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Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Hon. Gaston Browne, has voiced strong concerns regarding the treatment of Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) members within the broader Caribbean Community (CARICOM), warning that the sub-regional group is being subjected to what he described as “benign neglect.”

Speaking on the first full day of deliberations at the 49th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM, Prime Minister Browne raised the issue during the plenary session under the agenda item concerning the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

“We ought not to be treated with benign neglect, in the same way the international community treats us,” Prime Minister Browne stated, highlighting long-standing grievances from OECS member states about disparities within CARICOM’s integration framework.

The CSME, which facilitates the free movement of goods, skills, labour, and services across the region, has recently come under scrutiny. In addition to Prime Minister Browne, both St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves and St. Lucia’s Opposition Leader



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Allen Chastanet have also raised concerns over the inequitable treatment of OECS countries within the regional bloc.

Dr. Gonsalves reiterated his disappointment during Monday’s session, stating that despite being sovereign, full members of CARICOM, OECS nations have yet to see the benefits promised under Chapter 7 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which speaks to disadvantaged countries, regions, and sectors.

“That hasn’t happened,” he said plainly.

Echoing that sentiment, Prime Minister Browne emphasized that the OECS continues to be a committed partner in regional integra-

tion but has not been treated fairly.

“We do not wish to be the absolute losers in CARICOM,” Browne said. “There must be compensatory mechanisms to ensure that OECS states benefit meaningfully from integration and the Revised Treaty.”

He further noted that repeated advocacy on this matter has been largely ignored over the years.

“The time has come for this issue to be addressed seriously, rather than continually overlooked,” he asserted.

Among the key concerns raised was the failure to fully implement the Owen Arthur Study, which exposed

structural imbalances and the unequal distribution of benefits within the CSME. Prime Minister Gonsalves specifically criticized the current tariff structure, which he argued disproportionately favours larger economies like Trinidad and Tobago, allowing them to dominate regional manufacturing, while leaving OECS states heavily dependent on imports.

Both Prime Ministers also expressed frustration at the failure of some larger CARICOM member states to meet their financial obligations to the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), a mechanism intended to assist less developed countries within the community.

In closing, Prime Minister Browne lent his full support to Prime Minister Gonsalves’ remarks, particularly regarding the long-standing CLICO/BAICO matter, and called for a formal meeting between the OECS and Trinidad and Tobago to address the unresolved issues. The collapse of CLICO and BAICO (British American Insurance Company) in 2009 caused significant financial disruption across OECS territories, triggering prolonged economic and legal challenges.

Prime Minister Browne calls for CARICOM to embrace the Debt Sustainability Support Servicing (DSSS)



Prime Minister Gaston A. Browne is calling on CARICOM to enshrine the Debt Sustainability Support Servicing (DSSS) into its advocacy efforts which is contained within the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) and which is supported by the Fourth International Conference on Finance for Development (FfD4).

PM Browne made the point during his contribution to the debate on Climate Change and the Climate Finance Agenda at the 49th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM now underway in Jamaica.

The Prime Minister stated that the upcoming COP30 to be held in Belém, Brazil presented an opportunity for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to increase climate advocacy efforts in climate adaptation, mitigation, and Loss and Damage to ensure that large polluting nations honour their commitments to preserve the wellbeing of the planet and its citizens.

He remarked that momentum must not be lost heading into COP30, as the survival of SIDS was dependent on the advocacy efforts of each CARICOM Member State. Moreover, Prime Minister Browne further called for the adequate revitalization and capitalization

of the Loss and Damage Fund, which would greatly assist SIDS in their fight against climate change.

Given the high rate of debt amongst SIDS, the Prime Minister mentioned

that CARICOM should ensure that the DSSS is included in any advocacy efforts surrounding climate financing, as it is supported and contained within the UN framework regarding climate change. He stated that while the DSSS seeks to benefit all SIDS, CARICOM should continue to demonstrate strident leadership in the fight against climate change through the inclusion of this important initiative.

Furthermore, Prime Minister Browne urged his colleague Heads (of Government) to explore the establishment of a carbon pricing market to monetize on climate mitigation, due in particular to the region's large ocean space, to raise financing to mitigate against climate change.



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Marcus Garvey's son to participate in Emancipation celebrations in St. John's this year



As Antigua and Barbuda prepares to observe the 191 anniversary of the Emancipation of slavery, the Antigua and Barbuda Reparation Support Commission (ABRSC) has announced that this year's celebration will have a special guest, Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the legendary Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

In a media release, ABRSC said Dr. Garvey's visit is more than symbolic, it is a deeply meaningful moment in our history, one that brings the legacy of Pan-Africanism full circle. His father's visit to



Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the legendary Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Antigua in the late 1930s left an indelible mark on the consciousness of our people, and now, his son returns to join us in celebration, reflection, and affirmation of our shared journey toward justice and liberation.

Chairman of the ABRSC, Ambassador Dorbrene Omarde, reflects on this historic connection, noting that Dr. Garvey's presence during Emancipation 2025 is a powerful tribute to the impact Marcus Garvey had on the Pan-African movement

throughout the Caribbean. His ideas continue to inspire generations to stand tall in the face of systemic injustice and advocate for reparatory justice across the region.

Ambassador Anthony Liverpool, Vice Chair of the ABRSC, is urging all Antiguan and Barbudans to pause amid the revelry and acknowledge the tremendous weight of what Emancipation represents. "It is a time to reflect on the horrors of chattel slavery, the triumph of survival, and the power of our collective spirit. Emancipation reminds us of our sacred responsibility to honour that legacy, not just through ceremony, but through action, education, and unity."

This year's Emancipation activities, coordinated by the ABRSC, are a call to consciousness and pride. It all starts off on Friday, July 25 – Africa Dress Day: A national call to proudly wear African-inspired attire in tribute to our heritage and the Ancestors who paved the path to freedom. Sunday, July 27 – Emancipation Sunday: Collective worship and reflection ahead of Emancipation Day. Monday, July 28 – Uhuru Spiritual Awaken (Broad-



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cast on ABS TV): A digital production, showcasing spoken word, African fashion, music, and dance celebrating emancipation, produced by ABRSC.

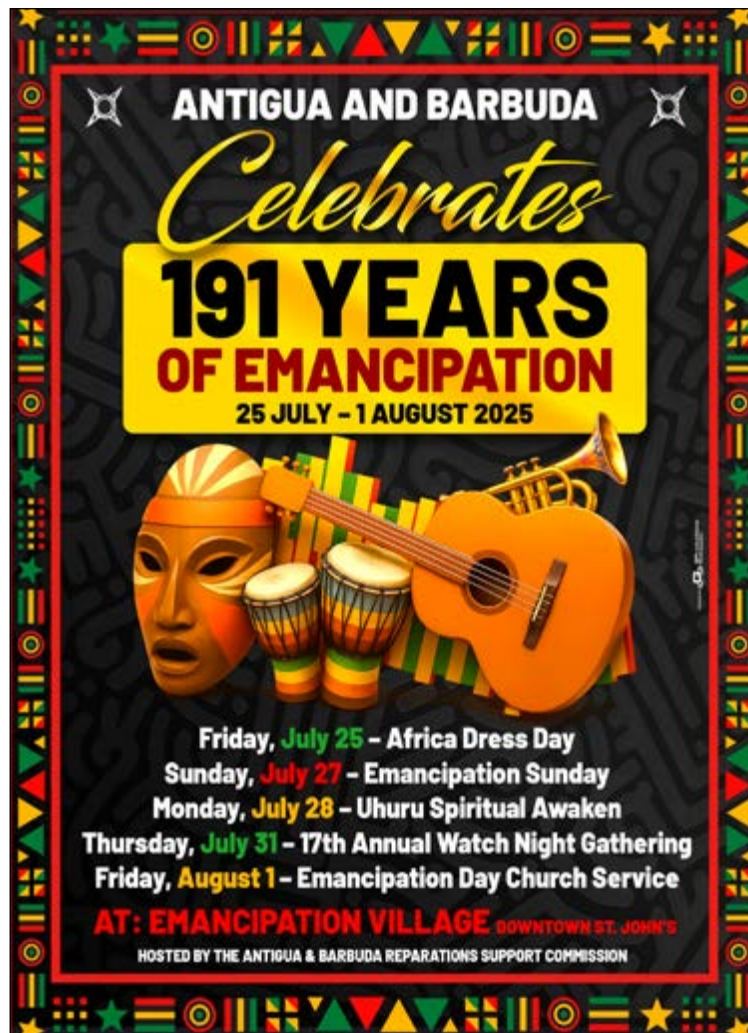
Thursday, July 31 – 17th Annual Watchnight Gathering at the Botanical Gardens (7:30 p.m.): A sacred tradition of remembrance featuring music, libations, drumming, iron band performances, messages of hope, and a keynote address by Dr. Julius Garvey.

And Friday, August 1 – Emancipation Day Church Service at Green Bay Moravian Church (6:00 a.m.), followed by a full day of festivities at Emancipation Village in St. John's: food, arts and crafts, live entertainment, and more.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the Emancipation season is the 17th Annual Watchnight Gathering, taking place on Thursday, July 31st, at the Botanical Gardens from 7:30 p.m. This treasured tradition is a cultural and spiritual cornerstone of our emancipation observance. For enslaved Africans, Watchnight represented a night of hope, waiting with bated breath for the first sign of freedom. Today, it is a moving celebration filled with



Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the legendary Marcus Mosiah Garvey.



drumming, libations, iron band music, song, spoken word, and messages of strength and remembrance. This year's gathering will be especially meaningful with Dr. Ju-

lius Garvey delivering the keynote address, reinforcing the deep historical and spiritual connections we continue to honour.

Following the Watch-

night Gathering, the nation will rise in praise and remembrance with the annual Emancipation Day Church Service at the Green Bay Moravian Church on Friday, August 1st, at 6:00 a.m. From the solemnity of worship, celebrations will move to the heart of St. John's, where the Emancipation Village will come alive.

The Emancipation Village, also on August 1st, will transform the city into a vibrant hub of cultural expression. It is a space for families, artists, historians, and community members to come together in the spirit of celebration and education. With traditional foods, local crafts, live music, and cultural showcases, the Village not only entertains but teaches, offering a rich, immersive experience of Antigua and Barbuda's heritage. It is a chance to pause, to honour the sacrifices of those who came before us, and to revel in the beauty, creativity, and strength of our people.

The 2025 observance reminds us that emancipation is more than a moment; it is a movement.

More details and updates will follow in the coming days as the nation prepares to honour 191 years of freedom, resistance, and triumph.



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- Contribute to the academic community through publications in reputable journals and conference presentations.
- Participate in service activities such as serving on academic committees, advising and mentoring students, and contributing to departmental or institutional initiatives.

Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- A Ph.D. in Data Science/Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Mathematics or a related field from an accredited institution.
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- Display a record of peer-reviewed publications in top journals and conferences focused on Data Science, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence and related fields.

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MINISTER MATTHEW LEADS READINESS WALKTHROUGH OF CARNIVAL CITY



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"Every adjustment we make, whether widening a gate or adjusting the position of the stage, is about enhancing the experience for patrons by providing a Carnival that is safer, more inclusive and absolutely unforgettable," said Minister Matthew during the walk-through.

Key Upgrades Unveiled and Noted during the Walkthrough

Streamlined Access and Traffic Flow: A newly widened gate will now serve as the *primary backstage entrance* for parking and service vehicles to enter the grounds. This move elim-



inates the need for vehicular traffic through the vendor's courtyard within ARG. Furthermore, during Panorama, where larger trucks require access to the backstage area, this gate will reduce the wear and tear on the outer field.

Protecting the Historic Cricket

Pitch, all vehicular movement across the cricket square has been prohibited. Only foot traffic and select seating (e.g., for *Queen of Carnival*) will be permitted, ensuring ARG remains an international standard practice venue postCarnival.

Stage Redesign for Superior Sound,



the main stage has been adjusted, dramatically improving acoustics and expanding audience visibility. Lighting and sound installation will be completed by **10 July**, ahead of “Aunty Claudette Kiddies Fete” opening, which will be our first Carnival City-sanctioned event on **13 July**.

Modern Backstage Facilities, featuring a state-of-the-art change room facility and a redesigned backstage layout, will replace last year’s individual change room facilities, which were separated by secure fencing to ensure performer privacy and efficient crowd management.

Zero-Tolerance Policy on Glass & Cans: To safeguard patrons and the playing surface, glass bottles and canned beverages are strictly prohibited. Vendors must serve drinks in paper cups; non-compliance will attract fines or removal.

Venue Operations Command Centre (VOCC), the former media building has been recommissioned as the command post staffed by Emergency Medical Services, Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, Security, Red Cross and the Central Board of Health,



providing realtime monitoring and rapidresponse capability.

Expanded Vendor’s Courtyard & VIP Amenities, a carefully laid out Vendor Village complete with benches, a bigscreen for viewing, and all-day activities will keep Carnival City buzzing even on rehearsal days.

Title sponsors will host an upgraded VIP lounge, while décor teams drape

the Andy Roberts Stand in Carnival colours, and a 3D “Antigua Carnival 25” selfie spot will be the focal point for capturing the experience.

What’s Next, Infrastructure works conclude in mid-July, after which focus shifts fully to final rehearsals and show production. Upcoming highlights include:

- **13 July** – Claudette Peters - Kiddies Fete
- **17 July** – Calypso Semifinals
- **18 July** – INET Party Monarch Semifinals
- **25 July - 5 August** – Main Carnival Season

“Antigua & Barbuda deserve a Carnival of worldclass calibre,” Minister Matthew added. “Thanks to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and our Sponsors, coupled with the meticulous planning of the Antigua Barbuda Festivals Commission and the National Festivals Office, a united team, Carnival City is almost ready to welcome the world”



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The Antigua and Barbuda Trades & Labour Union held a ceremony, at its Head Office in North Street, to recognize the accomplishments of the first set of awardees of the AT&LU's Scholarship Programme.

The Scholarship Programme which was launched in January of this year resulted in four persons benefitting from short courses at the University of the West Indies Five Island Campus and Cipriani College of Labour and Co-Operative Studies in Trinidad and Tobago, respectively.

The awardees included two workers from the AT&LU's membership and two employees of the AT&LU, all of whom successfully completed their respective course of study.

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Kerry Dyer (AT&LU Staff) - Labour Law

Cipriani College of Labour and Co-Operative Studies

Jarmin Pryce-Miller (AT&LU Staff) - Industrial Relations

President Bernard DeNully commended the awardees on their accomplishment and encouraged them to build upon the success by pursuing further studies.

General Secretary Alrick Daniel reflected on the long history of the An-

tigua and Barbuda Trades & Labour Union is educating workers, from its inception during the planation era through to present day.

Deputy General Secretary Avelyn Watley congratulated the awardees on their achievement and expressed that they have made the AT&LU proud through their achievement.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Executive Committee of the AT&LU and special invited guest of the awardees.

The Antigua and Barbuda Trades & Labour Union remains committed to not only advocating for the rights of workers but also to the empowerment of workers through education and continuous training.

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Antigua Lions Club installs new President and Board of Directors



The Antigua Lions Club has installed a new President and Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the service organization for the next year.

At an installation ceremony held on Sunday at Indies Green, Lion Ileathea Cabral, MJF was elected as the Lions Club president for 2025-2026. The Lion President has indicated that her theme for the next year is; ***"Inspiring Future Generations Through Extraordinary Service."***

At the same ceremony, Leo Adell Daniel was elected as the Leo Club president for 2025-2026. The Leo President's theme is; ***"Anchored In Service, Fueled By Heart."***

The Lions Club's new

Board of Directors comprises; Lion Roslyn Zachariah MJF the new club secretary, 1st Vice-President is Lion Gail Henry Lewis MJF, 2nd Vice President is Lion C. Trystan Williams MJF. Rounding out the Board of Directors are; Lion Monique Joseph, Treasurer; Lion Kim Joseph PMJF, LCIF Coordinator; Lion Leandra Lewis PMJF, Membership Director; Lion Trevor Ngorosha, Service Chairperson; Lion Shivawn Ellis-Richards, Tail Twister; and Lion Loveness Ngorosha, Lion Tamer. The Leo Club's new Board of Directors are. Leo Yanik Josiah, the new club secretary. The club's 1st Vice-President is Leo Jevonte Spencer, while the



club's Treasurer is Leo-Lion Kenford James.

The Lion and Leo Clubs of Antigua 2025-2026 Installation Dinner and Raffle were an event to remember. Lion Jacintha Pringle was the Mistress of Ceremonies. **Lion Ileathea Cabral was named the Lion of the Year, which embodies dedicated service to the club and the community. Cabral also earned the prestigious designation of Melvin Jones Fellow, one of the highest honors in Lionism.** The President's Appreciation Awards were

given by Past President Lion Kim Joseph PMJF to Lion Trevor Ngorosha, Lion Loveness Ngorosha, Lion Valerie Gonsalves-Barriero MM MJF, Lion Leslie Ephraim PMJF, Lion Desire'e Edwards MJF, Lion Ileathea Cabral MJF, and Lion Roslyn Zachariah MJF. Several other members received committee certificates. Both the Lions and Leo Presidents gave their inaugural addresses to their members. Lion Ileathea Cabral MJF, Club President, shared, "I stand ready to lead as the 57th President, I do so with deep appreciation for the foundation laid by those who came before me, and a firm commitment to the journey that lies ahead."

Since the club's chartering in 1968, its members have worked on a variety of projects in the local community, such as Annual Prostate Screenings, Clarevue Hospital Visits, Child Cancer Awareness Projects, World Diabetes Day Awareness Projects, Community Garden, Community Cleanups, and so much more. Proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to eyeglasses donations, hot meals distributions, and assisting families in need. The club is currently preparing for upcoming projects and fundraisers.



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ANTIGUA CARNIVAL 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PRE-EVENTS

**THURS
FEB 27**

CARNIVAL LAUNCH

**SUN
JULY 13**

**AUNTY CLAUDETTE'S
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**THURS
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**TUES
JULY 29**

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JULY 30**

**BURNING FLAMES
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**THURS
JULY 31**

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**SAT
JULY 19**

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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE

**SUN
JULY 20**

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JULY 22**

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JUNIOR CALYPSO MONARCH**
CARNIVAL CITY | 5PM | *FREE*

**SAT
AUG 2**

EMANCIPATION DAY
CALYPSO MONARCH
CARNIVAL CITY | 8PM | \$30

**SUN
AUG 3**

RISE
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS
CRICKET STADIUM

**MON
AUG 4**

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St. John Hospice convenes annual general meeting at Government House

The St. John Association of Antigua and Barbuda held its annual general meeting at Government House on July 3, 2025.

Chairman Pedro Corbin and Treasurer Pauline Perry both presented comprehensive reports on the activities and status of the organisation. Among the items addressed were the operations of the two thrift shops - one at the Hospice itself and the other on Bishopgate Street.

The meeting concluded with a brief 'thank you' remarks delivered by Charlene Selfridge, Chair of the Fund-raising Committee, and inspiring remarks from the Governor General Sir Rodney Williams.

PHOTO L-R (standing):

Mrs. Pauline Perry; Mrs. Sharon Cort-Thibou; H.E. Lady Sandra Williams; Ms. Charlene Selfridge, Mrs. Nicola Mycoo, Ms. Cathlyn Gilkes and Ms. Pauline Christopher.

Seated: H.E. Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General and Mr. Pedro Corbin, Chairman of St. John Hospice.



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13. KID FRESH
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Ms. Denise Gardiner
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Regional News



Anderson sworn in as 4th CCJ president, calls on region to fulfil promise of judicial sovereignty



Fifteen years after joining the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as its youngest judge, Jamaica-born Justice Winston Anderson has reached a new milestone.

Anderson was sworn in as the court's fourth president on the cusp of CARICOM's 49th Regular Heads of Government Meeting in Montego Bay, St James on Sunday at the Jewel Grande Resort in Rose Hall, also in St James.

Delivering his inaugural address before regional leaders, including Jamaica's Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness and Governor General Sir Patrick Allen, Anderson issued a direct and passionate appeal for CARICOM states, particularly Jamaica, to fulfil their treaty obligations and accede to the CCJ's appellate jurisdiction.

"It was on the 15th of June 2010 that I was sworn in as a judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice at King's House in Kingston," Anderson recalled. "Today's event would not have been within the reach of my most active imagination."

Anderson paid tribute to his predecessors, presidents Michael de la Bastide, Sir Dennis Byron, and Adrian Saunders, crediting them with building the foundation of what he described as "an institution of excellence".

Anderson's own journey began in rural St Ann, Jamaica. Raised in modest circumstances, he credited his early community for instilling values of discipline, integrity, and perseverance. His legal career was shaped by regional institutions; first as a student at The University of the West Indies (UWI), then as a lecturer at Cave Hill, and later as general counsel to CARICOM.

"I entered the Faculty of Law at Mona in 1980. My first teachers were Dr Derek McCoy, now attorney general of Jamaica, and Mr Delroy Chuck, now minister of justice," he said.

Anderson used the platform to reaffirm the importance of the CCJ as a symbol of Caribbean maturity and independence.

"Beginning in the 1960s, we extracted our political independence from the United

Kingdom. Forty years later, we created an institution worthy of our judicial sovereignty," he said.

In a poignant moment, he looked directly at the audience and added, "I am hopeful that during my tenure, other states will fulfil their treaty obligations and become full members of the appellate jurisdiction."

Jamaica, which hosts the CCJ's inauguration this year, remains one of the countries yet to join the court in its appellate capacity.

Anderson emphasised that the CCJ was not imposed on the Caribbean by any foreign power.

"It was conceived and established by the people of the Caribbean to serve Caribbean interests," he stated, noting that even beyond its five appellate states, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Dominica, and St Lucia, its judgments are cited in nearly every common law Caribbean jurisdiction.

Promising to intensify the court's itinerant sittings, Anderson said he wanted "the people of the region to see us, interact with us, and realise that we are, in fact, their kith and kin".

Holness, in his remarks, described Anderson's appointment as a "moment of pride, not only for Jamaica, but for the entire region".

"You bring to this office a distinguished legal mind and decades of service grounded in scholarship and vision," the prime minister

said. He praised Anderson's work on the appellate and original jurisdictions and his role as founding chair of the CCJ Academy for Law.

Looking ahead, Holness affirmed Jamaica's continued commitment to regional legal cooperation, stating: "We believe that the Caribbean Court of Justice, under this new leadership, will continue to inspire confidence, protect rights, and shape a region where justice is accessible, relevant, and transformative."

Anderson's predecessor, Justice Adrian Saunders, who has worked alongside him for 15 years, described the occasion as very special.

"He is a brilliant and tireless jurist. He is ideally suited and extremely well prepared for the enhanced role he is set to play," he said, highlighting Anderson's deep involvement in the court's legal reasoning, strategic direction, and regional judicial reform.

Having written or co-authored more than 30 opinions and sat on every major case involving the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, Anderson has already shaped the legal fabric of the Caribbean. As chair of the CCJ's Strategic Planning Committee and the Academy for Law, he has led efforts that extended far beyond the bench, including the landmark Needham Point Declaration, a judicial blueprint to reduce crime and improve justice systems across the region. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Mia Mottley pushes for regional sea, air cargo revolution at CARICOM summit



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley has declared that the Caribbean is on the cusp of a long-overdue transportation breakthrough, urging regional leaders to demonstrate the political will needed to finally democratise movement across the region.

Speaking with conviction at Sunday's opening ceremony of the 49th Regular Meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government, hosted at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, Mottley revealed that member states are now taking concrete steps to solve the chronic challenges of intra-regional transport.

The Heads of Government meeting, which is being chaired by Jamaica, under the leadership of Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness is taking place under the theme 'People, Partnerships, Prosperity- Promoting a Secure, and Sustainable Future'.

"I am happy to report that there are at least two Caribbean member states

that are now in the process of looking to acquire cargo planes to help us overcome the very difficult prospect of the movement of goods within this region," Mottley announced to rousing applause from delegates.

For decades, Caribbean nations have grappled with the high costs and logistical inefficiencies associated with transporting both goods and people between islands. Mottley's comments signalled a renewed effort to address those concerns with solutions driven by both governments and the private sector.

Equally, I anticipate that at this meeting at Montego Bay, we are going to have the presentation of the entire island regional ferry from the private sector," she added. "And at this point it is up to us to determine whether we have the political will to finally ensure that we democratise travel through ships, yet again in this region."

With her characteristic blend of his-

torical insight and forward-looking vision, Mottley, who has led CARICOM as chairman over the last six months, reminded her colleagues of the region's legacy of maritime connection, one that has been neglected in favour of costly air travel.

"Knowing full well that the Federal Maple and the Federal Palm, these were examples of it many decades ago, and that we have allowed ourselves to become purely at the mercy of air travel — without recognising that as islands in the Caribbean Sea, we have the ability to reach each other in good time and cheaper fares than if we only use air to connect our region."

Her remarks struck a chord with regional stakeholders long frustrated by the collapse of air carriers such as LIAT, the limited affordability of commercial flights, and the impact of disrupted trade routes on food security.

Mottley's call was not just a logistical plea but a pointed challenge to the region's political leadership.

"At the heart of it all," she urged, "is the question of political will. The capacity to change our fortunes lies in our hands."

The 49th CARICOM Summit comes at a critical time, as the region seeks to deepen integration, strengthen economic resilience, and craft joint responses to global shocks, all of which hinge on improved connectivity.

The bold initiatives hinted at by Prime Minister Mottley now shift the spotlight onto the region's collective resolve: will Caribbean leaders rise to meet the moment? (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Regional News



Protesters urge CARICOM to cut ties with Israel amid Gaza crisis

Protesters gathered outside the Montego Bay Convention Centre in St James on Sunday afternoon, calling for regional leaders attending the 49th CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting to sever diplomatic ties with Israel over its ongoing military campaign in Gaza.

The peaceful demonstration, organised by members of the Palestinian Solidarity Action Group in Jamaica and the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, took place just ahead of the summit's opening ceremony.

"We are here to ask CARICOM to cut all diplomatic ties with Israel," said Howard Simpson, a member of the local solidarity group.

"We want to see an end to the genocide in Gaza and the war crimes taking place in Palestine."

Simpson said the group has not had formal discussions with government officials but has sent letters to CARICOM prime ministers and ministers of foreign affairs.



"Some of those letters are also available to the public," he told The Gleaner.

Maren Mantovani, from the BDS National Committee, said CARICOM countries must take a stand.

"Much of the military equipment shipped to Israel is moving under Caribbean flags. This must stop," she asserted.

"Israeli soldiers are vacationing in the Caribbean before returning to the killing fields. The region must not be a safe haven for war criminals."

She outlined three demands: stop military shipping under Caribbean flags, end visa-free travel for Israeli citizens, and cut diplomatic ties while joining international

sanctions efforts.

"We're asking CARICOM to take a stand, just as it did against South African apartheid," Mantovani said.

The protest remained peaceful under the watchful eyes of members of the security forces as leaders from across the region arrived for the high-level talks. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)



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Suriname's parliament elects country's first female president amid economic turmoil



Suriname's parliament Sunday elected physician Jennifer Geerlings-Simons as the troubled country's first female president.

The South American country's National Assembly chooses the president by a two-thirds vote.

Geerlings-Simons, a congresswoman, ran unopposed after her party formed a coalition aimed at ousting the country's current leader following a May election with no clear winner.

The coalition was formed as the troubled country prepares for an influx of wealth following the discovery of major offshore oil deposits, with the first production expected by 2028.

Geerlings-Simons, who leads the National Democratic Party, will be inaugurated as president of the Dutch-speaking country of more than

646,000 people on July 16.

"I am aware that the heavy task I have taken on is further aggravated by the fact that I am the first woman to serve the country in this position," she said after the election.

The five-year term of President Chandrikapersad Santokhi has been riddled with corruption scandals, and he was forced to call on the International Monetary Fund to get Suriname's economy back on track.

As a result, the country's public debt was largely restructured and government subsidies were significantly reduced.

Macroeconomically, Santokhi achieved success, but people groaned under the austerity measures, which sparked violent protests.

Geerlings-Simons, 71, and her run-

ning mate, Gregory Rusland, on Sunday told reporters they will prioritise stabilising the country's finances.

She had previously indicated an interest in increasing state revenues by, among other things, improving tax collections, including in the small-scale gold-mining sector.

Winston Ramautarsingh, former chairman of Suriname's Association of Economists, said Geerlings-Simons will face serious challenges in the years before the country produces its first barrels of oil, in part because it must repay about \$400 million annually in loans and interest.

"Suriname does not have that money," he said. "The previous government rescheduled the debts, but that was only a postponement." (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

International

AROUND THE WORLD



Musk said he's forming new political party after split with Trump over tax cuts law

Elon Musk said he's carrying out his threat to form a new political party after his fissure with President Donald Trump, announcing the America Party in response to the president's sweeping tax cuts law.

Musk, once an ever-present ally to Trump as he headed up the slashing agency known as the Department of Government Efficiency, broke with the Republican president over his signature legislation, which was signed into law Friday.

As the bill made its way through Congress, Musk threatened to form the "America Party" if "this insane spending bill passes."

"When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy," Musk said Saturday on X, the social media company he owns. "Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom."

The formation of new political parties is not uncommon, but they typically struggle to pull any significant support away from the Republican and Democratic parties. But Musk, the world's richest man who spent at least \$250 million supporting Trump in the 2024 election, could impact the 2026 elections determining control of Congress if he is willing to spend significant amounts of money.

His reignited feud with the president could also be costly for Musk, whose businesses rely on billions of dollars in government contracts and publicly traded company Tesla has taken a hit in the market.

It wasn't clear whether Musk had taken steps to formally create the new political party. Spokespeople for Musk and his political action committee, America PAC, didn't immediately comment Sunday.

As of Sunday morning, there were multiple political parties listed in the



Federal Election Commission database that had been formed in the hours since Musk's Saturday X post with versions of "America Party" of "DOGE" or "X" in the name, or Musk

listed among people affiliated with the entity.

But none appeared to be authentic, listing contacts for the organization as email addresses such as "wentsnowboarding@yahoo.com" or untraceable Protonmail addresses.

Musk on Sunday spent the morning on X taking feedback from users about the party and indicated he'd use the party to get involved in the 2026 mid-term elections. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

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South Africa's police minister accused of links to criminal gangs



Police Minister Senzo Mchunu has been accused of having ties to criminal gangs and of meddling in police investigations into politically motivated murders.

These explosive allegations were made by KwaZulu-Natal police boss Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi at a press briefing on Sunday.

He said Mr Mchunu was receiving financial support from an allegedly corrupt businessman to fund his “political endeavours”.

Mr Mchunu has since denied what he says are “wild allegations” while President Cyril Ramaphosa said they were of “grave national security concern” and “receiving the highest priority attention”.

Gen Mkhwanazi detailed a sequence of events he claims led to the “orchestrated” disbandment of a task force set up in 2018 to investigate the killing of politicians, mainly in KwaZulu-Natal.

Gen Mkhwanazi said the team’s in-

vestigations had uncovered links to high-profile individuals — including politicians, police officials, and businesspeople tied to a drug cartel syndicate - and this is why the team was disbanded.

When he dissolved the unit earlier this year, Mchunu said it was not adding value in the province, despite many cases remaining unsolved.

According to Gen Mkhwanazi, a total of 121 case files were allegedly removed from the unit on the minister’s instruction and without the authorisation of his boss, the national police commissioner General Fannie Mase-mola.

“These case dockets have, since March, been sitting at the head office ever since without any investigation work done on them. Five of these dockets already had instructions to [effect] arrests.”

The provincial police chief also alleged Mr Mchunu had ties to a con-

troversial businessman who was “financially supporting” the minister’s political career.

Vusimuzi Matlala had a lucrative contract with the police before it was abruptly cancelled when he was arrested for attempted murder in May. Gen Mkhwanazi shared copies of text messages and a payment allegedly made by Mr Matlala to prove this.

Gen Masemola, on his part, said he would address these allegations later in the week when he announces the appointment of the temporary crime intelligence boss.

Criminal intelligence chief Lt-Gen Dumisani Khumalo was arrested over fraud and corruption allegations last month.

Gen Khumalo and the other six had been linked to an ongoing investigation into alleged abuse of intelligence funds and potentially unlawful appointments within the South African Police Service (SAPS). (*BBC News*)

Owners of escaped pet lion arrested after it attacks three people

Police in Pakistan have arrested the owners of a pet lion that attacked a woman and her two young children after it escaped.

Dramatic CCTV footage from the eastern city of Lahore showed how the big cat leapt over a concrete wall and chased the woman down as terrified onlookers ran for safety.

The woman and her children, aged five and seven, sustained injuries to their arms and faces but are now in stable condition, authori-

ties said.

Police have accused the lion's owners of keeping a wild animal without a licence and negligence leading to its escape. The lion was captured and moved to a wildlife park.

Big cats as pets are a status symbol in Pakistan, where it is legal to keep lions, cheetahs, tigers, pumas and jaguars after registering them and paying a one-time fee of 50,000 rupees (\$176; £129) per animal.

However, such cats must be housed outside city limits. Lahore, located in Punjab province, is Pakistan's second-largest city.

The children's father claimed that the lion's owners stood by and watched as their pet clawed at his family on Wednesday. He said they did not do anything to restrain it.

The video showed the woman picking herself up then running back to seek help from onlookers, some of whom were seen running in

panic.

Days after the incident, authorities in Punjab launched a crackdown on illegal wildlife possession. They have arrested five people and recovered 13 lions since.

In January, a Pakistani YouTube star was ordered to create animal welfare videos as punishment for illegally owning a lion cub.

Rajab Butt, who has 5.6 million subscribers, was given the cub as a wedding gift. (*BBC News*)



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Nairobi locked down as Kenya police clash with protesters, injuring one



Police in Kenya clashed with demonstrators Monday during anti-government protests as the authorities blocked major roads leading into the capital, Nairobi, and most businesses closed.

Protesters lit bonfires and hurled stones at police in roadblocks and police fired and hurled teargas canisters, injuring one demonstrator.

Associated Press journalists witnessed an injured person being carried by protesters who were chanting against police.

Kenyans had planned demonstrations on July 7 to protest police brutality, poor governance, and to demand President William Ruto's resignation over alleged corruption and the high cost of living.

July 7, known as Saba Saba, is a significant date in Kenya's recent history, marking the first major protests 35 years ago that called for a transition

from a one-party state to a multi-party democracy, which was realized in the 1992 elections. Saba Saba is Swahili for Seven Seven, representing July 7.

Police officers were stopping private and public vehicles from accessing the city centre. They were also blocking most pedestrians from entering the capital, only allowing through those deemed to have essential duties.

There is no reversing the Gen Z Saba Saba-like spirit," said Macharia Munene, professor of history and international relations at United States International University Africa in Nairobi. "Attempt to criminalize protests is reactive and will not work. It instead makes the government appear retrogressive and desperate enough to subvert the constitution."

Public Service Minister Geoffrey

Ruku had urged all government employees to report to work on Monday, insisting that the demonstrations would not disrupt public services.

Interior Minister Kipchumba Murkomen said on Sunday that the government would not tolerate violent protests and that police would be deployed to ensure public safety.

The roads leading to the country's parliament and the president's office were barricaded using razor wire.

In the outskirts of the city in Kitengela town, police fired tear gas Monday to disperse protesters who had lit bonfires on the road that connects to neighbouring Tanzania.

They have blocked the roads, blocking us from our work. I am a roadside vendor and I am supposed to get to town and buy merchandise to sell along the road," said protester Caleb Okoth. "What do they want us to eat? People are being beaten like dogs for protesting for their rights."

The country has recently experienced a wave of violent demonstrations, initially sparked by calls for police accountability following the death of a blogger in police custody.

During protests on June 17, a civilian was shot at close range by police officers, further angering the public and prompting plans for additional demonstrations.

On June 25, at least 16 people were killed and more than 400 injured during protests against police brutality, which were timed to coincide with the one-year anniversary of anti-tax protests where over 60 people lost their lives. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Sports News



Antiguans compete in NORCECA U18 Beach Volleyball Qualifier

Antigua and Barbuda is among a total of 17 countries that are competing in the NORCECA Under-18 Beach Volleyball Qualifier, the official event to secure spots at the 2025 FIVB Under-18 World Championship.

The July 6 to 10 tournament served off on the sand courts set up along the beach of Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, on Monday.

The Antigua and Barbuda two-member team comprised Nevaeh Robertson and Philisha Burnette. They are accompanied by coach Rosemarie Simon.

During Sunday's preliminary inspections, 15 women's teams and 13 men's teams were registered, all aiming to advance from the group stage, which commenced on Monday morning.

The opening day featured 24 matches: 10 in the men's division and 14 in the women's. The group stage will conclude Tuesday morning, followed by quarterfinals and the loser's bracket matches in the afternoon.



The Antigua and Barbuda team that is participating in the NORCECA Under-18 Beach Volleyball Qualifier in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, from July 6 to 10. From left to right: Player Nevaeh Robertson, coach Rosemarie Simon, and player Philisha Burnette. (Photo courtesy of the ABAVA)

Semifinals, medal matches, and placement games will be played on Wednesday.

The top five teams per gender will earn direct qualification to the FIVB Under-18 World Beach Championship, set to take

place in Doha, Qatar, from October 7 to 11.

Men's Teams: CAN Mi-sha Panasiouk/Bryce Kim; CAY Dylan Lynee/William Duty; CRC Josué Durán/Angel Carranza; DMA Caiston Anthony/Kailo Robinson; DOM Wayner

Comprés/Franklin Segura; GRN Julien Simon/Kaiden Smith; GUA Fredy Luna/Robin Oliva; ISV Kymani Greenidge/Cole Sommer; MEX Eduardo Escoto/José Bojorquez; NCA Justin Barrios/Edgar Holmann; PUR Mauro Morales/Rocco Figueroa; TTO Darion Sparks/Josie Cedeno; and USA Matix Williams/Coltten Mortensen.

Women's Teams: AGU Cynnee' Liburd/Cayla Jno-Baptiste; ANT Philisha Burnette/Nevaeh Robertson; BER Olivia Gazzard/Sophie Weikl; CAN Ruby Cochrane/Sophie Hancock; CAY Luna Ebanks/Krisi Smith; CRC Mariana Jimenez/Luciana Soto; DOM Zoe Paniagua/Steyce Turbi; ESA Fatima Rendon/Devora Medina; GUA Harumi Monney/Monica Cano; ISV Vernecia Caines/Verneeci Caines; MEX Angela Perez/Melina Roman; NCA Yulimar Alvarado/Brisa Bermudez; PUR Itzamar Martinez/Yamila Gonzalez; TTO Sarah Mohammed/Jenissa Morrison; and USA Jordyn Scribner/Ella Grimes.



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Sports News

Leewards get first win in West Indies Under-19 Tournament

After losing their opening round encounter to the Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands rebounded to secure their first win in the 2025 West Indies Rising Stars Under-19 50-Over Tournament in St. Kitts on Sunday.

The Leeward Islands pulled off a three-wicket win against USA 2 in their second-round match at St. Mary's Park. The USA 2 made 141 all out in 31.1 overs. Ansh Bhoje scored 28. Captain Matthew Miller of Antigua bagged four for 23, and Isra-el Morton claimed three for 34.

Miller then slammed an unbeaten 52 to lead the Leewards to victory at 145 for seven in 40.3 overs. Rahul Basu took three for 24, Ritvik Appidi claimed two for 24, and Rayaan Taj captured two for 37.

The Leeward Islands made a disappointing start to their campaign in this year's tournament with a narrow five-run loss against the Windward Islands at Conaree Sports Club in one of four opening round matches.

The Windwards were bowled out for 124, with captain Stephan Pascal and Theo Edward each scoring 21.

Antiguan leg-spinner Micah McKenzie snapped up five for 36 in nine overs, and medium pacer Kunal Tilokani took three for 13.



Matthew Miller

Three wicket hauls from Kirt Murray, Kirsten Murray, and Davin Forde then helped the Windwards dismiss the Leewards for 119 in 35 overs.

De-Entre Drew (28), Devanand Singh (21), and Isra-el Morton (12) were the only batsmen to reach double figures for the Leewards.

In the other opening round

matches, defending champions Barbados launched their title defence with a dominant 140-run win over Guyana at the Elquemedo Willett Park in Nevis. The Bajans posted 287 for six from their 50 overs, and Guyana were then dismissed for just 147 in 31.3 overs.

Trinidad and Tobago defeat the USA 2 by one

wicket at St. Paul's Sports Complex. The USA 2 made 259 for seven from their 50 overs, and Trinidad & Tobago achieved victory at 263 for nine with five balls remaining.

The USA 1 snatched a 13-run victory against Jamaica at St. Mary's Park in Cayon. The USA 1 were dismissed for 209 in 47.4 overs. Jamaica then collapsed from 117 without loss in the 16th over to 196 all out in 43 overs.

In the other second-round matches on Sunday, Barbados, the Windward Islands, and USA 1 all claimed their second win in as many games.

Barbados recorded a dominant 144-run win over Trinidad and Tobago at the Conaree Sports Club. Barbados posted an imposing 295 for eight from their 50 overs, and Trinidad and Tobago were dismissed for 151 in 34 overs.

The Windward Islands pulled off a narrow four-run victory against Jamaica at the Elquemedo Willett Park in Nevis. The Windwards made 196 all out in 44 overs and dismissed Jamaica for 192 all out in 49 overs.

The USA 1 notched up a seven-wicket win against Guyana at St. Paul's Sports Complex. Guyana made 150 all out in 44.2 overs, and USA 1 achieved victory by scoring 151 for three in 32.5 overs.

Goals galore in opening matches to kick off Antigua Cup tournament



Goals flowed and excitement permeated the atmosphere as the second edition of the Antigua Cup International Youth Football Tournament started with a bang at the Buckley's Primary School playing field on Sunday.

Twenty-five (25) goals were scored in four matches after seven of the 12 participating teams took part in the opening proceedings. In the Under-13 Age Group, Lion Cub beat host club Young Warriors 6-2.

The Cubs, coached by former na-

tional team defender Ivor "Ninja" Luke, returned to defeat newcomers Freeman's Ville 5-0 in the Under-15 Age Group.

Another debutant, All Saints Attackers, overcame Urlings 6-1, and the visiting Bath United of Nevis prevailed 2-0 against the Young Warriors.

The first day of competitive matches was preceded by a march past and a brief official opening ceremony in which several officials gave short speeches to the participants.

Former England and Liverpool striker Emile Heskey encouraged the players to give the Antigua Cup their best effort as they strive to become good players.

President of CPTSA Wings Sports Club Lucaso Brumant, who stepped in at short notice, called on the government and parents to offer more support to the young players and programmes such as the Antigua Cup.

Sowerby Gomes, the national technical director of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA), said he was looking forward to seeing the progression of the starlets throughout the tournament.

President of the Young Warriors Football Club and the tournament director of the Antigua Cup, Colin James, said his club was excited to be staging the tournament once again.

Matches will be played daily in the one-week tournament, starting at 3 pm at Buckley's Primary School playing field. The Antigua Cup will conclude on Sunday.



Sports News



Freetown advance to finals of Curtly Ambrose one-day competition



Freetown has advanced to the final of the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Curtly Ambrose Limited Overs Competition.

Freetown gained an automatic bye into the final after finishing at the top of the standings in the preliminary stage, which concluded over the weekend.

Freetown clinched the top spot after pulling off a commanding 10-wicket victory against Mahico at Clare Hall in their last encounter in the preliminary stage.

Mahico was dismissed for 81, with Mike France hitting 26 and Norman Belle scoring 20. Shem Laboard snapped up three wickets for four runs, Jamaul Fernandez claimed three for 13, and Kief Baltimore picked up two wickets for seven runs.

Freetown achieved victory by scoring 83 without losing any wickets. Jamaul Fernandez hit an unbeaten 37, and Hughon Tonge struck 28 not out.

Freetown will play either Mahico or PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks in the best of three finals, which is

slated to start on Sunday.

The Blackhawks and Mahico, which finished in second and third places, respectively, at the end of the preliminary stage, will meet in an eliminator on Saturday. The winner of the eliminator will take on Freetown in the finals.

The Blackhawks clinched second place in the preliminary stage by securing a seven-wicket win against Consolidated Maritime Services Sea View Farm in their final encounter at Sea View Farm.

Sea View Farm could only muster 121 for nine off 25 overs. Adrian Abbott hit 42, and Rolston "Triss" Phillip struck 21. Wilden Cornwall Jr. snapped up four wickets for eight runs.

The Blackhawks achieved victory by scoring 123 for three in 13 overs. Brent Jo-

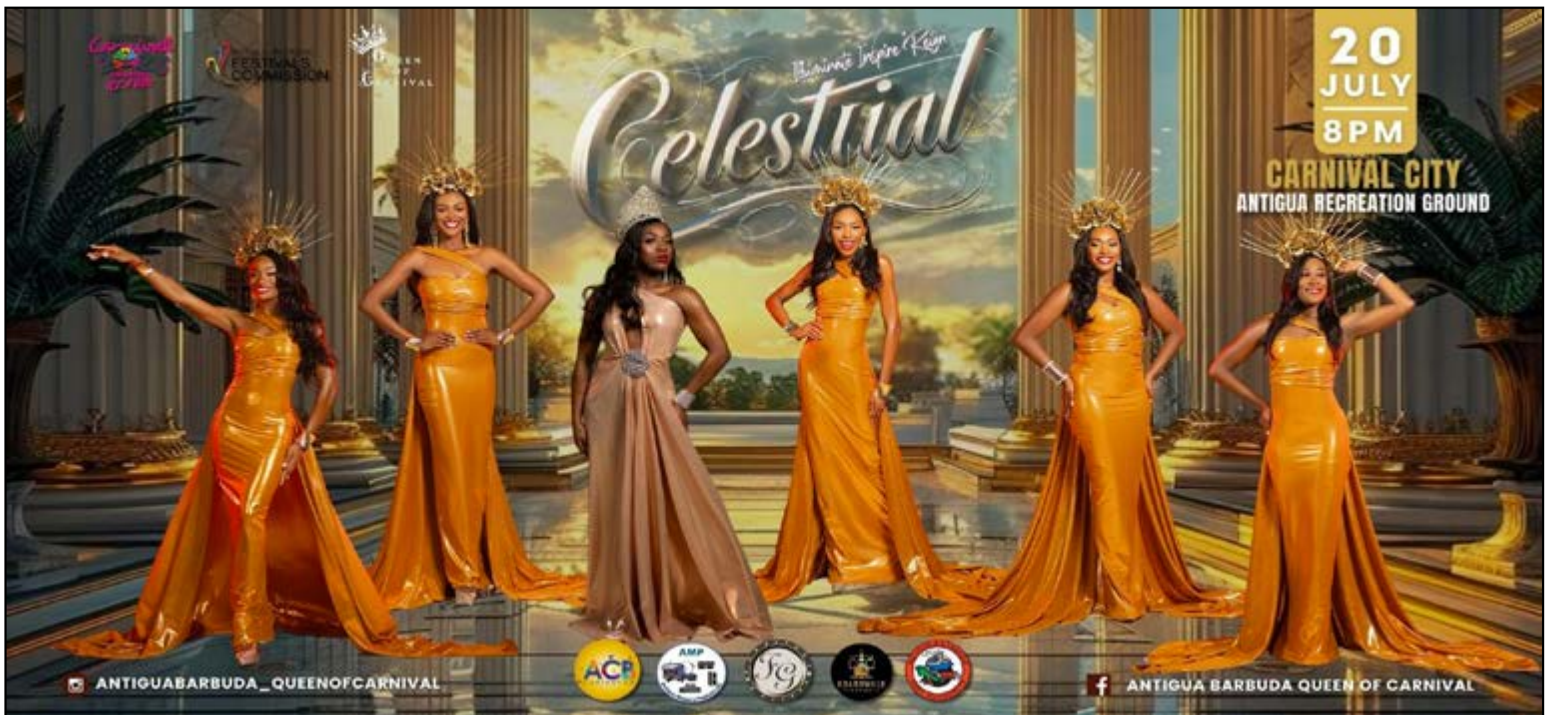
seph slammed 69 not out, Wilden Cornwall Jr. scored 22, and Shamar Pereira made 20.

Dwayne Fordice, Taruw Watson, and Tazio Watson each picked up a wicket for Sea View Farm.

Meanwhile, the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League T20 Competition will continue with two matches this week.

On Thursday, PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks will face Mahico at Ball Beef in Liberta, and the Jennings Tigers will face the New Winthorpes Lions at Jennings.

Dirk Schouten and Bertel Baltimore will umpire at Liberta, and Calvin Thomas and Keller Joseph will officiate at Jennings.



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- Oversee the production of brochures, leaflets, videos, photography, and other multimedia assets
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- Manage APUA's website updates and support digital engagement efforts
- Conduct research to guide public relations and education strategies
- Strengthen community relations through public engagement and participation in local initiatives
- Provide communications support during crisis situations while upholding and enhancing the Authority's reputation

The successful candidate MUST possess the following:

- Bachelor's degree in Communications, Marketing or a related field.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience in public relations, communications, or related area.
- Exceptional interpersonal and human relations skills with the ability to build and maintain relationships.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, with proven editing and content creation abilities.
- Excellent organizational, time-management, and multitasking skills; adept at working under pressure.
- Creative mindset with a strong sense of initiative and imagination.
- Business acumen and awareness of current affairs affecting the organization.
- Positive, proactive attitude with a vibrant, hardworking, and detail-oriented approach.
- Ability to work collaboratively within a team and adapt to a dynamic environment.

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE SALES)

We are seeking a dynamic, results-driven professional with strong business acumen and a passion for strategic client engagement. This role is ideal for a self-motivated individual who thrives on building meaningful partnerships and driving growth in a competitive environment.

Key duties include:

- Secure and grow a strong portfolio of corporate clients across various sectors
- Develop and implement strategic sales plans to achieve and exceed targets
- Build and maintain trusted relationships with key decision-makers and stakeholders
- Identify and capitalize on new business opportunities
- Deliver customised solutions that align with client needs
- Prepare accurate sales forecasts and performance reports
- Use a variety of sales methods including cold calling, networking, and referrals

The successful candidate MUST possess the following:

- Proven track record in B2B sales, preferably in telecommunications or a related sector
- Excellent interpersonal, negotiation, and presentation skills
- Strong understanding of sales pipelines, client relationship management, and sales software
- Highly self-driven with the ability to work independently and consistently deliver results
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite
- Must own a reliable vehicle and hold a valid driver's license
- Familiarity with APUA Telecommunications products and services is an asset

Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

Human Resources Manager
Antigua Public Utilities Authority
Cnr. High Street & Independence Avenue
St. Johns, Antigua
OR Email: hr@apua.ag

Deadline for application is Wednesday 16th July, 2025

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

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Twelfth-place finish for Antiguanans at NORCECA Beach contest



Antigua and Barbuda's Jaya Isaac Carr, right, makes a return while teammate Jassania Joseph, center, looks on during one of their matches at the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Championships in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, on Friday, July 4, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the ABAVA)

Antigua and Barbuda's two-member female team finished in 12th place in the NORCECA (North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation) Beach Championships in the Dominican Republic over the weekend.

The national female team comprising Jassania Joseph and Jaya Isaac Carr finished ahead of four of the 16 teams from four confederations at the July 3 to 7 NORCECA Championships in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, which serve as a qualifier for the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Under-21 World Championships later this year in Mexico.

The team of Joseph and Carr were beaten 2-0 (21-6, 21-10) by the duo

of Joanna Robinson and Brianna Delapenha of the Cayman Islands in the playoff for 11th place.

The Antiguanans also suffered a 2-0 (21-17, 21-17) loss to the St. Lucian team of Isabelle Phillip and Ericka Gaspard in the classification round for 9th to 12th place.

Joseph and Carr, who were accompanied by coach Olsen "Karrat" Joseph, received a bye and lost their other two matches in Pool A during the opening rounds of the competition.

The Antiguanans were beaten 2-0 (21-9, 21-11) by the Canadian pair of Ofure Odigie and Ruby Sorra and also suffered a 2-0 (21-8, 21-19) loss to the Dominican Repub-

lic team of Crismil Paniagua and Daneyi Arias.

The American duo of Zoey Henson and Sarah Wood claimed the gold medal at the NORCECA U21 Beach Volleyball Qualifier, defeating Puerto Rico's Miabella Musignac and Alanis Nieves in straight sets 2-0 (21-13, 21-11) in the final.

The bronze went to Canada's Ofure Odigie and Ruby Sorra, who beat Laura Molina and Sofia Vega of Costa Rica in straight sets, 21-15, 21-18, in the playoff for third place.

The fifth and final ticket to the 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship was secured by Guatemala's Danna Aguilar and Naomi Monney, who overcame Nicaragua's Yuliana Chávez and Ella Resau in a tight battle for fifth place, winning 2-0 (24-22, 21-16).

The United States of America, Costa Rica, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guatemala are the five women's teams that qualified for the 2025 FIVB Under-21 World Beach Championships, which will take place in Puebla, Mexico, from October 16 to 19.

NORCECA is a continental confederation that governs volleyball activities in the North American, Central American, and Caribbean regions. NORCECA is affiliated with the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB).