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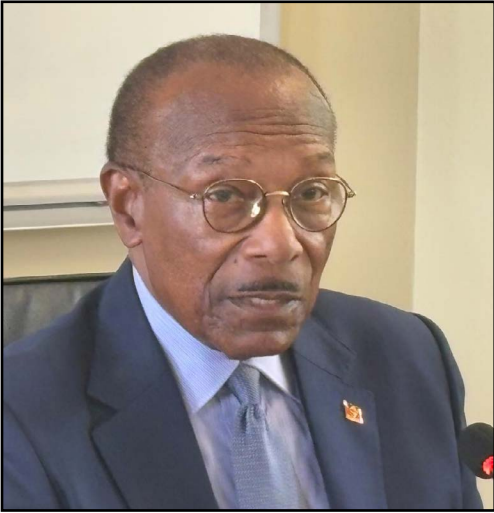


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Local News

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Minister for Health and Wellness, Sir Molwyn Joseph


Burials at the new Tranquility Park Cemetery on the Sir Sydney Walling Highway will begin effective September 1st this year.

The announcement comes from Health Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph at a press conference on Tuesday. He confirmed that the ministry had conducted several 'dry runs' to ensure that the new system for burials is well understood by those who will be involved in the burial exercise.

However, the minister is putting the public on notice that the new cemetery comes with new regulations governing behavior and the use of alcohol or smoking of illegal substances.

"We are able to make the announcement, having done several dry runs to be sure that the whole management of internment is professional, and it is characterized by our tradition that we should honour the dead, be reverent. There are certain things that will change; and that is the internment will have certain standards and restrictions."





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According to Sir Molwyn, some of the changes that are being contemplated will require the backing of legislation. One such change would be that burials will go as deep as nine feet to accommodate a second burial in each grave. This is being done so that the remains of the first body are not disturbed to accommodate the second.

But the minister was adamant when he spoke of the types of behaviors that will not be tolerated within the compound of the cemetery.

“Loud, disruptive, or offensive behavior will not be tolerated. Alcohol, illegal substances, and smoking are strictly prohibited within the cemetery grounds, and the cemetery reserves the right to remove any person engaging in inappropriate conduct. In terms of visiting hours, the cemetery is open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily,” he revealed.

Sir Molwyn reported that he has observed over the years that people attending funerals have been ca-

vorting, playing loud music, drinking and behaving in an irreverent

manner. He promised that this will not be allowed in the new cemetery and the cemetery’s security officers will be on hand ‘to escort these individuals’ from the cemetery if necessary.

Minister Sir Molwyn also revealed that there will be a ban on the use of plastic floral arrangements within the new cemetery in keeping with the government’s ban on plastics. He noted that these arrangements currently litter the current public cemetery in St. John’s and he wants to avoid this problem from the onset.

With regard to vending, that too will be regulated. Only authorized persons will be allowed to vend within the compound of the cemetery and none will be allowed on the outside.

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All Saints Clinic to be expanded to a polyclinic offering additional services



Extensive repair works are underway on the All Saints Clinic, which serves one of the most densely populated areas of the country.

Health Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, confirmed that the clinic was closed back in 2023 and its services transferred to the Polyclinic at Glanville's with shuttle bus services being offered freely to patients to transport them to and from the clinic.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Sir Molwyn explained that the delay in having the clinic reopened in a timely manner had to do with the extensive repairs that were needed to be done to the

structure which required detailed assessment by the engineers.

The ministry reported that the delay in completing the All Saints Clinic was also related to the closure of the clinic at Browne's Avenue. That required upgrades to the IDC Unit at the Old Holberton Hospital where the Browne's Avenue Clinic will operate from on a temporary basis.

With that completed, the Minister announced that the contractor is on site at both clinics which are undergoing extensive repairs and upgrades simultaneously. Additionally, Sir Molwyn said he is using this opportunity to expand

the structure at All Saints to enable the expansion of the services to a full polyclinic offering additional services to what it offered prior to its closure.

Prior to its closure, the All Saints Clinic offered; ante-natal clinic, postnatal clinic, neonatal assessment and follow-up, child health clinic from zero to five years old, wound care clinic, pap smears, hypertensive and diabetic clinic, psychiatric clinic, medical clinic, physician's clinic twice per week, glandular but daily at Villa, nutritionist clinic, and dental clinic.

The health minister revealed the additional services that the All Saints

Clinic will offer, "We will also add eye-care clinic, ophthalmologist twice per month for full consultation. Specialist clinic; nephrology, internal medicine, gynecology, and u r o l o g y . That service will be available on a monthly basis and daily paediatrics. We'll also have in those expanded clinics daily laboratory services. CBC, chemistry panels, kidney function markers, you know kidney function tests.

Lipid profile, glucose, and urinalysis. Now we also have daily radiology services, ultrasound, x-ray to include chest and lymph. Daily EKG services as well as a pharmacy."

Ministry of Works continues to urge road users of the ongoing roadworks across Antigua



The Ministry of Works continues to update the public of the progress of the extensive roadworks that it is carrying out in communities across Antigua.

In one of its social media postings, the ministry has provided a video footage of the ongoing works along Bay Street in Villa in the vicinity of the headquarters of the National Housing and Urban Renewal Company.

“Over the past few months, we’ve documented major drainage works along Bay Street. Now, as the project nears completion, PWD is applying the final touches. Laying concrete roads, side-

walks, and gutters. Take a look at the progress so far!” the social media post urged.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Works’ Project Implementation Management Unit wishes to advise the public that single-lane traffic is in effect on Anchorage Road (AR) and Valley Road North (VRN). Please be advised, it noted, that traffic detour details regarding the Old Parham Road (OPR) and Wireless Road intersection will be announced later this week.

An aggressive road construction and repair initiative is being implemented

by the ministry with multiple communities having major road upgrades done simultaneously. From Follies in the south to the Anchorage Road to the north with central areas of Antigua such as Lightfoot and Potters, all have seen improvements in their roadways.

And Prime Minister Gaston Browne has indicated that the roadworks will be further intensified when the draw-down begins for the \$100 million loan for road repairs.

Already ministry officials are promising that major arteries such as the All Saints Road and the Buckley’s Road are among the roads earmarked for improvements in the last quarter of the year.

Hundreds turn out for free back to school supplies



Hundreds of persons turned out on Tuesday morning at the Rising Sun Grounds to get their hands on the free back-to-school supplies organised by the Social Protection Board.

According to the Operations Manager of the department, Mary Baltimore, the large turnout was more than the department had anticipated. “We arrived here just after 10:00 am and it was like Carnival with the large turnout of persons waiting for us to arrive to begin the distributions of the schoolbags

filled with books and other supplies,” she reported.

The department had intended to distribute between 300 to 400 bags over the course of several hours, but the supplies ran out in a very short time.

Baltimore said the distribution of clothing and shoes will take place on Wednesday at the same venue, however, she is hoping that the distribution can be done in a more orderly manner.

She said each year her department partners with a

number of business entities who provide the bags and other supplies for distribution. They are meant primarily for the most vulnerable members of the society; those individuals who encounter difficulties providing the necessities for their school age children to

function properly within the education system.

The Social Protection Board is one of the key departments through which the government provides special assistance to the most vulnerable as part of the social safety net.



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The Antigua Trades and Labour Union, the country's oldest industrial trade union, has announced another scholarship programme in collaboration with the University of the West Indies Global Campus in Antigua and Barbuda.

President of the AT&LU Bernard De Nully said

four scholarships are being offered to individuals who have been members of the union for at least two years and have the necessary qualifications required by the university.


"The AT&LU remains steadfast and true to our mission of empowering our membership through

educational opportunities. Consequently, the union is pleased to offer four scholarships for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses at the UWI Global Campus here in Antigua and Barbuda," De Nully stated.

The period for submission of application is from

August 18 to September 12 with the drawing to select the successful candidates being conducted in a live television event on September 16.

Some of the subject areas for the courses being offered include; Introduction to Sales and Marketing Management, Introduction to Financial



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Introduction to Early Childhood Education
COURSE STRUCTURE:

- History of Early Childhood Education in the Caribbean
- Theories that influence Early Childhood Education
- Child, Growth & Development
- Brain Development in Early Childhood
- Physical & Cognitive Developments
- Language/Literacy Development
- Social Emotional Development
- Children with Special Needs in Early Childhood
- Guiding behaviour of Young Children

This course is one of six in the **Early Childhood Education Care and Development (ECECD) programme**!

Day/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Delivery: ONLINE
Tuition Fee: \$650 XCD

Introduction to Financial Accounting
PRE-REQUISITE: CXC Principles of Accounts
This course is one of four in the **Fundamentals of Business Administration programme**!

COURSE CONTENT:

- Overview of Financial Statements
- Accounting Concepts and Methods
- Understanding Revenue
- Assets
- Measuring and Reporting Assets and Equities using GAAP
- Liabilities
- Securities
- Investment
- Shareholder's Equity
- Synthesizing Financial Reporting

Day/Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Delivery: ONLINE
Tuition Fee: \$650 XCD

Introduction to Human Resources Management
This course is one of four in the **Fundamentals of Business Administration programme**!

COURSE CONTENT:

- Human Resource Planning and Development
- Recruiting Human Resources
- Selecting Human Resources
- Performance Review
- Training and Development
- Employee Morale, Compensation and Benefits
- Industrial Relations

Day/Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Delivery: ONLINE
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Introduction to Sales and Marketing Management
COURSE CONTENT:

- The Selling Input
- Researching the Project
- The Sales Presentation
- Sales Management
- Control Mechanism
- The Marketing Concept
- The Marketing Mix
- Marketing Planning and Control
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- Contractual Arrangements


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10-WEEK SHORT COURSES

Managing Property
This course is one of three in the **Property and Real Estate Management programme**!

COURSE CONTENT:

- Real Estate Management
- Property Types
- Landlord and Tenant
- Methods of Rent Collection and Record Keeping
- Maintenance
- Risk Management

Day/Time: Mondays 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Delivery: ONLINE - 10 weeks
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COURSE CONTENT:

- Identify project components
- Developing the project charter
- The use of computers for MS Project

DESCRIPTION:
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Day/Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Delivery: ONLINE - 10 weeks
Tuition Fee: \$800 XCD

Supervisory Management I
COURSE CONTENT:

- Roles and Challenges
- Planning, Decision-Making and Problem Solving
- Organizing and Delegating Authority
- The Supervisor as a Leader
- Motivation and Work Attitudes
- Organizational Communication
- Handling Discipline, Grievance & Appraising Employee Performance

Day/Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Delivery: ONLINE - 10 weeks
Tuition Fee: \$650 XCD

Small Business Management
COURSE CONTENT:

- Role of Small Business
- The Small Business Decision
- Evaluation of Business Opportunity
- Organizing a Small Business
- Buying & Financing a Small Business
- Marketing Management
- Financial Management
- Human Resources Management
- Managing Growth

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Accounting, Introduction to Human Resources Management and Introduction to Early Childhood Education.

It is the third scholarship offerings for the year from the AT&LU.

Meanwhile, over the past week, officials of the

AT&LU have been holding discussions with employees at several work places. These include security officers at the Ministry of Works, along with workers at APUA and the National Solid Waste Management Authority.

Criteria & Guidelines

- The applicant must be a member of the AT&LU for over 2 (two) years
- The members must have the necessary prerequisites required from UWI Global Campus
- Interested members should email the AT&LU at Email: atandlu@hotmail.com stating their interest in the course that they would like to pursue between **18th August to 12th September, 2025**.
- Drawing will take place on **Tuesday, 16th September, 2025** on ABS Television Live to determine the 4 (four) successful applicants.
- For additional information, please feel free to Contact the AT&LU at Tel: 1 (268) 462-0090/562-2501



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Cremation services are coming to Antigua and Barbuda



The cremation of bodies will be available as a service here in Antigua and Barbuda from September first.

Health Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, said however this will require legislation and that the chief Health Inspector, Daryl Spencer is currently studying other jurisdictions to come up with a set of regulations that will govern this operation.

Things like the handling of the ashes from the cremation are what the regulations will

determine.

The health minister expressed his desire to see these operations done in a respectful manner as in his words ‘we don’t want any funny business in Antigua and Barbuda’.

Ministry sources say these services will not be provided by the government.

It is understood that a new funeral home will commence operations in the country shortly with cremation part of its service offerings.



RETAIL SALES TEAM LEADER

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority is now seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Retail Sales Team Leader:

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- Coordinate inventory reconciliation, control, and delivery aligned with established goals.
- Support recruitment activities; facilitate onboarding activities and professional training.
- Conduct regular team meetings.

The successful candidate MUST possess the following:

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The Family and Social Services Division plays a critical role in the protection and empowerment of citizens. Their work includes providing support for abused children and women, offering counseling services, facilitating foster care, homelessness, substance abuse in minors & assisting the elderly, and coordinating social assistance programs for those in need.



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- Coordinating with vendors and contractors
- Managing inventory, budgets, and maintenance records
- Ensuring compliance with safety regulations
- Supporting emergency repairs and disaster preparedness initiatives

Minimum Qualifications:

- Degree or certification in Engineering, Facilities/Maintenance Management or a related field (BSc/BA in Business or Facility Management is an asset)
- Minimum 5 years' experience in maintenance management
- Strong technical knowledge in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and mechanical systems
- Proven leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills

Application Instructions:

Interested persons should submit a cover letter, detailed resume, and copies of relevant qualifications no later than June 15, 2025 to:

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Dominica to host the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists 2025 conference



The Caribbean Association of Pharmacists (CAP) has announced that its 2025 Annual Conference will be held from August 18 to 24, 2025, at the State House Conference Room in Roseau, Dominica.

Themed “Pharmacy 2025 and Beyond: Achieving Optimal Outcomes and Healthcare Transformation through Accountability, Innovation, and Research,” the Association reported, via press release, that the event is expect-

ed to serve as a significant platform for healthcare practitioners, policymakers, academics, and industry leaders from across the Caribbean region and beyond.

Hon. Cassani Laville, Minister for Health, Wellness, and Social Services of the Commonwealth of Dominica, expressed enthusiasm about hosting the event. He stated, “Hosting CAP 2025 in Dominica showcases our commitment to advancing region-

al pharmacy practice and healthcare transformation. We are delighted to welcome our Caribbean colleagues to the Nature Island, where innovation will meet collaboration.”

Ms. Kalawattie Datt-Singh, President of the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists, commented on the conference theme: “Our theme reflects the need for accountability, research, and innovation in shaping the future of healthcare across the region. Dominica provides the perfect setting for these vital conversations, and we are excited to create opportunities for growth, learning, and partnership.”

Organizers report that key features of the conference will include:

- Opening keynote addresses delivered by prominent regional and international experts in pharmacy and healthcare systems.
- Interactive workshops and training sessions focusing on research methodologies, accountability frameworks, and new technologies in pharmacy practice.
- Presentations of research papers highlighting recent advances and discoveries by Caribbean professionals.
- An exhibition area showcasing pharmaceutical companies, service providers, and innovative healthcare solutions.
- Cultural events and networking opportunities that celebrate Dominica’s rich heritage and warm hospitality.

The press statement also shared that the event is projected to attract over fifty delegates to Dominica, providing notable economic advantages through increased tourism and hospitality activities, while also enhancing professional development and fostering greater healthcare collaboration within the Caribbean region. (Dominica News Online)

Police confirm another escapee from the Constant Spring police lock-up



The police have confirmed a ninth escapee from the Constant Spring police lock-up. He has been identified as 25-year-old Kemal Kelly of Mannings Hill district, St Andrew.

He is charged with assault at common law and using a firearm to commit a scheduled offence.

The police had initially reported that eight men escaped the lock-up, with one of them recaptured shortly after.

The other men still at large are:

- Richard Bishop, 19-year-old, of an Olympic way address in St Andrew, who is charged with burglar and larceny.
- Talik Chambers, 23-year-old, of a Burlington Avenue address in St Andrew, who is charged with identity

theft.

- Brandon Ennis, 26-year-old, of Belvedere, Red Hills, St Andrew, who is charged with possession of prohibited weapon.
- Junior Anthony Barnes, 26-year-old, of Iron river, Stony Hill, St Andrew, who is charged with possession of weapon and ammunition.
- Donque Douglas, 25-year-old, of Oxford Street, Kingston, charge unknown.
- Alonzo Espute, 19-year-old, of Cassava Piece, St Andrew, who is charged with murder (stabbing).
- Fray Mesias, 18-year-old, of Pinto, Stony Hill, St Andrew, who is charged with rape.

The police are reminding members of the public that it is a criminal offence to harbour a fugitive. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Buchanan plots historic upset against PM Holness

Paul Buchanan has once again stepped into the political ring, hoping to create the biggest upset in this general election by wresting St Andrew West Central from Prime Minister and Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) Leader Dr Andrew Holness.

The People's National Party (PNP) standard-bearer, who pulled off a surprise victory in St Andrew West Rural in 2011, has embarked on a political daredevil act in a seat Holness has held for nearly three decades.

"It's a tough ask," Buchanan concedes, even as he insists that he can topple the JLP leader.

If he achieves the feat, Buchanan would become the second person to beat the leader of either the PNP or JLP in the country's history. Norman Manley was defeated by the JLP's Edward Fagan in St Andrew Eastern.

St Andrew West Central is made up of three divisions – Molynes Gardens, Seivwright Gardens, and Olympic Gardens. While the PNP has traditionally been dominant in Molynes Gardens, the JLP has maintained a firm grip on both Seivwright Gardens and Olympic Gardens.

Buchanan is banking heavily on a strong showing in Molynes Gardens, but electoral data suggests the odds are stacked against him.

"Over the years, we have underperformed as the electors are not coming out, but, once I win Molynes, I will win the constituency," he said.

Between 2007 and 2016, the JLP steadily grew its support in the division, moving from 1,496 votes (31.7 per cent) in 2007 to 2,137 votes (36.7 per cent) in 2016. Over the same period, the PNP's numbers slipped from 68.3 per cent to 63.3 per cent.

In Olympic Gardens, Holness' political base, the JLP has tightened its grip over the past three elections, climb-



ing from 67.9 per cent of the vote in 2007 to a commanding 71.5 per cent in 2016. By contrast, the PNP, despite modest gains in 2011, slid back to just 28.5 per cent in 2016.

"Holness is strong in Olympic and I don't expect to change that," Buchanan admitted. "And we have steadily lost more and more ground in Seivwright Gardens, ironically named after a PNP founding father, William Seivwright."

Still, Buchanan believes he brings something fresh to the table. He argues that, after 27 years as MP, Holness has little to show beyond the Olympic Gardens Police Station. His vision is to transform the psyche and culture of a constituency long plagued by violence, poverty, and neglect.

The urban constituency has some gritty parts, including Tower Hill and Olympic Gardens where crime has stained its legacy and remains a tough challenge for the police. He plans to use technology to drive the transformation of the area.

"Technology is eluding our children, it is eluding Jamaica if we don't move fast. So I want to lift the technology level here. I want to not just make the place safer but kinder," he said.

"None of my colleagues come here, you know, I can't ask them to come for a walk with me. They hear about Tower Hill and gunmen and that is all. We want to change the complexion of the place through the primacy of education."

Buchanan knows the weight of the challenge. He was coaxed out of political retirement by the PNP president after losing his West Rural seat to Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn in 2016. Before that, he had stunned many in 2011 by defeating two-term JLP MP Andrew Gallimore.

Now, in what may be the toughest fight of his career, Buchanan insists he is ready to go toe-to-toe with the prime minister in his own backyard.

"There is unfinished work here," he said. "This one is for the children. I see myself as transformational," added Buchanan, who dreams of establishing a robotics institute in the constituency.

"We have to change the culture of the constituency. Young people don't go for jobs and put this address. The stain of violence and gunmanship and a cycle of poverty exist here, despite the prime minister being the MP for 27 years," the challenger said. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Belize confirms its first human case of new world screwworm

Belize has recorded its first confirmed human case of New World Screwworm (NWS) since its re-emergence there in December 2024.

NWS is a species of parasitic flies that can cause myiasis and feed on live tissue. It is found in the tropical and semitropical regions of South America and the Caribbean. Human infestation by NWS is rare and can potentially be fatal.

In a statement, the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) said that the patient, a 21-year-old male from Benque Viejo del Carmen Town in the Cayo District, sought medical attention on August 15.

“Through ongoing collaboration with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA), samples were immediately submitted and confirmed. The patient is currently undergoing treatment and is responding well,” the ministry said.

The authorities say they are taking this opportunity to remind residents that the key to preventing New World Screwworm in both animals and humans is proper wound care to avoid contact with the New World Screwworm fly.

“The highest number of cases in Belize has been reported in dogs; however, the New World



Screwworm can affect all warm-blooded animals, including livestock, wildlife, and pets. Frequent inspection of animals under your care is important, and any wound should be promptly and properly treated to prevent transmission,” the ministry added.

The NWS is a parasitic fly that lays its eggs in open wounds of humans and animals. The larvae hatch and feed on living tissue, causing severe pain, tissue damage, and in untreated cases, life-threatening infections.

“This infestation in humans is known as New World Screwworm myiasis. Because of its ability to spread rapidly and affect both animal and human health, New World Screw-

worm is considered a serious zoonotic public health and veterinary concern,” the ministry said, adding that, in partnership with

other stakeholders, it “will continue surveillance and public education to reduce the risk of further cases”. (CMC)

Important Notice

Please be advised that the distribution of cheques for Teachers takes place today from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Antigua State College Auditorium.

Please note the following requirements: Teachers must present a valid government issued photo ID at the time of collection.

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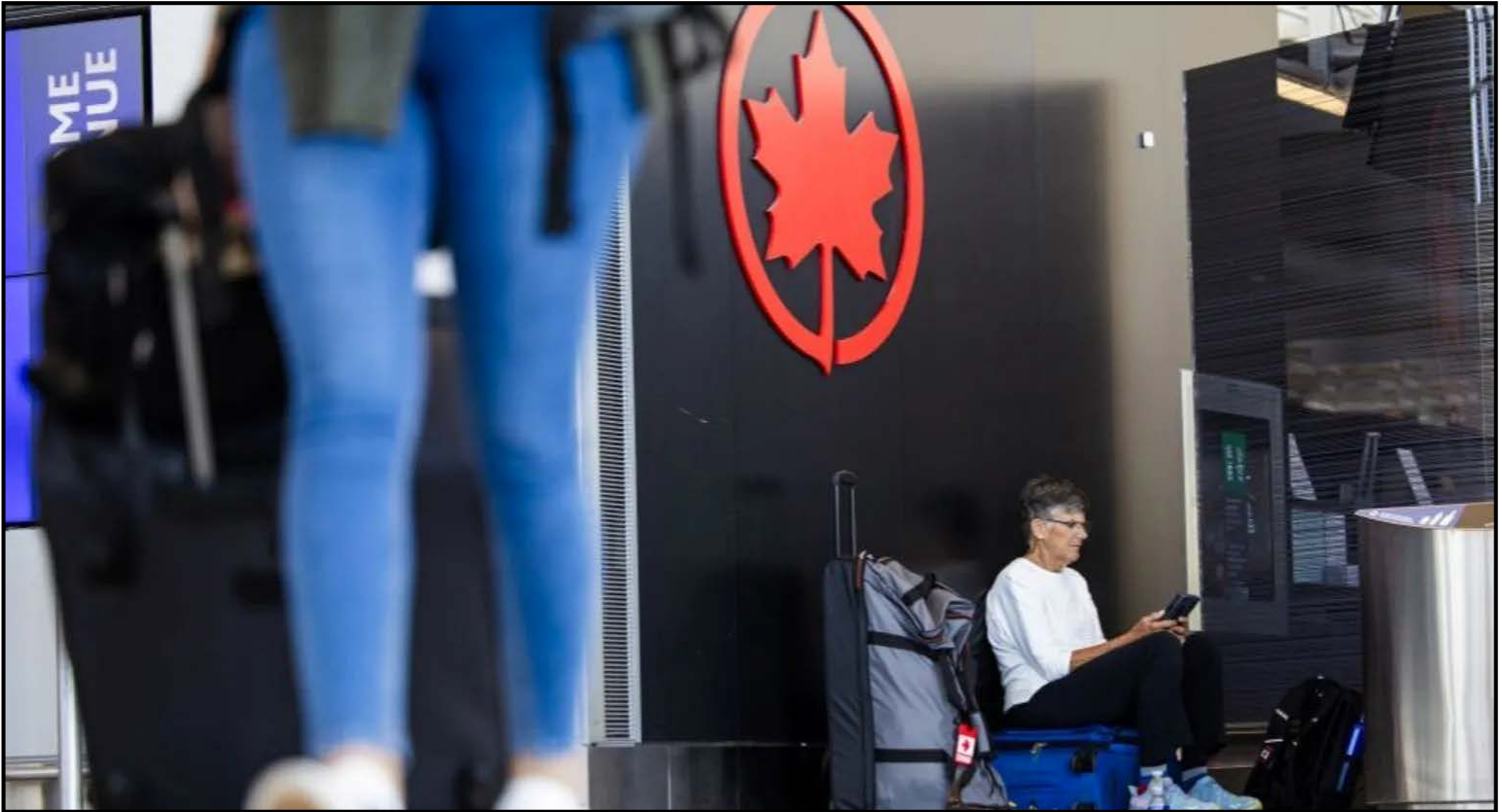
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- ☐ **A copy of your valid government issued photo ID.**
- ☐ **Their own valid government issued photo ID.**

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AROUND THE WORLD

Air Canada to resume flights after pay deal struck with union



Flight crew at Air Canada have ended a dispute with the airline which had grounded flights and stranded thousands of passengers since Saturday.

A tentative agreement was announced by the union representing flight attendants and confirmed by the airline, which said flights will resume later on Tuesday.

More than 10,000 staff had walked out in protest at pay and scheduling. The deal has not been disclosed in full, though the union said it achieves “transformational change” for workers and the industry.

The agreement will now be presented to members to be ratified.

The breakthrough came nine hours after talks began with the help of an approved mediator appointed by the government.

“Unpaid work is over,” said the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in a statement early on Tues-

day, calling the negotiations a “historic fight” for the industry.

The union also advised its members to “fully co-operate with resumption of operations”.

The dispute between Air Canada and the union had escalated when CUPE rejected an order to return to work issued by the Canadian Industrial Relations Board, which deemed the strike “unlawful” in a ruling on Monday.

Following news of a tentative deal, Air Canada said the first flights would restart on Tuesday evening, but it may take days to return to a full service because aircraft and crew are out of position.

It added that it would not comment on the terms of the agreed deal until it had been ratified.

In contract negotiations, Air Canada said it had offered flight attendants a 38% increase in total compensation over four years, with a 25% raise in

the first year.

CUPE said the offer was “below inflation, below market value, below minimum wage” and would still leave flight attendants unpaid for some hours of work, including boarding and waiting at airports ahead of flights.

The union also rejected an order by the Canadian government to enter binding arbitration and return to work over the weekend, accusing it of “caving to corporate pressure”.

After the union’s refusal, Jobs Minister Patty Hajdu encouraged the two parties on Monday to resume talks and said her ministry will order a probe into “the allegations of unpaid work in the airline sector”.

The nearly four-day strike has impacted more than 500,000 passengers, Air Canada has said. The airline - Canada’s largest - operates around 700 flights daily, serving both domestic and international travellers. (BBC)

US State Department revokes 6,000 student visas



The State Department has revoked more than 6,000 international student visas because of violations of US law and overstay, the department told the BBC.

The agency said the “vast majority” of the violations were assault, driving under the influence (DUI), burglary and “support for terrorism”.

The move comes as the Trump administration continues its crackdown on immigration and international students.

While the State Department did not specify what they meant by “support for terrorism”, the Trump administration has targeted some students who have protested in support of Palestine,

arguing they had expressed antisemitic behaviour.

Of the 6,000 student visas that were revoked, the State Department said about 4,000 of those were revoked because visitors broke the law.

Another 200-300 visas were also revoked for “terrorism done under INA 3B”, the State Department said, referring to code that defines “terrorist activity” broadly as acts that endanger human life or violate US law.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration paused scheduling visa appointments for international students. In June, when they restarted appointments, they announced they would ask all applicants to make their

social media accounts public for enhanced screening.

They said they would search for “any indications of hostility toward the citizens, culture, government, institutions, or founding principles of the United States”.

State Department officers were also instructed to screen for those “who advocate for, aid, or support designated foreign terrorists and other threats to national security; or who perpetrate unlawful anti-Semitic harassment or violence”.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio told lawmakers in May that he estimated “thousands” of student visas had been rescinded since January.

“I don’t know the latest

count, but we probably have more to do,” Rubio told US lawmakers on 20 May. “We’re going to continue to revoke the visas of people who are here as guests and are disrupting our higher education facilities.”

Democrats have pushed back against the Trump administration’s effort to revoke student visas, describing it as an attack on due process.

More than 1.1 million international students from over 210 countries were enrolled in US colleges in the 2023-24 school year, according to Open Doors, an organisation that collects data on foreign students. (BBC)

Son of Norway's crown princess charged with rape and abuse



The eldest son of Norway's crown princess has been charged with 32 offences, including four counts of rape, a prosecutor says.

The charges against Marius Borg Høiby, 28, include the abuse of a former partner and violations of restraining orders against another former partner.

He was born from a relationship before Crown Princess Mette-Marit married Crown Prince Haakon, who is the future king of Norway.

Mr Høiby denies the most serious accusations against him, but plans to plead guilty to some lesser charges when the trial starts, his lawyer Petar Sekulic told Reuters news agency.

He could face up to 10 years in prison if found guilty of the most serious charges.

He has also been charged with filming the genitals of a number of women without their knowledge or consent, prosecutor Sturla Henriksbø told reporters.

"He does not agree with the claims regarding rape and domestic violence," Mr Sekulic said of his client, according to Reuters.

Speaking about the charges against his stepson, Norwegian Crown Prince Haakon on Tuesday said it was up to the courts what would happen, adding that everyone involved in the case "probably finds it challenging and difficult", Norwegian public broadcaster

NRK reported.

The four alleged rapes are said to have occurred between 2018 and 2024, with one of them allegedly taking place after his arrest, according to NRK.

Mr Høiby, who does not have a royal title or official duties, was arrested three separate times last year, in August, September and November. He had been under investigation since his August arrest on suspicion of assault. In June, police said he was suspected of three rapes and 23 other offences.

The prosecutor said the trial could take place in January and last some six weeks.

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse or violence, details of help and support are available at bbc.co.uk/actionline, or you can call for free, at any time to hear recorded information on 0800 077 077. (BBC)

NOTICE

To: The Commissioner of Police
American Road
St. Johns
Antigua.

To: Your Worship
St. Johns Magistrate Court
Gray's Farm
St. Johns, Antigua.

Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: Notice-Application for Tavern Licence

I, Ana Maria Ramirez De Loen of Arthur Peters Street Villa Area, with registered business situate at Arthur Peters Street villa Area St. Johns Antigua and Barbuda DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the liquor licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, High Street, St. John's, Antigua on Thursday 2nd October, 2025 next ensuring for a Liquor Licensing Pursuant to section (11) (5) of the Licensing (intoxication Liquor) Act Cap.249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda 1992 Revised Edition, in respect of premises known as "Nicoxis Espor Bar" situated at Arthur Peters Street Villa Area, in the parish of St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda.

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Sports News

Bullets and Female Flyers win T20 softball titles



Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors



Marco Inc. Buckley's 3Js

Marco Inc. Buckley's 3Js and Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors are the new champions of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) T20 competitions.

After claiming the runners-up spot to 2024 champions Bryson's Shipping and Insurance Bullets last year, Buckley's 3J's won the 2025 men's T20 title by snatching a four-run victory against Rackaman Construction Strictly Business in the final at the Powells playing field on Sunday.

The Buckley's 3Js were dismissed for 105 off their 20 overs. Steve Martin slammed 33, Gregson Merrick scored 14, and Randino Turner made 13.

Winston Roberts snapped up four for 14, Kerry Mentore bagged three for 22, and Kadeem Josiah took one for 19.

In reply, Strictly Business fell agonizingly short as they were dismissed for 101

in 19.5 overs. Kerry Mentore hit 27, Melvin Charles struck 21, and Owen Graham scored 13.

Richie Thomas grabbed four for 10, Gregson Merrick claimed two for 20, and Xavier Otto picked up two for 27.

It was sweet revenge for Survivors after missing out on the title to finish as runners-up in a 43-run loss to 2024 champions Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers in last year's championship decider.

Survivors captured the 2025 women's T20 title by pulling off a seven-run victory via the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method over the Female Flyers in a rain-affected final at Powells on Sunday.

Female Flyers were restricted to 96 for eight off their 20 overs. Mauveuhl Simpson cracked 30, and Terez Parker struck 20. Grace Persaud bagged

three for 21, Leukelle Pelle took three for 23, Gale Lee claimed one for 13, and Sacha Michael picked up one for 19.

In reply, Survivors reached 65 for five in 12 overs when rain stopped play and brought a premature end to the match. Survivors were awarded victory on a faster scoring rate, as Female

Flyers had scored 58 runs at the end of the twelfth over during their innings.

Sacha Michael scored 15, and Desrie Welsh made 12 for the Survivors. Monique Titus claimed three for 15, and Menila James captured one for 14.

Adjusted Hours for SJCW Registration Unit

Please note that effective Tuesday 19th August to August 29th 2025, the St. John's City West Registration Unit located at the Villa Primary School will open from 8:30 am - 1pm (Monday - Friday).

The early closure is as a result of maintenance and construction work taking place at the facility. We do apologize for any inconvenience caused at this time.

We thank you all in advance for your cooperation in disseminating this information and will communicate via this forum when the hours of operation return to normal.

Sir Viv welcomes Olympic champion Blake to Antigua



Jamaica's Olympic sprint champion Yohan Blake, left, sits next to Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards. (Photo courtesy Antigua and Barbuda Falcons)

West Indian sporting royalty met in Antigua when Sir Vivian Richards, Antigua and Barbuda's cricketing legend and National Hero, officially welcomed Olympic sprint champion Yohan Blake of Jamaica to the country this week.

In a special visit hosted on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons franchise, it formed a reunion between the two.

They first met in 2019 as ambassadors for the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup in England. During that tournament they batted together in an exhibition event near Buckingham Palace.

Sir Vivian welcomed Blake to the island and to the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium – home base of the Antigua Falcons – who are playing their second season in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League.

Sir Viv said, "I'm delighted to host my friend Yohan here and to welcome him to Antigua. We had a great time playing alongside each other back in 2019 at the launch of the World Cup.

"It's wonderful to see him again, and I'm delighted he came to the stadium to see the Falcons. He is one of our finest athletes in the Caribbean, an Olympic champion, and that says a lot."

Blake said, "Everyone knows I'm a huge cricket fan. I grew up playing and watching the game in Jamaica, and I have huge respect and honour for Sir Viv.

"To walk alongside him, in his stadium, is just amazing. Every time he makes me feel welcome, and it's wonderful to be part of the CPL again this year."

The events were co-ordinated by Sabrina Webster, the Head of Market-

ing and Brand Sponsorships for the Falcons franchise, while the activities were managed by Philip Spooner, Head of Media Operations for the Falcons.

"To have Sir Viv and Yohan, two greats of sport and good friends, joining us to support our franchise is a dream for Antigua and for the region. This forms part of the Falcons' objective to uplift the game in the country and showcase the excellence of our heroes," Webster said.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons will resume their quest for title honours in this year's Caribbean Premier League on Wednesday (today).

The Falcons will play their third match at home at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium against former CPL champions Trinbago Knight Riders at 7 pm.

Antiguans win last two group matches at CFU U-14 Girls Challenge Series



The starting XI of the Antigua and Barbuda team against Guyana during the Caribbean Football Union Under-14 Girls Challenge Series at the Ato Boldon Stadium in Trinidad on Saturday, August 16, 2025. (CFU Media)

Antigua and Barbuda regained some lost pride by winning their last two group matches in the 2025 Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Under-14 Girls Challenge Series in Trinidad and Tobago.

After losing their first two encounters in Tier II Group C, Antigua and Barbuda won their other two matches to finish third in the five-team round-robin group with six points.

Antigua and Barbuda wrapped up their Group C campaign by coming from behind to snatch a 3-2 victory against the Turks and

Caicos Islands at the Larry Gomes Stadium on Tuesday (yesterday).

The Antigua went behind when Jordyn Henriques scored an own goal in the fourth minute. But J'Kayla Bellot reacted quickly in the box to stab home a rebound from a free kick to snatch the equalizer in the 33rd minute for Antigua and Barbuda.

The Antiguan took a 2-1 lead when Nafisa Quashie scored with a brilliant strike from the edge of the 18-yards box in the 36th minute.

But the Turks and Caicos Islands drew level at 2-2 from the penalty spot as Medina coolly converted the spot kick to equalize in the 45th minute.

However, Keitonya Skepple capped off a brilliant performance when she struck the winner with a 52nd minute to give Antigua and Barbuda their second win of the tournament.

Skepple also played an instrumental role in propelling Antigua to their first win during their penultimate Group C match on Monday.

Skepple's double strike led Antigua and Barbuda to a 2-1 victory against the Cayman Islands at the Larry Gomes Stadium.

Skepple reacted quickest to score from close range in the sixth minute after goalkeeper Clara Walker mishandled a free-kick from outside the penalty area.

Yasmin Elliot equalized in the 19th minute for Cayman Islands with a superb free-kick, which clipped the upright before crashing into the back of the net.

Both teams attacked bravely in the second half, and the match seemed headed for a draw before Skepple outran the Cayman Islands' defense before hitting a low, powerful shot to the right of the goalkeeper in the 70th minute to give Antigua and Barbuda their victory.

Antigua and Barbuda made a poor start to their campaign by losing their first two matches.

Antigua and Barbuda fell to a 2-1 defeat to Guyana in their second outing at the Ato Boldon Stadium on Saturday after launched their campaign with a 3-1 loss against Anguilla at the Hasely Crawford Stadium on Friday.

CWI announces Windies U-19 white-ball series against Sri Lanka



Players of the West Indies Under-19 cricket team. (CWI Media)

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced the West Indies Men's Under 19 team that will host their Sri Lankan counterparts in a seven-match Youth ODI series from August 25 to September 16 in Antigua.

The highly anticipated series will showcase the Caribbean's most promising cricket talent as Barbadian Joshua Dorne leads the squad against Sri Lanka at two of the island's premier venues.

The opening four matches will take place at Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) and the series will conclude at the iconic Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium (SVRS).

Dorne, a dynamic batsman, recently led his countrymen to the Rising Stars Under-19 title while earning MVP honours along the way with a tournament-high 328 runs.

He leads a well-balanced squad featuring a unique blend of batting

firepower and bowling skill, comprised of the best performers from the recently concluded regional Under-19 tournament.

This series serves as vital match preparation for the side ahead of the 2026 ICC Men's Under 19 World Cup to be held in Zimbabwe and Namibia next January, and represents a key component of CWI's ongoing commitment to youth development, by providing emerging stars with invaluable international experience against quality opposition.

The regional side will also contest a tri-series with England and the USA later in the year to aid their preparation for the international showpiece at the turn of the year.

Sri Lanka's Under 19 team, with its proud tradition of producing international stars, will arrive in Antigua on August 25 for five days of preparation before the opening encounter.

Cricket West Indies Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe commented, "We are delighted to welcome the Sri Lanka Under-19 team to the Caribbean for what promises to be a highly competitive and rewarding series. Encounters like these are invaluable to our cricket pathway, as they expose our young players to different styles of play, varying conditions and the intensity that comes with international opposition.

"Beyond the immediate competition, this tour represents a development opportunity for both teams — allowing our players to test their skills, build confidence and understand the standards required to excel at the next level.

"Hosting Sri Lanka reinforces the strong bonds we share across the global cricketing community and we look forward to an engaging and fruitful series that will aid the development of both sets of players."

All seven matches will commence at 9:30 am and conclude at 5 pm, providing cricket fans with full days of compelling action.

West Indies Under 19 Squad: Joshua Dorne (captain), Shaquan Belle, Brendan Boodoo, Tyriek Bryan, Afraz Ali Budhoo, Zachary Carter, Earsinho Fontaine, R'Jai Gittens, Micah Greenidge, Vitel Lawes, Pajay Nelson, Matthew Miller, Israel Morton, Jakeem Pollard, Aadian Racha, and Johnathan Van Lange.

Team Management Unit: Rohan Nurse (head coach); Jerome Taylor (assistant coach); Dalton Polius (assistant coach); Kwayne Dalrymple (physiotherapist); Shayne Cooper (strength & conditioning coach); and Clint St. Hill (manager).

Marsh wins ABCF's individual time trial



The top three overall finishers in the ABCF's Individual Time Trial on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Champion Robert Marsh, center, is flanked by runner-up Aiden Tonge, left, and Newwell Mack. (Photo courtesy ABCF)

Even as he declined in age, veteran cyclist Robert “Ochie” Marsh continued to stamp his authority as the undisputed individual time trial king of Antigua and Barbuda.

Almost a month after reclaiming the Inet Nationals Individual Time Trial crown, Marsh added another title to his large collection by winning the individual time trial, which was hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation (ABCF) on Sunday.

Marsh, who claimed the runner-up spot behind champion Tahje Browne of the Wadadli Cycling Acad-

emy in 2024, capitalized on the absence of last year's winner to capture the 2025 title.

Marsh was crowned the overall champion of the race in which most of the cyclists were required to complete eight miles around the Pan Am Base circuit.

Marsh, who was one of two competitors in the elite male class, clocked the fastest time to win the division and overall title.

Marsh completed the race in a time of 20 minutes and 29.23 seconds, while Newell Mack finished second in the elite male class and third overall with a time of 22

minutes and 34.34 seconds. 01.20 seconds.

Lone competitor Aiden Tonge of Vipers won the junior male division to capture the overall runner-up position. Tonge completed the race in 22 minutes and 07.67 seconds.

Lone competitor Sandra Sanchez won the female title over half the distance in a time of 23 minutes and 14.46 seconds. Dae-na Bird, who was also the only competitor, won the junior female class over half the distance by clocking 14 minutes and 53.71 seconds.

Lone competitor Tyson Robinson won the sports class in 26 minutes and

Lone competitor Wayne Henry captured the title in the masters' division with a time of 22 minutes and 49.60 seconds.

Elite Thomas won the cat-dets 11 to 14 class over half the distance in a time of 11 minutes and 37.08 seconds.

Jahaziel Santana came in second in 13 minutes and 02.21 seconds, and Alexis Bastardo finished in third place with a time of 13 minutes and 14.13 seconds.

Eleven cyclists contested Sunday's individual time trial, which was supported by Anjo Wholesale.