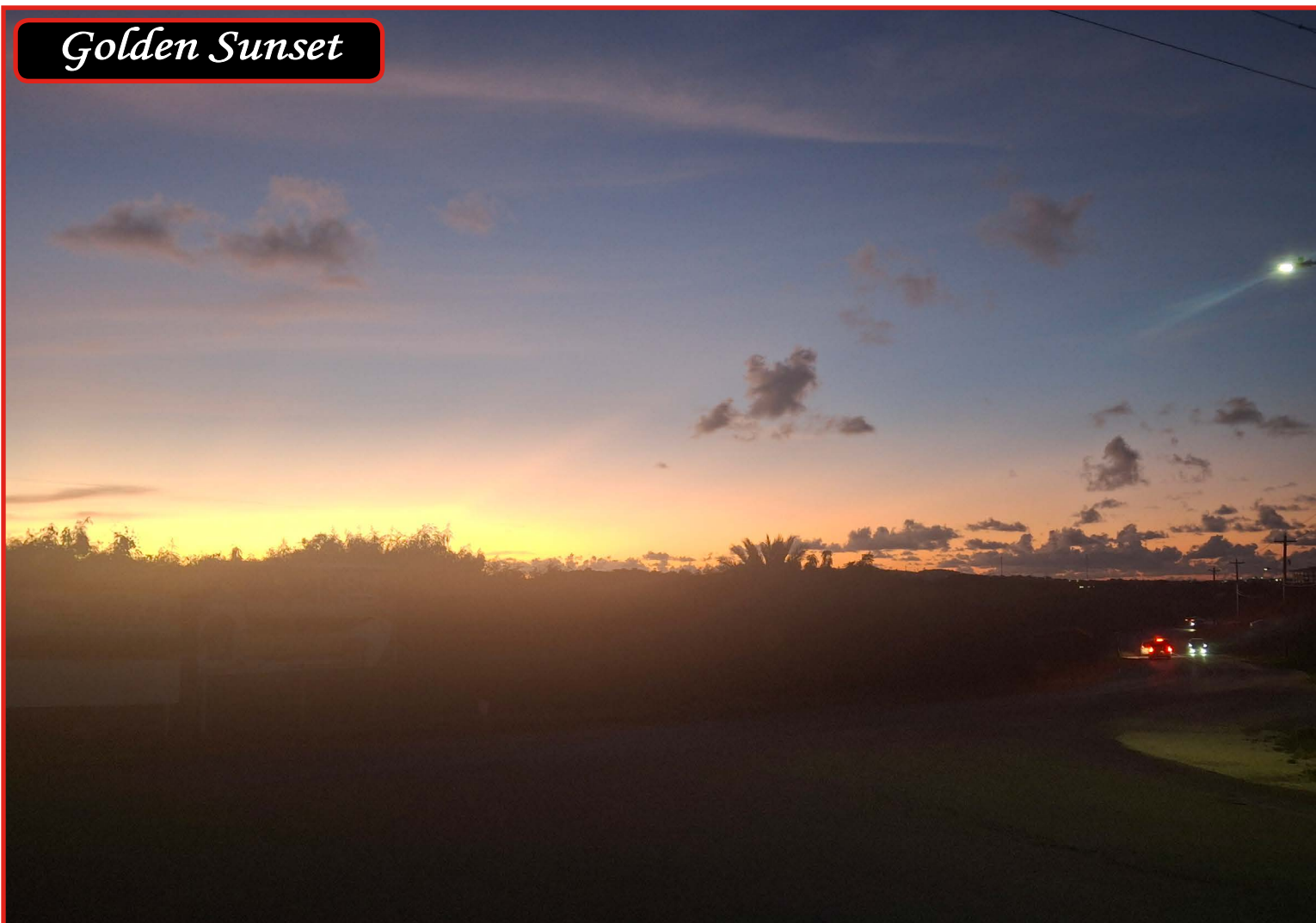


PM Browne Urges Caution After Weekend Traffic Accidents Claim Two Lives

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Golden Sunset



This photo of the sunset was taken shortly before 7PM Sunday at Parham Corner. A spectacular glow from behind the rolling hills, with clouds dotting the sky.

Local News

Prime Minister calls on motorists, especially youth, to drive responsibly as speed-related incidents rise



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has extended his condolences to families affected by two fatal traffic accidents last weekend, noting the urgent need for safer driving practices across Antigua and Barbuda.

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"I'm extending my condolences to the family members," Browne said, describing the incidents as "heinous accidents" and warning that speeding continues to endanger lives.

The Prime Minister detailed multiple serious accidents in the last few days, including one at Grays Farm, where a vehicle reportedly destroyed a lamp post, and another involving two teenagers, one of whom is now in the Intensive Care Unit of Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

"These incidents underscore a troubling trend," Browne said. "Speed kills, and when motorists drive recklessly, they not only endanger themselves but also their passengers and others on the road."

In the early hours of Friday Morning, Guyanese national, 40-year-old Brenton Anthony Bristol, of Hodges Bay died after the vehicle he was in struck a horse on Friars Hill Road, in the vicinity of Sir Wright F. George Police Academy.

According to police, the vehicle, an Audi motorcar,



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was travelling from south to north along Friars Hill Road at a high rate of speed, when it collided with the horse, causing the driver to momentarily lose control. Both the driver and his passenger sustained injuries during the impact.

Bristol, who was the passenger in the car, succumbed to his injuries. The driver, was transported to hospital, where he was treated for head injuries and was stabilized.

Hours after on Friday evening, outside Parham, Jerome Marsh died in a

horrific accident, when his Toyota Vitz motorcar allegedly collided with a Toyota Noah van. The circumstances that resulted in the accident are unclear, but emergency responders had to rely on the Jaws of Life to extract Marsh's body from the mangled wreck. Three other people were transported to hospital.

In a separate incident, a 16-year-old boy is said to have gained control of a vehicle belonging to a relative and took it on a joy ride with at least three of his friends. He later crashed the vehicle into

a tree, causing injury to him and a male passenger. The driver is said to be a patient in the Intensive Care Unit of Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

The Prime Minister, during his radio programme the Browne and Browne Show on Saturday, singled out young drivers as particularly at risk, urging them to exercise caution. He stressed that passengers should also hold drivers accountable to prevent dangerous behavior.

"Even passengers need to hold these drivers accountable," he said.

"No one should be riding in a vehicle at excessive speed." He recounted a recent incident on Morris Bay, where a well-known individual operating a Jet ski attempted to race a boat, endangering himself and a passenger. Mr. Browne condemned the behavior as "extremely irresponsible" and highlighted the serious risks associated with such recklessness.

"Speed thrills, but it also kills," he said. "We need to be more responsible, whether on land or water, to protect ourselves and others."

Prime Minister Browne said watercraft operators must prioritize safety over thrill. He urged all Antiguans and Barbudans, particularly the youth, to adopt a more cautious approach to driving and recreation.

"The lives they save may be their very own," he warned.

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HIV/AIDS Clinical Care Coordinator Urges Renewed Action on Observance of World AIDS Day



Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, Dr. Maria Pereira

Antigua and Barbuda's Clinical Care Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, Dr. Maria Pereira, is calling for renewed national focus in the fight against HIV/AIDS after an increase in new cases earlier this year.

She delivered the appeal during a special World AIDS Day service at the St. John's Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Saturday, addressing congregants and health advocates with a message centered on resilience and transformation.

Dr. Pereira said this year's global theme, "Overcoming Disruptions, Transforming the AIDS Response," was particularly relevant as countries continue to confront lingering public health challenges, economic pressures, and social inequalities that threaten progress in HIV prevention and treatment.

Reflecting on her decade of service in HIV care, Dr. Pereira described the recent uptick in positive cases as "heartbreaking," noting that it came after years of steady progress.

"Over these years we have been working consistently in prevention

and providing care and treatment," she said. "To see an increase at the start of this year was truly difficult."

Despite this setback, she emphasized that today's HIV diagnosis carries far less fear than in the past. With access to modern treatment—provided free through the Ministry of Health—individuals living with HIV in Antigua and Barbuda can expect long, healthy lives.

"HIV is no longer a death sentence," she stressed. "Patients can work, travel, get married, and have children. They can plan for their futures like anyone else."

Dr. Pereira reaffirmed Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to the

UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals, a global benchmark aimed at ending the HIV epidemic, which aim to ensure 95% of people living with HIV should know their status, 95% of those diagnosed should be on treatment, and 95% of those on treatment should achieve viral suppression.

She explained that viral suppression—achieved when medication reduces the virus to undetectable levels—greatly reduces the risk of transmission, making it a key pillar of national and global HIV strategies.

Prevention remains one of the country's strongest tools, and Dr. Pereira urged residents to view it not only as science but also as personal



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She highlighted the availability of two major prevention medications, namely PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis): Emergency treatment taken within 72 hours of potential exposure, and PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis): A daily pill taken to prevent infection, especially useful for individuals at higher risk and for serodiscordant couples—where one partner is HIV-positive and the other is HIV-negative.

“These tools allow families to grow safely,” she said. “They give individuals the power to protect themselves.”

She also highlighted the importance of holistic health—proper diet, exercise, rest, and reduced stress—as part of strengthening the immune system and supporting overall well-being.

Dr. Pereira credited Antigua and Barbuda’s broad network of partners

for helping strengthen the national response. She acknowledged the work of NGOs such as Women Against Rape, which provides counseling and critical support services for at-risk individuals.

She also noted the growing importance of digital platforms in educating the public, pointing to social media and other online tools as vital channels for sharing accurate information, especially among young people.

“Government, NGOs, and grassroots organizations are working together,” she said. “That partnership is essential.”

Transformation, Dr. Pereira explained, means ensuring equity—that no one is left behind regardless of gender, age, or socioeconomic status—and integration, where HIV care aligns with other essential health services such as mental health support, reproductive health, and chronic

disease management.

Despite the challenges, the Clinical Care Coordinator for HIV/AIDS in Antigua and Barbuda struck an optimistic tone, expressing gratitude to the church and community for their continued support.

She said she remains encouraged by young people who practice prevention and by patients who are thriving with treatment.

“Hope because I see lives being transformed,” she said. “Hope because I know that together we can achieve an HIV-free generation.”

As Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean continue the battle against HIV/AIDS, Dr. Pereira urged the public to recommit to the cause.

“The fight is not over—but neither is our determination. We are stronger together.”



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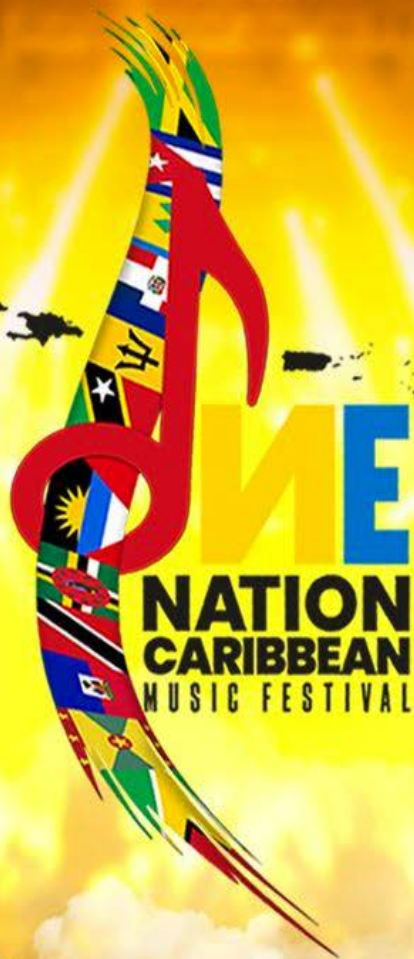
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Louis Armstrong is country's Latest Homicide Victim

A shooting incident on Friday morning has turned into a murder investigation, after the injured man succumbed to his injuries.

Dead is 43-year-old Louis Armstrong, a resident of Upper Fort Road.

He died at approximately 7:24 a.m. on Saturday, while receiving medical treatment at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

According to a police statement, law enforcement officers responded to reports of a shooting near Toy Toy Restaurant, upper Fort Road early Friday morning, where Armstrong was discovered lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds to include his chest, eye, and left hand.

He was rushed to hospital



Louis Armstrong

where he received emergency medical intervention. However, despite the efforts of doctors, Armstrong died.

Louis Armstrong, was employed by Government's Work Experience Programme and was attached to the Sir Vivian

Richards Stadium as a grounds man.

Several months ago, he sought medical attention at SLBMC, after an accident with a lawn mower while at work, which severed at least three of his toes on one foot.

His murder has shocked family, friends and those who knew him.

The matter is now under active murder investigation, and the police are appealing to members of the public for any information that may assist in identifying the person(s) responsible.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913, or call the Crimestoppers anonymous hotline at 800-TIPS (8477).



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Health Minister Warns of Growing Disease Burden, Urges Return to Healthy Living

Minister of Health, Wellness, Environment and Civil Service Affairs Sir Molwyn Joseph has urged Antiguan and Barbudans to return to the fundamental principles of healthy living amidst what he describes as a growing national health crisis.

Speaking during a World AIDS Day church service at the St. John's Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Saturday, the minister delivered a solemn reminder of the country's declining health trends and the need for collective responsibility.

Sir Molwyn recalled learning values such as temperance, moderation, abstinence, and proper diet during his youth—principles he believes the younger generation is now far less exposed to. “Things have changed,” he said. “We are not as healthy a nation today as we were in the 60s and 70s.”

The minister painted a stark picture of Antigua and Barbuda's current health landscape, describing a significant rise in chronic illnesses, including heart disease and diabetes.

“It is estimated that about 60 percent of Antiguan have diabetes,” he said, noting that the real figure may be even higher. Heart-related conditions, he added, are also increasing at unprecedented rates.

Minister Joseph revealed that the country is now facing a “disease burden” unlike anything seen before and stressed that lifestyle choices—



Minister of Health, Wellness, Environment and Civil Service Affairs Sir Molwyn Joseph

poor diet, lack of exercise, prolonged screen time, and chronic stress—are contributing to declining health nationwide.

In addition to physical health concerns, Sir Molwyn Joseph warned of what he called a global pandemic of mental health issues. He believes modern society has eroded traditional coping mechanisms and spiritual grounding.

“We are so fragile,” he said. “A little stress takes you over the line. There was a time when people would say, ‘Let me pray this one off.’ We do not have that coping mechanism anymore.”

He attributed such fragility to the rise of television, mobile phones, and digital

devices that encourage sedentary lifestyles and constant stimulation.

The minister of Health called for a nationwide return to basics that include exercise, proper diet, and a renewed spiritual foundation. These, he insisted, must be central to rebuilding a healthier nation.

“We must recommit ourselves to the priority of healthy living,” he exclaimed.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, known for its long-standing promotion of healthy lifestyles, was praised for its leadership in wellness and community health education.



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New York Independence Gala Honours Musical Icons and Announces Diaspora Initiative



Sir Rone 'Foxy' Watkins, Sir David 'Bubb-I' Edwards, Sir Clarence 'Oungku' Edwards, and Sir Toriano 'Onyan' Edwards

Four decades of music and forty-plus years of building an outstanding nation blended beautifully for the perfect celebration of a nation on the move and a fitting tribute to four of Antigua and Barbuda's most talented sons.

The annual Independence Gala, organized by the New York Offices of Antigua and Barbuda, served as a special tribute this year to the Burning Flames, whose members received one of the nation's highest honors on Independence Day this year. While celebrating all its outstanding achievements for the past 44 years as a developing nation, the Gala also provided a red and gold tribute to the band members Sir Toriano 'Onyan' Edwards, Sir Clarence 'Oungku' Edwards, Sir David 'Bubb-I' Edwards and Sir Rone 'Foxy' Watkins.

Together, the family band introduced a revolutionary sound to Caribbean music. Their legendary catalogue

of hits has made a small nation proud, and they became living proof that our talents could stand toe to toe with the very best on the world stage.

For their legendary contribution to music and the culture of Antigua and Barbuda, the band received special awards from the New York Offices. And in a personal and heartfelt tribute, they were presented with memorabilia awards in the form of gold records and a brand-new set of musical instruments by their super fan, Eugene "Bobadilla" Otto, Kelly Morrissey and members of their family.

Sir Clarence, the bandleader of the musical tandem, expressed appreciation to all who turned out to make the gala a truly memorable celebration and said a place is already reserved for the instruments at a proposed museum on the property of their former band house in Potters.

When the Burning Flames released their first hit, Antigua and Barbuda was less than six years old as a nation. Its development was already flourishing into a thriving economy, and its citizens were reaping the benefits of its growth and success.

Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, H. E. Walton Aubrey Webson, addressed the gathering, one of the largest in recent years, highlighting that the country's rising standard of living is the product of a unified effort between citizens at home and those across the diaspora. He expressed deep gratitude for their unwavering service and for their continued support of the gala, which remains a cherished annual tradition.

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. E. P. Chet Greene, delivered the evening's

feature address, reflecting on the nation's 44 years of Independence. Drawing on this year's theme, "Solid, Stable, Soaring," he underscored the values essential to nation-building and revealed details of a new initiative designed specifically for the Antigua and Barbuda diaspora. The announcement was met with enthusiasm from the many nationals who filled the Glen Island Harbour Club venue for the celebration.

Next year, Minister Greene announced, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda will launch the "Solid, Stable, Soaring: Diaspora Investment Conference," an initiative that invites the diaspora community to develop and submit project proposals in the areas of tourism, culture, and sports.

His call to fellow Antiguan and Barbudans was clear: "Be solid in your commitment to your homeland. Be a force for stability through your investments and engagement. And finally, help us soar by bringing your talents and treasures back to our shores."

Following the evening's inspiring speeches and well-deserved recognitions, Antiguan and Barbudans danced well into the morning to the music of their newly minted Knights, the Burning Flames, already looking ahead with excitement to next year's milestone celebration marking 45 years of Independence.



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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.

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Remembering Leonard Tim Hector



Leonard Tim Hector 1942 - 2002

November 24, 2025

This year marks the twenty-third anniversary of the passing of Leonard Tim Hector who was the political leader of the Antigua Caribbean Liberation Movement, ACLM. He was born on November 24, 1942, and he died on November 12, 2002; just twelve days short of his sixtieth birthday. Every year in November, we reflect on the life and times of Tim and his educational, social and political contributions to Antigua and Barbuda. At the time of his passing, a bereaving colleague remarked that Tim had produced six-hundred years of work in just sixty.

Tim's life work encompassed lectures, political speeches and publications, including his renowned weekly *Fan the Flame* articles that were printed, for over twenty-five years, in the *Outlet* Newspaper. In his book *Tim Hector: A Caribbean Radical's Story*, Professor Paul Buhle wrote, "As Paget Henry

commented, Hector's 'Fan the Flame' column was also unique in all Caribbean Literature for the range and depth of issues tackled and the border-crossing between journalism and scholarship."

At its core, Tim's political philosophy was socialist, Pan-Caribbean and Pan-African. Tim was neither an aloft academic nor armchair intellectual. And certainly, he was not a politician gabbing for fortune and fame. He was an entrenched activist for the *inalienable rights* of freedom, dignity, sovereignty, justice and self-reliance, as espoused by many Pan-Africanists, including Marcus Garvey, George Padmore, CLR James and Kwame Nkrumah. When asked why he read so much, Tim replied, "If you want to lead people, you must have knowledge."

Consistent with Tim's pursuit of knowledge, there was an ACLM's mantra: *One Must Read*. From its inception in 1968, ACLM's political aspirants were expected to read for at least one hour daily. This was the political and scholarly culture on which ACLM was built. In relation to their interests and qualifications, political aspirants were motivated to study, and to be current and versed. Accordingly, ACLM's political meetings were structured to inform and educate; particularly the working-class. The fact that today, students and politicians alike are reading less, when compared to

the 1960s, would have triggered Tim's call for cultural and educational changes.

In 1983, Tim wrote of ACLM's vision for national development:



Leonard Tim Hector

A National Economy is the very opposite of a Colonial Economy. Despite our recent Flag-Independence in 1981 Antigua and Barbuda is a Colonial Economy. In this outmoded and dread economy Antiguan and Barbudans work mainly for foreign capital, and foreign enterprises who, by fair and foul means, ceaselessly and greedily accumulate profits from our labour which, they remorselessly send abroad. In consequence, we are always short of capital for our own development.

Tim's last *Fan the Flame* article, which he wrote on October 25, 2002, seventeen days before his passing, was titled: *There Can be no worthwhile Antigua Vision, which is not part of a Caribbean Nation – Part IV (conclusion)*.

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Commentary

Reflections on the Throne Speech Development by Design: Why Antigua and Barbuda's Progress Is No Accident



By Garfield Joseph, MBA

As Antigua and Barbuda enters the second quarter of the 21st century, one truth stands out: national development is never accidental. It is the product of strategic planning, strong leadership, ambition, and perseverance. Yesterday's Throne Speech, delivered by His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, was not just ceremonial—it was a roadmap for the next 25 years, grounded in the achievements of the past and the vision for the future.

A Record of Deliberate Progress

Twenty-five years ago, in 2000, Antigua and Barbuda's GDP stood at \$802 million. Today, it exceeds \$2 billion, marking a growth rate of more than 300%. This is not mere happenstance. As the Governor General declared: *"Our island-state, despite setbacks, has experienced a quarter century of growth—solid, stable and soaring!"*

This progress occurred despite hurricanes, droughts, global financial crises, and a pandemic. It reflects a nation that refused to surrender to adversity. **Antigua and Barbuda now ranks 53rd on the UN Human Development Index, ahead of every other Caribbean country—a testament to deliberate investment in education, healthcare, and infrastructure.**

Strategic Pillars of Growth

- **Education as a Catalyst**
The establishment of the UWI Five Islands Campus was a bold move. Today, Antigua boasts its second Rhodes Scholar, Miss Resa B. Nelson, proof that the nation's educational system is producing world-class talent. *"The attainment of a university edu-*

cation... turns our society into a powerful engine of opportunities."

- **Infrastructure and Connectivity**
From \$100 million in road reconstruction loans to airport upgrades and a planned underwater sea cable for faster internet, infrastructure development is central to economic expansion.
- **Empowerment Capitalism**
Citizens now own shares in major enterprises like WIOC, creating wealth across generations. *"Empowerment capitalism at work,"* the Governor General affirmed.
- **Healthcare Transformation**
The upcoming National Health Insurance Plan will expand coverage and portability across CARICOM. Investments in dialysis and mental health facilities underscore a commitment to wellness and longevity.
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stone—but now with higher-value offerings. “*Tourism*,” the speech reminded us, “*is everybody’s business*.”

- **Climate Leadership**
Antigua and Barbuda is shaping global policy on climate justice, championing the “polluter pays” principle and leading efforts for a Loss and Damage Fund.

Hope, Gratitude, and National Pride

As we reflect on this journey, we must acknowledge something profound: it did not have to be this way. Many nations have faltered under similar challenges, yet Antigua and Barbuda has risen. **God has been good to us**, and this performance is a testament to our resilience, creativity, and ability to excel as a small island state.

Since Independence, we have transformed from a colony built to extract wealth for others into a nation creating and distributing wealth among its own people. That is no small feat. All of us—regardless of political persuasion—should be proud of how far we have come and grateful for the blessings we enjoy. Yes, there are areas for improvement, and yes, we can do better in some sectors. But by and large, Antigua and Barbuda stands as a beacon of progress in the Caribbean.

As someone who, like many immigrants, has chosen to call this country home, I am deeply glad—and so are countless others—to live in a nation that values ambition, opportunity, and community. Our story is proof that with vision, unity, and faith, small states can achieve greatness.

The Governor General’s words ring true: “*The building and forward movement of Antigua and Barbuda continues unabated... The New Year 2026 has a very bright outlook.*”

Let us embrace that outlook with gratitude and determination. Development is not by accident—it is by design. And together, we will keep soaring.

Key Achievements Since Independence – Antigua and Barbuda at a Glance

- **GDP Growth:** \$802M (2000) → \$2B+ (2025) — 300% increase
- **Human Development Index:** Ranked 53rd globally, highest in the Caribbean
- **Education:** UWI Five Islands Campus established; 2 Rhodes Scholars
- **Infrastructure:** \$100M road reconstruction fund; airport and broadband upgrades
- **Healthcare:** Medical Benefits Scheme for 46 years; National Health Insurance launching in 2026
- **Tourism:** 450,000 overnight visitors and 1M cruise passengers expected in 2025/26 season
- **Climate Leadership:** Antigua leads global advocacy for climate justice and Loss & Damage Fund



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Regional News

CARICOM Development Fund signs off on emergency \$500,000 for Jamaica's post-hurricane Melissa recovery

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Development Fund (CDF) has sanctioned a relief package of US\$500,000 to aid the Jamaican government in addressing the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

This decision was ratified by the CDF's Board of Directors on November 19, 2025, under the auspices of the Fund's Emergency Disaster Assistance Facility (EDAF), said a release from CARICOM Communications. This financial support complements an earlier grant of US\$300,000 extended to the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency's (CDEMA) Regional Response Mechanism (RRM), which has already been utilized to fund the deployment of the Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) to Jamaica.

Hurricane Melissa, a formidable late-season storm, unleashed significant socio-economic upheaval across Jamaica, bringing heavy rains, fierce winds, and flooding that inflicted considerable damage on public infrastructure, residential areas, and critical services. Reportedly, numerous parishes suffered extensive impairments to



road systems, utilities, and community facilities, hampering mobility, disrupting livelihoods, and increasing vulnerabilities among vulnerable populations. Swift accumulation of debris and environmental hazards has complicated recovery efforts and raised concerns over public health risks, as per the release.

In this regard, the newly approved aid aims to facilitate early recovery initiatives, with particular emphasis on the swift and secure removal of debris left by the

storm. CARICOM stated that the objective is to re-open vital access routes, mitigate health and environmental dangers, and promote economic revitalization, especially within the most severely affected and underserved communities. This assistance is being implemented in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Multi-Country Office (MCO) in Jamaica.

Reacting to the decision, CDF Chief Executive Officer Rodinald Soomer stated:

"The CARICOM Development Fund stands resolutely with Jamaica in this time of need. Our commitment to supporting Member States during periods of crisis remains unwavering, and this relief package reflects our belief in regional solidarity and shared responsibility. By providing this emergency support, we aim not just to help rebuild what was lost, but to strengthen resilience so that communities emerge stronger and better prepared for future shocks." (Dominica News Online)



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Persad-Bissessar warns of CARICOM implosion amid row with Gonsalves



Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has warned that "it is only a matter of time before Caricom implodes," accusing regional leaders of "cavorting around the region and interfering in the affairs and elections of member states," according to the Jamaica Observer.

Her sharp rebuke came in response to claims by St Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, who alleged that financiers of Trinidad's ruling United National Congress (UNC) were bankrolling the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) ahead of the November 27 general elections in Kingstown. Gonsalves told supporters at a Unity Labour Party (ULP) rally that UNC operatives were "on the ground" in St Vincent, motivated by access to lands and economic opportunities.

Persad-Bissessar categorically rejected the allegations, describing them as baseless. "I categorically refute and reject these allegations," she said, adding that Gonsalves should "account to the people of St Vincent for his 24 years in power and stop deflecting onto the UNC." She further challenged him to

identify the alleged UNC operatives or "stop gaslighting his citizens."

The Trinidadian leader also pointed to ongoing investigations into how members of Gonsalves' family acquired three luxury apartments at Victoria Keyes in Diego Martin, Trinidad. She noted that the probe, launched by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), is examining whether fraudulent declarations were made and how one of Gonsalves' daughters obtained a favourable rent-to-own arrangement just days after Trinidad's general election.

The controversy has deepened tensions between Port of Spain and Kingstown. Trinidad's Housing Minister Anil Roberts earlier questioned documents related to the apartment purchases, suggesting the matter be referred to police. HDC chairman Feeroz Khan confirmed that an internal investigation was underway, citing "legitimate questions" about the trans-

actions, which reportedly total nearly TT\$5 million.

Gonsalves, himself an attorney, has defended his relatives, insisting they followed proper procedures as Trinidad and Tobago citizens and received no special favours. He has referred the matter to senior counsel in Trinidad.

Persad-Bissessar, however, widened her criticism beyond the dispute, warning that CARICOM's credibility is at risk if prime ministers continue to meddle in each other's domestic politics. "The UNC does not participate in that type of deplorable and disreputable conduct. The choice of a leader for St Vincent and the Grenadines is solely for the people of that country," she said. "If Caribbean prime ministers continue cavorting around the region and interfering in the affairs and elections of member states, it is only a matter of time before Caricom implodes." (Dominica News Online)



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Some displaced students to be hosted by Corporate Area schools

Some Corporate Area public and private schools have volunteered to host students displaced from western institutions severely impacted by Hurricane Melissa.

Education Minister Dr Dana Morris Dixon said the ministry has introduced the Host School initiative to assist students whose institutions have not yet reopened.

“This is a temporary arrangement, where a student from a non-operational school continues learning in another institution for a defined period of time,” Morris Dixon said in a statement to the Senate on Friday.

She said students and their

host schools will be supported by strong regional coordination, psychosocial services, and clear accountability measures.

The education minister said several principals have contacted the ministry to express an interest in hosting students from western Jamaica.

Campion College, Ardenne High, St Andrew Technical and Kingston Technical High are among the initial institutions that have pledged to host students.

“This is demonstrating the very best of our national spirit and our shared commitment to Jamaica’s chil-

dren. Parents who want to benefit from this initiative should reach out to their regional office for assistance,” Morris Dixon said.

Commenting on external exams, Morris Dixon has signalled that talks are under way with the Caribbean Examinations Council to allow for adjustments to deadlines and requirements for school-based assessments and practical exams.

She said the discussions will also explore flexibility in syllabus coverage and cost implications and provision of options for students to reduce the number of exams they sit based on their situ-

ation.

In terms of exams for the local National Council on Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Morris Dixon said the sitting this month has been postponed. She said exams are rescheduled for February 2026, with a further option in June 2026, to allow students and institutions adequate time to prepare.

She said City & Guilds has proposed a two-cohort examination model with sittings in June and November 2026, offering increased flexibility for schools in the most severely impacted regions. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Number of children abducted in Nigerian school attack raised to more than 300



A total of 303 schoolchildren and 12 teachers were abducted by gunmen during an attack on St Mary's School, a Catholic institution in north-central Nigeria's Niger state, the Christian Association of Nigeria said Saturday, updating an earlier tally of 215 schoolchildren.

The tally was changed "after a verification exercise and a final census was carried out," according to a statement issued by the Most. Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, chairman of the Niger state chapter of CAN, who visited the school on Friday.

He said 88 other students "were also captured after they tried to escape" during the attack. The students were both male and female and ranged in age from 10 to 18.

The school kidnapping in Niger state's remote Papiri community happened four days after 25 schoolchildren were seized in similar circumstances in neighbouring Kebbi state's Maga town, which is 170 ki-

lometres (106 miles) away.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the abductions and authorities have said tactical squads have been deployed alongside local hunters to rescue the children.

Yohanna described as false a claim from the state government that the school had reopened for studies despite an earlier directive for schools in that part of Niger state to close temporarily due to security threats.

"We did not receive any circular. It must be an afterthought and a way to shift blame," he said, calling on families "to remain calm and prayerful."

School kidnappings have come to define insecurity in Africa's most populous nation, and armed gangs often see schools as "strategic" targets to draw more attention.

UNICEF said last year that only 37% of schools across 10 of the conflict-hit states have early warning systems to detect threats.

Niger state has now shut down all

schools as a measure to forestall other kidnappings. The decision was in a bid to protect lives and property, Niger Governor Umar Bago told reporters Saturday after meeting with security officials in Minna.

"It is the decision of stakeholders today to close all schools in Niger state. All schools are closed till further notice. So we have declared Christmas holiday for all schools in Niger state," Bago said.

The kidnappings are happening amid US President Donald Trump's claims of targeted killings against Christians in the West African country. Attacks in Nigeria affect both Christians and Muslims. The school attack earlier this week in Kebbi state was in a Muslim-majority town.

The attack also took place as Nigerian National Security Adviser Nuhu Ribadu was visiting the US where he met Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth on Friday. (AP)

Miss Mexico crowned Miss Universe following insult from organizer



Miss Mexico has been crowned the new Miss Universe, marking a significant milestone just weeks after a tense incident involving one of the contestants.

The controversy began when Fatima Bosch, the representative from Mexico, walked out of an official event after an incident with the pageant's director, claimed a Yahoo article.

It further explained that the dispute

arose during a meeting when Nawat Itsaragrisil, the head of Miss Universe Thailand, publicly reprimanded Fatima Bosch for her lack of social media promotion of Thailand, the host nation. The confrontation escalated when Nawat reportedly called her "dumb," which sparked outrage among the contestants and onlookers. In response to the harsh remarks, Fatima and several other contestants

reportedly chose to leave the gathering in protest.

According to the write-up, the fallout from the incident extended beyond the contestants' walkout. Two judges, former Chelsea football star Claude Makelele and musician Omar Harfouch, resigned from their positions shortly thereafter. Omar Harfouch accused the competition of being manipulated, alleging rigging in the voting process, further fueling tensions surrounding the event.

During the preliminary round, there was also a notable mishap involving Miss Jamaica, who was hospitalized after falling off the stage. Despite these incidents, the pageant proceeded with the crowning of its new titleholder. Miss Thailand Praveenar Singh was named runner-up, followed by Miss Venezuela Stephany Abasali in third place. The fourth and fifth positions went to Miss Philippines Ma Ahtisa Manalo and Miss Cote d'Ivoire Olivia Yace, respectively.

However, the most dramatic moment of the event came from the confrontation between Nawat and Bosch. After allegedly insulting her, Nawat summoned security and threatened to disqualify her and other contestants who challenged him, reported Yahoo. When Fatima decided to walk away in protest, a show of solidarity from other contestants ensued. As per the article, Nawat was visibly emotional afterwards, breaking down in tears as he issued an apology for his conduct.

Despite the turmoil and controversy, the pageant concluded with the crowning of Bosch as the new Miss Universe. (Dominica News Online)

Brazil's ex-president Jair Bolsonaro arrested over alleged plot to escape and avoid 27-year prison term

Brazil's federal police on Saturday arrested former president Jair Bolsonaro over suspicion he was plotting to escape and avoid starting a 27-year prison sentence for leading a coup attempt.

The decision laid bare some of the country's divisions, with many uncorking Champagne outside the far-right leader's prison to celebrate as his supporters prepared a religious act in his favour.

In a dramatic and unexpected twist in the final stage of a long and divisive criminal trial, federal agents entered Bolsonaro's house early Saturday under the order of a Supreme Court Justice to take the former president to the headquarters of the country's federal police in the capital, Brasilia.

Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who oversaw the case on Bolsonaro's attempt to keep the presidency after his defeat to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in 2022, ordered the pre-emptive arrest after saying the far-right leader's ankle monitor was violated at 12:08 a.m. on Saturday.

His lawyers claimed in a statement that did not



take place.

A report by custody agents released later in the day — and reviewed by The Associated Press — said Bolsonaro admitted using a soldering iron to try to open the device.

In a court video also seen by the AP, Bolsonaro is heard admitting such attempt.

The footage shows the ankle monitor's cap heavily damaged.

Bolsonaro, 70, who had been under house arrest, was ordered to wear the device after being deemed a flight risk.

His aide Andriely Cirino confirmed that the arrest took place around 6 a.m.

on Saturday.

In the following hours, dozens of cars honked outside the federal police's headquarters as some Bolsonaro supporters protested

Police have since tried keep the small, but fierce, opposing sides separated. De Moraes said the arrest was a preventive measure to avoid a potential escape during a protest organized by his son later Saturday

"Are you going to fight for your country or are you going to watch it all from your cellphone in your home's sofa?," Flávio Bolsonaro said in a video inviting people

to go outside his fathers' house at 7 p.m. "I invite you to fight with us."

De Moraes said the attempt to break the ankle monitor was a confirmation Bolsonaro would try to escape during "the confusion that would be caused by a demonstration organized by his son."

The judge said there was a chance of Bolsonaro fleeing to the US Embassy in Brasilia. The Supreme Court justice also mentioned other defendants in the coup case and political allies of the former president leaving Brazil to avoid jail. (Jamaica Gleaner)

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PMS stay atop Under-16 Boys Division League

Defending champions Princess Margaret School (PMS) continues to lead the Under-16 Boys Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Caribbean Patrick C. Whyte Cup Secondary Schools' Football Competition.

Roshan Samuel and Allan Henry each scored twice to propel Princess Margaret School to their seventh win in eight matches with a 4-0 drubbing of Clare Hall Secondary School.

Samuel had conversions in the 11th and 28th minutes, and Henry scored in the 22nd and 40th minutes as Princess Margaret School advanced to 21 points.

Clare Hall Secondary School remains second from the bottom of the standings with one point after crashing to their fourth defeat in five matches.

The Ottos Comprehensive School extended their unbeaten run by record-

ing their sixth win in seven matches with a 2-0 victory against St. Joseph's Academy to remain in second place by advancing to 19 points.

Kaleei Lawrence had a 17th-minute conversion, and Robert Jeffrey scored in the 56th minute for Ottos Comprehensive School as St. Joseph's Academy remains on 12 points after slumping to their third loss in seven matches.

The Antigua Grammar School remains in third place by advancing to 17 points by recording their fifth win in eight matches with a 9-0 drubbing of St. Mary's Secondary School.

Tafari Parker struck a hat trick with conversions in the seventh, 31st, and 51st minutes, while Collin Henry scored twice with strikes in the ninth and 41st minutes.

The other goals for Antigua Grammar School were scored by Adryl Lewis in the 22nd minute, Chace Joseph in

the 24th, Caleb Paul in the 37th, and Omar James in the 49th minute.

St. Mary's Secondary School remains on one point after crashing to their fifth defeat in six matches.

The Sir Novelle Richards Academy notched up their fifth win in six matches with a 4-0 victory against All Saints Secondary School.

The goals for Sir Novelle Richards Academy were scored by Alanni Dawkins in the ninth minute, Ajay Barthley in the 23rd, Shadique Gomes in the 25th, and Tequan Anthony in the 50th minute.

The result carries Sir Novelle Richards Academy into fourth place with 15 points, while All Saints Secondary School remains on nine points after suffering their fourth loss in seven matches.



Golden Grove maintains perfect start to First Division League



Players of Golden Grove football team

Promoted Golden Grove FC maintained their perfect start to their campaign and remained leaders in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division during the latest round of matches.

Golden Grove remain at the top of the standings with 12 points after recording their fourth win in as many games with a 2-1 victory over Cedar Grove Blue Jays FC at the Cedar Grove playing field.

Second-half goals by Terry George in the 48th minute and Stevenson Dyett in the 71st minute propelled Golden Grove to

their victory after Ajahrie Hosier scored in the 17th minute to give the Blue Jays a one-nil halftime lead.

The result left the Cedar Grove Blue Jays on three points after slumping to their third loss in four matches.

The Greenbay Hoppers advanced to nine points by claiming their third win in four matches with a 3-2 victory against Bendals FC at the playing field in Cashew Hill.

Goals by Ammiel Joseph-Greenaway in the second minute and Yakira Hughes gave Hoppers a

two-nil lead at halftime. Tafari Edwards pulled a goal back for Bendals with a strike in the 65th minute.

Jari Jackson gave Hoppers a 3-1 advantage with a 77th-minute conversion, and Andre Mark Williams reduced the deficit by scoring a second goal for Bendals in the 80th minute.

The result ensures Bendals FC remains on one point after suffering their third consecutive loss in four matches.

English Harbour advanced to six points after recording their second win in four matches with a 4-3

victory against Parham at the English Harbour playing field.

Clarence Marsh struck a hat trick with conversions in the 30th, 53rd, and 84th minutes, and the other goal for English Harbour was scored by Shadaeki Fredericks in the 40th minute.

Trevaughn Harriette had a seventh-minute conversion, Andy Daniel scored in the 67th minute, and Jesse Joseph converted a third goal in the 80th minute for Parham FC, who remains on five points after suffering their first defeat in four matches.

More success for Guydadli Jets in Second Division League

Guydadli Jets maintained their winning start to their campaign in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Second Division during the latest round of matches.

Imani Joyce scored twice as Guydadli notched up their second win in as many games with a 4-0 victory against Fort Road at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium. It was the second loss in as many games for Fort Road.

Real Blizzard continued their winning start, securing their second win in two matches with a 2-1 victory against West Ham at the New Winthorpes playing field in a game in which all three goals were scored via penalties.

Anderson Herbert converted a penalty kick in the 13th minute to put West Ham ahead, but Wendell Joseph scored two penalties in the 24th and 39th minutes to snatch victory for Real Blizzard. West Ham suffered their second loss in as many games.

The Young Lions also maintained their winning start by coasting to a 5-0 drubbing of Glanvilles FC at the Old Road playing field. Stefan Smith scored twice as the Young Lions of Old Road recorded their second win in as many games. It was the second defeat in as many games for Glanvilles.

Sea View Fam FC recorded their second win in as many games with a 7-0 drubbing of TAMO FC at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.



The Guydadli Jets football team

K. Jackson struck a hat trick as Urlings Golden Stars launched their campaign with an 8-0 drubbing of Young Warriors at the Urlings playing field. It was also the first outing for the Young Warriors this season.

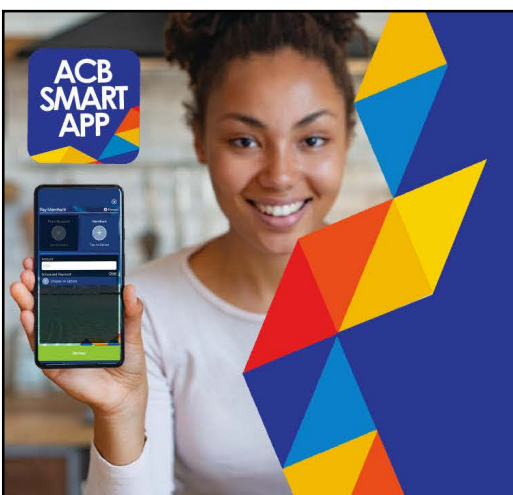
After pulling off a 4-1 victory against Fort Road in their opening game, Blackburn Palace lost their second encounter in a 3-2 defeat to North Coast Academy at the Fort Road playing field.

The CPTSA Wings are still searching for their first win after battling to

a 1-1 draw with Police at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium. It was the second draw for Wings after securing a 2-2 draw with Bethesda in their opening match.

It was the first draw for Police, who pulled off a 4-2 victory against JSC Progressors in their opening game of the season.

After losing their respective opening games, the Liberta Blackhawks and JSC Progressors both picked up their first point in a 2-2 draw at the Mock Pond playing field in All Saints.



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New Zealand beat Windies to sweep ODI series 3-0



Matt Henry, center, celebrates after picking up one of his four wickets for New Zealand in the third ODI against the West Indies in Hamilton, New Zealand on Saturday, November 22, 2025. (Getty Images)

HAMILTON, New Zealand (AP) — Mark Chapman made a gritty half-century to guide New Zealand to a four-wicket win over the West Indies in the third One-Day International (ODI) on Saturday and a 3-0 series sweep.

Chapman reached his fourth ODI half-century from 58 balls and went on to score 64 in a 75-run fifth-wicket partnership with Michael Bracewell as New Zealand chased down the West Indies' 161 with 19.3 overs remaining.

New Zealand held a 2-0 lead after winning the first match by seven runs and the second by five wickets.

The West Indies chose to bat first after winning the toss but managed only 161

on a pitch at Seddon Park, which had more menace than its relatively placid appearance suggested.

First through Matt Henry with the new ball, then with effective use of the short ball and later with Mitch Santner's spin, New Zealand dismissed the tourists in 36.2 overs.

"It was quite a slow surface so probably looked a bit different to how you want to go about your work here at Seddon Park," Henry said.

"It's a small ground all round so you want to be taking wickets throughout to put teams under pressure. Thankfully, we could keep doing that with some bowling from the whole team."

New Zealand faced real difficulties in their chase,

stumbling to 32 for three after Will Young was brilliantly caught by Khary Pierre in the 11th over in one of the highlights of the match. Pierre dived full length at short cover to pick off Young's drive off Matthew Forde in mid-air.

New Zealand was reduced to 70 for four when Tom Latham was out for 10 after grafting for 25 balls. The West Indies kept New Zealand under early pressure with tight lines and hustle in the field.

But Chapman and Bracewell eased the pressure in a partnership which was the largest of the match. Chapman reached his 50 with a six in an over in which he took 17 runs from the bowling of Forde. It was his fifth

score of 50 or more in his last seven innings. Bracewell finished 40 not out from 31 balls.

The West Indies captain Shai Hope was happy to bat first on what looked to be a docile pitch at Seddon Park, dry and sparsely grassed. But there was a little swing early and, when that abated, New Zealand's persistence with a shorter length paid off as batters made a start but often fell to soft dismissals.

Henry dismissed Ackeem Auguste (17) and Keacy Carty (0) within the space of three balls in the fifth over after the West Indies had made a bright start. The tourists scored at a run a ball through the first 10-over power play, but lost three wickets in that period, which exposed the middle order.

Four wickets fell for 36 runs in the next 10 overs — the West Indies were left reeling at 96 for seven — and the tail again was called on to come to the rescue.

Roston Chase bolstered the innings with 38 from 51 balls before falling to a short ball from Henry, which flew to Bracewell at extra cover.

Khary Pierre, playing for the first time in the series, showed some defiance with an unbeaten 22, including two sixes before Henry finished the innings with the wicket of Jayden Seales (0). Henry took four for 43 and Santner claimed two for 27.

Jordan fires Pride to comprehensive win over LI Hurricanes

A sensational spell of fast bowling from Akeem Jordan helped to spearhead the Barbados Pride to a comfortable seven-wicket victory over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes in their CG United Super 50 Cup encounter at the Queen's Park Oval in St Clair, Port-of-Spain on Friday.

The right-arm seamer bagged 5-29 from six overs to first restrict the Hurricanes to 138 in 25.1 overs, after which Zachary McCaskie and captain Kyle Mayers helped themselves to half-centuries to see the Pride home with relative ease at 139 for three.

The first master stroke from Mayers was at the toss, as he sent in the Hurricanes, with the decision bearing immediate fruit. In just the second over of the day, with just three runs on the board, Jordan shattered the stumps of opener Kofi James for a first-ball duck.

Four runs later, Jordan was in business once again. This time, Carlon Bowen-Tuckett was caught by Mayers for four, to leave the Hurricanes losing their storm force winds early.

The Hurricanes would limp to 12 runs, but the disastrous start just got worse, as they lost their next four wickets for a mere two runs.

Left-arm spinner Joshua Bishop got in on the act, as he picked up the scalp of captain Karima Gore, who was caught for two.

Jordan then bowled Tyrone Williams for a duck, before Bishop picked up his second and third wickets in the fifth over when he had opener Mikyle Louis caught for four and had Jewel Andrew caught for a duck.

At 14 for six, a paltry score was always going to be on the cards; however, some brisk late order hitting from Jahmar Hamilton and Nathan Edwards helped to get the Hurricanes over the



Akeem Jordan celebrates after picking up one of his five wickets for the Barbados Pride against the Leeward Islands Hurricanes in the Super50 Cup match at the Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Friday, November 21, 2025. (CWI Media)

100-run mark.

Edward got to 49 after facing 39 balls with 10 fours, but he went for one shot too many and was bowled by Javed Leacock. Hamilton used up 51 balls in getting to 45, but he was the last wicket to fall with the score on 138.

That score was never going to be enough on what was still a good batting surface, even as the Hurricanes got the early wicket of opener Leniko Boucher for nine to leave Barbados at 19 for one.

Skipper Mayers ensured that his team kept the run chase intact, as he and McCaskie put on a 111-run second-wicket partnership. Mayers got to 55, with three fours and four sixes, before he was caught off Edward.

Five runs later, Edward struck again, as McCaskie followed his captain back into the pavilion after scoring a well-played 60 from 59 balls with five fours and two sixes.

Kraig Brathwaite, batting down the order, along with Kevin Wickham, scored three and four respectively to see the Pride over the line without further loss, at 138 for 3 in 23.3 overs.

In the other matches, the second-round encounter between the Windward Islands Volcanoes and the Guyana Harpy Eagles at the UWI ground was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Trinidad and Tobago Red Force leg spinner Yannic Cariah produced the first hat-trick of the 2025 CG United Super 50 tournament on Friday, when the Red Force defeated Jamaica Scorpions by 75 runs at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba.

Summarised Scores: Trinidad and Tobago Red Force 256 for 8 off 50 overs. Jason Mohammed 87, Cephas Cooper 72; Marquino Mindley 3-39; Brad Barnes 3-43. Jamaica Scorpions 181 all out in 39.4 overs. Brad Barnes 41, Kirk McKenzie 39; Yannic Cariah 4-24; Jyd Goolie 3-15.

Grenades return to winning form in Premier Division League

After dropping points in their previous game, the winners of the 2022/23 title and runners-up for the past two seasons, Sandals and Inet Jennings Grenades, maintained their unbeaten run by returning to winning form in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Premier Division League on Saturday.

The Grenades rebounded from their 3-3 draw with Green City FC in their previous outing to record their third win in four matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against the Aston Villa Lions in the second match of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Stanley Province snatched the winner for the Grenades with a strike in the fourth minute of added time. Barrington Blake gave the Grenades a one-nil halftime lead with a 32nd-minute conversion.

Eroy Gonsalves snatched an equalizer for the Villa Lions with a goal in the 86th minute before Province scored the winner in the dying moments



The Starting XI of the Jennings Grenades

to snatch victory for the Grenades.

The result carries the Jennings Grenades to 10 points, while the Villa Lions remain on six points after suffering their first loss in three matches.

Old Road continued their unbeaten start to the Premier League, claiming their second win in three matches with a 5-1 drubbing of Garden Stars in the last game of Saturday's triple-header.

Raheem Joseph converted four goals with strikes in the 19th, 34th, 65th,

and 90th minutes, while Carlos Molina scored the other goal for Old Road with a conversion in the seventh minute of added time.

Courtney Clarke scored a consolation goal in the 38th minute for Garden Stars, who remain on six points after slumping to their first defeat in three matches. Old Road advanced to seven points.

The Pigotts Bullets notched up their second win in three matches with a 4-1 victory against the Attacking Saints in Satur-

day's opening encounter.

Akeem Isaac scored twice with conversions in the 11th and 90th minutes, while the other goals for Pigotts Bullets were scored by Joshua Ferdinand in the 67th minute and Sujae Mcbean in the 71st minute.

Joshua Samuel scored a consolation goal in the 19th minute for the Attacking Saints, who remain on six points after crashing to their second defeat in four matches. The Pigotts Bullets advanced to six points.