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International Soca artist, Machel Montano, arrived at the VC Bird International Airport on Tuesday morning and was warmly greeted by members of the Festivals Commission, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority as well as a

cultural display featuring the traditional iron band, moko jumbie and stilt walkers.

Machel emerged from the Customs area to the sound of the iron band with dancing from the moko jumbie and the stilt walkers. It was

easy to tell that the artist appreciated this traditional Antigua and Barbuda welcome and he broke out in a broad smile; a display of his appreciation.

Just outside the terminal building, Machel became immersed in the music to the extent that he took the drum sticks from one of the drummers and began laying himself; an impromptu performance that was appreciated by the official welcome party and by on-lookers at the airport.

Following several minutes participating with the performers, Machel was

driven away in an SUV provided by BYD, the official ground transportation provider for the overseas artists.

Chairman of the Festival Commission, Lisa Makhoul said she is looking forward to a 'fantastic' show featuring Machel Montano who is returning to Antigua and Barbuda to perform for the first time in eight years. Machel Montano is the featured act in the **Caribbean Melting Pot** show slated for Thursday night at Carnival City (ARG).

"Machel is just coming off his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in show



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business and with Burning Flames, with whom he enjoys a longstanding relationship celebrating their 40th anniversary this year, we felt that it would be a nice touch to bring him back for Carnival this year,” she stated.

Additionally, she noted that the artist spent much time in Antigua as a youth and he also enjoys a personal friendship with Prime Minister Gaston Browne as both have worked together on several regional initiatives.

“The performance will

feature Machel, his entire band and his dancers; patrons can expect the full set of high-energy, non-stop performance of Machel at his very best. It is going to be an amazing show,” she predicted.

Additionally, the show will feature Antigua and Barbuda’s own, Claudette Peters, who is celebrating 25 years in the industry and Tian Winter, who is celebrating 18 years as a performer. Other acts include Triple K out of Dominica and Skinny Fabulous of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.





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## PM Browne warns against making the annual AFRI-Caribbean Investment Forum ‘another talk-shop’



**Prime Minister Gaston Browne urged participants at this week's Afri-Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum**

Prime Minister Gaston Browne urged participants at this week's Afri-Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum in Grenada not to make the annual meeting of African and Caribbean leaders become another ‘talk-shop’.

In his contribution to a panel discussion on the future of African-Caribbean relations, PM Browne noted that the process would require action from all parties involved.

“We cannot allow this initiative to die or to become another talk-shop. The proposal to establish a commission is in my view, an excellent idea and we should establish this commission as soon as possible. However, the commission should not be limited to technocrats and bureaucrats as I believe that there should be some political direction to make sure that we can get quick action to achieve some of the ‘low hanging fruits’ so that we can achieve this integration between Africa and the Caribbean,” he stated.

According to the prime minister it is well-known what the problems are; these include the absence of infrastructure to move people and to move goods between both points, noting that he believes that the wherewithal to achieve these ambitions currently exists.

“I believe we can have a strong partnership between the public and private sectors where we can utilize not only the ideas but also the funding to create sustaining air and sea links between

Africa and the Caribbean,” he noted.

PM Browne observed that if the challenge of moving people and goods remains unresolved, then the efforts of all currently involved would be unsuccessful.

Looking ahead, the Antigua and Barbuda leader said he is looking forward to the Africa-Caribbean summit slated for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia later this year as he made the case for a ‘full commitment’ from the leaders to establish those air and sea links.

He suggested that a study should be done to determine how best to establish those air and sea links between the two regions and to seek about attracting the necessary investments. He is suggesting also that the Africa-Import-Export Bank could possibly provide the ‘seed money’ for such ventures.



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The Ministry of Works' Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU) is advising the general public that single-lane traffic continues to be in effect to

facilitate ongoing road infrastructure repairs on the Sir Sydney Walling Highway (SSWH).

Road markings and bus lay-

by installations will continue this week, from Willikies westwards, starting daily at approximately 8:00 a.m.

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tious and safe passageway, as heavy-duty equipment will be operating near the works.

C.O. Williams Ltd., the company carrying out the road works says it sincerely

regrets the inconvenience. The road work is a part of the Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project being carried out by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

Stakeholders are asked to adjust their travel plans to allow for delays.

Telephone queries can be made by calling the C.O.

Williams Project Office at 562-9573.

Meanwhile, the ministry is intensifying its road construction programme with ongoing roadworks in multiple areas. These include the road leading to the Cooks Landfill as well as community roads in Clare Hall, Grays Farm and Villa.



# Murder charge for Dashane Whyte



er succumbed to his injuries. He was pronounced dead at approximately 8:18 a.m. on Monday, July 28.

He was subsequently taken into custody and has since been charged for the offence.

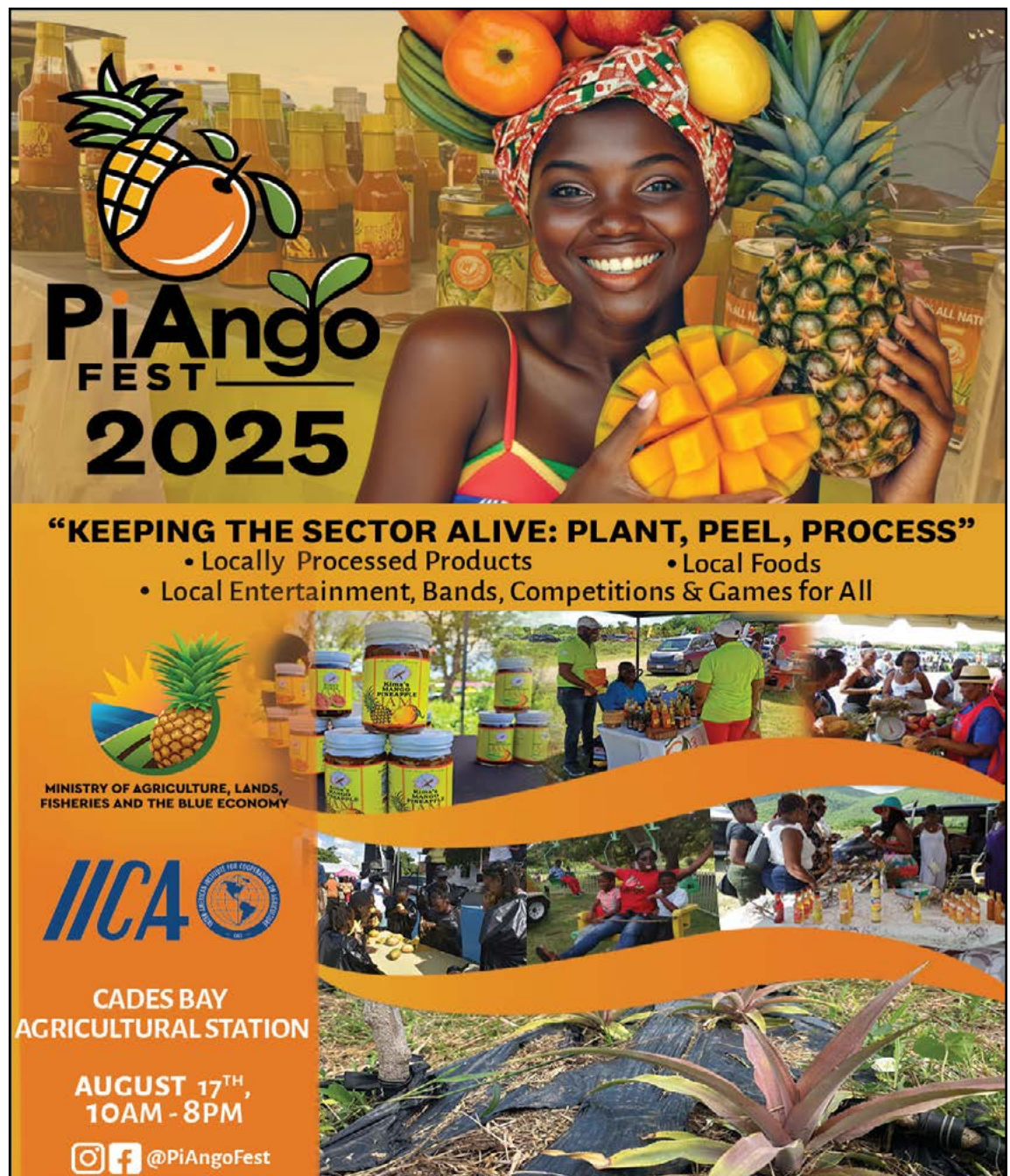
Whyte also received medical treatment for injuries he sustained during the incident.

Today's court appearance is Whyte's first since his arrest and charge.

18-year-old Dashane Whyte of Browne's Avenue is scheduled to appear in the St. John's Magistrate's court today following his arrest and his being charged in connection with the murder of 50-year-old Steve Chambers, also of Browne's Avenue.

Chambers and Whyte reportedly got into an argument on Sunday evening at Browne's Avenue. The incident escalated into a physical altercation with both men arming themselves with sharp and blunt objects.

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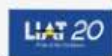
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# Cabinet meets on Thursday...meeting of parliament postponed

The weekly meeting of the Antigua and Barbuda Cabinet, the nation's highest decision making body, will take place on Thursday, rather than today, Wednesday, its usual time.

In a media release, the Cabinet announced that its final meeting for the month of July will run from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday following which the Cabinet will take its annual summer

break.

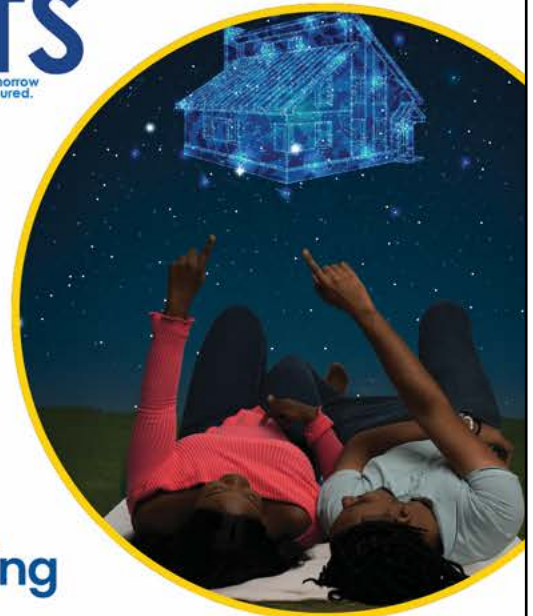
This means that the meeting of parliament that was scheduled for Thursday has been postponed until a new date in August to be announced.

The public was previously invited to attend the sitting. That invitation will be offered again when the new date is confirmed in August, according to the Cabinet release.



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<b>MON JULY 28</b>	<b>OASIS WATER JUNIOR PARTY MONARCH</b> CARNIVAL CITY   5PM   FREE	<b>SUN AUG 3</b>	<b>D BREAKFAST FETE</b> SPLASH ANTIGUA
<b>TUES JULY 29</b>	<b>KARI SOCA INTERNATIONAL SOCA MONARCH</b> CARNIVAL CITY		<b>INET PARTY MONARCH</b> CARNIVAL CITY   8PM   \$40
<b>WED JULY 30</b>	<b>BURNING FLAMES 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</b> CARNIVAL CITY	<b>MON AUG 4</b>	<b>J'OUVERT</b> ST. JOHN'S
	<b>DRINK TILL YA WEAK</b> BOAT CRUISE		<b>MONDAY MAS PARADE</b> ST. JOHN'S
<b>THURS JULY 31</b>	<b>LONG BAY LAGER MELTING POT</b> CARNIVAL CITY   8PM \$100 (GENERAL) \$350 (HOUSE OF VIBES)	<b>TUES AUG 5</b>	<b>PARADE OF BANDS</b> CARNIVAL CITY
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## Nolan Hue Foundation Empowers Youth at 2025 Retreat in Antigua



**Nolan Hue Foundation Empowers Youth at 2025 Retreat in Antigua**

The Nolan Hue Foundation recently hosted its highly anticipated Youth Empowerment Retreat 2025 at the Jolly Beach Resort in St. Mary, Antigua. The annual retreat welcomed over 30 young people from across Antigua for a transformative weekend of leadership development, self-discovery, and community building.

The Youth Empowerment Retreat is a flagship initiative of the Nolan Hue Foundation, designed to inspire, equip, and connect young people with the tools and confidence they need to become agents of positive change. Throughout the weekend, participants engaged in dynamic workshops, interactive panel discussions, team-building challenges, and wellness-focused sessions, all aimed at fostering

personal growth and resilience.

Imani Sinclair, Operations Manager at the Nolan Hue Foundation, reflected on the retreat's lasting impact: *"The retreat is about more than just learning — it's about transformation. We saw young people arrive with uncertainty and leave with renewed purpose and belief in themselves. They walked away not just with knowledge, but with community. Watching them connect, express themselves, and support one another was incredibly powerful and is the reason we do what we do at Nolan Hue."*

Participant Orie Martin shared his experience, stating: *"I came to the retreat feeling unsure of my direction, but I left feeling empowered and ready to take on the world."*

*The sessions, the connections, and the energy were exactly what I needed. I'm grateful for the opportunity and the family I've found in Nolan Hue."*

This year's retreat featured engaging sessions on financial stability, public speaking, career readiness, artificial intelligence, and mental health. These sessions were led by a diverse lineup of local and international professionals, including:

- Mr. Andre Cleghorn (Jamaica)
- Mr. Kevin Mussington
- Mr. Andrew Doumith
- Ms. Regina Adams
- Mr. Leon Norville
- Mr. Anwar Joseph
- Mr. Regis Burton, CEO of the Nolan Hue Foundation

One of the most memorable moments of the retreat was the bonfire and reflection circle, where participants shared their personal breakthroughs, bonded through storytelling, and celebrated the vibrant heritage of Antigua and the wider Caribbean through music, dance, and cultural expression.

The Nolan Hue Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to all sponsors, partners, facilitators, and volunteers whose unwavering support made this life-changing event possible. We would like to make special mention to our platinum sponsors The Sandals Foundation, ACT /ALL Mart and Inter Caribbean Airways. Your belief in the power and potential of young people continues to drive our mission forward.



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## 68 Years of Freedom, Culture and an Unyielding Spirit: Antigua Carnival 2025



By Hon. E.P. Chet Greene

As the vibrant pulse of Antigua's Carnival 2025 beats across the land, we don more than costumes; we don the mantle of history, resilience and an unbreakable promise. Sixty-eight years ago, this festival was ignited not merely for revelry but as the quintessential celebration of emancipation. It was and still is, the joyous defiance of a people liberated from the unspeakable yoke of chattel slavery, a living testament to the sacred declaration etched into our collective soul: NEVER AGAIN.

This declaration transcends the historical horror of chains. It is a profound philosophical stance against slavery in all its insidious forms. Today, the shackles may be forged from economic desperation, systemic inequality, climate injustice or the psychological bondage of self-doubt and cultural erasure. Carnival, in its very essence, is an annual act of resistance against these modern captivities. It is the assertion

that the spirit birthed in freedom must FOREVER remain unbounded, refusing to be enslaved by circumstance or external definition.

This festival provides our most potent platform for promoting our cultural industries and our unparalleled talents. It is the grand stage where the soul of Antigua sings, dances and soars. The preservation of our unique art forms isn't mere nostalgia; it is cultural survival locked into economic strategy. The story telling genius of Calypso, the thunderous heartbeat of the Iron Band, the gravity-defying majesty of the Moco Jumbie, the intricate artistry of Wire Bending, these are not just performances. They are vital threads connecting us to our ancestral ingenuity and resilience, reimagined through generations, today cloaked in the fanciful language of innovation. They are the bedrock of our distinct identity, a magnetic force enriching our tourism

product unlike any imported spectacle. To lose them would be to sever a lifeline to our past and dim the beacon of our future.

The economic vitality sparked by Carnival radiates far beyond the revelry. It is the lifeblood flowing through all sectors, with a particularly vital pulse in our small business community. Hotels feel the impact, transport networks hum, restaurants buzz, beauty salons and nail shops but take a closer look: it's the traditional tray vendors, their wares in demand by revellers, children and onlookers, that capture fondest memories.

It is the dedicated food vendors, filling the air with the irresistible aromas of local cuisine, who sustain the crowds and showcase our culinary heritage. These entrepreneurs, the new moniker for our industrious vendors, embody the Carnival spirit; resourceful,



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vibrant and essential to the fabric of the celebration. Their success is Carnival's success; a distributed economic engine powering households across the nation. I can almost see the smiles of readers who were schooled or simply lived by these carnival vending operations.

Reflecting on 68 years is to walk with giants. We stand on the shoulders of the visionaries and stalwarts who shaped this cultural movement: pioneers like John Ferdinand Shoul and Reginald Knight; artistic forces like, Oscar Mason, Sir Rupert Philo, Sir Paul Richards and Sir McClean Emanuel; administrative pillars like Bernard Percival, Guy Yearwood, Erna-Mae Tonge, Eleston Adams and Baldwin Spencer; writers like Shelly Tobitt, Marcus Christopher, Dr. Prince Ramsey and Little man Pelle; Mas designers like Alister Thomas, Calvin Southwell and Wanga Martin. Their combined contributions represent the foundation stones.

Our soundscape has been electrified by legendary bands: the stirring anthems of Laviscount Brass, the soulful harmonies of Saints Brothers, the infectious energy of Burning Flames, Eddie Mello and the Vision Band, LA Crew and Revo Band. As we mark this 68th anniversary, one art form shines with particular brilliance: Our Steelband.

I am not Nostradamus and certainly do not claim the prophetic values of Ezekiel or Daniel of Bible fame but Steelband will undeniably be the star of the show in 2025. While our beloved brass bands, still delivering powerful performances, often showcase familiar faces from the past 25-30 years, the steelband movement has experienced a phenomenal renaissance. It is now an explosion of youthful talent, innovation and participation. This surge of new energy, commitment and skill is precisely the kind of revitalization

essential for the festival's future. The brass bands must look to this model, embracing and nurturing the next generation to ensure their own enduring legacy and the overall dynamism of Carnival. The future sounds like steel, vibrant and young.

"Carnival is bacchanal", a tired refrain oft repeated. We must vehemently resist this negative designation of our culture. It is a pejorative label we **MUST NOT** continue to internalize. Instead, we must take responsibility. Responsibility for its artistic development, for ensuring safety and respect within the revelry, for amplifying its global reach and most importantly, for proudly identifying with it. This vibrant, complex, historically-rooted celebration is after all, who we are. It is our story, our catharsis, our creativity unleashed.

Happy Carnival 2025! As you revel in

the mas, the music, the sheer exuberance, remember our forebears whose struggle for freedom made this joy possible. Celebrate the incredible journey from the depravity of slavery and colonialism to the independent, spirited management of our own affairs and our cultural crown jewel, Carnival.

Whether you choose to 'Go Low Under the Red Flames', 'Throw Gas on de Fire', 'Get Soaking Wet' or sway to the strains of 'Stiff Iron', do so with the spirit of freedom in your heart. Embrace our culture. Support our vendors. Applaud the artists, old and new, soca or calypso. Keep each other safe. Make Carnival 2025 not just a party, but a powerful, positive and profoundly Antiguan experience. Our flame of freedom, culture and resilience burns bright. Ramp up our happiness index....itz a vibe, 268.



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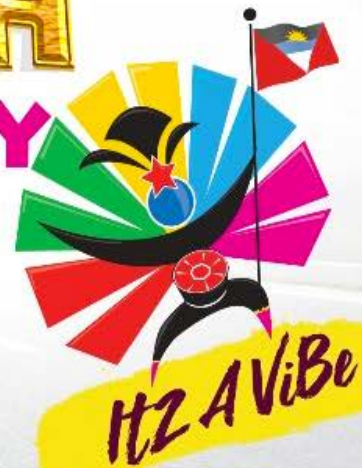


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## Australia complete 5-0 series sweep over West Indies



**Ben Dwarshuis, right, celebrates with his Australian teammates after capturing one of his three wickets during the fifth and final T20 International against the West Indies at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Monday, July 28, 2025. (Getty Images)**



**Shimron Hetmyer led the West Indies batting by hitting a half-century during the fifth and final T20 International against Australia at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Monday, July 28, 2025.**

Australia put the hapless West Indies out of their misery with a three-wicket win in the fifth and final match to complete a 5-0 T20 International series sweep at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Monday evening.

The West Indies, after losing a fifth

consecutive toss, were put in to bat for the fifth time in the series.

The hosts were bowled out for 170 with two ball to spare in their innings with left-handers Shimron Hetmyer and Sherfane Rutherford doing the bulk of the scoring.

The top three of Brandon King (11), captain Shai Hope (9) and Keacy Carty (1) all fell early before Rutherford and Hetmyer added 32 for the fourth wicket. That partnership ended when Rutherford fell for a 17-ball 35, including six fours and a six.

Hetmyer went on to lead the scoring with 52 off 31 balls, including three fours and three sixes, while Jason Holder and Matthew Forde also chipped in late with 20 and 15, respectively.

Left-arm pacer Ben Dwarshuis picked up three for 41 from his four overs, while right-arm quick Nathan Ellis supported well with two for 32 from his 3.4 overs.

Australia then needed only 17 overs to achieve victory at 173 for seven and secure the series sweep.

After losing captain Mitchell Marsh (14), Glenn Maxwell (0) and Josh Inglis (10) early, Cameron Green and Tim David set out to punish the West Indian bowling.

David, returning to the line-up for the first time since his blistering hundred in the third game, was brutal again, needing just 12 balls to make 30, thanks to four towering sixes and one four, while Green hit five fours on his way to 32 off 18 balls.

Mitchell Owen led the scoring with 37 off 17 balls, including three fours and three sixes, while Aaron Hardie finished on 28 not out.

Akeal Hosein was excellent with ball in hand for the hosts with three for 17 from his four overs, while Alzarri Joseph and Jason Holder each picked up two wickets.

The West Indies will look to rebound quickly when they take on Pakistan in three T20Is and three ODIs from July 31 to August 12 in Lauderhill, Florida, and Tarouba in Trinidad and Tobago.



# Hope looks ahead as Windies regroup after Aussie rout

Though still nursing the wounds of a bruising five-match T20 series whitewash at the hands of Australia, West Indies white-ball captain Shai Hope is urging his team to quickly reset, with another daunting challenge looming — a series against Pakistan.

While the sting of the 5-0 loss remains fresh, Hope isn't dwelling in disappointment. Instead, he's using the harsh lessons from the Australian onslaught as fuel, emphasizing that improved execution across all departments is the key to bouncing back.

"We've just got to be a little more consistent in all three areas," Hope admitted. "There were games where we started well with the bat and fell away at the back end, or vice versa. Against a team like Australia, you can't afford those lapses — you've got to put your best games together."

Australia's dominance was clinical and unrelenting, but Hope sees value in the exposure, particularly in observing how the opposition approached every moment with precision and purpose.

"I thought they executed really well, especially with the ball," he said. "They had clear plans, and you could see it. Whether it was a certain phase of the



**West Indies captain Shai Hope is cleaned up by Australia's pacer Ben Dwarshuis during the fifth and final T20 International against Australia at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Monday, July 28, 2025. (Getty Images)**

innings or a specific match situation, they always knew what they wanted to do — and they did it."

What impressed the skipper even more was the Aussie aggression with the bat.

"They never let up," Hope added. "Even when we picked up wickets in the powerplay, they just kept pressing. On a small ground and a good surface like Saint Kitts, they made it tough for our bowlers to settle."

Despite the series result, Hope was heartened by signs of fight from the West Indies, particularly in the final two games where the bowlers began to find their

rhythm and purpose.

"There were definite signs of progress. The bowlers fought — that's something we can build on."

But if the Windies are to begin turning promise into performance, Hope knows it will take more than just glimpses of brilliance.

"We show we can compete with the best, but if we're not putting the full game together — batting, bowling, and fielding — we'll always be playing catch-up. It's about stringing those winning passages together more consistently."

As fans digest another tough series defeat, Hope

was quick to acknowledge their unwavering support, asking them to stay the course with the team.

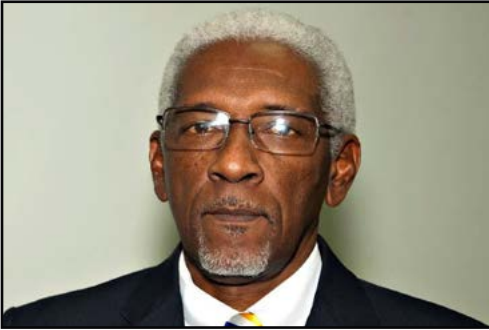
"We feel it too," he said. "We want to win, probably even more than they do. So we just ask them to keep supporting us. We're working to get the formula right. Once we do, we'll keep pressing that success button."

With Pakistan next in line, there's no time to dwell. Preparation has already begun.

"It's a quick turnaround. We've got plans in place and we're locked in on execution. If we raise that level, I'm confident we'll come out on top this time."



## Outgoing BCA president Riley reflects on tenure



**Conde Riley**

After seven years at the helm of the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA), Conde Riley has formally announced that he will not seek re-election as president, a decision he described as difficult but necessary.

Riley, who has served since 2017, issued a reflective statement on his tenure, as he underscored both the accomplishments and challenges that defined his three terms in office.

“Over my tenure on the board, I would like to think that I have played a pivotal role in the growth, development, and success of the organisation, and the sport of cricket within Barbados, but also across the wider region,” he said.

He noted that his presidency was shaped by a commitment to “strong governance, strategic innovation, and an enduring dedication to cricket at all levels, from grassroots initiatives to elite competition, including the women’s game.”

Riley recalled assuming leadership of the BCA at what he called “a critical juncture,” but said he was proud of the strides made under his stewardship.

With the support of successive boards, he championed youth engagement and led efforts to improve infra-

structure, moves he believes helped elevate the sport’s local standard and regional standing.

“These efforts not only elevated the standard of cricket within the country but also enhanced its reputation nationally and regionally,” Riley stated.

Looking back, Riley expressed pride in a legacy he hopes will be remembered for promoting inclusivity and prioritising the sport’s long-term development.

As he steps aside, he extended his gratitude to those who supported him throughout his tenure and offered well wishes to his successor. He also urged the incoming leadership to remain focused on advancing Caribbean cricket both regionally and on the global stage.

## ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

**THEME “WORSHIP, PRAYER, SIGNS AND WONDERS”**

**SUNDAY 03RD AUGUST, 2025**

**9:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.**

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# VACANCY

## ACCOUNTANT

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) is seeking a motivated Accountant to support the timely preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), reconcile key balance sheet accounts, and enhance our financial reporting systems. Working closely and under the direct supervision of the Senior Accountant, the incumbent will be responsible for the reconciliation of key accounts, enhancement of financial reporting processes, and providing support on various finance-related special projects. This position requires a detail-oriented, analytical, and results-driven individual.

### Key duties include:

- Preparing monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements in compliance with IFRS.
- Reconciling key accounts, including but not limited to bank accounts, payables, receivables, inventory, accruals, and other general ledger balances.
- Working closely and under the supervision of the Senior Accountant to ensure accurate financial reporting and compliance with internal policies.
- Assisting in the preparation and review of audit schedules and supporting external and internal audit processes.
- Identifying and implementing improvements to enhance and streamline financial reporting processes and applications.
- Ensuring all financial records are maintained in an organized and timely manner to support management reporting and decision-making.
- Analyzing financial data and trends to identify variances and recommend corrective actions.
- Assisting in the preparation of budgets and forecasts as needed.
- Supporting the automation of routine reports and development of financial dashboards.
- Participating in the implementation of new accounting systems or process improvements.
- Providing support for special projects, including financial analysis for capital projects, regulatory reporting, and funding applications.
- Maintaining compliance with company policies, internal controls, and regulatory requirements.

### The successful candidate **MUST** possess the following:

- A Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field.
- A minimum of three (3) years of experience in a similar role; utility or public sector experience is an asset.
- Minimum professional accounting designation of ACCA, CPA, or CMA.
- Strong knowledge of IFRS and financial reporting standards.
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, accounting software and ERP systems.
- Excellent analytical, organizational, and time-management skills.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work effectively within a team.
- A high level of integrity, discretion, and commitment to confidentiality.

### Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

Human Resources Manager  
Antigua Public Utilities Authority  
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St. Johns, Antigua  
**OR** Email: [hr@apua.ag](mailto:hr@apua.ag)

**Deadline for application is Friday 1st August, 2025**

**\*\* Only suitable applicants will be acknowledged \*\***

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## CPL to adopt ICC T20 international playing conditions



**2024 Caribbean Premier League champions St. Lucia Kings**

The Caribbean Premier League (CPL) will adopt the International Cricket Council's (ICC) T20 International playing conditions starting with the upcoming season.

This strategic alignment brings CPL matches in line with the global standard, ensuring the tournament remains one of the premier cricketing showcases in the world.

The recent updates to the ICC's T20I playing conditions - particularly the stricter over rate rules - have led to notable improvements in match completion times across international cricket.

By adopting these same rules, the CPL aims to ensure more predictable match durations, enhancing the experience for fans, broadcasters, and all stakeholders involved.

"We've observed how impactful the ICC's over rate regulations have been in reducing delays during T20 Internationals," said Michael Hall, CPL's Tournament Operations Director.

"We are committed to delivering a world-class product that is efficient, entertaining, and in step with the

global game."

The CPL has always served as a critical platform for nurturing Caribbean cricketing talent. Aligning with ICC T20I standards ensures that players, especially emerging stars, operate under the same conditions they will encounter on the international stage.

This move is designed to streamline the transition for players entering or returning to the West Indies national setup.

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## Antiguans fail to advance at World Swimming Championships



**Bianca Mitchell at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore.**

**Antiguan male swimmer Naeem DeSouza, left, and coach Wayne Mitchell at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore. (Photos courtesy of the ABSF)**

Antigua and Barbuda's Bianca Mitchell and Naeem DeSouza have failed to advance from their first-round heats at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore.

Bianca Mitchell bowed out after her first-round heat in the women's 200-meter freestyle race on Monday evening.

The 24-year-old Bianca Mitchell missed out on qualifying for Tuesday's semi-finals after finishing in fourth place in the first of five opening round heats.

Bianca Mitchell clocked a time of two minutes and 11.40 seconds in Heat 1, which was won by Harper Barrowman of the Cayman Islands in a time of two minutes and 08.28 seconds.

Hiruki De Silva of Sri Lanka staved off a stiff challenge from Jehanara Nabi

of Pakistan to clinch second place in two minutes and 09.23 seconds. Nabi finished in third place in two minutes and 09.88 seconds.

The final of the women's 200-meter freestyle event will take place on Wednesday.

DeSouza bowed out of the men's 50-meter butterfly event after clocking a personal best to finish third in Heat 2 on Sunday. DeSouza clocked 26.52 seconds in Heat 1, which was won by Jeno Heyns of Suriname.

The men's 50-meter butterfly event was won by 26-year-old Maxime Grousset of France. Grousset clocked 22.48 seconds to win the final. Noe Ponti of Switzerland took second place, and Thomas Ceccon of Italy finished in third place.

The 18-year-old DeSouza

will also compete in Heat 1 of the men's 100-meter butterfly event on Thursday.

Bianca Mitchell and Naeem DeSouza are part of a four-member team that is representing Antigua and Barbuda at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore from July 24 to August 1.

The other Antiguan at the event are male swimmer Stefano Mitchell and female swimmer Aunjelique Liddie.

The 25-year-old Stefano Mitchell was slated to launch his campaign by contesting Heat 5 of the men's 100-meter freestyle event on Tuesday night.

Stefano Mitchell will also compete in Heat 8 of the men's 50-meter freestyle event on Friday.

The 17-year-old Aunjelique Liddie is set to launch her campaign in Heat 5 of the women's 100-meter

freestyle races on Wednesday. Liddie is also slated to compete in the women's 50-meter freestyle event on Friday.

Leading the team into this international arena is Coach Wayne Mitchell, who brings years of experience and passion for the sport. Also accompanying the athletes is Anna Mitchell, who is serving as the team manager, ensuring smooth coordination and support throughout the competition.

Additionally, the president of the Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Federation (ABSF), Edith Clashing, represented the national federation at the World Swimming Congress on Tuesday, July 29.

Clashing will also take up an assignment with the World Masters Championships as a member of the World Masters Technical Committee from August 5 to 15.