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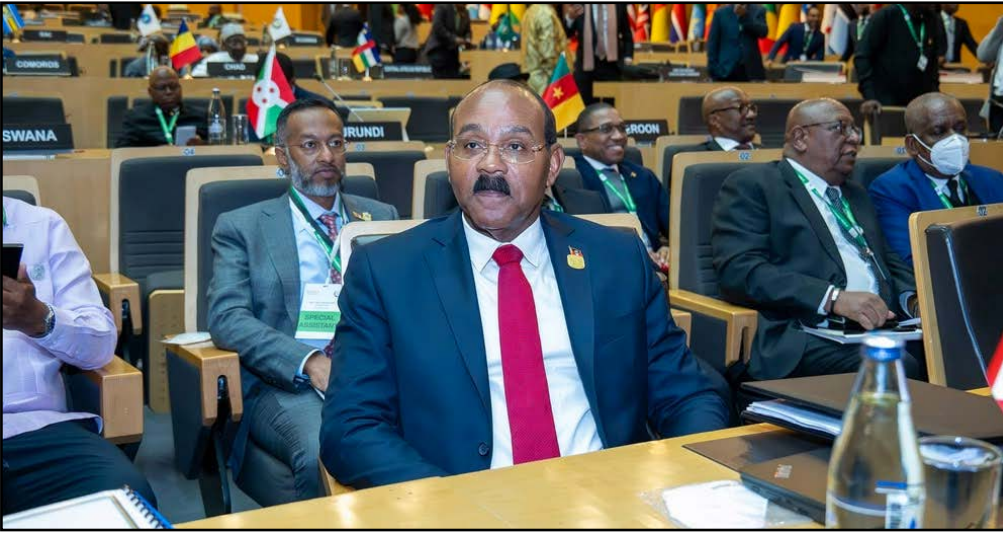


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Prime Minister Gaston Browne at the 2nd Africa-Caribbean Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Prime Minister Gaston Browne delivered a powerful ‘call to action’ address at the 2nd Africa-Caribbean Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from September 6 to 8.

In his usual frank and no-nonsense manner, PM Browne urged attendees to ‘seize’ the opportunities before them to forge greater and meaningful ties between Africa and the Caribbean as the time for ‘fancy’ speeches was over.

“We face a challenge greater than resources or skills; it is the challenge of political will. Too often, we have allowed hesitation to paralyze action. Too often, eloquence in speeches has not been matched by courage in deeds. Let this Summit be remembered as the moment we turned the tide when Africa and the Caribbean chose unity over

fragmentation, action over inertia, and courage over complacency,” he urged.

On this critical issue of Africa-Caribbean partnerships, the prime minister noted that if reparations form the moral foundation, then the Africa-Caribbean partnership must be the practical vehicle as he called for action in three critical areas.

Firstly, he noted that the combined market of Africa and the Caribbean is 1.5 billion people, yet trade between the two regions is negligible. “This cannot continue,” he emphasized.

“Africa’s grains, textiles, fruits, and energy should flow into the Caribbean; while the Caribbean’s rum, sugar, spices, tourism, and creative products should find eager markets in Africa. Let us negotiate a preferential trade agreement and finally unleash our eco-

nomic potential.”

Secondly, PM Browne wants to see leaders of Africa and the Caribbean tap into the enormous talents and possibilities that lie in the youth and the need to unearth these skills through education.

“Our greatest wealth lies in our young people. Student exchanges, joint degree programs, and shared research networks can prepare us for the challenges of the future, from climate change to public health to technological innovation. An Africa-Caribbean Academic Network would allow our brightest minds to collaborate, innovate, and solve common problems together,” he suggested.

Thirdly, the Antigua and Barbuda leader returned to a topic that is close to his heart; the vital necessity of having air and sea bridges between the Caribbean and Africa.

“Today, Africa has the strategic assets: Air Peace, Ghana Air and Ethiopian Airlines. The Caribbean has the will. Let us not delay further. Even one weekly flight can begin the process. If it requires subsidies from a coalition of our states, let us boldly make that investment,” he again emphasised.

PM Browne added that the cost of inaction is far higher than the price of a subsidized route. “That single flight will carry not only passengers but the promise of expanded trade, cultural exchange, tourism, and investment,” he stated.



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The 2025-26 Academic Year...will be a transformative time, says Director of Education

Director of Education, Clare Browne, is promising that multiple changes will take place in the education system during the new school year which starts today (September 8).

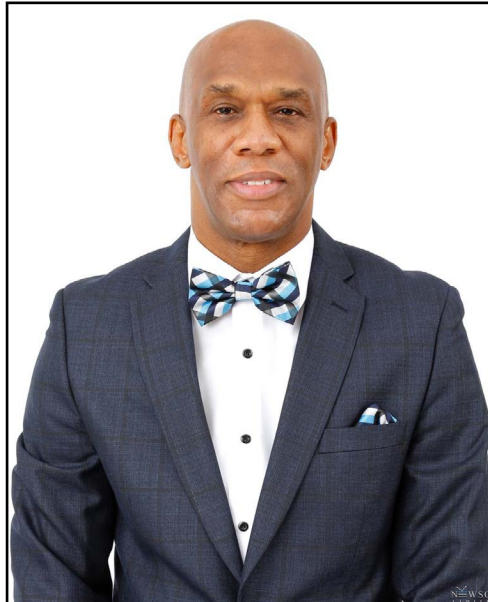
In a national address to mark the start of the new academic year, Director Browne urged those within the education system to embrace the changes that are coming.

“This 2025-26 academic year promises to be a transformative one. During the next three terms, multiple changes will be initiated or continued at every level of our education system; so, it is a period in which, more than ever before, we have to band together to achieve the goals of quality, equity and inclusivity in the education sector. Some of these changes were orchestrated by the education leadership within Antigua and Barbuda while others were engineered by regional and international agencies. All demand united efforts,” he stated.

Director Browne urged the young people to open their minds to learn new things and to new discoveries. But in a special word for those in the higher classes and at tertiary institutions, he appealed to them ‘to nourish your spirit’ by finding time to worship God and serve their fellow men.

In a word to teachers, counsellors and members of the executive of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, the director called for a unified approach in their endeavours.

“As you navigate your roles and responsibilities this school year, always remember that as long as your actions are motivated by a thrust for quality education for all students and an enriching experience for all who are engaged in the business of education, we are in the same flock. Let us take flight into this new academic year with unquestionable oneness in our plans and



Director of Education, Clare Browne practices. Remember, you are guiding a whole generation of Antiguan and Barbudans. Your present decisions

have consequential implications for the development and prosperity of our nation.”

The director also expressed appreciation to the ancillary workers in the education system as well as the sponsors of the varied programmes within the system for their ongoing support for the cause of education.

“I’d like to reiterate the Ministry of Education’s commitment to “enabl[ing] and empower[ing] all persons beginning at their earliest years to become lifelong learners, nation builders and globally competitive citizens by providing an education which is accessible, equitable, inclusive, relevant and innovative, which promotes critical and creative thinking, and fosters sustainable development,” he concluded.




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CBH launches anti-rodents campaign



Principal Public Health Inspector Julianne Mannix-Galloway

The Central Board of Health's Vector Control Unit is launching its "WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE" Anti-rodent Campaign 2025 aimed at reducing the high prevalence of rodents in communities across Antigua.

Principal Public Health Inspector Julianne Mannix-Galloway said the campaign is in response to growing complaints from residents in several communities as well as from surveillance by her team indicating that the

rodent population has reached unacceptable levels.

"We know that rodents are vectors for a number of diseases, mainly leptospirosis which if left untreated can possibly lead to death. Our aim on this campaign is therefore twofold; firstly, we want to determine how serious is the rodent problem in across the island and we want to begin steps to reduce their numbers drastically," she explained.

She announced that Phase One of the campaign kicks off on Monday, September 8, (today) focusing on trapping and collection in various communities and she is calling on members of the public to assist her team in successfully tackling the problem.

Phase 1 schedule (Sept 8–Oct 31):

Target communities:

- St. John's City
- Gray's Farm
- Browne's Avenue
- St. Johnson's Village

-Potters Village

The objectives of the campaign are as follows;

- Increase public awareness about the health risks and prevention methods associated with rodents
- Mobilize community members to actively participate in rodent control on their properties and in public spaces
- Decrease the rodent population in targeted communities to improve public health and sanitation
- Minimize the transmission of diseases linked to rodents through improved sanitation and control efforts

According to Mannix-Galloway the campaign will focus on a number of other events in November as well as undertake a public education programme.

"Your participation is key to a healthier, rodent-free community," she noted.

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In attendance were Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas, Chair of the Board, Donna Chaia, staff and invited guests that included many of the entities which co-operate with PDVCAB in carrying out its mandate.

On Sunday, the management and staff worshipped at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, where Rev. Dr. Cuthbert Edwards delivered the Word on grace. Projects Officer, Kishma

Tonge presented the New Testament reading and General Manager Jellette Ralph gave a few remarks.

Today, the PDVCAB team will make the media rounds with interviews on the various media outlets. On Tuesday, they will visit the Soup Kitchen; on Wednesday its Customer Appreciation Day and on Friday, the team will visit Barbuda.

The most popular programme funded by PDVCAB is the utility subsidy programme which benefits over five thousand persons

PDVCAB, Antigua and Barbuda is marking its 20th anniversary with a week of activities celebrating its achievements over the past two decades.

The activities started last Saturday night with a gala dinner and appreciation ceremony held at Casa Palmadita hosted by management and staff of PDV-

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monthly.

Since its incorporation in September 2005, PDV-CAB has invested in infrastructural development and launched several social programmes. Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium for the Cricket World Cup, relief efforts post Hurricane

Omar, Small Scale enterprise development project at the GARD Center (construction of solar fruit and vegetables dryers accompanied by entrepreneurial training), construction of a permanent home for the National Tennis Centre at Campsite, Enterprise

Achievement Challenge (a basic skills transfer and development programme for non or low-skilled unemployed youths), the purchase and installation of 1,500 street lights nationwide, distribution of 50,000 LED lights, upgrade of the Codrington Airport in Bar-

buda, funding of the transportation cost of the LPG from Antigua to Barbuda, coordinated and commissioned the reverse osmosis plant at Ffyres Beach, and launched the Youth In Agriculture Empowerment Project.

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China to bring irrigation technology to Antigua and Barbuda

Farmers in Antigua and Barbuda are in line to receive specialized training in new irrigation techniques as the People's Republic of China strengthens its technical assistance to agriculture.

Chief Extension Officer, Owolabi Elabanjo said the assistance is coming through the China Aid Programme which is cooperating with the embassy of the People's Republic of China, Yuan Long Ping High Tech Agriculture Co Ltd and the Ministry of Agriculture and the



Chief Extension Officer, Owolabi Elabanjo

Blue Economy to undertake the three-week course.

According to Elabanjo the focus of the training is on Agricultural Water Saving Irrigation for Antigua and Barbuda. It will run from October 16 to November 5, at the Villa Poly Clinic.

Farmers who wish to participate are urged to get in touch with the Agricultural Extension Division for registration.

Suicide Prevention Month: WISH Reaffirms Its Fight for Mental Health Access



The Wadadli Initiative for Self-Care and Healing (WISH) reaffirms its position on mental health awareness and advocacy during Suicide Prevention Month observed during September.

WISH continues to shed light on the critical issues including the need for a national response to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to affordable healthcare which includes mental health services such as counselling and therapy.

New data released from the World Health Organization claims that over one billion people worldwide suffer from depression. This disorder is characterized by feelings of hopelessness, lack of sleep, poor concen-

tration, changes in appetite and thoughts of self-harm.

According to the WHO, suicide continues to be a "devastating" outcome of untreated depression which shatters families and communities across Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean region.

WISH assures its partners and supporters that those suffering from unseen illness will have a voice through the organization. Know that you are not alone as we fight for your right to live and heal.

For more information about mental health resources and WISH's initiatives, please visit our website at wish-wadadli.org.

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Community activist Terri London implements back-to-school initiative



Community activist, Dr. Terri London, has implemented a back-to-school initiative designed to assist residents in select communities with school and other supplies for their children.

“As the new school year begins, London and the

Level Up team are proud to launch our Back-to-School Initiative, an effort dedicated to ensuring that every child has the tools, confidence, and support they need to succeed.

“We believe education is the foundation of opportunity, and no child

should ever feel left behind because of limited resources. By working together, we can give our children a brighter, stronger start to the year ahead,” she stated.

According to Dr. London both she and the Level Up team live by

a simple but powerful motto: “It’s nice to be nice!”

The initiative has so far benefitted residents of the following communities; Bendals, Cashew Hill, Martin Village, Browne’s Avenue, Golden Grove, and Jennings.

Rotary Club of Antigua Marks 53rd Anniversary with Annual Volunteers Day2



Residents of the Fiennes Institute were beneficiaries of gift packages as the Rotary Club of Antigua reaffirmed its enduring commitment to service and compassion.

For the fourth year in a row, the Rotary Club hosted an event last Thursday, dubbed Volunteer Day which was held

as part of the Club's 53rd anniversary celebrations under the theme "53 Years of Service: Continuing the Legacy."

As part of the day's activities, the Club presented pillows, pillowcases, and personal sanitary items to the residents of the Fiennes Institute. These items were not only symbolic

of comfort and care, but they were also specifically requested by the Institute to address its immediate needs. The pillowcases were carefully crafted through the Rotary Sewing Project, showcasing the Club's commitment to sustainable, hands-on service.

The Rotary Club of Antigua also extended heartfelt appreciation to the sponsors who made the donations possible, ensuring that the elderly residents received essential support and comfort.

Volunteers Day is one of several activities planned during the Club's anniversary week of celebrations, which runs from September 4 to 10, 2025. The week culminates on Wednesday, September 10, marking the Rotary Club of Antigua's official 53rd anniversary of service to the nation.

For over five decades, the Rotary Club of Antigua has upheld Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self," continuing its legacy of empowering communities and uplifting lives across Antigua and Barbuda.

UWI FIC principal appointed to panel of judges for CIBC Unsung Heroes programme2



CIBC Unsung Heroes Judge - Prof. C. Justin Robinson

Principal of the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus (UWI FIC), Prof. C. Justin Robinson, is among a panel of five distinguished persons who have been assembled to decide the first regional winners of the relaunched CIBC Caribbean Unsung Heroes.

The panel is headed by Independent Senator in the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament, Senator Francis Lewis a former executive director of marketing and product development at the bank and the man who conceptualized and executed the original programme which ran from 2003 to 2013

The other judges are former Barbados Minister of Health Lt. Col Jeffrey Bostic, Bishop, the Revd. Christine Gooden Benguche, President Jamaica Methodist District, President of the Bahamas Red Cross, Edison Sumner and CIBC Caribbean's Shayon Anderson, Operations Supervisor (ag) based in Jamaica and known for her community outreach and other philanthropic endeavors.

Building on the strong legacy of the decade long, Unsung Heroes



Reverend Christine Gooden Benguche



Edison Sumner Bahamas

programme which highlighted and rewarded scores of Caribbean men and women working quietly in their communities and making a difference in the lives of many, the Caribbean bank has rebooted the campaign to find those hidden heroes across its 10-member regional footprint.

The bank has made a modification to the original programme. While the original campaign focused mainly on people from the region who worked over a number of years to better their communities, the 2025 version of CIBC Caribbean Unsung



Francis Lewis



Shayon Anderson

Heroes campaign is open to all persons aged ten and over who have been making a difference in their communities and who have not been highlighted or rewarded in any significant way.

The new campaign offered two categories under which persons can be nominated – the original category of “outstanding work in the community” and a new category covering “an act of heroism/bravery/extraordinary act of kindness” within the 12 months preceding the start of the year’s campaign.

HRPAB elects New Executive for 2025-2027 Term



HRPAB Executive 2025

The Human Resource Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB) association now has new executive team to serve for the period 2025-2027.

The newly elected executive members are:

- Dr. Miguelle Christopher – President
- Rhonda Grant – 1st Vice President
- Allison Anthony – 2nd Vice President
- Alecia Cherubin – Secretary
- Shari Cannegieter - Treasurer
- Jhaveline Patrick – Asst. Secretary/ Treasurer
- Wendy Jackson-DeSouza – Immediate Past President

In keeping with its motto, “Advancing the HR Profession for National Development,” the Association continues to champion excellence in people management, and contribute to national progress by strengthening leadership, raising professional standards, and building the capacity of HR practitioners.

Speaking on behalf of the new executive, President Dr. Christopher expressed gratitude to the membership for their confidence in the new executive and reaffirmed the team’s commitment to advancing the mission of HRPAB:

“This new executive is eager to build on the work of our predecessors. We will focus on strengthening HRPAB

internally and ensure that we are truly meeting the professional needs of our members. We will continue to elevate the HR profession by providing learning and networking opportunities, partnering with key local stakeholders, collaborating with our regional counterparts, and striving to have the HR perspective included in major national level decisions.”

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Too Big an Opportunity to Miss: Antigua and Barbuda's National Day of Prayer, by Garfield Joseph

Antigua and Barbuda, a twin-island paradise nestled in the heart of the Caribbean, has long been celebrated for its natural beauty, vibrant culture, and peaceful way of life. Tourists continue to flock to our shores, drawn by the warmth of our people and the serenity of our landscapes. Yet beneath this tranquil surface, a quiet storm has been brewing.

In recent years, our nation has witnessed a troubling rise in crime, drug use, and acts of violence — including break-ins and even murder. These are not just statistics; they are signs of a deeper societal shift. Alongside these concerns, we are seeing an increase in mental illness across demographics, and a growing wave of deviant behaviours that threaten the moral and social fabric of our communities.

We are still a peaceful country — but we are at a crossroads.

The Complication: A Nation at Risk

The trajectory we are on is not one



we wish to continue. While civil society, government agencies, and church groups have made commendable efforts to address these issues, the challenges persist. The truth is, more must be done. And sometimes, what is needed is not just another program or policy, but a moment of collective spiritual reckoning.

That moment has come.

On September 11, Antigua and Barbuda will observe a National Day of

Prayer. This date, though it shares a calendar with the tragic events in the United States, is not connected to them. Instead, it is a uniquely Antiguan and Barbudan call to pause, reflect, and pray — for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our country.

This is not just another event. It is too big an opportunity to miss.

The Question: Why Should We Get Involved?

Why should anyone — young or old, religious or not — get involved in the National Day of Prayer?

Because we have much to pray about.

We have much to pray about for our families — for healing, for unity, for protection. We have much to pray about for our communities — for peace, for compassion, for restoration. We have much to pray about for our country — for wisdom, for justice, for a renewed sense of purpose and direction.

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We also have much to pray about for our leaders. Leadership is never easy, and in times of crisis, it becomes even more complex. Our leaders need divine wisdom and understanding to guide a people as diverse, passionate, and sometimes difficult as we know ourselves to be. Scripture reminds us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray for “all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

The Answer: Prayer Makes a Difference

Throughout history — and throughout Scripture — we see the power of prayer to transform nations.

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat faced a vast army threatening Judah. Overwhelmed, he called the nation to fast and pray. The people gathered, and God responded with a miraculous victory. The battle was won not by swords, but by surrender and supplication.

In Jonah 3, the city of Nineveh was on the brink of destruction due to its

wickedness. But when the people heard the warning, they believed God, declared a fast, and prayed earnestly. From the king to the commoner, they turned from their ways — and God spared the city.

These are not just ancient stories. They are timeless truths. When a nation prays, things change.

Prayer is not a passive act. It is a powerful force that aligns our hearts with God’s will, opens doors for healing and reconciliation, and invites divine intervention where human effort falls short. When we have done all we can, and can do no more, God makes up the difference.

He has promised: “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” — Jeremiah 33:3

A Call to Action: Lift Up a Prayer

So, what can you do on September 11?

You don’t need to attend a formal service or stand in a crowd. You can pray silently. You can pray with your fam-

ily. You can pray while driving, walking, working, or resting. Whether it’s a one-minute prayer or an hour of reflection, lift up a prayer.

Pray for peace. Pray for healing. Pray for wisdom. Pray for change.

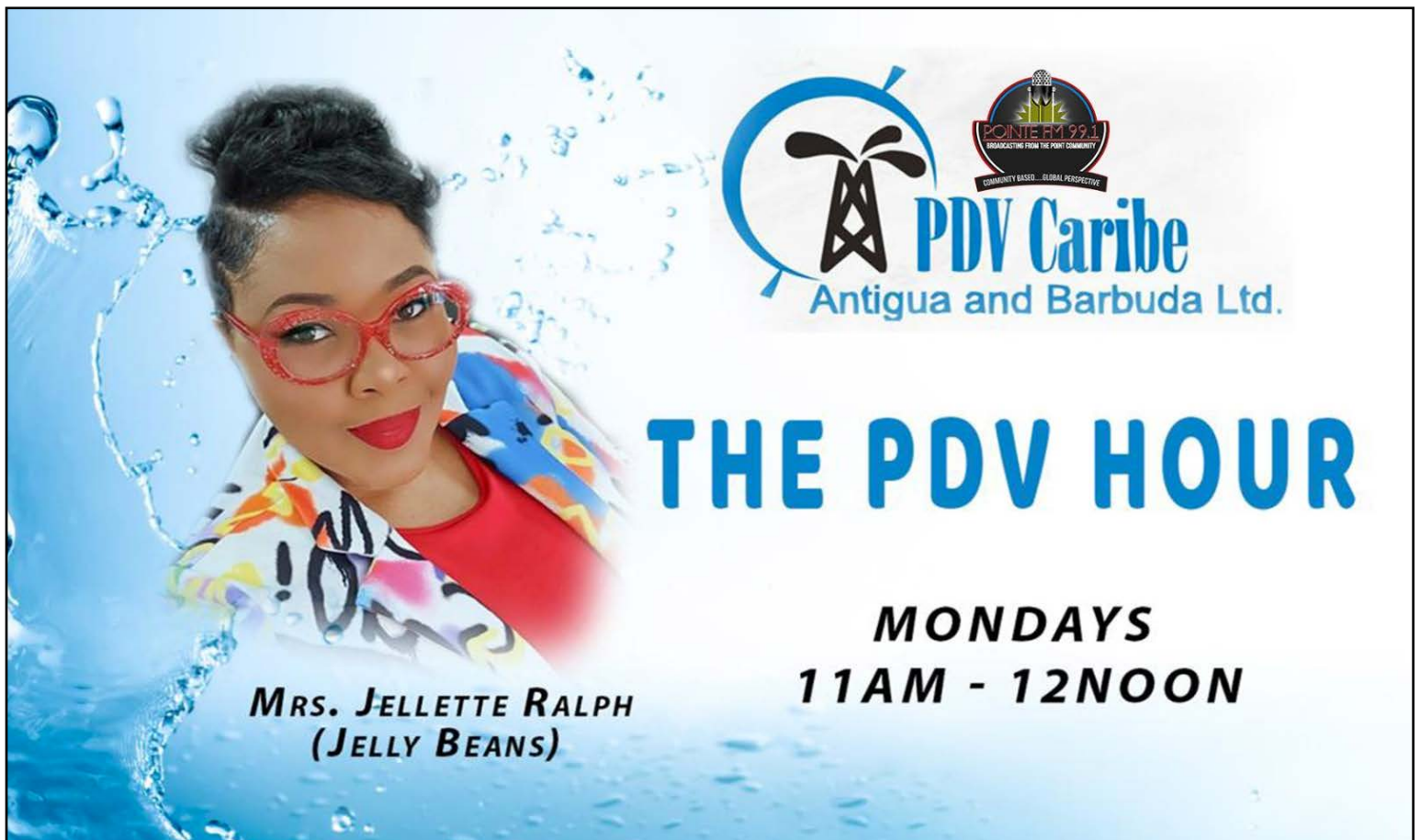
This National Day of Prayer is not just a symbolic gesture. It is a spiritual strategy. It is a moment for every citizen — regardless of age, background, or belief — to participate in something greater than themselves.

Because prayer makes a difference.

Let us not miss this opportunity. Let us come together, in unity and humility, to seek divine guidance for our nation. Let us believe that Antigua and Barbuda can be restored, renewed, and revived — not just by policy, but by prayer.

On September 11, let us lift our voices. Let us bow our heads. Let us open our hearts.

This day of prayer is too big an opportunity to miss.



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Kidnapped CAL pilot found on Fourth Street, Maraval



A quiet street in Maraval became the centre of a dramatic police operation on Sunday morning, when kidnapped Caribbean Airlines pilot Captain Daniel Kawall was rescued by officers on Fourth Street, just off Saddle Road.

The location, in a residential part of Maraval, was pinpointed following a coordinated investigation led by the Anti-Kidnapping Unit (AKU). Police swooped in shortly before 11a.m., ending the ordeal that be-

gan nearly five days earlier. During the operation, one suspect was killed.

Kawall, who lives in Val-sayn North and operates a business in Piarco, had last been seen on Wednesday. His Toyota Hilux was reportedly spotted that night in Cascade, where residents reported hearing screams coming from the vehicle.

On Friday morning, kidnappers reportedly demanded a ransom of TT\$1 million, setting off an intense man-hunt. (Trinidad Express)

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Motorcyclist injured in crash during celebratory election motorcade in Trelawny



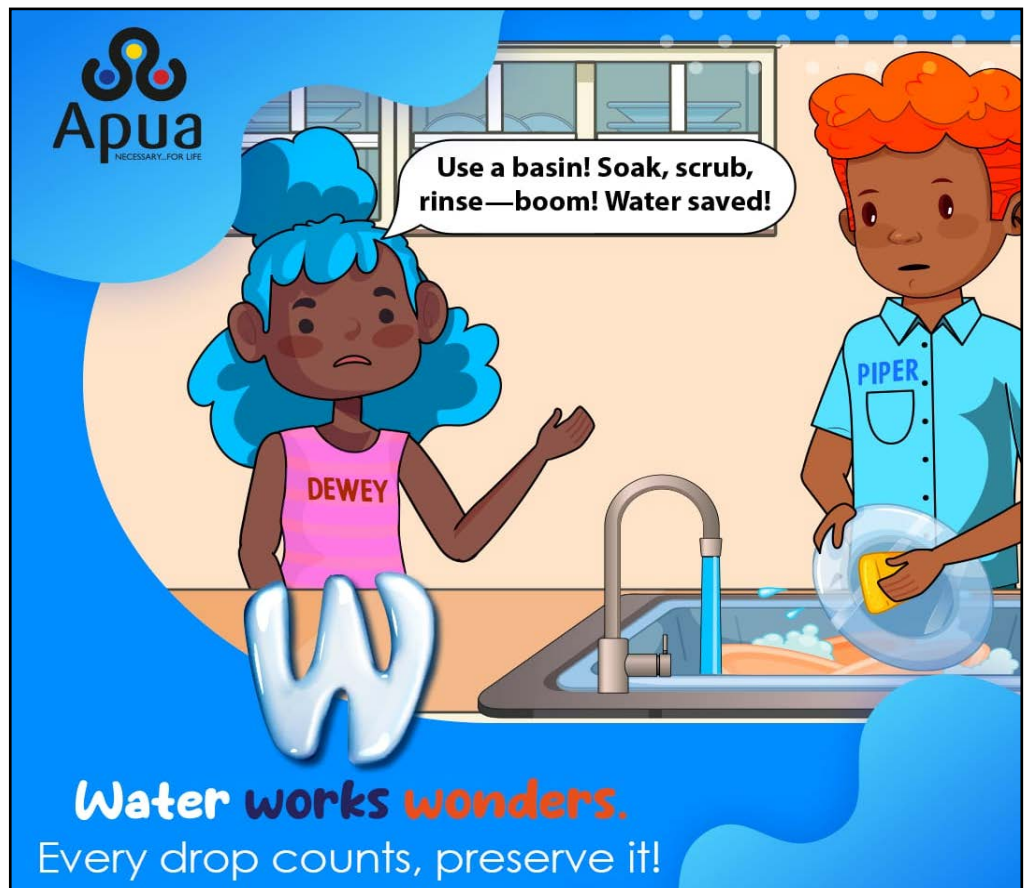
A celebratory motorcade hosted on Saturday by Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) Trelawny Northern Member of Parliament-elect Tova Hamilton took a tragic turn when one of the participants was seriously injured in a motorcycle crash.

Reports are that the man was riding his motorcycle toward Falmouth when he collided with a Toyota Voxy minibus at the Falmouth exit near the overhead bridge.

Eyewitnesses say the driver of the Voxy had just exited the North Coast Highway and was attempting to make a turn toward Falmouth when the accident occurred.

The man was rushed to the Falmouth Hospital, where he was admitted.

An investigation by the police is ongoing. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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CARICOM Secretary-General calls for strengthened health collaboration between Africa and the Caribbean

“Health has long been a central focus of the regional development agenda in CARICOM. Guided by the Caribbean Cooperation in Health (CCH) framework, now in its fourth iteration, our Governments have collectively identified and continue to address priority health concerns that affect the people of the Caribbean Community. The Caribbean Cooperation in Health framework has provided the platform for aligning strategies, mobilising resources, and advancing joint action on Health across Member States.” Dr Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General

CARICOM Secretary-General Dr Carla Barnett has reaffirmed the Caribbean Community’s commitment to advancing health as a cornerstone of sustainable development during her remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the Second Joint Meeting of Ministers of Health of the African and Caribbean Regions, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, today, Saturday, 6 September. Dr Barnett expressed gratitude to the Government and People of Ethiopia for their warm hospitality, and acknowledged the African Union and the Health Development Partnership and Cooperation (HeDPAC) for their collaboration in convening the joint meeting.



She highlighted CARICOM’s longstanding focus on health, guided by the Caribbean Cooperation in Health (CCH) framework, which has enabled Member States to align strategies, mobilise resources, and take collective action on priority health issues.

“Health has long been a central focus of the regional development agenda in CARICOM. Guided by the Caribbean Cooperation in Health (CCH) framework, now in its fourth iteration, our Governments have collectively identified and continue to address priority health concerns that affect the people of the Caribbean Community. The Caribbean Cooperation in Health framework has provided the platform for aligning strategies, mobilising resources, and advancing joint action on Health across Member States,” Dr Barnett stated.

She also reflected on CARICOM’s leadership in ad-

ressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs), referencing the 2007 Port-of-Spain Declaration that catalysed global attention and led to the United Nations High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2011. She noted regional initiatives such as Caribbean Wellness Day, fiscal policies targeting unhealthy products, and community-driven campaigns like Caribbean Moves, which promote active lifestyles and healthier environments.

Further, she acknowledged CARICOM’s achievements in maternal and child health, HIV prevention, and emergency response, particularly the role of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) during the COVID-19 pandemic. “These are achievements of which we are proud. They reflect the strength of regional integration and the good outcomes that are possible when the small states are determined to act together for the common

good,” she said.

Dr Barnett emphasised that the pandemic exposed critical vulnerabilities, including gaps in health financing, workforce retention, and supply chain security. She expressed appreciation for the African Medical Supplies Platform, which provided essential support during the crisis.

Recognising shared challenges, such as high NCD burdens, infectious disease risks, and limited fiscal space, Dr Barnett called for deeper cooperation between Africa and the Caribbean. She pointed to the Memorandum of Understanding between CARICOM and HeDPAC as a framework for collaboration in areas such as health workforce development, joint procurement, sustainable financing, and primary health care.

“This second joint meeting is a clear signal that Africa and the Caribbean are working more closely together,” she said. “We are bound by history, and we share a vision for the future. Our responsibility is not only to exchange ideas, but to agree on concrete actions that can be pursued collectively by our governments and supported by our Regional Institutions and partners.” (Dominica News Online)

ICE deports fugitive wanted for alleged child rape in Jamaica



The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency says officers from its Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) in Boston, Massachusetts have deported a Jamaican criminal fugitive and alleged child rapist who was illegally residing in Stamford, Connecticut.

According to ICE, on Thursday, officers from its Boston office deported Albert George Davis, 59, to Jamaica and turned him over to authorities there, who had sought his arrest for the rape of a child in 2020.

“Albert George Davis fled to Connecticut in an apparent attempt to avoid prosecution for the disturbing

victimization of a child in Jamaica,” said ERO Boston Deputy Field Office Director David Wesling.

“He had been hiding out in our community for five years, but now he will be forced to face justice in his native country.

“Under the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Noem, ICE Boston will continue to prioritize public safety by aggressively locating, arresting, and removing criminal alien offenders from our New England communities,” he added.

ICE said Davis entered the US lawfully in New York City on June 14, 2020, on a non-immigrant visa.

On July 1, 2020, Jamaican authorities issued a warrant for Davis’s arrest for the offence of rape and sexual intercourse with a person under 16 years of age.

The US. State Department subsequently revoked Davis’s non-immigrant visa.

ICE said officers from its Boston Hartford field office arrested Davis in Stamford, Connecticut, on May 29, 2024, and placed him into removal proceedings.

On March 4, 2025, a US Department of Justice immigration judge ordered Davis removed from the US to Jamaica. (CMC)

Legal aid group sues to preemptively block US from deporting a dozen Honduran children

A legal aid group has sued to preemptively block any efforts by the US government to deport a dozen Honduran children, saying it had “credible” information that such plans were quietly in the works.

The Arizona-based Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project (FIRRP) on Friday added Honduran children to a lawsuit filed last weekend that resulted in a judge temporarily blocking the deportation of dozens of migrant children to their native Guatemala.

In a statement, the organization said it had received reports that the US government will “imminently move forward with a plan to illegally remove Honduran children in government custody as soon as this weekend, in direct violation of their right to seek protection in the United States and despite ongoing litigation that blocked similar attempted extra-legal removals for children from Guatemala.”

FIRRP did not immediately provide The Associated Press with details about what information it had received about the possible deportation of Honduran children. The amendment to the organization’s lawsuit is sealed in federal court. The Homeland Se-



curity Department did not immediately respond to email requests for comment on Friday and Saturday.

Over Labor Day weekend, the Trump administration attempted to remove Guatemalan children who had come to the US alone and were living in shelters or with foster care families in the US.

Advocates who represent migrant children in court filed lawsuits across the country seeking to stop the government from removing the children, and on Sunday a federal judge stepped in to order that the kids stay in the US for at least two weeks.

Children began crossing

the border alone in large numbers in 2014, peaking at 152,060 in the 2022 fiscal year.

July’s arrest tally translates to an annual clip of 5,712 arrests, reflecting how illegal crossings have dropped to their lowest

levels in six decades.

Guatemalans accounted for 32% of residents at government-run holding facilities last year, followed by Hondurans, Mexicans and El Salvadorans. (AP)

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London Underground subway system is grinding to a halt as staff go on strike



Thousands of London Underground staff on Sunday began a series of strikes over pay and conditions that threaten to shut down the subway system used by millions of people a day.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport Union said its members, including drivers, signallers and maintenance workers, will walk out at various times through Thursday.

Transit operator Transport for London said services were severely disrupted on Sunday and there are expected to be few or no trains running Monday through Thursday.

The company says it has offered staff a 3.4% pay increase, but the union is holding out for a reduction in the working week from 35 hours to 32 hours. TfL says it can't afford that.

The union argues that the number of people working on the Underground has been cut by 2,000 since 2018, "and our members are feeling the strain of extreme shift patterns."

No talks between union and management are currently planned, and the union called on Mayor Sadiq Khan to intervene to end the dispute. (AP)



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Pope Leo XIV declares teen computer whiz Carlo Acutis the first millennial saint



Pope Leo XIV declared a 15-year-old computer whiz the Catholic Church's first millennial saint Sunday, giving the next generation of Catholics a relatable role model who used technology to spread the faith and earn the nickname "God's influencer."

Leo canonized Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006, during an open-air Mass in St Peter's Square before an estimated 80,000 people, many of them millennials and couples with young children.

During the first saint-making Mass of his pontificate, Leo also canonized another popular Italian figure who died young, Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Leo said both men created "masterpieces" out of their

lives by dedicating them to God.

"The greatest risk in life is to waste it outside of God's plan," Leo said in his homily. The new saints "are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces."

Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London to a wealthy but not particularly observant Catholic family.

They moved back to Milan soon after he was born and he enjoyed a typical, happy childhood, albeit marked by increasingly intense religious devotion.

Acutis was particularly interested in computer science and devoured college-level books on programming

even as a youngster.

He earned the nickname "God's Influencer," thanks to his main tech legacy: a multilingual website documenting so-called Eucharistic miracles recognized by the church, a project he completed at a time when the development of such sites was the domain of professionals.

He was known to spend hours in prayer before the Eucharist each day.

The Catholic hierarchy has been trying to promote the practice of Eucharistic adoration because, according to polls, most Catholics don't believe Christ is physically present in the Eucharistic hosts.

But Acutis limited himself to an hour of video games a

week, apparently deciding long before TikTok that human relationships were far more important than virtual ones. That discipline and restraint has proved appealing to the Catholic hierarchy, which has sounded the alarm about the dangers of today's tech-driven society.

In October 2006, at age 15, Acutis fell ill with what was quickly diagnosed as acute leukemia. Within days, he was dead. He was entombed in Assisi, which known for its association with another popular saint, St. Francis.

In the years since his death, young Catholics have flocked by the millions to Assisi, where they can see the young Acutis through a glass-sided tomb, dressed in jeans, Nike sneakers and a sweatshirt. He seems as if he's sleeping, and questions have swirled about how his body was so well preserved, especially since parts of his heart have even toured the world as relics.

Both saint-making ceremonies had been scheduled for earlier this year, but were postponed following Pope Francis' death in April. Francis had fervently pushed the Acutis sainthood case forward, convinced that the church needed someone like him to attract young Catholics to the faith while addressing the promises and perils of the digital age. (AP)

West Indies Under-19s beaten by Sri Lankans in third ODI



SRI LANKA U19 WON BY 8 WICKETS

WEST INDIES U19	138	SRI LANKA U19	139/2
(39.2/50 OV)		(22/50 OV, T:139)	
Earsinho Fontaine	51 (66)	Viran Chamuditha	64* (70)
Joshua Dorne	29 (45)	Kavija Gamage	28* (35)
Vigneshwaran Akash	4/19	R'Jai Gittens	2/30
Chamika Heenatigala	4/33	Shaquan Belle	0/20

MATCH RESULTS

SRI LANKA U19 VS WEST INDIES U19

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The Sri Lanka Under-19s duo of Vigneshwaran Akash and Chamika Heenatigala bowled impressively to set up their side's comprehensive eight-wicket victory over West Indies Under-19s in the third Youth One-Day International (ODI) at the Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCC) in Antigua on Thursday.

The two spinners shared eight wickets evenly between them and were the driving force behind the West Indies'

spectacular collapse from 73 for two to being routed for 138 in 39.2 overs, with only three batters scoring in double figures.

Viran Chamuditha then scored an unbeaten half-century as the Sri Lankans raced to victory at 139 for two in 22 overs to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The West Indies lost openers Micah Greenidge and Zachary Carter cheap-

ly to Akash and medium pacer Sethmika Seneviratne, respectively, to leave them ten for two.

Earsinho Fontaine and captain Joshua Dorne came together during a 63-run partnership for the third wicket that put the home side in a comfortable position.

But left-arm spinner Heenatigala bowled Dorne for 29 to break the stand and then had Fontaine caught behind just after he scored his half-century, 51 off 66 balls, as West Indies slid to 115 for four.

It soon became 120 for five when Heenatigala struck again to dismiss Tyriek Bryan for 24, and it went from bad to worse when Akash had Brendan Boodhoo caught behind for three before Jonathan Van Lange was run out for five to make it 125 for seven.

The end came swiftly thereafter, with Akash accounting for the wickets of Matthew Miller and R'Jai Gittens, while Heenatigala dismissed Pajay Nelson. Akash finished with four for 19, while Heenatigala took four for 33.

Sri Lanka then made light work of their target, despite losing Puli-sha Thilakaratne for 21 and Senuja Wekunagoda for seven, with both wickets falling to pacer Gittens.

However, Chamuditha, who ended on 64 not out off 70 balls inclusive of 10 fours, and Kavija Gamage, who scored an unbeaten 28, added 90 runs for the third wicket to seal the outcome. Gittens grabbed two for 30.



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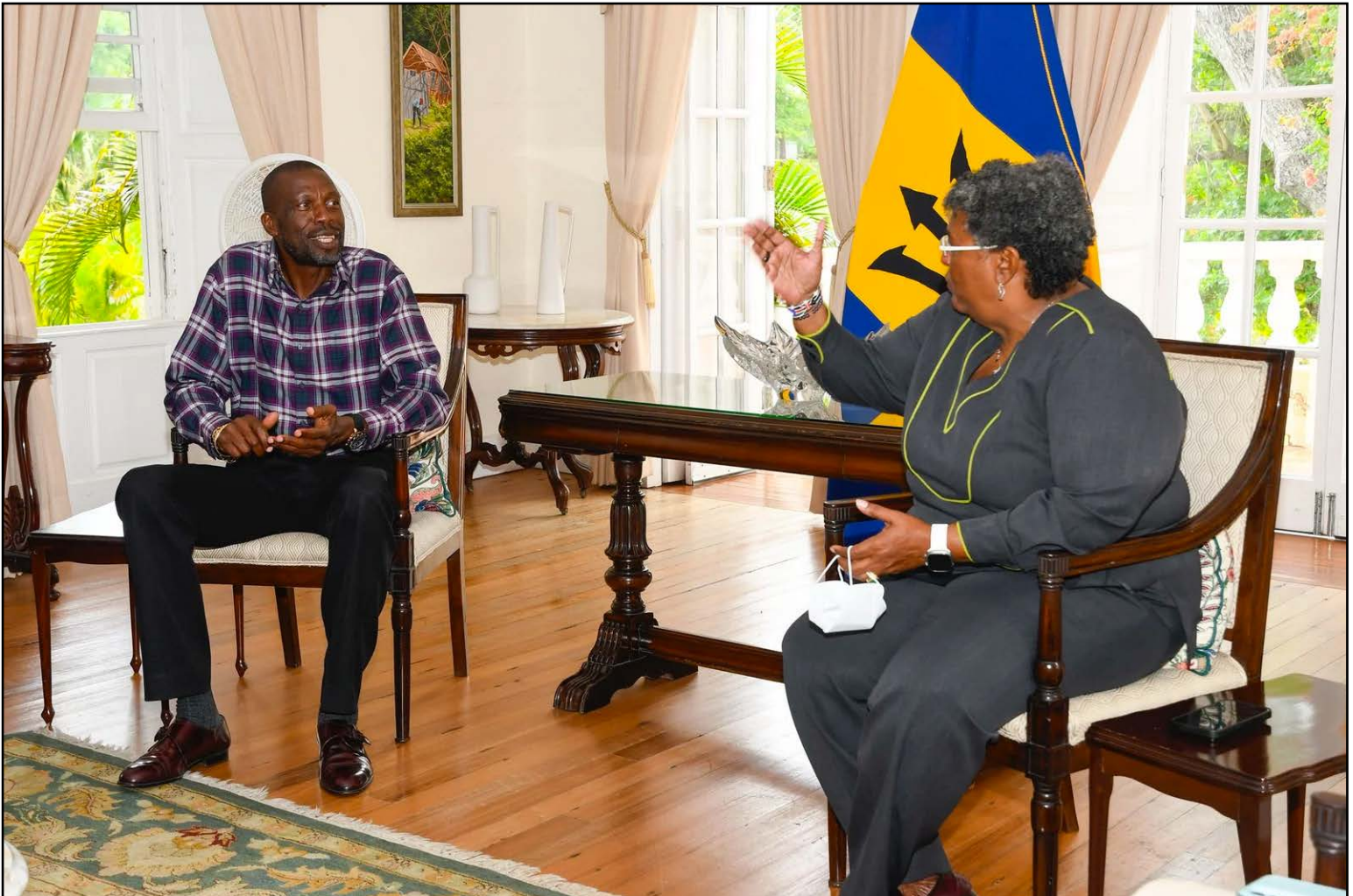
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Prime Minister Mottley meets with Sir Curtly Ambrose



Prime Minister of Barbados, the Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, right, and West Indies cricket legend Sir Curtly Ambrose at Ilaro Court in Bridgetown on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Prior to the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons' last-ball victory against the Barbados Royals on Friday night, the Prime Minister of Barbados, the Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, met with West Indies cricket legend Sir Curtly Ambrose at Ilaro Court in Bridgetown on Thursday morning.

This was Prime Minister Mottley's first meeting ever with Sir Curtly, during which she and Ambrose exchanged views on how to enhance the heritage of West Indies cricket, as well

as the shared responsibility to preserve and build on that heritage.

They also discussed practical steps to strengthen youth engagement in cricket and to invest in structures that can return West Indies cricket to its place among the top teams in the world.

Both the Prime Minister and Sir Curtly underscored the importance of regional collaboration in safeguarding the sport's legacy while charting a path toward future success.

Sir Curtly is currently the bowling mentor to the Caribbean Premier League outfit, the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons, which defeated the Barbados Royals at Kensington Oval by four wickets at the Kensington Oval on Friday night.

The Barbados Royals were left seeking their first win of this year's CPL after slumping to their fifth loss in six games in their defeat against the Falcons in their second home game of the season.

The Barbados Royals batted first and made 187 for four off their 20 overs, and the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons snatched victory by scoring the required two runs off the last ball to finish on 188 for six.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons will play their last game in the preliminary round stage of this year's CPL against the host, the Guyana Amazon Warriors, at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Wednesday night.

Amazon Warriors prevail over Knight Riders in CPL



Guyana Amazon Warriors all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius, third from left, celebrates with teammate Gudakesh Motie after beating the Trinbago Knight Riders in their CPL match at the Guyana National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Saturday, September 6, 2025. (CPL/Getty Images)

The Guyana Amazon Warriors beat the Trinbago Knight Riders by three wickets with one ball remaining in a keenly contested affair in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana, on Saturday night.

The Knight Riders were restricted to 167 for five off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat, and the Amazon Warriors secured victory by scoring 168 for seven in 19.5 overs.

It was another last-over thriller in Providence as both sides looked to shore up qualification for the playoffs; in the end, the teams could barely be separated.

Dwaine Pretorius hit an unbeaten 26, and Gudakesh Motie, who made five not out, scored the nine runs needed off the final over to secure the win

for Warriors in front of their home crowd.

Pretorius was named the player of the match for his 14-ball knock that included a towering and crucial six off Kieron Pollard in the final over.

He also smashed consecutive sixes off Andre Russell at the end of the 18th over to tilt the match in the Warriors' favour. The all-rounder also claimed one for 26 with the ball to cap off a clutch performance.

Middle-order batsman Shai Hope led the Amazon Warriors' batting, hitting 53 off 46 balls, which included three sixes and three fours. Shimron Hetmyer gave good support with a breezy 49 off 30 balls, which included four sixes and two fours.

Hope and Hetmyer shared an 83-run third-wicket partnership before

off-spinner Sunil Narine removed both in quick succession to keep the Knight Riders' hopes alive. However, Pretorius' cameo with the bat proved the difference in the end.

Narine finished with two for 12 in his four overs, and left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein picked up two for 35.

Guyana's skipper Imran Tahir won the toss and elected to field first, the Warriors using a total of seven bowlers in their twenty overs as they sought to restrict the Knight Riders' firepower.

Kieron Pollard could not be contained, though, blasting 54 off 18 deliveries with five fours and five sixes to propel the Knight Riders to a respectable total. Darren Bravo hit 33 off 35 balls, Keacy Carty struck 29 off 34 balls before retiring out, and opener Colin Munro made 17.

England thrash South Africa by record 342 runs in third ODI

SOUTHAMPTON (Reuters) - Joe Root and Jacob Bethell scored centuries and fast bowler Jofra Archer took 4-18 as England demolished South Africa by a world record 342 runs in the third and final One Day International in Southampton on Sunday.

South Africa sent their hosts in to bat having already won the series with victories in the first two games, and England amassed 414 for five in their 50 overs as Bethell scored his maiden century in professional cricket with 110 in 82 balls and Root made 100 from 96 deliveries.

It was as though South Africa were batting on a different wicket as England ran through their lineup, led by a fiery spell from Archer, whose pace and bounce were too much for the visitors and they were bowled out for 72, with captain Temba Bavuma unable to bat due to a calf strain.

The previous biggest winning margin was 317 by India against Sri Lanka in 2023 and while South Africa claimed the series, England have struck a psychological blow ahead of the teams' three-match Twenty20 International series that starts in Cardiff on Wednesday.

It was the ultimate performance, we were awesome with the bat and put them under a lot of pressure. The bowling speaks for itself," England captain Harry Brook said.

England opener Jamie Smith scored a brisk 62 from 48 balls before he was one of two wickets for spinner Keshav Maharaj (2-61). Bethell and Root put on 182 in 144 deliveries for the third wicket as they flayed the bowling to all parts.

Bethell reached his first century in any form of professional cricket from 76 balls before the partnership was ended when he was stumped by wicketkeeper Ryan Rickelton from the



England's Joe Root celebrates hitting a half century during the third ODI series cricket match between England and South Africa at Utilita Bowl, Southampton, England, Sunday Sept. 7, 2025. (AP)

bowling of Maharaj.

Jos Buttler kept the momentum going in the innings with an unbeaten 62 from 32 balls as England scored their fifth highest ODI score.

South Africa slipped to seven for four in their reply with Archer bowling a lethal spell. He and spinner Adil Rashid (3-13) made light work

of bowling South Africa out, though the visitors avoided their lowest ever score, which was 69 against Australia in 1993.

"It was a poor showing from us, we will have a debrief to understand where it went wrong. Certain conversations will be had among the team," Bavuma said.

Sabalenka crowned queen with back-to-back US Open titles



Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus holds her trophy after defeating Amanda Anisimova of the United States in the women's singles finals of the US Open tennis championships in New York, Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025. (AP)

NEW YORK (Reuters) - World number one Aryna Sabalenka retained her US Open crown with a battling 6-3, 7-6(3) win over American eighth seed Amanda Anisimova in the US Open women's final on Saturday, underlining her claim as the modern queen of the hardcourt.

The Belarusian has not missed a hardcourt major final since 2022. Her latest trophy brings her Grand Slam haul to four, as she became the first woman to win back-to-back US Opens since Serena Williams claimed three straight from 2012 to 2014.

The clash between two of tennis's hardest-hitting, biggest-serving women boiled down to unforced errors as Sabalenka kept them to 15 compared to 29 from the racket of her opponent.

"I want to thank everyone who came here, who flew in to be there in my box," said Sabalenka, who fell to her knees after clinching victory with an unreturnable serve and embraced her coaches in the stands in a scene of ut-

ter joy.

Playing in only her second major final, New Jersey-born Anisimova had the partisan fans at the famed Arthur Ashe Stadium on her side but could never hang onto the momentum.

"It's been a great summer, losing in two finals in a row is great but it's also super hard," said 24-year-old Anisimova, who was left in tears yet again after the heartbreak of her 6-0, 6-0 drubbing in the Wimbledon final two months ago.

Sabalenka, 27, had ice in her veins as she saved three break points in a nervy first game and Anisimova handed over the early break when she sent a shot past the baseline in the second.

Anisimova hit her stride when she won a 12-shot rally with a forehand winner out of Sabalenka's reach to break back in the third game and she went up a break as Sabalenka hit one beyond the baseline in the fifth.

The tiger-tattooed Belarusian prowled along the baseline in frus-

tration, tuning out the fans who were squarely in her opponent's favour as she faced an American in the final for a third straight year.

Sabalenka pounced on her chance to get the momentum back, breaking Anisimova to love in the sixth and converting on another break point from the baseline in the eighth.

She closed out the first set with an unreturnable serve and sent a backhand whizzing past the American to convert on a break point in the third game of the second set.

Anisimova refused to give up as she levelled it in the sixth with a backhand winner of her own, whipping the fans into a frenzy, but the American party ended abruptly as their home hope sent the ball into the net on break point in the seventh.

Anisimova stayed in it as Sabalenka helped her break back with a flubbed smash in the 10th game but buckled to the Belarusian's power in the tiebreak, where Sabalenka sprinted through to triumph.

Sabalenka claimed her 100th Grand Slam match win with the victory and slapped her trainer's bald head, in what has become a traditional celebration for the twice Australian Open winner, before offering her opponent heartfelt praise.

Leaving Flushing Meadows US\$5 million richer, Sabalenka arrived at her post-match press conference grinning and toting a large bottle of champagne, pausing at one point to take a hearty gulp.

Anisimova will move up to fourth in the rankings with her US Open run, as she continues a fine comeback since taking an eight-month break to prioritise her mental health, returning to the court in 2024.

Falcons clinch last-ball win over Royals in CPL thriller



Antigua and Barbuda Falcons opener Andries Gous plays an attacking shot during his team's CPL match against the Barbados Royals at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Friday, September 5, 2025. (CPL/Getty Images)

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons closed out a thrilling four-wicket win over the Barbados Royals at the Kensington Oval on Friday night to inch closer to a first-ever appearance in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) knockout stages.

Opener Andries Gous carried his bat to finish on 85 not out as the Falcons claimed victory with two runs from the final ball to finish on 188 for six in reply to the Barbados Royals' total of 187 for four off their 20 overs.

Having won the toss, the Falcons elected to field first, and this seemed to have backfired as opener Brandon King played the ball to all parts of the Kensington Oval, much to the delight of the home fans, smashing a top score of 98 not out in the Royals' innings.

King faced 65 balls, slamming seven sixes and six fours but missed out on his hundred as he and Chris Green, who hit 16 not out off six balls, looked for runs rather than a milestone as the Royals set the Falcons a challenging victory target.

King was supported by 27 off 28 balls from fellow opener Quinton de Kock and a quick-fire 29 off 17 balls from Sherfane Rutherdorf.

The pick of the Falcons bowlers was Salman Irshad, who claimed incredible figures of two for 13 off four overs on a very good batting surface.

In reply, there was a solid 45-run opening stand from Amir Jangoo, who made 23 off 14 balls, and Gous for the Falcons before two quick wickets brought the Royals back into the game.

It could have been many more Falcons batters heading back to the Sir Garfield Sobers pavilion, but several dropped catches stopped the Royals from capitalising on the chances they had created.

There were cameos throughout the Falcons innings, but nothing else as substantial as Gous' 53-ball innings in which he struck four sixes and five fours.

But Gous wasn't on strike at the end with two needed from the last ball. Shamar Springer was the one given that responsibility, and he hit the ball down the ground as the Falcons pair scrambled back for a second run to snatch victory, leaving the Royals still without their first win this season.

Their fourth win in nine matches almost guaranteed the Falcons a place in the playoffs. The result allows the Falcons to remain in third place in the standings by advancing to nine points with one match remaining in the preliminary round.

The Barbados Royals remain firmly rooted in the cellar of the six-team round-robin competition with one point after slumping to their fifth loss in six matches.