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Thousands share in Burning Flames' grand celebration

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It's the final weekend of Antigua Carnival 2025 with some of the top carnival events still to come.

With Queen of Carnival, T-Shirt Mas, Teenage Pageant and Melting Pot out of the way, Carnival revelers are gearing up for the final push; the final slate of events over the next five days of Carnival '25.

The Calypso Monarch Competition will take place at Carnival City tonight. Thirteen artists have earned spots in tonight's competition. They are; Dr. Solo, Lyrics Man, Lyrical Reds, Queen Thalia, Ruez, Queen Singing Althea, King Zacari, King Tian, Ge'eve, Kid Fresh, Richie Francis and Empress. They will

come up against the reigning Calypso Monarch Young Destroyer. All calypsonians will perform one song in the competition.

On Saturday night, it's the turn for the pan men and women to take to the stage to show their musical muscles. The event is the State Insurance Company Ltd. Panorama Competition. The competing steel bands are; reigning champions Hell's Gate, Panache, West Side Symphony, Gemonites, Harmonites, Original, Halcyon and Pandemonium.

On Sunday night, it's one of the most popular shows of the carnival programme; the Inet Party Monarch

competition. This competition is divided into two segments; jumpy and groovy. In the Jumpy segment the contestants are; Menace XL, Tian Winter, Lyrical Red, DJ Who, Kid Fresh, Vicious, Island Prince and Kimmy. The Groovy finalists are; Tammy, Kid Fresh, Young Lyrics, Empress, Dior, Richie. Queen Thalia, Kimmy and Tian Winter.

Monday morning Jouvert official starts at 4:00 o'clock and later in the day is the Judging of the Troupes and Groups. The Big Carnival Parade, announcement of winners and Last Lap are all scheduled for Tuesday signaling the end of Carnival 2025.

Commissioner Jeffers describes escalating youth violence a 'national emergency'



Acting Commissioner of Police, Everton Jeffers, has warned that the country faces a disturbing rise in youth violence to the point where he now describes it as 'a national emergency'.

Speaking candidly on the matter and with some urgency, Commissioner Jeffers not only sees the situation as a national emergency but he is calling for collective action to prevent the loss of an entire generation to crime and violence.

"In just one week, we've seen two heartbreaking cases involving teenagers. An 18-year-old has been charged with murder, and a 16-year-old is now in custody for the fatal stabbing of a 17-year-old from Liberta. These are not acts of youth mischief they are serious crimes. And the people involved are children. This is not normal." the Commissioner stated.

Commissioner Jeffers pointed to growing incidents involving robbery, gang activity, gun and drug use, and homicide among the nation's youth. He emphasized that these issues are no longer just police matters, but signs of deeper systemic failures in families, schools, and communities.

"We must stop pretending these are isolated events. They're not. They are happening too often, too close to home."

The Commissioner made a direct appeal to parents, teachers, pastors, coaches, and community leaders to intervene early and consistently in the lives of young people.

"We must teach values like respect, empathy, and conflict resolution and that must begin at home and be reinforced everywhere else."


The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda is responding with expanded community policing programmes, mentor-

ship initiatives, and stronger engagement with at-risk youth. However, Commissioner Jeffers stressed that law enforcement cannot solve this crisis alone.

"Parents, know where your children are and who they're with. Teachers, spot the warning signs. Community leaders, help us reach these kids before the damage is irreversible... If we don't fix this, we're sentencing our youth and our nation to a future of crime, fear, and wasted potential. The time to act is not next month or next year, it's now!" warned Commissioner Jeffers.



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Dr. Julius Garvey Welcomed by Governor General's Deputy at Government House

Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the legendary Pan-African leader Marcus Garvey, received a warm and official welcome to Government House on Wednesday. Hosting the distinguished guest was the Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare K. Roberts, who extended greetings on behalf of Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, and the people of the nation.

In his remarks, Sir Clare warmly welcomed Dr. Garvey to Antigua and Barbuda and reflected on the profound significance of the visit:

“Welcome to Antigua and Barbuda, we are excited to have you in our country. It is a special honour for me to touch the flesh of Marcus Garvey’s son, in a way it is touching Marcus Garvey himself, as the blood of Marcus Garvey runs in your veins, Dr. Garvey.”

Sir Clare emphasized that Marcus Garvey, while officially Jamaica’s national hero, is also held in the highest esteem in Antigua and Barbuda. He publicly called for Garvey to be formally recognized as a national hero of this country, noting:

“His activism and emphasis on Black pride, Black unity, and economic empowerment of Black people wherever they might be, have inspired generations of Antiguan and Barbudans, including our nation’s leaders.”

He urged Ambassador Dor-



brene O'Marde to use his influence in support of this national recognition.

Quoting Marcus Garvey's words, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots", Sir Clare expressed concern about the current disconnect many young people have from their cultural identity and expressed hope that Dr. Garvey's visit would serve to inspire a renewed sense of pride and purpose among the nation's youth.

He concluded by thanking Dr. Garvey:

"On behalf of the Governor General and a grateful nation, thank you for ensuring that your father's legacy continues to thrive as you share his message of mental liberation, cultural awareness, and economic development of our people."

Following the Governor General's Deputy, Ambassador Dorbrene O'Marde, Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission, who was also in attendance, extended appreciation to Dr. Garvey for his continuing work and for advancing the legacy of Marcus Garvey through education, entrepreneurship, and the unification of African people both at home and in the diaspora.

Dr. Garvey, in turn, expressed his delight at being in Antigua and Barbuda and his deep appreciation for the warm welcome extended to him. He spoke of his admiration for the people of Antigua and Barbuda and his commitment to advancing the ideals for which his father stood.



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16-year-old youth charged with murder

A 16-year-old youth of Hatton has been arrested and charged with the murder of 17-year-old Vonde Bowers. According to the police the alleged incident occurred shortly after 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, at Grays Farm.

Following the incident, the teen was taken into police custody, and is now being charged for the offence. Further investigations into the matter are ongoing. The identity of the suspect is being withheld as he is still a minor under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda,

Anyone with information that may assist in the investigation is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).

Meanwhile, the police have arrested and charged 32-year-old Renardo Phipps of Mount Joy in connection with a recent shooting incident.

The alleged incident occurred on Sunday, 14 July, at Jennings Extension. Phipps is accused of discharging a firearm at a man from Hodges Bay while the victim was seated inside his



vehicle.

As a result of the incident, the victim sustained a non-life-threatening injury to his right hand and was transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

Following further investigations, Phipps was taken into custody and later charged with shooting with intent to murder. He was expected to appear before the Magistrate's Court on Thurs-

day to answer to the charge.

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda continues to take a zero-tolerance approach to gun-related violence and urges members of the public to report any suspicious activity or illegal firearms by contacting the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).



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Rotary Club of Antigua Donates 50 Laptops to Support 2025 National Census

It was a big boost for the efforts of the National Bureau of Statistics as it readies itself to undertake the mammoth task of conducting the 2025 National Housing and Population Census, 2025.

This boost comes as the Rotary Club of Antigua, through its Education Through Technology (ETT) Programme, on Thursday donated 50 laptops to the National Bureau of Statistics in support of the upcoming 2025 National Census of Antigua and Barbuda.

This contribution is expected to significantly enhance the training and digital data collection processes required for the successful implementation of the census.

The handover ceremony which took place on Thursday, was attended by key representatives from both organizations.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the National Bureau of Statistics were Deputy Census Officer Rohan Anthony and Chief Statistician Stachel Edwards. Rotary Club President Elisa Graham and Service Projects Director – Past President Paul Ryan presented the equipment to the organization on the Club's behalf.

The Rotary Club emphasized that this initiative aligns with its mission of community service and technological empowerment. According to Rotary leadership, the donation is part of a broader effort to support national development goals while enhancing



the Club's ability to identify and assist vulnerable populations, particularly those most in need of support and social interventions.

President Elisa Graham noted that the Club was hon-

oured to play a role in supporting this critical national exercise, highlighting that the data collected will help shape more effective community programmes and inform future planning across Antigua and Barbuda.

Past President Paul Ryan further explained that Rotary was proud to partner with the Census Division on such a vital initiative. He emphasized that the donation, made possible with support from overseas Rotary Clubs, demonstrates a tangible commitment to improving data-driven decision-making that can uplift communities.

Representatives from the National Bureau of Statistics expressed their deep appreciation for the timely support. Deputy Census Officer Rohan Anthony noted that the upcoming census will rely heavily on information technology, and the laptops will directly contribute to ensuring that the process is both efficient and on schedule.

Chief Statistician Stachel Edwards reinforced the importance of the census as a national tool, explaining that the data collected serves as a critical resource not just for government planning but also for businesses, NGOs, and development partners. He added that the Rotary Club's contribution will enhance the quality and timeliness of data collection and strengthen national development efforts.

The Rotary Club of Antigua continues to lead with purpose through impactful initiatives and strong partnerships. This latest act of service reflects the Club's enduring commitment to its motto: "Service Above Self."

Antigua and Barbuda to take centre stage at 'Taste of Tennis'



Carlisle Bay - tennis court overview (photo credit - Carlisle Bay)

Antigua and Barbuda will bring the festive flavours and dynamic spirit of the twin-island nation to this year's 25th anniversary of Taste of Tennis, New York's premier tennis and culinary celebration, taking place on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Aqua New York in Manhattan's Flatiron District.

As a proud destination sponsor, Antigua and Barbuda will take center court at this milestone event, where guests will experience a culinary presentation from Antiguan Chef Claude Lewis, rum tastings from English Harbour, and a chance to win a trip for two to the award-winning Carlisle Bay Resort. This flagship event blends the worlds of tennis and gastronomy by bringing together elite chefs and tennis leg-

ends for a jam-packed evening of celebration in honour of the U.S. Open's return.

Representing Antigua and Barbuda is Chef Claude Lewis, a Chopped champion and son of Antiguan immigrants, whose culinary artistry has captivated audiences across the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean. Known for bringing Caribbean heritage to the forefront of the U.S. culinary scene, Chef Claude is a celebrated figure in Caribbean gastronomy and an ambassador of Antiguan culture. At this year's event, he will highlight the island's culinary traditions through a modern lens with a curated tasting menu. Guests will also enjoy tastings of English Harbour Rum, a treasured

spirit crafted locally in Antigua.

Carlisle Bay Antigua, an all-suite oceanfront luxury resort on the island's southern coast, will enhance the experience by offering an exclusive stay as part of the event's premium prize giveaways. Fresh off a multi-million-dollar renovation of its 48 one-bedroom suites, the resort is a haven for racquet sports enthusiasts with five tennis courts and two pickleball courts, a wellness-centered spa, and a front-row seat to the Caribbean Sea.

As a destination, Antigua and Barbuda continues to grow its appeal as a premier tennis travel escape. Several of the island's top resorts, including Carlisle Bay, Curtain Bluff,



and Blue Waters, offer championship courts, clinics, and immersive tennis retreats, often set against the backdrop of ocean views and jungle-covered peaks. Other hotels on the island that cater to the tennis community include St. James Club, Jumby Bay, Hodges Bay Club, and Sandals.

From pro-am tournaments like Curtain Bluff's annual Tennis Challenge to year-round coaching and personalized tennis camps, the islands offer a warm-weather escape where guests can perfect their serve by day and indulge in Caribbean cuisine by night.

"Taste of Tennis allows us to engage a sophisticated audience that

values both elite sporting experiences and culinary excellence," said Dean Fenton, U.S. Director for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority. With the incredible talent of Chef Claude Lewis and our premier tennis partners like Carlisle Bay, we're proud to showcase the best of what our islands offer."

"Taste of Tennis is more than an event - it's an experience that aligns beautifully with our vision of Antigua and Barbuda as a destination for discerning travellers," added Arah Robins, U.S. Marketing & Public Relations Executive, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority. "Between our 365 beaches, robust wellness and tennis offerings, and now, unforgettable

bites from Chef Claude, guests will leave with a true taste of paradise."

"We could not be happier to partner with Antigua and Barbuda. The destination's unique combination of culture, cuisine, and premium racquet sports facilities makes it a perfect match for our audience of food lovers, tennis fans, and travellers seeking exciting new adventures," said Brian Hester, Partner at AYS Sports Marketing.

Taste of Tennis 2025 is a curated opportunity for Antigua and Barbuda to showcase the full spectrum of its world-class offerings, from culinary prowess and luxury accommodations to year-round active experiences in paradise.

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Permanent Secretary Joins EAG for Guided Tour of Antigua Racer Snake Conservation Project



PS Colin O'Keffe (extreme left) along with members of the EAG and government officials participate in guided tour

The Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) hosted Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Colin O'Keffe, on a guided tour of the Antigua Racer Snake Conservation Project on 21st July 2025, highlighting the importance of preserving one of the world's rarest and most remarkable reptiles — the Antigua Racer (*Alsophis antiguae*).

The visit took place on Great Bird Island, one of the key offshore islands where the Antigua Racer population has rebounded following years of conservation work. Permanent Secretary O'Keffe was accompanied by members of the EAG team, EAG conservation

partner Flora and Fauna, Permanent Secretaries and staff from other Ministries and Officials from the Ministry of Tourism who shared insights into the challenges, successes, possible benefits to be derived from initiatives through eco-tourism of restoring the island's fragile ecosystem.

"This project is a true example of effective collaboration and environmental leadership," said PS O'Keffe. "It is heartening to see how science, community involvement, and long-term vision have helped to bring the Antigua Racer back from the brink of extinction."

Over the past 30 years, the conservation efforts of the

Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the Antiguan Racer Conservation Project (ARCP) and the Offshore Islands Conservation Programme, and their partners saved the Antiguan Racer from imminent extinction when its population plummeted to 50 individuals in 1995.

By eradicating invasive mammalian predators, building public pride in the snakes and restoring these offshore habitats, the ARCP successfully reintroduced the snake to three additional islands within its original range. By 2015, the population had rebounded to over 1,200 individuals.

EAG Team welcomed the

participation of all present, stating, "We are honoured by multi-sector representation present and pledges for continued support. They went on to state that having individuals witness firsthand the impact of EAG's work strengthens their shared commitment to preserving Antigua and Barbuda's unique biodiversity."

The EAG looks forward to ongoing collaboration with government agencies, local communities, and international partners to ensure the long-term survival of the Antigua Racer and other endangered species within the twin-island nation's natural heritage.

ABRSC EMANCIPATION WATCHNIGHT GATHERING 17

GARVEYISM: The emancipation of self from mental slavery



*Dorbrene E. O'Marde ABRSC/CRC
Address to the Chair / Acknowledge
protocols*

Those who control this programme – and I am not calling names - have warned me again that I should not be long – that I am no star of no show – that I should stand – say a few words of welcome – and sit. So here goes... On behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission I welcome you to this – the seventeen staging of our Emancipation Watchnight Gathering. We offer special welcome to all presenters here tonight – and I am sure there is no jealousy among them – when I offer a special welcome to the renowned Dr Julius Garvey, a Pan-Africanist in his own right and making – but who has no complaints when we introduce him as the son of the prophet Hon Marcus Mosiah Garvey, founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association – original name - the Universal Negro Improvement As-

sociation and African Communities League. We join in the applause of the Black world in recognition of the exemplary work that Dr Julius has done in furthering the philosophies of his father.

Welcome over...but I cannot sit yet...I have a few comments I wish to make and the presence among us of the Hon Doctor Julius Garvey has certainly pointed my thinking in a particular direction. Maybe those who control this programme may not invite me next year – but I have time to negotiate

‘Emancipate yourself from mental slavery! I am sure I can count on a single hand the number of you who have not heard that call – the call made famous by the Hon Marcus Garvey – translated to song and reinvigorated by the great Robert Nestor Marley. *‘None but yourself can free your mind!’*

I trod on dangerous ground here but I am totally convinced that the emancipation of African minds – away

from mental slavery – can no longer be seen as a personal responsibility only - it cannot be left to those who are so moved by their own study of history, their own understanding of religion, their own understanding of culture and heritage. For believe you me – the trappings of social media and white culture, the glorification of violence – that might is right and bullying is championed at the highest level; the equation of money accumulation to social success – these forces will get our youth before their understanding of history and self

The challenge I see – the challenge the Caribbean movement for reparatory justice sees – is the evolution of a modern society that foresees emancipated minds as one of – if not its main purpose.

For we must not forget other important words echoed by Bob Marley – those of Emperor Haile Selassie

- the philosophy – of white supremacy - which hold one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned.
- there are no longer first-class and second-class citizens of any nation – a call to our societies to be unaccepting of the differences in opportunity experienced by various groups of our societies – and the call globally – for denouncing the existing ‘world order’ where power in global decision making institutions is concentrated in the white world of the colonizer.
- the colour of a man’s skin is of no more significance than the colour of his eyes – the rejection of racism,

the religions and legacies of chattel slavery and colonialism

- the basic human rights are equally guaranteed to all without regard to race – the call for ‘international morality’. The call for international morality must be made loud loud loud – as we see the United States of Trump and the genocidal land of the Zionists decimate hundred of thousands of human beings who look like us in the Gaza of Palestine

So we need as the Organization of American States has posited – we need and I quote a governance and societal structure the seeks ‘to raise awareness about the negative perceptions of African/Black people and culture, promote and highlight the intrinsic beauty and value of Black people and culture and its impact on the development of our societies - and encourage everyone to re-assess their pre-conceived notions about Black culture.’¹

The Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission says yes to this – this reassessment – but the emancipation of the minds of our citizens require that Parliament says yes, that Cabinet says yes – that all government institutions say yes – that our churches and trade unions say yes and most importantly that our education system says yes – and presently there is no guarantee that our education system says yes. Our interactions with that branch of government point to what we hope is a false notion that its main responsibility is to its teachers and administrators - and the responsibility to students – the nation’s children and future - relegated to the secondary. We hope future interactions with the Minister of Education and his staff will disarm us of that supposition.

And so it’s time to for me to sit...I however leave you with the notion that

emancipation of oneself is not only self-love, nor is it only self-knowledge but it is importantly about the required societal activism to reject the brain-washing of enslavement and colonial theories and practices - through active decolonization of the systems of governance, of legislation, of the socio-cultural norms they established – and most importantly of our education curricula,

We must approach this challenge - thinking along with another prophet Martin Luther King - who declared correctly that ‘no one is free until we are all free’ and ‘injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere’. African

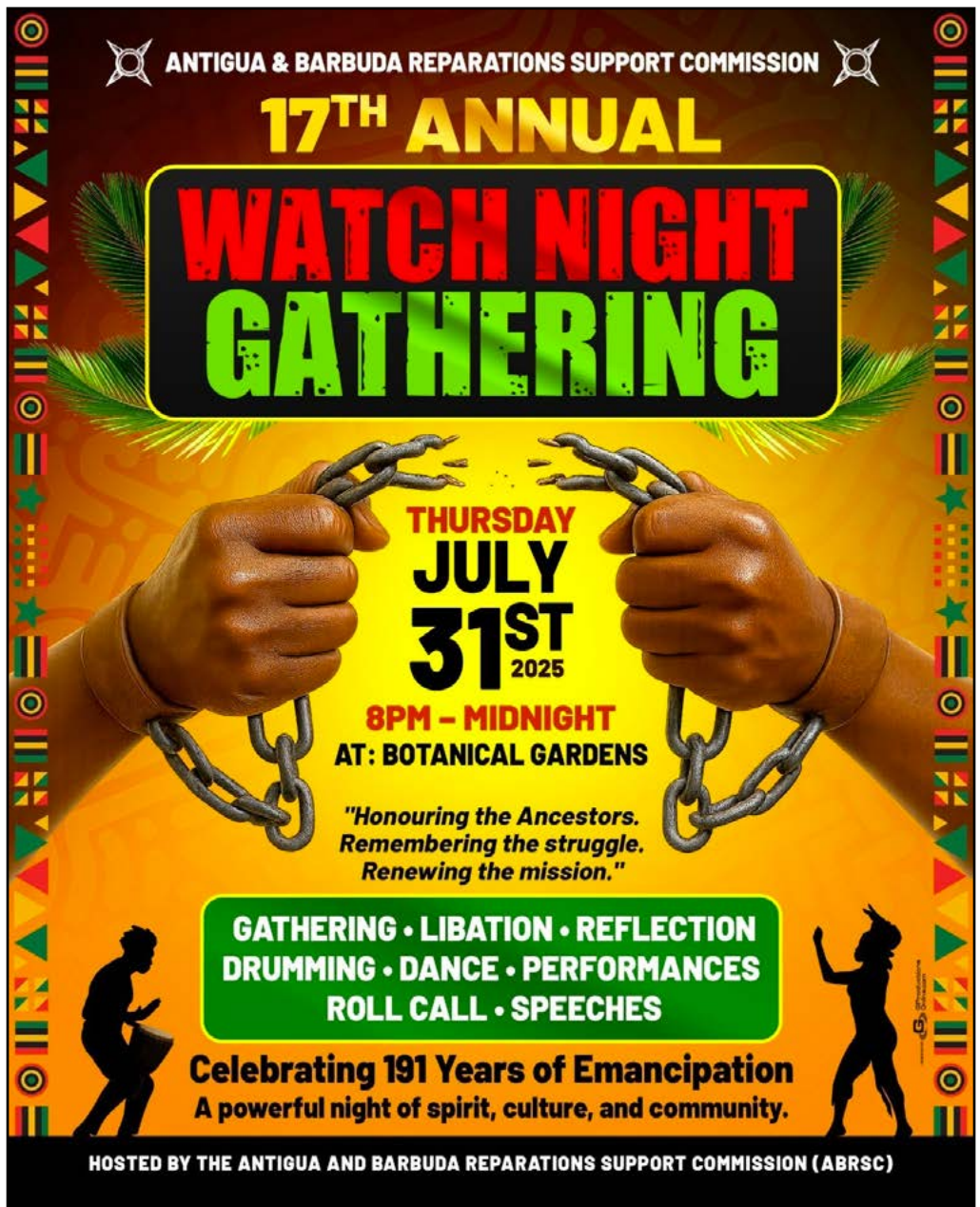
people – we are in this together, a realization whose time has come. Haile Selassie as voiced through Marley is uncompromising – and visionary – ‘We Africans will fight, we find it necessary and we know we shall win / As we are confident / in the victory of good over evil.

Emancipate ourselves!

Dorbrene E. O’Marde

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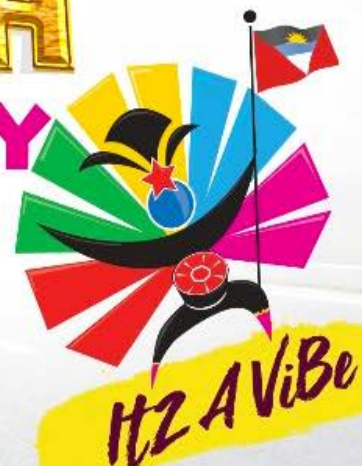
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Certified Sampson visits Summer camp



Jamel Sampson, widely known as **Certified Sampson**, a dynamic digital creator and entertainer from Trinidad and Tobago made a special appearance during the National Public Library's "Colour Our World" Summer Programme during his recent visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

The visit, arranged by the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, brought excitement and laughter to campers aged 5 to 16, who were delighted to meet the popular personality in person, and cheered on his arrival.

Certified Sampson engaged the campers with fun, interactive games that filled the library with laughter, an energetic sing-along that had the campers fully engaged, and sharing the story of his inspirational career journey. His messages of self-belief, and perseverance were well-received, and the lively Q&A session that followed provided a memorable and positive experience for the campers.

Director of the National Public Library of Antigua and Barbuda, Ryllis Mannix, in expressing her appreciation for the visit said, "We were very



happy to have Certified Sampson! The children and the library team, absolutely enjoyed the visit, as he has many followers here at the library. It was amazing that he was able to connect with the campers and encourage them to believe in themselves, while stressing the importance of working hard to achieve their goals."

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Authority extends heartfelt thanks to the National Public Library of Antigua and Barbuda for warmly welcoming Certified Sampson to the camp. His visit formed part of his time in Antigua and Barbuda from July 23 – July 28 where he enjoyed the Antigua Carnival T-shirt Mas, other exciting pre-Carnival festivities and destination tours.

The summer camp ends today.

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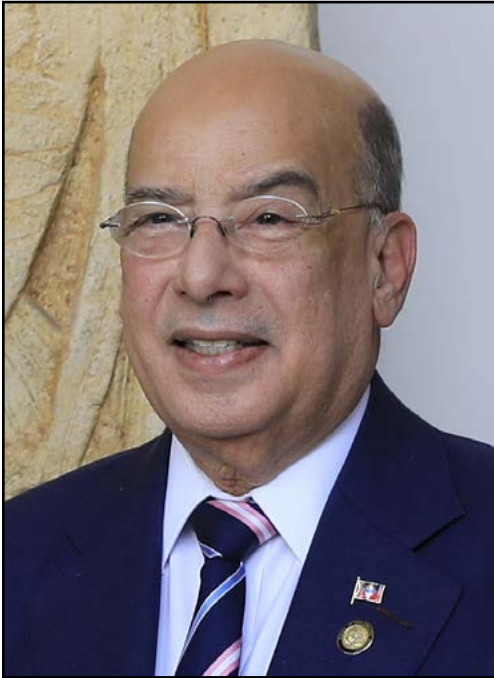


Carnival Corner



Commentary

The world has gone silent on the horrors in Gaza — that is the tragedy



By Sir Ronald Sanders

I was sitting in my dentist's chair, one of the few events in which, while my mouth was open, I could not speak.

Even as she worked methodically, my dentist spoke close enough to my ear that her words were unmistakable. "The tragedy of Gaza," she said, is that the world is in a state of "collapse of compassion." Indeed, psychology and behavioural economics researchers have documented this. Simply put, suffering in others, witnessed frequently, produces a kind of immunity in the mind.

This can be the only explanation for why people around the world are not expressing outrage vociferously at the brutal and inhumane suffering and indiscriminate deaths of people, including children, from hunger and malnutrition in the prison that the Israeli government and

its military forces have created in Gaza.

Since 17–18 March, Israeli air, land, and sea strikes—followed by expanded ground operations—have killed and wounded tens of thousands of civilians, flattened hospitals, schools and homes, and forced more than 1.9 million people (about 90 per cent of Gaza's population) from their neighbourhoods, often several times over. Displacement orders now blanket roughly 282 km²—over four-fifths of the territory—leaving families to shelter in half-destroyed buildings or open fields with little protection.

Humanitarian aid has all but vanished. After nearly 80 days of a siege that barred food, medicine and fuel, only a small trickle of UN and NGO trucks has been allowed in by the Israeli government and its military forces—and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) has not delivered a single shipment since 2 March.

Of 323 planned aid convoys in June, 154 were denied, 30 impeded, and only 97 fully facilitated. As people converged on militarised distribution points in Rafah and Deir al-Balah, they faced deadly risks: by 25 June, at least 549 civilians had been killed and more than 4,000 injured simply trying to reach food. The desperation that led to this risk, even in the face of missiles and bullets, and the resulting wanton deaths, challenge humane understanding.

In clinics overwhelmed by trauma,

malnutrition has reached record highs. Between January and May 2025, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) recorded an average of 112 children admitted each day for severe malnutrition. Meanwhile, a four-month fuel ban threatens to shut down 40 per cent of Gaza's drinking-water facilities that are still operating; without generators, these taps will run dry within weeks. Nearly half of essential medicines—heart drugs to antibiotics—are already out of stock, and another fifth will vanish within two months.

On the ground, every day is a struggle to survive. Women and girls bear an added burden. Observers from the UN Human Rights Office describe "scenes of chaos" at the few remaining food sites, where long queues leave the elderly, the disabled and children exposed to harassment and abuse. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) reports that lack of food and cooking fuel has become a tool of coercion in some households. At the same time, the daily chore of fetching water or firewood exposes women to violence and exploitation.

At the international political level, inertia and inaction rule the day, as governments jockey over their national and their allies' national interests. The UN Security Council sees more concern and more calls for action by its non-permanent members than from the five veto powers, each of which can block united action.

Finally, on 30 July 2025, foreign

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ministers gathered at UN Headquarters “with Gaza smouldering,” and Secretary-General António Guterres warned the situation was “at a breaking point” as they pledged to revive the two-State solution; that is, a recognised State of Palestine and a recognised State of Israel, both within secure borders.

However, beyond conditional recognition pledges—from Canada, the UK, France, and other EU states that tie Palestinian statehood to a ceasefire, hostage releases and elections—there has been no sustained global pressure to open corridors, rebuild infrastructure or protect civilians. Media coverage has dwindled, diplomatic visits have waned, and headlines have shifted elsewhere.

If the two-state vision is to be mean-

ingful, it must be backed by deeds, not just declarations. The international community must insist on immediate, unhindered humanitarian corridors, establish a transparent reconstruction trust to fund homes, schools, and hospitals, deploy a stabilisation force to protect civilians and aid workers, and empower a reformed Palestinian Authority to restore basic services and security.

Neither Israel nor Hamas, which continues to hold hostages, can have matters their way, and the rest of the world should collectively tell them so, fearlessly and forcefully. CARICOM Governments, collectively and to their credit, have done so.

Silence in the face of suffering is a form of violence. The facts on the ground—documented by UNRWA,

OCHA, UNICEF and OHCHR—are too stark to ignore. People are now scouring the dirt for food.

It is a tragedy that the people in Gaza are being killed and are also dying from starvation, malnutrition and lack of medicines. But the greater and real human tragedy is that the world is in a state of “collapse of compassion”, quietly looking away. It is time for the world to speak up, or Gaza will weigh heavily and permanently on the conscience of mankind.

(The author is the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the OAS, and Dean of the OAS Ambassadors accredited to the OAS. Responses and previous commentaries: www.sirronald-sanders.com



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The Cost of Celebration: A Carnival Without Accountability?

Is it fair? Is it fair that we pride ourselves on hosting one of the greatest summer festivals in the Caribbean, yet leave our streets stained with the remnants of joy turned waste? Is it fair that those living near the landfill in Cooks bear the burden of our celebrations with fires, pollution, and health risks? Is it fair that our government must pay workers overtime to clean up messes that could have been avoided?

These are the questions we must ask as we reflect on how we celebrate. CIBC's Jam for the Cure reminded us of the power of purpose-driven events, combining entertainment with meaningful support for causes like breast cancer awareness. But it also reminded us of how much more work we have to do when it comes to waste management and environmental responsibility.

The success of the event lay not just in the performers or the crowd—it lay in the details. One of those details was

the presence of Good Humans 268, assigned to manage waste. It was a game changer. Our team sorted, collected, and cleaned, ensuring that recyclable items were not thrown into general waste. What's more—we picked up waste from other groups as well, simply because it needed to be done.

But why did it fall on one team? Why were the others not prepared?

If every band can design elaborate costumes, create catchy jingles, and secure corporate sponsorship, why can't they invest in Green Teams?

Carnival is not just a celebration. It is a production. And like every great production, it leaves behind a footprint. The question is: what kind of footprint do we want to leave? Are we okay with the stench of landfill fires following our fun? Or are we ready to ensure that waste is sorted—recyclables here, compostables there, and the rest mini-

mized as much as possible?

The truth is this: It is irresponsible to plan an event without a waste plan. It's not just unsightly—it's unjust.

Our government, too, must rise to the occasion. Waste management should be a required part of the event approval process. Overtime should not be the solution to poor planning. Communities should not suffer because we wanted to dance.

In 2025, we can no longer pretend that sustainability is optional. Waste management must become a core element of our culture, not an afterthought. Responsibility is the new rhythm.

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St Lucia's Ambassador to OECS, CARICOM dies



advocacy on behalf of our country and its people.”

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On behalf of the Government and the People of Saint Lucia, I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family, loved ones, and colleagues. May the Lord provide you with comfort and strength during this difficult time,” Pierre said.

Meanwhile, her colleague, Clarence Henry who is Antigua and Barbuda's ambassador to CARICOM, also paid tribute to Isaac.

“Such a sad loss. We have lost a wonderful soul; a diligent committed ambassador who represented St. Lucia, well, for more than 25 – 30

years on the regional circuit. Brilliant mind, witty and sharp in dealing with the issues that confront the smaller islands of Caricom, especially in the different organs of the community.

“We joined the circuit about the same time as we contributed to revision of the Caricom treaty; articulated a special place, or carve out for the oecs subregion. She understood well the intricacies of what it mean to represent her country well at the table where ever she went. I am grateful for having known her and the regional is better for her immeasurable contributions to cementing the fabric of the regional integration movement in all its dimensions,” Henry said.

Issac who died late Wednesday, was 61. (CMC)

St Lucia's ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Elma Gene Isaac is dead.

In a statement on Thursday, Prime Minister Phillip

Pierre said Isaac who dedicated her life to serve her country, was a distinguished daughter of the soil.

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Regional News

Puerto Rico declares emergency and activates National Guard over water outages

Puerto Rico's governor declared a state of emergency on Wednesday and activated the National Guard after thousands of homes were left without water.

Nearly 180,000 customers were affected at the peak of the outage late last week.

As of Wednesday, nearly 3,000 customers were still without water, including nearly a dozen hotels, according to Governor Jenniffer González.

The problem has angered many on the island of 3.2 million people, especially because the state water and sewer authority has declined to name the company responsible for damaging a main water line while repairing a road last week.

Municipal officials have set up water distribution points and have gone home-to-home to distribute drinking water, with the National Guard now



expected to help with those duties.

"As long as I have 11 hotels without water and residents without service, of course we have an emergency," González said.

The governor also named a special coordinator charged with stabilizing the water system, investigating the water and sewer authority and determining how the incident occurred.

He is expected to issue a report in the next 10 days.

González said that the water and sewer authority's executive director, who has come under fire, would remain in that position.

Before the widespread incident occurred, dozens of communities across Puerto Rico had long experienced issues with water supply. (AP)



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Regional News

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Sections of Hanover under curfew



The police have imposed a curfew in sections of Cousin Cove district, Industry Cove and Harding Hall in Hanover.

The curfew began at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30 and will remain in effect until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 1.

The boundaries of the curfew are:

North: From Cousin Cove Bridge to an imaginary line leading to Friendship Square.

East: From Friendship Square along an imaginary line

leading to the back of Saxham district.

South: From the back of Saxham district along an imaginary line leading to the Lobster Smoke House.

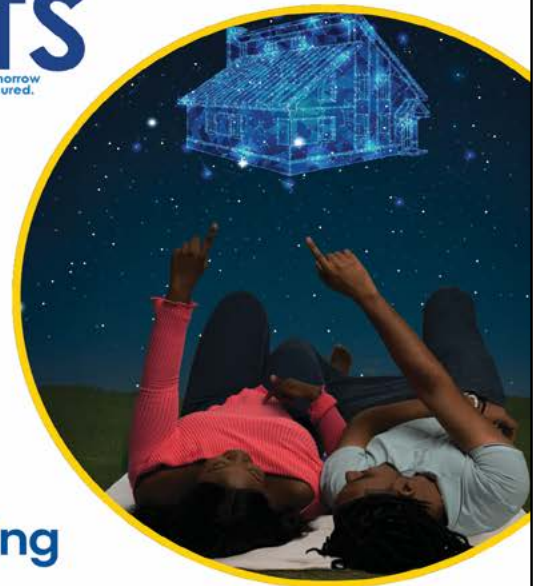
West: From the Lobster Smoke House along the highway leading to the Cousin Cove Bridge.

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US dentist jailed for murder after poisoning wife's protein shakes



A US dentist who poisoned his wife has been sentenced to life in prison without parole after a Colorado jury found him guilty of murder and other charges.

James Craig, 47, had been having an affair when he plotted to kill his wife Angela Craig in March 2023.

After lacing his wife's protein shakes with arsenic, he gave her a fatal dose of cyanide while she lay ill in hospital, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors also argued during a two-week trial that the dentist felt trapped in his marriage but was facing financial troubles and did not want a divorce.

Defence lawyers had argued that Angela Craig, who was then 43, died by suicide because she was heartbroken about her husband's "constant" affairs.

However, the Arapahoe County coroner determined that she died as a result of cyanide and tetrahydrozoline, a chemical used in eye drops.

Evidence showed James Craig searched for phrases including "how many grams of pure arsenic will kill a human" and "is arsenic detectable in autopsy?" and had a shipment of potassium cyanide delivered to his dental practice.

Two days later, Angela Craig drank a protein shake that made her feel dizzy and weak, and she was admitted to hospital in suburban Denver.

Footage from a security camera showed the dentist holding a syringe before entering his wife's hospital room. Her condition rapidly deteriorated and she was declared brain-dead several days later.

The jury found Craig guilty of first-degree murder on Wednesday, along

with other charges including solicitation to commit murder - resulting from his attempts to get a fellow jail inmate to kill a detective working on the case. He was acquitted of manslaughter.

One of the couple's six children delivered a victim impact statement.

"I was supposed to be able to trust my dad," Miriam Meservy said, according to US news reports. "He was supposed to be my hero, and instead he'll forever be the villain in my book."

Arapahoe County District Judge Shay Whitaker sentenced Craig to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder charge, plus 33 years for the additional counts.

"This is Angela's husband [poisoning] her, causing her to die a slow death," District Attorney Amy Padden told reporters at a news conference following the sentencing. "It wasn't something done in the heat of passion. It was deliberate." (BBC News)



76-year-old man arrested on suspicion of poisoning children at U.K. summer camp



A 76-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of administering poison after children fell ill at a summer camp in central England, police said in a statement Thursday.

Eight children were taken to the hospital, police in Leicestershire, a county around 100 miles north of London, said. All of them have since been discharged.

The investigation began after police were alerted by a third party about children feeling sick at a summer camp near the village of Stathern, the statement said, adding that officers and ambulance crews were dispatched to the scene to further safeguard affected children.

A triage center was set up at a nearby village hall to assess the children, and officers contacted the parents or guardians of the kids who were taken to the hospital.

A 76-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of administering poison or “a noxious thing with intent to injure/aggravate/annoy. He remains in custody at this time,” the statement added.

“This is a complex and sensitive investigation and we will continue to provide updates to both parents and

guardians and the public as and when we can,” Detective Inspector Neil

Holden, the senior investigating officer, said in the statement.

He added that officers remain at the scene to continue inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident, and to provide advice and support.

Local lawmaker Ed Argar, the member of Parliament for Melton and Syston, said that the reports were “clearly shocking” and “deeply concerning.”

“Our thoughts are with the young people affected, wishing them a full recovery,” he said, adding that he “would caution against people speculating while the police do that work.” (NBC News)

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Kamala Harris will release ‘107 Days,’ a behind-the-scenes look at her historic presidential run

Former Vice President Kamala Harris will have a memoir out in September on her historic presidential run.

The book is called 107 Days, the length of her abbreviated campaign, and will be published by Simon & Schuster on September 23.

“Just over a year ago, I launched my campaign for President of the United States,” Harris said in a video announcement on Thursday. “107 days travelling the country, fighting for our future — the shortest presidential campaign in modern history. Since leaving office, I’ve spent a lot of time reflecting on those days and with candour and reflection, I’ve written a behind-the-scenes account of that journey. I believe there’s value in sharing what I saw, what I learned, and what it will take to move forward.”

Simon & Schuster CEO Jonathan Karp declined to offer any specifics on what Harris will write about, including her thoughts on questions about President Joe Biden’s fitness for office



but said Harris “addresses everything we would want her to address.”

Harris ended up heading the Democratic ticket after Biden dropped out last July in the wake of a disastrous debate performance, and she was defeated last November by Republican Donald Trump. She would have been the first woman and first woman of colour to become president.

She announced on Wednesday that she will not run for California governor in 2026.

Simon & Schuster, based in New York, is calling the Harris book a “page-turning account,” with “surprising and revealing insights.”

“Kamala Harris is a singular American leader,” Karp said in a statement. “107 DAYS’ captures the drama of running for president better than just about anything

I’ve read.

It’s one of the best works of political nonfiction Simon & Schuster has ever published. It’s an eyewitness contribution to history and an extraordinary story.”

Financial terms for “107 Days” were not disclosed. In 2019, Penguin Books published Harris’ “The Truths We Hold: An American Journey.” (AP)



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Sports News

Antigua Falcons to start pre-CPL training camp in August

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons have announced plans to conduct a pre-training camp ahead of the start of the 2025 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL), which will commence in August.

According to a media release, the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons will officially commence their CPL training camp at the team's home base at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium (SVRS) on Thursday, August 7.

The daily sessions will be geared towards preparing the players of the Antigua-based franchise for what promises to be an exciting second season in the CPL for the Falcons.

The Falcons newly installed head coach, Paul Nixon of England, will oversee proceedings at the high-performance camp, which will serve as the tune-up ahead of the team's and the 2025 tournament's opening match against the neighbouring St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots at Warner Park in Basseterre on Wednesday, August 14.

The tournament will run from August 14 to September 21, featuring 34 matches played across six host nations: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Each of the six franchises will play 10 group-stage matches before the playoffs get underway in Guyana, culminating with the grand final at the Guyana National Stadium in Providence.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons failed to advance from the preliminary stage



during their debut season in last year's CPL.

The Falcons will once again host all their five home matches at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in the preliminary stage during the opening weeks of the 2025 CPL.

After kicking off their campaign away to the Patriots, the Falcons will return home to play the Barbados Royals in their first home match on Saturday, August 16.

The Falcons will entertain defending champions St. Lucia Kings the following day, Sunday, August 17.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons will also play home matches against the Trinbago Knight Riders on Wednesday, August 20; the Guyana Amazon Warriors on Friday, August 22; and the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots on Sunday, August 24.

The competition will conclude with the start of the

playoffs at the Guyana National Stadium in Providence on Tuesday, September 16, and the final at the same venue on Sunday, September 21.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons announced their 17-man squad for this year's CPL on Wednesday, June 18. The Falcons have retained all-rounder Imad Wasim of Pakistan as one of their five overseas-based players in the squad.

The four new overseas-based players that are signed by the Falcons are all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh, hard-hitting batsman Bevon Jacobs of New Zealand, and the Afghanistan duo of fast bowler Naveen Ul Haq and off-spinner Allah Ghazanfar.

The Falcons also traded for Antiguan all-rounder Rakeem "Jimbo" Cornwall and Vincentian left-arm fast

bowler Obed McCoy.

Cornwall and McCoy have moved from the Barbados Royals to the Falcons, while Brandon King made the switch in the opposite direction, joining the Royals for the upcoming season.

The Falcons retained young Antiguan batting sensation Jewel Andrew but released compatriots Kelvin Pitman and Kofi James.

The Falcons also retained all-rounders Fabian Allen, Justin Greaves, and Shamar Springer.

Antiguan all-rounder Karima Gore is one of six players who were drafted to complete the squad.

The others are Jamaican all-rounder Odean Smith, Trinidadian all-rounder Joshua James, batsman Amir Jangoo, and fast bowler Jayden Seales, and all-rounder Kevin Wickham of Barbados.

Legendary Antiguan and West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose has also been retained as a member of the Falcons coaching staff. All players, along with the coaching and management staff, are expected to assemble and participate in the upcoming training camp.

Falcons squad: Imad Wasim, Shakib Al Hasan, Fabian Allen, Naveen Ul Haq, Obed McCoy, Justin Greaves, Bevon Jacobs, Jayden Seales, Allah Ghazanfar, Rahkeem Cornwall, Odean Smith, Jewel Andrew, Shamar Springer, Amir Jangoo, Karima Gore, Kevin Wickham, and Joshua James.

Four changes made to West Indies squad for Pakistan T20Is



Barbadian fast bowler Jediah Blades, second right, has been retained by the West Indies for the upcoming T20 International series against Pakistan in Florida. (CWI Media)

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced that the West Indies men's squad will feature four changes heading into the three-match T20 International (T20I) series against Pakistan, to be played from July 31 to August 3 at the Broward County Stadium in Florida.

The changes come relative to the squad that faced Australia in the recent five-match T20I series in the Caribbean, with fast bowler Shamar Joseph, along with batters Keacy Carty, Alick

Athanaze and Johnson Charles being drafted into the squad for Alzarri Joseph, Evin Lewis, Brandon King and Shimron Hetmyer respectively.

Antigua pacer Alzarri Joseph has been granted rest for the T20 leg of the Pakistan home series to manage his workload ahead of a busy schedule of cricket for the rest of the year, after full participation in the recent tour of the UK and the home series against Australia.

Lewis has been ruled out of the series with an injury and will return home for monitoring ahead of the 50 over leg of the series.

Shimron Hetmyer and Brandon King both sustained side strains in the fifth and final T20 international against Australia in St. Kitts, causing Hetmyer to be ruled out of the series, while King is still being assessed to determine his availability for the 50 over leg of the series, which bowls off in Trinidad on August 8.

West Indies Squad for T20I Series vs Pakistan: Shai Hope (captain), Jewel Andrew, Alick Athanaze, Jediah Blades, Keacy Carty, Johnson Charles, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Shamar Joseph, Gudakesh Motie, Sherfane Rutherford, and Romario Shepherd.

Team Management: Head Coach Daren Sammy, Team Manager Rawl Lewis, Assistant Coach (batting) Floyd Reifer, Assistant Coach (bowling) Ravi Rampaul, Assistant Coach (fielding) Rayon Griffith, Physiotherapist Dr. Denis Byam, Strength & Conditioning Coach Ronald Rogers, Massage Therapist Fitzbert Alleyne, and Team Analyst Avenesh Seetaram.

USA under-19 women take 2-1 series lead over West Indies

The USA Under-19 Women produced another strong bowling display then held their nerve with the bat to defeat the West Indies Under-19 Women by three wickets and take a 2-1 T20I series lead at the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground in Trinidad on Wednesday.

The Americans restricted the West Indies women to a mere 89 for eight off their

20 overs after winning the toss and choosing to field first.

Eboni Brathwaite was the only West Indian batter to reach double figures, hitting five fours and three sixes on her way to a 37-ball 53.

Saanvi Immadi led the bowling effort for the USA with three for 23, while Aditi Kumar and Maahi Mad-

havan took two for nine and two for 18, respectively.

The West Indies then fought admirably with the ball, taking seven wickets, but their total proved to be too small in the end as the USA needed 19.2 overs to achieve victory by scoring 92.

Captain Chetna Pagdyala and Sainavi Kambalapa-

lli each made 19 to lead the scoring for the USA. West Indies skipper Samara Ramnath claimed two for 12, and Najanni Cumberbatch and Brianna Haricharan each captured two for 14.

The West Indies will look to tie the series in the fifth and final game at the same venue on Friday.

World Athletics mandates gene test for female category eligibility



Female track and field athletes will be subjective mandatory genetic testing.

MONACO (Reuters) - Athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport, World Athletics, formerly known as the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said on Wednesday.

The once-in-a-lifetime test for the SRY gene, which helps in determining biological sex, can be conducted via a cheek swab or blood test.

The testing protocol will be overseen by member federations and the new regulations come into effect on September 1, ahead of the September 13-21 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

"It is really important in a sport that is permanently trying to attract more women that they enter a sport believing there is no biological glass ceiling," World Athletics President Sebas-

tian Coe said in a statement.

"The test to confirm biological sex is a very important step in ensuring this is the case. We are saying, at elite level, for you to compete in the female category, you have to be biologically female.

"It was always very clear to me and the World Athletics Council that gender cannot trump biology. We particularly want to thank our member federations for their support and commitment in the implementation of these new regulations."

Athletics has spent years debating eligibility criteria to compete in women's events, amid questions over biological advantages for transgender athletes and those with differences of sex development (DSD).

World Athletics bans transgender women who have gone through male puberty from competing in women's events, while it requires female DSD athletes whose bodies produce high

testosterone levels to lower them in order to be eligible.

Earlier this year, a working group found that those rules were not tight enough, with a pre-clearance test for the SRY gene being one of several recommendations the group made for revised rules.

The SRY gene reveals the presence of the Y chromosome, which is an indicator of biological sex. The test was also approved by World Boxing in May when they introduced mandatory sex testing for all boxers.

Earlier this month, the European Court upheld a 2023 ruling that double 800 metres Olympic champion Caster Semenya's appeal to a Swiss Federal Tribunal against regulations that barred her from competing had not been properly heard.

Semenya was appealing against World Athletics regulations that female athletes with DSDs medically reduce their testosterone levels.

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Antiguans continue to struggle at World Swimming Championships



Antiguan Stefano Mitchell takes an ice bath after competing in the men's 100-meter freestyle race at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Antiguan male swimmer Stefano Mitchell, right foreground, and Olympic champion David Popovici, who set a new European and world championship record in the men's 100-meter freestyle race at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore. (Photos courtesy of the ABSF)

Two more Antiguan swimmers have failed in their bids to advance from the preliminary stage at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore.

Similar to the fate of colleagues Bianca Mitchell and Naeem DeSouza, Aunjelique Liddie and Stefano Mitchell failed to advance during their respective opening events at the July 24 to August 1 championships.

Liddie bowed out after contesting Heat 5 of nine first-round heats in the women's 100-meter freestyle event on Wednesday.

The 17-year-old Liddie finished ninth from a field of 10 competitors in Heat 5 by clocking a time of 59.98 seconds. The race was won

by Andrea Becali of Cuba in 57.05 seconds. Sara Mose of Kenya took second place in 57.46 seconds, and Tilly Collymore of Grenada finished third in 57.64 seconds.

Liddie will hope for a better performance when the promising young Antiguan teenager competes in the women's 50-meter freestyle event on Friday.

The 25-year-old Stefano Mitchell bowed out after contesting the seventh of 12 first-round heats in the men's 100-meter freestyle event on Tuesday night.

Stefano Mitchell finished ninth from a field of 10 swimmers in Heat 7 by clocking a season-best time of 51.23 seconds. Heat 7 was won by Janis Dzirkalis of Latvia in 49.86 seconds.

The men's 100-meter freestyle event was won by 20-year-old Romanian Olympic champion David Popovici, who set a new European and World Championship record in the final with a time of 46.51 seconds on Thursday night.

Jack Alexy of the USA took second place in 46.92 seconds, and Kyle Chalmers of Australia claimed third place in 47.17 seconds.

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

Earlier this week, the other two members of Antigua and Barbuda's four-member team, Bianca Mitchell and Naeem DeSouza, also failed to advance from their first-

round heats at the World Swimming Championships in Singapore.

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

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

DeSouza bowed out of the men's 50-meter butterfly event after clocking a personal best to finish third in Heat 2 on Sunday.

The 18-year-old DeSouza was slated to compete in Heat 1 of the men's 100-meter butterfly event on Thursday.