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Antigua and Barbuda Calls for Regional Solidarity and Global Action on Climate Mobility at COP30



Antigua and Barbuda reaffirmed its leadership on climate justice and resilience during the High-Level Session on Climate Mobility in the Greater Caribbean, held

at the Climate Mobility Pavilion at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

Delivering the feature keynote address, Her Excellency Ruleta Camacho Thom-

as, Ambassador for Climate Change, called for stronger international collaboration, regional solidarity, and financing mechanisms to protect the rights, culture, and livelihoods of Caribbean people affected by climate impacts.

“Climate mobility is not a future threat — it is already happening in our region,” Ambassador Camacho Thomas stated. “After Hurricane Andrew, Dominicans came to Antigua seeking refuge. After Hurricane Irma, the entire population of Barbuda was evacuated to Antigua. These experiences show how vulnerable communities are already being forced to move, of-

ten losing their homes, their culture, and their sense of belonging.”

Ambassador Camacho Thomas emphasized that most people in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) want to remain in place because of deep cultural identity and ancestral connection to their land and sea. She called for increased investment in resilient infrastructure, housing technologies, and community-based adaptation to uphold the right to stay and to minimize displacement.

“For SIDS, climate mobility represents the human face of loss and damage,” she said. “Financing must therefore support not only re-



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covery but the preservation of culture, livelihoods, and community integrity. Justice without finance is delay by another name.”

Highlighting Antigua and Barbuda’s leadership in global climate law, Ambassador Camacho Thomas referenced the Advisory Opinions of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), both of which reaffirm that States have a legal duty to prevent harm and that all peoples have the right to a healthy environment. She underscored that rising seas must never erase sovereignty or maritime rights, declaring:

“Loss of land must never mean loss of nationhood — nor loss of identity.”

The Ambassador also stressed the importance of regional cooperation, calling for a coordinated Caribbean approach to address mobility, social protection, and relocation planning. “No island can face this crisis alone,” she said. “Collaboration and solidarity are the foundation of our

survival — we do not want cultural displacement; we want support to stay rooted, resilient, and proud of who we are.”

Antigua and Barbuda continues to champion the integration of climate mobility



into National Adaptation Plans, NDCs, and Loss and Damage frameworks, ensuring that policies and financing reflect the realities of vulnerable island communities. The country remains a leading advocate for the

use of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to guide access to concessional finance and for direct funding channels that reach affected communities swiftly and effectively.



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Foreign Minister Greene calls for the relationship between the EU and CELAC to be transformative and just

At the Caribbean-EU Meeting held during the margins of the 4th CELAC-EU Summit in Santa Marta, Colombia, Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P. Chet Greene, delivered remarks on behalf of the twin island state. During his speech Minister Greene remarked on the historic relations that exists between the Caribbean and the European Union, which have primarily been founded on shared values and a rules based international order, resulting in mutual benefits for the peoples of both Regions. In his address to the meeting the Foreign Minister stated that “Antigua and Barbuda stands at this crossroads of continents not just to participate, but to passionately advocate for a partnership that is both transformative and just”.

Minister Greene re-enforced Antigua and Barbuda’s support for multilateralism, which is critical for Small Island Developing States to safeguard their sovereignty in a global community which is growing with increasing uncertainty. He expressed delight for the EU’s leadership in global climate action, while calling for further investment in renewable energy, and acces-



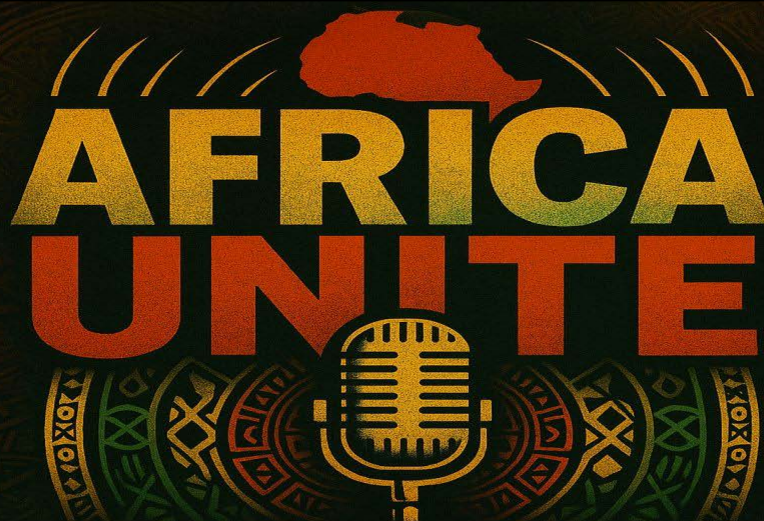
sible, concessional financing to assist Caribbean countries in building climate resilient infrastructure.

The Minister acknowledged the EU as one of the latest multilateral development cooperation donors to the Region. He stated that the EU’s Global Gateway initiative would assist Antigua and Barbuda, and the entire Region in areas of climate resilience and digital inclusion. Through this initiative, climate resilient infrastructure will result in the modernizing of water systems, while reducing energy cost. Additionally, the digital transition will ensure that our youth will become more competitive in the global digital

economy.

Additionally, the Foreign Minister echoed the calls of his colleagues and encouraged the EU delegation to continue their advocacy efforts for the Caribbean to remain a “Zone of Peace”. He further called for a coordinated, bi-regional response to combat the ongoing crisis in Haiti and bring stability to the sister nation. He stated that the situation in Haiti remains a Caribbean crisis, which must remain a priority for the EU-Caribbean partnership. The Minister also spoke to the nation’s Investment Migration programme and urged greater cooperation from the EU leadership, as these programmes remain vital to many Caribbean economies.

Moreover, Minister Greene called for the Caribbean and the EU to build upon the existing partnership, with emphasis on cooperation, sustainability and shared prosperity. He further stated that through the distinct actions, and a partnership based on shared values, we are positively impacting the lives of the citizens of both Regions for the present and the future.



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Canada Joins Brazil, Mexico, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Barbados, and More In Confronting New US Visa Rule Overhaul As November 2025 Brings Robust Travel Restrictions



Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Barbados, and several other countries are among those facing the far-reaching impact of the US's new 2025 visa restrictions, primarily due to the introduction of stringent health-based screening for all visa applicants. This new regulation requires applicants to demonstrate financial self-sufficiency for their healthcare needs, which adds significant complexity to the visa process for citizens of these high-visa-demand nations. The move aims to limit the reliance on US public healthcare, affecting travelers from regions with historically high visa activity.

The 2025 updates to US visa regulations, spearheaded by the Trump administration, mark a significant shift in how foreign nationals will be assessed for entry into the United States. While travel bans affecting certain countries garner the most immediate attention, a less visible but equally crucial change has been introduced — health-based visa screening. These new policies represent a massive change in how US visa applicants are evaluated, potentially impacting every nation across the globe.

In addition to the restrictions based on geographical origin, applicants will now face new medical scrutiny as part of the broader immigration process. This health screening policy will affect both immigrant and non-immigrant visa applicants worldwide, including students, tourists, workers, and those seeking permanent residency.

A Worldwide Shift: How Health-Based Screening is Reshaping US Visa Policies

One of the most noteworthy components of the new 2025 visa regulations is the implementation of a health-based screening criterion, which now applies to all countries, regardless of whether they are subject to full or partial travel bans. The US State Department has updated its guidelines, requiring consular officers to evaluate applicants based on their chronic medical conditions. This new directive is intended to assess the financial implications of an applicant's long-term health needs, specifically determining if they can afford medical treatment without relying on public assistance.

Conditions Subject to Scrutiny

Under this health screening framework, applicants will be evaluated on various chronic medical conditions, including but not limited to:

- ❑ Cardiovascular diseases
- ❑ Respiratory diseases
- ❑ Cancers
- ❑ Diabetes
- ❑ Metabolic diseases
- ❑ Neurological disorders
- ❑ Mental health conditions
- ❑ Obesity

These conditions are now part of the “public charge” doctrine, which requires applicants to demonstrate that they will not become financially dependent on the U.S. government due to health-related issues. Visa officers are tasked with considering whether an applicant can independently afford long-term healthcare needs.

Implications for Visa Categories

The health screening criteria apply universally across all visa categories — both immigrant and nonimmigrant visas. This includes:

Immigrant visas (for permanent residency)

Nonimmigrant visas (for students, tourists, workers, and exchange visitors)

The policy does not distinguish between countries that are on restricted lists and those that are not; it applies globally. As such, applicants from every country will be subject to these new health assessments, unless specific exemptions are met.

Key Exemptions and Special Provisions

While the health screening rule applies broadly, there are exemptions for certain categories of individuals:

Dual nationals of countries under

restriction may still qualify for visas.

Lawful permanent residents of the US and their immediate families are exempt from these restrictions.

Diplomatic and special visa holders may also be exempted under this policy.

2026 World Cup participants are granted a temporary exemption, provided they hold valid visas.

However, to benefit from these exemptions, individuals must already possess a valid visa issued before June 9, 2025.

Documentation Requirements and Increased Complexity

The new health-based visa requirements add significant complexity to the visa application process. Foreign nationals must now prepare for the following:

Comprehensive health documentation: Applicants must provide extensive medical records.

Financial proof of capacity: Demonstrating that they can cover the costs of any long-term health care needs is now a requirement.

Detailed medical history: Applicants must disclose chronic conditions, including any past treatments, medications, or surgeries.

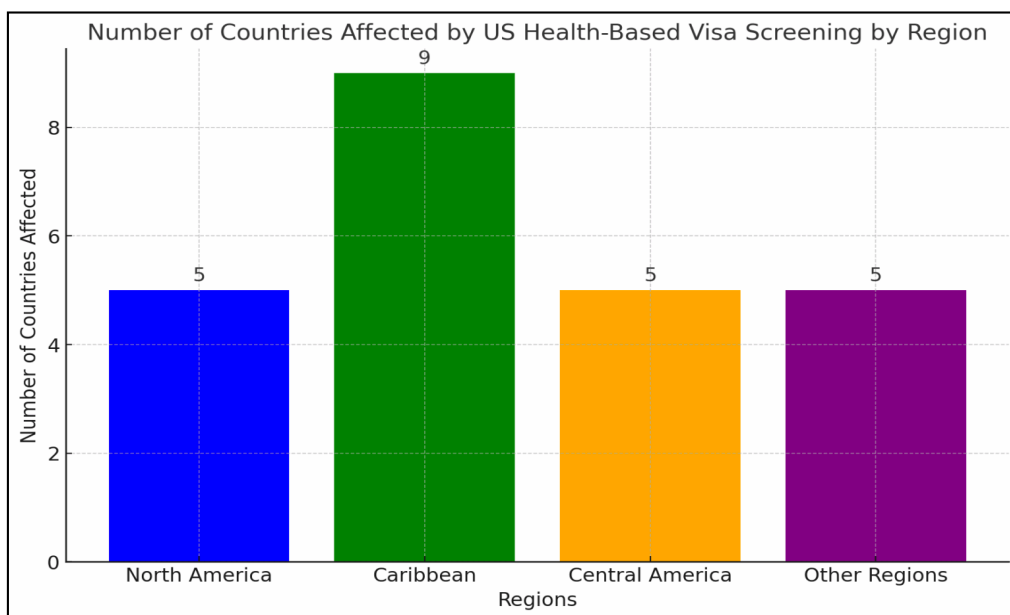
Evaluation of dependents: Applicants will also need to submit medical assessments for dependents, if applicable.

Reduced visa validity periods: Even applicants from non-restricted countries may face shorter visa validity periods, depending on their health status.

Increased discretion for consular officers: US visa officers are given greater leeway to evaluate the financial and health circumstances of applicants.

The combination of health-based screenings, geographic restrictions, and other evolving US immigration policies will drastically reshape the way international travelers approach the US visa application process.

Countries Affected by New Health Rule



The impact of the health-based visa screening will be felt by applicants from a wide range of countries. While the health screening rule applies globally, there are certain countries that will be directly affected due to their high levels of visa activity and historical travel relationships with the United States. Below is a list of countries that will be particularly affected by the new health screening guidelines, along with the regions they represent:

North America

■ **Canada:** Due to its close proximity and robust travel links with the US, Canada is one of the countries most impacted by the health screening rule. Although Canada participates in the US Visa Waiver Program, those applying for longer stays or certain work visas will still be subject to the health-based criteria.

■ **Mexico:** As one of the highest visa-issuing countries in North America, Mexico will see significant changes in its visa application process. Health-based screenings will add complexity to the already high demand for US visas.

■ **Bermuda and The Bahamas:** While both countries have fewer visa applicants compared to Mexico or Canada, the new health-based criteria will impact travelers from these regions as well.

■ **Cayman Islands:** A popular tourist

destination in the Caribbean, the Cayman Islands will also see its citizens affected by the health screening requirements, particularly those applying for visas to visit the US.

■ Caribbean

■ **Cuba and Jamaica:** These countries face specific scrutiny due to their designations as “state sponsors of terrorism.” Travelers from these nations have already faced restrictions, and the health screening policy will add another layer of complexity.

■ **Haiti, Dominican Republic,** and several other Caribbean nations will be affected by the health screening rule, with special emphasis on financial sufficiency for medical care.

■ Central America

■ **Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica:** As part of the growing demand for US visas in Central America, these countries are expected to see a surge in applicants subject to health screenings. The US has long been a top destination for Central American immigrants, and now these applicants must demonstrate financial self-sufficiency in healthcare.

■ Other Affected Regions

■ **Belize and Barbados:** While relatively small, these countries have consistent visa application patterns, particularly for tourism and business purposes, which will now include additional health assessments.

■ **Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia,**

and Grenada: As part of the Caribbean region, these countries will see health screenings added to the visa requirements for US-bound travelers.

■ **Pacific Islands and Other Regions**
 ■ **Greenland and Trinidad and Tobago** are also included in this expanded screening process. While these regions may not have the same visa volume as larger countries, they will still be impacted by the comprehensive health checks.

■ Overview of US Visa Issuances and Trends

■ The most recent data from the US Department of State reveals significant visa activity from North American and Caribbean countries. In fiscal year 2024, the US processed over 10.9 million nonimmigrant visas, marking a 25% increase compared to pre-pandemic levels. The demand for US visas in regions such as Central America, the Caribbean, and North America has remained strong, with several countries seeing consistent, high-volume applications.

Mexico leads the region in visa issuances, with over 72,000 immigrant visas processed in 2024, representing approximately 12% of the total US immigrant visa pool. Central American countries, such as Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica, show robust demand for B1/B2 (tourism/business) visas. In addition, Caribbean countries such as Dominican Republic and Jamaica have also seen significant visa issuance, with Dominican Republic processing over 115,000 B1/B2 visas in FY 2024 alone.

Key Policy Changes for 2025

In addition to the health screening requirements, several other policy updates for 2025 will further affect visa applicants. These include:

Social Media Screening: Starting June 2025, applicants for F, M, and J visas must set their social media accounts to “public” for vetting.

DS-160 Requirements: As of May 2025, applicants will need to submit

their DS-160 forms at least two business days before their scheduled interviews.

Visa Bonds: Caribbean nations will not be included in the visa bond list for 2025, meaning no additional financial requirements will be imposed on these travelers.

These updates are part of a broader strategy to modernize and streamline the visa application process, while also ensuring that individuals coming to the US can support themselves and their health needs without burdening the public healthcare system.

The US visa policy overhaul in 2025 is one of the most extensive changes in recent years. The introduction of health-based screening will affect all countries, adding a new layer of com-

plexity to an already intricate process. Applicants will need to demonstrate their ability to afford long-term medical care without reliance on public assistance, a requirement that will influence travelers from every corner of the globe. As the US continues to reshape its visa system, applicants must prepare for increased scrutiny, longer processing times, and potentially more restrictive policies. The changes will particularly impact countries with high visa demand, including Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America, but the health rule will have far-reaching implications for global travelers. With the inclusion of destinations like the Cayman Islands, all nations must now navigate these updated US visa requirements with greater care.



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Interactors Spread Service and Smiles Across Antigua for World Interact Week

The Interact Clubs of St. Joseph's Academy and Christ the King High School brought energy, creativity, and plenty of heart to this year's World Interact Week, celebrated from November 3–9, 2025.

With the theme of service and fellowship at the forefront, both clubs filled the week with activities that highlighted the spirit of Rotary and the power of young people working together for good.

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored club for students ages 12 to 18 who want to make a difference in their schools and communities. It's where leadership meets service, and fun. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Antigua, both Interact Clubs have become shining examples of what youth-led action looks like.

The week kicked off on Monday with a Social Media Campaign that encouraged members to share what Interact means to them. Their heartfelt posts flooded timelines and spread positive messages about leadership, friendship, and giving back.

On Tuesday, the Interactors took on a health challenge by producing a 30-second public service announcement on Diabetes Awareness, combining creativity with advocacy to educate their peers.

By Wednesday, it was all about fellowship. The Interact executives joined their sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Antigua, at its weekly lunch meeting at Rotary House. They proudly introduced themselves and shared their upcoming plans, earning nods of approval and encouragement from Rotarians.

On Friday, both clubs came together for a joint act of kindness, donating



a lunch bench to the Five Islands Primary School. Principal James welcomed the thoughtful gift and shared his hope for even more benches in the

future.

That same day, the Christ the King High School Interact Club held its

ABTA issues invitation to join it team

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority is seeking a dynamic, strategic, and visionary Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), based in Antigua and Barbuda to lead global marketing efforts and strengthen our twin-island nation's position as a premier Caribbean destination.

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- **Build employee and team capacity through training, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing.**
- **Collaborate closely with Directors of Tourism in source markets to deliver measurable returns on investment. Requirements:**
- **Master's degree or Post Graduate Certificate in Marketing, Business Administration, Tourism Management, or related fields.**
- **Minimum 10 years of senior-level marketing experience, preferably within tourism, hospitality, or destination marketing.**
- **Proven expertise in developing and executing multi-market marketing strategies.**
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annual fundraising bake sale, raising funds to help Rotary's global mission to end polio forever. The St. Joseph's Academy Interact Club will host its own bake sale on Monday, November 10th, because who doesn't love service that tastes sweet?

Saturday was a hands-on day of giving back. The St. Joseph's Academy Interactors rolled up their sleeves to deep-clean their Science Lab, while the Christ the King High School Club spent their morning creating hand-made flowers and appreciation cards for the staff of the Tabitha Elder Care Home, a touching gesture that brightened the day of everyone involved.

The week wrapped up on Sunday with a joint social at Rotary House, where both clubs celebrated their achievements with laughter, games, food, and fellowship, the perfect ending to a week full of purpose and positivity.

Celebrating Service Above Self
 President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, Elisa Graham, praised the Interactors for their dedication and enthusiasm, saying, "These young leaders continue to inspire us all. They've shown that service can be joyful, impactful, and contagious."

From spreading awareness to spreading smiles, the Interactors of St. Joseph's Academy and Christ the King



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The OECS Student Census to Begin November 11-21, 2025

Ministry of Education has announced the launch of the **OECS Student Census**, scheduled to run from **Tuesday, November 11, 2025, to Friday, November 21, 2025**. This landmark initiative provides students across the region with a platform to share their views on school, learning, and education—ensuring their voices help shape policies that improve the quality of education for all.

The census is aimed at capturing valuable insights into students' experiences, learning environments, and perspectives on the education system. These findings will strengthen evidence-based education policy, seek to improve teaching and learning, and ensure that student voices remain at the heart of educational development.

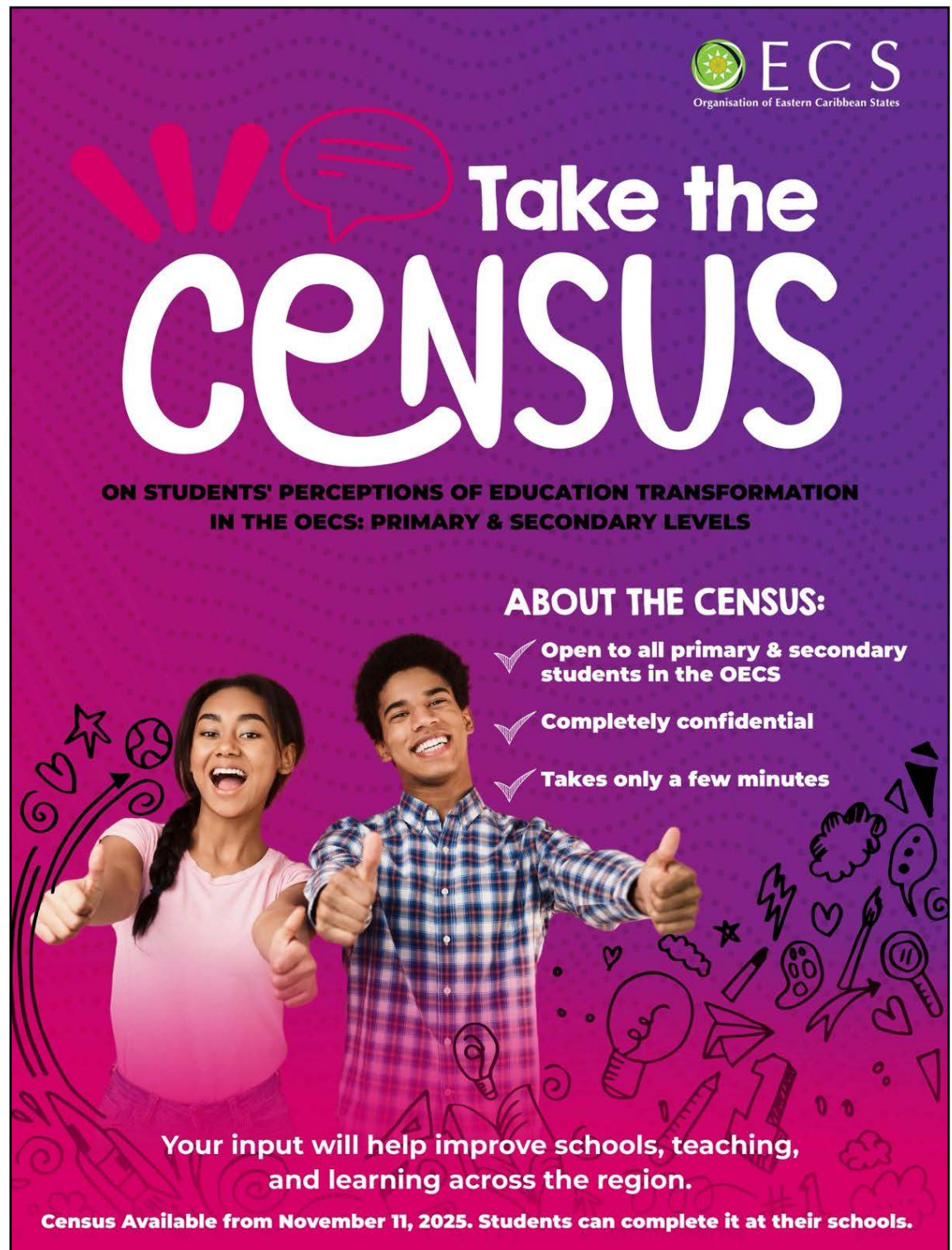
The Ministry recognizes that education is a shared responsibility, and students are key partners in this journey. By participating in the

OECS Student Census, students contribute to building a stronger, more inclusive education system that reflects their realities and aspi-

rations.

Parents, teachers, and the wider community are encouraged to support this effort by

motivating students to participate fully and accurately. Together, we can create an education system that meets the needs of every learner.



The poster features a purple background with a pattern of small white dots. At the top right is the OECS logo, which consists of a green circular emblem with a sun-like design and the text 'OECS Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States'. Below the logo, the text 'Take the CENSUS' is written in large, white, stylized letters. A red speech bubble icon is positioned above the word 'CENSUS'. Underneath this, in smaller white capital letters, is the text 'ON STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION IN THE OECS: PRIMARY & SECONDARY LEVELS'. To the right of the central text, under the heading 'ABOUT THE CENSUS:', there are three bullet points, each preceded by a white checkmark: 'Open to all primary & secondary students in the OECS', 'Completely confidential', and 'Takes only a few minutes'. In the center of the poster, a young woman and a young man are smiling and giving thumbs up. The woman is wearing a pink shirt and the man is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. Surrounding them are various white line-art icons representing education and creativity, such as a lightbulb, a pencil, a speech bubble, a star, a heart, a paint palette, a ruler, and a graduation cap. At the bottom of the poster, in white text, it says 'Your input will help improve schools, teaching, and learning across the region.' and 'Census Available from November 11, 2025. Students can complete it at their schools.'

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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.

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Kadeem Morrissey Charged With Larceny and Traffic-Related Offences

The Police have arrested and charged 28-year-old Kadeem Morrissey of Clare Hall in connection with a report of Larceny and a several traffic-related offences.

The Police have arrested and charged a 35-year-old man from Cassada Gardens in connection with a bigamy investigation.

It is alleged that the accused, while being lawfully married, entered into another marriage with a second woman on April 9, 2025 at the Fort James, during the lifetime of his lawful spouse.

Following further inquiries, the accused was arrested and formally charged for Bigamy, in accordance with the laws of Antigua and Barbuda.

The accused is expected to appear before the Court to answer to the charge.

He is accused of stealing a Two-Ton Jack, car battery, garden tools, tires and rims,



license plates, and several pieces of ID and credit cards from a resident of Ovals on Sunday, November 2nd.

Morrissey was also charged for Driving Without the Consent of the Owner, Driving Without a Valid Driver's Licence, and Driving Without Insurance.

He is expected to appear before the Magistrate's Court to answer the charges.

The Police Administration continues to urge members of the public to remain vigilant, secure their properties, and report any suspicious activities to the nearest police station or by calling 911.

Meanwhile, the Police have arrested one male suspect in connection with a larceny at the First Best Supermarket on Bendals Road around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8.

It was reported that two male suspects entered the business place and allegedly stole a bottle of Hyundai engine oil, a bottle of cooking oil, and a pack of Huggies diapers.

During the investigation, one suspect was apprehended in the Gray's Farm area and taken into custody at the St. John's Police Station. Further investigations are

ongoing to locate the second suspect.

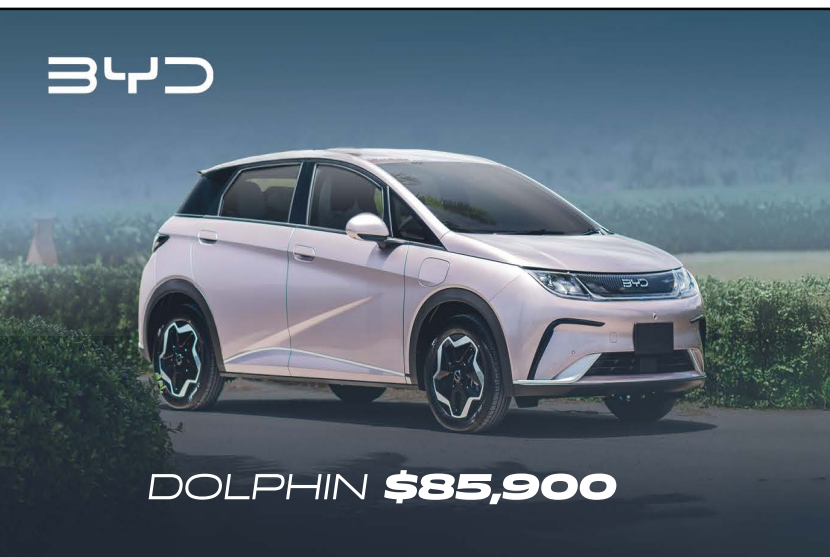
Anyone with information is asked to contact the CID at 462-3913.

In more police development, police Search for Suspects in Church Break-In

Police are searching for the suspect(s) who broke into the Church of God of Prophecy located at Cooks Hill.

Reports indicate that sometime between 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 7th November, and 9:20 a.m. on Saturday, 8th November 2025, thieves unlawfully gained entry into the building and stole a 50-inch Samsung flat-screen television and several air conditioning units.

The Police are appealing to anyone with information that may assist in this investigation to contact the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) at 462-3913, the Grays Farm Police Station at 462-0481, or call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).



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

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EU, Latin America and Caribbean nations hold summit overshadowed by US military operation

Representatives of European, Latin American and Caribbean nations on Sunday began a two-day summit in Colombia to try to strengthen ties amid divisions over the United States military operation targeting alleged drug-carrying vessels.

Colombian officials have indicated they will seek the signing of a declaration on renewable energy, food security, financing and technological cooperation at the end of the summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the European Union.

The deadly US operation, however, will likely become a key point of discussion as Colombian President Gustavo Petro is among its strongest critics.

The US strikes against alleged drug-carrying vessels in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific have killed more than 60 people since September.

Petro has called the deaths “extrajudicial executions” and has identified at least one of the killed as a Colombian citizen. One of two known survivors of the attacks is also Colombian.

“What are we doing with this meeting in today’s world amidst missiles?” Petro asked attendees in his inaugural remarks after mentioning the war in Gaza and the strikes obliterating the vessels. He then added that his wish was for the



summit “to be a beacon of light amidst the barbarity.”

But the relevance of the summit in the northern Colombia city of Santa Marta has come into question because of the absence of heads of state and senior officials, including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz.

Colombia’s Foreign Ministry has attributed the issue to scheduling conflicts with a United Nations climate summit and has sought to downplay concerns by highlighting the presence of Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Following Petro’s remarks, some leaders highlighted the increase in trade between the regions and joint progress in digital connectivity programs, the green transition, social development and artificial intelligence.

“We choose dialogue, not division; we choose cooperation, not confrontation; we choose partnership, not isolation. And in this multipolar world of ours, what is needed is a multilateral response,” European Council President António Costa said without mentioning the attacks on the vessels.

Lula surprised observers Wednesday by announcing that he would attend the summit even though Brazil was hosting the COP30 climate conference. Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira told reporters that Lula’s decision to attend the summit in Colombia reflects regional solidarity with Venezuela.

Brazilian Ambassador Gisela Padovan, secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, said Thursday that addressing US President Donald Trump’s threats of military action against Venezuela and recent boat strikes in the Caribbean would be a natural topic at

the summit.

“It’s clear that the topic will come up, because the Venezuelan delegation will bring it up,” Padovan said. However, she didn’t tell reporters whether the gathering’s final statement would include the issue.

Lula has urged Latin American nations to help prevent conflict in Venezuela. On Tuesday, he told reporters that he had also urged Trump during their meeting last month in Malaysia to follow the example of former US President George W. Bush, who participated in efforts to pacify Venezuela following a 2002 coup attempt against then President Hugo Chávez.

“I told Trump that Latin America is a region of peace,” Lula said.

Alexander Main, international policy director at the Center for Economic and Policy Research think tank, said the gathering in Colombia is the last high-level multilateral summit to be held in the region in 2025 following the postponement of the Summit of the Americas. This could make it easier for governments to frankly address the central issue of military deployment, given that the United States isn’t a party to the summit.

“It is clearly a priority for several regional leaders,” Main said. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Jamaica to welcome cruise ships in Ocho Rios this week

Jamaica Public Service (JPS) has restored electricity to parts of Ocho Rios in St Ann, just days before cruise ships are scheduled to dock in the resort town on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is the first major tourism activity since the passage of the deadly Category 5 hurricane on October 28. It carved a destructive path through the country's main tourism belt along the north and south coasts, killing at least 32 persons and leaving billions of dollars in damage.

As of early Sunday afternoon, only one of four traffic light intersections in Ocho Rios was operational, and several tourism entities remained without power.

Some schools are also preparing to resume classes on Monday, even where electricity is still unavailable.

President of the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association Ocho Rios-Runaway Bay Chapter, Vana Taylor, told The Gleaner that while some areas such as Fisherman's Point have regained power, others, including Moon Palace, remain in the dark.

"We were spared the worst; some people had minor damage, but compared to the rest of the island, I think God spared our lives and our properties," Taylor said. "Some businesses were closed briefly, some because of the lack of electricity, but overall we fared well, and we give thanks."

Taylor also commended the JPS, National Water Commission (NWC),



National Solid Waste Management Authority, National Works Agency, and other agencies for their efforts to restore normality.

Several hotels have reported extensive damage as the December 15 start of the winter tourist season looms.

Last week Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness lamented the economic toll of the hurricane damage, noting that preliminary estimates are between US\$6 billion (J\$962 billion) and US\$7 billion (J\$1.1 trillion), "equivalent to roughly 28–32 percent of last fiscal year's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"Reviving production, reopening

tourism, and restarting commerce are essential to restore incomes, rebuild confidence and mitigate the wider economic shock," Holness told the House of Representatives.

According to JPS' latest bulletin, 62 percent of the company's almost 700,000 customers now have power. Meanwhile, 53 percent of NWC critical sites have been restored, and electricity has returned to 66 percent of major health facilities.

Hurricane Melissa, a record-breaking Category 5 storm, left a trail of destruction across the island, disrupting electricity, water supply, and critical services. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Hospital nightmare Nurses complain of hellish conditions at CRH in aftermath of Melissa

As the aftereffects of Hurricane Melissa continues to take a heavy toll on the lives of residents in western Jamaica, nurses at the Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH) in Montego Bay, St James, are complaining of hellish conditions on the job, saying they are forced to co-exist with dead bodies as they seek to keep other patients alive.

According to one nurse, who did not want to be identified, there are dead bodies on the floor where she and her colleagues carry out their duties. They have found the conditions even more difficult to deal with amid the trauma they were already suffering from the horrific hurricane which has disrupted life in almost every sector in western Jamaica.

“We have had dead patients laying on the floor while we are coding or resuscitating another patient next to them,” the nurse wrote in a note which was seen by The Gleaner.

“Just yesterday I care for a child on the nurses’ desk, because there was no available bed to care for a three-year-old whose home collapsed on him during the storm, who has only [just] made it to the hospital. All this while a dead man was laying at our feet, waiting to be wrapped and shipped to the morgue,” the nurse wrote.

According to the nurse, the general working conditions are now so bad that running water is a scarce commodity, which makes functioning in a normal way all but impossible.

“There is hardly ever any running water for the past eight days,” she wrote. “Nurses have had to pee in cups and empty [them] in the toilet to avoid squatting or stooping over toilets filled with urine or faeces.”

Efforts to get a comment from Dr Delroy Fray, the clinical coordinator for



the Western Regional Health Authority, and other senior health officials from the region, were unsuccessful, primarily due to limited telephone connectivity across the region. However, medical professional and lecturer at The University of the West Indies, Dr Christopher Ogunsalu, told The Gleaner two days ago that under the prevailing conditions, there is a great likelihood of the spreading of serious communicable diseases.

“We are likely to see a resurgence of the COVID-19, cholera, malaria and water-borne diseases,” said Ogunsalu. “People will need to take serious precautions, as some of these diseases could cause death.”

Regarding the general condition at the CRH, there has been a major breakdown in communication, especially regarding notifying the next of kin of persons who have died at the hospital.

The family of Wendy Grinnion, a resident of Flanker who died at the hospital on the night Hurricane Melissa

struck Jamaica, only became aware of her death three days later when they visited the hospital to bring her fresh clothes and other personal items.

“Because there was no telephone connectivity, they were not able to inform us, so we can’t blame the hospital,” a relative told The Gleaner. “However, we are not pleased that they have not done the paperwork to release her body so we can take it to a funeral home of our choice. It is going almost two weeks, and the situation is becoming quite a bother.

The hurricane has added to the challenging conditions that were already being faced by people seeking health-care at CRH, which is currently undergoing a multibillion-dollar refurbishing exercise, which was sparked by a noxious fumes issue that surfaced in late 2017. Many persons are forced to spend days on chairs or on the floor on the Accident and Emergency Department due to issues related to bed space. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Jeffrey Epstein co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell plans to seek commutation from Trump, whistleblower says

Ghislaine Maxwell, the co-conspirator of the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, is in the process of seeking a commutation of her 20-year prison sentence from President Donald Trump, a whistleblower has told House Democrats.

The whistleblower came forward with the information to Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee and also alleges Maxwell is getting preferential treatment in prison.

"I am struggling to keep it all together as it is big and there are so many attachments," Maxwell wrote in an e-mail to her attorney, Leaf Saffian, which was reviewed by NBC News. The subject line of the email reads "commutation application."

In a letter to Trump on Monday, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, D-Md., demanded the administration release information about the commutation application and called on Trump to reject her request.

"You should not grant any form of clemency to this convicted and unrepentant sex offender," Raskin wrote. "Your Administration should not be providing her with room service, with puppies to play with, with federal law enforcement officials waiting on her every need, or with any special treatment or institutional privilege at all."

Raskin requested that Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche appear for a public congressional hearing to discuss the revelations.

According to the whistleblow-



er, whose identity the committee has not revealed, Maxwell has received what was described as "concierge-style" treatment at the minimum security prison camp that she was transferred to, including customized meals, permission to go to the exercise area after hours, and time to play with a puppy that was being trained by an inmate to become a service dog, among other things.

The whistleblower also claimed that a top official at the prison camp complained he is "sick of having to be Maxwell's bitch."

Maxwell's attorney did not immediately respond to NBC News' request for comment.

White House spokeswoman Abigail Jackson said the White House "does not comment on potential clemency requests. As President Trump has stated, pardoning Ghis-

laine Maxwell is not something he has thought about."

NBC News reported Saturday that Maxwell said in emails to friends and family that she is "happier" at the minimum-security prison in Texas that she was transferred to. She was moved to the women-only facility over the summer after being held at a low-security facility in Tallahassee, Florida that housed men and women.

Her transfer came a week after she met with Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche and Maxwell's lawyer, David Oscar Markus.

Maxwell's commutation efforts come amid a spate of pardons and commutations that Trump has issued in recent weeks, including for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and others involved in trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election results, former Rep. George Santos and the former Tennessee House Speaker Glen Casada and his aide.

In early October, the Supreme Court rejected Maxwell's challenge to her criminal conviction for recruiting and grooming teenage girls for sexual abuse by Jeffrey Epstein. When asked at the time whether he would consider pardoning her, Trump said, "I haven't heard the name in so long. I can say this, that I'd have to take a look at it."

Pressed again on whether he was considering a pardon for her, Trump responded, "I wouldn't consider it or not consider, I don't know anything about it." (NBC)

Supreme Court weighs Rastafarian man's religious rights claim over shorn dreadlocks

The Supreme Court on Monday will weigh whether a devout Rastafarian can bring a damages claim against Louisiana prison officials who cut his dreadlocks in violation of his religious rights.

The court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, is often solicitous toward religious claims, although the bulk of recent cases have involved cases brought by conservative Christians.

Prior to the 2020 incident at the Raymond Laborde Correctional Center, Damon Landor had not cut his hair for almost 20 years, following a practice known as the Nazarite vow.

Landor was serving a five-month sentence on a drug-related charge when he was transferred to the facility.

Over his objections, a corrections officer handcuffed



him to a chair while two others shaved his head.

"In an instant, they stripped him of decades of religious practice at the heart of his identity," Landor's lawyers wrote in a court filing.

The officers went ahead even though Landor had shown them a copy of a binding court ruling that said it would be a religious rights violation to cut a Rastafarian's dreadlocks.

Landor subsequently filed suit against the state. The claim at the Supreme Court revolves around whether he can claim money damages under a law called the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, or RLUIPA.

The state, represented by Attorney General Elizabeth Murrill, a Republican, has conceded that Landor's lawsuit raised claims "antithetical to religious freedom and

fair treatment of state prisoners" and said the prison system has since changed its grooming policy.

But she argues that damages are not warranted.

Landor's lawyers are asking the Supreme Court to rule that damages should be allowed under RLUIPA, citing a ruling in 2020 that said damages are available under a similar law called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Without damages, the protection afforded by RLUIPA would "ring hollow," they wrote.

The state says the outcome is not determined by how the court ruled in the 2020 case in part because that dispute involved federal, not state, officials.

Lower courts ruled in favor of the state, prompting Landor to turn to the Supreme Court. (NBC)



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Paris court says former president Sarkozy will be released from prison under judicial supervision



A Paris appeals court has decided to release former French President Nicolas Sarkozy from prison and place him under judicial supervision.

Monday's announcement came less than three weeks after Sarkozy began serving a five-year sentence for criminal conspiracy in a scheme to finance his 2007 election campaign with funds from Libya.

Sarkozy will be banned from leaving the French territory, the court said. An appeal trial is expected to take place later.

Sarkozy became the first former French head of state in modern times to be sent behind bars after his conviction on Sept. 25. He denies wrongdoing.

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He was jailed on Oct. 21 pending appeal but immediately filed for early release.

During Monday's hearing, Sarkozy, speaking from Paris' La Santé prison via video conference, argued he has always met all justice requirements.

"I had never imagined I would experience prison at 70. This ordeal was imposed on me, and I lived through it. It's hard, very hard," he said.

French prosecutors on November 10, 2025 requested the release from prison of former president Nicolas Sarkozy under judicial supervision pending an appeals trial over allegations that he sought Libyan funding.

Monday's proceedings didn't involve the motives for the sentencing.

Still, Sarkozy told the court he never asked Libya's longtime ruler Moammar Gadhafi for any financing. "I will never admit something I didn't do," he said.

Under French law, release is set to be the general rule pending appeal, while detention remains the exception. Judges will weigh whether Sarkozy presents a flight risk, might pressure witnesses, or could obstruct justice.

Advocate General Damien Brunet, who represents the public interest, asked for Sarkozy to be released and placed under judicial supervision.

If the request is granted, Sarkozy could leave Paris' La Santé prison within hours.

An appeal trial is expected to take place later, possibly in the spring.

The former president, who governed from 2007 to 2012, faces separate proceedings, including a Nov. 26 ruling by France's highest court over illegal financing of his failed 2012 reelection bid, and an ongoing investigation into alleged witness tampering in the Libya case.

In 2023, he was found guilty of corruption and influence peddling for trying to bribe a magistrate in exchange for information about a legal case in which he was implicated. France's highest court, the Court of Cassation, later upheld the verdict. (AP)



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BOE advance to playoff finals in Business Basketball League



The Board of Education basketball team

The Board of Education (BOE) remained on course to complete the double in the 2025 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League.

The Board of Education, who played unbeaten to clinch the round-robin league title by winning all 13 matches, advanced to the finals of the playoff championship on Sunday.

The top-seeded Board of Education booked their spot in the playoff finals by wrapping up their best-of-three semi-final series 2-0, surging to an emphatic 74-49 victory against fourth-seed Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board in Game 2 at the JSC Sports Complex.

Adonis Humphreys shot a game-high 22 points, Daniel Perez sank 19 points, and Danny Perez scored 17 points

for the Board of Education. Lindsay McDonald converted 17 points, and Ishaan Peets sank 12 points for the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board.

The Board of Education won the opening match of the series with a 66-59 victory over the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board on Saturday.

Adonis Humphreys sank a game-high 23 points, and Xavier Meade scored 20 points for the Board of Education. Lindsay McDonald converted 19 points, and Raymond Dickenson scored 10 points for the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board.

But the third-seeded Richie's Shooterz have forced a deciding Game 3 after leveling their best-of-three semi-final playoff series 1-1 with defending champions and second-seeded Sandals by prevailing 66-52 in Game

2.

Tajahron Davis produced a game-high 20 points, and Cohen Desouza scored 15 points for Richie's Shooterz. T-Shawn Lewis sank 19 points, and Selassie Brathwaite converted 11 points for Sandals.

Sandals prevailed 62-53 over Richie's Shooterz in the opening game of the series on Saturday. T-Shawn Lewis shot a game-high 24 points, and Keroi Lee sank 12 points for Sandals.

Tajahron Davis converted 16 points, and Cohen Desouza scored 13 points for Richie's Shooterz.

Sandals and Richie's Shooterz will clash in the deciding Game 3 at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

Attacking Saints beat Rangers in Premier Division League

The Attacking Saints claimed the only win in Sunday's triple-header of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Premier Division League.

After losing their opening game in a 4-0 defeat to defending champs All Saints United, the Attacking Saints secured their second consecutive win with a four-nil drubbing of promoted Ottos Rangers in Sunday's second encounter.

Kenijah Challenger opened the scoring by converting a penalty kick in the third minute.

The other goals were scored by Rick Gordon in the 33rd minute, Joshua Samuel in the 40th, and Tarique Whyte in the 60th minute. The Ottos Rangers remain without any points after crashing to their third defeat in as many games.

After securing a 4-2 victory against Ottos Rangers in their opening game, Old Road were held to a 2-2 draw by the Potters Tigers in the first game on Sunday.

Jamour Martin salvaged the draw for the Potters Tigers by snatching the equalizer in the second minute of added time. Ra-keem Joseph converted a



A starting XI of the Attacking Saints football team

penalty kick in the 90th minute to give Old Road a 2-1 lead.

But it was Keon Green, who scored a penalty kick in the 22nd minute, who gave the Potters Tigers a one-nil lead before Kevon Lucas snatched an equalizer for Old Road in the 28th minute as both teams reached halftime deadlocked at 1-1.

The result means that Old Road advanced to four points from two matches, while the Potters Tigers picked up their first point after losing their previous two matches.

In the most surprising result so far in the Premier League, winners

of the 2022/23 title and runners-up for the past two seasons, Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades, dropped points for the first time in this year's competition.

After winning their first two matches, the Jennings Grenades were held to a 3-3 draw by Green City FC in the third and final game on Sunday.

Amali Colbourne salvaged the draw for Green City by snatching the equalizer in the 89th minute. Kieron Richards scored the opening goal of the match with an 18th-minute conversion to put Green City ahead.

Jennings Grenades drew

level when Barrington Blake converted a penalty kick in the 31st minute, but a 44th-minute conversion by Tev Lawrence restored Green City's advantage and gave his team a 2-1 lead at halftime.

However, Lashawn Roberts scored twice to turn the match in Jennings Grenades' favour. Roberts snatched the equalizer with a 62nd-minute strike and scored in the 75th minute to give the Jennings Grenades a 3-2 lead.

The Jennings Grenades advanced to seven points from three matches, while Green City FC moved on to four points from the same number of outings.

Rain washes out fourth T20I between New Zealand and Windies

It seems the weather deities didn't want New Zealand and the West Indies to duke out two T20 Internationals in successive days as rain in Nelson washed out the fourth game of the five-match series just 39 balls into the match at the Saxton Oval on Monday.

The West Indies reached 38 for one in 6.3 overs when the match was abandoned as a no result.

It means that New Zealand's 2-1 series lead is now unassailable. West Indies can level the series in the fifth and final game in Dunedin on Thursday.

Interruptions were expected at the start of the afternoon game as clouds hung low, and the weather forecast showed high chances of



Rain stopped play during the fourth T20 International between New Zealand and the West Indies at Saxton Oval in Nelson, New Zealand, on Monday, November 10, 2025. (Getty Images)

showers throughout the late afternoon and early evening.

While the toss and start of play happened on time, the first interruption, of about 30 minutes, came five overs into the game. The second one came nine balls later,

and resulted in the whole thing being called off.

In the short period of play that did occur, Kyle Jamieson and Jacob Duffy kept West Indies openers Alick Athanaze and Amir Jangoo in check with swing and

seam.

Both bowlers took advantage of the overhead conditions and hit disciplined lengths on a used pitch. A lot of swings and misses from West Indies made way for two fours and two sixes between overs two and five.

James Neesham removed Athanaze for 21 off 18 balls in the sixth over. Jangoo finally got one off the middle to pick up a cover-driven boundary and end the 35-run powerplay. Soon after, the major weather interruption set in, and the game was eventually called off.

Jangoo was unbeaten in 12 off 18 balls, and captain Shai Hope was not out on three. Neesham picked up one for five.

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Turkey arrests eight players in widening gambling probe



ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkish authorities on Monday formally arrested eight people, including a top-tier club chairman, in a probe into alleged betting on soccer matches, while the football federation (TFF) suspended 1,024 players pending disciplinary investigations.

The moves come after the TFF earlier this month suspended 149 referees and assistant referees after an investigation found that the officials working in the country's professional leagues were betting on football matches.

Turkey's state-owned Anadolu news agency said a court had ruled to arrest Eyupspor Chairman Murat Ozkaya and seven others as part of the investigation. Eyupspor were not immediately available to comment.

In a statement, the TFF said it had

sent 1,024 players from all leagues to the Professional Football Disciplinary Council (PFDK) as part of the investigation, including 27 players from the top-tier Super Lig, who have all been suspended.

Among those 27 were players from champions Galatasaray and Istanbul rivals Besiktas, among others.

"Due to the precautionary transfer of 1,024 football players to the PFDK, negotiations have been initiated urgently with FIFA to grant a 15-day transfer and registration period in addition to the 2025-2026 winter transfer period, only at the national level, in order for clubs to complete their squad deficiencies," the TFF said.

It also said matches in the second and third-tier leagues were suspended for two weeks, while local

media said the TFF board would hold an extraordinary meeting at 1400 GMT on Tuesday.

Soccer's world governing body FIFA did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment on the probe and the TFF request for a 15-day transfer window.

TFF President Ibrahim Haciosmanoglu has described the situation as a "moral crisis in Turkish football."

Its own investigation revealed that 371 of 571 active referees in Turkey's professional leagues had betting accounts, and 152 of them were actively gambling.

One referee had bet 18,227 times and 42 referees had bet on more than 1,000 football matches each. Others were found to have bet only once.

James re-captures Antigua Open Golf Championship

In emphatic fashion, Omorry James shot to victory, in the process claiming his fourth Antigua Open crown at Cedar Valley on Sunday.

With a birdie on the final hole, the New Winthropes resident outlasted a star-studded field to claim the top prize in the Marquee championship.

James shot rounds of 71 and 74 to secure the title with a total gross of 145. He finished ahead of fellow Antiguan Paul Michael, who shot rounds of 73 and 74 to clinch the runner-up position with 147 points. Dion Massiah clinched third place with 150 points.

The victor in the seniors division was Charles "Rock" Blake of St. Kitts. Blake shot rounds of 78 and 77 to secure the title with a total gross of 155 points. Antiguan and former West Indies cricketer Eldine "Soca" Baptiste finished second with 165 points.

Ronan Peters took the title in the super seniors flight with a total gross of 166 points. Antiguan Wesley Dyer took second place with 169 points.

In the ladies division, it was Nicole Weatherill who prevailed ahead of her twin sister, Kimberlyn. Nicole Weatherill shot rounds of 88 and 88 to capture the ladies' title with a total gross of 176



Omorry James, left, accepts his Antigua Open championship trophy after winning the title at Cedar Valley Golf Course on Sunday, November 9, 2025.

points.

Kimberlyn Weatherill clinched second place with 183 points.

Their father, Tedson Weatherill, was also in the winning circle as he took the Men's A class. Tedson Weatherill shot rounds of 80 and 83 to claim the title with a total gross of 163 points. Sean Modi took second

place with 167 points.

The Men's B flight was claimed by Duane Livingston, who shot rounds of 93 and 90 to take the title with a total gross of 183 points. Daine Mellason took second place with 186 points.

Iavanjo Weeks won the junior division title. Weeks recorded rounds of 79 and 73 to clinch the title with

a total gross of 152 points. Clairmont Clarrington claimed second place with 189 points.

This year's annual Antigua Open, which is organized by the Antigua and Barbuda Golf Association (ABGA), was held at the Cedar Valley Golf Course on November 8 and 9.