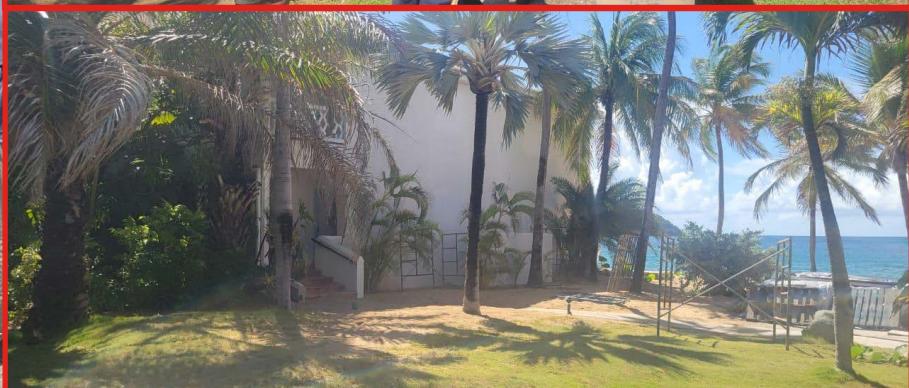


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# Local News

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Top government officials continue to demonstrate a keen interest in the continued growth and expansion of the tourism plant, which is the main driver of the Antigua and Barbuda economy.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne along with Tourism Minister Charles Max Fernandez met with the new owners of Curtain Bluff Resort, Tim and Pat Scott from the Unit-

ed Kingdom.

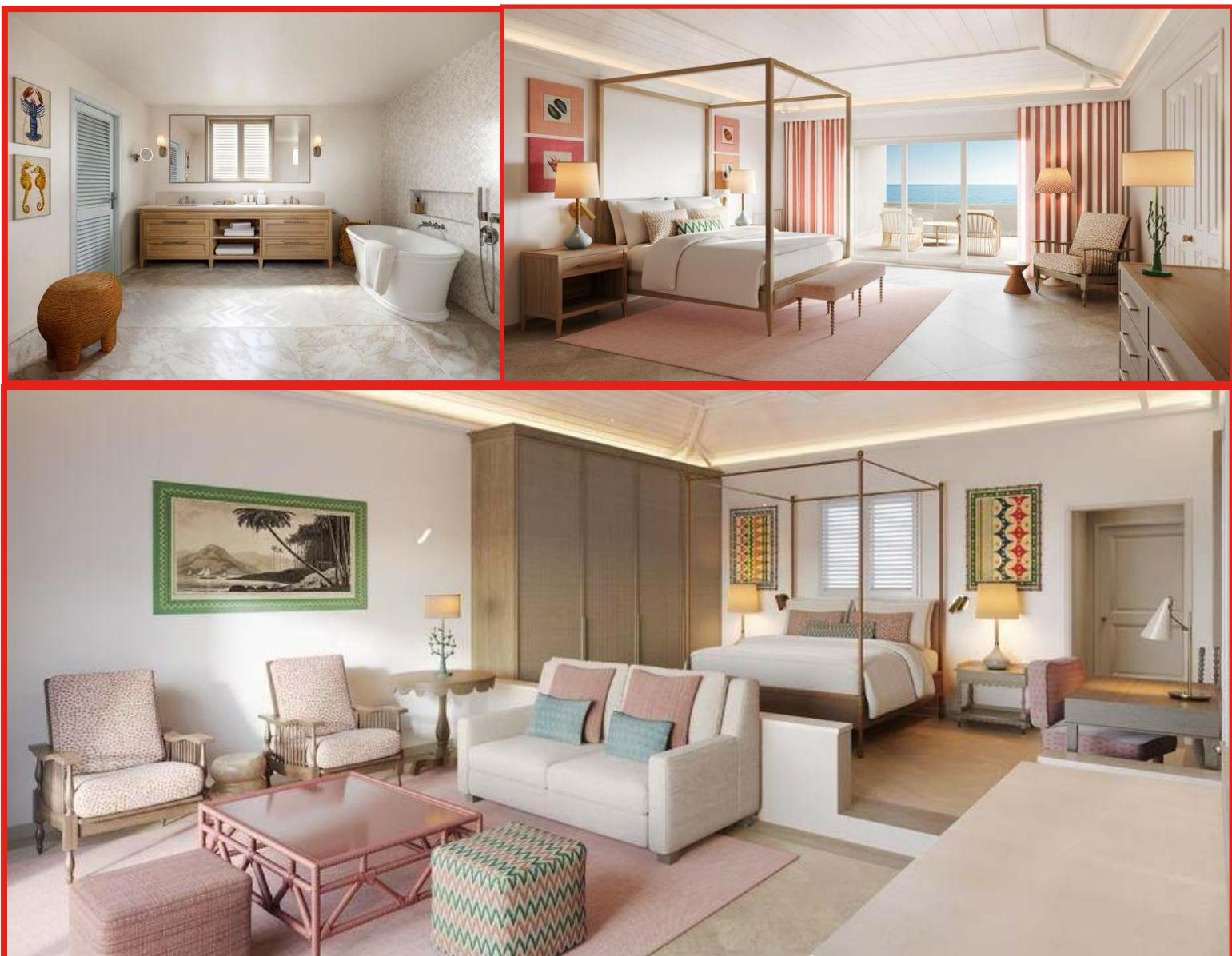
The Scotts had vacationed in Antigua for many years, at Curtain Bluff and over the last 10 years have a residence at Jumby Bay.

During that meeting, Tim

Scott shared his vision for Curtain Bluff with the PM & Fernandez.

Presently, the 72-room resort has 230 employees, management and line staff.

Scott's plan is to make Cur-



tain Bluff, already a leader in the region and one of the top-ranked hotels for decades, the very best resort in the West Indies.

The masterplan has been carefully designed over the last year and comes in three phases of upgrades and investment.

This summer, CB was completely gutted and it refurbished 42 suites and the rebuilding of the Sea Grape restaurant on the calm bay.

This year's investment alone is currently at 10 million USD.

Next summer, they will be

removing the original block of 18 rooms, making for a much more dramatic reception area right on the sea.

The removed rooms will be replaced further down the beach in three beach-front villas being much more spacious and modern.

Also slated for next summer is a new improved jetty, allowing for waterfront receptions and larger yachts.

The final phase is replacing the bluff house on top of the bluff with a new, seven-bedroom, iconic villa, and a wraparound infinity pool, cantilevered out over the

Sea.

When completed the employee count will be 300 and the suites will be 88.

The total investment in the Resort will be 40 million USD.

Just last week, the government announced a robust economic forecast with strong tourism and new investments:

□ Work is expected to begin shortly on a new Marriott Hotel following the arrival of 37 containers full of supplies and equipment for use in the construction phase.

□ Global Ports Holding is nearing completion of the first phase of its landside development on Lower Newgate Street, expected by October.

□ In Barbuda, the luxury Robert De Niro Nobu Hotel is under development, with over 50 villas scheduled for completion in time for the following tourist season.

These projects are expected to bolster employment and expand Antigua and Barbuda's reputation as a high-end destination.

# Local News

## MoE: Our schools are ready to go!



**Director of Education Clare Browne and his team visiting Potters Primary School**

Teams from the Ministry of Education which conducted site visits at several government-owned secondary and primary schools on Tuesday are reporting satisfaction with the state of readiness of the education plants.

Director of Education Clare Browne led one team while the other team was led by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Ena Dalso-Henry. Both teams also included a representative from the National Parents-Teachers Association, the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, the Board of Education and the Safe Schools Committee. A third team, to be led by the Education Minister Darryl Matthew will do its tour another day.

The purpose of the visit was to get a first-hand look at conditions at the schools especially as many have had repairs or renovations done over the summer holidays. For example, extensive work was done at Pares Secondary as that school will be absorbing the students from the former Glanville's Secondary, which will be closed due to declining student enrollment.

(The Glanville's School plant will now house the Antigua and Barbuda School of Agriculture).

Director Browne and his team visited the Pares Secondary, Sea View Farm Primary, Potters Primary, the Clare Hall Secondary and the Antigua Grammar School. PS Dalso-Henry's team visited Ottos Comprehensive, Jennings Secondary, Jennings Prima-

ry, Villa Primary and Golden Grove Primary.

According to the education official at each stop they interacted with the principals of the institutions to get an appraisal of the state of readiness. He said the principal for the Potters summed it up succinctly when she stated that 'we are 99 percent ready to accept students from Monday'.

"We saw them power-washing the school at Sea View Farm and at Potters we observed that much of the

school has been repainted. We are not saying that everything is perfect at all the schools, but we believe that over the coming days final touches will be put on these plants to ensure that all is well for Monday. We also anticipate that some work will continue at some schools even after the term begins," he disclosed.

Director Browne however gave assurances that even as some work continues at schools this will not affect the proper functioning of these institutions.

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## Ministry of Health launches internal investigation into allegations against Clarevue Psychiatric Hospital

The Ministry of Health says it is aware of recent allegations concerning the admission and treatment of a U.S. citizen at Clarevue Psychiatric Hospital.

The Ministry says it takes these allegations seriously and has initiated an internal investigation.

“While cautioning against premature conclusions, we are committed to a prompt and thorough review. This will include examining the patient’s admission, treatment, conditions of stay, and discharge, as well as the conduct of all personnel involved. Efforts are already underway to engage all parties concerned,” a media post from the ministry stated.

The Ministry indicates that it remains fully committed to treating all patients - citizens, residents, and visitors alike - with dignity, compassion, and in accordance with established medical, ethical, and legal standards.

“We assure the public, our international partners, and all stakeholders that Antigua and Barbuda’s health sector upholds transparency, accountability, and the highest stan-



dards of care,” the post noted.

The Ministry announced the internal investigation after a United States citizen studying medicine in Antigua at the American University of Antigua (AUA) had accused the state-run psychiatric hospital of unlawful detention, mistreatment, and extortion, sparking calls for an investigation.

The patient has levelled a number of serious accusations against Clarevue Hospital. These include;

- Detaining her without medical or legal justification.
- Denying her food and water for extended periods.

□ Restricting visits from family members and US consular representatives.

□ Falsifying medical records to prolong her detention.

□ Demanding \$2,000 before allowing her to leave the island, threatening to block her departure if the payment was not made.

The patient, a female, complained that the ordeal caused her to miss an academic deadline at AUA, forcing her withdrawal from the semester.

Among other things she wants her status re-instated at the university.

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# Local News

## SLBMC STATEMENT — Our Response to Concerns About Emergency Room Care



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Steps should have been taken to properly assess and clearly communicate with patients in the Emergency Room that night.

At times, like many hospitals worldwide, we may face challenges with staffing in the Emergency Department. When this happens, our triage process is designed to become even more acute—and those with urgent or life-threatening conditions should be prioritized for care.

We want to reassure

our community that we are actively working to strengthen our systems and staffing to minimize the impact on patients and families when these pressures occur. We are also addressing the concerns raised internally.

We remain committed to providing the care and communication our patients and families deserve.

The SLBMC statement was responding to a social media post by an individual who complained that after waiting with an

injured child for medical attention for several hours, a nurse made an announcement that the shift had changed and that with one doctor on duty, only dire emergencies will get attention.

The woman said she went to the hospital seeking attention for a head injured which the child sustained and which resulted in a blood shot eye.

She also reported less than satisfactory treatment from the nursing staff.

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# Local News

## Sir Molwyn Joseph Pledges Support to Daryl "Shatta" Massicot

Sir Molwyn Joseph, Member of Parliament for St. Mary's North, has congratulated rising footballer Daryl "Shatta" Massicot on his selection to travel to Jamaica for specialized training as he works toward becoming an international footballer.

Massicot, who has been a dedicated member of the Sir Molwyn Joseph Jennings United Football Club has demonstrated remarkable talent, discipline, and commitment on the field. The team has been proudly supported by Sir Molwyn for over 40 years, providing young athletes like Massicot with opportunities to develop their skills and shine.

Recognizing the significance of this achievement, Sir Molwyn Joseph has pledged his guidance and full support to ensure that Massicot meets all necessary requirements to pursue this exciting opportunity.

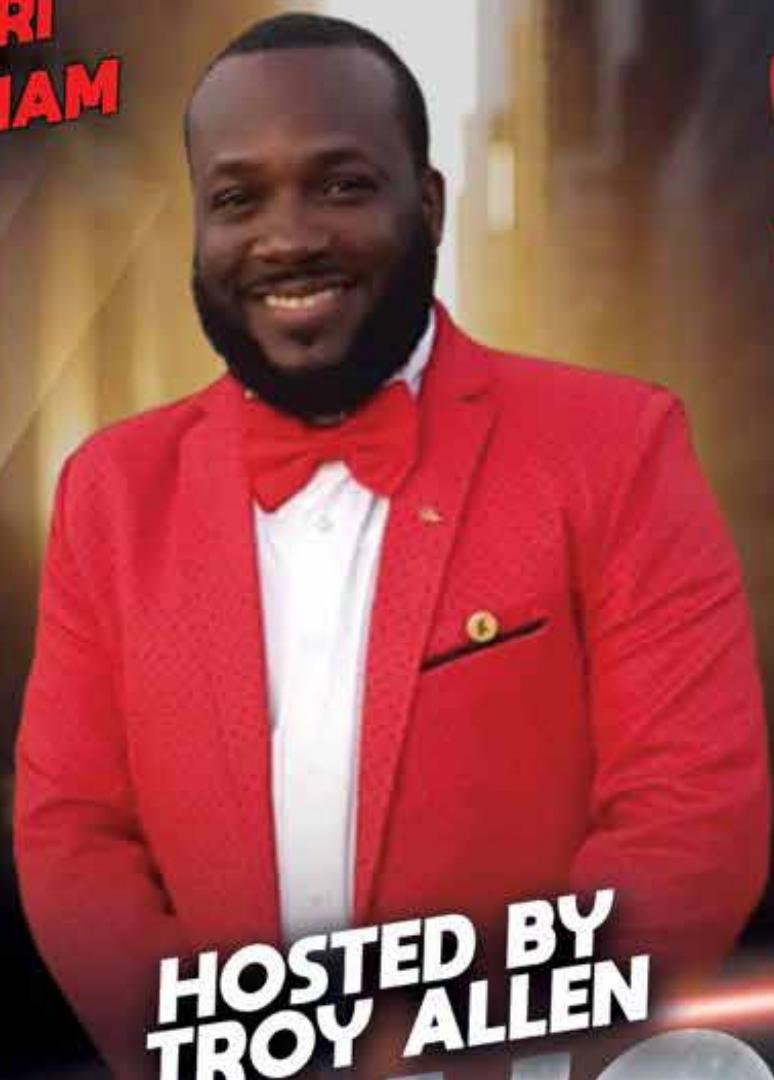
Massicot's selection for international training is a testament to his dedication and hard work over the years. "I am proud to have watched him grow through our community football program. I pledge my full support and guidance as he takes this important step toward representing Antigua and Barbuda on the international stage," said Sir Molwyn Joseph.

Massicot expressed gratitude for the continued mentorship and support from Sir Molwyn Joseph, committing to make the most of this opportunity and honor his community and country through his dedication to football.



**Footballer, Daryl "Shatta" Massicot (left) with MP for St. Mary's North, Sir Molwyn Joseph**

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## Four Arrested for Stealing Watermelons

The police have arrested four young men in connection with the theft of watermelons from the Parham Primary School Farm.

At approximately 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 1, officers responded to a report, where several individuals were seen stealing agricultural produce from the school's compound.

Upon the arrival of the police, the suspects fled the scene. A 19-year-old resident of Vernons was pursued and apprehended, while further investigations led to the arrests of three others: a 20-year-old, an 18-year-old, and a 17-year-old, all of Parham. They are currently in police custody assisting with the ongoing investigations.

The Royal Police Force of An-



tigua and Barbuda continues to remind the public that Praedial Larceny is a serious criminal offence. Such acts not only deprive farmers and institutions of their rightful produce but also threaten the sustainability of local ag-

riculture.

The police will maintain a firm stance and take decisive action against anyone found engaging in the unlawful taking of crops or livestock.

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## Appointment of the New Permanent Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda to UNESCO



### Permanent Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

On 2 September 2025, UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay welcomed Timothée Bauer, the new Permanent Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda to UNESCO, during the official Credentials Presentation Ceremony held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

In the meeting that followed, Director-General Azoulay — who served as France's Minister of Culture prior to leading UNESCO — underlined Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to active participation in the Organization's work through its established Permanent Delegation in Paris.

For his part, Permanent Delegate Timothée Bauer, speaking on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, reaffirmed the country's

determination to consistently support UNESCO's mission. He stressed the particular importance of UNESCO's work for small island developing States, whose economies rely heavily on tourism, highlighting the preservation of tangible and intangible world heritage, as well as the strengthening of international cooperation in education, science, and culture.

These remarks echoed statements expressed by members of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in recent engagements with UNESCO — including the visit to Paris by Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister, in 2023, during which he paid an official visit to Director-General Azoulay, and the participation



of Hon. Daryll Matthew, Minister of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, in UNESCO's General Conference the same year.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) implements a wide range of targeted support programmes for SIDS, which are of critical importance to countries such as Antigua and Barbuda — ranging from expanding access to advanced education and new technologies, to safeguarding cultural and natural heritage sites, and protecting oceans and small, fragile ecosystems with specific vulnerabilities and needs.

The Permanent Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda, Timothée Bauer, joined the diplomatic service in 2022, first at the country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna. Since 2023,

he has been based in Paris, where he also serves as Chargé d'Affaires, heading the Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda to France. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Law from the University of Geneva, together with a teaching qualification from the same University. Before serving Antigua and Barbuda as a diplomat, Timothée Bauer taught law at various institutions and practiced as an attorney-at-law for over a decade, serving as a Partner at well-recognized law firms.

The presentation of his credentials, and the appointment of a diplomat specialized in education and international law, further strengthens the close ties and active cooperation between Antigua and Barbuda and UNESCO, one of the most important institutions of the United Nations system.

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# Regional News

## OAS observer leader, Bruce Golding, pleased with voting in Guyana so far



Former Jamaican prime minister, Bruce Golding, on Monday said he was highly impressed with Guyana's electoral process as an estimated 757,690 listed eligible voters cast ballots at 2,790 polling stations across the vast CARICOM country.

Golding, who is heading the Elections Observer Mission (EOM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), told reporters that he was personally impressed with the level of professionalism exhibited by the election officials at the polling stations.

The EOM said it visited more than 340 polling stations.

"Our observations are that, by and large, things have been moving smoothly. All of the polling stations that we have visited with the

exception of one opened promptly and on time. And that one had a difficulty because when they started out, they didn't have the screen for the polling compartment but that was quickly corrected and they got the polling station going," Golding told reporters.

"All of the required polling officials, the presiding officer, the assistant presiding officer, the poll clerk, the ballot clerk, all of them were in place, all of the materials that were required with the exception of the one I just mentioned were in place," Golding said.

He said the OAS EOM was satisfied with the polling exercise, noting that the electoral process was unfolding in an orderly fashion.

"I was particularly impressed, I myself visited 62

of those 342 polling stations since morning, and I was particularly impressed at how professional, how well trained the polling officials appeared to be, they knew what they were doing, they were not hesitant in applying the relevant rules and guidelines."

But he said that he was a bit concerned about the position of the voting compartments at some polling stations.

"In some polling stations, where we visited, the polling compartment, the screen was fixed in such a way that it faced the walls, so that you couldn't see from outside how a voter voted. In some of the polling stations, we noticed that it was the position where it was turned around. "And when I enquired why it was so, I gath-

ered it was in relation to this effort to prevent voters from photographing their ballots but it was put in such a way that the officials and the party agents would be able to see if anybody was fiddling with a smart phone," he added.

He said that while the presiding officers were not to be blamed, there appeared to be a lack of clarity with regards to the instructions for the positioning of the voter compartments.

Additionally, he said while there were lines at some polling stations, persons waited patiently for their chance to cast their ballot.

Golding said he expects that the process of tabulating the votes and declaring the results of the elections would attract the same level of discipline, orderliness and professionalism.

Golding, who also led the OAS Election Observer team in 2020, said voting was similar to that of 2020, explaining that the problems arose not during the voting process but during the process of tabulating the votes for District 4.

"I don't anticipate a reoccurrence of that problem. There have been some amendments to the regulations regarding the tabulation process, and I expect that the tabulation will proceed smoothly," he said.

Golding said he is looking forward to the declaration of the results. (CMC)

## St Ann father charged with murder of two children



St Ann father, Alaine Saunders, has been charged with the murder of the two young children whose bodies were found last week in Swamp district, in Moneague in the parish.

A statement from the police on Monday, said charges have been laid in the double murder of Saunders' son, one-year-old Amir Saunders, and his stepson, two-year-old Shamair Henry.

The police say Saunders was questioned in the presence of his lawyer and subsequently charged with two counts of murder.

The statement said a court date is being finalised.

Investigation into the incident continues.

Police reports state that about 8 p.m. last week Tuesday, Saunders and his common-law spouse were in a house, drinking ganja tea, as the two children were either playing or asleep in a crib. Possibly as a result of the effects of the tea, an argument developed between the couple. The man grabbed a pair of scissors and attacked the woman, who somehow managed to escape; but as she glanced back, she saw him turn his anger on the children, stabbing them

with the scissors.

She dashed to the Moneague Police Station and reported the incident. When the police arrived at the home the children could not be found – only a splatter of blood to suggest the worst – and the man was in an intoxicated state.

He was taken into custody, while the police launched a search for the children. The following morning, the bodies of the children were discovered, one at the back of the house and the other some distance away. (Jamaica Gleaner)

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# Regional News

## Bahamian court rules convicted murderer's dreadlocks can be cut



A High Court judge in The Bahamas has ruled that a 28-year-old murder convict does not have the right to keep his dreadlocks while serving his 35-year sentence.

Justice Dale Fitzpatrick denied the request by Franco Ferguson after his lawyer had asked the court to prevent prison officials from cutting his hair.

But the prosecutor, Rashied Edgecombe, had objected to the application since Ferguson has dreadlocks for fashion and not as part of his religion.

The former technician at Bahamas Power and Light was convicted earlier this year for the murder of the new love interest of his daughter's mother.

Ferguson admitted to fatally stabbing Charles Demeritte on September 11, 2020, but

said that he acted in self-defence. However, six of the eight jurors found that he

was not justified when he stabbed Demeritte during a fight.

Edgecombe, told jurors that Ferguson had introduced a knife to a fistfight.

The court heard that on September 11, 2020, Ferguson went to the woman's apartment at her invitation and while there, Charles Demeritte, the new boyfriend, pulled a knife on him.

Ferguson retreated to the bathroom and locked himself inside. As Demeritte tried to get in, Ferguson climbed onto the roof through the window.

He was convinced to come down after Demeritte's knife was confiscated. But Demeritte attacked Ferguson again and put him in a headlock. During the struggle, Ferguson stabbed Demeritte in the thigh, cutting the femoral artery. (CMC)



## Aerial search for survivors after Afghan quake kills 800 people



Rescuers are using helicopters to search for survivors in the ruins of remote villages in eastern Afghanistan after a powerful earthquake killed 800 people and injured 1,800 others.

Many are feared trapped under the rubble of their homes after the magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck on Sunday near the country's border with Pakistan.

Authorities searched by air for the second day on Tuesday as roads blocked with debris and the mountainous terrain in the affected areas made land travel difficult.

The Taliban government has appealed for international help. The United Nations has released emergency funds, while the UK has pledged £1m (\$1.3m) in aid.

Sunday's earthquake was one of the strongest to hit Afghanistan in recent years. The country is very prone to earthquakes because it is located on top of a number of fault lines where the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.

There were 90 helicopter flights on Monday to airlift survivors out of re-

mote villages in Kunar province.

The terrain was so rough in one part of the Mazar valley that one helicopter failed to land after three attempts, one Taliban source said.

Survivors have been brought to a hospital in Jalalabad, which was being overwhelmed with hundreds of patients a day even before the disaster.

Mir Zaman told the BBC that he pulled his dead children out of the rubble by himself.

"It was dark. There was no light. Someone lent me a lamp, and then I used a shovel and pick axe to dig them out. There was no one to help because everyone was affected. So many people died in my village. Some are still buried. Whole families have died," he said.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Maiwand suffered head injuries and blood loss.

"You can see his situation. It's so tragic. The earthquake was deadly. I want the doctors to treat him, to cure him," said the child's uncle, Khawat Gul.

At Jalalabad's Nangrahar Regional Hospital, earthquake survivor Nader Khan broke down as he recalled how

he lost two sons and two daughters-in-law to the earthquake.

Khan, who is in his 60s, said he was able to save two grandchildren but now he does not know where they are.

"I injured my head and spine, so I couldn't move to save them... I don't know what has happened to the bodies of my sons," he told the BBC.

The most recent earthquake hit Afghanistan when it is reeling under severe drought and what the UN calls an unprecedented crisis of hunger.

The country has also experienced massive aid cuts especially from the US this year which is further reducing the aid that many of these people could have got. This disaster couldn't have come at a worse time.

Britain's Foreign Secretary David Lammy said aid from the UK will be "channelled through experienced partners", the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Red Cross.

India delivered 1,000 tents to Kabul, its foreign minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar wrote on X after speaking to his Taliban counterpart Amir Khan Muttaqi.

The Indian mission is also helping to move 15 tonnes of food from Kabul to Kunar province, which has been badly hit by the earthquake, he said, adding that India would send more relief items.

China and Switzerland have also pledged support.

Survivors will need housing, shelter and blankets, said Amy Martin, who leads the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Afghanistan. (BBC)

## Hundreds killed in Sudan landslide, UN says



A landslide has killed at least 370 people in the remote Marra Mountains in western Sudan, a UN official has told the BBC.

Antoine Gérard, the UN's deputy humanitarian co-ordinator for Sudan, said that it was hard to assess the scale of the incident or the exact death toll as the area was very hard to reach.

Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A), the armed group in control of the affected area, had earlier said as many as 1,000 people could have died.

Days of heavy rain triggered the landslide on Sunday, which left just one survivor and "levelled" much of the village of Tarseen, the group said in a statement.

The SLM/A has appealed for humanitarian assistance from the UN and other re-

gional and international organisations.

Getting aid quickly to the area would be difficult, Mr Gérard said.

"We do not have helicopters, everything goes in vehicles on very bumpy roads. It takes time and it is the rainy season - sometimes we have to wait hours, maybe a day or two to cross a valley... bringing in trucks with commodities will be a challenge."

Many residents from North Darfur state had sought refuge in the Marra Mountains region, after war between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) forced them from their homes.

The SLM/A has remained neutral in the conflict.

Darfur's army-aligned governor, Minni Minnawi,

called the landslide a "humanitarian tragedy".

"We appeal to international humanitarian organisations to urgently intervene and provide support and assistance at this critical moment, for the tragedy is greater than what our people can bear alone," he said in a statement quoted by the AFP news agency.

The head of the African Union Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, called on the warring parties to "to silence the guns and unite in facilitating the swift and effective delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance to those in need".

Pictures show two gullies on the side of a mountain which converge at a lower level where the village of Tarseen was.

The civil war that broke out

in April 2023 between the Sudanese army and the RSF has plunged the country into famine and has led to accusations of genocide in the western Darfur region.

Estimates for the death toll from the civil war vary significantly, but a US official last year estimated up to 150,000 people had been killed since hostilities began in 2023. About 12 million have fled their homes.

Factions of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army, which controls the area where the landslide occurred, have pledged to fight alongside the Sudanese military against the RSF.

Many Darfuris believe the RSF and allied militias have waged a war aimed at transforming the ethnically mixed region into an Arab-ruled domain. (BBC)

## NYC's West Indian parade celebrates Caribbean culture with music, merriment and mayoral candidates



New York City's West Indian American Day Parade, one of the world's largest celebrations of Caribbean culture, kicked off Monday with vibrant costumes, colourful flags and the sounds of soca and reggae music.

Along with crowds of hundreds of thousands of people, the parade has long been a magnet for local politicians, many of whom have West Indian heritage or represent members of the city's large Caribbean community. With a mayoral election looming in November, the political overlap was particularly evident this year as rival candidates jockeyed for attention and support.

Mayor Eric Adams, who is running for re-election as an independent this fall; and Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul cut a ceremonial ribbon at the start of the parade as the civil rights leader the Reverend Al Sharpton looked on.

Several of Adams' re-election challengers were also there, including State Assemblyman and Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani, who swivelled his hips in a traditional Caribbean dance. Former Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running for mayor as an independent, flashed a thumbs up as he made his way along the route. Republican mayoral hopeful Curtis Sliwa waved to the crowd while wearing his trademark red Guardian Angels beret.

The parade also saw increased security after a fatal shooting at last year's event.

The police department sent thousands of officers, plus helicopters and drones and set up barricades to create a "moat" between marchers and the many spectators lining the nearly 2-mile (3.2-kilometre) Brooklyn parade route, NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch said.

It is the department's largest deploy-

ment of the year, Tisch said, with more officers assigned to safeguard the event than were deployed to New Year's Eve in Times Square or the July Fourth fireworks on the East River.

"We are not going to allow one or two individuals to spoil the festivities," Adams said at a Friday press briefing, noting that there were no specific or credible threats against the parade.

The annual Labor Day event fills Eastern Parkway from Crown Heights to the Brooklyn Museum. It's the culmination of days of carnival events in the city, which include steel pan band performances and J'Ouvert, a separate street party earlier in the day that commemorates freedom from slavery.

Last year, one person was killed and four others were wounded in the shooting along the parade route. Tisch said Friday that police are still looking for the shooter. (AP)

## Gardens Stars win third annual Parham Super League



**The Garden Stars accept their prize after winning their first title as champions of the third annual Parham Super League at the Parham playing field on Sunday, August 31, 2025. (Photos courtesy of the PSL)**

Pigotts Bullets failed in their bid to achieve the feat of three-peat winners after relinquishing the title to Garden Stars, who claimed their inaugural crown by capturing the crown in the third annual Parham Super League (PSL) football competition on Sunday evening.

Garden Stars were crowned the new winners after snatching a 3-2 victory against the two-time defending champions Pigotts Bullets in the final at the Parham playing field.

Tarek Charles struck the winner in the 70th minute with his second of two conversions. Charles scored his first in the 45th minute to give Garden Stars a 2-1 lead early in the second half.

Both teams reached half-time deadlocked at 1-1 after Courtney Clarke's fourth-minute penalty kick

put Garden Stars ahead before Karique Knight scored his first of two goals in the 15th minute to equalize for Pigotts Bullets.

Knight also converted a penalty kick in the 50th minute to snatch another equalizer for Bullets to make it 2-2 before Charles struck the winner to secure the title for the Garden Stars, who finished the tournament as unbeaten champions.

Garden Stars booked their spot in the final with a 3-1 victory against Potters Tigers in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Courtney Clarke scored twice with conversions in the 32nd and 37th minutes, after teammate Wilden Cornwall Jr. opened the scoring with a strike in the 15th minute for Garden Stars. Keon Greene scored a consolation goal for Potters

Tigers in the 41st minute.

Pigotts Bullets advanced to the final by pulling off a 2-0 win against newcomers East Furlong in the other semi-final.

Following a goalless first half, Karique Knight broke the deadlock with a 55th-minute conversion, and teammate Kamari Elien scored the other goal in the 65th minute to wrap up victory for Pigotts Bullets.

Unlike last year when 12 teams participated, the 2025 edition of the PSL reverted to the eight-team format that was used in the inaugural tournament in 2023.

The eight teams competed in two zones, with the top two finishers at the end of the round-robin group advancing to the semi-finals.

The tournament, which is organized by Eastboys Promotions in partnership

with Parham Football Club, concluded with a brief presentation of the awards ceremony.

Garden Stars claimed EC\$3,000 for winning the championship, while Pigotts Bullets received EC\$1,000 for finishing in the runners-up position. The cash prizes were sponsored by Eastboys Promotions and LWT Shipping Services Limited.

Nashorn Phillip of Garden Stars won the Best Defender Award, compliments of 4k Sports Accessories Plus, while teammate Tarek Charles claimed the Best Midfielder Awards, compliments of Football Profile 268.

Keon Greene of Potters Tigers captured the Golden Boot Award for the top goalscorer, compliments of LandTech Survey Services.

# Sports News

## Dredgers make winning start in defence of IBSC Tape Ball T20 Classic

PEL Dredgers made a successful start in defence of their title in the 10th Annual LL Supply Limited and Total Imports Island Boys Softball Club (IBSC) Tape Ball T20 Classic on Sunday.

Dredgers snatched a one-run win against Hanse-on Security Tech during their opening round match at the Powells playing field.

Dredgers won the toss and batted, scoring 161 all out off their 20 overs. Mervin Higgins slammed 49, player of the match Glenton Williams struck 30, and Jeddah Martin Jr. made 21. Ondre Peters grabbed four for 23, and Kerry Mentore claimed two for 31.

In reply, Hanse-on Security Tech were restricted to 160 for eight off their 20 overs. Kerique Mentore cracked 28, Ajharie Joseph hit 27 not out, and Derrick Mourillon made 25. Jeddah Martin Jr. took two for 20, and Glenton Williams captured two for 25.

Bryson's Bullets beat PMS by nine wickets at the same venue. PMS won the toss and batted, making 112 all out in 15.4 overs. Melvin Charles hammered 51, and Morton Browne cracked 34.

Player of the match Vaughn Charles snapped up three for 12, and Shaquan Reifer bagged three for 22.

In reply, Bullets coasted to victory at 117 for one in 5.5 overs. Jahiem Norde slammed 45, George Elvin hit an unbeaten 37, and Deran Benta struck 18 not out.

Pelican Safari Tours VIP Squad



**Glenton Williams**



**Elroy Francis**

defeated Easy Pickings Mix Up by seven wickets in their opening game, which was reduced to 15 overs due to a damp spot on the pitch at Antigua Grammar School (AGS) playing field.

Easy Pickings Mix Up won the toss and batted, making 109 for seven off 15 overs. Karl Simon hit 33, Kemar Christian scored 25, and Isiah Viville made 17.

The VIP Squad achieved victory by scoring 110 for three in five overs. Player of the match Elroy Francis hammered 50, and Elijah Peters struck 33 not out. Kirk Douglas captured two for 38.

Koconut Car Rental Buckley's 3Js pulled off a seven-wicket vic-

tory against TG's Welding & Fabrication Underdogs at the same venue.

The Underdogs won the toss and batted, making 113 all out in 15.5 overs. Michael Harillal hit 25, Rondell Winter struck 18, and Azim Panlall scored 15.

Player of the match Rodney Williams grabbed four for 23, Charanlal Ramjohan snapped up two wickets for five runs, and Gregson Merrick claimed two for 11.

Buckley's 3Js achieved victory by scoring 116 for three in 9.5 overs. Kenrick Scott slammed 37, Kadeem Henry hit 32, and Steve Martin struck 19 not out. Hughon Tonge captured two for 32.

## CWI accepts apology from Antigua and Barbuda Falcons



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Cricket West Indies (CWI) has acknowledged and accepts the apology from Paul Nixon, Head Coach of the Antigua & Barbuda Falcons, and the Falcons' management regarding recent inaccurate comments made by coach Nixon about CWI's handling of players' medical information.

According to a media release, CWI welcomes the clarification and recognition that there was no intent to offend or misrepresent and takes the opportunity to clarify the facts.

The release said CWI's operating procedures for physiotherapists require the provision of detailed handover reports to franchise medical teams prior to the start of any tournament, a process that was followed ahead of the 2025 Caribbean Premier League (CPL), which commenced on August 14.

It said contrary to the initial comments made by coach Nixon, following the conclusion of the final ODI against Pakistan on August 12, Dr. Denis Byam, lead physiotherapist for CWI, provided the relevant medical handover documentation to the Leeward Islands franchise, where the player in question, Justin Greaves, is contracted, as well as to the Antigua & Barbuda Falcons' medical staff.

The said the report out-

lined Greaves' cleared status following a July 20 MRI and a subsequent achilles complaint on August 6 that had impacted his bowling workload.

CWI said prior to the start of any tournament, players are required to be assessed by the medical staff of their respective franchises. Greaves joined the Falcons on August 13, following which an assessment should have been conducted by the Antigua & Barbuda Falcons' medical staff, with relevant physiotherapy sessions to follow.

However, CWI said it has confirmed that no assessment was conducted and that Greaves underwent one physiotherapy

session during the first three weeks of the CPL tournament.

Commenting on the situation, CWI Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chris Dehring, said, "We take great pride in the professionalism and expertise of our Sports Science and medicine unit, who consistently ensure that player welfare remains the highest priority. Our protocols are designed to protect athletes and enable seamless handovers across all levels of competition."

Dehring also spoke to the collaborative partnership between the CWI and CPL.

"We also reaffirm the close working relationship shared between CWI and the CPL. The CPL continues to be one of our most important events, energizing cricket across the region and a success story for Cricket West Indies that we support with pride."

The release adds that CWI looks forward to continued collaboration with all CPL franchises, including the Antigua & Barbuda Falcons, and remains committed to the shared goal of building a stronger future for West Indies cricket.

## TKR beat Patriots to qualify for CPL playoffs

The Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR) defeated the St. Kitts & Nevis Patriots by 12 runs at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad on Monday to become the first team to qualify for the playoffs in this year's Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

While TKR's bowlers secured the win, limiting the Patriots to 167 for six in their pursuit of 180 runs for victory, their sixth win in seven games was achieved largely due to a decisive middle-order stand between captain Nicholas Pooran and veteran Kieron Pollard that guided the Knight Riders to a competitive 179 for six off their 20 overs.

Pollard slammed 65 off 29 balls, including eight sixes and two fours. Pollard cleared the ropes seven times in eight deliveries towards the end of the Knight Riders innings, including four in a row off the bowling of Waqar Salamkheil.

It was a blistering knock from Pollard, and it was much needed after the Knight Riders lost both of their openers cheaply in the power play.

Nicholas Pooran made a composed 52 off 38 balls to anchor the innings before falling to Jason Holder in the final over.

Pollard eventually holed out to long off at the end of the 19th over. Daren Bravo scored 21, and opener Colin Munro made 17. Holder finished with two for 25.

The Patriots got off to a good start in their response, with opener Andre Fletcher hitting 67 off 54 balls and Evin Lewis scoring 42 off 25 balls.

The opening pair combined well to put on 96 for the first wicket before



**Trinbago Knight Riders captain Nicholas Pooran, right, swings for the boundary during his half-century in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League match against the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Tarouba, Trinidad, on Monday, September 1, 2025. At left is Patriots' wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan. (CPL/Getty Images)**

Lewis pulled a slower ball from Nathan Edward and was caught by Darren Bravo.

With drizzle in the air, the 14th and 15th overs proved crucial as Alick Athanaze was dismissed for 18 off 14 balls by pacer Mohammed Amir. That left the Patriots needing 54 off the remaining 30 balls but with Fletcher still at the crease.

However, spinner Usman Tariq picked up the crucial wicket of Fletcher, who departed to leave Jason Holder with plenty to do.

Nathan Edward returned in the 17th over to dismiss Kyle Mayers (3)

and Jyd Goolie (0), which left the Patriots needing 42 runs from the last three overs.

Jason Holder was dismissed for seven shortly after to all but seal the Patriots' fate. Edwards finished with three for 30.

Mohammed Amir, who claimed two for 29, limped off in the penultimate over with a suspected pulled groin to tarnish the win a little.

The win sees the Knight Riders remain at the top of the CPL table with 12 points, while the Patriots sit second from the bottom with four points and six defeats from eight matches.

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## Leewards finish third in CWI Under-17 Men's 50-Over Championship

The Leeward Islands Tropical Wave had to settle for a third-place finish in the CWI Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50-over Championship, which ended in Trinidad and Tobago on Monday.

The Leeward Islands, who entered the fifth and final round in second position, had their hopes of winning the competition dashed after their contest against the Windward Islands was abandoned without a ball being bowled at Inshan Ali Park in Preysal.

Trinidad and Tobago retained the CWI Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50-over Championship title by defeating Barbados in their fifth and final round encounter at Gilbert Park.

Entering the fifth and decisive round on 13.8 points, behind the Leeward Islands (14 points) and Barbados (16.2 points), T&T needed a victory to have any shot of finishing in first place.

However, T&T were able to upset pre-tournament favourites Barbados in the final round to jump from third position and lift the trophy.

Led by Saleem Khan, T&T emerged victorious over Barbados by 23 runs to hand the Bajans their first



**Trinidad and Tobago retain the CWI Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50-over Championship in Trinidad on Monday, September 1, 2025.**

loss of the tournament and prevented them from doing the double after Barbados won the two-day title last month.

The Trinidadians, who made 194 all out in 46.2 overs, found themselves in early trouble at 38 for three after being sent in to bat, but were rescued by a 71-run partnership between Aadi Ramsaran and Darrius Batoosinh.

Batoosinh scored 41 off 62 deliveries before he was bowled by medium pacer Zarell Harding, but Ramsaran found a worthy ally in Christiano Ramanan, with the pair adding 56 runs for the fifth wicket.

Once Ramsaran was dismissed by Renaldo Bourne for 65 off 96 balls, inclusive of five sixes, with the score on 174 for six, T&T

lost their last four wickets for just 20 runs. Bourne finished with three for 44, Justin Parris claimed two for 30, and Jahidi Hinds took two for 33.

Daron Dhanraj and Ra'ed Ali Khan then carved through Barbados' top order to leave the Bajans floundering at 49 for four in the 17th over.

T&T kept taking wickets at crucial stages and Barbados found themselves perilously placed at 100 for seven, before Raphael Lovell, who top-scored with 40, led a lower order fightback.

Along with Bourne, who made 17 and Asher Branford, who contributed 13, Barbados got within 23 runs of their target, until Ali Khan dismissed the latter to end the contest.

Dhanraj ended with figures

of three for 12, Ali Khan took three for 15, and Renaldo Fournillier supported with two for 46.

Jamaica secured their first win of the tournament by cruising to a six-wicket victory via the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern (DLS) method against Guyana at the National Cricket Centre.

In a match that was significantly affected by rain, Guyana, who finished winless and in the cellar of the six-team round-robin competition, could only muster 118 for six in the 21 overs they were allotted.

Shamar Apple hit the top score of 31 from 30 balls, but no other batter made more than 20, with Jamaica's 29 extras being the next highest contributor.

Leg-spinner Ramnaresh Singh was the pick of the bowlers with three for 25. Behind an unbeaten 57 from Odane Binns, Jamaica comfortably achieved victory at 122 for four in 19.5 overs.

Binns faced 58 balls and struck three sixes and one four during his match-winning knock, and together with Ryan Littleton, who scored an unbeaten 22, they shared an unbroken stand of 51 for the fifth wicket that took their side to victory.