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# Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Meets Executive Director of the Fund



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Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne, met with Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, Executive Director of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, on the sidelines of the Belém Climate Summit, held as part of COP30.

Diong commended Prime Minister Browne for his steadfast advocacy and leadership in championing the establishment of the Loss and Damage Fund and for Antigua and Barbuda's continued role in advancing climate justice for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

During the meeting, Diong provided an update on the Fund's operational progress, noting that USD 800 million has

been pledged to date. He outlined that the Fund will function through three modalities — multilateral development banks (MDBs), direct access entities, and accredited entities under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Adaptation Fund (AF) — ensuring flexibility, efficiency, and timely support to vulnerable nations. The Fund's official launch is scheduled for 15 December 2025, with full activation expected within six months thereafter.

Prime Minister Browne welcomed the update and reaffirmed Antigua and Barbuda's intention to be among the first applicants for financing, citing the country's recent experiences with hurricanes, coastal erosion,





and other climate-related impacts. He also praised Diong's leadership and reaffirmed Antigua and Barbuda's commitment, as a member of the Fund's Board, to ensuring that resources reach the most affected communities.

The Prime Minister further congratulated Diong on the funds progress and confirmed the country's readiness to align national systems with its operational framework. He highlighted the forth-

coming launch of the Implementa-Barbuda tion Mechanism (BIM), scheduled for 10 November 2025 at COP30, as a pioneering example of locally driven action to address loss and damage. Both leaders reiterated their shared commitment to advancing the full capitalization and effective implementation of the Fund, ensuring that communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis are empowered to recover, rebuild, and thrive.





# Prime Minister Attends Guyana's Climate Resilience Meeting on the Margins of COP30



PM Gaston Browne (brown suit) listens intently atva special session organised by Guyana

Prime Minister, Gaston Browne attended "Guyana's Pathway to Climate Resilience: Scaling Low Carbon Leadership & Conserving Biodiversity," a high-level side event held at Casa Balaio in Belém, State of Pará, Brazil, on the margins of the United Nations

Climate Change Conference (COP30).

The event, hosted by the Government of Guyana in partnership with the Global Biodiversity Alliance, brought together regional leaders, policymakers, and climate advocates to exchange ideas on strengthening low-carbon strategies and conserving biodiversity across the Amazon region and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

In brief remarks, the Prime Minister commended participants for their active engagement and robust dialogue on climate action.

"We have had a big debate about the issue of climate change. I know you have all had a very intensive conversation. I would like to thank you for allowing us to have a very meaningful discussion on this topic," he said. "It has a lot to do with our mission of providing dynamic information to the people of the world."

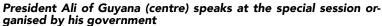
The Prime Minister extended appreciation to the Government and people of Guyana for hosting the discussion and reaffirmed his commitment to advancing collaborative regional efforts to confront the climate crisis.

This engagement forms part of Antigua and Barbuda's wider participation at COP30, where the delegation con-











PM Browne foreground at a special caucus organised by the Guyana government

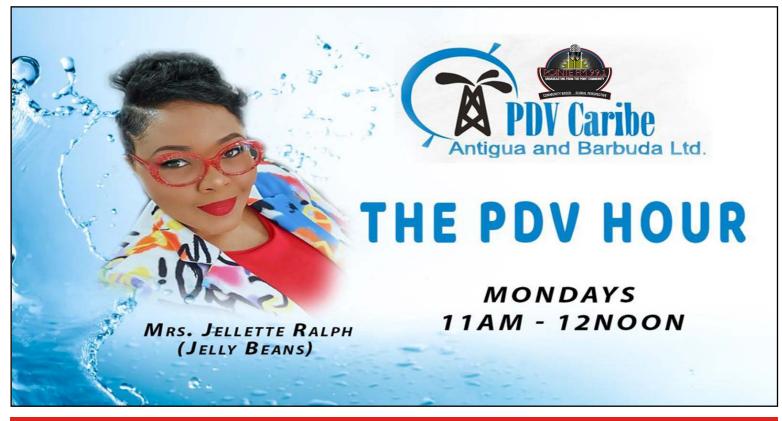
tinues to advocate for ambitious global action and financing mechanisms to safeguard vulnerable island nations.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Browne, continued his busy round of engagements when he visited the Museu Emílio Goeldi as part of his schedule at the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) in Belém, Brazil.

The museum, one of Brazil's oldest and most respected research and cultural institutions, has been specially curated for COP30 to allow delegates and visitors to experience the biodiversity of the Amazon rainforest up close. It features more than 3,000 species of plants and animals, many of which are native to the region and critical to global ecological balance.

During the visit, Prime Minister Browne toured the exhibits showcasing the Amazon's vast flora and fauna, including species that are endangered or found only within the basin. The immersive experience underscored the importance of preserving tropical forests and protecting biodiversity—key themes at this year's climate conference.

The Prime Minister's visit to the Museu Emílio Goeldi reflects Antigua and Barbuda's continued advocacy for climate action and environmental protection, particularly as Small Island Developing States remain among the most vulnerable to biodiversity loss and the impacts of climate change.







# Foreign Minister Greene heads delegation of the 4th CELAC-EU Summit

Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P. Chet Greene, is leading the Antigua and Barbuda delegation at the 4th CELAC-EU Summit of Heads of State and Government from November 9 to 10, 2025 in Santa Marta, Colombia.

The 4th CELAC-EU Summit Forum builds upon the previous CEL-AC-EU Summit held in 2023, where both Regions agreed to further enhance cooperation in areas of global gover-



nance, climate change, trade and investment.

The Summit will seek to strengthen longstanding partnerships between CELAC and the EU in areas of economic, social and cultural development. Priority areas of discussion will be the promotion of peace and security; defense of multilateralism; transition of green and digital technology; and increased trade and investment between both regions.

The summit will be cochaired by the President of the European Council, António Costa, and the President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, in his current role as CELAC pro tempore president.

The delegation of Antigua and Barbuda also includes Kurt M. Williams, Deputy National Coordinator of CELAC.





# The UWI Five Islands Campus to Celebrate World Quality Week 2025



The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus will observe World Quality Week from November 10-14, 2025, joining the wider UWI community in commemorating the annual event under the theme "Quality: Think Differently."

The week-long celebration, part of a global initiative hosted by the Chartered Quality Institute, will focus on continual quality improvement and encourage participation in quality assurance activities across the campus.

World Quality Week is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the role quality management plays in manufacturing, healthcare, education and other sectors. In education, quality management focuses on improving teaching and learning by helping educators create effective curricula, assess student progress and enhance the overall educational experience.

The Five Islands Campus will host several activities throughout the week, including a digital launch of its "What Does Quality Mean to You?" campaign, a Quality Forum titled "Thinking Differently at Five Islands," Quality Pop-Ups with daily spotlights, and a Quality Circle featuring a commit-

ment wall.

"Maintaining robust quality management systems is essential as we prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st century, whether they become employees or entrepreneurs right here at home or across the globe," said Campus Principal Prof. C. Justin Robinson. "In the face of AI and dynamic technology, we must uphold the high standards The UWI is known for while ensuring our teaching and learning as well as our research output addresses the critical issues faced by Small Island Developing States such as Antigua and Barbuda."

The UWI commemorates World Quality Week annually to highlight its commitment to continual improvement and to engage the university community in quality assurance initiatives





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## **Local News**



# Minister Fernandez Strengthens Bilateral Tourism Relations with the United Arab Emirates



Minister of Tourism H. Charles Fernandez, engaged in a high-level bilateral meeting with His Excellency Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy and Tourism of the United Arab

Emirates (UAE) on the sidelines of the 26th UN Tourism General Assembly

The meeting, held in Riyadh, focused on advancing mutual interests between Antigua and Barbuda and the UAE, particularly in the areas of air connectivity, tourism collaboration, and global partnership. Both ministers exchanged views on strengthening cooperation through the potential commencement of Emirates Airlines flights to Antigua and Barbuda, as well as the development of a joint tour package to promote multi-destination travel between the Caribbean and the Middle East.

Minister Fernandez and His Excellency Al Marri also discussed Antigua and Barbuda's support for the UAE's candidacy within international tourism and economic fora, recognizing the UAE's leadership in tourism innovation and its growing role in shaping

global economic transformation.

Minister Fernandez underscored the importance of sustained bilateral engagement within the tourism industry, emphasizing that such partnerships not only enhance connectivity but also drive economic diversification and resilience across regions.

"Strengthening partnerships like these helps to bridge markets, cultures, and opportunities. Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to fostering strategic alliances that promote sustainable tourism growth, trade expansion, and mutual prosperity," Minister Fernandez noted.

Minister Fernandez was accompanied at the meeting by H.E. Theon Ali, Ambassador to Qatar and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda in the United Arab Emirates





#### 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  $20^{th}$  and  $21^{st}$  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  $5^{th}$  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 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 to January 15<sup>th</sup> 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, DutyFree 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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## **Local News**



# **Commonwealth Secretary General tours historic Nelson's Dockyard**



SG Shirley Botchwey enjoys a walk through Nelson's Dockyard during a tour of the National Park

mony on Tuesday at Sandals Hotel, where the Secretary General said was reminded of being home in Ghana indicating that she was quite impressed with the drumming, to a tour of the Nelson's Dockyard and surroundings, the Secretary General was



Secretary General, Shirley Botchwey and Park Commissioner, Ann Marie Martin

During her brief but impactful visit to Antigua and Barbuda last week, Commonwealth Secretary General, Shirley Botchwey, had an opportunity to observe up close Antigua and Barbuda cultural traditions and some aspects of its history.

From the drumming and dancing of the Antigua Dance Academy which performed at the Official Launch Cere-





#### VACANCY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority (ABAA) invites applications for the position of Chie Executive Officer (CEO) at the V.C. Bird International Airport (VCBIA).

ABAA is responsible for the management and operations of both V.C. Bird International Airport and Barbuda International Airport, ensuring safety, efficiency, and world-class service in compliance with international aviation standards

#### Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic leadership and oversight to ensure alignment with the Authority's mission and
- Develop and implement Board-approved policies, plans, and operational strategies
- Ensure compliance with national, regional, and international aviation regulations and standards.
- Oversee financial performance, budgeting, and resource allocation. Lead airport modernisation, infrastructure, and development initiatives
- Foster a culture of safety, accountability, and service excellence
- Build and maintain strong relationships with government ministries, regulators, unions, and industry
- Represent the Authority at local, regional, and international meetings, conferences, and forums.

#### Minimum Qualifications & Experience:

- · Bachelor's in Business Administration, Aviation Management, Public Administration, or a related discipline
- 10-15 years of progressively responsible experience in aviation, transportation, or a comparable leadership environment. Proven expertise in strategic planning, financial management, and stakeholder relations.
- · Completion of or active enrollment in the Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP) will be considered a strong asset
- Strong knowledge of aviation regulatory bodies (MOCA, ECCAA, ICAO), Demonstrated ability to lead in high-pressure and complex environments

#### **Key Competencies:**

- Strategic and innovative leadership
- Financial acumen and governance
- Relationship management and negotiation
- Project and infrastructure development
- Risk and safety management
  Organisational transformation and change management
- · Effective communication and public representation

This is a unique opportunity to lead one of the Caribbean's premier airport authorities during an exciting period of growth and transformation. The successful candidate will have the platform to make a lasting impact on national economic development and regional aviation excellence.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 28 November 2025. Only suitable applicants will be acknowledged.

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Secretary General Botchwey visits Copper and Lumber Store



Commonwealth Secretary General Shirley Botchwey is led on a tour of the Nelson's Dockyard by Park Commissioner, Ann Marie

able to enjoy much of what the country has to offer.

The National Parks Authority reported that it was honored to host the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Hon. Shirley Botchwey, during her official visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

The Secretary-General ex- of Nelson's Dockyard. plored the timeless beau- Her visit marks the beginty of our UNESCO World ning of Antigua and Bar-Heritage Site, visiting Clar- buda's journey to CHOGM ence House, Shirley Heights 2026, celebrating the theme Lookout, and the Dockyard "Accelerating Partnerships Museum, before enjoying and Investment for a Proslunch at the Copper & Lum- perous Commonwealth." ber Store Hotel in the heart









## **Tot Club Toasts Tradition and Charity in Nelson's Dockyard**

#### Zoë Carlton

The Royal Naval Tot Club of Antigua and Barbuda celebrated Pickle Night with purpose, raising funds for Jamaica and preparing for Remembrance Sunday in true Antiguan style.

Over a hearty tot of rum and the camaraderie of their annual Pickle Night Dinner, members of the Royal Naval Tot Club of Antigua and Barbuda (RNTCAB) raised their glasses — and funds — for a good cause. This year, the club collected US\$700 to support children and families in Jamaica affected by recent hurricanes.

The evening, held at Slates at Crawl Bay, run by Colin and Bex McGurran, was as memorable for its hospitality and food as its purpose. Guests enjoyed an atmosphere so warm and the food so exceptional that, as one totter joked, "the crew of the original Pickle never ate this well."

The event commemorates



the 1805 arrival of HMS Pickle in London bearing news of victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, blending naval tradition with generosity and good cheer.

A long-standing fixture in Nelson's Dockyard, the Tot Club meets nightly across the area's historic venues and is widely respected for its volunteer work maintaining the scenic trails and pathways of the National Park — a favourite with locals and visitors alike.

Its members hail from Antigua, the UK, Germany, Sweden, Argentina, and beyond — but there's only one place in the world you can officially join: right here in

Antigua. The Tot Club is, at its heart, a truly Antiguan tradition — where history, humour, and community spirit blend as smoothly as the rum they toast with.

Steeped in Royal Navy history, the club upholds the centuries-old ritual of the naval "tot" with loyalty, respect, and friendship. Military service may be common among members, but it's the shared spirit of tradition and belonging that truly unites them.

Close behind Pickle night on the club's calendar was the Remembrance Sunday service in the Dockyard. The valley echoed to the sounds of the Last Post, the flag lowered to half-mast, a series of beautiful and moving poems was read — a brief but meaningful ceremony honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who served, marking another moment when the Tot Club gathers to remember, reflect, and raise a glass together.



## **Local News**



# The Festivals Commission Announces the Launch of Night One of the One Nation Caribbean Music Festival

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission is excited to officially kick off Night One of the highly anticipated **One Nation Caribbean Music Festival**, happening on January 10th and 11th, 2026, at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

ONE NATION MUSIC FESTIVAL – NIGHT 1 Combines Soca • Reggae • Dancehall • Bouyon • Benna to create a lively mix of Caribbean genres on one electrifying stage. Attendees can expect high-energy performances, nonstop vibes, and unforgettable moments as we kick off the 2026 events season with a bang.

#### **Loaded Lineup**

**Masicka:** - Global dancehall sensation

**Capleton: -** The legendary Fireman

**Burning Flames: -** The recently knighted icons delivering a powerful performance

**Tian Winter: -** The indomitable Winter Man with his Band Iconic

Claudette Peters: - The Caribbean's Soca Diva, backed by the Disturbance Band

**Mr. Vegas:** - The renowned hitmaker

**Christopher Martin: -** Sugar reggae ambassador

**Gramps Morgan: -** Reggae royalty

**Signal Band: -** the Most electrifying Bouyon band in the world

**Hosts:** - *Ibis, Kenny Nibs, Supa* 

Dymond and Jesse Fyah will guide the evening with charisma and nonstop entertainment.

#### **Ticket Details**

Gen: - \$100.00 Includes access to the Reggae Village, where food and drinks will be on sale.







Reggae Kingdom: - \$375.00 (early-bird), where luxury meets island rhythm, creating an immersive VIP experience infused with authentic Caribbean soul. Elevated vibes, magnetic energy, and moments that honor music, culture, and connection. Designed to delight the senses and energize the spirit, it captures the exclusive, unforgettable essence of Night One.

Tickets are currently available on the Ticketing App, while physical tickets will be on sale starting November 17th at Exotic Antigua, Roti King, Cool & Smooth, and The Larder.

Look out for upcoming road shows and pop-up activations offering special ticket bundle deals.

Ambassador Elizabeth Makhoul, Chairperson of the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission, said, "We are excited to present the annual One Nation Caribbean Music Festival. a celebration that embodies collaboration and our Caribbean unity. Every year is epic, and this year we are elevating the experience by moving the Music Festival to the iconic Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and featuring an even more dynamic lineup for all music fans. The excitement around Night One has been incredible, but personally, I believe Night Two

will be a game-changer. We encourage everyone to come out and support what promises to be the festival of all festivals for 2026. As the events capital of the Eastern Caribbean, Antigua and Barbuda is kicking off 2026 with a bang.

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission proudly recognizes its partners: the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, and The Citizenship by Investment Unit. Stay tuned for more sponsors loading soon.

Join us as we celebrate music, culture, and unity at the One Nation Music Festival, where we come together as One People, One Love... One Nation.





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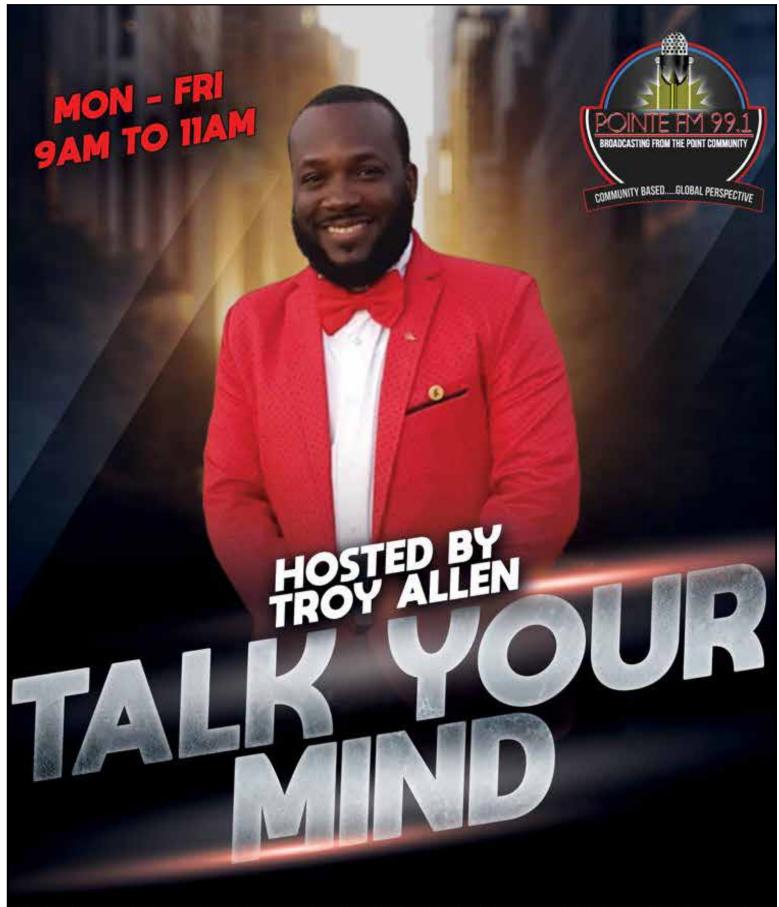




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# Remembrance Day Observance





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## **Feature**





#### Voices that Lead — Youth at the Table

(Week 5 of the Declaration Series – Rhyming Edition)

They said we're too young to lead the way, Yet every change began this way. When youth unite, when voices rise, We shift the world before our eyes.

In Kingston's hall, we made it clear, Our voices strong, our purpose near.

"We are faced with barriers that block youth from engaging in policy and action at all levels." — Caribbean Youth Declaration on Environment and Climate Justice

So chapter five lifts up the call — For youth inclusion, once and for all. Not token seats or hollow praise, But systems built to last and raise.

1□□ The NGO Map — Our Network Bright

A regional database shines light,
To link the youth from shore to shore,
So none work silenced anymore.
From climate change to arts and STEM,
We build the bridge connecting them.

"The establishment of the NGO database will allow for better coordination of youth engagement across thematic matters." — CYCC Youth Declaration

The CARICOM Secretariat, it's said, Should host this map where dreams are led. So when one island starts to grow, The region learns, the funders know.

It echoes loud in SDG 17: Partnerships strong, sustained, and green. For no one thrives when all stand apart, The Caribbean beats with a single heart.



#### **2**□□ The Youth Fund — Resilient and Real

#### A Caribbean Youth Resilience Fund —

Our pledge to keep the work life-long

"Dedicated to youth-led projects and initiatives across the region." — CYCC Youth Declaration

No token grants that fade with flair, But steady hands and funding fair. A board of youth, of CARICOM too, To guide the fund and see it through.

One hundred thousand just to start, Invested with a mission's heart. Not tied to projects small or short, But trust-based growth in full support.

And as the United Nations said:



## **Feature**



"Youth-led funding mechanisms are essential to ensure equitable participation."

- World Youth Report, 2024

For when youth own the purse and plan, Accountability expands the span. In Antigua's hills and Barbuda's sands, We've seen the proof in local hands — From bottle chains to beach renews, Good Humans' work is living news.

3 □ □ The Negotiators' Rising Stand

We call to build across the land,
A Youth Negotiators Programme bold,
Where leaders new and old unfold.
"Youth accepted should be trained and mentored to engage in multilateral decision-making." — CYCC Youth Declaration

Training for six months or more, In climate talks and global lore. Mentors guiding, wisdom shared, Representation fully prepared.

So when the next great summit calls, Our youth will stand in UN halls. Not just to clap or sit behind, But to draft and shape what's signed.

This links with SDG 16, Where peace and justice reign supreme. For when the youth can help design, Stronger institutions align.

4□□ Strengthening Councils, Strengthening Voice

Each nation must uplift the choice To build Youth Councils strong and fair, Empowered, trained, and everywhere.

"Governments must strengthen National Youth Councils to mobilize youth to act on economic, social, and environmental issues." — CYCC Youth Declaration

Through workshops, forums, leadership, We tighten bonds, we strengthen grip. Because youth aren't future—they are now, Shaping the world, not asking how.

António Guterres framed it best:

"Youth are not just the future; they are

the present. Their ideas and leadership are vital to solving today's challenges." — United Nations Secretary-General

And that's the truth our islands hold, From St. Lucia's hills to Antigua's gold.

Empowerment starts when leaders trust, That progress blooms when youth discuss.

5 □ □ Mentorship, Partnerships, and Pride

Across generations, side by side. Old hands guide while young hearts steer, A circle built of hope, not fear.

Partnership calls from near and wide, To bring support and walk beside. Each nation urged to take a stand, For unity across the land.

"We call for partnerships with countries and projects that support Caribbean youth negotiators." — CYCC Youth Declaration

This chapter ends where all began — The youth declaring, "Yes, we can!" For justice, ocean, energy, waste, Now engagement seals their place.

Through every week, this series shone, From rights and climate to the tone Of equity in all we do — It always came back down to you.

For Antigua's youth, this is our time, To build, to lead, to climb, to shine. The region's voice, the island's song, Together proving youth belong.

Five weeks deep, our stories blend, But this momentum will not end. Through workshops, shows, and future plans, We'll lift the region with our hands.

Because change begins where courage starts, In youthful minds and beating hearts. Stay tuned to Climate Conscious, friends, Where every voice shapes how this ends. From dream to deed, from call to cause, We move with purpose — and with applause.

## **Feature**



#### Ride for a Cause: 30 Minutes. 300 Locations. One Mission

Some people wait for change. Others ride toward it. This year, Good Humans 268 Inc. is putting movement behind its message through Ride for a Cause, a nationwide cycling campaign uniting disability advocacy and environmental action. The plan is simple but powerful — ride at 300 locations, spend 30 minutes at each, and share 300 reasons to ride. It's part of the organization's Year 3 celebration, where "three" stands for connection — of people, ideas, and impact. Founder Joshuanette Francis believes that visibility and conversation spark transformation. "Disability needs to be seen, heard, and understood. The ride is our way of bringing the message straight to the streets, the schools, the parks, and the workplaces." Each stop is more than a checkpoint - it's a chance to highlight how inclusion and sustainability go hand in hand. Riders will help raise awareness of waste management, share stories of individuals with disabilities, and challenge communities to be more thoughtaccessibility. about On December 3, when the world marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Ride for a Cause will kick into high gear. Starting at midnight and rolling through the entire day, the team will visit 30 locations islandwide — rid-

ing for 30 minutes each to keep the conversation alive. It's an invitation for everyone — from youth groups and businesses to fitness clubs and families — to come together and pedal with purpose. Every ride sends a message: inclusion is strength, and accessibility benefits everyone. From walking the perimeter of Antigua to raise awareness about climate change to turning recycled bottles into record-breaking art, Good Humans 268 Inc. has never been afraid to do things differently. Ride for a Cause continues that tradition proving that activism can be creative, joyful, and unifying. The ride merges two national priorities — improving waste management and strengthening disability inclusion — reminding us that a sustainable, compassionate country starts with everyday action. Schools, NGOs, businesses, and even individuals can host a stop, create a minievent, or decorate their space in solidarity. Those unable to ride can still participate through virtual support, storytelling, or volunteering at local rides. It's not about athletic ability — it's about attitude. Each rotation of the wheel reflects the power of unity and empathy. Climate change affects us all, but its impact on persons with disabilities is often invisible. Inaccessible shelters, transportation

gaps, and uneven disaster responses make inclusion a climate issue, too. By #ClimateAction with #DisabilityAwareness, the campaign reminds us that protecting our planet also means designing systems that protect everyone. The success of this initiative will not be measured in miles but in minds changed and lives touched. Through partnerships, public engagement, and relentless visibility, Good Humans 268 Inc. hopes to keep disability inclusion on the national agenda every single day. "Change doesn't happen in silence," Francis notes. "It happens when

we keep moving — boldly, visibly, and together." Let's prove that progress moves fastest when everyone moves together. Because when we ride for access, we ride for change. And when we ride for change, we create a better Antigua and Barbuda for all.

#### **Joshuanette Francis**

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# **Regional News**



# Manchester police probe suspected suicides of child and adult



Police in Manchester have launched investigations into the suspected suicides of an 11-year-old boy and a 37-year-old man, whose bodies were found in separate incidents within 24 hours.

The child a student of Devon Primary School, was discovered dead at his home on Friday.

He was found by his mother. She reportedly left him at about 9 a.m. and returned about 1 p.m. and did not see him. She began making calls to locate him. Around 3:30 p.m., he was reportedly found hanging by a piece of rope at the

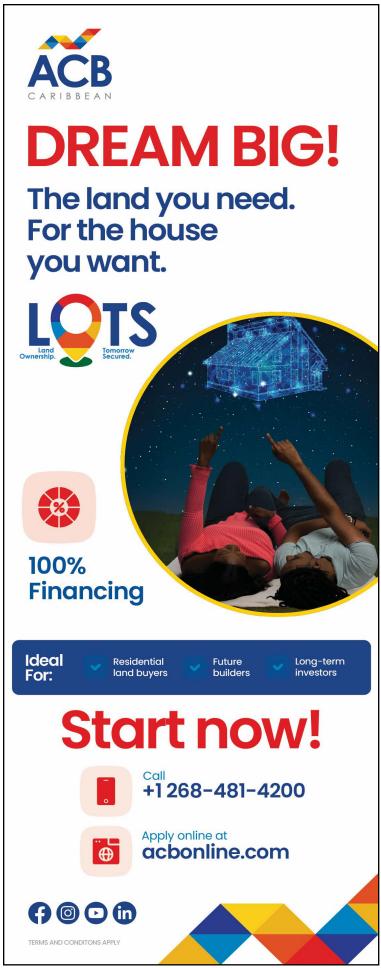
back of a storeroom on the premises.

The police were summoned, and the body was removed to the morgue pending a post-mortem examination.

Less than a day earlier, the body of Gary Williams, 37, was found hanging from a tree in Three Chains, near Mandeville.

Police reports indicate that Williams' body was discovered about 9 a.m. on Thursday.

The Mandeville Criminal Investigation Branch is investigating both deaths. (Jamaica Gleaner)



# Regional News



## Bustamante Hospital gets \$6m boost from Sandals Foundation to care for babies transferred from hurricane-hit facilities

The Sandals Foundation has donated \$6 million worth of medical equipment and supplies to the Bustamante Hospital for Children to assist with the treatment of critically ill children transferred from hospitals affected by Hurricane Melissa.

The donation includes a neonatal ventilator, infusion pump, blood gas analyzer, catheters, blood pressure machines, humidifiers, nebulizer and suction machines, IV poles, exam lights and other essential items.

Bustamante Hospital is the island's only specialist paediatric facility. It has been receiving patients from the Savanna-la-Mar Public General Hospital, Black River Hospital, Cornwall Regional Hospital, and Falmouth Hospital.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Michelle-Ann Dawson said the Bustamante Hospital has committed to accepting paediatric surgical patients,



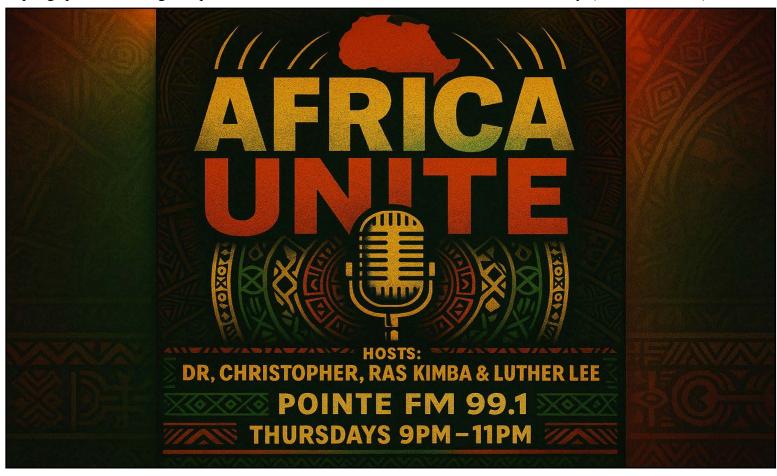
neonates, and sub-specialty cases such as cardiology and renal patients displaced by the hurricane.

"It's going to be difficult for parents because some may have to be separated temporarily from their families, but we are also looking at how we can support the parents with care packages, with information, dialogue, and psychological support,"she said.

The foundation, the philanthropic arm of hotel company Sandals Resorts International, said it moved within days of the storm to secure the equipment in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Executive Director Heidi Clarke said the initiative was part of the foundation's emergency response in support of Jamaica's healthcare system. "We are happy that with your donations yesterday, we were able to give the best care to a preterm neonate 26 weeks gestation weighing only 830g that we accepted last night," she said in a statement issued Saturday.

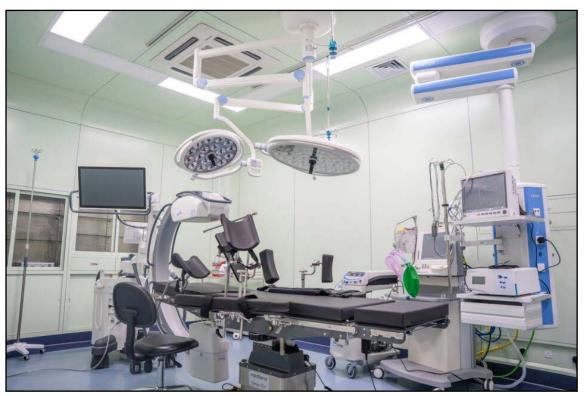
The donation was sourced from local suppliers Jamaica Hospital Supplies and Medical Link and was delivered within 72 hours of the request from the ministry. (Jamaica Gleaner)



# **Regional News**



# New Accident and Emergency Operating Theatre opens at the Dominica-China Friendship Hospital



A new, fully equipped Accident and Emergency (A&E) Operating Theatre opened at the Dominica-China Friendship Hospital (DCFH) on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

The facility, valued at EC\$1.17M, was made possible through the generous support of The Maria Holder Memorial Trust, and forms part of the government's ongoing effort to modernize and strengthen Dominica's healthcare services.

Prime Minister Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, delivering remarks at the opening, described the initiative as "a proud moment for this government, our medical professionals and every Dominican who values the provision of quality healthcare." He commended the Trust for its "gift of compassion," and expressed gratitude for its steadfast partnership with Dominica since 2015. The Maria Holder Memorial Trust previously supported national recovery and the construction of Early Childhood Facilities following Tropical Storm Erika and Hurricane Maria.

"This project continues that legacy of meaningful partnership and shared purpose," the Prime Minister said.

The new operating theatre will allow doctors to perform urgent surgeries directly from the A&E Department, eliminating the need to transfer critical patients to the main operating theatre, located in another building.

Equipped with advanced anesthesia and monitoring systems, orthopedic extensions, portable X-ray and ultrasound machines and rapid diagnostic tools, the facility is expected to dramatically improve response times and patient outcomes.

"This means faster interventions, better outcomes and a higher likelihood of survival," Prime Minister Skerrit said. "It also ensures that our national hospital can deliver world-class emergency care."

He commended the Dominica Hospitals Authority, particularly the Engineering Services team, for their professionalism and technical expertise, and praised the Minister for Health, Hon. Cassanni Laville, for his leadership in driving

improvements across the health sector.

Prime Minister Skerrit reaffirmed his government's commitment to investing in modern health infrastructure, citing the new Marigot Hospital, 13 upgraded health and wellness centres and ongoing upgrades at the DCFH.

"Health is not a privilege; it is a right," he said. "These efforts are backed by a clear philosophy: to make quality healthcare accessible, affordable and dependable for all Dominicans, regardless of income, location or circumstance."

Minister for Health, Hon. Cassanni Laville, praised the initiative, noting that it aligns with government's broader vision for a modern, efficient and patient-centered healthcare system.

"The commissioning of this new Emergency Operating Theatre will also improve efficiency in the main operating suite. Too often, emergency surgeries interrupt scheduled elective operations, resulting in delays and cancellations," he noted.

"By localizing emergency interventions to the A&E, our surgical teams can now work in parallel, reducing patient wait times and ensuring that both emergency and elective cases receive timely care." (Dominica News Online)

# **Regional News**



# JCI Dominica Makes History, Wins Best Local Global Goals Project at 2025 JCI World Congress in Tunis, Tunisia



JCI Dominica has proudly secured the prestigious Best Local Global Goals Project Award at the 2025 JCI World Congress in Tunis, Tunisia for its flagship initiative, Read With Me, marking a historic moment for the organization and for Dominica.

Read With Me was developed to promote early literacy, strengthen family engagement, and provide equitable access to educational resources to children across the island. The project is grounded in Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education, and combines awareness, action, and sustainability through reading sessions, book

drives, capacity building for parents and caregivers, and the distribution of literacy support tools.

Local President of JCI Dominica, Mr. Phael Lander shared:

"This is a proud moment for JCI Dominica. Read With Me was born from a simple idea in 2020 with a powerful purpose to build a love for reading, strengthen family engagement and make

learning accessible to every child. Winning Best Local Global Goals Project at the 2025 JCI World Congress validates the heart, the hard work and the commitment of our members.

I am grateful to every partner, parent, volunteer and stakeholder who believed in this vision with us. Today, Dominica stands on the world stage proving that when we invest in our children, we

invest in our future." JCI Dominica extends special thanks to its members, partners, schools, and the many families who participated and supported the initiative over the last year. The organization remains committed to developing young active citizens and delivering impact-driven projects that improve communities and transform lives. (Dominica News Online)



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# Uganda president admits Kenyan activists were arrested and held in 'the fridge'

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has for the first time acknowledged that two Kenyan activists who were missing in his country for five weeks had been arrested.

Last month, eyewitnesses reported seeing Bob Njagi and Nicholas Oyoo being forced into a car by masked uniformed men after a political event where they were supporting Ugandan opposition leader Bobi Wine.

News of their release was confirmed on Saturday but up to that point the authorities had denied that they were being detained.

In a live interview on Saturday evening, Museveni described the two men as "experts in riots" who had then been put "in the fridge for some days".

The president, who has been in power for almost four decades and is running for another term in office, was responding to a question about the recent deadly youth-led protests in neighbouring Tanzania.

Museveni blamed foreign groups for stoking up trouble and said "the ones who are doing that game here in Uganda will end up badly".

Without naming them, he added that the two Kenyan activists were released after he received calls from "some Kenyan leaders" who said they should be handed back.



Mr Njagi and Mr Oyoo were welcomed by supporters at the main airport in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, on Saturday.

"Thirty-eight days of abduction was not easy. We didn't think that we were going to come out alive because we were being abducted by the military," Mr Njagi said.

Kenya's Foreign Minister Musalia Mudavadi said their release followed "sustained diplomatic engagement between Kenya and Uganda".

Activist organisation Vocal Africa, who had been campaigning for the two men to be freed said: "Let this moment signal an important shift towards upholding the human rights of East Africans anywhere in East African Community".

The 'shadow army' helping Uganda's long-serving president keep an iron grip on power

In a joint statement, Vocal Africa, the Law Society of Kenya and Amnesty International thanked the Kenyan and Ugandan governments, as well as "all active citizens" who had campaigned for the release.

Former pop star Bobi Wine, whose real name is Robert Kyagulanyi, is running against Museveni for the presidency in next year's elections.

Bobi Wine accused the Ugandan government of targeting the two Kenyans for associating with him.

"If they committed any offence, why were they not produced before court and formally charged?" he asked in a post on X on Sunday.

Ugandan security agencies have often been accused of orchestrating the detention of opposition politicians and supporters while not in uniform. Some of those arrested have later resurfaced in court facing criminal charges.

The latest disappearances mirror past incidents involving politicians and activists across the East African region.

Last year, Njagi was picked up in Kenya by masked men during a wave of abductions believed to have been targeting government critics in the country.

He surfaced a month later, after a court ordered police to produce him. He later recounted the harrowing conditions in captivity, where he said he was often isolated and denied food.

Earlier this year, Kenyan activist Boniface Mwangi and his Ugandan counterpart Agather Atuhaire were detained in Tanzania and held incommunicado for days before being abandoned at their respective national borders.

They later recounted being brutally mistreated, including sexual torture at the hands of the Tanzanian authorities — allegations which police dismissed as "hearsay".

Last year, another Uganda opposition figure, Kizza Besigye, mysteriously disappeared in Nairobi only to surface four days later in a military court in Uganda, where he faces treason charges.

The cases have since sparked widespread condemnation and concerns that East African governments could be collaborating to contain dissent. (BBC)

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# Super typhoon makes landfall in Philippines as nearly a million evacuated





Typhoon Fung-wong has made landfall in the Philippines, where more than 900,000 people have been evacuated and two people have died.

The storm was upgraded to a super typhoon before landfall, with sustained winds of around 185 km/h (115mph) and gusts of 230km/h (143mph).

The eye of the storm hit Aurora province in Luzon - the Philippine's most populous island - at 21:10 local time (13:10 GMT). The coun-

try's meteorological service warned of destructive winds and "high-risk of life-threatening and damaging storm surge" as the typhoon moves north-westerly across Luzon.

Fung-wong - known locally as Uwan - comes days after an earlier storm, Kalmaegi, left devastation and nearly 200 people dead.

A graphic shows the past and projected path of Typhoon Fung-wong, which made landfall as a super typhoon in the Philippines on Sunday. It is expected to move northwesterly overnight into Monday and then cross Taiwan on Wednesday.

Eastern parts of the Philippines had already begun experiencing heavy rains and winds on Saturday evening, a weather official said.

Residents in Catanduanes, an island in the east of the Bicol region, as well as in other low-lying and coastal areas, had been urged to move to higher ground by Sunday morning. The storm passed near the eastern Bicol region on Sunday morning, before making its way past the Polillo Islands on Sunday afternoon.

The civil defence office reported that one person drowned and firefighters recovered the body of a woman trapped under debris in Catbalogan City.

The civil aviation regulator has closed several airports, and almost 300 flights have been cancelled.

Fung-wong was expected to weaken after making landfall, but is likely to remain a typhoon as it travels over Luzon.

More than 200mm of rain is forecast for parts of Luzon, with even 100-200mm in the Metro Manilla area. This is expected to cause severe flooding and landslides.

In the Aurora region, in eastern Luzon, BBC News spoke to Hagunoy, 21, who works at one of the dozen hotels which line the coast in Sabang.

He said police had repeatedly visited in recent days to



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ensure all guests were evacuated ahead of the storm. The hotels were all deserted on Sunday morning.

While the tide had risen sharply, Hagunoy said he would stay as long as he could to guard the property, before riding his motorbike home to safety.

Staff had secured the gates and tied windows shut with rope to try to stop the glass from shattering in the wind.

In central Aurora, more than 200 people arrived at a shelter in a sports centre. Many parents have brought young children, too young to remember Typhoon Haiyan, which killed more than 6,000 people when it struck the Philippines in 2013.

"We felt very worried because of the strength of the typhoon, and we have young children to think of," Jessa Zurbano told the BBC.

Another evacuee Patry Azul said: "Our house is made of wood and flimsy materials. We live close to the sea so we didn't feel safe."

Fung-wong has also forced the suspension of rescue operations following the passage of Kalmaegi, one of the strongest typhoons this year.

Heavy rainfall sent torrents of mud down hillsides and into residential areas. Some neighbourhoods poorer were obliterated by the fast-moving flash floods.

At least 204 people are now known to have died in the Philippines as a result of the earlier storm, while more than 100 are still missing.

Five people also died in Vietnam, where strong winds uprooted trees, tore off roofs, and smashed large windows.

The Filipino government Another resident, Maxine

declared a state of calamity across the country after Typhoon Kalmaegi and in preparation for the coming storm.

It has given government agencies more power to access emergency funds and fast-track deliveries of essential goods and services.

For some Filipinos, the devastation wrought by Kalmaegi has left them even more anxious about the storm to come.

"We decided to evacuate because the recent typhoon brought floods in our area, and now I just want to keep my family safe," Norlito Dugan told the AFP news agency.

He is among those who have taken shelter in a church in the city of Sorsogon in Lu-

Dugan said: "I'm here because the waves near my house are now huge."

The Philippines - located near the area where Pacific Ocean tropical weather systems form - is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to cyclones.

About 20 tropical cyclones form in that region every year, half of which affect the country directly.

Climate change is not thought to increase the number of hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones worldwide.

However, warmer oceans coupled with a warmer atmosphere - fuelled by climate change - have the potential to make those that do form even more intense. That can potentially lead to higher wind speeds, heavier rainfall, and a greater risk of coastal flooding. (BBC)





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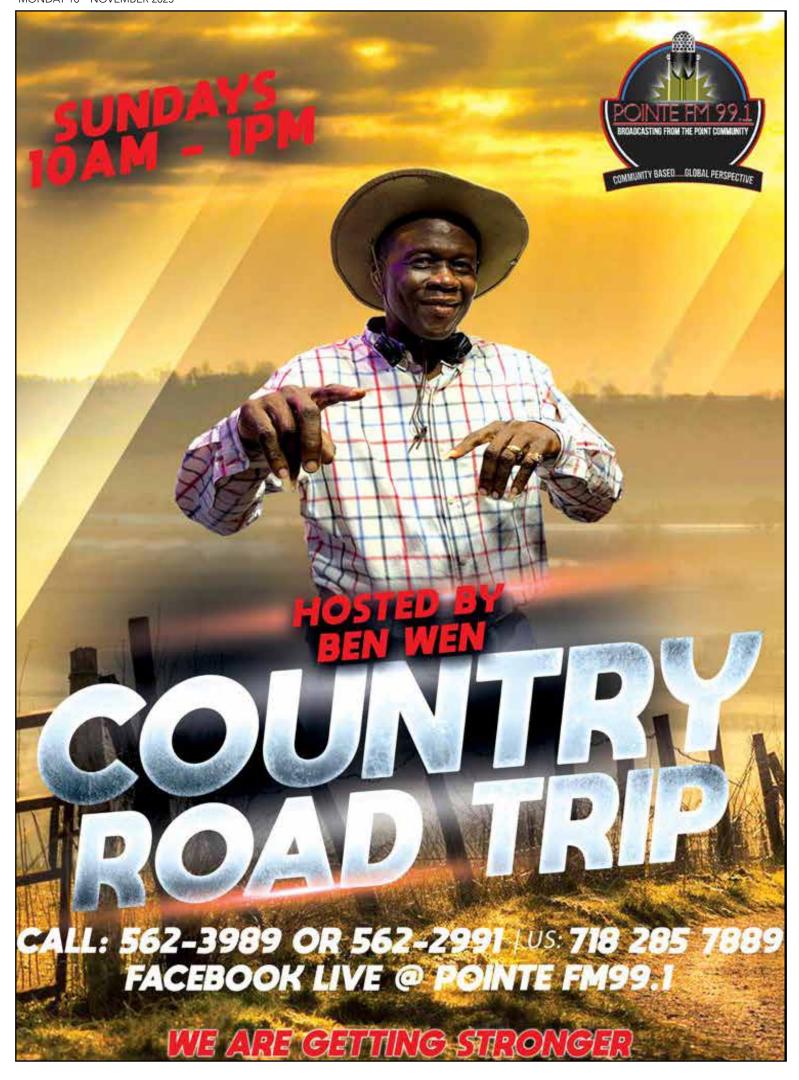
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# **Sports News**



#### **Antiguans dominate Trinis in Clash of the Caribbean Arm Wrestling Series**







Host Antigua and Barbuda dominated the Clash of the Caribbean Arm Wrestling Series, which was held at the People's Place (Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party Headquarters) in St. John's on Saturday night.

The Antiguans dominated the 10-match card, winning seven of the encounters, which were best-of-five contests.

Antiguan Omarion Boyle won the second match of the night, pulling off a 3-0 victory against Trinidadian Vincent Gosine in a left-arm battle.

Omarie Laird of Antigua cruised to a 3-0 win against Shaun Outar in match four, which was a right-arm contest.

Antigua's Nivron Browne claimed a 3-0 victory over Martin Hamilton in a



left-arm showdown in the fifth match of the night.

Success as well for Antiguan Nickson Grove, who prevailed 3-0 over Luke Gosine in a left-arm contest in match eight.

Daniel Antonio of Antigua romped to a 3-0 victory against Victor Albert in a right-arm encounter, which was the penultimate match of the event.

The final match of the night, a leftarm battle, was won 3-0 by Antiguan Joshua Rabess over Trinidadian Tyler Gibson. Trinidadian Muhammad Ibrahim coasted to a 3-0 victory against Nathaniel Cottam of Antigua in the opening match, which was a right-arm contest.

Navardo Wallace-Gill prevailed 3-2 against Antiguan Jerell Jules in Match 3, which was a left-arm showdown.

The other win for the Trinidadians came in the sixth match of the night. Jesiah Bartholomew coasted to a 3-0 victory over Antiguan Kayce Simmons in a right-arm battle.

# **Sports News**



# Quashie hits double hat trick in Schools' U-20 Girls Division League

Nafisa Quashie of the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) scored a double hat trick in the Under-20 Girls Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup Secondary Schools' Football Competition on Friday.

Quashie achieved the feat by scoring all the goals to propel the Antigua Girls High School to a 6-0 drubbing of Jennings Secondary at the ABFA Technical Center.

The diminutive forward had conversions in the first, fifth, 23rd, 43rd, 57th, and 65th minutes to allow the AGHS to advance to six points after securing their second win in three matches.

Jennings Secondary remains on six points after suffering their first defeat in three matches.

Leaders Princess Margaret School extended their unbeaten run in defense of their Under-20 Girls Division title. Princess Margaret School claimed their third win in as many games with a 7-0 drubbing of Clare Hall Secondary at the Clare Hall playing field.

Rolesha Humphreys struck a hat trick with conversions in the 35th, 46th, and 53rd minutes.

Jkayla Bellot scored twice with strikes in the second and sixth minutes, while the other goals were converted by Kamiella Hughes in the 17th minute and Tianna Henry in the 49th minute.

The result allows Princess Margaret School to remain at the top of the standings with nine points, while Clare Hall Secondary remains in fourth place with three points after suffering their second defeat in three matches.



Nafisa Quashie

Meanwhile, the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advance Studies (ABCAS) has moved to the top of the Under-20 Boys Division in the Patrick C. Whyte Cup Competition.

ABCAS advanced to the top of the standings with 10 points by maintaining their unbeaten run, securing their third win in four matches with a 3-0 victory against defending champions Princess Margaret School at the ABFA Technical Center on Friday.

Javere Joseph opened the scoring with a 12th-minute conversion, Joshua Road doubled the lead with a 37th-minute strike, and Dennison Stevens wrapped up the win with the third goal in the 48th minute.

The result ensures Princess Margaret School, who had won their previous two matches, remains on six points after suffering their first loss in the competition.

The Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) notched up their sec-

ond win in four matches with a 2-1 victory against Ottos Comprehensive School at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

The result carries SNRA to six points, while Ottos Comprehensive School remains on four points after losing for the second time in four matches.

Clare Hall Secondary rebounded from a 3-0 loss to the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advance Studies (ABCAS) in their opening game to claim their first win with a one-nil victory against Jennings Secondary at Antigua Grammar School.

Kemari Hewlett scored the lone goal of the match with a 52nd-minute conversion to secure victory for Clare Hall. The result left Jennings Secondary on three points after succumbing to their second loss in three matches.

On the other hand, defending champions Antigua Grammar School have joined Princess Margaret School as joint leaders of the Under-14 Boys Division Competition.

The Antigua Grammar School joined PMS at the top of the standings with 18 points by extending their unbeaten run with their sixth win in as many games in a 4-0 drubbing of All Saints Secondary at the ABFA Technical Center on Friday.

The goals were scored by Kenzie O'choa in the fourth minute, Tomarey Henry in the sixth, Shamar Abramis in the ninth, and T'Ondre James in the 32nd minute.

All Saints Secondary remains on six points after suffering their fourth defeat in six matches.

# **Sports News**



# **Scorpions and Hoppers among winners in First Division League**



The Freemans Village Scorpions, Greenbay Hoppers, and Willikies FC all recorded their first win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division in their latest round of matches.

After launching their campaign with a 2-2 draw against Bolans FC, the Freemans Village Scorpions came from behind to snatch a 2-1 victory against the Swetes Vipers FC at the Freemans Village playing field.

Second-half goals by

Kyle Grayman in the 64th minute and Triston Benjamin in the 67th minute secured the first win for the Scorpions after a 10th-minute strike by Kimoi Alexander gave the Swetes Vipers a one-nil lead at halftime.

It was the first defeat for the Swetes Vipers, who played to a goalless draw with Empire FC in their opening encounter.

The Greenbay Hoppers rebounded from a 3-2 loss against FC Master Ballers in the opening round to pull off a 2-1 victory against Bolans

FC at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Following a goalless first half, Da Paul George broke the deadlock with a 60th-minute conversion to give Hoppers the lead. However, the lead was short-lived, as two minutes later, Bolans equalized via a strike by Obediah Browne.

But two minutes from full time, Hoppers snatched victory when Ammiel Greenaway struck the winner with an 88th-minute conversion that propelled Bolans to their first defeat of the season.

Willikies FC also rebounded from a 3-2 loss to English Harbour in their season opener to claim their first win with a one-nil victory over Bendals FC at the Willikies playing field.

Following a goalless first half, Juran Graham struck the winner with the only goal of the match in the 55th minute. It was the first loss for Bendals after salvaging a 2-2 draw with SAP FC in their opening match.

# **Sports News**



# **APUA Head Office among winners in Business Football League**

The APUA Head Office was among the winners during the latest round of matches in the 2025 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship.

APUA Head Office moved up to second place in Group 1 after securing their fifth win in seven matches with a 4-0 drubbing of Royalton Strikers at the Fort Road playing field.

The result carries APUA Head Office to 15 points, one adrift of Group 1 leaders St. John's Development Corporations.

The Royalton Strikers stay third from the bottom of the standings with six points after crashing to their fifth defeat in seven matches.

Sandals remain in third place in Group 1 on 14 points by pulling off a 3-1 victory over Public Works Asphalt at Radio Range in Ottos.

Public Works Asphalt remains second from the bottom of the standings

with four points after suffering their fourth loss in six matches.

Blue Waters Hotel snatched a onenil win against Galley Bay Ballers in another Group 1 affair at Fort Road. The result allows Blue Waters Hotel to remain in fifth place with 13 points after securing their fourth win in seven outings.

The Galley Bay Ballers dropped into fourth place with 14 points after suffering their second defeat in eight matches.

The Ministry of Tourism moved into second place in Group 2 by pulling off a 2-0 victory over the University of the West Indies (UWI) Frigate Bird FC at Fort Road.

Their fourth win in eight matches carries the Ministry of Tourism to 14 points, two adrift of Group 2 leaders Ministry of Agriculture, who have a game in hand.

UWI Frigate Bird FC remain in

sixth place with eight points after losing for the third time in seven matches.

Macky Enterprise beat Jolly Harbour Stingers 3-0 at Radio Range. Macky Enterprise move into fourth place with 13 points after securing their fourth win in seven outings.

The Jolly Harbour Stingers remain second from the bottom of the standings with six points after suffering their fourth defeat in eight matches.

The Sir Vivian Richards Stadium remains in third place on goal difference in Group 2 after being awarded a 3-0 victory via default against Hodges Bay Resort, who did not show up for their match at Radio Range in Ottos.

The Sir Vivian Richards Stadium advance to 14 points after claiming their fourth win in seven outings. The Hodges Bay Resort remains winless at the bottom of Group 2 with one point after losing for the sixth time in seven matches.



# **Sports News**



#### **New Zealand beat Windies to take 2-1 lead in T20I series**

NELSON, New Zealand (AP) — Kyle Jamieson bowled a superb final over to seal a nine-run win for New Zealand over the West Indies in the third Twenty20 International (T201) on Sunday.

New Zealand leads the fivematch series 2-1 and Jamieson also bowled the last over in the second match on Thursday, which New Zealand won by three runs. The West Indies won the first match by seven runs and all three matches have been decided in the final over.

New Zealand managed only 177 for nine batting first, but seemed headed for a comfortable win when the West Indies slumped to 88 for eight in the 13th over at Saxton Oval.

Romario Shepherd scored 49 from 34 balls and Shamar Springer 39 from 20 as the West Indies rallied to reach the last over needing 14 runs to win with one wicket in hand and Shepherd and Akeal Hosein at the crease.

The onus again fell on the tall fast bowler Jamieson to bowl the final over and he held his nerve, conceding only two runs from the first four balls before dismissing Shepherd with the fifth ball to end the match.

Once again Sunday, the West Indies' tail came to the rescue of their brittle top order. The tourists lost two wickets in the second over of their innings bowled by Jacob Duffy, were 47 for two at the end of the first power play, then lost six wickets for 35 runs through the middle overs.



New Zealand's Jacob Duffy, center, celebrates with teammates after picking up two wicketa in his first over against the West Indies in the third T20 International at Saxton Oval in Nelson, New Zealand, on Sunday, November 09, 2025. (Getty Images)

Spinner Ish Sodhi took three for 34 and was player of the match.

Earlier, Devon Conway set up the New Zealand innings with 56 from 34 balls. New Zealand also suffered a late batting slump, losing six wickets for 31 in the last five overs.

Superb fielding by the West Indies produced three run outs and Jason Holder and Matt Forde bowled excellent spells. Forde took two for 20 and Holder two for 31 to contain New Zealand to a moderate total.

Conway ovecame recent form struggles to post his first half century in seven innings. Tim Robinson (23) and Rachin Ravindra (26) both made starts but couldn't go on.

New Zealand was 47 for one at the end of the six over power play and well-placed at 97 for one after 10 overs. Conway reached his half century from 32 balls with a six off Hosein before falling in the 13th, the first of a trio of run outs.

Alick Athenaze pulled off a superb piece of fielding at deep midwicket and beat Conway with a direct hit at the non-striker's end.

Pressure again fell on Daryl Mitchell to give New Zealand's innings momentum in the later overs. He hit 41 from 24 balls with two fours and three sixes but even he couldn't fully get on top of the bowling, nor find a partner to see the innings out.

Michael Bracewell made 11 before being run out in another slick fielding effort by Rovman Powell. Jimmy Neesham, Mitchell Santner, Mitch Hay and Kyle Jamieson all were out in single figures.

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## All Saints United enjoys goal-spree in Premier League



Raheem Deterville, fourth left, scored a hat trick for All Saints United against Jennings United in the ABFA's Premier Division League on Saturday, November 8, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the ABFA)

Back-to-back defending champions All Saints United enjoyed a goal spree as they maintained their unbeaten winning start in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Premier Division League on Saturday.

Deterville Raheem struck a hat trick, and Joshua Roache converted twice as All Saints United inflicted an 8-0 drubbing on newly promoted Sir Molwyn Jo-

seph's Jennings United ute, Shalon Knight in in the last game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Deterville scored in the 25th minute, converted a penalty kick in the 61st minute, and completed his hat trick with a strike in the 83rd minute. Roache scored two late goals with conversions in the 80th and 89th minutes.

The other goals were by D'Andre Bishop in the 18th min-

the 56th minute, and Karique Knight in the 71st minute.

All Saints United advanced to nine points from three matches, while Jennings United are still searching for their first point after slumping to their third consecutive loss.

Garden Stars notched up their second win in as many games with a 5-1 victory against John Hughes in Saturday's

second encounter.

Nadre Thomas scored two second-half goals in the 55th and 68th minutes, while the other goals for Garden Stars came in the first half via Ngozie Harvey in the 25th, Tarek Charles in the 30th, and Kemoi Walsh in the 44th minute.

Dalton Lewis scored a consolation goal in the 72nd minute for John Hughes, who crashed to their third defeat in as many matches.

The Aston Villa Lions claimed their second win in as many games by snatching a 2-1 victory against Pigotts Bullets in Saturday's opening encounter.

Eroy Gonsalves scored both goals for the Villa Lions with conversions in the 27th and 59th minutes. Xavier Smith scored in the 48th minute for Pigotts Bullets, who suffered their first loss after winning their opening game 3-0 against John Hughes.

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