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Culture and warm reflections highlight tribute to departing Chinese Ambassador



Outgoing Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Antigua and Barbuda, H.E Zhang Yanling, was treated to cultural performances and warm reflections at a special reception held in her honour on Monday night.

Senior government officials, led by the

Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare Roberts and Lady Roberts, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph, Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene and other Cabinet members, joined members of the diplomatic corps, staff of both the

Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other invited guests, all came together to give a special send off to the beloved ambassador.

Prime Minister Browne described her as 'an excellent and an extraor-





dinary' ambassador who has made a very important contribution towards strengthening the bilateral relationship between the PRC and Antigua and Barbuda.

"I have been in politics for some 26 years and I have had to interact with Chinese ambassadors from the Lester Bird Administration, then the Baldwin Spencer Administration and now my administration, and I must say that Ambassador Zhang is one of the most effective and one of the most professional ambassadors that has served Antigua and Barbuda from China," he observed.

He said the fact that the government was hosting the special reception speaks volume to the tremendous work that Ambassador Zhang had been able to accomplish during her tenure. "It's not very often that we hold these functions for a departing ambassador," he disclosed.

The prime minister recalled that the ambassador arrived in St. John's during the period of COVID-19 and she immediately sprang into action to secure vaccines and other assistance from China for Antigua and Barbuda. During her tenure she arranged funding support for SIDS4 and the OAS

General Assembly as well as her signature project, the Booby Alley Housing Development.

For Foreign Minister, E.P Chet Greene, it was with a touch of sadness that he was saying farewell to 'a true friend of Antigua and Barbuda'. "For the past four years, Ambassador Zhang

has not just been the head of the Chinese Mission, she has been a dedicated architect of a stronger partnership between our two nations. Reflecting on her tenure, one thing is without doubt: she has profoundly strengthened the bonds of friendship and cooperation," he declared.



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In response, Ambassador Zhang admitted that leaving Antigua and Barbuda was a particularly hard thing to do. “At this bittersweet moment, what fills me most is how valuable we both regard the good relationship between our two countries and people. We have always been joining our efforts to stand on the right side of history,” she stated. She added that China appreciates Antigua and Barbuda’s long-standing commitment to the one-China principle adding that ‘China firmly supports Antigua and Barbuda in pursuing de-

velopment paths suited to its national conditions, safeguarding its sovereignty and independence’.

The evening included entertainment featuring Khan Cordice on pan as organisers gave deference to Ambassador Zhang’s love for the steel band art-form. A teacher from the Sir Novelle Richards Academy, a school with which Ambassador Zhang has close ties, performed a song in Chinese to the delight of the ambassador and the other Chinese guests, while a member of the Elite Dance Company

performed a traditional Antigua and Barbuda cultural dance.

During the reception several gifts were presented to Ambassador Zhang; from Prime Minister Gaston Browne; from Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene; a Chinese national living in Antigua, Ambassador Lionel Hurst and his sister, Ivy, and a representative of the Sir Novelle Richards Academy, who also sang in Chinese, Teacher Williams.

Ambassador Brian Stuart-Young calls it a day...retires after 11 years as ambassador to the PRC

Ambassador Brian Stuart-Young is leaving the post as the Non-resident Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the People's Republic of China. He has served in the post for the past eleven years.

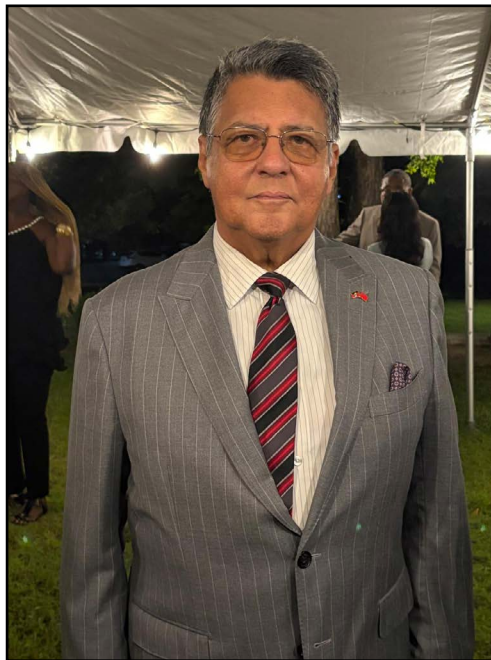
The announcement was made by Prime Minister Gaston Browne on Monday night at a farewell reception in honour of departing Chinese Ambassador, Zhang Yanling, held at Weatherill's Restaurant.

Speaking with Point Express newspaper, Ambassador Stuart-Young described his tenure as 'a privilege to serve the people of Antigua and Barbuda' as an adopted son.

"When I presented my credentials to President Xi, it was part of a re-connection for me as I was part of the original delegation that accompanied then Prime Minister V.C Bird when he made his inaugural trip to China back in 1983. I have watched and have been part of events in the early days with Prime Minister Bird and when the Gaston Browne Administration came in in 2014, the prime minister invited me to serve as non-resident ambassador. I have worked with four Chinese ambassadors over this period," he revealed.

According to Stuart-Young, he has been part of all the major negotiations between Antigua and Barbuda and China over the past eleven years from the modernization of the seaport, the community centres, the Booby Alley Housing project and many other developments.

"I think my proudest moment was when the prime minister came to China in January, 2024, as I was pleased to open an embassy in Bei-



Ambassador Brian Stuart-Young

jing for Antigua and Barbuda," he stated.

The diplomat said his other responsibilities kept him from being resident in China, however, he revealed that the embassy is still operational providing counselor and other support for Antigua and Barbuda students studying in China and the army personnel undergoing training there.

He said he holds daily engagements with the staff of the embassy there and therefore, he is kept abreast of developments.

"I always consider that the work that I have done is part of my 'give-back' to Antigua and Barbuda because I am an adopted son and for me it was a proud moment to be able to serve," he disclosed.

A replacement for Ambassador Stuart-Young will be name shortly.



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Three local projects to receive ABEF funding

The Antigua and Barbuda Environment Foundation (ABEF) has announced funding for three locally led conservation projects through its first round of grants. Together, these projects represent a total investment of USD 45,000 in environmental action across Antigua and Barbuda.

1. Adoptacoastline Youth Ambassador Training Programme

Grantee: Adoptacoastline

Adoptacoastline will train six young leaders (Youth Ambassadors) over six months in coastal stewardship, plastic cleanups, upcycling, and community outreach. They will gain skills to inspire others and promote sustainability through creative, educational, and practical activities. Ambassadors will lead monthly cleanups, produce educational content, and carry out community engagement and awareness initiatives.

2. Barnes Hill Reservoir & Nature Park Revitalisation

Grantee: Barnes Hill Community Development Organisation (BHCDO)



The BHCDO will continue to revitalise the Barnes Hill Reservoir and Nature Park. This project includes the rehabilitation of the reservoir pond, removal of invasive species, native planting (including the butterfly garden), and completion of the multipurpose eco-structure to host community events, workshops, and environmental education sessions. The project aims to restore biodiversity, improve the

community's natural spaces, and strengthen local stewardship.

3. Safeguarding Barbuda's Birds Through Science, Engagement & Action

Grantee: Environmental Awareness Group (EAG)

This project will initiate bird banding in Barbuda, conduct a rapid census of the magnificent Frigate bird and deliver community outreach activities. It aims to

safeguard Barbuda's bird populations and strengthen local stewardship through science-based conservation and engagement.

These grants align with ABEF's mission to support locally led conservation that protects biodiversity and builds community resilience across Antigua and Barbuda.

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2025 INDEPENDENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

25 OCT - 03 NOV

SATURDAY 25 OCT

- **NATIONAL SCHOOLS' PANORAMA**
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
5:00PM

SUNDAY 26 OCT

- **INDEPENDENCE CHURCH SERVICE**
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH CREEKSIDE
4:00PM

MONDAY 27-29 OCT

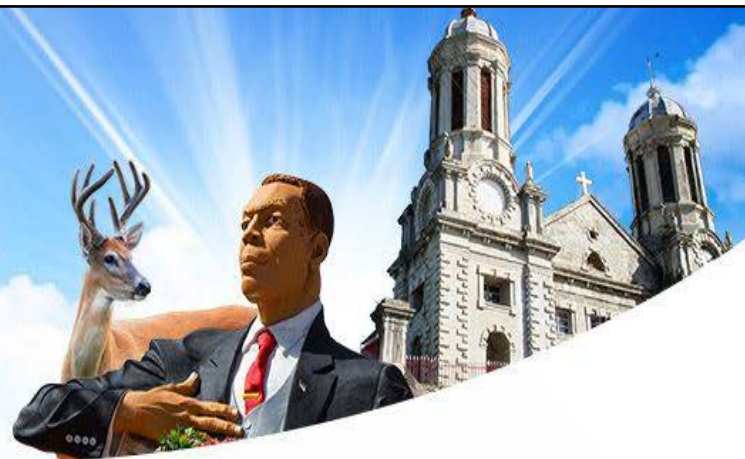
- **NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
BUSINESS DECOR COMPETITION**

MONDAY 27 OCT

- **NATIONAL HEROES DAY
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**
HEROES PARK- SIR SYDNEY WALLINGS HIGHWAY
10:00 AM

TUESDAY 28 OCT

- **FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS**
ST. ANTHONY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
8:00PM



TUESDAY 28 OCT

- **BARBUDA DAY ACTIVITIES (TBC)**

WEDNESDAY 29 OCT

- **SCHOOLS' INDEPENDENCE PROGRAMS**
SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE
- **GOLDEN AGE CELEBRATIONS**
VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- **THEATRICAL PRESENTATION
"WADADLI ROOTS"**
MULTIPURPOSE CULTURAL CENTRE
7:30PM

THURSDAY 30 OCT

- **NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY** 8:30AM
- **CHEERLEADING COMPETITION** 11:30AM
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
- **INDEPENDENCE CALYPSO COMPETITION**
JACK IDLE
8:00PM

FRIDAY 31 OCT

- **NATIONAL DRESS DAY**
- **NATIONAL FLAG DAY**

MONDAY 03 NOV

- **INDEPENDENCE FLAG CEREMONY**
BARBUDA
9:00AM
- **NATIONAL FOOD FAIR**
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
10:00AM UNTIL
- **INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIAL
PARADE & NATIONAL AWARDS**
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
5:30PM





MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES THE CHRISTMAS HOME AND BUSINESS LIGHTING COMPETITION 2025:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Wednesday 01st, October 2025 – *St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.....*
The Department of Creative Industries is pleased to announce the Christmas Home and Business Lighting Competition 2025.

We aim to evoke the spirit of the season through the creative and dazzling lighting display of our 2025 competitors, the Department encourages all interested Home and Business owners to register for the competition on or before Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Registration Forms are available Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Creative Industries Headquarters on Old Parham Road, upstairs INET or the National Festivals Office, 1st Floor Cecil George-John Building, Redcliffe Street and Corn Alley.

Pre-judging will commence on December 20th and 21st December, 2025, while the final displays will be judged on December 28, 2025. Winners will be announced via Good Morning Antigua, Barbuda on Friday, January 5th 2026.

Home entries will be categorized and judged according to the zones – East, West, North, and South. All Home participants will receive a 100% waiver on electricity service for December 15th 2025 to January 15th 2026, Duty-Free concessions on Christmas Lights and or Decorations and a Cash component for the top three winners in each zone as outlined below.

- **First Place - \$ 3,000.00 XCD**
- **Second Place - \$ 2,000.00 XCD**
- **Third Place - \$ 1,000.00 XCD**

Business entries will receive a 50% waiver on electricity service for December 2025, Duty-Free concessions on Christmas Lights and or Decorations and a Cash component for the top three winners as outlined below.

- **First Place - \$ 3,000.00 XCD**
- **Second Place - \$ 2,000.00 XCD**
- **Third Place - \$ 1,000.00 XCD**

Register now to be a part of the joy and splendor of Christmas 2025.

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NODS joins in IDDRR observance

The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) joins with the rest of the world in observing International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR). IDDRR Day was observed internationally on Monday.

The United Nations designates October 13 each year to bring attention to disaster risk reduction, considering the tremendous devastation disasters can cause to individuals, communities and territories.

This year's observance of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction focuses on the theme **"Fund Resilience, Not Disasters"**. The day calls for a decisive shift: fund resilience now to avoid paying for disasters later.

To recognise the day in Antigua and Barbuda, a week of activities is being held. On Sunday, several district disaster teams joined with churches in their districts and made a brief presentation on disaster preparedness and the role of their team.

Monday was observed as media day with teams members making themselves available for radio/television interviews. Various individuals from NODS, the Met Office, the Department of Environment, the Development Control Authority, the Central Board of Health and a local representative from the regional office of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction will conduct interviews on several radio and television stations.

On Tuesday, there will be a di-

saster management expo at the multi-purpose centre from 10am to 2pm. NODS, along with other first response agencies and critical partners, will showcase their work, have demonstrations and interact with the public. Everyone is invited.

Other activities for the week are a youth in disaster management training on Wednesday at NODS; targeting the island's secondary

schools, a CPR demonstration on Thursday at Judgement Square on Market Street, held in collaboration with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The week of activities ends on Friday with a Community Awareness Day when district disaster teams will have a walk-through of various communities and engage in community outreach.



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OCTOBER 12TH - 17TH 2025

Theme: "Fund Resilience, Not Disasters"

- SUNDAY 12th CHURCH SERVICES**
VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS
- MONDAY 13th INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**
MEDIA DAY
ALL DAY - VARIOUS MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS
- TUESDAY 14th DISASTER MANAGEMENT EXPO**
10 AM - 2 PM | MULTIPURPOSE CULTURAL CENTRE
- WEDNESDAY 15th YOUTH IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**
8:30 AM - 4 PM | NODS HEADQUARTERS
- THURSDAY 16th COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY**
10 AM - 3 PM | JUDGEMENT SQUARE
- FRIDAY 17th COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY**
ALL DAY | VARIOUS DISTRICTS - DISTRICT DISASTER TEAMS

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs congratulates several staff members on academic achievements



Atiya Fabian

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs extend warmest congratulations to Atiya Fabian, Briana Anthony and Senator Lamin Newton on their outstanding achievement of completing their Bachelor of Science degrees with Second Class Honours from the University of the West Indies (UWI), Five Islands Campus.

Furthermore, the ministry extends its heartfelt congratulations to Sharee Philip, who will be graduating next week with the distinction of achieving First Class Honours in her Bachelor's degree from Monroe University.

Their remarkable accomplishments bring immense pride to their families,



Sharee Phillip

communities, and the nation, showcasing the exceptional talent, potential, and dedication that Antigua and Barbuda has to offer. These individuals serve as shining examples of academic excellence, and their achievements inspire others to strive for greatness.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Clarence E. Pilgrim noted, "We are immensely proud of Ms. Fabian, Ms. Anthony, Ms. Philip, and Senator Newton for their outstanding academic achievements. Their success is a testament to their hard work, focus, and resilience. I am confident that they will continue to make meaningful contributions to our nation and the wider Caribbean community, upholding the values of



Senator Lamin Newton

excellence and service."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs recognizes the pivotal role of education in driving national development and economic growth. We remain committed to supporting initiatives that empower young people through academic advancement, professional development, and global engagement, enabling them to become active participants in shaping the future of our nation.

The Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs commend these individuals on their significant achievement and wish them continued success in their future endeavors. May their accomplishments inspire others to pursue academic excellence and strive for greatness.



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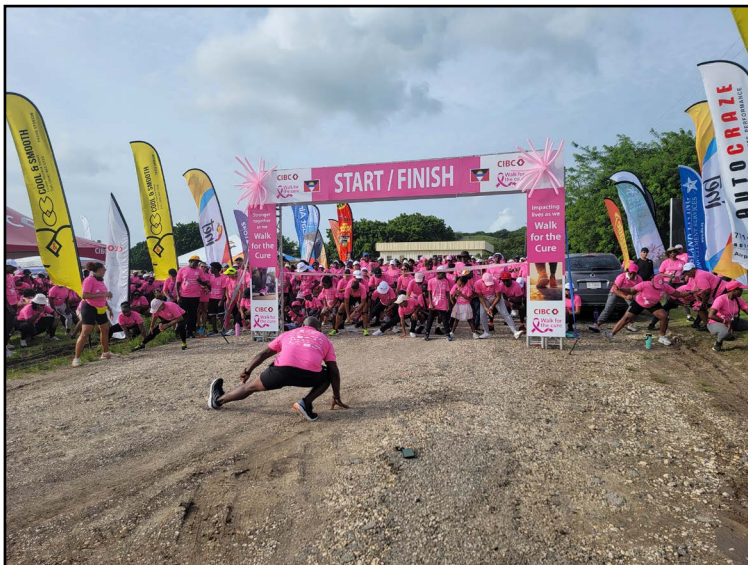
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Overwhelming support for the 14th CIBC's Walk For The Cure 2025



The awareness continues to grow as hundreds of persons of all ages gathered at the WIOC sports field last Saturday to participate in the 14th CIBC Annual Walk for the Cure, one of the Caribbean's largest activities to raise both funds and awareness of cancer.

Prior to the start, one of the bank's Walk for the Cure Managers, Natasha Charles, thanked the participants and sponsors for their continued support and stressed

that in addition to raising awareness and support for persons battling cancer, it is also about raising funds to support the Breast Friends Organisation and the Oncology Department of the SLBMC.

"Last year we raised EC\$105,000 which was donated to these two organisations so that they can have the resources to support and care for our cancer patients. With your support we hope to top that figure this year,"

she said.

She added that the bank viewed the walk as an in-

tegral part of CIBC Caribbean's continuing commitment to its community.

Juliet Benjamin Reappointed to the ABEC

The Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare Roberts, KCN, QC, on Monday administered the Oath of Office to Juliet Benjamin, marking her reappointment as a Member of the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC). The ceremony was held at Government House in St. John's.

In his remarks, Sir Clare noted that Benjamin's reappointment comes at a time when the Electoral Commission continues to demonstrate excellence and integrity in electoral administration. He congratulated Benjamin on her continued service and commended her record of professionalism and thoughtful contribution during her previous seven-year term, which began in 2018.

He stated, "The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission stands as one of the cornerstones of our democracy, entrusted with safeguarding transparency, fairness, and independence in the electoral process. Benjamin has served with distinction, and her reappointment reflects the confidence placed in her integrity and balanced approach."

Sir Clare also highlighted the Commission's recent international achievement, noting that ABEC received the International Electoral Management Award at the 21st International Electoral Awards held in Gaborone, Botswana. He observed that this recognition placed Antigua and Barbuda among the world's leading electoral institutions and commended the Commission's dedication to secure, transparent, and well-managed elections.

Benjamin was reappointed under Section 3(2A)(d) of the *Representation of the People (Amendment) Act*



Juliet Benjamin signs the Oath Book in the presence of the Governor General's Deputy, Sir Clare Roberts.



Juliet Benjamin (centre) photographed with the Governor General's Deputy (second from right), the Chairman of the Opposition Party (UPP), her son, and a friend following the ceremony.

2001, on the advice of the Leader of the Opposition, Jamale Pringle. In attendance at the ceremony were the

Chairman of the United Progressive Party, Benjamin's son and a family friend.

Feature

Discovering Your Real Value: You Are Worth More Than What Others Think



By Garfield Joseph, MBA

Introduction: More Than Money

This article is written especially for young people and anyone who has ever struggled with low self-esteem or feelings of inadequacy.

In today's world, "net worth" is often reduced to numbers—bank accounts, property, and possessions. But there's a deeper kind of worth that matters far more: your self-worth. This is the internal sense of your own significance, dignity, and potential. It's not about what you own, but about who you are.

Self-Worth vs. External Validation

There's a critical difference between the value others place on you and the value you place on yourself. The former is shaped by stereotypes, biases, and limited perspectives. The latter is rooted in self-awareness, purpose, and belief in your intrinsic worth.

When you allow others to define your value, you risk living a life far below your potential. But when you define your own worth, you unlock the power to rise above limitations and shape

your destiny.

The Power of Perception: Two Students, Two Outcomes

Consider the story of a young student who was told by a teacher, "You'll never amount to anything." Tragically, the student believed it. That message became a self-fulfilling prophecy, and the student lived a life far below their potential.

Now contrast that with another student who heard the same words but refused to accept them. Instead, they said, "I know who I am. I know what I'm capable of." That student went on to succeed—not because others believed in them, but because they believed in themselves.

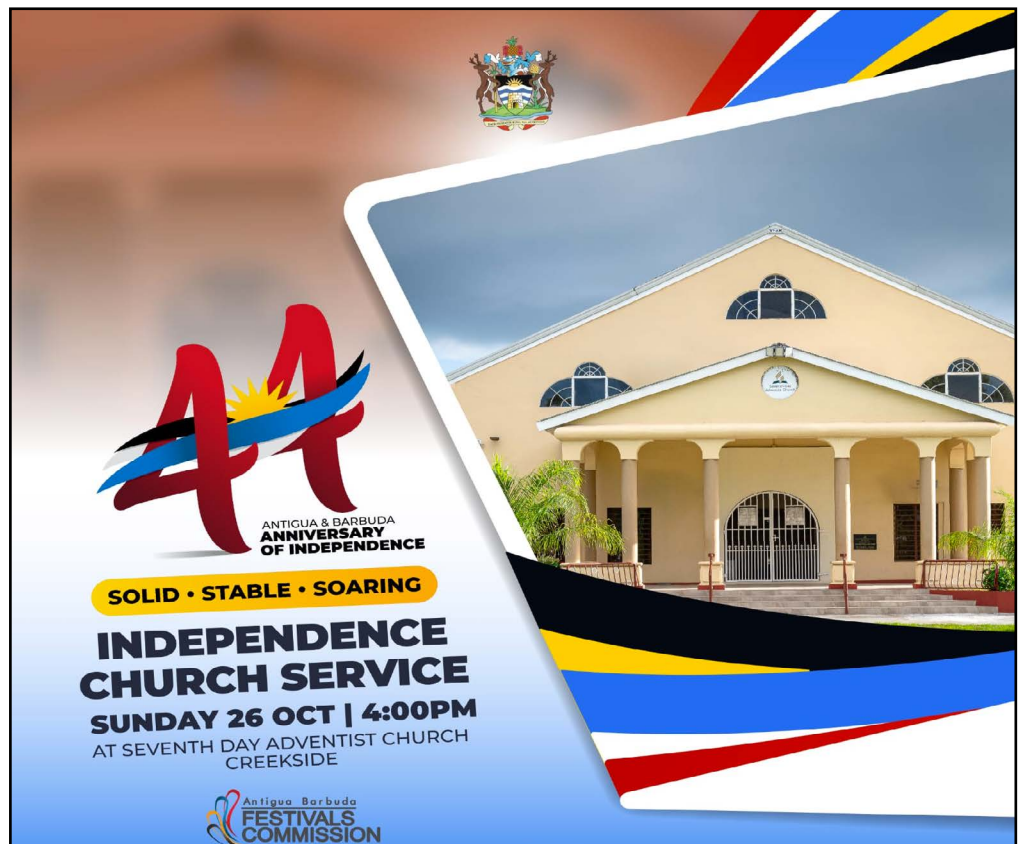
The difference lies in self-worth—the belief that you are worth more than what others say.

The Challenge of Circumstance

Many people, especially people of colour, grow up in environments where their value is constantly questioned. Poverty, systemic inequality, and discrimination send subtle and overt messages that say, "You're not enough."

Yet history is filled with individuals who overcame these odds. From Oprah Winfrey, who rose from poverty and trauma to become a media mogul, to Nelson Mandela, who endured 27 years in prison and emerged to lead a nation—these stories remind us that external circumstances do not define self worth.

Closer to home, we see young men and women in Antigua and Barbuda who rise above economic hardship, family instability, or societal doubt to become business owners, scholars, and community leaders. Their stories prove that your value is not determined by your starting point, but by




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Feature

your belief in your destination.

A Different Mindset: You Are Wonderfully Made

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said: “We are not defined by the colour of our skin but by the content of our character.”

This quote is a powerful reminder that your true worth lies in your values, your integrity, and your purpose—not in how others label you.

Even more profoundly, the Bible declares in Psalm 139:14:

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.”

You were created with intention, beauty, and purpose. You are not an accident. You are not a mistake. You

are a masterpiece.

Jesus also spoke of the pearl of great price in Matthew 13:45–46:

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

In this parable, the pearl symbolizes something of immense value. That pearl represents you. God sees you as worth everything. If He placed such high value on you, why should you let anyone discount it?

Call to Action: Reclaim Your Worth

So, here’s the challenge: Start placing high value on yourself. Not because you’re perfect, but because you’re purposeful. Not because you’ve never

failed, but because you’re still growing. With all your faults and weaknesses, you are still of high value.

Let this be your new mindset:

1. I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
2. I am the pearl of great price.
3. I am not defined by others, but by my character and my Creator.

Therefore, don’t wait for the world to validate you. Validate yourself. Speak life over your future. Surround yourself with people who see your worth. And most importantly, believe it for yourself. For your value is not up for debate. It is eternal, unshakable, and priceless.



DAILY PROGRAMMING




EARLY VIBRATIONS 6AM-10AM MON. - FRI.
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THE RUSH HOUR SHOW 5PM-7PM MON. - FRI.
WITH ROGER LAKE 6AM-9AM SATURDAYS

TOUCHLINE 7PM-9PM MON. - THURS.
WITH EPILUS

BAD COMPANY 2PM-6PM THURS. 12PM-4PM SATURDAYS
LIVE FROM THE V.I. & 1PM-5PM ON SUNDAYS

REGGAE INSPIRATION 9PM-12AM MON. THURS. SUNDAY
WITH SELECTOR KEEGAN

JAH WADADLI 7PM-9PM FRIDAYS
WITH DJ JAH WADADLI

When Access Means Dignity: Mental Health, Education & the Girl Child in Antigua

A torrential rain in Antigua last weekend did little to dampen the significance of two global observances: World Mental Health Day and International Day of the Girl Child. For Good Humans 268 Inc., these days serve as a poignant reminder: our work is not just about infrastructure and access—but about dignity, psychological safety, and hope for children like *Diana*. When we first encountered Diana in grade four, she lacked something many would take for granted: the ability to use a school toilet independently. Every time she needed to relieve herself, she required assistance.

That lack of autonomy is not just a physical barrier—it is a daily wound to a child's sense of self-worth, privacy, and agency. Over time, through advocacy and fundraising, we secured access to a bathroom she could use on her own. Now in grade six, she—and her peers—navigate that bathroom confidently. We also succeeded in securing a funded walkway to her classroom. But the lessons run deeper than concrete paths and facilities.

What did it cost Diana psychologically when she had to wait for her mother or a helper just to step into a bathroom? What subtler burdens did



she carry in her mind—worries about dignity, shame, or being “less than”? These are not abstract questions. As the United Nations Secretary-General put it in his message for World Mental Health Day: “Mental health is a universal human right.” This statement matters because it reminds us: mental well-being is not optional or secondary—it is central to human dignity and development.

Globally, girls are disproportionately affected by mental health stressors—social expectations, body image, gender norms, violence, and resource

scarcity. In crisis and fragile settings, the risks multiply. When a girl worries about whether she can attend school on a rainy day because the roof is missing, or whether she'll have safe privacy during menstruation, those are real stressors on her developing mind. On Saturday, we observed the International Day of the Girl Child, under the theme “*The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis*”. The UN reminds us: “Every girl, everywhere, deserves equality, opportunity, and dignity.” But for girls like Diana in Antigua, equality remains



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aspirational. On “bad rain days,” she may skip classes because the route to her grade-six classroom lacks cover. Her worry over period supplies or safe sanitation may loom even in the back of her mind in class. She might wonder: *Will I be able to go to secondary school? Will I be judged or left behind because I am a girl?* The right to education is guaranteed on paper. But true access must consider these obstacles: infrastructural gaps, social norms, mental health supports, and consistent dignity in daily life.

What would it mean to adopt a holistic approach for Diana—and girls like her—in Antigua and Barbuda?

1. Mental health support in schools: Incorporate safe spaces, counseling, peer support networks, and psycho-education in primary and secondary schools. Train teachers and staff to recognize signs of distress, anxiety, or shame tied to access gaps.
2. Gender-sensitive infrastructure: Ensure all bathrooms are accessible, private, and safe, with proper lighting and privacy locks. Provide covered walkways, rain protection, and reliable passage between learning spaces.

Make sanitary supplies available discreetly and free when needed, reducing shame and absenteeism.

3. Monitoring & voice: Collect data on gender-based absence, mental health complaints, and barriers faced by girls. Create forums where girls like



Diana can speak, lead, and shape solutions. The UN's Day-of-the-Girl theme emphasizes girls' leadership at the frontlines.

4. Policy & funding alignment: Governments and donors should integrate mental health, gender equity, and infrastructure in education funding. Recognize that small investments in dignity (bathrooms, cover, supplies) produce outsized returns in attendance, confidence, and outcomes.

For Diana, the path forward is no longer defined by shame or waiting—but by opportunity. We at Good Humans 268 Inc. remain committed to being part of her support system—not just as builders of walls and walkways, but as guardians of her mind, spirit, and right to hope.

As we mark World Mental Health Day and International Day of the Girl

Child, let us act not because they are dates on a calendar, but because every omission in access, dignity, or support sends a message to a child about her worth. In Antigua, let us ensure every girl, every classroom, every bathroom, every rainy day is a chance not to fall behind—but to stand forward.

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— Malcolm X



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Caribbean Airlines CEO resigns

The Board of Directors of Caribbean Airlines has announced the resignation of the carrier's Chief Executive Officer, Garvin Medera, effective immediately.

In a media release on Monday, the board thanked Medera for his years of service and leadership and wished him the best in his future endeavours.

For his part, Medera said: "I want to take this opportunity to thank all the employees of Caribbean Airlines who have done such a fantastic job over the past few years, facing some very difficult challenges and being their best, time and again, for each other and our passen-



gers. Also, thanks to partners for their support and commitment and customers for their trust and loyalty. I wish everyone well."

The boards says to ensure continuity and stability, Chief Operating Officer,

Nirmala Ramai, has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer until further notice.

Under the guidance of the Board, she will work closely with the Senior Leadership Team to support the airline

through this transition.

The airline has also reaffirmed its commitment to developing and promoting talent from within the organisation, before seeking external candidates, to provide employees with clear opportunities for growth and career advancement.

The Board of Directors emphasises that this leadership transition comes at an important time for the airline and is part of its ongoing focus on stability, safety and accountability.

Caribbean Airlines says it will continue to operate its full schedule, with no disruption to customers or partners. (Jamaica Gleaner)



PRESS RELEASE

14TH OCTOBER 2025 - ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat Bankers Association and Ministry of Finance & Corporate Governance Reaffirm Commitment to Financial Sector Collaboration



On Tuesday, 7th October 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat Bankers Association (ABMBA) held its meeting with the Prime Minister, Hon. Gaston Browne, and his team at the Ministry of Finance. The meeting reaffirmed the ongoing partnership between the ABMBA and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB) to advance key initiatives in the financial sector and promote the economic empowerment of all nationals.

Discussions centered on strategies to enhance financial inclusion for underserved and vulnerable groups, as well as measures to improve the ease of doing business across the nation. In recognition of October as Financial Information Month within the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), both parties emphasized the importance of strengthening financial literacy,

including the integration of financial education into the national school curriculum starting at the primary level.

The ABMBA also reiterated its commitment to developing innovative products and services aimed at expanding access to credit and financing, particularly for individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). A roadmap for the initiative will be communicated in the coming weeks.

The meeting also addressed the recent increase in banking-related crimes, both locally and across the wider region. In light of these developments, the Ministry of Finance and the ABMBA urge the public to remain vigilant against fraudulent activities, including online scams and other forms of financial crime. The parties are committed to enhancing public awareness and promoting best practices in financial security to protect the interests of all citizens.

The Ministry of Finance & Corporate Governance and the ABMBA remain dedicated to fostering a secure, inclusive, and resilient financial sector for the benefit of the people of Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat.

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Tropical Storm Lorenzo forms in the Atlantic Ocean but isn't threatening land

Tropical Storm Lorenzo formed Monday in the central tropical Atlantic Ocean and isn't threatening land, forecasters said.

The storm was located about 1,095 miles (1,762 kilometres) west of the Cape Verde Islands and had maximum sustained winds of 45 mph (72 kph), the US National Hurricane Center in Miami said. It was moving northwest at 17 mph (27 kph).

No coastal watches or warnings were in effect.

The storm was expected to turn northward on Tuesday, with some gradual intensification possible by midweek, forecasters said.

The forecast track through Saturday shows Lorenzo staying out in the ocean and away from land. (AP)








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PM to file motion to honour late leaders Douglas and Charles with nation's highest award

On Tuesday, October 14, Prime Minister Honourable Roosevelt Skerit is scheduled to introduce a motion in Parliament seeking approval to bestow the Dominica Award of Honour (D.A.H.), the nation's highest accolade, upon the late Prime Ministers Roosevelt "Rosie" Douglas and Pierre Charles.

The motion pays tribute to the remarkable national service and leadership demonstrated by both former leaders, whose efforts significantly contributed to the country's development and inspired citizens through their commitment to social justice, education, and community progress, as outlined in a media release from the Office of the Prime Minister.

"Rosie Douglas and Pierre Charles led Dominica with vision and courage," Prime Minister Skerit remarked prior to the parliamentary session. "This is a moment for the nation to honour two leaders who gave their all to our people. Their example continues to inspire our spirit of resilience and our collective pursuit of a stronger, more united Dominica."

OPM reported that the awards will be awarded posthumously during the formal commemoration of the country's 47th independence anniversary, scheduled for November 3.

Roosevelt "Rosie" Douglas became Prime Minister in February 2000, serving until his sudden death on October 1 of the same year. Following his passing, Pierre Charles assumed the role of Prime Minister on October 3, 2000, and remained in office until his death on January 6, 2004.

"The Government of Dominica invites all citizens to join in honouring their legacy of service, unity and nation-building," said the release. (Dominica News Online)




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US warns of sanctions against Caribbean countries that vote for IMO's net zero- shipping framework

The United States has issued a warning to countries, including those in the Caribbean, that plan to vote later this month in support of measures being pushed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for a Net-Zero Shipping Framework (NZF) aimed at reducing reducing emissions in the maritime sector.

“The United States will be moving to levy these remedies against nations that sponsor this European-led neocolonial export of global climate regulations. We will fight hard to protect our economic interests by imposing costs on countries if they support the NZF. Our fellow IMO members should be on notice,” according to a joint statement issued by the Secretary of State Rubio, Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, and Secretary of Transportation Sean P Duffy.

The measure, which was approved in April 2025, is set for adoption in October 2025, during the Marine Environmental Protection Committee that is meeting that takes place until October 17.

IMO officials say 108 members are eligible to vote, including 10 from CARICOM and, if adopted, it will come into effect in 2028.

But Washington has said that President Donald Trump has made it clear that the United States will not accept any international environmental agreement that unduly or unfairly burdens the United States or harms the interests of the American people.

It said that this week's vote on the adoption “will be the first time that a UN organization levies a global carbon tax on the world.

“The Administration unequivocally rejects this proposal before the IMO and will not tolerate any action that



increases costs for our citizens, energy providers, shipping companies and their customers, or tourists.

“The economic impacts from this measure could be disastrous, with some estimates forecasting global shipping costs increasing as much as 10 per cent or more. We ask you to join us in rejecting adoption of the NZF at the October meeting and to work together on our collective economic and energy security,” the joint statement said.

The NZF seeks to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping to align with the 2050 net-zero target. Key components include a Global Fuel Standard (GFS) setting annual GHG intensity reduction targets, a two-tier carbon price mechanism, and a credit trading system funded by penalties to reward zero and near-zero emission fuels and support a just transition.

The NZF presents a new regulatory era in which ships will be required to gradually adopt fuels that are typically three to four times more expensive compared with conventional fossil fuels. Given the long lifespan of ships, shipowners should prepare now for the new net-zero GHG emission regulations to ensure cost-effective compliance, both at the ship and the fleet level.

The Framework will apply to all oceangoing ships over 5,000 gross

tonnage (GT). These ships are responsible for over 85 per cent of global shipping emissions and are already covered by reporting requirements for fuel data collection. Ships under 5,000 GT are currently not covered.

Washington said that the NZF proposal poses significant risks to the global economy and subjects not just Americans, but all IMO member states “to an unsanctioned global tax regime that levies punitive and regressive financial penalties, which could be avoided.”

The United States says it is considering several actions against countries that support “this global carbon tax on American consumers”.

Among the measures being contemplated are pursuing investigations and considering potential regulations to combat anti-competitive practices from certain flagged countries and potential blocking of vessels registered in those countries from US ports; imposing visa restrictions including an increase in fees and processing, mandatory re-interview requirements and/or revisions of quotas for C-1/D maritime crew member visas.

In addition, Washington said it will impose commercial penalties stemming from US government contracts including new commercial ships, liquefied natural gas terminals and infrastructure, and/or other financial penalties on ships flagged under nations in favour of the NZF;

It will also be imposing additional port fees on ships owned, operated, or flagged by countries supporting the framework as well as evaluating sanctions on officials sponsoring activist-driven climate policies that would burden American consumers, among other measures under consideration. (CMC)

India and Canada reset ties after strain of Sikh leader's murder

India and Canada have agreed a host of steps at talks between their foreign ministers in Delhi aimed at restoring ties that plummeted after a Sikh separatist leader was assassinated on Canadian soil.

Canada's Foreign Minister Anita Anand, making her first official visit to India, met her counterpart S Jaishankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Modi told her the visit would strengthen "efforts to impart new momentum" to the two countries' partnership.

Relations hit rock bottom in 2023 when Canada's then PM Justin Trudeau accused India of being linked to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, claims Delhi denied. Both countries suspended visa services and expelled each other's top diplomats.

Canada is home to nearly 1.7 million people of Indian origin and the developments were being watched anxiously in both countries.

After the meeting of their foreign ministers in Delhi, the two sides announced a series of measures, including starting ministerial-level discussions on



bilateral trade and investment.

"Reviving this partnership will not only create opportunities for enhanced economic cooperation but also help mitigate vulnerabilities arising from shifting global alliances," a joint statement said.

Signs of a thaw have appeared this year since Mark Carney took over as Canadian prime minister.

In June, Carney and Modi held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Canada. Two months later, the countries appointed new high commissioners to each other's countries.

Anand and Jaishankar also met each other on the sidelines of the United

Nations General Assembly session in New York in September.

On Monday, Jaishankar said that India-Canada bilateral relations have been steadily progressing in the last few months.

"When we look at Canada, we see a complementary economy. We see another open society. We see diversity and pluralism," he said, adding that this was "the basis for a close sustainable and long-term co-operative framework".

"We are collectively committed to advancing this relationship now and in the long term, particularly when it comes to our mutual priorities in the Indo-Pacific," Anand said.

The two countries will

resume the Canada-India CEO Forum, which brings together executives from both countries to increase bilateral trade and investment. The announcement comes as Delhi deals with a punitive 50% tariff imposed by US President Donald Trump on Indian goods.

Anand is also set to meet India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to discuss boosting trade ties, before visiting Mumbai to speak to business leaders about investments and economic opportunities.

She will then travel to China and Singapore as part of Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy that focuses on deepening the country's engagement in the region. (BBC)

‘You’re my life, my hero’: Hostages reunite with families after two years

Matan Zangauker, 25, walks grinning into his mother’s arms.

“You’re my life,” she exclaims, hugging him tightly in footage filmed by the Israeli military. “My life. My hero. Come, come.”

Matan was one of 20 living hostages remaining in Gaza after being taken during the Hamas-led attacks of 7 October 2023, who were freed on Monday after two years in captivity.

His mother, Einav, has campaigned fiercely for Matan’s return. She became among the best-known faces of the movement, and demanded the Israeli government agree a hostage exchange with Hamas.

Last week, she and her daughter lit fireworks in Hostages Square in Tel Aviv to celebrate the ceasefire deal that had been agreed between Israel and Hamas as part of Donald Trump’s peace plan.

On Monday, crowds gathered and cheered in the same square as they watched footage on big screens of Matan and the other 19 freed hostages returning to Israel and reuniting with their families.

People waved the Israeli and US flags and held up photos of the hostages and signs saying “they’re coming home”.

Matan was taken with his partner Ilana Gritzewsky from Nir Oz, but Ilana was released during a ceasefire the following month.

In December 2024, Hamas released a video showing Matan in captivity in which he said he and his fellow hostages were suffering from skin ailments and shortages of food, water and medicine.

In a video call with Matan on Mon-




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day shortly after his release, Einav told him: "Thank God, the war is over. The war is over."

In a later statement, the family said that "after two years of hell, today we begin a new chapter of our lives - one of healing and rehabilitation".

That sentiment was shared by several of the families who were reunited with their loved ones.

The family of Eitan Horn, who was also taken from Nir Oz, and whose brother Yair was released during a ceasefire in February, said they would have "hugs and lots of love and we will accompany him through the entire recovery process".

Relatives of 24-year-old Evyatar David, who was taken from the Nova music festival and was seen emaciated in a tunnel in a video published by Hamas in August, said they always "knew he would return".

"After two years of suffering, he is here. Now a new journey of healing will begin for Evyatar and us," they said in a statement.

The living hostages were collected from meeting points in Gaza by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which has acted as a neutral intermediary in the handovers.

They were then reunited with loved ones at reception points near the Gaza border, before being airlifted to hospitals to begin the process of physical and psychological treatment.

There were celebrations across Israel as the 20 hostages returned. People waved at the sky and cheered when they were flown overhead in military helicopters on their way to hospitals.

Inbar Goldstein, whose own relatives were released in the November 2023 ceasefire, told the BBC she was feeling "happy and thankful".

"I know that sad days are still ahead but I want to separate between what I

know and what I feel," she said.

Elsewhere in the square, teenager Yarden told the BBC: "We're here for the hostages, their release and to celebrate them. Today all Israelis are together - it's not about left or right, it's about all being together to celebrate the hostages."

But while the living hostages have now been returned, many families of those killed in captivity are still waiting, with Hamas saying only four bodies out of 28 would be released on Monday. The Israeli military said it would carry out forensic tests before confirming their identities and informing their families.

A copy of the ceasefire agreement published by Israeli media had stated that the remains of all of the deceased hostages should be handed over by 12:00 local time (09:00 GMT) on

Monday. However, it also appeared to acknowledge that Hamas and other Palestinian factions may not be able to locate all of them within that time-frame.

The deal also involved the release of about 250 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails who had been convicted of crimes including murder and deadly attacks against Israelis - and about 1,700 detainees from Gaza who had been held by Israel without charge.

In a statement, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) urged Hamas to "uphold its end of the deal" by returning all of the bodies.

Matan's family said there could be no closure until this happened.

"We will continue to stand beside the bereaved families and to fight until the last hostage is brought home," they said. (BBC)



Plane crashes onto a Massachusetts highway, killing 2 and wounding 1 on the ground

A small plane crashed along a major highway in south-eastern Massachusetts early Monday amid rain and strong winds, killing both people on board and wounding another person on the ground, authorities said.

In videos taken by people in passing vehicles, smoke could be seen billowing up above Interstate 95 from scattered, blazing debris. The highway was closed in both directions near the crash site in Dartmouth, a town about 50 miles (80 kilometres) miles south of Boston, the state Department of Transportation said.

The Massachusetts State Police said in a statement it was not aware of any survivors on the plane, which it said may have been attempting to land at New Bedford Regional Airport. However, officials said it does not appear that the pilot provided the airport with a flight plan or passenger details.

A spokesman for the Na-

tional Transportation Safety Board said it was investigating the crash, saying a Socata TBM-700 had departed from the New Bedford airport.

No information about the people on board would be made public, authorities said, pending notification of

their next of kin.

A person on the ground was also taken to the hospital, state police said.

At the time of the crash, the National Weather Service said a nor'easter had brought rain and winds from 30 to 40 mph (48 to 64 kph) to the area.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which state police said would likely take over the investigation, said in an email that it could not respond to media inquiries due to the government shutdown. (AP)



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Wadadli United wins again in ABFA's Women's Premier League

Wadadli United romped to their second win in the 2025 Calvin Ayre Foundation (CAF) Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Women's Premier League on Sunday evening.

The Wadadli United FC maintained their impressive start to their campaigns in the five-team women's football league with a 4-0 drubbing of Fort Road FC in their second-round match at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters.

Following a goalless first half, Gabriell De Suza struck a hat trick as Wadadli United took control by scoring all their goals in the second half.

After Jada Benjamin broke the deadlock with a goal in the 45th minute, De Suza recorded her second consecutive hat trick with conversions in the 46th, 50th, and 59th minutes.

De Suza also struck a hat trick to lead Wadadli United to an 8-0 drubbing of Lady Masters FC in their opening round of matches in the competition.

It was the second successive loss for Fort Road FC, who suffered a 7-0 defeat against Trendsetters FA in their opening encounter.

Cutting Edge FA launched their campaign with a 4-1 victory against Lady Masters FC in the second match of Sunday's double-header.

Brianna Auguiste scored twice with conversions in the 16th and 32nd minutes, while the other two



The starting XI of Wadadli United FC



The starting XI of Cutting Edge FA

goals for Cutting Edge FC were scored by Abigail Simmons in the 11th minute and Jordyn Henriques in the 41st minute.

J'Kayla Bellot scored a conso-

lation goal in the 37th minute for Lady Masters FC, who slumped to their second loss in as many games.

BOE and Sandals extend unbeaten runs in Business Basketball League

The Board of Education (BOE) and defending champions Sandals extended their unbeaten runs in the 2025 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League championships on Sunday night.

The Board of Education notched up their eighth win in as many encounters with a 97-57 drubbing of Anjo Wholesale in the second game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Daniel Perez produced 21 points and 12 steals; Danny Perez scored 16 points; Coy Quinland sank 11 points and snatched eight rebounds; DaleLonte Phillip convert-

ed 10 points and claimed six rebounds; and Adonis Humphreys scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Board of Education.

Steven Matthew sank 21 points, Webster Baptista converted 19 points, and Orion Seraphine scored 10 points for Anjo Wholesale, who suffered their second loss in eight games.

Defending champions Sandals extended their unbeaten run by securing their sixth win in as many outings with a 65-58 victory against H. Wright Promotions in the last game of Sunday's triple-header.

Keroi Lee shot a game-

high 20 points and grabbed 20 rebounds, Selassie Brathwaite sank 14 points and snatched 10 rebounds, and T-Shawn Lewis scored 11 points for Sandals.

Humroy Wright converted 12 points, Javonte Daley produced 11 points and five assists, and Donte Trimmingham sank 10 points and claimed 10 rebounds for H. Wright Promotions, who lost for the third time in six encounters.

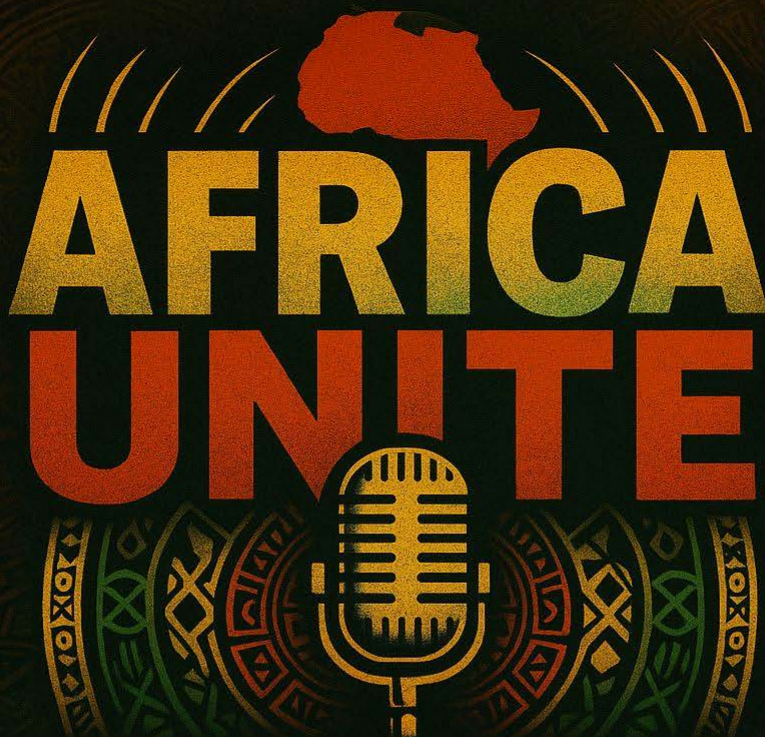
J&J Company Landscaping Services ended a seven-match losing streak by recording their first win in eight matches by pulling off a 60-52 victory in overtime against Police in a bottom-

of-the-table clash.

Daysher Samuel shot a game-high 36 points for J&J Company Landscaping Services, which moved out of the cellar.

Joshua Salmon scored 26 points for the Police, who remain in the cellar after suffering their eighth loss in as many games.

The business basketball league will continue with a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday. H. Wright Promotions will face Police at 7 pm, and Fearless Security Services will tackle Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre at 8 pm.



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Campbell fuels Windies fightback against India

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - A freak dismissal, a maiden test hundred, and a rueful shake of the head after a miscalculation -- West Indies opener John Campbell went through a whole range of emotions in the space of two innings in the ongoing second Test against India in New Delhi on Monday.

Campbell's 177-run stand with fellow centurion Shai Hope is why West Indies managed to drag the second and final Test to Tuesday's fifth and final day despite being made to follow on.

India need 58 runs on Tuesday to complete a 2-0 series sweep but could have accomplished that a lot earlier, especially after declaring their first innings on 518 for five and then bowling West Indies out for 248.

Campbell managed 10 on Saturday before his bizarre dismissal when his full-blooded shot cannoned into the helmet grille of B Sai Sudharsan at forward short leg before neatly dropping into the cupped hands of the fielder trying to evade the ball.

Sudharsan immediately left the ground and spent significant time under medical observation.

Forced to follow-on, West Indies finally rediscovered their stomach to fight, courtesy of Campbell (115) and Hope (103), and posted 390 before being all out.

"It's a big positive for us," Campbell told reporters. "Having not got the best first innings, we



West Indies' John Campbell celebrates after scoring a century on the fourth day of the second cricket Test match between India and West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, India, Monday, Oct. 13, 2025. (AP)

came out in the second innings and batted over 100 overs, so that's a big plus for us."

Campbell told the host broadcasters that the joy of registering his test hundred was yet to sink in.

The left-handed batter, however, was aghast at playing a reverse sweep against Ravindra Jadeja that led to his lbw dismissal.

"At that time I just thought a shot was on. Just a little bit of a miscalculation on my part," he said.

Campbell successfully reviewed an lbw decision against him and was on the right side of it on two other occasions in his eventful knock. There was enough application in his approach as well.

The batter said he intentionally tried to plant his front foot across and outside the off-stump to reduce the risk of lbw dismissals.

"It's a little bit of luck getting the call on my side on those occasions. But definitely, I was trying to get a good enough stride to get myself outside the line," he said.

Not being able to convert it into a 'daddy hundred' hurt him though.

"I never want to get out, but that's the nature of sport," Campbell added before explaining what the thinking was when he and Hope were batting together.

"We just wanted to bat as long as possible, that was always the plan. We got that start, so we wanted to take it as deep as possible."

Stuti Kashyap off to winning start at ITTF Pan American Seniors

Antigua and Barbuda's table tennis star Stuti Kashyap has made a successful start to her campaign at the ITTF Pan American Senior Championships in South Carolina in the United States of America (USA).

Kashyap launched her campaign with an emphatic win in the women's singles Round of 64.

The 16-year-old sensation dispatched Valentina Parola of Argentina in straight sets (11-6, 11-5, 11-5, 11-6) at the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center.

Parola, a 23-year-old national standout, was no match for the calm aggression and precision shown by Kashyap throughout the match.

Kashyap now advances to the Round of 32, where she will face Daniela Ortega of Chile in what promises to be another thrilling encounter.

"It's a great start, and I'm just focusing on one match



Stuti Kashyap

at a time," said Kashyap, who is carrying the Antigua and Barbuda flag solo at this elite continental event.

The Antigua and Barbuda Table Tennis Association (ABTTA) and the National Olympic Committee contin-

ue to rally behind her as she competes against the best in the Americas.

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all out in 9.1 overs, with Kadeem Henry getting 18. Johie Messiah snapped up five for 38, and Kadeem Josiah claimed two for 14.

PMS clinched the fourth and final spot in the semis after securing their third win in seven matches to finish in fourth place in the standings with seven points.

PMS trounced Hanse On Security Tech by 57 runs at the Antigua Grammar School playing field. PMS won the toss and batted, scoring 147 for six off their allotted 20 overs.

Player of the match Carl Kurl Simon hit 52 not out, and Clarence Francis

cracked 40. Kerique Mentore claimed two for 17, and Ajharie Joseph bagged two for 22.

In reply, Hanse On Security Tech was bundled out for 90 in 16.4 overs, with Ajharie Joseph getting 22. Morton Browne snapped up four for 17, Terrence Thompson took two for 25, and Trevorson Atley picked up two for 28.

TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs ended their campaign second from the bottom of the standings with three points after recording their first win in seven matches by snatching a one-run victory against Easy Pickings Mix Up in their final encounter at Antigua Grammar School.

The Underdogs were all out for 143 in 15.3 overs. Hughon Tonge cracked 56, and Malique Jacobs struck 43. Ahmad Ashaq took four for 44, and Kirk Douglas captured two for 48.

In reply, Mix Up was restricted to 142 for nine off their 20 overs. Player of the match Kemar Christian hammered 74, there was a contribution of 30 extras, and Alfred Jarvis chipped in with 20. Orandel Boston claimed two for 12.

The semi-finals will be played at Powells on Sunday, October 19. Bryson's Bullets will face PMS at 10 am, and PEL Dredgers will meet VIP Squad at 2 pm.

Semi-finalists decided in IBSC Tape Ball T20 Classic



Elroy Francis Jr.



Shaquan Reifer



Carl Kurl Simon

The semi-finalists in the 10th Annual LL Supply Limited and Total Imports Island Boys Softball Club (IBSC) Tape Ball T20 Classic have been decided.

The four semi-finalists were confirmed after the completion of the seventh and final round of matches in the preliminary round of the 20 overs per side competition on Sunday.

Bryson's Bullets clinched the top spot in the semis by extending their unbeaten run with their sixth win in seven matches to finish at the top of the standings with 13 points.

Bryson's Bullets romped to a 52-run win against defending champs PEL Dredgers at the Powell playing field.

Bullets made 215 for eight off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat.

Kimani George cracked 61 not out, player of the match Shaquan Reifer hit 37, including six sixes, and Brent Joseph scored 32. Justin Athanaze took three for 52, Glenton Williams claimed two for 40, and Jedidah Martin Jr. picked up two for 45.

In reply, Dredgers were dismissed for 163 in 16.5 overs. Jedidah Martin Jr. slammed 64, and Loy Weste hit 48. Shaquan Reifer bagged three for 44, and Roniel Jeffrey and Essan Warner each picked up two for 28.

The Dredgers still managed to clinch the third semi-final spot after finishing third in the standings with nine points after suffering their second loss in seven matches.

Pelican Safari VIP Squad claimed

the second spot into the semis by recording their fifth win in seven matches to finish second in the standings with 11 points.

The VIP Squad crushed Koconut Car Rental Buckley's 3Js by 160 runs at the Powells playing field. Player of the match Elroy Francis Jr. smashed a century as the VIP Squad was all out for 231 in 19.3 overs after being sent in to bat.

Francis slammed 106, including 15 sixes and two fours. Gregson Merrick claimed three for 18, Charnallal Ramjohan took two for 23, and Richie Thomas captured two for 32.

The Buckley's 3Js then crashed to 71

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