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Prime Minister Gaston Browne speaking at the commissioning of the new Port Crane on Friday

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An Overview: By - Hon Gaston Browne - Prime Minister



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

Friday's commissioning of a new crane, marked yet another defining moment in the ongoing transformation of our maritime sector.

This follows on the EC\$500M dollar investment during the past few years to modernize our cargo and cruise.

The commissioning of this new crane is not just an operational upgrade—it is a strategic investment in the future of Antigua and Barbuda.

It symbolizes our commitment to modernization, to competitiveness, and to building an economy that is agile, diversified, and globally connected.

For many years, we have spoken about the need to improve efficiency at our ports.

Friday we took a major step forward.

The new crane will significantly enhance our cargo-handling capacity, reduce turnaround times, and strengthen the reliability of our operations.

These improvements will directly support business facilitation across our economy, ensuring that importers, exporters, and local entrepreneurs benefit from faster and more efficient

services.

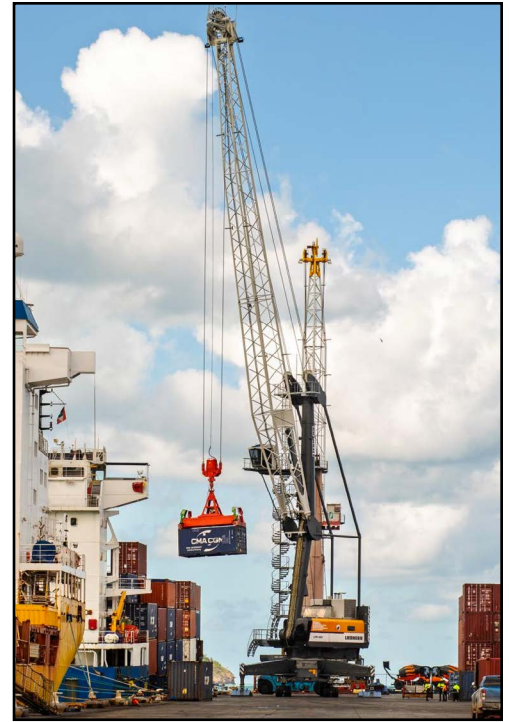
But this step is also part of a larger vision—our vision of transforming Antigua and Barbuda into a premier regional transshipment port.

By expanding our capabilities, integrating modern technology, and strengthening our logistics infrastructure, we are laying the foundation for a maritime hub, that can compete with the best in the Caribbean.

A fully operational transshipment port will unlock a new world of opportunities.

It will attract increased cargo volumes as major shipping lines look for efficient, reliable, and strategically located partners.

Greater volumes will, in turn, reduce





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freight and handling charges, bringing down the cost of doing business and lowering the cost of living for our people.

This transformation will expand government revenues through increased taxes, fees, and port-related services—allowing us to invest even more in national development.

The investment will also stimulate job creation across multiple sectors, offering employment for technicians, engineers, logistics specialists, and young people seeking new career paths.

Beyond the port gates, the impact will ripple throughout the wider economy.

We will see the emergence of spin-off industries such as bunkering, ship repair, marine supplies, and warehousing. These are high-value services that will create entrepreneurial opportunities for Antiguan and Barbudans who wish to innovate, invest, and contrib-

ute to our maritime economy.

A modern port will also strengthen our participation in international trade.

It will open new markets for local producers, making it easier for our goods to reach regional and global destinations. And equally important, it will position Antigua and Barbuda as a gateway for imports destined for other parts of the region, enhancing our relevance in global supply chains.

When you bring all these benefits together—greater efficiency, enhanced trade, increased revenues, job creation, new business opportunities, and expanded markets—the conclusion is clear:

The transformation of our port into a transshipment hub will become a major engine of national growth and a significant contributor to our GDP.

The commissioning of this crane, is

more than equipment being added to the port. It is a symbol of progress, of confidence, and of the future we are building together as a progressive people with high ambitions.

We are sending a message that Antigua and Barbuda is not standing still—that we are standing tall; advancing rapidly, investing wisely, and preparing our economy to thrive in a competitive global environment.

Let us continue to work together to realize this vision, as we transform Antigua and Barbuda into an economic powerhouse.

With continued investment, strong, visionary leadership, and the unwavering commitment of the Antigua Port Authority and the people of this nation, we will achieve our goal of becoming a true regional logistics powerhouse.

Let's continue to chart the course to brighter future for our people.

APUA conducts success walk through at Barnacle Point



The Antigua Public Utilities Authority is pleased to share the significant progress underway at the Seven Seas Reverse Osmosis Plant at Barnacle Point, where major mainline installation works and system upgrades are in their final stages. This project represents one of the Authority's most substantial investments in recent years and is a vital step in strengthening the nation's water infrastructure.

Earlier this year, under the purchase agreement with the Seven Seas Water Group, the company commissioned a one million imperial gallon Reverse Osmosis plant at Ffryes Beach. The Barnacle Point facility is the second component of that agreement and will add an additional two million imperial gallons of production capacity once fully commissioned. Together, these facilities significantly increase national water production and support APUA's long term plan for a more reliable and resilient supply.

To date, APUA has invested approximately nine million Eastern Caribbean dollars in this initiative. This includes the installation of nearly eight

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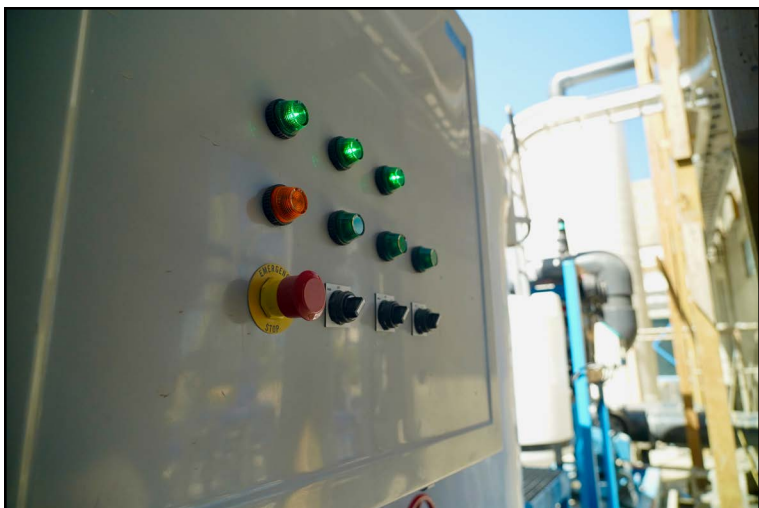
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miles of upgraded high density polyethylene mainlines, the construction of new buildings to house the RO facility, and preparations for new storage tanks in the New Winthropes and Wink Eye Hill area.

A walkthrough of the upgraded Barnacle Point facility was held on Friday 14 November 2025 with the Minister of Public Utilities, Hon. Melford Nicholas, APUA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. John Bradshaw, Acting Water Business Unit Manager, Mr. Jason Peters, members of the APUA Water Business Unit, and representatives of the Seven Seas Water Group in attendance. The team observed the successful production of potable water as part of the ongoing testing phase.

The new plant at Barnacle Point is currently undergoing its final rounds of testing and is expected to be fully commissioned by mid next week. Once online, it will provide a significant boost to national water production capacity and further stabilise supply to communities across Antigua and Barbuda.

APUA extends sincere appreciation to its dedicated staff, its partners at Seven Seas, and the wider commu-

nity for their patience and support throughout this process. The Authority remains committed to delivering better service, stronger systems, and

a more resilient and sustainable future for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.



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Rotary Club of Antigua Donates Over \$40,000 in Lifesaving Equipment to Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre

The Rotary Club of Antigua (RCA) has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare in Antigua and Barbuda, donating more than \$40,000 XCD to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) for the purchase of Bubble CPAP machines and pulse oximeters for the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The donation, made during an official visit by Rotary District 7030 Governor Soraya Warner-Gustave, reflects RCA's ongoing partnership with SLBMC and its dedication to supporting initiatives that directly improve patient care and outcomes.

The newly acquired Bubble CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machines are vital tools in the care of premature and critically ill newborns, helping them breathe more easily without the need for invasive mechanical ventilation. This technology aligns with international NICU care standards and allows physicians to provide gentler, non-invasive respiratory support — a key step in reducing complications and improving survival rates among preterm infants.

The donation also funded several pulse oximeters, essential devices that monitor oxygen levels in newborns. Having additional units readily available allows the NICU team to provide faster, safer, and more efficient monitoring for every baby under their care.

"This donation represents more than equipment — it's an investment in the future of our children," said Michael Spencer, Past President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, who led the initiative during his presidency. "We're proud to support Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre in their mission to deliver high-quality neonatal care, and to



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help ensure that even the tiniest patients receive the best possible start in life."

SLBMC's Medical Director, Dr. Shivon Belle-Jarvis, expressed deep gratitude for the contribution and highlighted its impact on patient care.

"The Rotary Club's support continues to transform what's possible for our patients," said Dr. Shivon Belle-Jarvis, SLBMC Medical Director. "Our goal is always to give every child the best possible start in life, and we value the partnership of all who help us achieve it. These Bubble CPAP machines and pulse oximeters have already made a tangible difference in the care we provide. Countless babies, and the families who love them, are benefiting from this investment. We are truly grateful for Rotary's continued partnership."

Elisa Graham, current President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, reaffirmed the organization's commit-

ment to improving community health and well-being.

"Supporting the hospital and, by extension, the health of our nation, is something we take great pride in," said Graham. "Our work is only possible because of the generosity of our members and the community, who believe in Rotary's mission of service above self. We thank everyone who helps make these initiatives a reality."

Beyond the CPAP machines and pulse oximeters, additional equipment will be procured through this donation to further strengthen neonatal care at SLBMC.

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Antigua and Barbuda hosts culinary events in the UK



The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) brought the warmth, flavour, and creativity of the Caribbean to the United Kingdom last week, hosting two exclusive dining experiences, celebrating the island's exemplary culinary scene with friends, partners and community members from across the UK.

The back-to-back events, organised by Cherrie Osborne, Director of Tourism UK & Europe, and her team, showcased the remarkable talents of Antiguan-born Chef Kareem Roberts and Barbudan-born Chef Keshia Sakarah, both of whom are making waves in the UK culinary scene. Through these intimate dinners, ABTA highlighted Antigua and Barbuda's growing reputation as a destination for world-class gastronomy, culture, and authentic island experiences.

The first event, held on Thursday 6th November at

Chef Roberts' home residency, The Burleigh Arms in Cambridge, celebrated the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority's participation in World Travel Market (WTM) and offered

an unforgettable evening for all guests. The intimate VIP dinner gathered a select group of influential guests, media, and travel industry leaders. Over the course of the evening, Chef Roberts

curated a bespoke tasting menu that combined traditional Antiguan ingredients with modern culinary techniques, reflecting both his signature style and the innovative spirit of Antigua and



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Barbuda's evolving gastronomic scene. The event also offered guests an early preview of Roberts' highly anticipated debut cookbook, *Cassava & Cardamom*, a collection that celebrates the heart of Antiguan cooking and the stories behind its rich culinary heritage.

Following the success of the Cambridge dining event, ABTA continued its celebration of Caribbean culture and cuisine the following evening with a second intimate dinner in collaboration with Barbudan-born chef, writer, and educator Keshia Sakarah. Hosted on Friday, 7th November at The Pilgrim Hotel in Paddington, the evening brought together another inspiring mix of

distinguished guests, key tourism partners, and media representatives for an exploration of Caribbean flavours through a refined and personal lens. Chef Sakarah, known for her distinctive culinary voice and commitment to preserving Caribbean food heritage, presented a pan-Caribbean tasting menu inspired by her travels, culture, and ancestral influences. The dinner also marked a special milestone in her career, following the release of her acclaimed debut cookbook, *Caribe: A Caribbean Cookbook with History*, a work praised for its rich storytelling and modern approach to traditional Caribbean gastronomy.

Speaking about the initiative, Mr Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, said: *"Our collaborations with Chef Kareem Roberts and Chef Keshia Sakarah perfectly embody what Antigua and Barbuda stands for – authenticity, creativity, and cultural pride. Both dinners showcased the incredible talent and depth of our culinary community, offering guests two distinct yet equally powerful journeys through the flavours, stories, and spirit of our islands. By championing our community and their achievements, we continue to strengthen Antigua and Barbuda's reputation as a destination where world-class cuisine, innovation,*

and culture thrive alongside our sun and sea appeal."

From Cambridge to London, and from the buzz of WTM London to the intimacy of these bespoke dining experiences, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority's culinary showcases reaffirmed its commitment to expanding the narrative of Caribbean tourism. By spotlighting homegrown chefs and creative voices, ABTA continues to promote Antigua and Barbuda as a destination that celebrates not only its stunning landscapes and beaches but also the artistry, innovation, and spirit of its people, inviting travellers to experience the islands through the universal language of food.



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IHO Represented at Women and Indigenous Youth Summit in Belém, Brazil COP30

Integrated Health Outreach Inc. (IHO) continues its active engagement at **COP30**, with Director of Operations, Britney McDonald, participating in the **Indigenous Peoples and Women's Summit** (Cúpua Global de Mulheres e Jovens Indígenas no âmbito da COP30) held on November 12th and 13th in Belém, Brazil. The Summit brought together women leaders, indigenous communities, grassroots organisations, and high-level representatives from around the world to share lived experiences, strengthen solidarity, and call for meaningful climate justice.

McDonald described the Summit as a profound moment of connection and collective purpose. It provided a unique platform to exchange stories of action, resilience, and innovation, particularly from communities that continue to shoulder the heaviest burdens of climate breakdown. Attending women leaders from across indigenous communities underscored the urgency of centring local knowledge, women's leadership, and community-driven solutions in all climate negotiations and policies.

"Being in community with women and indigenous community leaders from around the world advocating for climate justice reaffirmed that our struggles are intertwined, and so are our hopes," McDonald shared. "Whether in the Caribbean or the Amazon, across the world, we are confronting similar threats to our lands, our livelihoods, and our cultures. Spaces like these remind me that we are not alone and that our shared voices are powerful. This summit strengthened our commitment to amplify the calls for accountability, gender equity, and climate-resilient futures."



Britney McDonald Director of Operations IHO attends Women and Indigenous Peoples Summit within the framework of COP30 November 12-13

The Women's and Indigenous Youth's Summit's conversations highlighted key themes, including land protection, safeguarding biodiversity, preserving ancestral knowledge, gender-responsive adaptation, and the right of communities to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes. These perspectives reinforce IHO's advocacy at COP30, particularly as Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face escalating climate impacts, from drought, erosion, and loss of natural resources.

A key focus of McDonald's engage-

ment centred on equitable climate finance. She called for increased, direct, and targeted funding for women-led and indigenous people-led initiatives so that women and communities on the frontlines can design and implement solutions rooted in their rights, knowledge, and priorities. McDonald notes, "True climate justice is not about token representation." She emphasised, "It demands that women are included in the design, leading, monitoring, and evaluation processes at all stages. We need to have direct access to the resources necessary to protect our communities and planet."

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Local News

Several Persons in Police Custody for Shooting and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis

Police have arrested several persons following two separate search warrant operations conducted in the Ottos and Wireless Road areas on Friday, November 14.

During a search at a residence in Ottos, officers found and seized a quantity of the controlled drug cannabis. One man was arrested and taken into custody.

In a separate operation, police officers executed a search warrant on



a property at wireless shooting. They were gations remain ongoing. Road and arrested three taken into custody for men on suspicion of questioning as investi-

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Monday, 17th November 2025 – *St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.....*
The Department of Creative Industries is reminding the public that registration for the Christmas Home and Business Lighting Competition 2025 is still ongoing.

The competition aims to evoke the spirit of the season through the creative, dazzling lighting displays of our 2025 competitors. The Department encourages all interested Home and Business owners to register for the competition by 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 in INET, or at the National Festivals Office, 1st Floor, Cecil George-John Building, Redcliffe Street and Corn Alley.

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

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

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

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

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PRESS RELEASE

Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission Announces Night Two Lineup for One Nation Caribbean Music Festival, the Gospel Edition

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MONDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2025 – ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA.....

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission announces a powerful and inspiring lineup for Night Two of the highly anticipated One Nation Caribbean Music Festival, on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, at the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG). Gates open at 4 PM, with the show beginning at 5 PM.

NIGHT 2: - A Night of Worship, Praise, and Unity A GOSPEL CELEBRATION promises a transformative evening filled with soul-stirring worship, uplifting praise, and messages of hope. Audiences will experience unity, inspiration, and musical excellence as local, regional, and international artists join on one stage.

Featuring: -

- **Samuel Medas** – A powerful worship voice for this generation, blending reggae rhythms with profound gospel truth. His music inspires believers to embrace their identity in Christ and remain anchored in faith.
- **Naomi Raine** – Renowned for her extraordinary vocal range and heartfelt delivery, she embodies truth and transparency, drawing listeners into authentic encounters with God.
- **JohnMark Wiggan** – A vibrant worship leader who shares messages of faith, purpose, and renewal through contemporary gospel and heartfelt praise.
- **Melanie Sanders** – A dynamic minister whose worship brings healing, deliverance, and deep spiritual focus, especially in challenging times.
- **Madelyn & Dunamis Worship** – A high-energy team delivering bold, atmosphere-shifting sounds that ignite faith and exalt Jesus with power.
- **Richie Pelle** – Releases a heaven-charged worship sound that draws audiences into deep, Jesus-centered praise and breakthrough moments.





- **Rashid Walker** – Commands the stage with fierce, faith-filled worship that electrifies the crowd and lifts the name of Jesus high.
- **ROXY** – Carries a timeless, chain-breaking anointing, guiding listeners into transformative encounters with God.
- **Psalmist Robyn** – Blends Caribbean rhythms with raw, Spirit-led passion, creating a worship experience that moves both heart and body.
- **Ministry Beverley Danvers** – A seasoned vessel of grace and wisdom, encouraging believers to stand firm in faith and hope.

Ticket Information

- **General Admission:** \$100 – Includes access to the Reggae Village (food and drinks available for purchase).
- **Children under 16 (with valid ID):** \$25 at the gate.
- **Children under 5:** FREE entry.
- **Kingdom of Praise All-Inclusive:** \$250 – Early-bird pricing offers a premium worship experience with luxury, comfort, and spiritual joy.

Tickets are available now on the Ticketing App, with physical tickets on sale starting November 17th at Exotic Antigua, Roti King, Cool & Smooth, The Larder, and Quintessence Variety Plus.

Ambassador Elizabeth Makhoul, Chairperson of the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission, shared: *"Last year, the Gospel Edition of Night Two beautifully united both the Christian and secular communities in an atmosphere of praise and worship. The response was overwhelming, with tremendous reviews of the minister lineup. This year, we continue to blend local, regional, and international talent to create an unforgettable platform for worship and upliftment. Stay tuned, our international headliner will be announced later this week."*

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission proudly acknowledges its partners: The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, and The Citizenship by Investment Unit, with additional sponsors to be announced soon.

Join us as we celebrate music, culture, faith, and unity at the One Nation Caribbean Music Festival, **One People. One Love. One Nation.**

– Ends –



Feature

The Panache Steel Orchestra has concluded their General Elections on 15th November, 2025.



Here are the results:

Maurisha Potter easily landed a 3rd term as Captain of the Panache Steel Orchestra. She continues to exemplify excellence as she aims to carry on the legacy of Panache in memory of Wesley "Waxie" Lake, Jhavarcy Tonge and Robert "Robbie" Davis who passed away during her tenure.

Malik Smith remains as Vice Captain of the Panache Steel Orchestra.

In conjunction with his duties as Musical Director, he hopes to continue to elevate Panache's brand. The steel orchestra definitely appreciates his strong work ethics and beautiful music.

Ronnie Samuel remains as Treasurer, 1 vote away from a clean sweep! He continues to be a valuable asset to the Panache Steel Orchestra.

We have a new comer! Cayden Browne, who recently graduated

from ABHTI as Salutatorian, is the newly elected Secretary of the Panache Steel Orchestra. Tamara Thomas, our previous Secretary, is currently pursuing studies but continues to assist us behind the scenes.

Lastly, we have another first timer on the team but definitely not a stranger on your screens. She often brings a smile to your faces through her witty social media appearances on our pages. The women are dominating as Jewel DeSouza accepts her position as PRO!

We officially present to you the newly appointed Executive Committee of the Panache Steel Orchestra for the period 2025-2027:

Captain: Maurisha Potter

Vice Captain: Malik Smith



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The United Nations once stated in a human rights report: *“Everyone has the right to participate in society, to contribute, and to belong.”* This principle lies at the heart of the global movement for tolerance, equality, and social justice. Yet across the Caribbean — including Antigua and Barbuda — we see examples every day reminding us that participation is not always equally accessible.

Take, for instance, a consultation is happening. The hall filled with business owners, teachers, retirees, youth representatives, and civil servants — all discussing clean energy and climate resilience. But one group missing: persons with disabilities. Not because they weren’t invited. Not because they didn’t care. But because no transportation was arranged, no sign language interpreter was present, and the agenda did not include accessibility considerations. How many times have we unintentionally left people behind?

Our own national law is clear on this matter. The **Disabilities and Equal Opportunities Act (2017)** states: *“A person shall not be denied the right to education, employment, or participation in public life on the basis of disability.”* If this is the law — a law supported by Parliament, rooted in morality and human dignity — then what must we do to make this promise real? Consider this example: A mother has a 10-year-old son with a developmental disability. He is bright, curious, and deeply interested in technology. But she struggles daily to find accessible transportation, adequate supportive services, and school accommodations that meet his needs. She attends every PTA meeting, writes emails, asks questions, advocates — but progress is slow.

What happens to a child’s potential when barriers overshadow ability? How many dreams go unrealized because support systems are weak, fragmented, or inconsistent? Women, too, face layered challenges. The UN notes that: *“Women and girls with disabilities are up to three times more likely to experience violence.”* This global reality mirrors the concerns raised here at home — where gender inequality, financial vulnerability, and stigma continue to shape daily life for too many. Are we doing enough to support the women who hold our families, businesses, and communities together? Then there is our youth — a generation filled with talent, passion, and bold ideas. Antigua and Barbuda’s young people care about climate change, recycling, mental health, digital transformation, and equitable development. They speak up, they volunteer, they innovate. But do we provide them with platforms to lead? Do we respect youth voices in public decision-making? Are we building programs that match their vision, or expecting them to fit into outdated models? Progress requires honesty. Honesty requires courage. And courage requires admitting where we fall short — so we can rise higher.

Antigua and Barbuda, like many SIDS, is undergoing a crucial transformation: rethinking how we build climate-resilient infrastructure, how we educate children, how we support vulnerable communities, how we navigate global shifts. Inclusion cannot be an afterthought in this process. It must be the foundation. And the truth is, we have the tools: We have legislation that protects the rights of persons with disabilities. We have ministries and departments committed to

gender affairs, youth development, and social transformation. We have active civil society groups — pushing for accessible schools, community engagement, recycling initiatives, social awareness, and equity-driven reforms. We have international partnerships supporting capacity-building and training. So why, despite all these tools, do gaps remain?

Because inclusion requires *co-ordination*. It requires *budgeting*. It requires *training*. It requires *accountability*. And above all, it requires a cultural shift — a new way of seeing one another. Imagine a nation where school buildings automatically include ramps, accessible bathrooms, and sensory-friendly spaces. Imagine a nation where youth councils advise Parliament on climate policy. Imagine a nation where women feel safe everywhere — at home, online, on the job. Imagine a nation where persons with disabilities are not treated as afterthoughts, but as leaders, innovators, artists, athletes, professionals. Is this not the Antigua and Barbuda we want? Is this not the kind of society that honors the dignity and potential of every human being? The UN writes: *“Tolerance is harmony in difference.”* And that is exactly what Antigua and Barbuda needs — not uniformity, not agreement on everything, but harmony built on respect, equity, empathy, and justice.

As we reflect on our national development, let us recommit to the promise of inclusion. A promise written in our laws. A promise echoed by the UN. A promise demanded by our children. A promise owed to every citizen. The future will belong to all of us — **only if we build it for all of us.**

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CARPHA provides medical support to Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has activated its Incident Management Team – Emergency Response protocol to assist Jamaica following the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa.

CARPHA stated in a media release that this response was coordinated through the Regional Response Mechanism overseen by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

As the region's primary public health authority, CARPHA's involvement centered on swiftly evaluating the country's health needs to inform immediate, ongoing, and long-term recovery strategies for the health sector.

This effort complemented the broader, multidisciplinary assessment conducted by the CDEMA-led Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), as per the release.

The team included experts from various regional and international organizations, such as the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Caribbean



Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA), Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU), Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Barbados, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund

(UNICEF), University of the West Indies Television (UWI TV), Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) in Trinidad, Wellbright College in the USA, the World Bank, and the World Food Programme (WFP), among others.

CARPHA also reported that key leaders from the organization, including Executive Director Dr. Lisa Indar, Incident Commander Dr. Horace Cox (Director of Surveillance, Disease Prevention, and Control), and Mr. Megueal Julien (Emergency & Response and Early Warning Systems Epidemiologist under the Pan-

dem Fund), participated in high-level discussions with Jamaican health authorities and policymakers.

Field assessments by the RNAT took place from November 1 to 5, 2025, covering regions such as Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth, St. Andrews, St. Ann, St. James, and Trelawny.

These engagements aimed to facilitate rapid health evaluations, coordinate efforts with national officials, and ensure that support and resources are effectively directed.

CARPHA's technical support has concentrated on several critical areas, in-


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cluding:

- Rapid health sector assessments to identify urgent needs and existing gaps
- Disease surveillance, laboratory investigations, and outbreak prevention
- Guidance on public health risk mitigation strategies
- Strengthening coordination among health agencies and emergency responders

The agency highlighted extensive damage to health infrastructure throughout western and southern Jamaica, which has significantly impacted healthcare delivery, disease surveillance, and other public health initiatives. Damaged facilities reportedly include the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth, Savanna-la-Mar Hospital in Westmoreland, as well as community shelter sites such as William Knibb Memorial High School in Trelawny and Craighton Primary School in St. Andrew.

Reflecting on initial findings from a key site in St. Elizabeth, Dr. Cox expressed concern about the potential rise of disease outbreaks, stating:

“The risk of emergence and spread of diseases remains a concern, with increased disease threats such as gastroenteritis, dengue, and leptospirosis due to disruptions in water and sanitation facilities as well as increased vector proliferation”. He further emphasized that, while injury reports surged immediately after the hurricane, the more pressing health threats may emerge in the coming weeks. Community engagement focused

on reinforcing water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and vector control remains vital.

According to the report, looking ahead, CARPHA recommends follow-up assessments over the coming weeks in St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, and Trelawny. These will monitor progress in restoring WASH infrastructure, track disease trends, and support workforce stabilization. The agency plans to bolster surveillance systems for syndromic data, injuries, and shelter conditions, enhance laboratory capacity, and intensify community outreach—particularly around public health risks. Additionally, a second shipment of essential health supplies is being prepared for delivery to Jamaica.

While the initial deployment involved collaboration with CDEMA and the RNAT, CARPHA stated that its future interventions will be shaped through ongoing bilateral discussions with Jamaica’s Ministry of Health and Wellness. The overarching goal is to provide targeted technical assistance across key thematic areas.

“This RNAT deployment was financially supported by the Caribbean Development Fund (CDF), reinforcing the collective investment in resilient health systems and disaster preparedness while underscoring CARPHA’s commitment to regional solidarity and its mandate to safeguard public health across the Caribbean,” shared the release. (Dominica News Online)

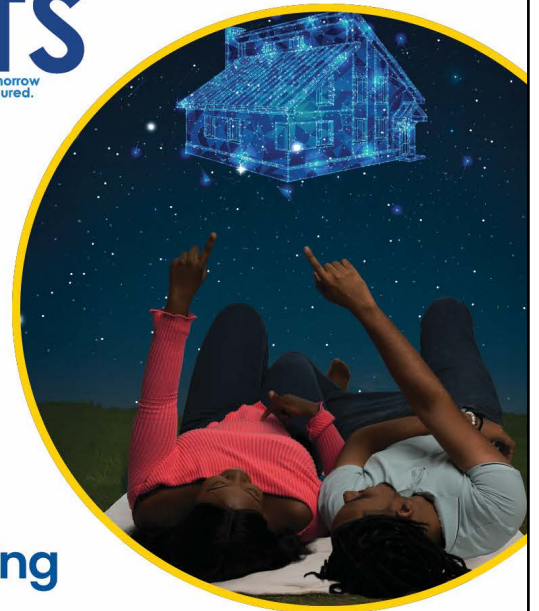


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Caribbean-American congresswoman leads legislative letter urging Trump to provide more recovery aid to Jamaica

Caribbean-American Democratic Congresswoman Yvette D Clarke says along with New York Democratic Congressman Gregory Meeks she has led 56 of their colleagues in a letter to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio urging the Trump administration to continue immediate humanitarian and recovery assistance to Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York, chairs the Congressional Black Caucus.

Meeks represents the 5th Congressional District in Queens, New York.

“We write to express our deep concern and solidarity with the people of Jamaica following the catastrophic passage of Hurricane Melissa,” the letter says. “We welcome the deployment of a Disaster Assistance Response Team and respectfully urge the Department of State to continue immediate humanitarian and recovery assistance to support Jamaica’s response to this unprecedented disaster.”

The Congressional leaders noted that Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica on October 28, as a Category 5 storm, with sustained winds near 185 mph (295 km/h) – “one of the strongest hurricanes ever to ever hit Jamaica in its history.

The storm brought up to 40 inches (100 cm) of rain in some areas and a storm surge reaching 9 to 13 feet (2.7 – 4 m) along portions of the southern coast.

The US legislators said entire communities in parishes such as St Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Manchester, and Clarendon were submerged, with



widespread flooding, landslides, and wind destruction reported.

The legislators also said initial estimates suggest billions of dollars in infrastructure and economic losses, particularly in tourism and agriculture, “two pillars of Jamaica’s economy.”

“These statistics underscore the scale of devastation and the urgent need for international assistance,” they write, urging the Trump administration to ensure that US humanitarian assistance response to Jamaica includes emergency food, clean water, temporary shelter, medical supplies, and power-generation equipment to sustain relief operations.

The lawmakers also urged the administration to coordinate closely with the Government of Jamaica and regional partners – including the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and other international organisations – “to ensure efficient delivery of aid and equitable distribution to the hard-

est-hit communities.”

In addition, they urged the Trump administration to support the rapid restoration of essential services, such as electricity, clean water, healthcare, and transportation infrastructure, to enable emergency response and recovery; and launch a US–Jamaica recovery and resilience initiative focused on rebuilding climate resilient infrastructure, restoring livelihoods, and strengthening disaster-preparedness capacity for future storms.

The US legislators recommended that the administration “utilise flexible humanitarian and reconstruction funding mechanisms within the Department (of State) to expedite aid delivery and sustain long-term recovery programmes without delay; and work with regional and international financial institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and IMF to leverage the necessary capital to invest in short- and long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

“Hurricane Melissa represents one of the gravest natural disasters in Jamaica’s modern history,” the letter says. “Beyond the immediate humanitarian crisis, this storm threatens to destabilise key sectors of Jamaica’s economy and exacerbate existing vulnerabilities across the Caribbean.

“The United States, as Jamaica’s close neighbour and ally, is uniquely positioned to lead in providing both emergency relief and strategic support for rebuilding a stronger, more resilient Jamaica,” it adds. “Assisting Jamaica at this critical juncture aligns with America’s humanitarian values and our shared interest in a stable, prosperous, and climate-resilient Caribbean region.” (CMC)

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CARICOM Reparations Commission heads to UK on advocacy mission

A significant diplomatic visit is on the horizon as the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) prepares for a strategic advocacy mission to the United Kingdom.

From November 17 to 20, 2025, the six-member delegation will reportedly engage in discussions aimed at advancing reparatory justice initiatives.

“The delegation’s mission is to strengthen strategic partnerships and promote a joint programme of public education and engagement on the reparations agenda,” said the release.



The visit, organized in partnership with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, will include meetings and events designed to promote

its cause.

The delegation will be led by Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairman of the

CRC, and will include key representatives such as Mr. Eric Phillips, Vice Chair of the CRC and head of the Guyana Reparations Committee; Ambassador David Comissiong, CARICOM’s ambassador and Vice Chair of Barbados’ Reparations Task Force; Dr. Niambi Hall Campbell Dean, chair of the Bahamas National Reparations Committee; Arley Gill, head of Grenada’s Reparations Committee; and Dr. Hilary Brown, Programme Manager for Culture and Community Development at the CARICOM Secretariat. (Dominica News Online)



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Jamaican extradited to US facing charges for alleged lottery scam involvement

A Jamaican man extradited to the United States to face fraud charges has been ordered detained pending trial for allegedly orchestrating a multimillion-dollar lottery scam that defrauded an elderly American woman of more than US\$800,000.

US Attorney Charles Neil Floyd announced that Roshard Andrew Carty, 34, was returned to the Western District of Washington on October 23, following his August 21 arrest in Jamaica.

Earlier this week, Magistrate Judge David W Christal ruled that Carty will remain in custody until his trial, which is set for December 22.

According to court documents, Carty first contacted his 73-year-old victim in 2020, claiming she had won a US\$22 million Publishers Clearing House prize.

For the next three and a half



years, between August 2020 and February 2024, he allegedly convinced her to send more than US\$800,000 in supposed taxes, fees and other costs needed to claim the fictitious winnings.

Prosecutors say Carty repeatedly manipulated the victim, at one point, falsely telling her that the FBI was monitoring their calls and

that she should not disclose the win to anyone.

He allegedly urged her to withdraw smaller amounts of cash to send via FedEx, then later told her the funds had been lost or stolen and demanded more.

Investigators say Carty also persuaded the victim to borrow against her home and

ultimately to sell the property to continue sending him money.

The funds were mailed to various couriers in the United States.

The indictment further alleges that Carty was relentless, bombarding the victim with calls and text messages from different numbers.

When she attempted to cut off contact, he allegedly sent tow trucks and pizza deliveries to her home and even contacted her landlord requesting a welfare check, all in attempts to re-engage her.

He was indicted in November 2024, and after being taken into custody in Jamaica last August, he consented to extradition.

He faces four counts of wire fraud and four counts of mail fraud, each punishable by up to 20 years in prison. (CMC)







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FAA takes first steps to restore US flights after shutdown strain, but some limits remain

The Federal Aviation Administration on Friday halved the number of flights that US airlines must cut from their schedules at 40 airports as the country's aviation system recovers from a shortage of air traffic controllers during the record government shutdown.

The agency said airlines will only have to cancel 3% of their flights beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday instead of 6%. Citing safety concerns, the FAA first ordered flights reduced at the busy airports on November 7 as absences mounted at air traffic facilities and airport towers. Controllers were among the federal employees who were required to work while going unpaid during the shutdown.

Cancellations peaked last Sunday at nearly 3,000 flights, about 10% of the ones scheduled, as a result of the FAA order combined with continued controller shortages and bad weather in parts of the country. But the numbers started to improve as the week went on and more controllers returned to work amid news of a possible shutdown deal in Congress, prompting the FAA to pause plans for further rate increases.

The roll-back comes amid improved



staffing levels after the 43-day shutdown ended Wednesday night, the FAA and Department of Transportation said, adding that they will continue to monitor the situation throughout the weekend and evaluate when normal operations can resume.

Before the FAA released its updated guidance, airlines already seemed to be anticipating a change. Despite the restrictions still in place, just 2% of flights scheduled to depart Friday from the U.S. were cancelled, according to the aviation analytics firm

Cirium. And by Friday evening, the flight-tracking site FlightAware was showing just 160 cancellations for Saturday.

The unprecedented order started with 4% cuts that later grew to 6%, leading to the cancellation of more than 11,800 flights between November 7 and Friday. The FAA originally had a 10% target.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has repeatedly said safety metrics must improve before the order is lifted entirely. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Climate protesters demand to be heard as they march on COP30 with costumes and drums



Some wore black dresses to signify a funeral for fossil fuels, hundreds wore red shirts, symbolizing the blood of colleagues fighting to protect the environment and others chanted, waved huge flags or held up signs Saturday in what's traditionally the biggest day of protest at the halfway point of annual United Nations climate talks.

Organisers with booming sound systems on trucks with raised platforms directed protesters from a wide range of environmental and social movements. Marisol Garcia, a Kichwa woman from Peru marching at the head of one group, said protesters are there to put pressure on world leaders to make "more humanised decisions."

The demonstrators planned to walk about 4 kilometres (about 2.5 miles) on a route

that will take them near the main venue for the talks, known as COP30. Protesters earlier this week twice disrupted the talks by surrounding the venue, including an incident Tuesday where two security guards suffered minor injuries. Saturday's march was scheduled to stop short of the venue, where a full day of sessions was planned.

Many of the protesters revelled in a freedom to demonstrate more openly than at recent climate talks held in more authoritarian countries, including Azerbaijan, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt

Youth leader Ana Heloisa Alves, 27, said it was the biggest climate march she has been part of. "This is incredible," she said. "You can't ignore all these people."

Alves was at the march to

fight for the Tapajos River, which the Brazilian government wants to develop commercially. "The river is for the people," her group's signs read.

Pablo Neri, coordinator in the Brazilian state of Para for the Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra, an organisation for rural workers, said organisers of the talks should involve more people to reflect a climate movement that is shifting toward popular participation.

The United States, where President Donald Trump has ridiculed climate change as a scam and withdrawn from the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement that sought to limit Earth's warming, is skipping the talks.

One demonstrator, Flavio Pinto, from Para state, took aim at the US. Wearing a brown suit and an over-

sized American flag top hat, he shifted his weight back and forth on stilts and fanned himself with fake hundred-dollar bills with Trump's face on them. "Imperialism produces wars and environmental crises," his sign read.

Vitoria Balbina, a regional coordinator for the Interstate Movement of Coconut Breakers of Babaçu, marched with a group of mostly women wearing domed hats made with fronds of the Babaçu palm. They were calling for more access to the trees on private property that provide not only their livelihoods but also a deep cultural significance. She said marching is not only about fighting and resistance on a climate and environment front, but also about "a way of life."

The marchers formed a sea of red, white and green flags as they progressed up a hill. A crowd of onlookers gathered outside a corner supermarket to watch them approach, leaning over a railing and taking cellphone photos. "Beautiful," said a man passing by, carrying grocery bags.

The climate talks are scheduled to run through Friday. Analysts and some participants have said they don't expect any major new agreements to emerge from the talks, but are hoping for progress on some past promises, including money to help poor countries adapt to climate change. (AP)

Thousands protest against government in Mexico as clashes leave 120 injured



At least 120 people - 100 of them police officers - have been injured in clashes during anti-government protests in Mexico City, police said.

Thousands of demonstrators marched in the Mexican capital on Saturday to protest against violent crime and President Claudia Sheinbaum's government.

Sheinbaum said the marches, which also took place in other cities, had been funded by right-wing politicians who oppose her government.

The rally was organised by Gen Z youth groups, drawing support from citizens protesting against high-profile killings, including the assassination just weeks ago of Uruapan Mayor Carlos Manzo - who had called for tough action against cartels.

Demonstrators dismantled parts of a barrier protecting the National Palace, where Sheinbaum lives. Police protecting the compound used tear gas on the crowds.

Authorities have arrested 20 people for crimes including robbery and assault, Mexico City security chief Pablo Vazquez told reporters.

Protesters waved banners displaying messages including "We are all Carlos Manzo", while others wore cowboy hats in tribute to him.

Manzo was shot on 1 November while he attended a Day of the Dead festival. He was known for speaking openly about drug-trafficking gangs in his town and cartel violence.

He had been demanding tough action against armed cartel members who terrorise the country.

Sheinbaum has been acting against cartels but resisting calls for another all-out war on drugs. Previous attempts by her predecessors have ended with bloody results.

Days before the march took place, the president said the demonstration was being promoted by bots online.

"We agree with freedom of expression and freedom of demonstration if there are young people who have demands, but the issue here is who is promoting the demonstration," she said in a briefing.

"People should know how this demonstration was organised so that no one

is used."

Reuters Thousands turned out on the streets of Mexico City to protest against insecurity and corruption in the country. Reuters

Some protesters paid tribute to Uruapan mayor Carlos Manzo

Sheinbaum retains approval ratings above 70% in her first year in office, and has made in-roads in clamping down on fentanyl-trafficking - a key issue for her US counterpart, Donald Trump.

But she has been criticised for failing to halt the violence gripping the country and is facing increased hostility from nearby countries.

Earlier this month, Peru's Congress voted to declare Sheinbaum a persona non grata - or unwelcome in the country.

The decision came days after Peru severed diplomatic ties with Mexico, after the Mexican government granted asylum to a former Peruvian prime minister facing charges for a 2022 coup attempt. (BBC)



Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission Announces Night Two Lineup for
One Nation Caribbean Music Festival – The Gospel Edition

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission proudly unveils the inspiring lineup for Night Two of the highly anticipated One Nation Caribbean Music Festival, taking place on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG). Gates open at 4 PM, with the show beginning at 5 PM.

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Antigua and Dominica advance to final at ECVA U-23 Men's Championship



Players of the Antigua and Barbuda team celebrate after pulling off a 3-0 victory against Grenada at the ECVA Under-23 Men's Championship at the YMCA Sports Complex in St. John's, Antigua, on Saturday, November 15, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the ECVA)

Host Antigua and Barbuda and unbeaten Dominica advanced to Sunday night's final of the Third Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) Under-23 Men's Championship at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Both teams qualified for the championship decider after finishing as the top two sides at the end of the six-team round-robin preliminary stage of the competition, which is being hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association from November 12 to 16.

Dominica finished at the top of the standings in the preliminary stage by winning all five matches, while Antigua and Barbuda finished in second place with four wins and one defeat.

Antigua and Barbuda's only de-

feat came in a 3-2 loss to Dominica, who prevailed 25-19, 24-26, 25-21, 21-25, and 22-20 in the most keenly contested match of the tournament.

Dominica ended their preliminary round campaign with a hard-fought 3-1 (16-25, 25-15, 25-22, and 27-25) victory against St. Lucia on Saturday.

The Dominicans also beat defending champions St. Vincent and the Grenadines 3-1 (21-14, 20-25, 25-13, and 25-17) and romped to a 3-0 (25-10, 27-25, and 25-18) victory over bottom team Anguilla, who failed to win any of their five matches in the preliminary stage.

After launching their campaign with a 3-0 win over Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda snatched a 3-2 (23-25, 19-25, 25-11, 25-19, and 15-12) win against St. Vincent and the Grenadines in their final match in the preliminary stage.

The Antiguan came from behind to snatch a 3-2 victory against St. Lucia in their second match, winning 22-25, 16-25, 27-25, 25-21, and 15-12.

Antigua and Barbuda also pulled off a 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, and 27-25) victory over Grenada.

Grenada ended the preliminary round with three wins and two losses. The Grenadians beat St. Vincent and the Grenadines 3-0 (25-19, 25-17, and 25-17), pulled off a 3-0 (25-22, 30-28, and 25-18) victory over St. Lucia, and claimed a 3-1 (25-14, 20-25, 25-20, and 25-20) win over Anguilla.

St. Lucia finished the preliminary stage in fourth place with two wins and three losses. The St. Lucians' only wins came in the form of 3-0 victories over St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Anguilla.

The Vincentians finished the preliminary stage in fifth place with one win and four losses. The Vincentians beat Anguilla 3-0 to claim their only win.

While Antigua and Barbuda was slated to battle Dominica for the championship, Grenada and St. Lucia were to meet in a playoff for third place, while St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Anguilla were to battle for fifth place.

The champion team will not only walk away with gold medals and a prestigious team trophy but will also secure a coveted spot in the NORCECA 2026 Pan American Cup, which will be held in Canada in August.

Hoppers get second win in First Division League

The Greenbay Hoppers notched up their second consecutive win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division in their latest round of matches.

After suffering a 3-2 loss against FC Master Batters in the opening round, the Greenbay Hoppers claimed their second win in three matches with a 3-1 victory against the Swetes Vipers FC at the Mock Pond playing field in All Saints.

Ammiel Joseph Greenaway scored twice with conversions in the second and 50th minutes, while the other goal for the Hoppers was scored by Javorn Stevens in the 65th minute.

Railique Browne scored a consolation goal in the 52nd minute for Swetes, who remain on one point after crashing to their second defeat in three matches.

After drawing their previous two matches, Empire FC claimed their first win with a one-nil victory against Willikies FC at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Kamali Looby scored the only goal of the match in the 47th minute for Empire, who advanced to five points from three matches.



Players of the Greenbay Hoppers football team

Willikies FC remains on three points after slumping to their second loss in three games.

Meanwhile, Guydadli FC launched their campaign in the ABFA's Second Division with a 5-0 drubbing of Glanvilles FC at the Glanvilles playing field.

Ezekiel Clarke converted two penalty kicks in the seventh and 14th minutes, Sakidi Meade had a double conversion with strikes in the 84th and 86th minutes, and the other goal was scored by Keyondre Hewlett in the ninth minute.

There were also wins in the Second Division for Sea View Farm FC and Real Blizzard FC.

Justin Hillaire struck a

hat trick as Sea View Farm pulled off a 6-3 victory over the Liberta Blackhawks at the Sea View Farm playing field.

The other goals for Sea View Farm were scored by Jayden Browne, Aijalon Joseph, and Nigel Graham. Brent Joseph, Ajahni Hosier, and Calvin Reid were the goal scorers for the Liberta Blackhawks.

Real Blizzard launched their campaign by snatching a 3-2 victory against Belmont FC at the New Winthorpes playing field. Zamaal Keimaja Green scored in the 29th minute, and Jahvier Joseph converted a penalty kick in the 65th minute for Belmont FC.

Amos Christian scored

in the 16th minute, David Richardson had a 59th-minute conversion, and Karl Hampson converted a penalty kick in the 75th minute for Real Blizzard.

Jayden Dowdye also failed to score a penalty kick in the 44th minute for Real Blizzard.

The CPTSA Wings and Bethesda FC battled to a 2-2 draw at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium. Lloyd Williams scored in the sixth minute, and Lake Joshua converted a penalty kick in the 23rd minute for Wings.

Lester Shaw of Wings scored an own goal, and Ahijah Millette converted a penalty kick in the 87th minute for Bethesda FC.

Jennings joins PMS at the top of Under-20 Girls Division League

The Jennings Secondary School has joined defending champions Princess Margaret School (PMS) as joint leaders of the Under-20 Girls Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup Secondary Schools' Football Competition.

The Jennings Secondary School claimed their third win in four matches by snatching a one-nil victory against Clare Hall Secondary at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Abigail Donaldson scored the only goal of the match in the sixth minute as the win carries Jennings Secondary to nine points, the same as Princess Margaret School, who has a game in hand.

Clare Hall Secondary remains in fourth place with three points after suffering their third defeat in four matches.

Princess Margaret School has regained the lead in the Under-20 Boys Division of the Patrick C. Whyte Cup.

Princess Margaret School claimed their fourth win in five matches with a 2-1 victory over Irene B. Williams Secondary at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Roshan Samuel had a 26th-minute conversion, and Morlon Peters scored in the 50th minute for Princess Margaret School to advance to 12 points, two ahead of the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advance Studies (AB-CAS), which has a game in hand.

Najag Morton scored in the fifth minute for Irene B. Williams Secondary, who remains without any points after suffering their second loss in as many games.

The Ottos Comprehensive School recorded their second win in five matches with a 3-0 victory against Clare Hall Secondary at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Demare Swift struck twice with conversions in the 43rd and 66th minutes, and Clare Hall scored an own goal in the 10th minute.

The result allows Ottos Comprehensive School to advance to seven points, while Clare Hall Secondary School remains on three points after suffering their third defeat in four matches.



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New Zealand beat West Indies in first ODI



New Zealand players celebrate the dismissal of a West Indies batsman during the first One-Day International in Christchurch, New Zealand, on Sunday, November 16, 2025. (Getty Images)

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — Daryl Mitchell's 119 from 118 balls elevated a dawdling match Sunday as New Zealand beat the West Indies by seven runs in the first One-Day International to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Mitchell's seventh ODI century lifted New Zealand to 269 for seven off their 50 overs after being sent in to bat first.

Sherfane Rutherford struck 55 and led the West Indies' reply of 262 for six off their 50 overs with his seventh half-century.

An unbroken 53-run seventh-wicket partnership between Justin Greaves, who made 38 from 24 balls, and Romario Shepherd, who made 26 from 19, saw the tourists carry their chase into the final over.

The West Indies finally needed nine runs from the last two balls bowled by Jacob Duffy and man-

aged only one, finishing seven runs short of their victory target.

Batters from both teams struggled in difficult conditions at Hagley Oval. Timing was awkward on a two-paced pitch on which few batters were able to score freely.

A strong breeze made the longest square boundaries mostly inaccessible. New Zealand also made effective use of the short ball.

The West Indies became bogged down early in their reply. After losing opener John Campbell (4) in the third over, fellow opener Alick Athanaze and Keacy Carty consumed almost 18 overs in a partnership of 60 for the second wicket. Athanaze made 29 from 58 balls and Carty scored 32 from 67 balls.

West Indies Captain Shai Hope lifted the scoring rate with 37 from 45 balls and Rutherford's 55 from 61 deliveries added momentum before he was out in the 46th over.

"It was a tricky surface in terms of the extra bounce some balls had and I guess there wasn't a fluent way you could go about your one-day innings," Mitchell said.

"You had to find a way to find ways to put pressure on them at times and absorb pressure at other times."

Mitchell put on 67 for New Zealand's third wicket with Devon Conway, and added 69 for the fifth wicket with Michael Bracewell (35) in the best of New Zealand's partnerships. Conway ground out 49 from 58 balls at the top of the order.

The first four New Zealand batters fell to catches behind the stumps by Hope, including Rachin Ravindra (4) and Will Young who were out to consecutive balls from Matt Forde in the seventh over. Young fell for a golden duck in his 50th One-Day International.

Mitchell came out to bat at that point, with New Zealand 24 for two. Conway departed at 91 for three and Tom Latham (18) at 123 for four, leaving Mitchell as the innings anchor.

Mitchell carried his bat until the last over, overcoming a groin injury that required on-field medical treatment when he was 79 in the 41st over. He reached his half-century from 61 balls and his century from 107 balls with 12 fours and two sixes.

The teams will meet again in the second ODI at McLean Park in Napier on Wednesday.

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BOE captures double Business Basketball League crowns with playoff title

The Board of Education (BOE) captured the double by winning the playoff title in the 2025 Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday night.

After securing the round-robin league crown by winning all 13 matches, the top-seeded Board of Education maintained their perfect unbeaten run to capture the playoff championship by winning Game 2 65-58 to wrap up their best-of-three finals 2-0 against third-seed and 2022 champions Richie's Shooterz.

Xavier "X-Man" Meade shot a game-high 19 points, Daniel Perez sank 14 points, Danny Perez converted 13 points, and Adonis Humphreys scored 12 points for the Board of Education, who created history by becoming the first team in the competition to never lose a game and win both titles.

Cohen Desouza sank 18 points, Jaheem James converted 15 points, and Jaleyle Joseph scored 10 points for Richie's Shooterz.

The Board of Education won the opening game of the final with a 77-61 victory in Game 1. Adonis Humphreys shot a team-high 20 points, Xavier Meade sank 19 points, Danny Perez con-



The Board of Education team celebrate with their trophies after winning the playoff championship in the Business Basketball League at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday, November 15, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the ABBA)

verted 18 points, and Daniel Perez scored 10 points for the Board of Education.

Cohen Desouza shot a game-high 25 points, and Nickon McGregor scored 11 points for Richie's Shooterz.

Adonis Humphreys of BOE won the Most Valuable Player (MVP), while Chet Jacobs of the BOE claimed the Coach of the Year Award. Cohen Desouza of Richie's Shooterz took home the Most Outstanding Player Award in the playoffs.

Richie's Shooterz finished third in the league, and 2024 double champions Sandals took second place behind

champions Board of Education.

Antigua Computer Technology won the award for the most disciplined team, while Sandals claimed the award as the team with the best crowd support.

Daniel Perez of the BOE claimed the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award in the league, while T-Shawn Lewis of Sandals claimed the Most Outstanding Player Award.

Brothers Daniel and Danny of BOE both shared the award as the most exciting players in the league. Daniel Perez also snatched the award for the most steals.

Xavier Meade of the BOE claimed the award for the most assists, while his teammate Adonis Humphreys won the award for the most blocks.

Meade also won awards for the most points and the most three-pointers scored in a single game.

Steven Matthew of Anjo Wholesale won the Most Points Award, while Darnell Azille of Richie's Shooter captured the Most Rebounds Award.

Fourteen (14) teams participated in this year's business basketball league.