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Antigua and Barbuda welcomes Dr. Julius Garvey, son of Marcus Garvey

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Local News

Dr. Julius Garvey is 'full of emotions' ahead of Emancipation celebrations



Dr. Julius Garvey and Ambassador Dorebrene O'Marke

Dr. Julius Garvey, the special guest of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparation Support Commission for tonight's (Thursday) Watchnight celebration to mark the 191 anniversary of the Emancipation of slavery in the British West Indies, says he is 'full of emotions' ahead of the celebrations taking place at Botanical Gardens.

Speaking at the VC Bird International Airport moments after he arrived for the celebration where he will deliver the feature address, Dr. Garvey, the son of Black Nationalist, Marcus Garvey, said he is happy to be in Antigua and Barbuda to participate in this important event.

"I certainly look forward to the visit and the occasion of celebrating Emancipation, which is always a positive emotional lift, recognizing the history and suffering that we have gone through; so its therefore good to celebrate on this occasion," he noted.

On the question of the importance of celebrating Emancipation, Dr. Garvey explained that it is a celebration 'of the release of our own spirits' and being able to 'manifest our own destiny' in terms of liberation and 'who we are as

a people'.

He further explained that it is also a

representation of how the descendants of enslaved people now see the world and configure the world instead of being told what to do and how to do things that are in someone else's interest.

"It's a great occasion and in some sense, every day is Emancipation Day but this has a special flavour as it recognizes our ancestors and what they have gone through and what we have had to go through to be where we are; so it's full of emotions but it is something that gives us the strength to shape our future," he declared.

During this visit, Dr. Garvey will be the special guest at a cocktail reception in his honour and he will also participate in an event at the Bust of Father of the Nation, Sir Vere Cornwall Bird on Friday morning.



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Caribbean CBI programmes are among the most attractive in the world

The Citizenship By Investment programmes operated by Antigua and Barbuda and four other Caribbean nations are now said to be among the most attractive operated anywhere in the world.

Recent media reports state that demands for the programmes have increased significantly over the past year. “In recent months, demand has surged, particularly from U.S. citizens concerned about political and social instability at home. Applications to Caribbean CBI programmes have increased by 12% since late 2024. Other frequent applicants come from countries including Ukraine, Turkey, Nigeria, and China,” according to the reports.

According to the reports these programmes are among the fastest CBI programs in the world, as one can get a Caribbean passport within six months. The obtaining procedure is remote; the investor doesn’t have to visit the country to obtain a second citizenship by investment.

Five Eastern Caribbean nations — Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, and St Lucia — are attracting increasing numbers of investors through their citizenship-by-investment (CBI) programmes. These schemes allow individuals to obtain citizenship and a passport in exchange for investments starting at \$200,000.



The passports issued under these programmes grant visa-free access to around 150 countries, including Europe’s Schengen area and, with the exception of Dominica, the United Kingdom. Investors can also retain their original citizenship while benefiting from the Caribbean nations’ tax advantages, such as no capital gains or inheritance taxes.

While the programmes require no residency, some buyers are choosing to relocate permanently. Real estate purchases remain the most common investment route, with Antigua and Barbuda recently raising its minimum property investment requirement from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Alternative options include donations to national development funds.

The CBI programmes have become vital sources of revenue for these small economies, accounting for up to 30% of GDP in some cases. Funds generated have supported infrastructure development, healthcare facilities, and recovery efforts after natural disasters.

sasters.

However, the schemes have drawn international scrutiny. The European Union is reviewing whether the programmes pose security risks or abuse visa-free travel agreements. The U.S. has also voiced concerns about the potential for misuse in money laundering or tax evasion.

In response, the five nations have introduced stricter oversight measures, such as enhanced applicant due diligence, mandatory interviews, regular audits, and the creation of a regional regulator. These steps aim to safeguard the programmes’ integrity while maintaining their economic benefits.

Agriculture Minister is happy with efforts to restore the Antigua Black pineapple



Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Anthony Smith Jr.



Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Anthony Smith Jr., has expressed satisfaction with the progress made in restoring and boosting production of the Antigua Black Pineapple. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has embarked on an ambitious initiative to revive the iconic fruit, with a goal of cultivating over 200,000 plants by the end of 2026.

The first step in the restoration process involved selecting premium strains of the Antigua Black Pineapple from 10 local farmers. These selected strains underwent a tissue culture clean-up process and were sent to a laboratory in St. Vincent and the Grenadines for propagation.

"We had our first 15,000 slips come in from the lab in St. Vincent. At Cades Bay, we have already planted all 15,000 of those pineapple slips, and we are now awaiting an additional 15,000 to arrive. We are also working with our local pineapple farmers to obtain more

slips, which are currently being planted at Cades Bay as well. I must say again that I am very proud of the Ministry of Agriculture and where we are at the moment with the resuscitation of the Antigua Black Pineapple," Minister Smith stated.

According to the Minister, Antiguan and Barbudans will have an opportunity to witness the progress made during Piango Fest, scheduled for October 17th at Cades Bay.

"I'll use this opportunity to invite the local population to Piango Fest on October 17th, which will be held at Cades Bay—the same location where the pineapples are being cultivated. As part of the event, we will have officers from the station available to guide members of the public through the fields and demonstrate the progress we've made with the resuscitation effort," he added.

Minister Smith also acknowledged the critical support of regional and in-

ternational partners in the restoration efforts.

"Again, we are very proud of where we are. We must thank our partners: IICA for the role they've played, CARDI, who have also made a major contribution, and the FAO for their assistance. Most importantly, we must thank the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for the resources they have committed to the resuscitation of our Antiguan Black Pineapple."

He emphasized the pivotal role of local farmers and revealed that, once available, the Ministry will begin dis-

tributing pineapple heads to farmers to support wider cultivation. He also encouraged youth participation in agriculture, especially in pineapple production, highlighting its profitability and strong government support.

The Antigua Black Pineapple, renowned for its distinctive sweetness, is more than just a crop—it is a national treasure and a powerful symbol of Antigua and Barbuda's agricultural heritage. This initiative not only safeguards the genetic legacy of the fruit but also promotes it on local, regional, and international platforms.

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A 17-year old is dead from apparent stab wounds... and a 16 year old is a prime suspect



A 17-year old youth – Vonde Bowers of Liberta Village – is the country’s latest homicide following what appears to be multiple stab wounds about his body.

The police have now confirmed that a 16-year-old male of Hatton is

currently in custody, being questioned in connection with Bowers’ death.

Police reports say that at approximately 9:10 p.m. on Tuesday, police and emergency personnel responded to a wounding incident at Grays Farm,

in which 17-year-old Vonde Bowers of Liberta Village was reportedly injured during a physical altercation. He was transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center with multiple stab wounds to his body and was subsequently pronounced dead at 9:36 p.m.

A suspect was arrested shortly after the incident and is currently in police custody, assisting with ongoing investigations.

The Police administration expresses heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Vonde

Bowers, as they mourn his tragic death.

The Administration is further appealing to the youths of this country to desist from this deviant type of behaviour and to seek more peaceful ways of resolving their differences without violence.

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



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Attention: Mrs. Rhodette Paige
Legal Counsel/ Corporate Secretary

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Caricom Disaster Relief Unit Training in Antigua and Barbuda



First responders in Antigua and Barbuda are sharpening their skills in the area of disaster relief with a one-week training workshop.

In a media release, the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) said officers from the police and defence forces along with disaster personnel are joining their regional counterparts in a one-week Caricom Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) training here on island aimed at strengthening their disaster relief response capabilities.

“The training, being hosted by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), in partnership with the Regional Security System (RSS), is targeting approximately 40 participants from Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts/Nevis, Grenada, Montserrat, the British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines,” the release stated.

It said the Caricom Disaster Relief Unit serves as a vital first relief mechanism, comprising the military, fire service, and police personnel from CDEMA participating states. This enables the unit to provide immediate humanitarian assistance, facilitate logistics, support emergency telecommunications and coordinate national and regional relief efforts.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop on Monday on behalf of the Executive Director of CDEMA Elizabeth Riley, Programme Director Rasheed Pinder said the training was a critical step in enhancing the region’s pre-

paredness and resilience considering the occurrence of more severe and frequent hazards.

Deputy Director of NODS Craig Cole noted that participants should not just strengthen themselves but the region as well. Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Philip of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force believes camaraderie among participants will enhance teamwork.

Support for the training has also come from the United States Southern Command (US Southcom) represented

by Coalition Affairs Director David Greene. US Southcom comprises military and civilian personnel who are responsible for providing contingency planning, operations, and security cooperation in the Caribbean and other regions.

The Caricom Disaster Relief Unit training, being held at Crabbes, will focus on topics such as regional relief and logistics plan, telecommunications, basic safer building and engineering techniques and improved team coordination.



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**In the Estate of SARAH THOMAS a.k.a. IONIE THOMAS a.k.a. SARAH IONIE
POTTER late of Central Street Villa, St. John's, Antigua**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JEANMARIE DOUGLAS** of 4th Avenue, Villa in the Parish of Saint John in the State of Antigua and Barbuda for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 17th day of December, 1992.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2025

JEANMARIE DOUGLAS
Applicant

Filed by **KEVON O. BENJAMIN** of **STEADROY C. O. BENJAMIN & CO. INC.** Attorneys-at-law whose address for service is *Corner Nevis & Cross Streets in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Antigua*; email address: *grapinegayle.benjaminandco@gmail.com*; Tele#: 462-9474/0554

A Ministry of ICTs team attends Digital Transformation for the Caribbean Meeting 2025 in Trinidad



MICTUE Staff with Dr. Craig Ramlal - Exec. Dir. Artificial Intelligence Innovation Centre (AIIIC) at UWI St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago

The Ministry of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) participated in the School of Digital Transformation in the Caribbean 2025 meeting in Trinidad, with a strategic emphasis on progressing digital governance and transformation strategies throughout the region.

Delegates Andronette Marshall, Janine Lovell, and Jenika Harris represented MICTUE, undertaking a detailed examination of governance frameworks for seamless integration into ongoing ministry projects. These frameworks will serve as foundational guidelines for artificial intelligence, digital inclusion, and responsible technology implementation, with a clear objective of bridging the digital divide in Antigua and Barbuda through enhanced connectivity and targeted digital literacy programs.

Discussions were centered on pivotal initiatives, including: actively promoting female participation in ICT through comprehensive community outreach efforts; strengthening collabor-



MICTUE Staff with Mr. Rodney Taylor - Secretary General, CTU

orative partnerships with Caribbean nations to formulate a cohesive Unified Digital Strategy; advocating for increased financial investment in ICT infrastructure and initiatives; refining internal communication protocols to ensure optimal efficiency; and developing robust assessment frameworks to evaluate the effectiveness of digital initiatives.

Marshall, Executive Office Administrator, emphasized the considerable potential to accelerate digital education transformation through strategic upgrades to broadband infrastructure, specifically focusing on advancements in fiber optics and 5G technology, coupled with optimized operational practices leveraging Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). She further highlighted the paramount importance of strategic leadership, accountability, and the cultivation of sustainable digital ecosystems throughout the Caribbean region.

Lovell, Project Officer in the eGovernment Department, underscored the necessity of resilient infrastructure policies and comprehensive digital inclusion programs to stimulate socioeconomic growth through strategic

technology integration, the sharing of best practices, and the harmonization of regulations, data-driven insights, and enhanced transparency. Acknowledging that progress is currently impeded by deficiencies in regional communication, the ICTs Ministry affirmed its unwavering commitment to a united effort aimed at modernizing the ICT infrastructure.

Harris, Data Entry Clerk in the eGovernment Department, emphasized the critical need to secure dedicated funding streams and align national strategies with prominent global initiatives such as the EU-LAC Digital Alliance, to maximize benefits for Antigua and Barbuda. She also provided insights on gender inclusion in technology and highlighted a renewed focus on local digitization projects in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Royal Police Force and His Majesty's Prison.

The Ministry of ICTs remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a more connected, inclusive, and technologically advanced society for the benefit of all citizens of Antigua and Barbuda.

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Book Launch – King of Soca: Machel Montano



By: Elizabeth Makhoul

Good evening, everyone,

My name is Elizabeth Makhoul, but to my friends, I'm simply Lisa. And to so does this incredible Lady I am here to introduce.

It is truly an honour to stand here tonight to be a part of this official launch of the *King of Soca*, book here in Antigua and Barbuda. A book about the man that shaped the sound of soca, and also its soul and spirit, Machel Montano.

However, I want to take a moment to lift the author the matriarch of the Montano's legacy. Elizabeth "Lady"

Montano.

Lady, this book, *King of Soca*, is not only Machel's story, but also your legacy in motion. You managed to capture, with care and brilliance, the journey of the boy you raised into a global icon. Through your unwavering love, discipline, and vision, you gave the world more than a son you gave us a cultural ambassador.

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For me, sharing this journey is also deeply personal. Machel and I have shared over 30 years of friendship, a bond formed when soca was still carving out its place in the world our connection has always gone far beyond music. It's a bond



built on deep respect, shared purpose, and unconditional love, a friendship that has

become family.

Tonight is more than a book launch. It is a celebration of

a legacy one built beat by beat, moment by moment. *King of Soca* is more than a biography; it is a living archive of passion, perseverance, and purpose. It tells the story not just of the artist, but of the man, a man who has walked in his divine calling with boldness and humility.

Lady, through it all, we know: this greatness was no accident. It was destiny, guided, nurtured, and believed in by a mother who saw not just who her son was, but who he was meant to become.

So tonight, *Lady* we say thanks you for this Master peace. The crown behind the King. Thank you.



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Goal Thirteen says take urgent steps,
 To cool the world and clean up the mess.
 Goal Fourteen calls for life below waves,
 Protecting the oceans that cradle our bays.
 And Fifteen reminds us of trees and the land,
 So wine and plant trees with your beautiful
 band!

Goal Twelve speaks of how we consume,
 From glitter and gas to the floats we groom.
 Let's compost, reuse, rethink and repair,
 Bring back the balance and cleaner air.

Goal Eleven wants cities so fine,
 With transport that's green and smart design.
 And Seventeen—partnership, bold—

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So when you're jumping and hands are high,
 Think of the birds that soar in the sky.
 When you're drinking and singing under the
 moon,

Remember the Earth is watching you soon.
 Call to the bands, to the kings and the queens,
 To eco-designers with sustainable dreams.

Call to the DJs, the mas-makers bold,
 To rewrite the story that's never been told.

This is the season of joy and flair,
 Let's also show the world we care.

Let's make a vow as we chip and move,
 To let Carnival and climate groove!
 So march to the rhythm of action and light,
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 The planet is calling, it's time to respond—
 Let's party with purpose and build a new



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PAJ chairman announces US\$50M investment in Port of Kingston expansion



The Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ) is set to invest US\$50 million this year to further expand operations at the Port of Kingston, continuing its drive to transform Jamaica into a key player in global logistics.

Chairman of the PAJ, Alok Jain, made the announcement on Tuesday during the ground-breaking and launch ceremony of the Caymanas Special Economic Zone (SEZ), held on 700 acres of land adjacent to the Mandela Highway in St. Catherine.

“We will be investing in new equipment, and just two weeks ago, you may recall that we did the signing ceremony and ground-breaking for the Westland expansion, which is an US\$80 million expansion,” Jain declared while addressing a gathering of government officials, stakeholders, and business leaders.

The PAJ’s announcement comes amid a broader push to modernise and strengthen Jamaica’s port infrastructure to attract global shipping interests.

The Caymanas SEZ is expected to play a key role in this strategy by offering warehousing and logistics services to

complement Jamaica’s port facilities.

Jain also highlighted the significant

progress made since the 30-year lease agreement was signed with Kingston Freeport Terminal Limited (KFT), the entity managing the transshipment hub.

He noted that under the agreement, KFT has already invested over US\$400 million in capital works, including dredging of the channel and installation of high-tech operating systems that meet international standards.

According to Jain, the investment is bearing fruit.

“Over that period, cargo volume has increased by 60 percent and the workforce has expanded by 50 percent, creating more than 500 high-quality jobs,” he told the audience. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)



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Time: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Buckley Line, in the vicinity of the Gas Station

Date: Thursday, 31st July 2025

Time: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Cedar Valley, in the vicinity of Old Popeshead Road

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Outrage as modern bridge lies unused

Located just east of the narrow Bunsee Trace bridge lies a modern, completed two-lane bridge, still unopened, unused, and now at the centre of public outrage.

And commuters are calling for the unfinished Debe-to-Penal segment of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension Project (SHHEPF) to be completed.

Their call follows the tragic death of 29-year-old Kalisa Danclair when the vehicle she was driving veered off the narrow Bunsee Trace bridge and plunged into the swollen South Oropouche River late Monday night.

Residents and commuters say the new bridge could have provided a safer crossing.

The new bridge, equipped with modern safety features, was completed but never commissioned, remaining fenced off and inaccessible.

Speaking to the Express yesterday at her home located near to the South Oropouche River where the accident occurred, Nandanie Khan questioned why the incomplete bridge was yet unopened.

“There’s a bridge opposite the existing bridge that is



supposed to be opened. What is happening with that bridge? Why hasn’t it been open to the villagers and residents of Debe, Penal? That is a good question. Why the former authorities didn’t open the bridge? They didn’t see it fit to fix it and open it?” she asked.

Had the bridge been functional, she believed that Monday’s accident could have been avoided.

“That is a double lane where two vehicles could pass on both sides...if we could get the highway finished and we have a double-lane bridge...about 200 to 150 feet,” she said.

Following Danclair’s death, a social media post yesterday highlighted the dangers to motorists using the bridge.

“Every day, thousands of motorists from Penal and Debe make the uneasy

journey across the narrow bridge on Suchit Trace. I cross it twice daily and despite doing so for years, it’s never a drive I take lightly. It’s a tense few seconds where full focus is required because depending on the day, you are just inches away from an oncoming vehicle on one side and a railing on the other. Truly, everyone knows someone who hit a man mirror on that bridge, and that’s being modest. I, myself, have had three small hits on that bridge,” the post stated.

It added that the bridge was “too narrow” and “every crossing comes with a sense of risk”, and that Suchit Trace, through which the bridge can be accessed, had become “a critical alternative to the SS Erin Road”, and was no longer “just a local route.”

“With such heavy daily

use, one has to wonder why the parallel highway, which has already been graded and partially developed, remains untouched. Not much has to happen to explore and utilise the option of opening that section of the highway. Countless residents will forever be grateful for a safer and faster commute. This is not just about convenience, it is about safety, progress, and responsible infrastructure planning,” the post stated.

Responding to the post, other motorists shared the horrors of using the narrow bridge.

One commenter said: “I use that bridge just a handful of times each year and I get uneasy. I have held my breath once or twice because I thought another vehicle was going to hit my mirror.”

Another added: “I absolutely hate and dread passing on that route because of that bridge. I’ve seen where many people were ridiculed for saying that the bridge is narrow and only allows for one vehicle, but honestly, its design is really only for one vehicle at a time, but we take the chance and just hope for the best.” (Trinidad Express)

Caribbean must shift from consumption to production, says Caribbean Export Development Agency head



Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency, Dr Damie Sinanan, is calling for the region to shift from being a consumer-based society to one that is driven by innovation, production, and export, warning that the region's long-term prosperity depends on it.

Speaking at the opening of the 2025 Caribbean Investment Forum at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in St. James on Tuesday, Sinanan challenged regional stakeholders to act with urgency to reposition the Caribbean as a globally competitive player.

"We cannot build resilient economies on consumption alone," Sinanan declared

"We have to move beyond survival mode and into strategic investment in the sectors that will grow our GDP, create jobs, and secure our future."

The three-day forum, being held

under the theme "Transforming Our Future: Catalyzing Innovation and Investment", brings together heads of government, private sector leaders, and international partners to discuss investment opportunities in technology, agriculture, and sustainable industries.

Sinanan emphasised that the Caribbean must not miss the current global shift toward digital transformation, climate-smart agriculture, and green energy.

"If we are serious about food security, climate resilience, and energy independence, then we must attract the kind of investments that bring new technology, open new markets, and foster local entrepreneurship," he said.

He also urged countries to remove the bureaucratic barriers that frustrate investors and innovators alike.

"It's not enough to have vision. We need action. We need the policies and the political will to make the

Caribbean a place where business is easy, scalable, and sustainable," Sinanan told the gathering.

The forum, hosted by the Government of Jamaica in collaboration with the Caribbean Export Development Agency and other partners, has drawn participation from over 500 delegates across 20 countries.

For his part, Prime Minister Dr. Andrew Holness, in his address, said the future of the Caribbean must be shaped by modern strategies that boost resilience, innovation, and sustainability.

"The Caribbean of the future is one that leverages technology to drive productivity, harnesses clean energy to power growth, strengthens infrastructure to enhance competitiveness, and modernises agriculture to ensure food security," said Holness in a video presentation.

"These are the foundational pillars of a resilient and inclusive economy," he added.

Holness described the forum as more than just an annual fixture on the investment calendar, hailing it as a clear demonstration of the region's determination to position itself as a united and globally competitive economic hub.

"It is a whole declaration of our collective intent to present the Caribbean not as isolated island economies, but as a globally competitive and sustainable investment space at the crossroads of the Americas." *(Jamaica Gleaner)*

Trump to hit India with 25% tariffs - plus 'penalty' for trade with Russia



The US will impose 25% tariffs on goods imported from India “plus an unspecified penalty” for buying Russian energy and weapons, President Trump has said.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, he said the measures would take effect from from 1 August, the US deadline for a trade deal. He described India as a friend whose “tariffs are far too high, among the highest in the world”.

He also criticised India’s purchases of Russian military equipment and energy “when everyone wants Russia to STOP THE KILLING IN UKRAINE”.

There was no immediate response from India, which has been negotiating a trade deal with the US for months. Last year,

the US had a trade deficit of \$45.8bn (£26.1bn) with India.

Back in April, Trump had announced tariffs of up to 27% on Indian goods, which were later paused. This Friday is the latest deadline for India and other countries to either reach a trade agreement or face increased tariffs.

Tariffs are taxes charged on goods imported from other countries. The US president has repeatedly taken aim at India’s high tariffs, branding it a “tariff king” and a “big abuser” of trade ties.

“But now I’m in charge, and you just can’t do that,” he said earlier on Tuesday.

Since April, both sides have been racing to negotiate an agreement, with officials sometimes sounding pos-

itive and at other times, measured.

“We continue to speak with our Indian counterparts. We’ve always had very constructive discussions with them,” US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said earlier this week.

He also acknowledged that although he had earlier said a deal with India might be “imminent”, it needed to be understood that Delhi’s trade policy has been “protectionist for a very long time” and has been “premised on strongly protecting their domestic market”.

Greer added that Trump has been focused on securing deals that substantially open other markets to the US.

Agriculture and dairy are among the key sticking

points for both countries.

For years, Washington has pushed for greater access to India’s farm sector, seeing it as a major untapped market. But India has fiercely protected it, citing food security, livelihoods and the interests of millions of small farmers.

Last week, Indian Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal told CNBC that the agriculture sector is sensitive for India and that it will make sure that farmers’ interests are “well protected”.

Goyal also told news agencies that India remains “optimistic” about striking a deal with Washington soon.

Speaking to Reuters, he said that India was making “fantastic progress” in talks with the US and that he hoped they were able to “conclude a very consequential partnership”.

Until recently, the US was India’s largest trading partner, with bilateral trade reaching \$190bn in 2024. Trump and Modi have set a target to more than double this figure to \$500bn.

India has already reduced tariffs on a range of goods - including Bourbon whiskey and motorcycles - but the US continues to run a \$45bn (£33bn) trade deficit with India, which Trump is keen to reduce. (BBC News)

Sean 'Diddy' Combs asks for release on \$50 million bond ahead of sentencing in October



Music mogul Sean 'Diddy' Combs is asking a judge to free him on a \$50 million bond while he awaits sentencing in October after a jury found him not guilty of the most serious federal charges he faced earlier this month.

In a court filing Tuesday, Combs' lawyer argued that conditions at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn are dangerous, noting that others convicted of similar prostitution-related offences were typically released before sentencing.

"Sean Combs should not be in jail for this conduct," Marc Agnifilo said.

"In fact, he may be the only person currently in a United States jail for being any sort of john, and certainly the only person in jail for hiring adult male escorts for him and his girlfriend."

A spokesperson for the US attorney's office in Manhattan did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Prosecutors have previously insisted he remains a flight risk.

Combs, 55, faces up to a decade in prison on two counts of transportation to engage in prostitution for flying people around the country, including his girlfriends and male sex workers, for sexual encounters.

A conviction on racketeering conspir-

acy or sex trafficking could have put one of hip-hop's celebrated figures in

prison for life.

Immediately after he was acquitted on July 2, Agnifilo had asked that Combs be released on bond.

But Judge Arun Subramanian denied it, saying Combs at the time had not met the burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence a "lack of danger to any person or the community."

Combs is the latest celebrity inmate to be locked up at MDC Brooklyn, the only federal jail in New York City, joining a list that includes R. Kelly, Ghislaine Maxwell and cryptocurrency fraudster Sam Bankman-Fried. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

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Birmingham, the home of metal, honors Ozzy Osbourne as his hearse makes way through city

The “home of metal” is honoring one of its most cherished sons.

Thousands of Black Sabbath fans were paying their respects Wednesday to frontman Ozzy Osbourne as his hearse made its way through the streets of Birmingham, the English city where he grew up and where the band was formed in 1968.

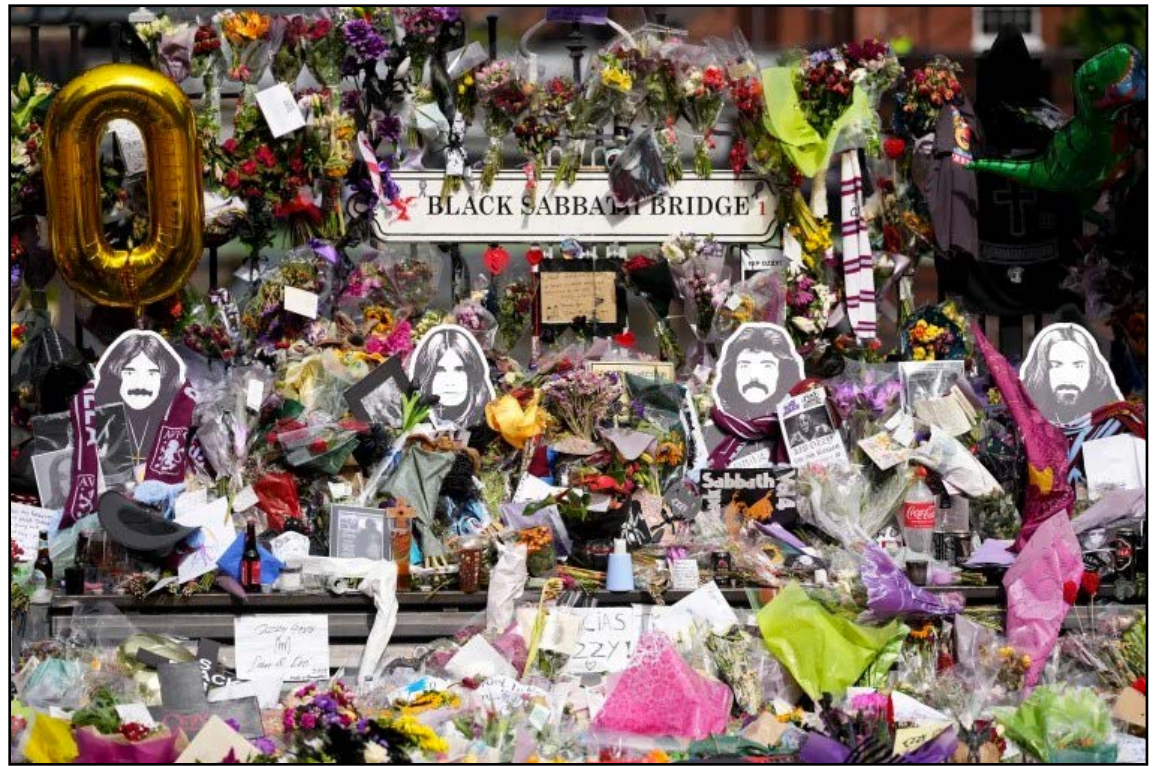
The hearse carrying Osbourne, who died last Tuesday at the age of 76, was making its way down Broad Street, the city’s major thoroughfare, to the Black Sabbath bench, which was unveiled on the Broad Street canal bridge in 2019.

“Ozzy, Ozzy, Ozzy, oi, oi, oi,” fans screamed as the hearse arrived.

Six vehicles carrying the Osbourne family, who paid for the procession, followed. The family emerged briefly, with his wife of 43 years Sharon, visibly moved.

Since his death was announced, fans have made pilgrimages to sites around Birmingham, which has embraced its reputation as the birthplace of heavy metal. Among his peers, Osbourne was metal’s godfather.

“Ozzy was more than a music legend — he was a son of Birmingham,” said city official Zafar Iqbal. “We know how much this moment will mean to his fans.”



Osbourne and his Black Sabbath bandmates, Terence Butler, Tony Iommi and Bill Ward, were recently awarded the Freedom of the City in recognition of their services to Birmingham.

“I think he really impacted everyone here, especially in Birmingham as well,” said fan Evie Mayo. “Now that he’s not here anymore, you can feel the impact of it. He inspired a lot of people and he was a great person.”

Black Sabbath’s story began in Birmingham in 1968 when the four original members were looking to escape a life of factory work. Without doubt, the sound and fury of heavy metal had its roots in the city’s manufacturing heritage. Osbourne never for-

got his working-class roots, and his Brummie accent remained.

Black Sabbath has been widely credited with defining and popularizing the sound of heavy metal — aggressive, but full of melodies.

Osbourne was the band’s frontman during its peak period in the 1970s.

His antics, on and off stage, were legendary, and often fueled by copious amounts of drinks and drugs. He was widely known as the “Prince of Darkness.”

The band’s eponymous debut album in 1970 made the U.K. top 10 and paved the way for a string of hit albums, including 1971’s “Master of Reality” and “Vol. 4” a year later. It went on to become one of the

most influential and successful metal bands of all time, selling more than 75 million albums worldwide.

At the final show on July 5, 42,000 fans watched the band perform for the first time in 20 years at Villa Park, home of the city’s biggest soccer club, Aston Villa, with Osbourne seated on a black throne. Osbourne had been in poor health in recent years, especially after being diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2019.

Osbourne, who also had a successful solo career, found a new legion of fans in the early 2000s reality show “The Osbournes” in which he starred alongside Sharon and two youngest children, Kelly and Jack. (NBC News)



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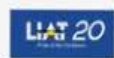
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Tigers and Lions seek title in Thursday League final



A new champion will be crowned in the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League's Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League today.

The Jennings Tigers and the New Winthorpes Lions will clash in the final of the T20 competition at the New Winthorpes playing field at 2:30 pm.

Bertel Baltimore and Calvin Thomas will officiate the game, which will be live-streamed on the Parish League Network's Facebook, Twitter (X), and YouTube channels.

The Jennings Tigers will be seeking their first Thursday League title after ousting back-to-back defending cham-

pions WES Rising Sun Spartans in a single eliminator last week.

The Jennings Tigers advance to the final by coasting to a nine-wicket victory against the Rising Sun Spartans at the Rising Sun playing field in St. John's.

Rising Sun Spartans were restricted to 141 for nine off their 20 overs, and the Jennings Tigers achieved victory at 142 for one in 11.3 overs.

The New Winthorpes gained a bye into the final by finishing as the top team at the end of the round-robin preliminary stage of the T20 competition.

The New Winthorpes Lions will be going after their second title this season after beating Empire Nation in the final to win the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Cup on Sunday, July 6.

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King the lone Windies mover in ICC T20 Rankings

Brandon King has emerged as the only West Indies player to make upward strides in the latest ICC T20I rankings, following the team's humbling 5-0 whitewash at the hands of Australia.

King's two half-century knocks of 51 and 62 contributed to his jump of nine places to a joint-21st spot among T20I batters. Despite the team's overall struggles, the Jamaican opener, for the most part, managed to hold his own against a dominant Australian attack.

Captain Shai Hope, who scored a century and finished second on the run charts, remained static at 10th in the T20I batting standings.

Meanwhile, several international stars made significant gains across all formats in the updated ICC Men's Player Rankings.

In the Test arena, England captain Ben Stokes and India's Ravindra Jadeja were the headline movers after standout performances in the drawn fourth Test of the ICC World Test Championship series.

Stokes climbed three places to third in the all-rounder standings—his best rank since December 2022. His knock of 141 and six wickets, including a first-innings five-for, also propelled him up eight places to 34th among batters and three places to 42nd among



Brandon King

bowlers.

Jadeja, who scored an unbeaten 107 and picked up four wickets, tightened his grip at the top of the all-rounder rankings. He now holds an imposing 117-point lead over second-placed Mehidy Hasan, with a total of 422 points. He also jumped five spots to 29th among batters and one place to 14th in the bowling rankings.

Elsewhere, Joe Root's commanding 150 extended his lead as the world's top-ranked Test batter, now 37 points clear of New Zealand's Kane William-

son. Fellow Englishmen Ben Duckett (up to 10th), Zak Crawley (43rd), and Ollie Pope (24th) also made gains.

India's Washington Sundar impressed with an unbeaten 101 and two wickets, pushing him eight places up to 65th among Test batters and into a tie for 13th among all-rounders.

On the bowling front, Jofra Archer marked a strong return to Test cricket, leaping 38 places to 63rd after taking three wickets. Chris Woakes moved up one place to 23rd.

In T20Is, India's Abhishek Sharma claimed the number one batter spot for the first time, ending Travis Head's year-long reign. Head, who missed the West Indies series, saw his ranking slide as Australia stormed to a clean sweep.

Australia's Josh Inglis climbed six places to ninth after scoring 172 runs, including two half-centuries. Teammates Tim David (up 12 places to 18th) and Cameron Green (up 64 spots to 24th) also achieved career-best rankings.

The bowling top seven remained unchanged, with New Zealand's Jacob Duffy holding the No. 1 spot. Australia's Nathan Ellis, however, surged seven places to eighth after impressive displays.

USA level T20I series with West Indies under-19 women

The T20I series between the West Indies Under-19 Women and USA Under-19 Women is now tied at 1-1 after the Americans secured a 23-run win in the third T20I at the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground in St. Augustine on Tuesday.

The USA posted 104 for

seven from their 20 overs after winning the toss and choosing to bat first.

Taranum Chopra led the way with 28 not out off 26 balls, while Maahi Madhavan made 20 off 15 balls in support against two wickets apiece from Theanny Herbert-Mayers and Brianna

Plummer.

The West Indies youngsters were then dismissed for a disappointing 81 in 19 overs, with captain Samara Ramnath being the only player to get past 10 with her 35 not out off 44 balls.

Aditi Kumar and Saanvi

Immadi did the bulk of the damage with the ball for the Americans with four for 10 and four for 16, respectively.

The fourth game of the series was scheduled for Wednesday.

GCB pushes back against APNU's statement on Global Super League



Captain of the Guyana Amazon Warriors Imran Tahir holds the trophy aloft after winning the Guyana Super League T20 title at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Friday, July 18, 2025. (File photo)

The Guyana Cricket Board (GCB) has responded strongly to recent remarks made by APNU Presidential Candidate Aubrey Norton regarding the possible scrapping of the Global Super League (GSL) T20 tournament if his party assumes office following the upcoming elections.

In a press release issued on Tuesday, the GCB said, “The GCB finds Mr. Norton’s comments, particularly as a presidential aspirant, to be not only ill-informed and fundamentally misguided, but also lacking in sound judgment and depth of understanding.

“It is important to clarify that this is not a government-run programme. Rather, the GSL is a privately owned and managed initiative, fully funded by the private sector, and sponsored principally by ExxonMobil, along with other respected corporate partners.”

The board also emphasized the stature and leadership behind the GSL.

“Moreover, the GSL is chaired by none other than the legendary Sir Clive Lloyd, one of the most iconic

and respected figures in the history of international cricket. His leadership brings global credibility, experience, and stature to the league—making it a powerful force for cricket development, professionalism, and international engagement.”

Highlighting the independence of the GSL from political authority, the statement continued, “This means that no political administration—current or future—has the authority to discontinue or dismantle the tournament, as it falls entirely outside the jurisdiction of the state. Any suggestion to do so demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the legal, commercial, and operational frameworks that govern such international sporting ventures.”

The GCB outlined the wider impact of the GSL on Guyana’s economy and sports sector.

“Beyond ownership and leadership, the Global Super League is a transformational investment in Guyana’s sporting and economic landscape. It creates elite opportunities for local

and regional players, facilitates international exposure, and brings substantial economic benefits through sports tourism, global broadcast rights, job creation, hospitality, and ancillary business growth.

“The GSL has already placed Guyana firmly on the global sporting map, and its long-term potential for elevating Guyanese talent and branding Guyana as a premier sports destination is undeniable.”

The release called Norton’s proposal “reckless” and a disservice to multiple stakeholders.

“To suggest its termination is not only reckless and myopic, but an affront to the aspirations of young athletes, the private sector partners who invested in good faith, and the many stakeholders working tirelessly to build a modern cricketing legacy in Guyana.”

The board concluded by reaffirming its full support for the GSL and its vision for Guyana.

“The Guyana Cricket Board is proud of this mega investment, and we are confident that all of Guyana shares in that pride. The GSL is more than just a cricket league—it is a platform for national excellence, economic opportunity, and international respect. Guided by the steady hand of Sir Clive Lloyd and backed by world-class partners, it is destined to become a pillar of Guyana’s modern sporting identity.

The GCB reaffirms its unwavering support for the Global Super League and will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure its success, sustainability, and its role in shaping a brighter future for cricket and country.”

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Bayern sign Luis Diaz from Liverpool on four-year deal



Luis Diaz

MUNICH (Reuters) - Bayern Munich have signed Colombian winger Luis Diaz from Liverpool on a four-year contract, the Bundesliga club said on Wednesday.

Financial details of the transfer were not revealed but British media reported Bayern paid around 75 million euros (\$86.67 million) for the 28-year-old Colombia international.

Diaz's contract with Liverpool ran until June 2027. He moved to the Merseyside club from Portuguese side Porto for around 50 million euros in January 2022.

"Three years and a half that I'll treasure forever. I arrived with all the dreams

in the world, and I am leaving proud of everything we achieved together," Diaz posted on Instagram.

"I have met incredible people, fabulous colleagues, coaches who helped me a lot, and extraordinary fans. Liverpool is, indeed, a special team, and I will keep everyone in my heart.

"It would have been the perfect goodbye if we hadn't lost one of ours in such a tragic way," Diaz added, referring to former Liverpool teammate Diogo Jota, who was killed in a car accident earlier this month.

"As I said, and I repeat, I carry everyone with me in my heart, but one of them in particular: Diogo. I will never forget him. We will

never forget him. Thank you for everything. YNWA."

Diaz made 148 appearances in all competitions across four seasons at Liverpool, scoring 41 goals and registering 23 assists.

His best performance in the Premier League came last season, when he helped Liverpool to their record-equalling 20th English top-flight title with 13 goals and seven assists from 36 games. Diaz also helped Liverpool win the FA Cup in 2022 and the League Cup in 2022 and 2024.

He primarily played on the left wing at Liverpool and can also be deployed as a striker.

"Luis Diaz is an interna-

tionally experienced player with enormous quality, great skills and great reliability. He will help our team immediately. We are delighted that we were able to sign him for Bayern," Bayern sporting director Max Eberl said in a statement.

"Transfers like this work when everything clicks into place. Our fans can look forward to an exceptional player."

Diaz is the second Liverpool player to join a German side in this transfer window, after defender Jarrell Quansah moved to Bayer Leverkusen earlier this month.

Sports

THURSDAY 31ST JULY 2025

All Saints United bows out of CFU Club Shield

Reigning back-to-back national Premier Division Champions All Saints United bowed out of the 2025 Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Club Shield Tournament in Trinidad and Tobago on Tuesday.

All Saints United and SV Transvaal of Suriname played to a 0-0 stalemate in their second and final match in Group C at the Larry Gomes Stadium in Arima, with both missing out on a chance to win the group and qualify for the semi-finals.

With everything to play for and with both teams separated by goal difference only, either side was unable to break the deadlock, which ended their campaign as they failed to progress in the tournament that involves 24 club teams, divided into four groups of six clubs.

SV Transvaal finished second on goal difference over All Saints United after both teams ended their campaign with four points each.

All Saints United launched their debut CFU Club Shield campaign with a 3-1 victory against SCSA Eagles of St. Maarten in their first group C match at Larry Gomes Stadium on Sunday.

Weymouth Wales FC of Barbados produced a convincing 8-0 win over Wolues FC of the British Virgin Islands in their second encounter at Ato Bolden Stadium in Couva to top Group C and secure a semi-final



A players of SV Transvaal shields the ball from All Saints United's forward D'Andre Bishop during their match in the CFU Club Shield at the Larry Gomes Stadium in Arima, Trinidad and Tobago, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. (Photo courtesy CFU)

berth.

The team from Barbados won their two matches to finish as Group C winners with six points. Wolues FC finished last in Group C after losing both matches.

Police FC of Trinidad and Tobago trounced SCSA Eagles of St. Maarten in the other Group C encounter at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port-of-Spain on Tuesday.

Police FC finished fourth with three points, while SCSA Eagles claimed fifth place on goal difference after losing both matches. Weymouth Wales FC will play Group D winners Club Franciscain of Martinique in the semi-finals on Friday.

Club Franciscain booked their spot in the semifinal by defeating Scholars International FC of the Cayman

Islands 1-0 in the second encounter at the Ato Bolden Stadium on Tuesday.

A top-of-the-table Group D clash at the Hasely Crawford Stadium between CFU Club Shield champions Arnett Gardens of Jamaica and AC Port of Spain of Trinidad ended in a 4-1 defeat for the Jamaican team.

The win for the Trinidadians was only good enough to propel them to second in the point standings, behind Club Franciscain of Martinique. As a result, both AC Port of Spain and Arnett Gardens exited the tournament.

Dublanc FC of Dominica ended their 2025 CFU Club Shield campaign on a positive note, securing their first win against Anguilla's Docs United, 2-1, in Group D at Larry Gomes Stadium on Tuesday.

The match was the last for both teams. The Dominicans finished fourth in the point standings, while Docs United came in last in Group D.

Academy Eagles of the Turks and Caicos Islands and Moca FC of the Dominican Republic sealed their place in the semi-finals as the winners of Groups A and B, respectively, on Monday.

Moca FC advanced to the semi-finals on the strength of a 1-0 win over Guyana Defence Force FC in their match at the Larry Gomes Stadium.

The win placed Moca at the top of the Group B standings and set up a semi-final clash on Friday against the Academy Eagles from the Turks and Caicos Islands, who topped Group A.

Academy Eagles trounced Rovers SC from the US Virgin Islands 5-0 in their Group A match at the Ato Boldon Stadium. The Eagles, buoyed by three points by default after Haiti's AS Capoise were no-shows for their first game on Saturday, were propelled to the top of the group in a tie with Academia Quintana from Puerto Rico.

With eight goals, a +8 goal difference, and six points each, the deciding factor was Academia Quintana's yellow card, according to the fair play rules.

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