

Major symposium on Cancer care slated for weekend

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Antigua and Barbuda proudly celebrated its National Day at World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan

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SLBMC presents its speakers for this weekend's Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Symposium

The Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre is highlighting the speakers who will present papers at this weekend's Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Symposium, taking place at the Sandals Antigua Grande and Resort and Spa.

SLMMC Marketing and Communications Manager, Salma Crump said the aim of the Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Symposium is to bring together local, regional, and international experts across different fields of cancer care to:

- ▶ Share the latest advances in cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and patient support.
- ▶ Encourage collaboration between oncologists, surgeons, urologists, gynecologists, radiologists, nurses, and allied health professionals.
- ▶ Highlight innovations that can be adapted to the Caribbean context for more effective and accessible cancer care.
- ▶ Strengthen patient-centered approaches in communication, equity, and treatment.
- ▶ Build capacity by providing education and networking opportunities for healthcare teams.

The confirmed speakers for the one-day event include;



Dr. Anesa Ahamad, Radiation On-

cologist, who will present on *Breast Cancer Advances: Safer, More Accessible, More Precise Treatment in our Region* — an important look at how new approaches are improving care, expanding access, and bringing hope to patients and families across the Caribbean.



Dr. Jonathan Mekanjuola, Consultant Urologist, who will present on *The Use of Prostate Cancer AI in the Caribbean to Enhance Quality of Decision-Making & Up-to-Date Care* — a timely and innovative topic highlighting how artificial intelligence can transform prostate cancer treatment and improve patient outcomes across the region.



Dr. Hanybal Yazigi, Oncologist at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre. His pre-

sentation, *Breaking the News, Building the Bond: Innovation in Patient-Centered Communication*, will explore practical and innovative approaches to one of the toughest parts of oncology—delivering difficult news with compassion while building stronger, more trusting bonds with patients and families.



Dr. Cherie Tulloch, Obstetrician-Gynecologist at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre and Antigua and Barbuda Chair of the Cervical Cancer Elimination Program. Her presentation, *Closing the Gap: Advancing Cervical Screening Equity in the Caribbean*, will focus on strategies to ensure every woman—regardless of background—has access to life-saving screening and care, and how the region can move closer to eliminating cervical cancer.



Dr. Michelle Reece-Mills, Pediatric

Oncologist/Hematologist. Her presentation, “Presentation and Management of Pediatric Cancer — The Highs and Lows,” will provide an in-depth look at the challenges and successes in diagnosing and treating childhood cancers, offering valuable insights for both clinicians and caregivers.



Samantha Moitt, RDN, MPH, Chief Nutrition Officer at the Ministry of Health. Her session, “The Role of Nutrition in Cancer Prevention,” will explore how diet and lifestyle choices play a powerful role in reducing cancer risk and supporting overall health.



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Local News

Antigua and Barbuda Calls for Justice, Peace, and Practical Reform at UN General Assembly



Prime Minister the Gaston Browne addressed the General Debate of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, urging a return to the UN Charter's core principles and a decisive global response to the climate crisis, unsustainable debt, and widening inequalities.

Speaking "as a small micro state on the frontline of a climate crisis," the Prime Minister warned that retreat from multilateralism and disregard for human rights signal "a pivotal moment for humanity." He called for compassion, solidarity, jus-

tice and law to guide international action.

On climate, the Prime Minister advocated a just and orderly energy transition that caps, then fairly phases down and ultimately phases out fossil fuels; a fair carbon levy on the heaviest emitters; predictable, front-loaded finance from the Loss and Damage Fund; and reforms so the most vulnerable can access affordable capital before disasters strike. He reiterated Antigua and Barbuda's call for full adoption of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), long-tenor

concessional lending with climate-resilient debt clauses, and local-currency lending windows.

The Prime Minister outlined ocean priorities—combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, tackling plastics and pollution, scaling blue-carbon finance, strengthening maritime domain awareness—and reaffirmed support for a moratorium on seabed mining "until independent science proves no serious harm."

Underscoring the rule of law, he referenced legal clarity secured at ITLOS and the ICJ on climate obligations and affirmed that if major emitters will not act in line with science, affected states must retain the right to seek lawful remedies. He also backed UN reforms to give SIDS a structured voice on climate-related security risks at the Security Council.

The Prime Minister addressed global peace and security challenges—calling for the release of Israeli hostages; condemning geno-

cide and forced removals in Gaza; urging a two-state solution; pressing for diplomacy in Ukraine; proposing a single, Haitian-led plan with one Security Council mandate and one transparent Haiti Fund; insisting counter-narcotics operations respect sovereignty and law; and urging normalization of relations with Cuba, including removal from "State Sponsor of Terrorism" lists.

On global health, he championed a UN resolution recognizing mental health as essential to development, building on an OAS hemispheric resolution, and called for urgent action on non-communicable diseases, which are the leading causes of death in the Caribbean.

"If this world is truly better together," the Prime Minister concluded, "let us be accountable together—to all nations, to future generations, and to those against whom power is wielded."



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Antigua and Barbuda celebrates National Day at Expo 2025 in Osaka



Antigua and Barbuda delegation and Japan delegation at gift exchange ceremony

The twin-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda proudly celebrated its National Day at World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan on September 28 with a ceremonial flag-raising event, followed by a vibrant cultural performance under the theme 'Wadadli, Wa'Omoni – The Pearls of the Caribbean'.

The showcase captured the spirit of Antigua and Barbuda through music, dance, and storytelling. From the pulsating rhythms of African-inspired drumming and dance to the infectious energy of Carnival and Soca, the performance unfolded as a tapestry of heritage and celebration. With Director of Culture Khan Cordice on the steelpan, Antigua Carnival Soca Monarch Tian Winter providing the vocals, and the Antigua and Barbuda Cultural Group of

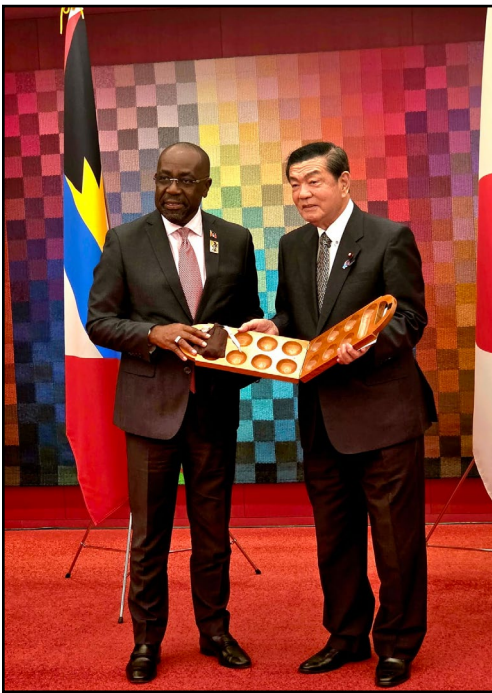


Antigua and Barbuda cultural performers

dancers led by Thyana Sebastian, audiences were captivated by a dynamic fusion of sound, movement, and emotion.

The Antigua and Barbuda Dele-

gation was led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, who delivered remarks at the official ceremony, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to partici-



pate in Expo 2025.

“This Expo, under the theme ‘*Designing Future Society for Our Lives*,’ aligns perfectly with our national ethos,” said Minister Greene. “Our pavilion, themed ‘*Saving Lives*,’ showcases our dedication to environmental preservation, socio-cultural richness, and economic innovation. As we celebrate Antigua and Barbuda’s National Day, let us remember that we are all connected by a shared dream: a future of peace, sustainability, and mutual respect.”

Representing the Government of Japan, Mr. Ito Yoshitaka, Minister in charge of World Expo 2025, speaking through an interpreter, reaffirmed Japan’s commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with Antigua and Barbuda and to upholding shared values. He expressed hope that the Expo will continue to deepen ties between both nations.

Since opening its pavilion in April, Antigua and Barbuda has already

attracted close to one million visitors an extraordinary demonstration of global interest in the nation’s story and culture.

“Being a part of Japan Expo 2025 is a historic moment for our twin-island state. The admiration for Antigua and Barbuda was overwhelmingly heartfelt,” said Javier Jacobs, Commissioner General for Antigua and Barbuda at Expo Japan, and lead representative for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority.

“Our participation at Expo 2025 is not only about showcasing our heritage and creativity but heavily focusing on strengthening international friendships and opening doors to new opportunities for cultural exchange, investment and partnership towards sustainable initiatives and tourism growth for mutual benefit,” said Jacobs.

World Expo 2025, continues in Osaka, Japan until October 13, 2025.

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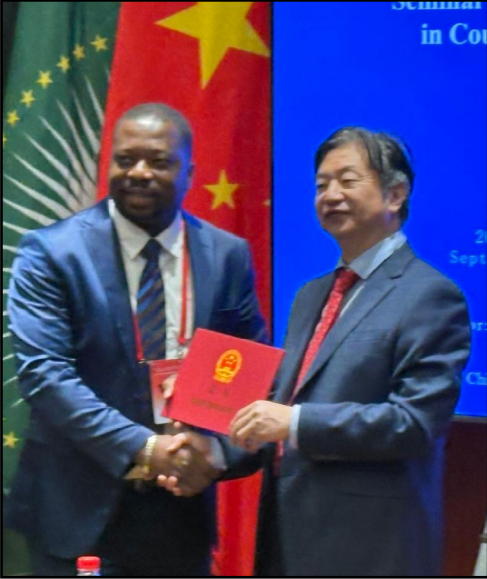
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Senior media managers represented Antigua and Barbuda at seminar in China



The People's Republic of China continues to extend a hand of friendship to those countries which have signed on to participate in its 'Belt and Road' initiative announced twelve years ago by President Xi Jinping.

A two-week seminar for senior media managers from Belt and Road countries concluded in Beijing last week with three representatives from Antigua and Barbuda among the approximately thirty media practitioners in attendance. The representatives were Garfield Burford of Antigua and Barbuda Broadcasting Service (ABS), Everton Barnes of the Communications Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Point Ville Communications and Kerrio Adams of WTP Radio.

The seminar was a mixture of classrooms sessions and field visits to cultural sites highlighting China's long and rich history. On the field trips, the media personnel saw first-hand the advances being made in greenhouse technology and aquaponics; a vineyard and winery established on lands that were first mined and left abandoned as well as being exposed to the advances in desert control and reversal and the field trips concluded with a visit to the Great Wall of China.

The classrooms sessions focused on



China's advances in adopting new technologies such as 5G-A and AI in its media enterprises.

It was clear from the workshop that China is prepared to extend a helping hand to developing countries, particularly those that have signed on to the Belt and Road Initiative.

At both the opening and closing ceremonies, the senior Chinese officials who attended stressed the theme of 'shared development' between China and these countries.

While Antigua and Barbuda was the

only Caribbean country represented at the seminar, it drew attendees from Eastern Europe, (Turkey and Romania), and from Africa with representatives from South Sudan, Cameroon, Ghana, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and South Africa in attendance.

The Belt and Road Initiative, also known in China as the One Belt One Road and sometimes called the New Silk Road, is a global infrastructure and economic development strategy launched by the government of the People's Republic of China in 2013.



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SUNDAY 26 OCT

- **INDEPENDENCE CHURCH SERVICE**
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MONDAY 27-29 OCT

- **NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
BUSINESS DECOR COMPETITION**

MONDAY 27 OCT

- **NATIONAL HEROES DAY
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10:00 AM

TUESDAY 28 OCT

- **FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS**
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8:00PM
- **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"**
7:30PM (TBC)

THURSDAY 30 OCT

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

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SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
5:30PM

MONDAY 03 NOV

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The UWI Five Islands Reaffirms Commitment to Student Safety

UWI FIC Media Release

The University of the West Indies (UWI) Five Islands Campus has learned of a letter published by an online media house which misrepresents the handling of a medical event involving one of our students which occurred on Monday 29th September 2025. The letter alleges a lack of response by the lecturer to a seizure that occurred during a class session. The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. We want to address concerns raised about the alleged incident.

The student referenced is well known to the Campus having declared a medical condition from the point of admission and the Campus has worked closely with the student and family to establish appropriate accommodations. These accommodations include the presence of a family member either inside or just outside the classroom during the student's lectures and tutorials. In the incident on Monday, the student's relative was present and responded swiftly to provide support, ensuring



that the student was taken to the campus medical station where we have qualified personnel on standby.

The student is currently in a better condition and we remain committed to giving our support. The lecturer also discussed with students of the class who witnessed the event and the campus has also made provisions through the campus counsellor's office to assist any student that is affected by such events on campus.

The Five Islands Campus Medical Station is staffed by qualified nurses on shifts from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm daily. Faculty members, the Campus Medical Station, and the Campus Registrar's Office are all aware of students with declared health conditions and there are accommodations put in place to ensure their well-being. This system has been tested, and as in Monday's case, worked as intended.

It is deeply regrettable that

there was the publication of misleading information without verifying facts with the Campus or the family involved. The family has reaffirmed to the Campus their gratitude for the accommodations made. They noted that the Five Islands Campus has been extremely supportive of the student in spite of the declared medical condition. The family has also expressed outrage that the student's health circumstances have been used in this way to create public mischief.

The UWI Five Islands Campus will continue to work in supporting students and staff in all circumstances. We maintain extensive protocols for responding to declared illnesses, providing accommodations at the time of admission, and activating emergency services for any emergent cases involving staff or students.

We remain proud of the safe and caring environment that has been established at The UWI Five Islands and reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the well-being of our campus community.



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The UWI FIC to Launch Ocean-Themed Art Walk



The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus will launch its newest initiative that combines Caribbean art with environmental advocacy focused on ocean conservation and the blue economy. “Voices of the Ocean: Art Walk”, a collaboration with several non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will feature four large-scale sculptures and one mural installed across the campus’ grounds. Each artwork will incorporate reclaimed coastal materials including ocean plastics, glass and fishing line.

The initiative aims to highlight marine conservation while highlighting opportunities in the blue economy — sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth.

Principal of The UWI Five Islands Campus, Professor C. Justin Robinson said the art walk reflects the campus’ commitment to combining education with community engagement on critical environmental issues affecting the region. “As the campus expands our focus on the blue economy as well as

addressing the challenges of climate change, we see this project as a way of bringing these concepts to the community in an engaging way with our partners.

The sculptures will be created through partnerships with local environmental organizations, including the Antigua and Barbuda Environment Foundation, Environmental Awareness Group, Elkhorn Marine Conservancy, Antigua and Barbuda Ocean Trust, Good Humans 268 and the Barbuda Council.

Renee Cooper, the project’s conceptual lead and a climate advocate, noted the importance of the ocean to our islands and the region. “The ocean is not only central to our identity but also to our future,” she said. “The Blue Economy represents one of the greatest opportunities for Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean.”

Cooper said the project demonstrates how environmental protection intersects with cultural and economic development in the Caribbean. “Through Voices of the Ocean, we are transform-

ing that opportunity into something visible and lasting — art that speaks to who we are, how we live with the sea, and how innovation can drive resilience,” she said.

Each participating organization will collaborate with artists to ensure the sculptures reflect their conservation missions, organizers said. The trail will be free and open to the public. The Five Islands Campus will make the art walk accessible to both students and community members.

The project is currently seeking Caribbean sculptors to submit proposals for the four sculptures. They also are inviting corporate sponsors to “adopt” individual artworks.

The initiative represents part of The UWI Five Islands’ broader sustainability and community engagement efforts. Additional partners and sponsors will be announced in coming weeks.

More information about artist submissions and sponsorship opportunities is available through the Project Lead.

Police traffic announcement addresses illegal Parking on Joseph Lane

The police have announced that they will take immediate steps to deal with the problem of illegal parking along Joseph Lane which is the cause of much bottlenecks and difficulties for drivers maneuvering the narrow road.

In an unusual move, the Police Administration has issued the advisory in both English and Spanish, taking into account the high concentration of Spanish-oriented businesses in the area.

In a media release, the police administration said it is issuing a reminder to motorists concerning the persistent problem of illegal parking along Joseph Lane.

“Despite repeated warnings and the installation of traffic signs and road markings prohibiting this unlawful practice, some motorists continue to dis-



regard the regulations. This behavior not only creates obstructions but also severely impedes the free flow of vehicular traffic along the route,” the release noted.

To address this ongoing issue, the police will be conducting increased traffic checks in the area. Any ve-

hicle found parked illegally will be subject to ticketing and immediate towing at the owner’s expense.

The Police Administration appeals to all road users to comply with traffic regulations and cooperate fully with the authorities. These measures are being enforced to ensure safer

roadways and smoother traffic movement for everyone.

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda thanks the public for its continued cooperation in promoting safety and order on the nation’s streets.



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Kiwanis Club of Antigua AR Fusion donates sign to School For The Deaf

The Kiwanis Club of Antigua AR Fusion recently made a presentation of signage to the School for the Deaf. This institution caters to children with speech impairments.

The motto of the institution is “We focus on our abilities and not our disabilities”. The signage allows for ease of recognition of the institution that shares space with the TN Kirnon Primary Schools. Due to the placement of the new signs, persons will be able to easily identify the school’s location.

President of AR Fusion, Rebekah Warner, hopes that with the increased presence through the improved signs, more awareness will be brought to the institution, and the good work that is being done in preparing their students to communicate with the world around them. Persons who are interested in taking sign language classes are also encouraged to take classes at this institution.

President of the Parent Teachers Association, Mrs. Francis, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the school, its Principal and Teachers, for the kind donation to the school. She also expressed hope for continued partnership with the club, in helping the institution to continue in its work. AR Fusion also thanks to its corporate partner in this project Iprint. They provided much needed assistance in the design, production and installation of the signs that were placed near the road, and beside the building.

Present at the presentation was outgoing Lieutenant Governor Adrian Boyce (2024-2025) of Barbados,



who was pleased to witness such a note-worthy contribution. He noted that this contribution is in alignment

with the expectations of Kiwanis International, and its motto to “Serving the children of the world”.


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Level Up with London and R. Mims World Group: Delivering Innovation, Support, and Opportunities for Students Since the Start of the School Year



Since the reopening of schools in September 2025, Terri London and the Level Up Team, in partnership with R. Mims World Group has made significant strides in advancing education, technology, sports, and empowerment across Antigua. Our mission remains clear—to equip our children with the tools, resources, and confidence they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

One of our landmark initiatives was the launch of the Back-to-School Program, ensuring that students returned to classrooms with the essential supplies and encouragement needed for a strong start. We believe education is the foundation of opportunity, and no child should be left behind because of limited resources.

In addition, we proudly expanded access to 3D printing technology across multiple schools, including Jennings Secondary School, Jennings Primary School, and Bendal Primary School. These state-of-the-art printers are revolutionizing the classroom, enabling teachers to transform complex concepts into hands-on, engaging lessons. Students are now able to design, innovate, and explore future-ready skills that open doors to careers in engineering, healthcare, architecture, and beyond.

We extend our gratitude to ACT's Mr. Andrew Doumith, who dedicated his expertise and his team's time to installing and setting up the printers, and to R. Mims World Group for their unwavering commitment to education. Together, we are

shaping a generation of innovators and problem-solvers.

Beyond the classroom, Level Up with London has also invested in sports development, with full restoration of the Bendals Basketball Court backboard and rim. The community of Jennings has agreed for a similar collaboration of community spirit in restoring the Jennings Basketball Court. These facilities provide safe spaces for children, youth, and adults to engage in positive, healthy activities. They also pave the way for upcoming village leagues and inter-community competitions that will foster talent, discipline, and community spirit.

Our guiding motto - "It's nice to be nice" - and the vision embraced by R. Mims

World Group - "What is worse than being blind is being able to see and have no vision"—remain at the heart of everything we do. Together, kindness and vision drive our initiatives forward, ensuring that every action leaves a lasting impact on our young people and their communities.

Since September 2025, our collective achievement has stood as a powerful reminder that when we invest in education, technology, and youth development, we invest in the future of Antigua and Barbuda. Level Up with London and R. Mims World Group remains committed to building brighter futures, one initiative at a time.

Submitted by;

Dr. Terri London

Team Level-Up

China's Communication and Q&A on Special and Differential Treatment in the WTO

I. Key Communication Points

The Premier of China Li Qiang, when attending a United Nations General Assembly related meeting on 23 September 2025, solemnly announced that China, as a responsible major developing country, will not seek new special and differential treatment (SDT) in the current and future WTO negotiations.

China acceded to the WTO as a developing member, and is entitled to the institutional right to special and differential treatment. Since its accession, China has actively participated in multilateral trade negotiations and, taking into account its own level of development and capacity, exercised its right to special and differential treatment in an independent and pragmatic manner. In doing so, China has made significant contributions to the conclusion of multiple WTO negotiations and to the promotion of global trade liberalization and facilitation.

At present, a certain member has abused unilateral tariff measures, severely disrupting the global economic and trade order. The multilateral trading system is faced with unprecedented challenges, while uncertainties and instabilities in the global economy continue to grow. Against this backdrop, China's announcement of not seeking new SDT in the current and future WTO negotiations is an important step to support the multilateral trading system. It is also a concrete action by China to better implement the Global Development Initiative and the Global Governance Initiative, fully demonstrating China's sense of responsibility as a major developing country.

China has always been a member



The Premier of China Li Qiang

of the Global South and will always be a part of the developing world. Looking ahead, China will continue to practice true multilateralism, support the rules-based multilateral trading system, actively participate in the WTO reform process, and firmly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing members. China will work to better bridge the North-South development gap, improve global economic governance, and contribute to building an open world economy.

II. Standard Q & A

1. Question: Does this announcement mean that China is no longer a developing country?

Answer: China remains the largest developing country in the world. Challenges of unbalanced and inadequate development still persist, and development remains China's top priority. China has always been a member of the Global South and will always be a part of the developing world. The announcement of not seeking new SDT in the current and future WTO negotiations does not affect or change China's status as a developing member in the WTO.

2. Question: Will this announcement

alter China's negotiation stance in other areas?

Answer: This announcement is applicable solely within the framework of WTO. It does not constitute any precedent or have any impact on China's status or treatment as a developing country in any other international organization or international treaty to which China is a member or signatory.

3. Question: Will this decision affect China's engagement on development issues in the WTO or its support for other developing members?

Answer: China has always stood together with other developing members in the WTO to firmly safeguard the fairness and inclusiveness of the multilateral trading system. This major announcement by China is development-oriented in nature. It will help the multilateral trading system better focus on development issues, enhance inclusiveness and accessibility in global trade, narrow the North-South development gap, and realize the WTO's founding purpose of promoting global development.

China's position in the current and future WTO negotiations remains unchanged in three aspects:

1. China's status as a developing member will not change;
2. China's determination to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing members will not change;
3. China's commitment to promoting global trade and investment liberalization and facilitation will not change.

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 They fight for futures we can't recant.
 No longer silent, they demand,
 A greener world across the land.

They organize in towns and schools,
 They question leaders, challenge rules.
 They speak of justice, fair and true,
 For Earth belongs to me and you.



From islands small to cities wide,
 They call for change with urgent pride.
 "Act now, not later," loud they say,
 "For we are living climate's way."
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They plant the trees, they clean the shore,
 They know the planet can take no more.
 Each bottle gathered, each bag they ban,

Reminds the world: yes, youth can.

And yet they ask, "What of the rest?"



Of those with needs that must be blessed?
 Shall climate justice leave behind,
 The ones disabled, redefined?"

For climate work is not complete,
 If every voice is not a seat.
 A ramp, a chair, a sign to read,
 Are all a part of meeting need.

Their action shines with burning flame,
 They care not riches, power, or fame.
 They fight for oceans, skies of blue,
 And for inclusion shining through.

The future bends on choices made,
 By youth who will not stand afraid.
 They rally crowds, they craft the plan,
 To heal the Earth the best they can.

They write, they sing, they paint, they shout,
 Their message clear, their strength devout.
 No boardroom wall can keep contained,
 The call for change that must be gained.

From Fridays marching out of class,

To forums where their voices pass,
 They show the courage, loud and bright,
 That only youth can bring to light.
 And in their hearts, a truth resounds,

The Earth is theirs, its sacred grounds.
 So listen well, oh leaders old,
 Their words are silver, fierce, and bold.
 "You've borrowed Earth," the young ones say,

"Return it clean, don't make us pay.



You mined, you burned, you took with greed,
 Now join us planting hope and seed."
 The youth are rising, strong, awake,
 They mend the wounds that others make.

And hand in hand, both weak and strong,
 They march for futures that belong.

So when you hear their urgent song,
 Know climate action won't be long.
 For youth are here, and youth will stay,
 To lead the world a brighter way.



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Regional News

US lists Caribbean countries in 2025 Trafficking in Persons Report

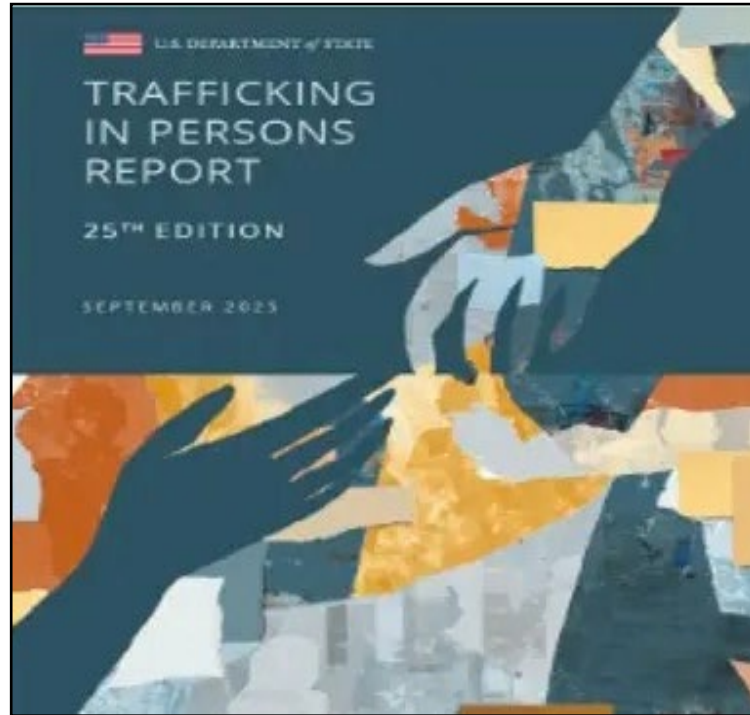
The United States Department of State has listed several Caribbean countries in its 2025 Trafficking in Persons Report.

It stated that “trafficking in persons” and “human trafficking” are umbrella terms, often used interchangeably, to refer to a crime whereby traffickers exploit and profit at the expense of adults or children by compelling them to perform labour or engage in commercial sex.

“When a person younger than 18 is used to perform a commercial sex act, it is a crime regardless of whether there is any force, fraud, or coercion involved,” the State Department said, adding that Washington recognises two primary forms of trafficking in persons, namely sex trafficking and forced labour.

In its report, the State Department has placed The Bahamas, Guyana and Suriname in Tier 1 which it said are those “whose governments fully meet the Trafficking Victims Protection Act’s (TVPA) minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Belize, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Curaçao, Dominican Republic, and Trinidad and Tobago have all been placed in Tier 2 “whose govern-



ments do not fully meet the TVPA’s minimum standards but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards”.

St Lucia and Barbados have been placed in Tier 2 Watch List “whose governments do not fully meet the TVPA’s minimum standards but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards (with certain exceptions), and for which the estimated number of victims of severe forms of trafficking is very significant or is significantly increasing, and the country is not taking proportional concrete actions”.

Saint Maarten, Venezuela and Cuba have been placed in Tier 3 “whose govern-

ments do not fully meet the TVPA’s minimum standards and are not making significant efforts to do so.”

The State Department also listed Haiti, along with Libya, Somalia and Yemen in the “Special Case” category.

The State Department said the United States Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (TVPA), defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or the recruitment, harbouring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labour or services, through the use of force, fraud, or

coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

The State Department said more than 180 countries have ratified or acceded to the United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (the UN TIP Protocol), which defines trafficking in persons and contains obligations to prevent and combat the crime.

The report says the TVPA directs the US Secretary of State to consider, as proof of a country’s failure to make significant efforts to fully meet the TVPA’s minimum standards, adding that governments on Tier 3 may be subject to certain restrictions on foreign assistance, “whereby the president may determine not to provide US government nonhumanitarian, nontrade-related foreign assistance as defined in the TVPA”.

The report states that the US president may also determine to instruct the US executive director of each multilateral development bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to “vote against and use their best efforts to deny any loans or other uses of the institutions’ funds to a designated Tier 3 country for most purposes. (CMC)

Caricom agriculture ministers meeting in St Kitts-Nevis

Caribbean Community (Caricom) agriculture ministers meet here on Tuesday focusing on a wide range of issues including the status and trends in fisheries and aquaculture production, trade, and employment; initiatives to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and a new grievance redress mechanism for the Belize-based Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM).

The meeting forms part of the activities for the 19th Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA 2025) that got underway here on Monday with St Kitts and Nevis Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine Resources Minister, Samal Duggins, highlighting the central role of agriculture in regional development and resilience.

“Agriculture is not just another sector. It is the very lifeblood of our people. It is the guarantee that every family can access healthy and nutritious food,” he said in his feature address, reflecting also on the CWA 2025 theme “Sowing Change, Harvesting Resilience: Transforming our Caribbean Food Systems for 2025,” saying that the “seeds we plant here today, the policies we shape, the partnerships we build, will determine the resilience and the prosperity that we shall reap tomorrow”.

He urged regional leaders to confront long-standing challenges and elevate the agricultural agenda.

“Our region has not always given agriculture the priority it deserves. Too often, it has been seen as a last resort, rather than recognised as a pillar of sovereignty and a pillar of growth,” Duggins said, outlining efforts being made locally including the food import reduction programme, which prioritises local investment to increase the production of high-demand crops such as bananas, plantains, coconuts, and pineapples..

“We are scaling climate-smart practices, expanding agro-processing, and

empowering our youth and women to lead in this very transformation,” he said, acknowledging the importance of unified regional efforts and emphasising the value of South-South cooperation, particularly through strengthening relationships with African nations.

He said the twin island Federation has been actively forging closer ties with countries like Nigeria and that such South-South collaboration enables shared learning in climate-smart agriculture, the creation of cross-continental value chains, and the development of deeper trade and innovation networks.

The agriculture ministers meeting, which will be chaired by Anguilla’s Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water, and Natural Resources, Kyle Hodge, will also discuss a regional training and capacity needs assessment being undertaken by the CRFM with support from GRÓ-Fisheries Training Programme (FTP), under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as well as south-south co-operation with China.

The ministers will also receive updates and provide policy guidance on regional initiatives to address climate resilience and blue economic growth.

These include the Global Affairs Canada-funded Sustainable Technologies for Adaptation and Resilience in Fisheries (STAR-Fish) Project; the GEF/CAF/FAO/CRFM BE-CLME+ Project: Promoting National Blue Economy Priorities through Marine Spatial Planning in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus (BE-CLME+); and the New Zealand Bioeconomy Science Institute: Plant and Food Research Group/CRFM Sargassum Products for Climate Resilience in the Caribbean Project.

Meanwhile, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) will this

week launch its landmark Common Apiculture Policy coinciding with the 9th OECS Council of Ministers: Agriculture meeting.

The policy, developed under the EU-funded BioSPACE Programme in collaboration with regional partners, seeks to protect bees as vital pollinators while strengthening the apiculture sector through sustainable practices, standardised approaches, and research-driven strategies.

“We are going to have a technical paper and presentation presented within CWA so this is something that will be very pertinent for people like beekeepers, people who want to get into the apiculture space and policy makers,” said Beekeeper at the Department of Agriculture here, Monroe Tweed.

“What it is basically it is a document about how we would like to flesh out how we (standardise) beekeeping in the region and not just in St Kitts but this is a document that’s been building up for a number of years with baseline studies funded by Small Grant Programs (SGPs)

“We would also like to do an IPM which is an Integrated Pest Management paper because bees have their own pests, especially in the climate that we are in. It is an agricultural venture now so we must consider that as good stewards of bees.”

As part of the celebrations, the OECS-Caricom Caribbean Honey Show will also be featured during CWA 2025, offering patrons the opportunity to taste and purchase honey and related products, including soaps made from beeswax, honey cocktails, pastries, and more.

On Wednesday, the CRFM will partner with the local Department of Marine Resources and the National Fisherfolk Organisation to convene the Caribbean Small-scale Fisheries & Aquaculture Forum. (CMC)

Trial on Friday for man who allegedly dismembered uncle

The trial is set to begin on Friday of a man accused of fatally chopping his uncle at their home in Stony Hill, St Andrew, before chartering a taxi to transport the dead man's body parts to Cavaliers, where he set the remains ablaze.

The incident took place three years ago.

The accused, 43-year-old Samuel 'Peter John' Waldo, who is in police custody, is said to have killed 77-year-old Derrick 'Reds' Lindsay on June 4, 2022.

Waldo then vanished, and the victim was reported missing about 8 p.m. that night.

Detectives cracked the case a few days later.

On June 6, the police were led down a precipice where smoke was still emanating from some of Lindsay's remains about 11 a.m.

The Gleaner was at the scene when the discovery was made and was first to report the grisly find in bushes in Cavaliers.

Reports from the Stony Hill police are that investigations led to Waldo's home, where blood stains were found inside.

Waldo was arrested some weeks later after he was accosted in Kencot, St Andrew, in the St Andrew Central Police Division.

The trial was initially to begin yesterday but was put off when the matter was called up.



After the murder, Waldo reportedly chartered the taxi and travelled with two suitcases filled with the body parts.

Investigators say the taxi driver was questioned and released.

The prosecution believe Waldo bought \$500 worth of gasoline before he was taken to the remote location.

The taxi driver, who was questioned by the police, reportedly took lawmen and relatives to a separate location before taking them to the area where he had dropped Waldo off with

what he believed was luggage.

The investigation also found that bleach and other chemicals were used in the house where the murder took place, in an attempt to clean the scene. However, blood stains were still found at the home.

Lorna Lindsay, the daughter of the deceased, has been to court for every appearance of the accused since Waldo was charged.

She told The Gleaner yesterday she was happy the trial is set to begin on Friday.

"The setback was partly

because of the psychiatric evaluation process. He was evaluated, then the time passed and he had to be re-evaluated. The court said everything is ready to proceed with the trial come Friday. We ready to bring this matter to an end," a relative told The Gleaner, adding that the family is nearing closure.

Justice Leighton Pusey is presiding over the trial.

Waldo is a former musician who had songs playing on the airwaves several years ago. (Jamaica Gleaner)

16-y-o boy in Bahamas charged for mass shooting

A 16-year-old boy in the Bahamas was charged on Monday with the deaths of two men and injury to five other people during a mass shooting in August.

The teenager appeared before Chief Magistrate Roberto Reckley on two counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder following the August 9 shooting in New Providence.

The incident resulted in the deaths of Eden Louis and Markentash Saintil and injuries to Hayden Breus, Trish Louis, Widny Saintil, Karib Rodgers and Gregory Jean-Charles.

Police said that the victims were outside a home when two gunmen emerged from a vehicle and shot them.

The accused was not required to enter pleas to the charges and was remanded.

He will return to court on December 10 for the presentation of a voluntary bill of indictment. (CMC)




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International

AROUND THE WORLD



South Africa's ambassador to France found dead at foot of Paris hotel tower



South Africa's ambassador to France was found dead on Tuesday at the foot of the Hyatt Regency hotel, a high-rise tower in the west of Paris, the Paris prosecutor's office said.

Ambassador Nkosinathi Emmanuel "Nathi" Mthethwa had been reported missing by his wife on Monday evening after she received a text message from him that worried her, the prosecutor's office said, confirming newspaper reports.

Mthethwa had booked a room on the 22nd floor, the prosecutor's office said, adding that a secured window had been forced open. It said an investigation was ongoing and it could not preempt its outcome.

French media including Le Parisien said Mthethwa was

believed to have killed himself, without citing a source.

South Africa's foreign affairs department confirmed Mthethwa's death, adding that the circumstances were under investigation by the French authorities.

"Ambassador Mthethwa was a distinguished servant of the nation, whose career was marked by dedicated service in critical ministerial portfolios," the foreign affairs department said in a statement, calling his death "a national loss".

The embassy's website says Mthethwa was South Africa's minister of arts and culture from 2014 to 2019, adding sport to his portfolio from 2019 to 2023. (NBC)

NOTICE

The China Aid Programme in collaboration with The Embassy of China Antigua and Barbuda, Yuan Long Ping High Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd. Ministry of Agriculture Lands Fisheries and the Blue Economy presents, a 3-week training course on Agricultural Water Saving Irrigation for Antigua and Barbuda from 16 th October to 5th November 2025 at the Villa Poly Clinic ,Villa Area.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENSE FOR BUSINESS

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I, LATOYA JOSEPH - PELLE, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intension to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor License Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, High Street, StJohn's Antigua on Thursday 2nd October, 2025 next ensuring for a tavern license in respect of premises known as "QUBES LAUNDRY AND MINI MART" situated in BUCKLEY VILLAGE, in the Parish of St. John's Antigua pursuantto Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 10th day of September, 2025

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Three dead, dozens trapped after Indonesian school collapses on students

Rescuers are racing to pull dozens of students and workers from under the rubble of a school building that collapsed in East Java, Indonesia.

Three people have been killed and 99 others hospitalised, some of them with critical injuries, officials said Tuesday, adding that the death toll may rise.

At least 38 others, many of them teenage boys remain trapped under the Al Khoziny Islamic Boarding School in the East Java town of Sidoarjo. They had gathered for prayers when the building gave way on Monday.

The two-storey building had an unstable foundation and could not support the weight of the construction of two more floors, the disaster mitigation agency said.

The girls were praying in another part of the building and managed to escape, according to the Associated Press.

Students in the school are between the ages of 12 and 17.

Footage on local media show the collapsed part of the building completely sunken in, with large slabs of concrete sticking out.

Crying and shouting can be heard from the rubble, authorities said, while anxious relatives have camped out at the school overnight awaiting news of their loved ones.

Dozens of rescuers have been searching overnight



for survivors, but the rescue was temporarily suspended on Tuesday, with authorities saying the building is at risk of further collapse.

EPA Dozens of rescues clad in safety wear and helmets search for survivors at a collapsed building at an Islamic boarding school in Sidoarjo, East Java EPA

Authorities say the building has taken on a “pancake-like structure with layers of concrete slabs leaving only narrow voids”, making rescue difficult

The collapsed building has taken on “a pancake type structure with layers of concrete slabs leaving only narrow voids, unstable conditions, and the possibility of survivors still trapped,” said Mohammad Syafeii, head of the search and rescue agency Basarnas.

His agency is preparing for a “specialised operation” and has deployed units from around the region that will be equipped with “special extrication “tools”, he said.

Mr Syafeii also laid out the dilemma with the use of heavy equipment, such as cranes and excavators. While they help lift the con-

crete slabs and open access, “shifting the slabs may also endanger the lives of survivors still trapped beneath the rubble”, he said.

Rosida, whose son Kaffa Ahmad Maulana is among those missing, said she has been waiting for news since Monday evening.

“I last spoke with him the day before the incident, and nothing seemed unusual during that conversation,” said the 47-year-old. Another of her children, who was also affected by the collapse, is being treated at a hospital.

Students who survived the incident have recounting their harrowing escapes to local media.

Seventh grader Muhammad Rijalul Qoib said hundreds of people had gathered to pray when they heard the sound of falling rocks.

“It got louder and louder,” the 13-year-old told detikJatim, adding that he immediately ran outside.

He was hit by falling roof debris, but managed to climb out of the rubble.

Another student, Sofa, told Kompas he saw students with “lots of injuries”.

“There were also broken bones,” he said.

The school’s caretaker KH Abdus Salam Mujib apologised to the students’ families on Monday, attributing the incident to “God’s will”. “Hopefully, God will replace it with something better,” he said.

Sidoarjo town’s regent claims the school’s management had not obtained permits for the expansion of the building.

Al Khoziny is a traditional Islamic boarding school in Indonesia known as a pesantren.

Traditionally, pesantren focus on Islamic studies, such as memorising the Quran, learning Arabic and Islamic law, but many now also offer general education.

Unlike regular schools, pesantren fall under the authority of Indonesia’s Ministry of Religious Affairs, not the Ministry of Education.

However, oversight is often limited. Many pesantren operate informally, without strong regulation or consistent monitoring

Indonesia’s construction sector has a poor safety record, with the International Labour Organization rating it among the worst globally.

Earlier this month, at least four people were killed and dozens injured when a building where people had gathered for a prayer recital collapsed suddenly in West Java. (BBC)

YouTube to pay US\$24.5 million to settle lawsuit over Trump's account suspension after January 6 attack

Google's YouTube has agreed to pay US\$24.5 million to settle a lawsuit President Donald Trump brought after the video site suspended his account following the January 6, 2021 attacks on the Capitol following the election that resulted in him leaving the White House for four years.

The settlement of the more than four-year-old case earmarks US\$22 million for Trump to contribute to the Trust for the National Mall and a construction of a White House ballroom, according to court documents filed Monday. The remaining US\$2.5 million will be paid to other parties involved in the case, including the writer Naomi Wolf and the American Conservative Union.

Alphabet, the parent of Google, is the third major technology company to settle a volley of lawsuits that Trump brought for what he alleged had unfairly muzzled him after his first term as president ended in January 2021. He filed similar cases Facebook parent Meta Platforms and Twitter before it was bought by billionaire Elon Musk in 2022 and rebranded as X.

Meta agreed to pay US\$25 million to settle Trump's lawsuit over his 2021 suspension from Facebook and X agreed to settle the lawsuit that Trump brought against Twitter for \$10 million. When the lawsuits against Meta, Twitter and YouTube were filed, legal experts predicted Trump had little chance of prevailing.

After buying Twitter for US\$44.5



billion, Musk later became major contributor to Trump's successful 2024 campaign that resulted in his re-election and then spent several months leading a cost-cutting effort that purged thousands of workers from the federal government payroll before the two had a bitter falling out. Both Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai and Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg were among the tech leaders who lined up behind Trump during his second inauguration in January in a show of solidarity that was widely interpreted as a sign of the industry's intention to work more closely with the president than during his first administration.

ABC News, meanwhile, agreed to pay US\$15 million in December toward Trump's presidential library to settle a defamation lawsuit over anchor George Stephanopoulos' inaccurate on-air assertion that the president-elect had been found civilly liable for raping

writer E Jean Carroll. And in July, Paramount decided to pay Trump US\$16 million to settle a lawsuit regarding editing at CBS' storied '60 Minutes' news programme.

The settlement does not constitute an admission of liability, the filing says. Google confirmed the settlement but declined to comment beyond it.

Google declined to comment on the reasons for the settlement, but Trump's YouTube account has been restored since 2023. The settlement is will barely dent Alphabet, which has a market value of nearly US\$3 trillion — an increase of about US\$600 billion, or 25 per cent, since Trump's return to the White House.

The disclosure of the settlement came a week before a scheduled October 6 court hearing to discuss the case with US District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez-Rogers in Oakland, California. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Ministry of Agriculture wins again in Business football league



The Ministry of Agriculture football team.

Last year's losing finalist and second-place finisher, the Ministry of Agriculture, maintained their perfect winning start to their campaign in the 2025 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship over the weekend.

The Ministry of Agriculture notched up their third win in as many matches by snatching a one-nil victory against Macky Enterprise in their Group 2 affair at the Golden Grove playing field.

It was the first loss in three games for Macky Enterprise.

More success as well for the 2023 champions APUA Telecoms, who made it two wins in as many games with a 3-0 victory against Villa Tech Enterprise in their Group 4 affair at the Jennings playing field.

It was the first loss in two

matches for Villa Tech Enterprise, who had won their opening encounter.

The Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority notched up their second win in as many games with a 4-0 drubbing of Cocos Hotel in their Group 4 encounter at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

It was the first defeat in two matches for Cocos Hotel, who launched their campaign with a goalless draw against defending champions Hermitage Bay Hotel in their opening Group 4 affair.

After drawing their opening affair in Group 3, the Postal Services notched up their second win in a row with a 5-0 drubbing of His Majesty's Prison (HMP) Oasis United at the Radio Range playing field.

It was the first loss suffered by HMP Oasis United after winning their previous

two matches.

The Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHA-PA) Warriors maintained their unbeaten run in Group 3 by recording their second win in three matches with a 3-1 victory against Royalton Chic at Golden Grove.

It was the first loss in three matches for Royalton Chic, who snatched a 3-2 victory over Keyonna Beach Hotel in their second encounter after salvaging a 1-1 draw with Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority in their opening Group 3 affair. Keyonna Beach Hotel have suffered losses in their two matches in Group 3.

The Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority, who lost their opening encounter, claimed their first win in three matches with a 3-0 victory against ACE Trucking at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

ACE Trucking remain in the cellar of Group 3 after suffering their third loss in as many games.

After losing their opening Group 2 encounter, Fresh Acres Enterprise notched up their second successive win with a 3-0 victory against the University of the West Indies (UWI) Frigate Bird FC at Radio Range.

St. John's Development Corporation made it two wins in as many games in Group 1 by snatching a 1-0 victory against Royalton Strikers at Radio Range.

After suffering losses in the first two matches in Group 1, the National Housing Department Demolition Squad claimed their first win with a 5-0 drubbing of Automotive Art at Golden Grove. Automotive Art remain in the cellar of Group 1 after losing for the third time in as many games.

All the other matches ended in draws. After winning their opening two matches in Group 1, last year's third-place finishers, Sandals Resort, were held to a 1-1 draw by Galley Bay Ballers at Jennings.

The Central Marketing Corporation (CMC) and the Ministry of Tourism battled to a 1-1 draw in their Group 2 affair at Jennings, and Hodges Bay and Jolly Harbour Stingers fought to a goalless draw in another Group 2 encounter at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Sports News

Another win for Sandals in defense of Business Basketball League title

Defending champions Sandals extended their unbeaten run in defense of their title in the 2025 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Championships on Monday night.

Sandals, who won the round-robin league and the playoff titles last year, claimed their fourth win in as many outings with an 83-40 drubbing of Police in the first game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Scotty Nelson sank 13 points; Keroi Lee converted 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds; T-Shawn Lewis produced 11 points and five rebounds; and Keaddy Martin chipped in with 11 points and four assists for Sandals.

Javon Simon shot a game-high 23 points for Police, who suffered their second loss in as many games.

Last year's third-place finishers Richie's Shooterz notched up their second win in as many outings with an 87-62 victory against Antigua Com-

puter Technology in the last game of Monday's triple-header.

Tajahron Davis sank 25 points and claimed five steals, Kwame Brathwaite converted 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Devorn Benjamin contributed 14 points and four assists for Richie's Shooterz.

In support, Nickon McGregor produced 13 points, six rebounds, and six assists; Jaheem James contributed 13 points, six rebounds, and four steals; and Jaylele Joseph chipped in with 10 points, nine rebounds, five steals, and four assists for Richie's Shooterz.

Hansel Piper sank 11 points and claimed four steals; Ryan Shepherd produced 10 points, 11 rebounds, and five blocks; and Delroy Foster scored 10 points and snatched seven rebounds for Antigua Computer Technology, who suffered their third loss in as many games.

Cornerstone Builders and Maintenance notched up their third win in six

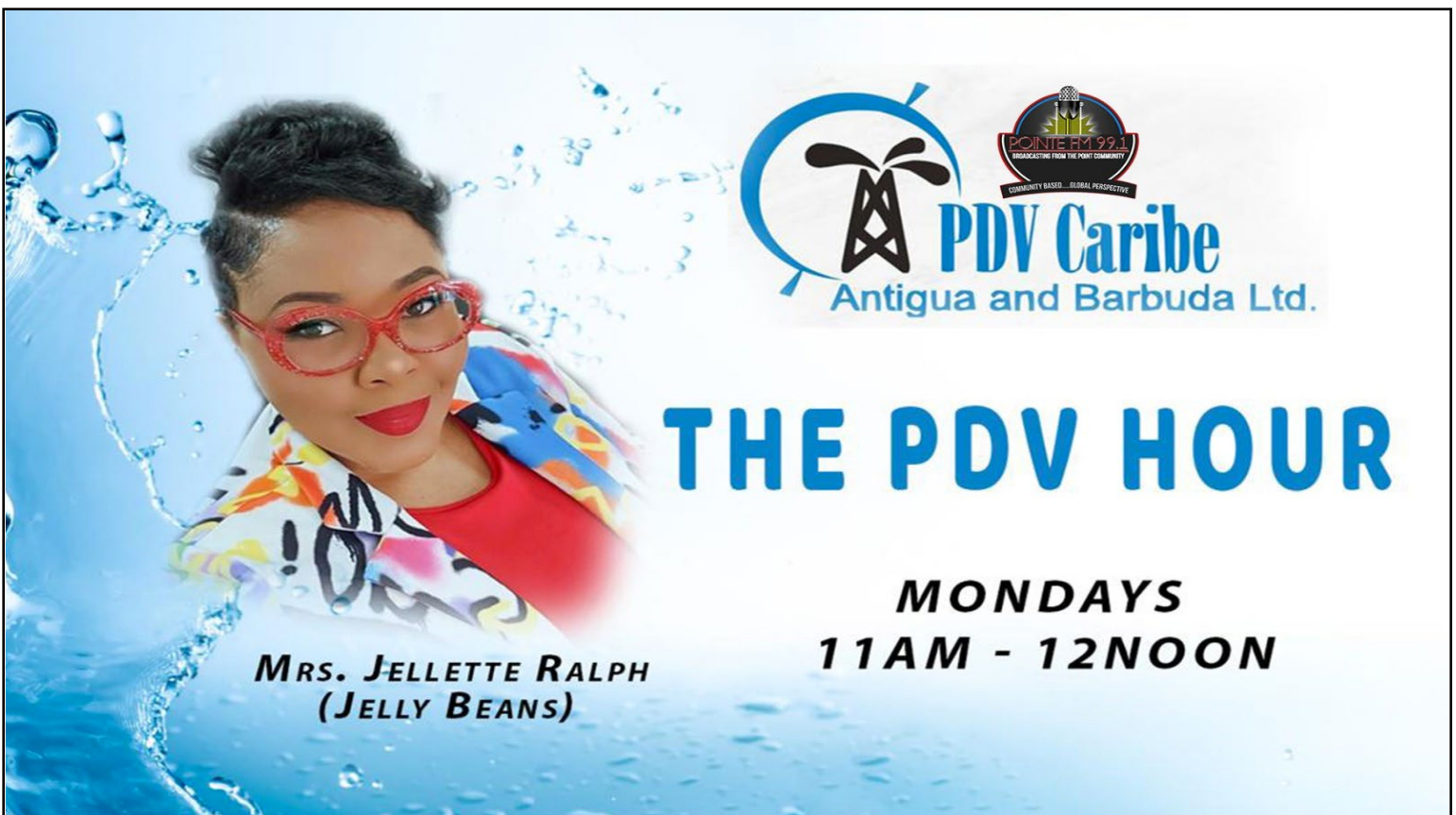
matches with a 48-38 victory against Antigua Power Company in the second game of Monday's triple-header.

Takeem Martin shot a game-high 14 points and claimed 13 rebounds, and Jesus Lopez produced 10 points, six steals, and five rebounds for Cornerstone Builders and Maintenance.

Judah Ferris scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Antigua Power Company, who lost for the first time after winning their opening encounter.

The business basketball league will continue with another triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday evening.

The Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre will tackle Antigua Computer Technology at 6:45 pm, Police will take on the Board of Education at 7:45 pm, and Sledge O Ballers will clash with the Antigua Power Company at 8:45 pm.



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West Indies get consolation win against Nepal in third T20I

The West Indies avoided a whitewash and claimed a consolation win with a comprehensive 10-wicket win against Nepal in the third and final T20 International at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Tuesday.

Left-arm pacer Ramon Simmonds grabbed four wickets to dismiss Nepal for 122 in 19.5 overs, and opener Amir Jangoo struck an unbeaten half-century to lead the West Indies to victory at 123 without losing a wicket in just 12.2 overs.

After winning the toss and electing to field, the West Indies produced their best bowling display of the series, which they lost 2-1, to dismiss Nepal for less than 125 runs.

Opener Khushal Bhurtel hit a top score of 39 off 29 balls, including three sixes and two fours. Captain Rohit Paudel hit 17, Sundeeep Jora scored 14, and opener Kushal Malla made 12.

Simmonds grabbed four for 15, and fellow left-arm fast bowler Jediah Blades captured two for 20.

Jangoo scored an unbeaten 71 runs from 45 balls and shared in an unbroken first-wicket century stand with Ackeem Auguste, who slammed 41 not out off 29 balls.

During his stay at the crease in the 123-run chase, Jangoo hammered five fours and six sixes, whereas Auguste struck four fours and



Amir Jangoo

two sixes.

The win on Tuesday helped the West Indies avoid the embarrassment

of getting whitewashed in a T20I series against an associate nation.

But Nepal, who won the

first two matches, have created history, winning their first series against a Test playing nation.

India beats Sri Lanka in Women's Cricket World Cup opener



India's players celebrate after winning the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup match between India and Sri Lanka at Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati, India, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025. (AP)

GUWAHATI, India (AP) - Deepti Sharma's all-round display helped India beat Sri Lanka by 59 runs (DLS) in the opening game of the Women's Cricket World Cup in India on Tuesday.

Sharma scored 53 off 53 balls and then took three for 54 in 10 overs to help her team overcome a batting collapse. Amanjot Kaur scored 57 off 56 balls and took one for 37 in six overs.

Sharma and Kaur put on 103 off 99 balls for the seventh wicket and rescued India from a precarious 124 for six in 27 overs. India finished with 269 for eight from 47 overs after two rain stoppages had cut down the game

by three overs in each innings.

In reply, Sri Lanka was bowled out for 211 runs in 45.4 overs. Skipper Chamari Athapaththu top-scored with 43 off 47 balls, but her side lost quick wickets in the middle overs.

Sneh Rana (2-32) and Shree Charani (2-37) also picked up braces, as the Indian spinners finished with seven of the 10 wickets.

India next plays archrival Pakistan in Colombo on Sunday — the latter will play all their games on neutral ground. Sri Lanka plays Australia next — also in Colombo — earlier on Saturday.

On Wednesday, defending champion Australia will open their campaign against New Zealand.

Eight teams will contest 31 matches for a chance to lift the trophy on November 2 after the final in either Colombo or Navi Mumbai.

Guwahati, Indore, Visakhapatnam and Navi Mumbai are hosting India's leg of the tournament. Colombo in Sri Lanka is the other venue, and where Pakistan will play their matches.

India is gunning for their first Women's World Cup crown from their fourth tournament on home turf after 1978, 1997, and 2013.

AGHS and PMS reach final in school girls knockout competition

The Antigua Girls High School and Princess Margaret School (PMS) have advanced to the final in the girls' division of the 2025 Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, Joma Secondary Schools Football Knockout Championship.

Both teams booked their spots in the championship decider by securing wins in the semi-finals at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters on Monday.

Nafisha Quashie achieved the rare feat of a haul trick (seven goals in a single game) to propel Antigua Girls High School to a 10-0 drubbing of Clare Hall Secondary School in the first semi-final.

Quashie, who scored a double hat trick (six goals in a single game) in the Antigua Girls High School's 7-0 drubbing of Jennings Secondary in the opening round, had conversions in the second, 17th, 20th, 24th, 26th, 35th, and 43rd minutes.

The other goals for Antigua Girls High School were scored by Kahalia James in the seventh and 15th minutes and Blessings Creese in the 47th minute.



The Princess Margaret School team

Princess Margaret School prevailed 3-0 against Ottos Comprehensive School in the other semi-final. The goals were scored by Jakayla Bellot in the 18th minute, Iressiea Allen in the 26th minute, and Rolesha Humphreys in the 42nd minute.

The girls' division knockout final will be played on a date to be determined by the Ministry of Sports.

Meanwhile, Princess Margaret School clinched the last semi-final spot in the boys' division of the 2025 Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, Joma

Secondary Schools Football Knockout Championship on Monday.

Princess Margaret School booked their spot in the semis by prevailing 3-2 against Clare Hall Secondary School in a penalty shootout after both teams battled to a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation time in the encounter at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters.

Mario Lewis gave Princess Margaret the lead with a 24th-minute conversion, and Tevon Henderson scored in the 39th minute to snatch the equalizer for Clare Hall Sec-

ondary, forcing the match to be decided by a penalty shootout that was eventually won by PMS.

Princess Margaret School joins the Harrison Centre Antigua and Barbuda School of Continuing Education (HCABSCE), Antigua Grammar School and Jennings Secondary in the semi-finals, which will be played at the same venue on Wednesday (today).

Princess Margaret School will face Antigua Grammar School at 3 pm, and HCABSCE will tackle Jennings Secondary at 4:20 pm.