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- Ruling fully vindicates Prime Minister Browne, his family, and Government officials -

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda welcomes Wednesday’s decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which quashed every subpoena issued at the request of Yulia Guryeva-Motlokhov—daughter of the sanctioned Russian national who owned the super-yacht Alfa Nero—against Prime Minister Gaston Browne, members of his family, senior Government officers, and several private companies.

In a detailed Memorandum Opinion and Order, Judge Jesse M. Furman held that the applicant “failed to meet the statutory requirements for relief” under 28 U.S.C. § 1782. As a result, the Court:

- *Quashed the subpoenas in their entirety;*
- *Vacated its earlier ex parte order that had authorised the subpoenas; and*
- *Directed the applicant’s counsel to arrange the prompt destruction of any material already produced.*

This ruling confirms what the Government has said from the outset: the application had no merit, no legal foundation, and no legitimate purpose. It was a fishing expedition aimed at

harassing the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, its Prime Minister, and others through false and malicious allegations.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne stated: “Today’s decision is complete vindication. The Court has confirmed that

these subpoenas were never justified. We will always defend the integrity of our institutions and the good name of those who serve them.”

Attorney-General Sir Steadroy Benjamin added: “The Court’s order speaks for itself: the applicant could not satisfy even the basic legal threshold. We trust this outcome will deter any future attempts to weaponise foreign court processes against Antigua and Barbuda.”

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda remains firmly committed to transparency, the rule of law, and the highest standards of public accountability. At the same time, it will vigorously oppose any effort—domestic or foreign—to tarnish the reputations of its officials or to coerce the nation into abandoning decisions made in the best interests of the people of Antigua and Barbuda.



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The Housing Revolution continues; City South Residents are next in line



Parliamentary Representative, Sir Steadroy Benjamin

The Housing Revolution in Antigua and Barbuda that started under the Gaston Browne Administration has received a much welcomed boost with the allocation of lands in the Belmont area for housing development.

Parliamentary Representative, Sir Steadroy Benjamin has announced that Cabinet on Wednesday approved the transfer of fifteen (15) acres of land in the Belmont area to the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA) where it will undertake a housing project that will benefit approximately 100 families. The 15 acres will be added to another 40 parcels that have been allocated for housing already.

Sir Steadroy said the development will start almost immediately as the transfers have to take place and the area prepared for the start of construction. He however anticipates that construction will start as soon as possible.

He revealed that CHAPA will construct 2 and 3-bedroom houses for working class families, although it is expected that the people in the St. John's City South constituency who have been longing for a housing development for many years, will receive preference with the allocation of the houses.

"The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Gaston Browne, is again demonstrating its care and its commitment to the ordinary men and women of our fair land; to provide them with good, affordable homes; this is true empowerment. We are committed to empower all citizens of this country, including the poor and vulnerable with that most prized possession; the keys to their own homes," Sir Steadroy exclaimed.

He added that both he and the executive of the SJCS branch have been working

relentlessly to bring housing development to the area so that people in the community may benefit.

An official government statement noted, "As part of its ongoing land and homeownership empowerment initiative, the Cabinet has approved the acquisition of land and the construction of 100 new homes in the Belmont community. Recognizing the pressing demand for housing—as evidenced by the thousands of applications submitted

to the Central Housing and Planning Authority and the National Housing Development and Urban Renewal Company Limited—the Cabinet designated the Belmont development as a high-priority project. "Ministers responsible for Housing, Works, and Urban Development have been instructed to collaborate closely with the parliamentary representative for the area to expedite the implementation of the project."



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Government plans to enact legislation to expunge criminal records for small amounts of marijuana

The government will soon enact legislation that will expunge the criminal records for persons who have been convicted for the possession of small amounts of cannabis (marijuana).

The Cabinet on Wednesday authorized the Attorney General and the Ministry of Legal Affairs, Sir Steadroy Benjamin to have his legal department draft legislation for presentation at the next sitting of Parliament, aimed at expunging the criminal records of individuals convicted for possession of small quantities of cannabis (less than 15 grams) and granting them official pardons.

The proposed legislation will also apply to individuals convicted under the Public Health Amendment Act during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a view to clearing their records as well.



Additionally, the Cabinet has agreed that the Prime Minister will advise the Governor General to exercise his constitutional authority under Section 84(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda to pardon individuals currently serving sentences at His Majesty's Prison, who are actively engaged in the HAPI (Home As-

sistance Programme for the Indigent) Programme and have demonstrated genuine rehabilitation.

Cabinet emphasized that the criminal records of these individuals will be expunged, allowing them a fresh start and an opportunity to continue contributing positively to society.

"This action aligns with the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party government's commitment to rehabilitation and reintegration. Upon receiving their pardons, these individuals will be immediately offered full-time employment within the HAPI Programme. Cabinet also approved the granting of Half a Million Dollars (\$500, 000.00) to the HAPI Programme for the continued building and reconstruction of homes for the less fortunate," Cabinet sources revealed.



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Prime Minister Gaston Browne Receives British High Commissioner During Credential Presentation Ceremony

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda welcomed the newly appointed British High Commissioner to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, His Excellency Simon Mustard during the official presentation of credentials to Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne. The meeting underscored the enduring strength of the Antigua and Barbuda–United Kingdom partnership and reaffirmed a shared commitment to advancing bilateral and regional cooperation.

Prime Minister Browne warmly received the High Commissioner, expressing gratitude for the United Kingdom's longstanding support, including historical assistance with infrastructure projects, post-hurricane recovery in Barbuda, and educational development through initiatives such as the Chevening Scholarships.

“We continue to do all we can to strengthen not only the bilateral relationship between Antigua and Barbuda and the UK, but also the regional and sub-regional relationships between CARICOM, OECS, and the United Kingdom,” said Prime Minister Browne. He highlighted the UK-funded CIF facility, which contributed £14 million to rehabilitate two critical roadways, and praised the UK's contributions to



Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne and British High Commissioner to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, His Excellency Simon Mustard



Barbuda's post-disaster recovery and renewable energy development.

The Prime Minister emphasized the urgent need for climate action, citing the upcoming COP summit in Brazil and calling for the full capitalization and operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund. “To build out climate-resilient infrastructure is practically beyond our means.

Access to climate financing is essential,” he said.

Prime Minister Browne also announced that Antigua and Barbuda is preparing to host CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) in November 2026, aiming for a transformative and impactful summit that will address key geopolitical issues and promote deeper Commonwealth

collaboration.

In response, the British High Commissioner expressed appreciation for the Prime Minister's leadership and reaffirmed the UK's commitment to supporting climate resilience, regional security, and economic prosperity across the Caribbean.

“The UK remains an activist partner in the climate space and stands ready to support access to financing, regional resilience, and institutional capacity,” said the High Commissioner Mustard. He also noted the UK's strong commitment to combating regional security threats, such as the illicit arms and drug trade, through collaboration with institutions like the Regional Security System (RSS) and international partners.

High Commissioner Mustard highlighted the UK's interest in expanding collaboration on science, technology, innovation, and renewable energy, and pledged continued engagement to deepen economic ties and drive shared prosperity.

The interaction concluded with mutual expressions of goodwill and commitment to further strengthening one of the Caribbean's most enduring and productive diplomatic relationships.



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Antigua and Barbuda spotlighted at CTO's Caribbean Week in New York



Antigua and Barbuda delegation at CTO's Caribbean Tourism Week in New York City

Antigua and Barbuda was spotlighted this week at the Caribbean Tourism Organization's (CTO) Caribbean Week in New York which runs from June 1 - 6. The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) joined representatives from dozens of other Caribbean countries at The Westin New York at Times Square and played a leading role in showcasing the future of Caribbean tourism.

The high-profile delegation from Antigua and Barbuda was led by the Min-

ister of Tourism Charles 'Max' Fernandez. He was joined by:

- Sandra Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism
- Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority
- Dean Fenton, Director of Tourism, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority-USA
- Charmaine Spencer, Director of Tourism, Caribbean and LATAM
- Arah Robins, Marketing Communications Executive, Antigua and Bar-

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- Andy Liburd, Sales and Marketing Officer, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority-USA
- Annette Aflack, Director of Special Events, Promotion, and Protocol, Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism

"Caribbean Week - and the spirit of cooperation that defines it - has a special place in our hearts," said Minister Fernandez, speaking to members of the media. "I think the enduring appeal of this event speaks

to the level of commitment in the Caribbean, and how hard we are all working collectively to share our offerings with North America and the world."

The delegation made the most of their time at the event, shining a spotlight on the many virtues of Antigua and Barbuda as a destination through a robust schedule of speeches, participation in the Ministers' forum, and marquee appearances. The Minister was joined by Antiguan Chef Claude Lewis, former

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winner of Food Network's Chopped, for a segment on WPIX TV, in which they explored the vibrant cuisine of the country, its beautiful beaches, and its eminent accessibility from North America. The Minister of Tourism also met with Travel Weekly's Editor-In-Chief, Arnie Weissman, and Katherine LaGrave, deputy editor from AFAR Magazine, providing a destination update. Additionally, Antigua and Barbuda sponsored English Harbour Rum cocktails at AFAR's private Caribbean Week reception.

CEO Colin C. James - also the chairman of the CTO's events committee - officially opened Caribbean Week with thoughtful remarks and a prayer, thanking attendees and appealing to the shared strength between the competing, yet collaborating, countries.

"Everyone who is familiar with us will understand why we celebrate - and are eternally thankful for - our region's resilience," said James in his address. "We are grateful, too, to be blessed with the natural assets that make us such a desirable destination in this highly competitive tourism industry. That competition keeps us on our toes, keeps us crafting new strategies and delivering even greater value, keeps us improving the quality and sustainability of our product."

For the second year in a row, the ABTA also hosted a sold-out Caribbean Women's Leadership Dinner & Awards ceremony on Monday, June 2. This highly anticipated event honours and recognizes the achievements of the many women leading innovation in the Caribbean tourism industry across three distinguished categories:

the Director of Tourism Award, the Minister of Tourism Award, and the Secretary-General's Distinguished Service Award.

Held annually in New York, the CTO's Caribbean Week brings together Ministers, CEOs, travel agents, and other representatives from across dozens of islands for what has become the premier Caribbean

tourism exhibition and networking event in North America. This year's edition of the event, under the theme "Caribbean Resilience: Crafting Tomorrow's Tourism," educated and entertained attendees with industry leadership forums, strategic workshops, a media marketplace, artificial intelligence panels, and sponsored celebrations of Caribbean culture.



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- Ensure accurate financial reporting and compliance with the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda.
- Lead the development and implementation of financial systems, controls, and policies.
- Supervise and guide accounting personnel, including performance evaluations and training.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration.
- Professional designation (ACCA, CPA, CGA) is required.
- A Master's in Business Administration (MBA) would be an asset.
- Minimum of 7 years' experience in a senior financial management role.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, and QuickBooks.
- Excellent communication, analytical, and leadership skills.

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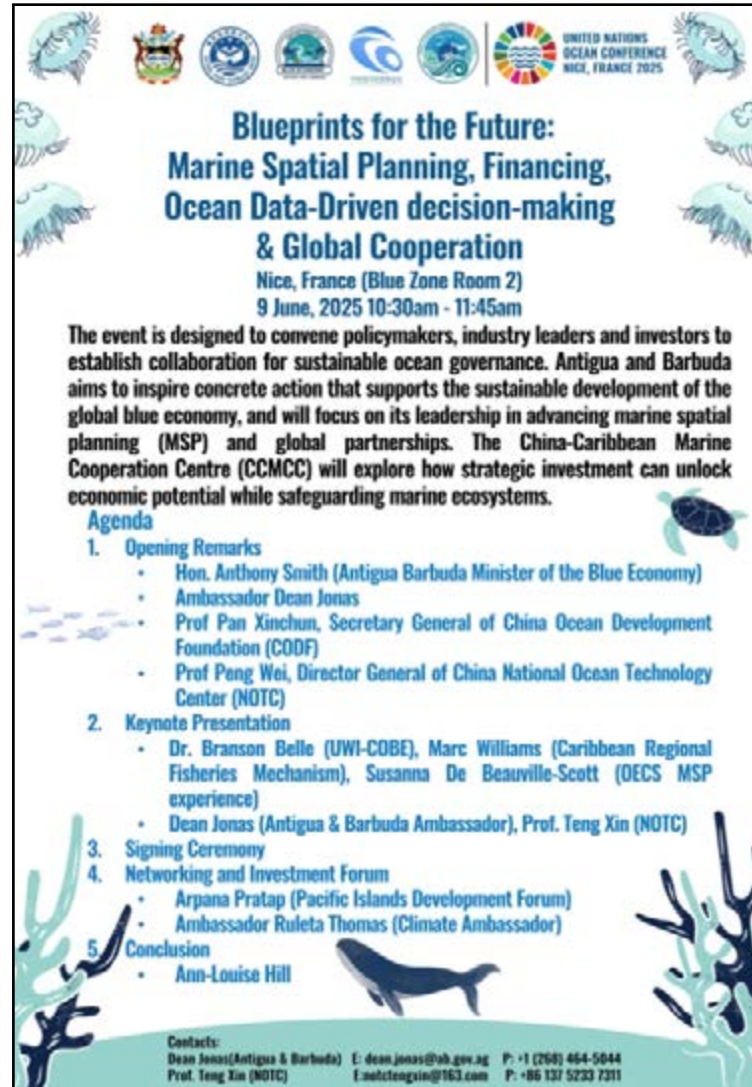
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Antigua and Barbuda to Showcase Global Blue Economy Leadership at UNOC3 Side Event

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda is participating in a high-level side event at the United Nations Ocean Conference 2025 (UNOC3), set to take place in Nice, France on Monday, June 9, 2025. The event, themed “Blueprints for the Future: Marine Spatial Planning, Financing, Ocean Data-Driven Decision-Making & Global Cooperation,” is being jointly hosted by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the People’s Republic of China.

The Antiguan delegation will be led by Minister of the Blue Economy, Anthony Smith, Ambassador Dean Jonas, Ambassador Ruleta Camacho-Thomas, Director Ann-Louise Hill, and supported by a distinguished team from China’s National Ocean Technology Center (NOTC), the China Oceanic Development Foundation (CODF), the University of the West Indies Centre of Ocean and Blue Economy (UWI-COBE), the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), and the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF).

This strategic side event marks a major milestone for Antigua and Barbuda,



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Nice, France (Blue Zone Room 2)
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The event is designed to convene policymakers, industry leaders and investors to establish collaboration for sustainable ocean governance. Antigua and Barbuda aims to inspire concrete action that supports the sustainable development of the global blue economy, and will focus on its leadership in advancing marine spatial planning (MSP) and global partnerships. The China-Caribbean Marine Cooperation Centre (CCMCC) will explore how strategic investment can unlock economic potential while safeguarding marine ecosystems.

Agenda

- 1. Opening Remarks**
 - Hon. Anthony Smith (Antigua Barbuda Minister of the Blue Economy)
 - Ambassador Dean Jonas
 - Prof Pan Xinchun, Secretary General of China Ocean Development Foundation (CODF)
 - Prof Peng Wei, Director General of China National Ocean Technology Center (NOTC)
- 2. Keynote Presentation**
 - Dr. Branson Belle (UWI-COBE), Marc Williams (Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism), Susanna De Beauville-Scott (OECS MSP experience)
 - Dean Jonas (Antigua & Barbuda Ambassador), Prof. Teng Xin (NOTC)
- 3. Signing Ceremony**
- 4. Networking and Investment Forum**
 - Arpana Pratap (Pacific Islands Development Forum)
 - Ambassador Ruleta Thomas (Climate Ambassador)
- 5. Conclusion**
 - Ann-Louise Hill

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as the country solidifies its position as a regional leader in Blue Economy development, ocean governance, and sustainable marine innovation. The side event is expected to draw investors and global attention to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) leadership in marine spatial planning, ocean data integration, and collaborative international partnerships.

Key highlights of the event include:

- Opening statements by Minister Smith, Ambassador Jonas, and senior Chinese ocean officials;
- A keynote presentation on cutting-edge technologies and sustainable business models for the Blue Economy;
- The signing of a Letter of Intent to establish the China-Caribbean Marine Cooperation Centre

(CCMCC) in Antigua and Barbuda;

- Presentations from CRFM, UWI-COBE, OECS, and PIDF representatives on ocean policy, climate resilience, and marine investment;

- A special investment forum segment aimed at mobilizing financing for Blue Economy initiatives.

“This event exemplifies Antigua and Barbuda’s proactive leadership in advancing sustainable ocean development and forging meaningful international partnerships,” said Ambassador Dean Jonas.

“It’s a critical moment to highlight how our marine spatial planning, data-driven strategies, and China-Caribbean cooperation are creating a new vision for resilient ocean economies.” said Dr Teng Xin.

The event is part of a wider strategy to position Antigua and Barbuda as a hub for marine innovation, investment, and international collaboration across the Caribbean and beyond. Outcomes are expected to include stronger cooperation frameworks, new investment opportunities, and accelerated implementation of sustainable ocean strategies.



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Fresh look for Woods Pond vendors



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Artist drawing for new vending huts at Woods Pond

The Government is moving forward with a Vendors Intervention Project designed to upgrade the area where several hardworking fruit and vegetable vendors make their daily living at Woods Pond.

Social and Urban Transformation Minister, Rawdon Turner noted that for years, Woods Pond has been a hub for fresh, local produce, and now it's time to give it the structure, cleanliness, and support it deserves.

“This upgrade is not just about aesthetics — it’s about supporting the people who feed our nation, preserving livelihoods, and encouraging healthy, local eating.

We’re building with vendors in mind —

and with community at heart. Your feedback is welcome as we take this important step together,” Minister Turner stated in a social media post.

Let’s grow something great at Woods Pond, he added.

Melville Richardson takes a bow



Melville Richardson

Melville Richardson, an outstanding teacher and education administrator, is retiring from the service after 45 years of dedication to the service of education.

The Ministry of Education has announced that Richardson proceeded on pre-retirement leave on Wednesday, 4th June, 2025, after serving as an educator for four and a half decades.

He served 30 years at Princess Margaret School and 15 years at the headquarters of the Ministry of Education.

Richardson also worked with the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) and the Eastern Caribbean Joint Board of Teacher Education in preparing examinations and creating courses.

An artist at heart with a passion for education, he has taught prime ministers, teachers, bankers and lawyers in a long and fulfilling career.

“Happy Retirement Mr. Rich! Thank you for your service,” the minister said in a media release.

Cassada Gardens man pleads guilty to possession of high velocity rifle

Akini Walker of Cassada Gardens pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a charge for the illegal possession of a firearm and matching ammunition.

Walker was arrested on Sunday after the police executed a search warrant on his home at 5:30 am. He was found in possession of a high velocity rifle (an FN rifle) and 18 rounds of am-

munition.

The court heard that there is no bullet proof vest in Antigua and Barbuda that can withstand those bullets from the rifle.

The man pleaded guilty to the charge when he appeared in the magistrate’s court and sentencing has been adjourned until next Wednesday.



West Indies Cricket: A Blueprint for Revival – Returning to the Fundamentals,



by *Garfield Joseph, MBA*

Introduction: West Indies cricket was once the gold standard of excellence, striking fear into opponents with unmatched skill, swagger, and dominance. Legends like Sir Viv Richards, Brian Lara, and Curtley Ambrose embodied the Caribbean spirit—fearless, charismatic, and supremely gifted. But today, the West Indies find themselves at a crossroads. Once the pride of world cricket, they now struggle to make a mark in major tournaments, their former glory fading into memory.

West Indies cricket faces a host of challenges—financial constraints, administrative mismanagement, inadequate pitch preparation, a shrinking talent pool, and interterritorial rivalries. These issues demand urgent attention, but the most fundamental concern remains the technical shortcomings of today's players. The solution? A return to mastering the basics—batting, bowling, and fielding. Without a solid technical foundation, no amount of financial investment or restructuring can revive the team's fortunes. To rebuild West Indies

cricket, players must reclaim the art of discipline and precision that once made them the best in the world.

The Challenges: West Indies cricket faces numerous hurdles, each contributing to the decline:

- Limited financial resources restrict investment in infrastructure, coaching, and player development.
- Poor management and administration lead to inconsistent team selections and a lack of long-term strategic planning.
- Substandard pitch preparation results in unpredictable playing surfaces, making batting and bowling even more difficult.
- A shrinking talent pool means fewer players possess the technical skills to compete at the highest level.
- Inter-territorial rivalry weakens team cohesion, with disputes between islands overshadowing collective progress.

While these issues are significant, the most pressing challenge is technical proficiency. The current generation of players lacks mastery over the basic skills that once defined West Indies cricket.

Mastering the Fundamentals: West Indies players of the past weren't just naturally talented—they perfected their craft. Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes had impeccable judgment, knowing when to play forward and when to stay back. Sir Viv Richards dominated bowlers with an unshakable presence, balancing aggression with technique. Brian Lara's genius wasn't merely in his stroke play but in his precise footwork, balance, and weight transfer.

Perhaps the best example of technical mastery is Shivnarine Chander-

paul. He wasn't the flashiest or most naturally gifted, yet he carved out a successful career through sheer discipline and an unbreakable defense. His numbers speak for themselves: 11,867 Test runs at an average of 51.37, proving that sound technique and determination can lead to sustained success.

Today's players, by contrast, lack this discipline. Many do not know how to assess line and length, how to transfer their weight efficiently, or how to ride out difficult periods in a match. The ability to prize their wickets—to value each inning as if their careers depended on it—is sorely missing. The greats understood that survival at the crease was as vital as attacking stroke play. This mentality must return if West Indies cricket is to regain its stature.

Why Fundamentals Matter- The Pilot Analogy: Imagine a young pilot eager to fly a B-1 Bomber, one of the most advanced and powerful aircraft in the world. But before they can handle such a complex machine, they must first learn to fly a basic civilian aircraft. Why? Because flying isn't just about pushing buttons—it's about understanding aerodynamics, navigation, weight balance, and emergency procedures.

A pilot who skips the fundamentals—like learning how to control altitude, manage turbulence, or execute a safe landing—would be dangerous in a high-speed, high-stakes combat aircraft. The same principle applies to cricket. Before a batsman can dominate world-class bowlers, they must first master the basics—footwork,

shot selection, balance, and defensive technique. Without these foundational skills, they will struggle under pressure, just like an untrained pilot in a bomber.

West Indies cricket must return to its fundamentals. Just as no pilot would be handed the controls of a bomber without rigorous training, no cricketer should expect success without mastering the basics. The greats—Sir Viv Richards, Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul—didn't just rely on talent; they perfected their technique. If today's players want to soar again, they must first learn to fly the basics before taking on the world.

Counterarguments: Some argue that financial investment, better infrastructure, or modern aggressive batting approaches should take precedence over mastering fundamentals. It's true that cricket has evolved; power-hitting and fast scoring dominate the shorter formats. However, while aggression wins matches, technical mastery wins championships. Without a solid technical base, players struggle under pressure, unable to adapt to varying conditions.

The Path Forward- Instructional Coaching Videos: A structured, fundamentals-first coaching approach is essential. The introduction of instructional coaching videos can help refine player technique. These videos should follow a systematic training process:

1. Show and Tell – Demonstrate proper batting, bowling, and fielding techniques.
2. Guided Practice – Players receive hands-on coaching with real-time feedback.
3. Independent Work – Cricketers practice solo, sharpening their technique.

4. Innovation and Creativity – Players apply their skills in real match scenarios. This method ensures a step-by-step progression toward technical mastery, laying the foundation for long-term success.

Conclusion:

Greatness in sports—whether in cricket, football, tennis, or basketball—is built on mastery of the fundamentals. West Indies cricket must return to its roots—a focus on the fundamentals. Legendary fast bowlers like Curtley Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Michael Holding, and Ian Bishop understood the importance of accuracy and control. Batting icons like Sir Viv Richards and Brian Lara combined flair with solid technique.

Without mastery of fundamentals, no amount of financial investment, team restructuring, or modern train-

ing methods will revive West Indies cricket. It is time for players to rebuild their technical base, prize their wickets, and approach every match with discipline and determination.

About the Author

Garfield Joseph, MBA, is a strategic business manager and lifelong cricket enthusiast. With a deep-rooted passion for West Indies cricket, he combines his analytical mindset and love for the game to advocate for its revival. Garfield believes that a return to technical excellence and disciplined fundamentals is key to restoring the team's former glory. His insights are shaped by years of observing the sport through both a managerial, technical and cultural lens, making his voice a thoughtful and credible contributor to the crick-
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Dominica: Barbados PM calls for regional unity to deal with global issues



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley has called on Caribbean countries to support the Bridgetown Initiative, which is a call for urgent and decisive action to reform the international financial architecture.

Addressing the 70th anniversary of the ruling Dominica Labour Party (DLP) in the west coast village of Dublanc on Sunday night, Mottley, who is also the chairman of the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping, said as the region fights “these battles that are causing us to face high debts that are causing us to face cost of living increases that we try to shield you from” it is incumbent that there be closer collaboration among regional countries.

She said gone are the days when entities such as the water authority used to keep spare parts in stock, because the supply chain has been disrupted.

“They don’t keep inventory sitting down anymore so that our whole concept and our whole understanding has to change and the first thing I say to you as Caribbean people is that we have to find common purpose and work together, because if we are stronger together then it means we can achieve objectives together, working together.

“You know it and what it means is that there are some things we must do to-

gether. We have to be able to make sure we can work together to get a better deal for our countries. We cannot build schools and hospitals...with 10-year money and 15-year money.

‘It is too short. When you go to borrow for a house, you look to borrow for 20 years and 25 years because you need the time stretched out to pay back for the house. The government is no different.

‘But if the government is only getting 10-year money overseas, it means that by the time you go next to fix your other set of problems, you tie up, tie, up and choke up with debt. You have to stretch it out.’

Mottley told the rally that this is what the Caribbean has been fighting for in the Bridgetown Initiative, which is a proposal to reform the world of development finance, particularly how rich countries help poor countries cope with and adapt to climate change.

The initiative, spearheaded by Barbados, focuses on six action areas aimed at “building a more equitable, fit-for-purpose development finance structure.

So far, the initiative has provided a platform and voice to demand financial and climate justice, as was evident during the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) held in Egypt in November 2022, where an agreement to establish a loss and damage fund was announced.

Mottley told the rally that the Caribbean needs “longer debt ...cheaper debt, because we need to build countries for our people.

“And if we build countries where our people want to stay, nobody ain’t looking to go foreign, nobody ain’t looking to go US or UK and that is why we make the point that the Caribbean region, we have to stick together, because if we can create these policies, if we could get a little bit more elbow room to do the things that we need to do then we can continue to deliver for

you because the tradition of Labour parties is that we don’t only seek prosperity for the sake of prosperity, we seek it to make the average person, the workers of our country, better and stronger...”

Mottley, whose visit here led to the opposition groupings, including the Electoral Reform Coalition (ERC), calling on her not to be engaged in partisan politics as CARICOM chairman, said leadership matters in today’s world “because if you don’t have the right leadership, you will end up with confusion”.

She said that the region must now understand that while leadership is needed at the top partnership with ordinary people is also needed. “Ordinary people must begin to play their part,” she said, telling the DLP supporters that Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit knows about the situation.

“His has not been a journey that has been easy. He has had to contend with all of the challenges and crises to which I have referred, and he has done it without fanfare, remaining focused and making sure that this country that others would not have given a chance, has remained standing.”

Mottley said that her visit here is not to engage in domestic politics, but she belongs to “something called a labour movement and the labour movement has in it, the labour parties.

‘I don’t wear red by accident. I wear red because that’s our colour and I lead a labour party and in leading a labour party I understand that other labour parties across this region have similar philosophies and have similar challenges and we can’t talk about working in an isolated way, because I have just shown you the only way the region is going to get through this awkward moment...is by cooperating together,” she told the DLP supporters. (Loop Caribbean)



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Scientists say record amount of seaweed hit the Caribbean and nearby areas in May

A record amount of sargassum piled up across the Caribbean and nearby areas in May, and more is expected this month, according to a new report.

The brown prickly algae is suffocating shorelines from Puerto Rico to Guyana and beyond, disrupting tourism, killing wildlife and even releasing toxic gases that forced one school in the French Caribbean island of Martinique to temporarily close.

The amount — 38 million metric tons — is the biggest quantity of algae observed across the Caribbean Sea, the western and eastern Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico since scientists began studying the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt in 2011, said Brian Barnes, an assistant research professor at the University of South Florida who worked on the report published on Monday by the University of South Florida's Optical Oceanography Lab.

The previous record was set in June 2022, with some 22 million metric tons.

"The peaks just seem to keep getting bigger and bigger year after year," he said. But scientists don't know why yet.

"It's the million-dollar question," he said.

"I don't have a supremely satisfying answer."



Three different types of sargassum exist in the Caribbean and nearby areas, reproducing asexually as they remain afloat thanks to tiny air sacs. They thrive in different ways depending on sunlight, nutrients and water temperature, factors that scientists are currently studying, Barnes said.

Experts also have said that agricultural run-off, warming waters and changes in wind, current and rain could have an effect.

While large clumps of algae in the open ocean are what Barnes called a "healthy, happy ecosystem" for creatures ranging from tiny shrimp to endangered sea turtles, sargassum near or on shore can wreak havoc.

It can block sunlight that coral reefs need to survive,

and if the algae sinks, it can smother reefs and sea grasses. Once it reaches shore, the creatures living in the algae die or are picked off by birds, Barnes said.

Huge piles of stinky seaweed also are a headache for the Caribbean, where tourism often generates big money for small islands.

"It is a challenge, but it's certainly not affecting every single inch of the Caribbean," said Frank Comito, special adviser to the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association.

In the popular tourist spot of Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, officials have invested in barriers to prevent sargassum from reaching the shore, he said.

In the Dutch Caribbean ter-

ritory of St. Maarten, crews with backhoes were dispatched in late May as part of an emergency clean-up after residents complained of strong smells of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, which can affect a person's respiratory system.

"The smell is quite terrible," Barnes said.

Meanwhile, in the French Caribbean, officials expect to soon use storage barges and an upgraded special vessel that can collect several tons of seaweed a day.

The sargassum "disfigures our coasts, prevents swimming and makes life impossible for local residents," French Prime Minister François Bayrou recently told reporters. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Regional News



Anguilla police investigate double armed robbery in Island Harbour

The Royal Anguilla Police Force (RAPF) has launched an active investigation into two armed robberies that took place on Monday afternoon in the Island Harbour area.

According to the RAPF, the first robbery occurred sometime after 2:00 PM, when the Joint Emergency Services Control Room (JESCR) received a report of a robbery in progress at a lottery business in Island Harbour.

During the attack, a female was assaulted, and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken by two masked, armed assailants.

The suspects fled the scene of the robbery in a stolen Honda CR-V which was used to commit the second crime.

Approximately ten minutes later, a second robbery was reported at a nearby supermarket. In that incident, a vehicle matching the stolen Honda CR-V pulled into the parking lot. A masked, armed individual exited the car, entered the business, and assaulted a male with what appeared to be a handgun, before robbing the cashier.

Both assailants in the initial robbery were described as wearing dark clothing. One suspect was identified as being slim and tall, though no further definite descriptions are currently available.

Police have issued a strong caution to the community that

The individuals involved are believed to be armed and dangerous and members of the public are

strongly advised not to approach the vehicle or suspects if seen.

Authorities are also urging anyone who may have information to come forward.

“The Royal Anguilla Police Force

believes that someone knows something. If you have seen anything suspicious or have any information related to these incidents—no matter how minor—please report it confidentially via SecureAXA.com.” (*Loop Caribbean*)



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Dominica: Hector John is new deputy leader of UWP

Former Opposition leader Hector John is the new Deputy Political Leader of the United Workers Party (UWP).

The announcement was made at a UWP press conference earlier today.

John replaces Senator Delbert Paris, who resigned from the position in April 2025 after having been elected in December 2024.

Paris cited differences with the leader of UWP, Dr Thompson Fontaine, over his decision to support the government in the March 19, 2025 debate of the Electoral Registration Act in the Dominica Parliament.

John served as a Member of Parliament for the Salisbury constituency from 2009 to 2022 and was the Leader of the Opposition from 2010 to 2014.

The UWP also announced that Glenroy Cuffy, former Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the party, was re-elected to that position.

Cuffy replaces Sherline Sabaroche, who resigned from the position. (*Loop Caribbean*)



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Trump's promised steel and aluminium tariffs go into effect

US President Donald Trump hiked nearly all of his tariffs on steel and aluminium imports to a punishing 50 per cent on Wednesday in a move that's set to hammer businesses from automakers to home builders, and likely push up prices for consumers even further.

Foreign-made steel and aluminium is used in household products like soup cans and paper clips, as well as big-ticket items like stainless-steel refrigerators and cars.

Economists warn that such heightened levies could significantly squeeze the wallets of both companies and shoppers alike. But Trump argues that his latest import taxes are necessary to protect US industries.

The 50 per cent tariffs went into effect just after the clock struck midnight on Wednesday. The two metals had previously faced 25 per cent tariffs worldwide since mid-March, when Trump's order to remove steel exemptions and raise aluminium's levy from his previously-imposed 2018 import taxes went into effect.

Steel and aluminium from the UK is the exception. British imports of these metals are still levied at 25 per cent, per a proclamation issued by Trump on Tuesday afternoon, which pointed to a recent trade deal reached between the two countries.

Trump says it's all about protecting US industries.



He reiterated that argument on Friday, when he first announced the 50 per cent tariff on imported steel during a visit with steelworkers in Pennsylvania, where he also discussed a "planned partnership" between US Steel and Japan's Nippon Steel.

In his speech at US Steel's Mon Valley Works-Irvin Plant in suburban Pittsburgh, Trump said that the tariff hike would "further secure the steel industry in the US." Shortly after, he took the same tone when sharing plans to also raise tariffs on imported aluminium.

In Tuesday's proclamation, Trump also said that the higher tariffs would ensure that imported steel and aluminium would "not threaten to impair the national security."

"In my judgment, the increased tariffs will more effectively counter foreign countries that continue to offload low-priced, excess steel and aluminium in the

United States," he said in the proclamation.

While some analysts have credited the tariffs Trump imposed during his first term with strengthening domestic production of steel and aluminium, many others have warned that stark new levies can make it difficult for the industry to adjust.

Some organisations representing metal workers also note that tariffs aren't the only solution needed to boost US manufacturing.

"While tariffs, used strategically, serve as a valuable tool in balancing the scales, it's essential that we also pursue wider reforms of our global trading system," David McCall, international president of the United Steelworkers union said in a statement, noting that work must be done "in collaboration with trusted allies" like Canada — the top exporter of steel and aluminium to the US — to help "contain the bad actors."

Matt Meenan, vice president of external affairs at the Aluminum Association, added that the trade group "appreciates President Trump's continued focus on strengthening the US aluminium industry," but that "tariffs alone will not increase US primary aluminium production."

"We also need consistent, predictable trade and tariff policy to plan for current and future investment," Meenan said.

Meanwhile, the American Primary Aluminum Association, which advocates for stronger trade enforcement, applauded Trump's latest tariff increase on foreign aluminium.

"For decades, subsidised foreign producers have hollowed out domestic aluminium manufacturing," APAA President Mark Duffy said in a statement, calling Trump a "strong leader who is fighting to rebuild domestic manufacturing and protect thousands of American aluminium jobs."

Steel prices have already climbed 16 per cent since Trump became president in mid-January, according to the government's Producer Price Index. And as of March 2025, steel cost \$984 a metric ton in the US, significantly higher than in Europe (\$690) or China (\$392), per the US Commerce Department. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

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Several feared dead in a stampede outside a cricket stadium in India

Several people were feared dead and many more injured in a stampede on Wednesday outside a cricket stadium in southern India's Karnataka state.

The incident happened as thousands of cricket fans gathered outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru city to celebrate the winners of the Indian Premier League, which is the world's most popular T20 cricket tournament.

The Times of India newspaper reported at least seven people had died in the crush. Local TV news channels showed visuals of police shifting the injured persons and those who fell unconscious to ambulances.

DK Shivakumar, the deputy chief minister of Karnataka state, told reporters that "the crowd was very uncontrollable."

The event was being held to celebrate Royal Challengers Bengaluru's first



Indian Premier League title win on Tuesday.

Stampedes are relatively common in India when large crowds gather at a place. In January, at least 30 people

were killed as tens of thousands of Hindus rushed to bathe in a sacred river during the Maha Kumbh festival, the world's largest religious gathering. *(Jamaica Gleaner)*



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South Korea's new president has a Trump-shaped crisis to avert

South Korea's new president, Lee Jae-myung, has secured a storming victory, but his honeymoon will barely last the day.

The former opposition leader is not getting to enjoy the two-month transition period usually afforded to new leaders, so they can build their team and nail down their vision for the country.

Instead he is entering office immediately, to fill the hole left by the impeachment of the former president, Yoon Suk Yeol, who last December tried and failed to bring the country under martial law.

In electing Lee, with almost 50% of the vote, South Koreans have vehemently rejected the military dictatorship that was almost forced upon them. Lee campaigned on the promise that he would strengthen South Korea's democracy and unite the country, after a divisive and tumultuous six months.

But that will have to wait. First, he has a Donald Trump shaped crisis to avert.

In the coming months, Trump has the power to destabilise South Korea's economy, its security, and its volatile relationship with North Korea.

South Koreans were dismayed when Trump slapped 25% tariffs on all Korean imports in April, after already hitting the country with aggressive tariffs on its core industries – steel and cars. They had assumed that being longstanding military allies from the days of the Korean War, and having a free-trade agreement with the US,



would spare them.

If these tariffs take effect “they could trigger an economic crisis”, a seasoned advisor to Lee's Democratic Party, Moon Chung-in, said.

Before Trump's announcements, South Korea's economy was already slowing down. The martial law chaos constricted it further. Then, in the first quarter of this year, it contracted. Fixing this has been voters' number one demand, even above fixing their beleaguered democracy.

But without a president, talks with Trump have been on hold. They cannot be put off any longer.

And there is much more than South Korea's economy at stake in these negotiations.

The US currently guarantees South Korea's security by promising to come to its defence with both conventional and nuclear weapons were it to be attacked by its nuclear-armed neighbour, North Korea. As part of this deal there are 28,500 US troops stationed in the South.

Yet Trump has made clear he does not plan to differentiate between trade and security when negotiating with the

country, signalling that Seoul is not pulling its weight in either area.

In a post on his Truth Social platform in April, Trump said that during initial tariff talks with South Korea he had “discussed payment for the big time military protection we provide”, calling it “beautiful and efficient one-stop shopping”.

This approach makes Seoul uniquely vulnerable.

Evans Revere, a former senior US diplomat based in Seoul, fears a crisis is coming. “For the first time in our lifetime we have a US president who does not feel a moral and strategic obligation towards Korea”.

In his first term as president, Trump questioned the value of having US forces stationed in Korea and threatened to withdraw them unless Seoul paid more to have them. It seems likely he will demand more money this time around.

Seoul may not want to pay more, but it can afford to. A bigger problem is that Trump's calculations, and that of his defence department, seem to have changed. This is no longer just about

the money. Washington's top priority now in Asia is not just stopping North Korea attacking the South, it is also to contain China's military ambitions in the region and against Taiwan.

Last year, a now-senior US defence official, Elbridge Colby, said that South Korea was going to have to take “overwhelming responsibility for its own self-defence against North Korea”, so the US could be ready to fight China.

One option is that the troops stationed here would switch their focus to constraining China. Another, touted by a couple of US defence officials last month, is that thousands of soldiers would be removed from the peninsula altogether and redeployed, and that Seoul's military would also have to play a role in deterring Beijing.

Not only could this put South Korea in a dangerous military predicament, but it would also create a diplomatically difficult one.

President Lee, who historically has been sceptical of Korea's alliance with the US, wants to use his presidency to improve relations with China, South Korea's powerful neighbour and trading partner. He has stated several times that South Korea should stay out of a conflict between China and Taiwan.

“We must keep our distance from a China-Taiwan contingency. We can get along with both”, he said during a televised debate last month. (BBC News)

Sports News

Champs Chargers Eagles 1 wrap up perfect women's D-2 campaign

Newly crowned champions, the City South Municipal Foundation Inc., Townhouse Furnishings, CIU, and MKUU Tours Chargers Eagles 1, completed their title-winning campaign in the women's division of the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Second Division Development League with a perfect winning record on Tuesday.

Chargers Eagles 1 capped their title-clinching performance by soaring to a 2-0 victory against Chargers Eagles 2 in their final encounter at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex.

Chargers Eagles took 55 minutes to prevail 25-14, 25-14 against Chargers Eagles 2 to end their campaign with a perfect eighth win from as many games.

Chargers Eagles 2, who have two games left to play, remain in fourth place of the nine-team round-robin league after suffering their third loss in six encounters.

However, the women's Division 2 league encounter between the Royal Cruisers 2 and last year's champions Paragons 2 was not played after both teams failed to show up for the match.

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

It means Royal Cruisers 2 remain second from the bottom of the standings after suffering their sixth loss in seven encounters.



The City South Municipal Foundation Inc., Townhouse Furnishings, CIU, and MKUU Tours, Chargers Eagles 1 women's volleyball team.

Paragons 2 remain in sixth place seven matches after suffering their fifth loss in



Matthews, Joseph headline nominees for CWI/WIPA Gala Awards



Antiguan fast bowler Alzarri Joseph

West Indies women's captain Hayley Matthews and seamer Alzarri Joseph feature prominently on the shortlists as Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the West Indies Players' Association (WIPA) revealed nominees for the eighth CWI/WIPA Awards Gala, scheduled for June 22, at the Wyndham Grand Barbados Sam Lord's Castle.

Matthews is favoured to cop both the Women's ODI and T20 Player of the Year awards at the prestigious event, which honours the outstanding performances in West Indies cricket over

the past year across international formats and domestic tournaments.

This year's Gala will also serve as a tribute to one of the most defining moments in West Indies cricket history—the 50th anniversary of the 1975 ICC Cricket World Cup victory, under the legendary leadership of Sir Clive Lloyd.

CWI's Chief Executive Officer, Chris Dehring, said the Gala represents an opportunity for reflection and renewal.

"The CWI/WIPA Awards Gala is more than an awards gala—it is an opportunity

for reflection and renewal. It reminds us of the resilience of our players, the dreams of our people, and the significance of this sport to our collective Caribbean identity," Dehring said.

"This year, as we shine a spotlight on our modern-day heroes, we are also deeply honoured to commemorate the legacy of the 1975 World Cup champions. That team, led by Sir Clive Lloyd, not only won the first ICC Men's Championship trophy—they ignited a spirit of belief and regional pride that transcended the boundary ropes," he added.

Wavell Hinds, WIPA's President and CEO echoed the sentiments.

"This occasion is one of deep respect—not only for the achievements of our players, but also for the path they walk, the values they uphold, and the legacy they are entrusted with.

"The CWI/WIPA Awards Gala is a celebration of talent, yes, but more importantly, it is a testament to the courage, character, and community behind the game. We are immensely proud of the nominees for this year's awards. Their efforts remind us that excellence is not simply about performance—it is about perseverance, preparation, and purpose," Hinds noted.

Full List of Nominees: Test Player of the Year—Kraigg Brathwaite, Kavem Hodge, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, and Jayden Seales.

Men's ODI Player of the Year—Keacy Carty, Shai Hope, Alzarri Joseph, Gudakesh Motie, and Sherfane Rutherford.

Men's T20 Player of the Year—Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Nicholas Pooran, and Rovman Powell.

Women's T20 Player of the Year—Shemaine Campbell, Afy Fletcher, Chinelle Henry, Hayley Matthews, and Karishma Ramharack.

Women's ODI Player of the Year—Afy Fletcher, Chinelle Henry, Zaida James, Hayley Matthews, and Stafanie Taylor.

West Indies Championship Player of the Year—Joshua Bishop, Kraigg Brathwaite, Mikyle Louis, Kevin Sinclair, and Jomel Warrican.

Regional T20 Player of the Year—Johnson Charles, Andre Fletcher, Shimron Hetmyer, Gudakesh Motie, and Nicholas Pooran.

CG United Super50 Cup Player of the Year—Leniko Boucher, Rahkeem Cornwall, Justin Greaves, Amir Jangoo, and Marquino Mindley.

CG United Women's Super50 Cup Player of the Year—Shemaine Campbell, Kycia Knight, Nyia Latchman, Ashmini Munisar, and Chedean Nation.

CWI Women's T20 Blaze Player of the Year—Erin Deane, Shabika Gajni, Mandy Mangru, Plaffiana Millington, and Rashada Williams.

West Indies women lose again to ruthless England in second ODI



West Indies player Realeanna Grimmond, right, bats against England women during the second One-Day International at Grace Road in Leicester, England, on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. (Getty Images)

The West Indies women slumped to a second consecutive heavy defeat at the hands of England Women, losing by 143 runs in the second (ODI) of their three-match series at Grace Road in Leicester on Wednesday.

The hosts produced a dominant all-round performance, led by a blistering century from Amy Jones, who was named Player of the Match.

England piled on a massive 366 for 6 in their 50 overs after being sent in to bat, with Amy Jones hammering 129 off 98 balls, featuring 20 boundaries.

She shared a monumental 202-run opening stand with Tammy Beaumont, who compiled a well-paced 106 off 109 deliveries with 12 fours and a six.

After both openers departed, England maintained their momentum

with contributions from Emma Lamb (55 off 45) and Sophia Dunkley (31 off 19) to close their innings at a commanding 7.32 runs per over.

The West Indies' bowling attack struggled throughout the innings. Karishma Ramharack (two for 57) and Aaliyah Alleyne (two for 52) were the only bowlers to register more than one wicket, while Afy Fletcher (one for 58) and Jannillea Glasgow (one for 59) picked up solitary scalps.

Crucially, the West Indies were without their regular captain and star all-rounder Hayley Matthews, who missed the match due to a left shoulder injury, and her fellow opener Qiana Joseph, who was reportedly ill. Their absence left a significant void in the top order and overall leadership.

In reply, the West Indies Women

were bowled out for 223 in 45.4 overs, despite a spirited effort from Realeanna Grimmond, who top-scored with 53 off 72 balls, and a late burst from Jannillea Glasgow, who smashed 44 off just 24 deliveries, hitting nine boundaries in a brief but exciting cameo.

However, the middle order failed to fire, with key players like acting captain Shemaine Campbelle (6), Stafanie Taylor (20), and Shabika Gajnabi (8) unable to withstand England's disciplined bowling.

West Indies fell into collapse mode after reaching 154 for four, losing six wickets for just 69 runs. Alice Capsey starred with the ball for England, taking 3 for 41, including the vital wickets of Taylor, Gajnabi, and Fraser.

Linsey Smith was equally economical and effective, finishing with 2 for 27 from her 10 overs. Lauren Filer also chipped in with 2 for 44, while Kate Cross, Lauren Bell, and Alice Davidson-Richards claimed one wicket apiece.

Despite some resistance in the lower order, the damage had already been done, and the West Indies were dismissed 143 runs short of the target with 4.2 overs remaining.

The defeat marks another humbling outing for the Caribbean side, who now trail 2-0 in the series. England's combination of aggressive batting, sharp fielding, and clinical bowling continues to overwhelm the Windies, who will need a dramatic turnaround to salvage pride in the third and final ODI in Taunton on Saturday.

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Members of Library Senior Citizen Club test skills in domino contests



Team Overcomers



Team Blessings



Team Warriors

After several weeks of training, the newly formed Library Senior Citizen Club (LSCC) has successfully staged two in-house competitions among its members.

President of the Antigua and Barbuda National Domino Association (ABNDA) Carol Faye Bynoe recently conducted several weekly training sessions with the members of the LSCC at the National Public Library in St. John's.

The competitions were held so the members, many of whom had no prior experience of playing domino, could demonstrate and implement some of the skills

and knowledge they would have learnt at the recent training sessions, which were conducted by Bynoe.

The members of the LSCC were divided into three teams to test their newly acquired skills against each other. The three teams are Blessings, Warriors, and Overcomers.

The first competition was won by Blessings, Warriors came second, and the Overcomers finished in third place.

The second contest was won by the Warriors, with Blessings finishing second, and the Overcomers tak-

ing third place. The teams were presented with medals, courtesy of Cool and Smooth.

Nevis and Combined Islands get more success at LICB T20 Festival

Nevis and the Combined Islands (Montserrat and St. Maarten) both recorded their second win in three matches to remain in contention for a place in the final of the inaugural Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) T20 Festival in Antigua on Tuesday.

The Nevisians coasted to a seven-wicket win against the Combined Virgin Islands (British and United States) at the Pigotts playing field.

The Combined Virgin Islands were restricted to 152 for five off their allotted 20 overs after losing the toss and being sent in to bat. Ameri Hinds hit an unbeaten 45 off 42 balls, including three fours and a six.

Roniel Jeffery struck 34 not out off 19 balls, including four fours and two sixes, and Keion De Jesus made 23 off 25 balls. Pacer Colin Archibald captured two for 29.

The Nevisians achieved victory by scoring 153 for three in 16 overs. Opener Jamie Cornelius smashed 79 off 53 balls, including seven sixes and four fours.

Fellow opener Ross Powell struck 49 off 23 balls, including five fours and three sixes. Ameri Hinds picked up two for 38.

The Combined Islands pulled off a four-wicket victory against bottom team St. Kitts at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.



Players of the Nevis team in a huddle before taking the field during their match against Combined Islands in the LICB T20 Festival at Pigotts in Antigua on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the LI Cricket Festival)

The Kittitians could only manage to make 124 for eight off their 20 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Opener Tariq Newman cracked 47 off 39 balls, including four sixes and three fours.

Captain Cameron Pennyfeather and Jaeel Clarke each chipped in with 18. Combined Islands captain and left-arm spinner Daniel Doram snapped up three for 29, and Shernyl Burns grabbed three for 31.

In reply, the Combined Islands achieved victory

by scoring 125 for six with three overs to spare. Sherwin Peters slammed 47 off 30 balls, including six fours and two sixes, and Ziwandi Whyte struck 24 off 17 balls, with two fours and two sixes.

Kunal Tilokani snapped up three for 12, and Shaquan Pemberton captured two for 19.

Tuesday's results allow Nevis and the Combined Virgin Islands to join host Antigua and Barbuda on eight points from three matches.

However, Antigua and Barbuda, who lost to unbeaten leaders Anguilla by 11 runs at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Tuesday, currently occupy second place by virtue of a better net run rate.

Anguilla currently leads the six-team round-robin competition with 12 points from three matches. The Combined Islands occupy third place, and the Nevisians are in fourth place.

The Combined Virgin Islands and St. Kitts are yet to record a point after both teams lost all three matches. However, the Kittitians are currently in the cellar by virtue of an inferior net run rate.

The top two teams at the end of the preliminary round-robin stage will advance to the final on Sunday. The third and fourth place finishers in the preliminary phase will meet in a playoff for overall third place.

The tournament will resume with three matches on Thursday (today).

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.