 overs. Captain Cameron Pennyfeather hit a top score of 27 off 12 balls, including three sixes and a four, and Jael Clarke struck 26 off

31 balls.

Off-spinner Kofi James snapped up two wickets for three runs, and leg-spinner Micah McKenzie captured two for 17.

Nevis and Anguilla also made successful starts in the tournament. Nevis snatched a two-run win against the Combined Islands (Montserrat and St. Maarten) in the opening match of the six-team round-robin tournament.

Nevis made 140 for four off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat. Opener Ross Powell slammed an unbeaten 59 off 61 balls. Powell shared a 64-run first-wicket stand with fellow opener Jamie Cornelius, who struck 40 off 29 balls.

Powell also shared a 43-run second-wicket partnership with Shelton Forbes, who made 18 off 17 balls. Michael Palmer picked up two for 28.

In reply, the Combined Islands just fell short as they were restricted to 138 for eight off their 20 overs.

Opener Joshua Grant hammered 44 off 40

balls, and Ziwandhi Whyte scored 24 off 19 balls. Kian Pemberton claimed three for 33, pacer Colin Archibald took two for 23, and Bodgenarine Sharma picked up two for 38.

Anguilla recorded a seven-wicket win against the Combined (US and British) Virgin Islands. The Combined Virgin Islands were restricted to 132 for nine off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat.

Roniel Jeffrey struck 25 off 19 balls, Joel Williams hit 21 off 18 balls, and opener Doyle Jones made 20 off 13 balls. Oliver Walker claimed three for 21, Andros Bowens captured three for 23, and Chamiqueko Landerfort took two for 21.

In reply, Anguilla achieved victory by scoring 133 for three with nine balls to spare. Opener Chesney Hughes cracked an unbeaten 52 off 40 balls, including four fours and two sixes, and captain Dimitri Adams struck 33 off 38 balls.