

Antigua and Barbuda condemns Israeli airstrike in Qatar

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The United States of America will pause today to remember those who died in the terrorist attacks of 11th September, 2001. Countless souls were lost that day and after, including four Antiguan and Barbudan citizens who worked in the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

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Government condemns Israeli airstrike in Qatar



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The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has added its voice to the growing chorus of condemnation from around the world of Israel's airstrike on Tuesday in Doha.

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed responsibility for the air strike that killed at least six "low-level" members of Hamas, its

intended target. Netanyahu has said the strike is in response to an attack in Jerusalem that killed six people and the death of four of its soldiers in Gaza.

A statement by the government issued through the Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda in Washington, condemned the action "in the strongest

terms".

"This extraterritorial use of force violates Qatar's sovereignty and territorial integrity and contravenes the United Nations Charter. We express full solidarity with Qatar and echo the United Nations Secretary-General's description of the strike as a "flagrant violation" of Qatar's sovereignty," the

statement outlined.

The government in Saint John's is demanding "an immediate halt to any further escalation, strict compliance with international law, and a return to credible diplomacy for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the release of all hostages".

Among those condemning Israel's actions are the gulf states and also one of Qatar's allies, the United States of America.

In a statement, the White House said "unilaterally bombing inside Qatar a sovereign nation and close ally of the United states that is working very hard and bravely taking risks with us to broker peace, does not advance Israel or America's goals".



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Cabinet greenlights purchase of dredging equipment

The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has approved the purchase of equipment required to complete dredging of Saint John's and Crabbs Harbours.

At its weekly meeting yesterday, cabinet members were briefed by a team that was deployed to Holland last week and headed by Minister Rawdon Turner to engage potential equipment suppliers.

The team reported that the equipment identified will cost Euros 1.1 million, a Caterpillar 6015 Excavator with attachments (Xcentric Ripper XR80, Hydraulic Breaker HB7000, Quick Coupler).

Last week, government announced a strategic partnership between the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, the Ministry of Works, and the Blue Ocean Dredging Company to invest in specialized dredging equipment for the completion of dredging at the two harbours.

It is anticipated that with the new arrangement, there will be a resumption of work at Saint John's Harbour and Crabbs.

Blue Ocean constructed the fifth berth and the company also commenced dredging at Saint John's Harbour in order for it to be able to accommodate Oasis Class cruise ships. However, major delays were encountered during dredging and work was eventually halted. The challenge remains rocks on the sea bed that have caused damage to and eventually disabled equipment that were being used to deepen the harbour. Further, the plan to engage international dredging firms to complete the work was abandoned due



to the exorbitant costs associated with it.

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Spillway at Delapps to receive much-needed attention



In an effort to preserve catchment facilities and boost the storage of surface water, steps are being taken to repair one of two spillways at Delapps Water Treatment Plant through a collaborative effort between Antigua Public Utilities Authority, a local engineer and officials from Cuba.

Minister with portfolio responsibility for APUA, Melford Nicholas, was part of a group that toured Delapps yesterday, as an assessment gets underway.

The mission, Minister Nicholas explained, is to con-

duct repairs to the spillway, which when complete, will plug a major leak, through which surface water has been escaping for more than two decades.

Functioning water catchment facilities are crucial to the goals that have been set by the government to boost the supply of potable water to households and businesses throughout the country. With that in mind, the APUA minister and a team from the utilities company travelled to Cuba in November, 2024, where they secured the assistance of en-

gineers.

“So, what we are trying to do here now, is to make a determination as to the extent to which we have leakage in this particular area.”

He said through the assessment, it will be determined whether the leak is confined to the spillway or whether it is a wider issue.

“My interest as the minister is to ensure that I give the support to the team doing the technical evaluation. Then of course, I am going to have to find the resources once the plan is in, in terms of what type of in-

terventions we are going to do in terms of restoration and what we are going to do with the general environment at the dam,” Minister Nicholas stated.

He added that the spillway must be treated as a resource and be managed accordingly.

“From a strategic standpoint, we want to ensure that this asset, we want to bring it back up to its original capacity to give us in excess of two billion gallons of water when the dam is filled,” the APUA minister asserted.



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Field Work begins at Potworks Dam

One of the country's largest natural water catchments is undergoing an assessment to ascertain the level of repair it requires.

Potworks Dam has the capacity to hold approximately one billion gallons of water. But in recent times, drought conditions have left the reservoir empty and overrun with vegetation.

This has led to calls for those in charge of its upkeep to clean Potworks Dam and carry out the necessary repairs required, should the dry spell alleviate. However, it is easier said than done, according to consultant engineer Evron Zachariah. Working alongside Cuban engineers, Zachariah said they are conducting an investigation in order to develop solutions.

The investigation includes drilling into the ground and retrieving samples from various levels, which will then be analysed to determine what type of material they will be working with.

"With that information, we can determine whether there's a level of clay that needs to be there to protect the



dam from leaking, or if there is no clay-or the clay is too thin, or if there is a certain amount of top soil above the clay that can be removed to increase the dam's capacity," the consultant engineer pointed out.

He added that a percolation test will also be carried out to determine how fast the water seeps through the soil.

Field work commenced last week and

Zachariah said they are likely to end that phase next week, following which laboratory tests will be carried out on the samples.

"Based on the results of that, we will be able to tell what type of material is there, the nature of it...and those parameters that are required to ensure that the reservoir can indeed hold water," Evron Zachariah concluded.

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Black Bow Tie Reception marks ABDF's 44th Anniversary



The Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF) commemorated its 44th Anniversary with a Black Bow Tie Formal Cocktail Reception at Camp Blizzard on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The elegant evening brought together military officials, dignitaries, and invited guests to celebrate the proud legacy and achievements of the Force over the past four decades.

The event featured cultural performances, tributes, and ceremonial toasts in honour of His Majesty The King and the Nation.

The abridged programme included a Pan Selection, a Fire Show, and a special multimedia presentation of the ABDF's history and contributions. Congratulatory remarks were delivered by Chief of Defence Staff, Brigadier Telbert Benjamin, and by the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda and Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams.

In his remarks, His Excellency commended the ABDF for their consistent support to the Office of the Governor General, referencing in particular the Force's



recent work in repainting the Government House perimeter wall. He further highlighted their collaboration with the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda in strengthening national security.

His Excellency also conveyed apologies on behalf of the Honourable Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who was unable to attend as he is representing Antigua and Barbuda abroad at the 2nd Africa, CARICOM Summit in Ethiopia. The Summit, held under the theme "*Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Afri-*

cans and People of African Descent through Reparations", builds on the African Union, CARICOM Memorandum of Understanding on strengthening engagement and fostering linkages between Africa and the Caribbean.

Brigadier Benjamin, in his address, reflected on the achievements of the ABDF over its 44-year history and outlined strategic plans for its future growth and service to the nation.

During the evening, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams raised a toast to His Majesty The King, followed

by a toast to the Nation and Unit Toasts offered by other speakers. The occasion was marked by camaraderie and pride in the Force's contribution to Antigua and Barbuda.

In the lead-up to the anniversary, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, accompanied by the Honourable Prime Minister Gaston Browne, toured Camp Blizzard on Thursday, September 4, 2025, alongside Brigadier Telbert Benjamin and senior ABDF officers. The tour highlighted the Force's ongoing development, operational readiness, and facilities.

UWI FIC to confer Honorary Degree on Professor Paget Henry

Antiguan and Barbudan Author and Academician Professor Paget Henry is listed among “11 visionaries” who will be honoured during The University of the West Indies 2025 graduation ceremonies.

Professor Henry will be conferred with a Doctor of Laws Degree (LLD), *honoris causa*, for his contributions to Caribbean Philosophy, Sociology and Political Thought. The ceremony will form part of The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus’s graduation on Saturday 11th October, 2025.

According to The UWI, “this year’s honorary graduands represent a diverse range of professions, each bringing decades of experience and impactful contributions in fields such as Music, Agriculture, Religion, Science and Research, and Aviation. The UWI Council approved the decision to honour these individuals, reflecting the institution’s commitment to celebrating excellence and innovation”.

Professor Paget Henry, Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Brown University, has dedicated his career to advancing Caribbean thought and fostering academic spaces for the study of African and Caribbean philosophy. Earning his BA at City University of New York in 1970, Professor Henry pursued graduate studies at Cornell University, where he completed his MA in 1973 and PhD in 1976. His early work involved research on the political atmosphere in Antigua and Jamaica, and then extended to research in Guyana, Trinidad, and Ghana. Throughout his career, he has specialised in Caribbean Political Economy, the Sociology of Art and Literature, Africana Philosophy and Religion, Race and Ethnic Relations, Post-structuralism, and Critical Theory.

He has authored several influential



Professor Paget Henry

books.

In previous years, The UWI has honoured Sir Rodney Williams, Sir Curtly Ambrose, Sir Richard Richardson, Sir Anderson Roberts, Ambassador Walton Webson, Sir McClean Emanuel, the late Dr. Ruby Lake-Richards and Dr. George Mansoor.

The other recipients of honorary de-

grees this year are:

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Regional News

Holness to meet with GG tomorrow to discuss swearing in of new gov't



The country is to be given an update on the swearing in of the new Government following a meeting tomorrow morning between Prime Minister-designate Dr Andrew Holness and Governor General Sir Patrick Allen.

Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) representative on the Electoral Commission of Jamaica, Tom Tavares Finson, informed the media today that the Electoral Office of Jamaica has communicated to King's House that the JLP secured the majority of the seats in the House of Representatives in the Sep-

tember 3 general election.

"This will pave the way for the swearing in of the prime minister and the new government," he said.

Tavares Finson said the details of the swearing in of the new government would emerge after a formal meeting between the prime minister and the governor general.

The official count of ballots cast in last week's election showed the JLP winning 35 seats to the People's National Party's 28. (Jamaica Gleaner)

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Dominica's prime minister heads to the Vatican to meet Pope Leo XIV



From September 9 to 12, 2025, the Prime Minister of Dominica, Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, is scheduled to visit Italy and will have a private audience with His Holiness

Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican.

A press release from the government shared that accompanying him on this

diplomatic journey is his spouse, Hon. Melissa Poponne-Skerrit, who holds the position of Minister for Housing and Urban Development and serves as the Parliamentary Representative for the Roseau Central Constituency.

During his stay, Prime Minister Skerrit is anticipated to discuss ways to enhance the relationship between the Holy See and the Commonwealth of Dominica, alongside addressing key global issues such as humanitarian efforts, climate change resilience, and social progress.

Additionally, discussions are planned with the Vatican's Secretary of State,

stated the release, emphasizing Dominica's dedication to strengthening diplomatic ties and bilateral cooperation at the highest levels.

The Italian itinerary also features meetings with business leaders aimed at exploring avenues for economic collaboration, sustainable development initiatives, and cultural partnerships.

In the Prime Minister's absence, the role of Acting Prime Minister is assumed by Hon. Dr. Irving McIntyre, who is the Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, and Social Security. (Dominica News Online)



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Police officer remanded on drug and ammunition charges; new bail application expected Thursday



A police officer charged with possession of cocaine and theft of ammunition has retained new legal counsel and is expected to seek bail before the Magistrate's Court in St. Joseph on Thursday.

Anthony Francis Jr., of Antrizle and residing in Eggleston, faces charges of possession of 218 grams of cocaine and theft of assorted ammunition, including five shotgun rounds, 7.5 mm, and 5.56 mm cartridges. The ammunition is alleged to be property of the Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force.

Francis, who was previously represented by attorney Tiyani Behanzin, changed his plea to not guilty when he appeared before the court on Monday. He has since retained attorney Joshua Francis, who confirmed plans to file a fresh bail application.

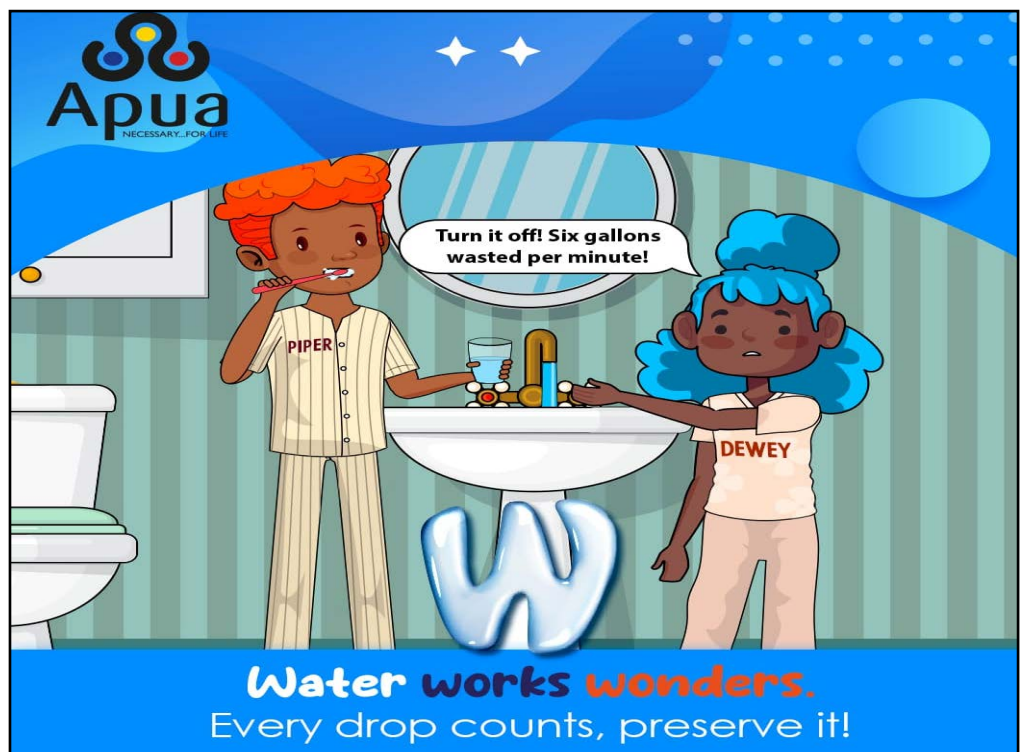
"So, the matter is coming up tomorrow at 9 o'clock, St. Joseph, before the Chief Magistrate," Mr. Francis said. "The issue that will be dealt with — I'm going to make a new bail application, because the previous attorney, Mr. Tiyani Behanzin, made a bail

application before Mr. Laudat, but the whole matter got convoluted over arguments, and Mr. Laudat eventually recused himself. So, I'm going to start fresh."

During that hearing before Magistrate Michael Laudat, Mr. Behanzin did not respond to a submission made by the

prosecution, citing difficulties accessing the E-litigation portal. The matter was subsequently adjourned to 11 September and reassigned to Chief Magistrate Candia Carrette-George.

Francis remains remanded at the state prison pending the outcome of the bail hearing. (Dominica News Online)



Man arrested for suspected tear gas incident that caused partial evacuation at Heathrow Airport

A 57-year-old man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly possessing tear gas that is believed to have caused the partial evacuation of a terminal at Heathrow Airport.

About 20 people treated by paramedics were not seriously injured in the incident that closed the departures area of Terminal 4 for about three hours late Monday, the Metropolitan police said.

It was not believed to be terror-related, police said, but the investigation is ongoing.

Police, firefighters and ambulance crews responded to a potential hazardous material incident. Officers found a canister that was believed to contain CS gas, a synthetic irritant used by police as tear gas.

The man was held in custody after being arrested on suspicion of possessing CS



spray, which is considered a firearm in Britain. He also was arrested on suspicion of

causing a public nuisance.

Suspects in England are

not named unless they are charged with a crime. (Jamaica Gleaner)

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NASA says rock sample from Mars has potential 'biosignature' of life

A rock sample collected by NASA's Perseverance Mars rover may contain evidence of ancient microbial life, preserved for billions of years on the Red Planet.

The potential "biosignature" is not direct evidence of life itself, but rather a possible sign that textural features on the rock may have biological origins.

"This finding by our incredible Perseverance rover is the closest we've actually come to discovering ancient life on Mars," Nicky Fox, associate administrator of the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., said Wednesday in a news briefing.

The possibility that Mars once played host to living organisms has been a long-standing debate among scientists and has been a prime focus for NASA as part of broader efforts to understand the origin of life and whether humanity is alone in the universe.

The sample was collected in July 2024 while Perseverance explored an an-



cient dry riverbed in Jezero Crater, a 28-mile-wide basin north of the Martian equator.

The sedimentary rocks were found to contain clay and silt, along with organic carbon, sulfur, rust (oxidized iron) and phosphorous.

The samples were also eye-catching because they appeared to have dark black patches akin to leopard spots.

"These textural features told us that something really interesting had happened in these rocks. Some set of chemical reactions occurred at the time they were being deposited," Joel Hurowitz, a planetary scientist at Stony Brook University in New York, said in the briefing. Hurowitz is the lead author of a new paper about the discovery that was published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. (NBC)

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Cruise passenger charged after jumping overboard to allegedly dodge \$16,000 in gambling debts



A cruise ship passenger is facing a federal charge after jumping overboard with thousands in cash on him this past weekend in Puerto Rico, after allegedly incurring about \$16,000 in gambling losses on the high seas, federal prosecutors said.

Jey Xander Omar Gonzalez-Diaz was arrested on Sunday after allegedly jumping off Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas when it docked in San Juan, according to a criminal complaint by Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) Special Agent Gabriel San-

tiago.

The passenger has been charged with allegedly failing to report the transport of monetary instruments over \$10,000 from outside the United States. The complaint did not explicitly link Gonzalez-Diaz's decision to jump overboard with his alleged debt.

Gonzalez-Diaz was fished out of the water by passersby on jet skis and brought to shore, where Customs and Border Patrol officers found \$14,600 cash on him, the complaint said. The criminal com-

plaint states that Gonzalez-Diaz left the ship, allegedly owing Royal Caribbean \$16,710.24 in debts that were "almost exclusively associated with Casino and Gaming expenses."

When Gonzalez-Diaz

was asked to explain the jump, the traveler allegedly told investigators in Spanish that "he did not want to report the currency on his possession because he thought it was going to be taxed duties for bringing in the currency," according to the complaint.

Royal Caribbean Group spokesperson declined comment, stating that "as this is an ongoing investigation, we are working with authorities and don't have any more information to share."

A lawyer for Gonzalez-Diaz couldn't be immediately reached for comment on Wednesday. (NBC)

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Bolivia seal playoff spot with win over Brazil



Bolivia's Miguel Terceros, center, and teammates celebrate their team's 1-0 victory over Brazil at the end of a World Cup 2026 qualifying soccer match at Villa Ingenio stadium in El Alto, Bolivia, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. (AP)

EL ALTO (Reuters) - Bolivia shocked Brazil 1-0 to secure a spot in the intercontinental play-offs for next year's World Cup, while Argentina suffered a 1-0 defeat by Ecuador in the final round of South America's 2026 qualifiers on Tuesday.

Bolivia's Miguel Terceros converted a penalty in first-half stoppage time to secure the home win over five-times World Cup winners Brazil in La Paz, a result which saw Carlo Ancelotti's side drop to fifth in the standings.

Bolivia will be joined in the play-offs by two teams from CONCACAF as well as one each from the African, Asian, and Oceania confederations in the hunt for two places at the World

Cup in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The playoffs will take place in Monterrey and Guadalajara in March. While Ecuador and reigning champions Argentina had already qualified for the World Cup, there was no shortage of intensity in their match in Guayaquil.

Argentina's Nicolas Otamendi was sent off in the 31st minute and the hosts capitalised on their numerical advantage when Enner Valencia scored a penalty in first-half stoppage time.

Ecuador were also reduced to 10 men when Moises Caicedo was dismissed in the 50th minute, but they

held firm to claim victory and go second in the table.

Despite the loss, Argentina retained top spot in the standings with 39 points, nine ahead of Ecuador.

Colombia secured third place with a 6-3 victory over Venezuela in Maturin, with Luis Suarez stealing the show by scoring four goals to extinguish Venezuelan hopes of clinching the playoff place.

Uruguay finishing qualifying in fourth place following a 0-0 draw with Chile in Santiago, while Matias Galarza's strike gave Paraguay a 1-0 win over Peru in Lima, leaving them in sixth place.

Falcons' Justin Greaves ruled out of 2025 CPL



Justin Greaves

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons announced on Wednesday that their all-rounder Justin Greaves has been ruled out of the current Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) due to injury.

The decision comes more than a week after the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons issued an official apology to Cricket West Indies (CWI) following controversy surrounding comments made by their head coach, Paul Nixon, regarding the management of Greaves' injury.

Nixon, who was appointed as the Falcons' head coach for the 2025 season, expressed his frustration after the team suffered an eight-wicket defeat to Trinidad and Tobago on August 27. He explained that the franchise had received

no prior notification from CWI about Greaves' injury, which occurred during the West Indies' ODI series against Pakistan earlier in the month.

According to Nixon, this lack of communication placed the Falcons in a difficult position, as they only discovered the severity of Greaves' condition shortly before the match.

"I'm really disappointed because we had no communication from Cricket West Indies about Justin Greaves' injury. He joined us already injured, and we only found out just before the game. I felt that was unprofessional and disrespectful. He even had an injection, but it didn't work. Honestly, I'm not happy with the way he returned from West Indies cricket. The communica-

tion was very poor, and now we've lost one of our key all-rounders, which is a big setback," Nixon said.

Nixon's candid remarks had sparked considerable debate during the ongoing 2025 Caribbean Premier League, prompting the Falcons to clarify their stance and stated its intention to maintain strong relations with the regional cricket board.

The statement noted that Nixon's remarks were not intended to disrespect or undermine the board's authority in managing players.

"Paul Nixon, head coach of the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons, along with the team management, wants to clarify his recent comments about Cricket West Indies (CWI) during the Caribbe-

an Premier League (CPL). They stressed that there was no intention to disrespect or undermine CWI's work.

"Nixon regrets all his remarks. Both he and the Falcons apologize for any unintended offence caused to CWI staff or management. They remain committed to maintaining a strong, respectful, and cooperative relationship with CWI to support and grow West Indies cricket," the statement read.

In a media release on September 2, Cricket West Indies said it acknowledges and accepts the apology from Paul Nixon and the Falcons' management regarding recent inaccurate comments made by coach Nixon about CWI's handling of players' medical information.

It also said CWI welcomes the clarification and recognition that there was no intent to offend or misrepresent and takes the opportunity to clarify the facts.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons, the CPL's newest franchise, which is currently in its second season, are likely to qualify for the play-off knockout stage in this year's six-team round-robin competition.

The Falcons are currently in third place with nine points and faced hosts Guyana Amazon Warriors in their last preliminary-round match at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Wednesday night.

Windies youth snatch crucial win over Sri Lanka in ODI series



The West Indies Under-19 cricket team. (CWI Media)

Jonathan van Lange and Aadian Racha shared an unbroken partnership of 28 for the ninth wicket as the West Indies Under-19s held on to earn an important two-wicket win over Sri Lanka Under-19s in the fifth Youth One Day International in Antigua on Tuesday.

Chasing the Sri Lankans' total of 172 in 48 overs at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, the West Indies slid to 145 for eight before van Lange, who scored an unbeaten 24 and Racha, who made 17 not out, steadied the ship and carried the Caribbean team to victory at 173 for eight in 47.4 overs.

It gave the West Indies a crucial 3-2 lead over Sri Lanka in their best-of-seven series and needing just one more win to clinch the series.

The West Indies seemed to be coasting to victory when opener Micah Greenidge and Earshino Fontaine were at the crease during a 101-run

first-wicket partnership that propelled the Caribbean side to 104 for one in the 25th over.

But once Vigneshwaran Akash struck to break the partnership by bowling Fontaine for 48 and having Greenidge caught and bowled for 40, in the space of three overs, the West Indies lost seven wickets for 41 runs, with Akash responsible for four of the wickets to fall.

However, with Sri Lanka in the ascendancy, van Lange and Racha came together to take the Windies to their second successive win.

Earlier, medium pacers Racha and Shaquan Belle claimed three wickets apiece to help restrict Sri Lanka to a below par total. Racha finished with figures of three for 37, Belle took three for 43, and Jakeem Pollard picked up two for 12.

Opener Dimantha Mahavithana top

scored with 38 and Chamika Heenatigala hit 36, but Sri Lanka also needed a herculean effort from their lower order to get up to their total after slipping to 136 for eight.

Both teams will clash in the sixth Youth ODI at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Friday.

Summarised scores: SRI LANKA Under-19s 172 in 48 overs (Dimantha Mahavithana 38, Chamika Heenatigala 36, Kavija Gamage 22, Sanuja Ninduwara 19, Rasith Nimsara 14 not out, Viran Chamuditha 11; Aadian Racha 3-37, Shaquan Belle 3-43, Jakeem Pollard 2-12).

WEST INDIES Under-19s 173-8 in 47.4 overs (Earsinho Fontaine 48, Micah Greenidge 40, Jonathan van Lange 22 not out, Aadian Racha 17 not out, Joshua Dorne 11; Vigneshwaran Akash 4-30).

West Indies' Seales fires his way into ICC award contention



Jayden Seales

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (CMC) – West Indies' exciting young pace sensation, Jayden Seales, has been rewarded for a devastating bowling display by earning a nomination for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for August.

The 23-year-old Trinidadian finds himself in elite company, shortlisted alongside New Zealand's Matt Henry and India's Moham-

med Siraj for the prestigious monthly honour.

Seales's nomination comes on the back of a Player of the Series performance in the recent three-match ODI series against Pakistan on home soil.

The fiery pacer was the undisputed standout, finishing as the leading wicket-taker with a total of 10 scalps. The highlight of his

remarkable month was a breathtaking, career-best spell of six wickets for just 18 runs in the series finale.

His demolition job powered the West Indies to a colossal 202-run victory, sealing their first ODI series win against Pakistan in over three decades, since 1991.

The ICC Player of the Month awards recognise the best performances from

both men and women across all forms of international cricket throughout the calendar month.

The shortlist is compiled by the ICC, after which the winner is decided by a combined vote from an independent ICC Voting Academy, which includes West Indies past players Daren Ganga and Stacy Ann King, and cricket fans worldwide.



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India rout UAE to claim win in Asia Cup

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav and seamer Shivam Dube helped limit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to 57 runs as India swept to a nine-wicket win in the Asia Cup on Wednesday.

Kuldeep baffled batters with his sharp googlies and bagged four wickets for seven runs, while Dube claimed three wickets for four runs to dismiss UAE in 13.1 overs — the lowest-ever T20 total against India.

In the Group A game, India cruised to victory at 60 for one in just 4.3 overs, with opening batter Abhishek Sharma (30) showing flashes of his skillful power-hitting, and Shubman Gill scoring an unbeaten 20.

The UAE's batters had no answer for India's relentless bowling attack despite Jasprit Bumrah showing signs of rustiness in his first T20 game since last year's World Cup.

Captain Suryakumar Yadav believed his team was "flexible" when India won the toss and the skipper chose to field. India had lost the toss in 15 consecutive games.

Alishan Sharafu (22) and captain Muhammad Waseem (19) gave UAE a reasonable start of 41 for two in the powerplay be-



India's Kuldeep Yadav, second right, celebrate the wicket of United Arab Emirates's Rahul Chopra during the Asia Cup Cricket match between United Arab Emirates and India at Dubai International Cricket stadium in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025. (AP)

fore the batters crumbled against Kuldeep's sharp spin and Dube's bowling.

Bumrah nailed Sharafu with his trademark smearing yorker in the second over and Mohammad Zohaib sliced a catch to backward point when he tried to play Varun Chakravarthy inside out.

Kuldeep's three-wicket over, that included a plumb leg before wicket dismissal of Waseem, rattled UAE middle-order before Dube claimed three wickets in his two overs and UAE folded with more than six overs to spare.

India called back No. 10 batter Junaaid Siddique after wicketkeeper Sanju Sam-

son had him stumped when the batter strolled out of his crease after he missed a pull shot of Dube.

India accepted Siddique's clarification that he came out of his crease to explain that he got distracted with a rag falling from the pocket of Dube.

However, Siddique couldn't open his account as he fell off the next legitimate ball of Dube when Suryakumar held onto a high catch at mid-on. Kuldeep finished off the innings when he had Haider Ali caught behind.

Left-handed Abhishek showed how quickly he could unsettle the bowlers in the powerplay when he

smashed spinner Ali's first ball for a six over wide extra cover with his trademark inside out shot. He smashed three sixes and two boundaries in his 16-ball knock.

India needed only 10 runs when Abhishek miscued Siddique's short ball and got caught at wide mid-wicket, but Suryakumar smashed Siddique over fine-leg for a six off the first ball he faced.

Gill then completed the victory with a boundary to mid-on off Simranjeet Singh as UAE slumped to a heavy defeat in the group that also includes Pakistan and first-timer Oman.

Sports

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025



ABCF to stage Robert Peters two-stage race this weekend

Domestic racing will resume on the 2025 Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation's (ABCF) calendar with the staging of the annual Robert Peters two-stage race on Sunday, September 14.

Sunday's race will comprise an individual time trial and a criterium, or circuit race. The individual time trial will commence at 7 am at the Pan Am Base. The criterium race will take place around the Pan Am Base, starting at 3 pm on Sunday.

The nation's cyclists and participants from the various cycling clubs are expected to contest the event. Participants must complete both races to be eligible to win.

Cyclists in the various classes in the Criterium race will be required to complete several laps around the Pan Am Base to be in contention to win the title.

Participants in the elite male and junior male classes are required to complete 20 laps of the Pan Am Base circuit in the criterium race. Riders in the masters' class will have to complete 18 laps, while cyclists in the sports class will have to complete 15 laps.



Wadadli Cycling Academy's Tahje Browne, left, rides with other cyclists during the Robert Peters Two-Stage Race, which was hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation on Sunday, October 8, 2023. (File Photo)

Participants in the other three divisions -- the elite female, junior female, and Cadets 11-14 -- will be required to complete 10 laps.

A new champion will be crowned in Sunday's Robert Peters two-stage race. Reigning back-to-back

champion, teenager Tahje Browne of the Wadadli Cycling Academy, will not be defending his title due to overseas commitments, fulfilling contractual duties as a member of the internationally recognized European Zappi Junior Cycling Team,

which runs the Italy-based Zappi Under-23 Cycling Academy and the United Kingdom (UK)-based Zappi Junior Race Team.

Sunday's Robert Peters two-stage race is being supported by APUA Inet and Gatorade.