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Prime Minister Gaston Brown

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is expressing high hopes for next year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference (CHOGM) which Antigua and Barbuda will host for the first time.

Speaking during the presentation of letters by the new British High Commissioner, Simon Mustard on Tuesday, PM Browne said it is his hope that the conference, tentatively set for the first week of November next year, will be an important conference and one that 'makes a difference'.

He noted that the November date is not yet confirmed as discussions are still underway with the Palace. Additionally, he added that while the date falls within the hurricane season, it was suggested that there was a less than three percent chance of a hurricane affecting the country at that time in the year.

"We don't want it to be a routine CHOGM, but one

that will be chaired by the King and brings the Commonwealth together. With all the geo-political issues

that are taking place currently I think it is even more important for the Commonwealth to strengthen the relationship between its members, even to increase trade and investments amongst ourselves, especially as the Commonwealth represents an area of stability," he noted.

The prime minister added that the Commonwealth diverse membership places it in a position to help mitigate some of the existential threats that are 'politically driven'.

On the question of Antigua and Barbuda's relationship with the UK, PM Browne said it was 'easily one of

the best relationship that the country enjoys with another country' as he highlighted the many ways that the UK has assisted Antigua and Barbuda since independence. These include disaster relief, capacity building, infrastructure development and other forms of assistance over the years.

High Commissioner Mustard, thanked the prime minister for his words of welcome and he expressed the UK's willingness to continue to provide assistance in climate change resilience among other areas.

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Most importantly, believe in yourself as much as we believe in you.

On behalf of the entire Ministry of Education and the people of our nation, I wish you calm minds, steady hands, and success in abundance.

With pride and encouragement,
Hon. Daryll S. Matthew
Minister of Education

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Local News

Junior Health Minister expresses frustration with the indiscriminate dumping of garbage

Junior Minister of Health with responsibility for the National Solid Waste Management Authority, Senator Michael Joseph, is expressing frustration with the perennial problem of the illegal dumping of garbage across the country.

Speaker with media representatives this week, Senator Joseph said it is frustrating to see the NSWMA clean an area of old household appliances and other natters of bulk waste from the drains and gutters only to find them filled with similar items mere days afterwards.

“I share the same sentiments of frustration because after you get a report of dumping in one area and Solid Waste cleans it up, you just cannot believe that two or three days after the area is again filled with garbage. The problem too is that this is taking place at non-traditional times, example two or three o’clock in the morning,” Sen Joseph revealed.

The senator is pulling no punches; he is laying much of the blame on the persons who are hired as litter wardens who are failing in their responsibilities to enforce the Litter Act.

“I want to be frank; the problem, as mentioned by the prime minister two weeks ago, rests with our public servants. You hire individuals to do a job and you get the bare minimum. We have litter wardens who are supposed to enforce the law, you have litter wardens who are supposed to investigate these acts, you have litter wardens who are supposed to ensure that individuals, once they are caught, are prosecut-



Junior Minister of Health with responsibility for the National Solid Waste Management Authority, Senator Michael Joseph

ed. Unfortunately, we have complaints being made to the NSWMA office and people reporting that the cannot reach litter wardens on the hotline. We have a systemic problem with the public servants who are expected to enforce the laws regarding littering,” he explained.

Senator Joseph further explained that as legislators, they passed the relevant laws, hire people to enforce these laws, who are expected to carry out their duties.

He added that training is the answer as more people must be trained who are willing to enforce the laws of the land as necessary.



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Sir Clare Roberts presides at swearing-in for Sir McLean Emmanuel, Peter Abraham



Sir McLean Emmanuel, Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare Roberts and Peter Abraham.

Two people were presented with letters of appointment to separate boards within the public sector.

Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare Roberts presided when Sir McLean was sworn in as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Antigua Public Utilities Authority at a ceremony held at Government house on Monday.

In his opening remarks, Sir Clare expressed his privilege and honour in administering the oath to Sir McLean Emmanuel, who was re-appoint-

ed as a Commissioner of the Antigua and Barbuda Public Utilities Authority (APUA), and to Peter Abraham, who was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Social Security Board.

Sir Clare noted that Sir McLean's ability to represent the voices of the many citizens and residents who admire and look up to him would strengthen the strategic direction of APUA and reinforce its mandate to deliver essential services efficiently and reliably.

Turning to Abraham, Sir Clare commended his steadfast service as a board member and acknowledged the Cabinet's confidence in elevating him to the position of Deputy Chairman. He noted Abraham's commitment to the welfare and security of the nation's citizens.

"On reflection," Sir Clare noted, "you are both part of the management of a monopoly. In the case of APUA, the Authority

has the monopoly in the distribution of electricity, water, and telephone land lines. In the case of Social Security, it enjoys legislative protection against competition. I ask you to bear that in mind as you strive to provide the best utilities and the best social security possible."

The ceremony was witnessed by officials and family members and was followed by brief interactions with Sir Clare.

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Productive Meeting with Woods Pond Vendors - A Step Toward Transformation

Minister of Social and Urban Transformation, Rawdon Turner continues to explore ways to improve the vending situation at Woods Centre, close to the Woods Pond.

On Monday, Minister Turner convened a meeting with the hard-working vendors who operate in the Woods Pond area.

He described the meeting as a very productive and positive discussion, while expressing his appreciation to the vendors for their openness, ideas, and most importantly, their full support for the government's planned intervention to improve the current conditions in the area.

"The vendors shared our vision for a cleaner, safer, and more organized space that reflects the pride we all have in our community. They understood the importance of upgrading the site and are eager to play their part in the transformation.

"I also held discussions with the current owner of the land, who has likewise pledged full support for the initiative. This alignment between Government, vendors, and landowner is a critical first step in ensuring that we can move forward together to regularize operations and uplift the overall look and feel of Woods Pond," Minister Turner reported.

This is what partnership looks like — and this is how we build a better Antigua & Barbuda, one space at a time, Minister Turner stated



Vendors at meeting with Minister Rawdon Turner



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Desrie Markham Set to Represent Antigua and Barbuda at Miss Caribbean Universe

The reigning Queen of Carnival 2024, Desrie Markham, is poised to represent Antigua and Barbuda as a delegate in the upcoming Miss Caribbean Universe pageant, slated for June 14th, 2025, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

After capturing the Queen of Carnival crown in 2024, Desrie went on to impress judges and audiences alike, securing the position of 1st runner-up at the Jaycees Caribbean Queen Show.

Senator Shenella Govia, on behalf of Minister Daryll Matthew and the entire Department of Creative Industries, extends best wishes to Desrie Markham, as she prepares to represent Antigua and Barbuda on the regional stage at the Miss Caribbean Universe Pageant.

Senator Govia expressed her confidence in Desrie's ability to shine, stating that "Desrie embodies the very essence of talent, grace, and cultural pride. Her journey thus far is a testament to her dedication and passion for the creative arts. I have no doubt that she will represent Antigua and Barbuda with



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excellence, strength, and poise, leaving an indelible mark wherever she goes. As Desrie travels to this pageant, she carries with her the hopes and pride of a nation. We stand firmly behind her and wish her nothing but success in the competition ahead."

Desrie brings her platform "DRAMA: A Safe Space for the Depressed, Deprived, and Delinquent" to the Miss Caribbean Universe stage. Focused on the healing power of dramatherapy and dramaturgy, her platform speaks to her deep belief in the arts as a form of mental health support and emotional restoration, particularly for vulnerable youth.

Markham is also a Crown Counsel within the Attorney General's Chambers and has recently been attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

With the Miss Caribbean Universe pageant quickly approaching, Desrie Markham is calling on the people of Antigua and Barbuda to rally behind her with unwavering support. The social media platforms for Miss Caribbean Universe have already introduced the dazzling lineup of delegates, and anticipation is building for what promises to be a thrilling eight-segment competition showcasing talent, intellect, cultural pride, and grace.



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Trinity Academy announces the launch of its comprehensive homeschooling program beginning August 2025, positioning itself as a leader in modern education-

al delivery tailored for Caribbean students.

The new homeschooling model addresses critical challenges facing traditional education in the region,

including weather-related disruptions, transportation barriers, and the Caribbean Examinations Council's shift toward electronic testing (e-testing).

"Trinity Academy's homeschooling approach isn't just about convenience—it's about creating an educational environment where every child can thrive," said one member of the School Board of Directors. "We're combining the flexibility of home-based learning with rigorous academics and cutting-edge technology."

Key features of the program include real-time attendance tracking, engagement analytics, instant assessment results, and structured social learning groups. The initiative eliminates transportation costs and weather-related school closures while providing superior digital

preparation for CXC e-tests.

The academy's online platform will provide parents with unprecedented insight into their child's educational journey through progress dashboards and early warning systems that identify potential challenges before they arise.

Trinity Academy's homeschooling model maintains social development through specially designed co-curricular programmes, including community service projects, virtual and in-person clubs, and peer collaboration sessions.

Enrollment for the August 2025 program begins immediately. For more information, contact Trinity Academy at 268-562-8013 or **Email:** trinityacademy-antigua@gmail.com.



Sandals promotes four in its Culinary Department



Juleen Rose

Sandals Grande Antigua has announced the recent promotions of four team members within the culinary department.

According to a company statement the promoted team members have demonstrated unwavering dedication, skill, and passion for creating exceptional dining experiences and are budding leaders within the resort's culinary space.

Carol McRae has been promoted to pastry supervisor and has consistently showcased creativity and expertise in crafting appetizing pastries and desserts. In her new role, she will oversee the pastry team, ensuring the consistent delivery of high-quality, delightful treats.

Juleen Rose has been promot-



Carol McRae



I-Love Lee

Lastly, Junior Chefs I-Love Lee and Jaleel Edwards have both been promoted to Cook 2 having consistently demonstrated strong work ethic, and a passion for the culinary arts. Their dedication to mastering cooking techniques and their commitment to teamwork have made them valuable assets to the Sandals Grande Antigua kitchen team.

"Sandals Grande Antigua Resort and Spa is proud to recognize and reward the talent within our team. These promotions reflect the resort's commitment to providing a rewarding and fulfilling work environment for our team members, while also ensuring the highest standards of culinary excellence for guests," General Manager David Latchimy stated.



Jaleel Edwards

ed to the position of senior sous chef with her culinary talents and leadership abilities being instrumental in the success of the resort's kitchen operations.

Rotary Club of Antigua makes a comfortable donation to the Sunshine Home for Girls

The Rotary Club of Antigua has made a donation of six bunk beds to the Sunshine Home for Girls, allowing the home to comfortably accommodate 12 young girls.

The donation was made possible through a partnership with the Townhouse Mega Store, which provided a significant discount to facilitate the contribution. “We are delighted to collaborate with Townhouse Mega Store in making a positive impact on the lives of these young ladies,” said Sherrie-Ann Brazier, President of the Rotary Club of Antigua. She continued that, “every child deserves a safe and comfortable place to call home, and we are committed to doing our part to help provide that.”

This most recent project underscores the Club’s ongoing commitment to supporting the well-being and development of vulnerable youth in our community.

Over the past 11 months, the Rotary Club of Antigua has engaged in initiatives geared towards developing the physical, mental and social capacities of the girls at the Sunshine Home. These activities also include donations of laptops, pressure cookers, frying pans, scientific calculators, an iron, a toast-



er, Christmas trees, and Christmas gifts.

To celebrate International Women’s Day, the Club hosted a Vision Board Day, where women of the

Rotary Club were matched with the girls of the Sunshine Home based on their future career aspirations. This empowering event aimed to inspire the girls

and foster a sense of hope and possibility.

In addition, the Club has partnered with Koren Norton to develop a counseling program tailored for the residents of the Sunshine Home for Girls. The sessions will focus on building self-esteem, promoting personal empowerment, managing conflict effectively, and raising awareness about mental health.

Major Violet Ezech, the new administrator of the Sunshine Home is thrilled to collaborate with the Rotary of Antigua. “The strength of the Rotary Club as a caring group of professionals is just the example that the girls need see. Our ongoing relationship helps to inspire them to work hard to set and achieve their personal goals”, remarked Major Ezech.

The Rotary Club of Antigua remains dedicated to making a meaningful difference within the community. Acts of kindness such as these are made possible through donations made to the club and the Club’s annual major fundraiser, the Colours fete. The sixteenth installment - Colours of the Wild Wild West – will take place on July 19th at the Coolidge Cricket Grounds at 8:00 p.m.

Another arrest in anti-illegal firearms campaign

27-year-old Akini Walker of Cassada Gardens is due to appear in court today (Wednesday) to answer a charge for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The police have reported that around 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, a team of police officers executed a search warrant at the residence of the accused. During the operation, officers discovered one (1) FN rifle and eighteen (18) rounds of 7.62 calibre ammunition. The firearm and ammunition were seized, and Walker was arrested at the scene and taken into police custody.

He has since been charged with unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition with a court date set for Wednesday.

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to removing illegal firearms from the streets



and ensuring the continued safety and security of all citizens.

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Dominica nominated for 2025 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards



Dominica has been nominated once again for the 2025 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards, an internationally recognized survey led by readers that enables travelers to vote for top resorts, hotels, destinations, and other travel-related categories.

A Discover Dominica press release outlined that the voting period for the 2025 Awards is currently open and will close on June 30, 2025. The island is listed in both the "Countries" and "Islands" categories, highlighting its growing recognition as a notable travel destination.

Voting can be done through the official Condé Nast Traveler voting page at <https://www.cntraveler.com/story/vote-readers-choice-awards>.

The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

are considered among the longest-standing and most respected recognitions within the travel industry. Each year, over 600,000 readers participate in the survey. To be eligible for an award, nominees must meet a minimum response count and attain a high overall rating.

Tourism officials in Dominica encourage supporters, residents, and visitors to take part actively in the voting process. They highlight that each vote contributes to increasing Dominica's visibility on the global stage. Supporters are also encouraged to share the nomination widely with friends, family, and professional networks to help boost voter engagement.

The winners of the 38th Annual Readers' Choice Awards will be announced in the November issue of Condé Nast Traveler and will be featured on the pub-

lication's digital and social media platforms in October 2025. (*Dominica News Online*)

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Exotic animals and over 3,900 rounds of ammunition seized along shoreline in Westmoreland, men being sought



The police are reporting the seizure of over 3,900 rounds of ammunition, a quantity of cigarettes and exotic animals along the shores of Whitehouse, Westmoreland today.

Two men who fled the scene are being sought by the police.

The seizure was made during an intelligence-driven operation by the Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime Investigation Branch (C-TOC) along the

Camp Hope and San San beaches.

Reports are that 5:00 a.m. investigators from C-TOC's Special Operations Unit went to the location.

According to the police, two men were seen removing items from the shoreline.

Upon the approach of the police, the men fled, leaving behind two knitted bags and two makeshift cages contain-

ing 10 live and nine dead exotic parrots, as well as two squirrels.

The bags contained ammunition, which tallied more than 3,900 rounds, according to the police.

Several other items were seized including tools and more than 20 packs of uncustomed cigarettes, the police added.

The police say the National Environment and Planning Agency was immediately contacted and the animals were taken into their care.

Superintendent of Police, Victor Barrett, at C-TOC, lauded the efforts of the police, noting that the illegal importation of exotic animals can pose a significant risk to our environment.

"The illegal trade of exotic animals is a clear and present danger, to our public's safety, national security, and environmental well-being. The JCF is aware of the threat posed by this trade and are pursuing those who are engaged in the act," said Barrett.

Anyone with information that can assist the investigation is urged to contact C-TOC at 876- 967-1389, the National Intelligence Bureau at 811, Crime Stop at 311 or the nearest police station. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)





Grenada to feature on Bravo's "The Real Housewives of Atlanta"

Grenada will be showcased in upcoming episodes of the popular television series *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*.

The Grenada Tourism Authority announced via statement today, June 2, that the series will highlight the "vibrant spirit and undeniable beauty of Grenada in three upcoming episodes to be aired on Bravo TV."

"The episodes, filmed on location in Grenada, premiered on June 1st, with follow-up episodes airing on June 8th and June 15th, as part of Season 16's highly anticipated travel segment," GTA said.

With the reputation of

a wide viewership and a strong fan base across North America, the GTA sees this collaboration with Bravo as a powerful platform to position Grenada as a must-visit destination for culturally curious and experience-driven travelers.

It is anticipated that the three-episode arc will reach millions of viewers in key source markets, further strengthening Grenada's appeal as a destination that seamlessly blends luxury, authenticity, and adventure.

Speaking of the filming experience, the GTA said: "The iconic cast of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* explored Grenada

in true Caribbean style, delving into the island's rich culture, indulging in authentic culinary experiences and taking part in high-energy events that only Grenada could deliver. From the beats of our music to the warmth of our people and the breathtaking natural backdrops, viewers are in for an unforgettable glimpse into life on the Spice Isle."

GTA's CEO, Petra Roach, shared her excitement about the international exposure, saying, "To have Grenada featured on a platform as iconic as *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* is a tremendous opportunity. These episodes offer a window into

the heart of our island. Our food, our music, our celebrations and invite audiences to experience the magic of Grenada for themselves. It's not just screen time; it's storytelling that travels."

Executive producer of the series, Glenda Cox who is Grenadian said it has always been a dream to bring such a project to the island.

"I know now that nothing happens before God's timing. I was given the key to the island and I proudly showed out. This is the first project, but it won't be the last," she said. (*Loop Caribbean*)

Suriname declares day of national mourning for victims of boat accident

Suriname has declared Wednesday a National Day of Mourning as the search continues for persons missing from a boating accident that took place on Sunday near the Tapoekoe/Bamboesi area in the Marowijne district.

President Chandrikapersad Santokhi in declaring Wednesday, June 4, as a “Day of National Mourning” said all flags on public buildings and ships moored at the quay will be flown at half-mast.

According to the Communication Service Suriname (CDS), President Santokhi is expected to sign the book of condolence in the press centre of the Office of the President on Wednesday, as the authorities in Suriname and in French Guiana continue their investigations into the cause of the accident.

On Monday, President Santokhi said he was “deeply shocked” to have learnt of the boating accident on the border river between Suriname and French Guiana that has so far claimed the lives of three people.

The boating incident occurred when a group of family members was returning to Saint-Laurent from Albina after attending a funeral. All victims are said to be part of one family from Saint-Laurent.

The Suriname Police Force (KPS) reported on its website that the aluminium boat with the 12 occupants capsized approximately in the middle of the Marowijne River “presumably due to a gust of wind, causing the boat to end up in a large wave and sink as a result.”

The names of the vessel and the captain have not yet been officially released, and police have confirmed that 12 people were on board the boat

and that three bodies have so far been recovered. Four passengers survived the accident.

Among those that have so far survived is an 11-year-old boy who, according to rescue workers from Saint-Laurent, managed to cling to a tree branch.

Some political parties have expressed their condolences to the families and relatives of the victims of the tragic accident.

“What happened is not only a tragedy for the relatives, but also society as a whole. As a party, we could not have imagined that such a tragic accident

would occur. The loss of family members, friends and loved ones not only affects families, but plunges society as a whole into mourning,” said the Progressive Reform Party (VHP).

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who lost their loved ones in this painful event. The loss is great, the grief immeasurable. Words fail to describe the suffering that the relatives must now bear. May the victims rest in peace.” said the General Liberation and Development Party (ABOP), which is led by Vice President, Ronnie Brunswijk. (*Loop Caribbean*)

NOTICE

To: The Commissioner of Police
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Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: Notice-Application for Tavern Licence

I Brittney Lambert of Longford village St. Johns Antigua, with registered business situate at West Indies Oil Road in St. Johns Antigua and Barbuda **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the liquor licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, High Street St. John's, Antigua on Thursday 3rd of July 2025 next ensuring for a Liquor Licensing pursuant to section (11) (5) of the Licensing (Intoxication Liquor) Act Cap.249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda 1992 Revised Edition, in respect of premises known as “**THE BOWL EATERY**” situated at West Indies Oil Road High Street in the parish of St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda.

Dated the 27th May 2025

UK threatens to sue Abramovich over Chelsea sale



The UK government has threatened to sue former Chelsea Football Club owner Roman Abramovich to make sure the money from the club's sale goes to Ukraine.

The £2.5bn in proceeds have been frozen in a UK bank account since the sale, with Mr Abramovich sanctioned after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The UK government wants the money to be for Ukrainian humanitarian aid, but Mr Abramovich has said he wants it to go to "all victims of the war in Ukraine".

In a joint statement, Chancellor Rachel Reeves and Foreign Secretary David Lammy said: "While the door for negotiations will remain open, we are fully prepared to pursue this through the courts if required."

They said they wanted "to ensure people suffering in Ukraine can benefit from these proceeds as soon as possible".

They added: "The government is determined to see the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea Football Club reach humanitarian causes in Ukraine, following Russia's illegal full-scale invasion."

"We are deeply frustrated that it has not been possible to reach agreement on this with Mr Abramovich so far".

The delay in releasing the funds centres on a disagreement between the UK government and his lawyers.

Mr Abramovich - a Russian billionaire

who made his fortune in oil and gas - was granted a special licence to sell Chelsea following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, providing he could prove he would not benefit from the sale.

He is alleged to have strong ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, something he has denied.

He cannot access the £2.5bn sale proceeds under UK sanctions but the money still legally belongs to him.

When he announced his decision to sell the club, he said proceeds from the sale would be donated via a foundation "for the benefit of all victims of the war in Ukraine", which would in-

clude those in Russia.

The UK government has pushed back and argued that the funds should only be spent on humanitarian efforts inside Ukraine.

A House of Lords committee said last year said it was "incomprehensible" that Mr Abramovich's promise to use the funds to support Ukraine remained unfulfilled, and that the assets remained frozen.

"This impasse reflects badly on both Mr Abramovich and the government, which ought to have pushed for a more binding commitment," the report said. *(BBC News)*

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Earthquake sparks escape of 216 inmates from Pakistan prison



More than 200 inmates have escaped from a prison in Pakistan after they were moved from their cells for safety amid earthquake tremors, officials have said. Several dozen of the pris-

oners that broke out of the jail in Karachi were quickly recaptured, police said on Tuesday, but at least 130 are understood to remain unaccounted for. Authorities added that raids are under

way to apprehend those still at large.

Of the 216 prisoners who had fled from Malir prison during the night, 78 had been recaptured, Kashif Abbasi, a senior police official, told the AP news agency. He stressed that none of the escaped prisoners were convicted fighters.

Escapes are not common from Pakistani jails, which have stepped up security measures since an attack on a prison by the Pakistani Taliban in the town of Dera Ismail Khan, which freed hundreds of inmates.

One prisoner was killed and three security officials were

wounded in a shootout that developed amid a bid to put one of the escapees back into custody.

Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, home minister for Sindh province, said the jailbreak happened while prisoners were removed from their cells for safety during the tremors. Once outside their cells, a group of inmates attacked guards, seized their weapons and opened fire.

In comments carried live on local TV news channels, Lanjar said the prison break was one of the largest ever in Pakistan, the Reuters news agency reported. (*Al Jazeera English*)



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US Supreme Court to hear private prison company appeal in suit over immigration detainee \$1-a-day wages



The US Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear an appeal from a private prison company facing a lawsuit claiming immigration detainees were forced to work and paid a \$1 a day in Colorado.

The GEO Group appealed to the high court after a judge refused to toss out the 2014 lawsuit saying the detainees had to perform both unpaid janitorial work and other jobs for little pay to supplement meagre meals.

The company says the lawsuits are really a back door way to push back against federal immigration policy, and its pay rates are in line with Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations.

They say the migrants can't sue because it's running Aurora, Colorado, facility on behalf of the government, which is immune from such lawsuits.

Attorneys for the migrants say the lawsuit is only about people being paid "almost nothing" for their work, and the contract didn't require them to pay so little.

A lower court judge allowed the lawsuit to go forward and the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals found it couldn't review the immunity claim before trial. The GEO Group argued to the Supreme Court that government contractors should be able to argue that issue on appeal quickly.

The Florida-based GEO Group is one

of the top private detention providers in the country, with management or ownership of about 77,000 beds at 98 facilities.

Its contracts include a new federal immigration detention centre where Newark Mayor Ras Baraka was arrested at a protest in May.

Similar lawsuits have been brought on behalf of immigration detainees elsewhere, including a Washington state case where the company was ordered to pay more than \$23 million. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

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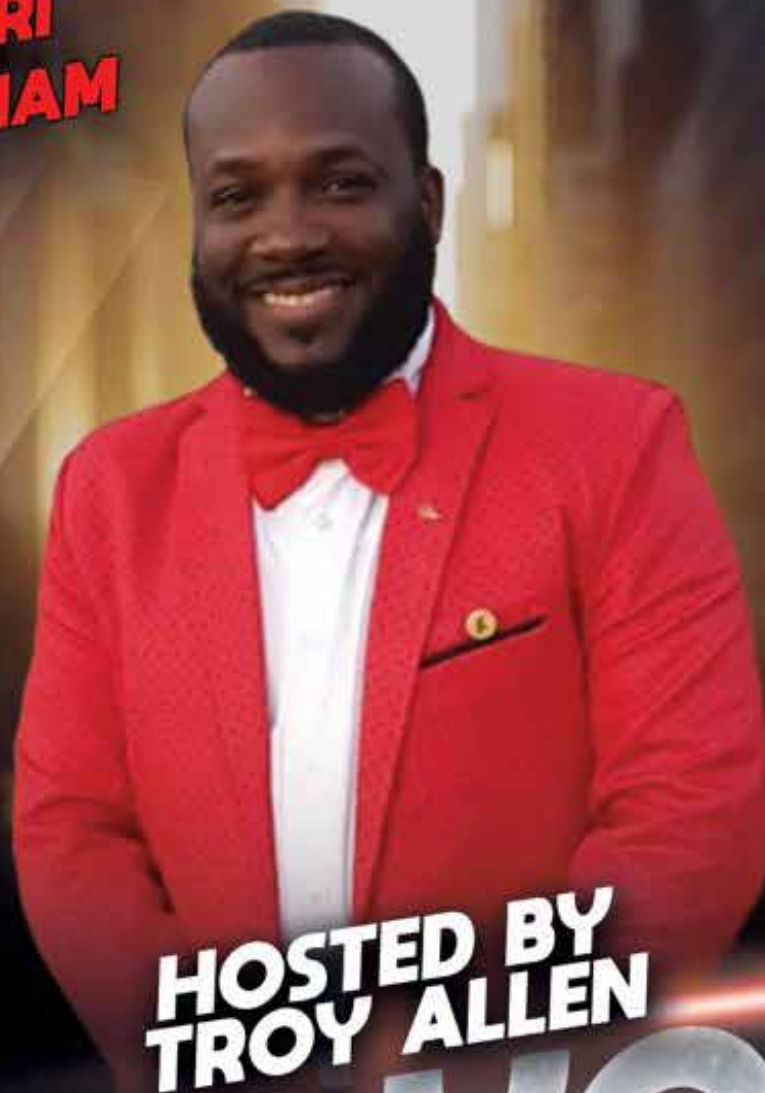
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Host Antigua and Barbuda suffer defeat in LICB T20 Festival



The Anguilla senior men's cricket team

After winning their first two matches, host Antigua and Barbuda suffered their first defeat in the inaugural Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) T20 Festival on Tuesday.

The Antigua and Barbuda senior men's team recorded convincing wins against St. Kitts and Nevis but crashed to an 11-run defeat against Anguilla in a top-of-the-table clash at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium (SVRS).

The Anguillans kept their unbeaten run intact and claimed their third win in as many games by scoring 157 for four off their 20 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Opener Jahmar Hamilton slammed 52 off 28 balls, including six fours and four sixes. Deon Burton struck an unbeaten 30 off 29 balls, and Jaidel Richardson scored 27 not out off 17 balls, including two sixes and a four.

Leg-spinner Hayden Walsh Jr. picked up two for 29 in four overs.

Anguilla managed to successfully defend their total by dismissing Antigua and Barbuda for 146 in 19.3 overs to remain the only unbeaten team in the six-team round-robin tournament.

Most of the Antiguan batters got into double figures but were unable to convert their knocks into big scores.

Michael Haynes Dover top scored with 38 off 33 balls, vice-captain Kari-

ma Gore hammered 27 off 17 balls, including three sixes, D'Ahri Francis struck 23 off 11 balls, and opener Kofi James cracked 18 off 11 balls.

Shivnarine Benjamin snapped up three for 15, Andros Bowens bagged three for 25, and Jaidel Richardson picked up three for 36.

Anguilla, who have also claimed wins against the Combined Virgin Islands (British and United States) and St. Kitts, will seek to extend their unbeaten run when the tournament continues with three matches on Thursday.

The Anguillans will take on Nevis at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium at 11 am, Antigua and Barbuda will meet the Combined Islands (Montserrat and St. Maarten) at the Pigotts playing field at 2:30 pm, and St. Kitts will clash with the Combined Virgin Islands at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium at 3 pm.



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Sports News



Buckley's 3Js among semi-finalists in ABSCA's 30-Over Men's contest



Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js men's softball cricket team

Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js won their final match in the preliminary stage to clinch the second-seed rankings in the semi-finals of the Antigua Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) WTP 93.5 FM Men's 30-Over Championship on Sunday.

The Buckley's 3Js snatched a nine-wicket victory against the Dredgers at the Dredgers playing field to finish second behind Rackaman Construction Strictly Business, who claimed the top seed rankings in the semi-finals after ending the preliminary stage at the top of the standings.

The Dredgers were restricted to 118 for eight off 22 overs. Kurt Douglas hit 22, J'Quan Athernaze struck 19, and Loy Weste scored

16.

In reply, the Buckley's 3Js achieved victory at 121 for one in 13.1 overs. Charanlall Ramjohn hammered an unbeaten 57, which included seven sixes. Denley Thomas cracked 30 not out, and Kenrick Scott scored 24.

Kurt Douglas picked up one for 25 for the Dredgers, who also qualified for the semi-finals as the third seed.

Bryson's Shipping and Insurance Bullets clinched their last semi-final spot as the fourth seed after pulling off a 35-run victory against PMS in their last preliminary round match at the Powells playing field.

Bullets made 182 for seven off their allotted 30 overs. Tassilo Allen slammed 72, Deran Benta struck 32, and

Morrison Browne scored 19. Terence Thompson captured three for 25.

In reply, PMS was dismissed for 148 in 29.2 overs. Kenny Benjamin slammed 40, Shawn Balgobin hit 27, and Clarence Francis made 14. Kimani George picked up two for 16.

Goody's Taxi Service and Tours 300 crushed Mix Up Stars by 54 runs in their final preliminary round match at the Rising Sun playing field.

Batting first, 300 made 131 for three off 25 overs. Molvin James hit an unbeaten 48, Richard Dyer struck 38, and Veston Lewis scored 22.

In reply, Mix Up Stars crashed to 77 all out in 15.3 overs. Malik Gerald scored 40. Justin Periera snapped up four for 12, Vernel Isa-

dore grabbed four for 21, and Zack Thomas picked up two wickets for six runs.

In the semi-finals, Rackaman Construction Strictly Business will face Bryson's Shipping and Insurance Bullets, and Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js will clash with the Dredgers.

The semi-finals line-ups have also been decided in the St. John's Co-operative Credit Union ABSCA's Women's 15-Over Championship.

Top seed Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers will take on fourth seed Bravos Wholesale and Distributors Rockets, and second seed Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors will clash with third seed Bryson's Shipping and Insurance Bullets.

England beat Windies to secure 3-0 ODI series sweep



Captain Harry Brook holds the trophy as England's players celebrate after sweeping the ODI series against the West Indies by winning the third and final match at the Kia Oval in London, England, Tuesday, June 3, 2025. (Getty Images)

Despite half-centuries from the returning Sherfane Rutherford and Gudakesh Motie, England handed the West Indies a comprehensive seven-wicket loss to complete a 3-0 sweep of their One-Day International Series at The Kia Oval in London on Tuesday.

After losing the toss and being put in to bat, the West Indian innings was halted after 15 overs due to rain, eventually leading to the match being reduced to 40 overs per side.

In their 40 overs, the West Indies posted a respectable 251 for nine, recovering from being 121 for six in the 22nd over.

The main reasons for that recovery was a 33-run seventh-wicket partnership between Rutherford and Motie and then a 91-run stand for the eighth

wicket between Motie and Alzarri Joseph.

Rutherford, who missed the first two ODIs while representing the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League, top scored with 70 off 71 balls, including nine fours and two sixes, while Motie made 63 off 54 balls, including five fours and three sixes.

Joseph provided some excitement towards the end of the innings with 41 off 29 balls including five fours and two sixes.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid was the pick of the English bowlers with three for 40 from his eight overs, while pacers Saqib Mahmood, Brydon Carse, and Matthew Potts each took two wickets.

Facing a revised target of 246, the

hosts then made light work of the chase, using only 29.4 overs to reach 246 for three.

Openers Jamie Smith and Ben Duckett were the stars of the show with half-centuries. Smith hit 10 fours and three sixes on his way to a 28-ball 64, while Duckett made 58 off 46 balls, including five fours and three sixes.

Joe Root and Jos Buttler also got close to fifties of their own with 44 and 41 not out, respectively, while skipper Harry Brook finished not out on 26 alongside Buttler in the end.

The two teams will now turn their attention to the three-match T20 International series, beginning on Friday at Chester-Le-Street in Durham.

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Bengaluru win maiden IPL title to shed underachievers tag



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli lifts the IPL Trophy after beating Punjab Kings in the final in Ahmedabad, India, on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. (Getty Images)

AHMEDABAD (Reuters) - Royal Challengers Bengaluru and their talisman Virat Kohli ended a 17-season drought by winning their maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) title, beating Punjab Kings by six runs in the final in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.

Bengaluru posted a modest 190 for nine with Kohli, their leading scorer this season, top scoring for them with a composed 43.

It was, however, their lion-hearted bowling which secured their win after they restricted Punjab to 184 for seven despite Shashank Singh's unbeaten 61 off 30 balls.

Kohli was in tears once he realised Bengaluru were about to shed the underachievers tag that has stuck to them since the inaugural 2008 edition of the league.

"I think it is really special for me and special for Virat Kohli and all the fans who have supported for

years. They deserve it," Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar said.

"I think 190 was a good score on this track because it was a bit slow. The way the bowlers executed their plans was tremendous to watch."

Put in to bat at a heaving Narendra Modi Stadium, Bengaluru could not stitch together significant partnerships and fell short of the 200-mark.

Kohli anchored their innings but Bengaluru could never really break loose. Bengaluru were 87 for two at the midway stage but with enough overs left for other players to bat around Kohli.

Azmatullah Omarzai deceived Kohli with a bouncer and took a running, tumbling return catch to dismiss the batter.

Jitesh Sharma's 24 off 10 balls injected some momentum into Bengaluru's stop-start innings and

Liam Livingstone made 25 but the side could not really capitalise in the death overs.

Punjab's Kyle Jamieson claimed 3-48, while his new ball partner Arshdeep Singh bowled an excellent three-wicket final over, conceding only three runs.

Punjab got off to a rollicking start in their chase and opener Prabhsimran Singh, then on nine, was lucky to be spilled in the deep by Romario Shepherd.

Josh Hazlewood, the luckless Bengaluru bowler, did not have to wait long for success though, as Phil Salt took a stunning catch in the deep to remove Priyansh Arya (24) and break the 43-run opening stand.

Krunal Pandya removed Prabhsimran and Shepherd redeemed himself by dismissing Punjab's inform captain Shreyas Iyer to turn the match on its head.

Player-of-the-match Pandya put Bengaluru on top when he dismissed the dangerous Josh Inglis (39) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar effectively sealed the match in Bengaluru's favour when he dismissed Nehal Wadhwa and Marcus Stoinis in the same over.

"I am very proud of each and every individual in this team," Punjab captain Iyer said.

"There are a lot of youngsters who are playing their first season, they've shown a lot of fearlessness. We have to be here and win the trophy next year."

ABCA's Super40 Cup to commence this month under new format



The PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks team pose with their sponsor's banner after retaining the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Cup at Ball Beef in Liberta on Sunday, May 19, 2024. (File Photo)

The Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) has made changes to the preliminary stage and knockout format for this year's Super40 Cup limited overs competition, which will commence next weekend.

Unlike previous years, the preliminary stage of the 2025 ABCA Super40 Cup will be contested utilizing a group format, and there will not be any knockout semi-finals.

Like last year, all 10 teams will participate in the 2025 40-over-a-side

competition. However, unlike previous years in which the teams contested a round-robin preliminary stage, the participants have been divided into two groups comprising five teams for that opening phase of this year's competition.

All five teams will contest a round-robin phase in their respective group during the preliminary stage.

Defending champions PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks will compete in Zone A alongside Pig-

otts Crushers, All Saints Pythons, WES Rising Sun Spartans, and the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles.

Last year's losing finalists, the New Winthorpes Lions, will contest Zone B along with the Bolans Blasters, the Jennings Tigers, Empire Nation, and Tertiary Institutions & Schools.

The team that finishes at the top of the standings in each zone at the end of the round-robin preliminary stage will be the group winners and will advance

to the final.

According to ABCA's First Vice-President Kenny Lewis, this year's Super40 Cup will have a reduction of matches in the interest of time.

The 2025 ABCA's Super40 Cup will commence with four matches in the opening round group stage on Saturday, June 14.

In Zone A, the Liberta Blackhawks will host the Pigotts Crushers at Ball Beef in Liberta, and the All Saints Pythons will clash with the Rising Sun Spartans at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

In Zone B, the Bolans Blasters will meet the Jennings Tigers at the Jennings playing field, and Empire Nation will take on Tertiary Institutions & Schools at the Factory Ground.

The PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks completed a hat-trick of titles by retaining the ABCA's Super40 Cup last year.

The Blackhawks soared to their third consecutive Super40 Cup championship by beating the New Winthorpes Lions by six wickets in the final at Ball Beef in Liberta.