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HIV Cases on the Rise Among Young People

Missing Teen Found

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda wishes to inform the public that 13-year-old Kimarley Reid of Whenner Road, who was reported missing earlier today [Monday], has been safely located. Kimarley was found along Whenner Road around 6:00 p.m. and has since been reunited with his family.

However, based on certain information received, the Police will continue further investigations into the circumstances surrounding the matter.

The Police Administration wishes to thank members of the public and the media for their assistance and concern (Royal Police Force of Antiqua and Barbuda).



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Health Officials Alarmed by Growing HIV Infections in Youth Population

National AIDS Program Manager, Nurse Delcora Williams, says Antigua and Barbuda has seen a worrying rise in HIV cases among young people — a trend she believes was worsened significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During an appearance on state television yesterday, Williams explained that before the pandemic, the region had been making steady progress towards reducing HIV infections. But widespread lockdowns, clinic closures, and limited access to care reversed many of those gains.

"Everyone was on the road to getting to zero," she said. "Then COVID came and pushed everything back about 10 years. People had trouble accessing treatment, countries were closed or partially closed, and many were at home, bored, and more exposed."

According to Williams, the uptick nationally is most evident among late teens (ages 15–19) and young adults between 24 and 48.

"This is very worrisome," she said. "The younger you are when you test positive, the more negative the impact on your most productive years."

The National AIDS Program Manager stressed that despite the stigma surrounding HIV, young people in Antigua and Barbuda are actively engaging in unprotected sex and often underestimate their risk.

Williams issued a direct appeal to young people to take responsibility for their sexual health — especially when partners insist they are



National AIDS Program Manager, Nurse Delcora Williams

HIV negative.

"No one is going to tell you they're positive," she warned. "If someone says they're negative, go and get both of you tested. Many don't know their status, and some say what they think you want to hear so they can have unprotected sex."

She emphasized the importance of regular HIV testing, particularly for sexually active youth who do not know their partner's status.

Nurse Delcora Williams urged parents to move beyond avoidance and denial and take an active role in protecting their children.

"We forget how we used to be when we were young," she said. "Some young people are brave enough to come into the AIDS Secretariat for condoms many are not. That's why parents must step up."

She encouraged families to make testing part of their routine health checks. "The AIDS Secretariat offers free testing. Make

it a family health day. Go together and get tested every year."

Williams said while abstinence is ideal, it is not the current reality. "Our children are out there engaging in unprotected sex. As adults, we must look at strategies to make sure they remain safe."

In a bold move, the AIDS Program Manager appealed for legal changes she believes are urgently needed.

In Antigua and Barbuda, individuals can legally consent to sex at age16—but still require an adult to access condoms, HIV tests, and other health services.

"That must change," Williams said. "If you're telling a young person they can have sex at 16, they should also be able to protect themselves at 16."

She argued that teenagers often avoid seeking help because they fear parental judgment. Making health services independently accessible would empower them to protect themselves

against HIV, pregnancy, and other risks, she stated.

Delcora Williams spoke of the roadblocks the AIDS Secretariat experiences in its education campaign, noting that some schools are resisting collaborations with the AIDS Secretariat, even as youth infection rates climb.

"It is very difficult to get into schools to do HIV education," she said. "We're seeing increases in younger age groups, yet some schools turned down our invitation."

On Friday, the Secretariat will host a "Teen Talk" initiative, inviting ten students from each school to a peer-education session at the Multipurpose Centre. The aim is to train teens to become HIV awareness ambassadors among their classmates.

"Peers listen to peers more than they listen to us," she explained. "But some schools still declined. If one of their students becomes HIV positive, will their conscience be alive or dead?"

Williams also highlighted a disturbing belief among some young people that HIV is a manageable condition compared to other diseases.

"Some young persons are saying it is better to have HIV than cancer. We're trying to tell them no — it's not. HIV has no cure. Once it is in your system, it is there for good."

She warned that without treatment, the virus can progress to AIDS, causing serious illness and ultimately death.





HIV Figures Show Approximately Half of Positive Individuals in Care

HIV statistics for 2024 have revealed gaps in treatment uptake and a troubling overall picture for the country's HIV response.

AIDS Program Manager, Delcora Williams, yesterday explained that the AIDS Secretariat reports official figures to UNAIDS only after data is cleaned the following March. However, preliminary numbers indicate approximately 1,500 accumulated HIV cases in Antigua and Barbuda.

Of these, more than 400 people have died, while only around 600 individuals are currently accessing care and treatment. An estimated 1,015 people living with HIV are still alive.

"For us as a national program, this is not a good picture," Williams said. "Only about half of the people who tested positive are accessing care and treatment. We want to see far more individuals entering care."

Williams stressed that Antigua and Barbuda offers free HIV care and treatment, supported by a dedicated clinical team trained to guide patients from diagnosis onward.

"If you receive a positive result, you need to access care and treatment," she urged. "It's not only good for you — it's good for the nation."

She explained that treatment helps individuals achieve *viral suppression*, meaning the virus becomes undetectable and cannot damage the body or be transmitted sexually.

"If you are virally suppressed, you cannot transmit HIV to your partner," Williams said. "That is important because you will not infect someone else with a disease you never wanted in the first place."

Nurse Williams acknowledged that stigma remains a significant obstacle



preventing people from being tested or entering treatment.

"Yes, stigma and discrimination are still here," she said. "But stigma has existed throughout history. What matters is how we reduce it — and that comes from continuous education."

She underscored the importance of public education around HIV, human rights, and access to healthcare so individuals feel safe to get tested and receive support.

"People must know they have the right to access testing, care, and treatment," she added.

In recognition of World AIDS Day, the AIDS Secretariat has organized a full week of events designed to increase testing, promote education, and engage at-risk communities.

Tuesday – Open House Walk-in HIV testing with

Walk-in HIV testing with no appointment required.

Wednesday – HIV Symposium (Multipurpose Centre, 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.)

Open to the public; focuses on up-todate facts about HIV and prevention.

Thursday – Partner Pop-Up (Market Square, 9:30 a.m.–2:50 p.m.)

On-site education and free prevention materials.

Friday – Teen Talk (Multipurpose Centre, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.)

A youth-focused session bringing students together to learn and act as peer educators.

"Peers listen to peers more than to us as adults," Williams noted.

Saturday – Spanish Community Engagement (Ottos Community Centre)

Targeted outreach for Spanishspeaking residents to ensure they understand their risks and can access testing.

Monday, December 1 – World AIDS Day: Red Ribbon Day

The public is encouraged to "paint the place red" by wearing a red shirt or ribbon to show national support for people living with HIV.



Government to Clear Appropriation Backlog as PM Addresses Spending Questions

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has pushed back against criticism from Opposition MP Sherfield Bowen, who raised concerns about government spending on vehicles and heavy equipment.

Speaking on his *Browne and Browne* radio programme on Saturday, the Prime Minister said the purchases are routine and conducted in accordance with long-standing public finance procedures.

He noted that the government regularly acquires new vehicles including trucks, heavy equipment for Public Works, garbage trucks, and ambulances — to replace aging units. "We buy those routinely," he said. "What would have happened in many instances is that they were not budgeted supplementary for, but appropriations are done subsequently. That perfectly normal."

According to the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Finance signs off on supplementary



Prime Minister Gaston Browne speaking on the Browne and Browne show

authorization forms when expenditures exceed the original budget. These approvals are later reflected in formal submissions to Parliament.

Mr. Browne confirmed that when Parliament convenes on 4th December, 2025, MPs will receive "a whole stack of supplementary appropriations," bringing government records up to at least November or December of last year. He acknowledged that the filings are "about one year in arrears," but stressed that this is not unusual.

The Prime Minister criticized the opposition United Progressive Party (UPP), arguing that their current concerns hypocritical. He are claimed that during the Baldwin Spencer-led administration's 101/4 years in office, "they didn't file a single supplementary appropriation," adding that after taking office in 2014, his administration had to process "hundreds of millions of dollars" in unfiled appropriations left behind by the former government.

"For Bowen now to come and conflate the issues and suggest vehicles are purchased beyond the budget — that is nothing new. It is not illegal," Browne said. "This has happened from time immemorial."

Prime Minister Browne also addressed concerns that the Director of Audit may flag certain payments as "unauthorized." He clarified that such terminology does not imply wrongdoing or illegal spending. Instead, it simply reflects transactions made ahead of formal parliamentary approval.

"It doesn't mean somebody did something illegal," he said. "It's just that the supplementary appropriations were not filed in time."

The Prime Minister acknowledged that some filings are three to four years behind schedule but insisted the government has already corrected the issue and will submit the outstanding documents to Parliament next week.







Sir Rodney Williams Lauds Work of Renal Society

Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams has commended the Antigua and Barbuda Renal Society for its outstanding contribution to national health during a luncheon hosted on Sunday.

In his remarks at the event, Sir Rodney expressed his and Lady Williams' pleasure at being Patrons of the Renal Society. He paid warm tribute to the former Patrons, Sir James and Lady Carlisle, lauding the dedicated service of Lady Carlisle, who continues to work tirelessly with the organisation even after her retirement from public life.

Governor General The highlighted the alarming impact of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean, noting that 75% of deaths in the region result from NCDs. He further stated that NCDs consume up to 8% of the GDP of several Caribbean countries, underscoring the vital role of organisations like the Renal Society in promoting health and reducing the national disease burden.

Sir Rodney praised the Renal Society for its commitment to:



Members of the Antigua and Barbuda Renal Society receiving the Halo donation from the Governor General and Patron of the Foundation. From L-R Dr Ian Thomas, Ms Agnes George-John, Mrs Lorraine Perry, Mrs. Constance Moe, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams

- Raising public awareness
- Promoting prevention
- Supporting improved renal care
- Encouraging early intervention and healthy lifestyles

He also applauded the work of the healthcare professionals in the Renal Unit at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre including doctors, nurses, technicians, orderlies, volunteers, and all those who provide essential care to patients. He noted that the recent donation of an

angiography table and lead jackets would significantly enhance the quality of renal care in Antigua and Barbuda.

Sir Rodney Williams encouraged the Renal Society to remain steadfast in its focus on education and prevention, particularly as the nation continues see increased cases kidney disease and patients requiring dialysis or transplants. He urged stakeholders and volunteers recommit themselves to the cause and to the noble task of caring for the vulnerable.

His Excellency also acknowledged the continued partnership and support offered by various organisations, noting that the Halo Foundation has made a financial contribution to the Renal Society in support of its ongoing work.

The Governor General expressed hope that the combined efforts of the Society, its partners, and the wider community, will continue to yield positive results in improving renal health outcomes across Antigua and Barbuda.









Antigua and Barbuda Delegation Concludes High-Level Security and Protocol Visit to the United Kingdom

A delegation from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda undertook a series of high-level engagements in London from 8th-12th November, aimed at strengthening security enhancing cooperation, protocol capacity, and advancing preparations for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda and the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office in the United Kingdom, the delegation included Sherese George, Chief of Protocol; Superintendent Louisa Benjamin-Quashie of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda; Captain Trevor Pennyfeather of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, and Gordin Hector-Murrell, Director of Cyber Security within the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Telecoms and Information Technology.

Following a briefing that outlined the trip's objective, the delegation met senior officers of the Metropolitan Police's Royalty and Specialist Protection (RaSP) and observed their operations during the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on 9th November. This provided an opportunity to witness first-hand how the UK manages security for major national ceremonies, including



protective arrangements, escort movements, and controlled arrivals for dignitaries. A detailed debrief at RaSP Headquarters further deepened the delegation's understanding of convoy operations and VIP protection strategies relevant to CHOGM planning.

On 10th November, the delegation undertook a comprehensive series of briefings at RaSP Headquarters, where they engaged with experts in VIP close protection, cyber and protective

security, explosive ordnance disposal, counterterrorism coordination, intelligence assessment, and threat management. These sessions provided valuable operational frameworks that will assist Antigua and Barbuda in enhancing its security capabilities for large-scale events. Later that day, the delegation met with officials from the UK Ministry of Defence at their Whitehall headquarters to discuss defence diplomacy and strategic threat planning. The sessions provided



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The evening concluded with an informal dinner hosted by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, which served to reinforce diplomatic ties and strengthen working relationships with UK counterparts.

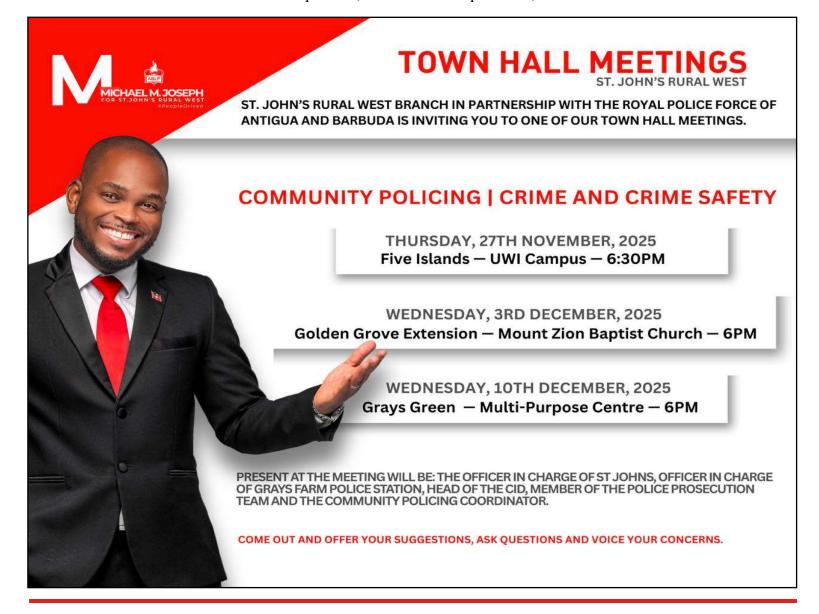
Engagements continued on 11th November with a meeting at the Commonwealth Secretariat at Marlborough House, where discussions focused on CHOGM operational readiness, ceremonial standards, and coordination expectations. The secretariat reaffirmed its support for Antigua and Barbuda as preparations advance. The delegation then joined staff members of the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission and the High Commissioner, her Excellency Karen-Mae Hill, for an informal lunch.

The engagement provided an opportunity to reflect on the insights gained thus far.

On 12th November, the delegation participated in extensive sessions at Lancaster House with the FCDO Protocol Directorate. These engagements covered major-event planning structures, arrivals and departures, accreditation processes,

access-control systems, media managements, transport coordination, and rehearsal requirements. The Directorate shared insights and best practices that will assist Antigua and Barbuda in refining its protocol and operational systems for CHOGM. The official visit concluded on 12 November following the completion of the scheduled engagements and a review of the outcomes that will guide the next phase of the CHOGM preparation.

The mission strengthened partnerships with key UK institutions, provided valuable insights into large-scale event security and protocol managements, and positioned Antigua and Barbuda to deliver a well-coordinated and secure CHOGM.





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Date: November 24th, 2025

Event: International Men's Day Forum 2025

Theme: "Supporting Men and Boys – Fostering Integrity, Compassion, and Resilience"

Venue: Beachlimerz, Fort James, St. John's

International Men's Day Forum 2025 Promotes Integrity, Compassion, and Resilience Among Men and Boys The Department of Gender Affairs hosted its annual International Men's Day Forum 2025 on Friday, November 21, 2025, bringing together men and boys across generations—along with educators, community leaders, health professionals, and allies—for a half-day of open dialogue, reflection, and empowerment under the theme "Supporting Men and Boys – Fostering Integrity, Compassion, and Resilience."

International Men's Day (IMD), recognized globally on November 19, celebrates the positive contributions of men and boys while creating a platform to address the unique challenges they face. This year's theme underscores the importance of nurturing environments that allow men and boys to grow with integrity, express compassion, and develop resilience—all essential pillars for healthy communities and strong families.

The forum highlighted key focus areas, including:

- Promoting positive male role models from diverse backgrounds.
- Prioritizing the mental and physical health of men and boys.
- Encouraging healthy emotional expression and vulnerability.
- Challenging limiting stereotypes about masculinity.
- Strengthening community ties through open dialogue and mutual support.

An interactive "Vote with Your Feet" ice-breaker encouraged participants to explore shared experiences, break down barriers, and engage in meaningful movement-based reflection.

The core of the forum featured three dynamic sessions guided by expert speakers:

- Session 1 Health & Mental Wellness, led by Mr. Sydney Retemyer, emphasized the importance of mental well-being, accessible health resources, and breaking the silence around men's emotional struggles.
- Session 2 What It Means to Be a Man: Male Role Models, presented by Mr. Colin John Jenkins, explored the impact of everyday role models and the values that shape positive masculinity.
- Session 3 Fatherhood & Expectations, delivered by Mr. Roland Moore, highlighted the evolving roles of fathers and caregivers, ending with a powerful call to action encouraging participants to model healthy, supportive relationships.

Throughout the morning, participants engaged in open conversations, asked questions, shared lived experiences, and collectively reflected on how communities can better support men's well-being.

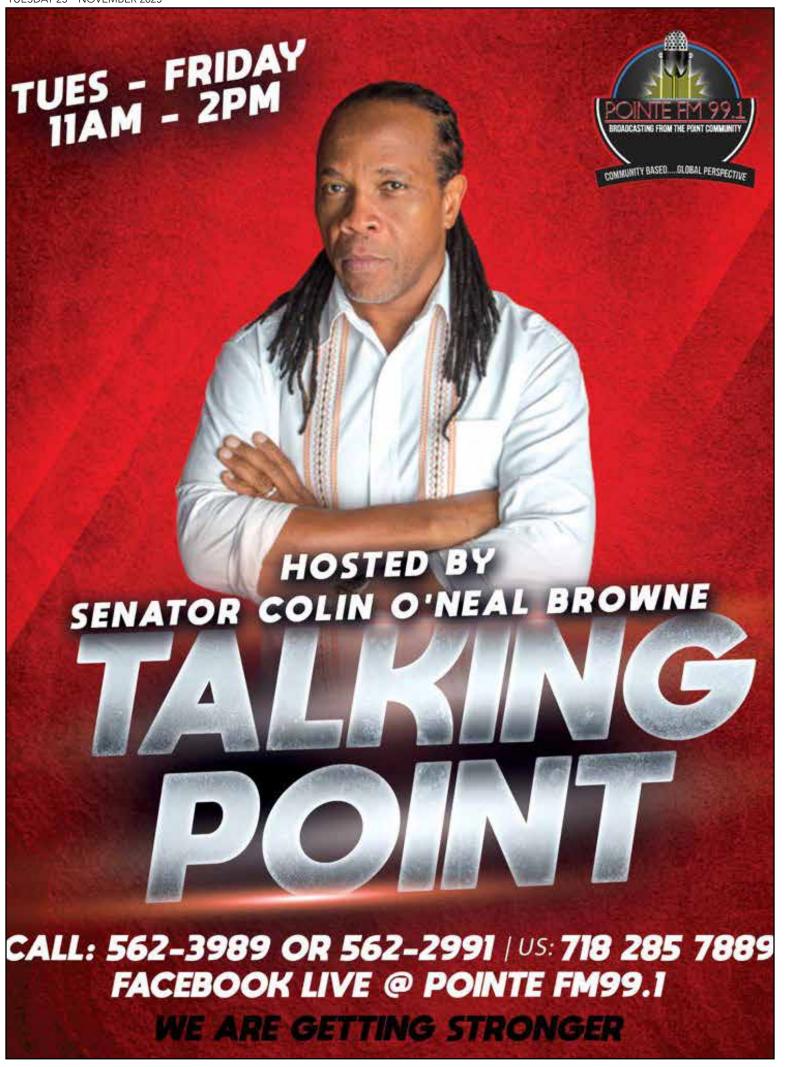
"Today's forum was about creating a safe, honest space for men and boys—one where they could learn, unlearn, and truly connect," said Project Officer, Ashlea Ambris. "Supporting male well-being strengthens families, communities, and the nation."

DoGA expressed gratitude to all presenters, partners, and attendees for their contributions and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting gender equality through continued advocacy, community programming, and support initiatives.

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Directorate of Gender Affairs Ministry of Social & Urban Transformation







MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SPORTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES REMINDS EVERYONE THAT THE CHRISTMAS HOME AND BUSINESS LIGHTING COMPETITION 2025 REGISTRATION IS STILL ONGOING.

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.

First Place - \$3,000.00 XCD
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 Third Place - \$1,000,00 XCD

Register now to be a part of the joy and splendor of Christmas 2025.

Commentary



Day One — November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

There is a quiet hush that falls over the world every year on November 25—a moment where nations pause, breathe deeply, and face the truth we too often whisper about. It is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the opening note of a global chorus urging us to see, to feel, and to change. And this year, under the theme "UNiTE! Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls," we are asked not just to witness, but to act with intention.

The United Nations writes that violence against women remains "one of the most pervasive and persistent violations of human rights." Those words sit heavy, like stones in the heart. They echo through villages, across oceans, into homes where silence has been mistaken for peace. Around the world, nearly one in three women has survived violence in her lifetime. These are not statistics—they are breaths, they are bodies, they are women we know.

Here in Antigua and Barbuda, the story is no different. We see it in the quiet tears of a neighbour. We hear it in the trembling voice at a police station. We feel it in the lingering unease that creeps through communities where control has replaced care. Our islands are beautiful, but even paradise knows pain. Violence does not discriminate between sea breeze and street corner, between big city or small village. It finds its way into the softest spaces—homes, relationships, hearts—and reshapes them into battlegrounds.

Today begins the first of sixteen days where the world unites, raising its collective voice to declare enough. The orange lights will shine again, glowing like lanterns calling us toward a different kind of future—one where



Orange Fire, Orange Frame, Orange Strength, Orange Rhymes. Sixteen Days, One Phrase: Protect Her All Ways.





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safety is not a privilege, but a promise. Day One is not merely a day of awareness. It is a reckoning. It is the day we choose not to avert our eyes.

We remember the women who never lived to tell their stories, whose names were carved into tombstones instead of graduation certificates. We honour the survivors who rise every morning carrying invisible bruises—on their spirits, on their memories, on their lives—yet walk forward anyway. And we stand beside the advocates who fight tirelessly, sometimes quietly, sometimes loudly, but always bravely.

To "invest to prevent" means more than money. It means offering shelter when someone has nowhere to go. It means a teacher noticing the pain behind a student's smile. It means a church opening its arms instead of closing its doors. It means men redefining strength, rejecting silence, refusing to protect abusers simply because of friendship, loyalty, or fear. It means a nation standing up, not later, not eventually, but now.

It is true that laws matter—Antigua and Barbuda has made progress through the Domestic Violence Act and other legislation. But laws alone cannot mend broken hearts or shattered trust. Prevention is found in the places where culture shifts: in the gentle correction of a degrading joke, in conversations between mothers and sons, in coaches teaching boys that love is not possession, and hurt is not proof of passion.

Violence grows in darkness. Prevention grows in light. UNESCO reminds us that "education is the most powerful tool to change the social norms that allow violence to flourish." So let us teach. Let us guide. Let us create classrooms, workplaces, streets, and homes where girls and women are safe to dream loudly without fear of backlash, where boys are safe to be gentle

without fear of judgment.

And let us remember: every woman is someone's daughter, someone's teacher, someone's coworker, someone's friend. But more than that, she is someone in her own right—worthy of dignity, safety, and joy. As Day One begins, let us open our eyes fully. Let us listen deeply. Let us speak boldly. Antigua and Barbuda, let this be the year we do not simply participate in a global campaign—but embody it. Because when we invest in the safety of

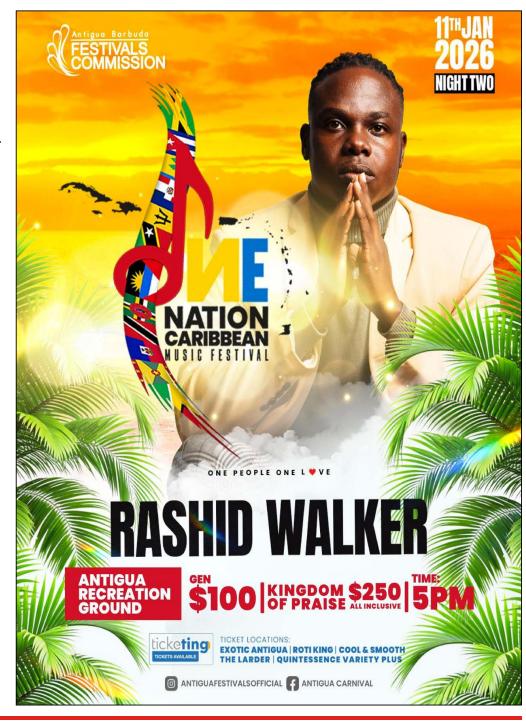
women and girls, we invest in the stability of families, the strength of communities, and the future of our nation.

Today, we begin. And we begin with hope.

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69 families receive new homes under Dominica's Housing Recovery Project; Roberts defends programme

Sixty-nine families across Dominica recently received keys to their new homes during a handing-over ceremony held at the Windsor Park Sports Stadium.

This initiative forms part of the Housing Recovery Project, under which a total of 382 homes have been built.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Melissa Poponne-Skerrit, addressing the ceremony, said Dominica will remain resilient in the face of future hurricanes.

"Every home we build now is concrete, with a concrete roof," she said. "The hurricanes can come, they can huff and puff, but they will not blow your house down."

She continued, "It is the testimonials we hear—the transformations of people's lives—that keep us pressing on. Earlier this week, we heard testimonies, and today it is the elderly woman who tells us that her new home has added new life and new years to her life because she can finally live in comfort and dignity."

According to Poponne-Skerrit, the Housing Recovery Project is the first homeowner-driv-



en housing initiative in the entire Caribbean.

"This means that beneficiaries were fully involved in the process," she explained. "They were hiring their own contractors, paying the contractors, and in some cases purchasing their own materials. They were showing up on site, learning a thing or two—even learning to build a house—being part of the process.

She further stated that it was community energy at its best.

"All contractors were strictly local, ensuring that every single dollar stayed right here and circulated within the communities," Poponne-Skerrit emphasized. "But let's be honest, it was not without challenges. We battled rising global costs. In fact, we changed our

cap many times—from \$50,000 up to \$170,000 at the end—because of material shortages, increased prices, and the realities of rebuilding on a rugged, mountainous island. The terrain is difficult, but still, we pressed on."

Poponne-Skerrit noted that some new homeowners were initially disqualified because they did not have land titles. However, the government intervened.

"We paid for those titles, we regularized these properties, and we facilitated about 170 families," she said.

Acting Prime Minister Gretta Roberts also defended the Housing Recovery Project.

"I know sometimes people ask why the government is investing so much in free housing for the people of Dominica. The answer is simple: we live in one of the most disaster-prone regions on Earth. Climate change has made hurricanes more intense, more unpredictable, and more destructive," she stated. "The storms of today are not the storms of 20 years ago. And it is the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer the most when disasters strike."

She pointed out that the Government of Dominica, led by Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit, has taken a firm decision that no Dominican family should be left to face the next hurricane with the same fragility that existed before 2017.

"When we say resilient housing, we mean houses that can weather the storms we know will come," Roberts asserted. "Homes that protect life, homes that reduce the need for emergency shelters, homes that save families from the trauma of starting all over again."

Furthermore, she noted that building resilient homes is not just a necessity for survival, but also an investment in the people, the economy, and the future. (Dominica News Online)



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Policeman fatally shoots brother during dispute in Clarendon



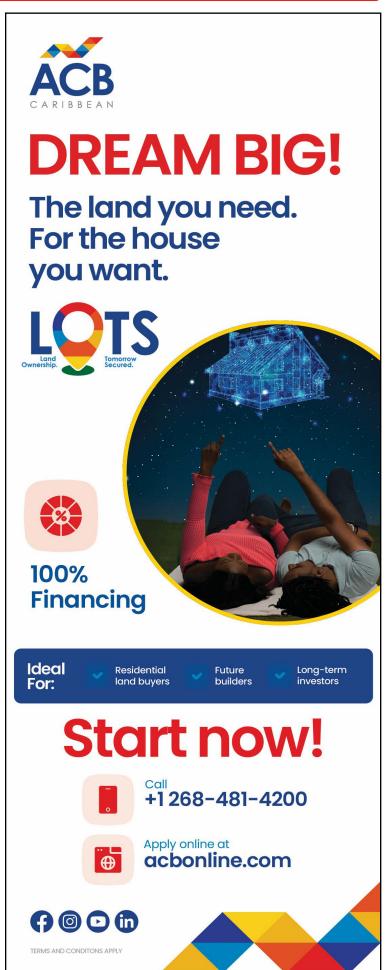
A policeman this evening fatally shot his brother during an altercation, in which the cop was reportedly stabbed by his sibling. The incident happened in Park Hall in Frankfield district, Clarendon.

It is reported that the constable, who is assigned to the St James Police Division, and his brother had a dispute, and the police-

man was attacked with scissors.

It is alleged that he pulled his service pistol and shot his brother, who subsequently died.

Both the Frankfield Criminal Investigation Branch and the Independent Commission of Investigation are conducting separate probes into the incident. (Jamaica Gleaner)



Regional News



Tributes for Jimmy Cliff | Legendary artiste and actor remembered as global icon and cultural ambassador

Veteran reggae artiste, songwriter, and actor Jimmy Cliff is being hailed as a cultural giant who has inspired the globe.

The singer, whose given name is James Chambers, passed away today at age 81.

The announcement was shared on his official Instagram page on Monday, noting that he died due to a seizure followed by pneumonia.

The country's leaders, Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness and Opposition Leader Mark Golding, have both expressed deep sadness at Cliff's passing.

In his tribute, Holness said he is grateful for his life, contributions, and the pride he brought to Jamaica.

He added that through timeless songs like 'Many Rivers to Cross', 'The Harder They Come', 'You Can Get It If You Really Want', and 'Sitting in Limbo', Jimmy Cliff told stories with honesty and soul.

"Today, Jamaica pauses to honour the life of the Honourable Jimmy Cliff, OM, a true cultural giant whose music carried the heart of our nation to the world," he said.

"His music lifted people through hard times, inspired generations, and helped to shape the global respect that Jamaican culture enjoys today," he added.

Holness stated that Cliff's legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

For his part, Golding called Cliff a true icon of Jamaican music and culture.

He said that his contributions to reggae and Jamaica's global cultural footprint are immeasurable.

"From 'The Harder They Come' to 'Many Rivers to Cross', his music transcended borders and inspired generations. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and fans worldwide. May he rest in peace, and his legacy live



on."

Meanwhile, Culture and Entertainment Minister Olivia Grange, in her tribute, said Jamaica and the world have undoubtedly lost one of the greatest proponents of Jamaican music and a film pioneer.

"I spoke with Jimmy's wife and conveyed my personal condolences and that of the Government of Jamaica following his passing. He died at approximately 1 o'clock this morning in hospital. This has left us deeply saddened as the transitioning of Jimmy Cliff represents a major loss, not just for Jamaica but for the world. He gave so much of his life to delivering music which had a peculiar and relevant message and resonated in every corner of the globe," said Grange in a statement on Monday.

"Jimmy Cliff is no doubt a pioneer of music and must also be appropriately hailed as a legend of our time. His songs, including 'Many Rivers to Cross', 'You Can Get It If You Really Want', 'The Harder They Come', 'Reggae Night' and 'Hakuna Matata', left a positive impact on millions of people across the globe. Jimmy was

a unique talent who has left an indelible mark on the global music industry. He also had diverse talents and was known for his mastery of Ska, Rocksteady, Reggae and Soul. We should not forget that Jimmy was also an accomplished actor," she added.

Jimmy Cliff's given name was James Chambers.

He was born July 30, 1944.

He was the recipient of Jamaica's third-highest national honour, the Order of Merit (OM).

In March 2019, in honour of Jimmy, the Government of Jamaica spear-headed the renaming ceremony of the Jimmy Cliff Boulevard in Montego Bay, St James.

In January 2021, the Government also presented Jimmy with an official passport in recognition of his status as a Reggae Ambassador.

Jimmy Cliff's outstanding contribution to Jamaica and the world was also specially recognised during Jamaica 55 celebrations. (Jamaica Gleaner)



International



Death toll nears 100 in Southeast Asia as heavy rains cause floods and landslides

The death toll in widespread flooding and landslides caused by heavy rains in Southeast Asia mounted on Monday with another person reported killed in Vietnam, and five others in Thailand with tens of thousands of people displaced.

The total number of confirmed dead in Vietnam is now 91, with 11 others missing as the heavy rain that began a week ago has caused severe flooding and triggered landslides from Quang Tri to Lam Dong provinces, a stretch of 500 miles along the country's central region, including the highlands.

In Dak Lak, the worst-hit province, 63 people were killed, mostly due to drowning. Other fatalities were from Khanh Hoa, Lam Dong, Gia Lai, Danang, Hue and Quang Tri provinces.

With roads washed out in many areas, helicopters have been deployed to drop food and aid supplies and to assist in evacuating people.

After a break in the rain on the weekend, Pham Thu Huyen was one of many hundreds of residents and visitors who helped clean up debris washed ashore in Nha Trang, a popular tourist destination in Khanh Hoa province, known for its white sand beaches.

"We've never experienced that much rain and such bad flooding," the 45-year-old said.

Waters have also taken their toll on this year's crops,



submerging coffee farms in Dak Lak, Vietnam's major coffee-growing region.

Overall, damage so far is estimated to be around \$500 million in this round of floods.

Some of the waters have now receded, but Vietnam's weather agency warned that with rains continuing in some places the risks remain. It said a new tropical depression was forming that could bring worse weather again later in the week.

Vietnam is among the world's most flood-prone countries, with nearly half its population living in high-risk areas. Scientists warn that a warming climate is intensifying storms and rainfall across Southeast Asia, making floods and landslides increasingly destructive and frequent.

The current destruction has hit a region already battered earlier this month by floods from record rainfall and the powerful Typhoon Kalmaegi.

The country was also hit by typhoons in September and October, and the International Organization for Migration announced Monday that South Korea would contribute \$1 million to help Vietnam assist displaced people, communities and migrants affected by those.

The United Nations agency said that according to preliminary data, Vietnam estimates economic damage of some \$1.2 billion from that period, with more than a half-million homes damaged, hundreds of thousands of people evacuated and dozens killed.

In Thailand, torrential rain in the south of the country caused severe flash flooding over the weekend, affecting nearly 2 million people, officials said. Five were killed and four were injured across six southern provinces, according to regional health officials.

Ten southern provinces have been hit with heavy rainfall over the last week, and officials warned Monday that water levels are expected to rise further with the rain expected to continue through Tuesday.

The city of Hat Yai, a major economic hub in Songkhla province, was hit with more than 13 inches of rain on Friday, the highest 24-hour figure in 300 years, officials said.

From Wednesday through Friday, the city saw nearly 25 inches of rain, complicating evacuation efforts as hundreds of residents and tourists were trapped inside homes and hotels by rising water that forced emergency crews to use lifeboats to transport people along flooded streets.

Thailand was already hit with widespread flooding in the north earlier in the year, followed by months of flooding in the central region, which killed more than two dozen people. That flooding also caused widespread damage to farmers' fields and crops, and many thousands of homes.

Malaysia is also grappling with flooding across several states that is expected to worsen as heavy, persistent rainfall continues.

The Social Welfare Department reported Monday that more than 12,500 people across nine states have been evacuated.

The worst-hit area is the northeastern state of Kelantan, which accounts for the majority of those displaced. Authorities have opened 86 temporary shelters and have warned that further rainfall is expected.

Floods are common in parts of Malaysia during the annual monsoon season, which begins in November and can last until March. (AP)

International



UN Secretary-General comments on closing of COP30: multilateral efforts must continue

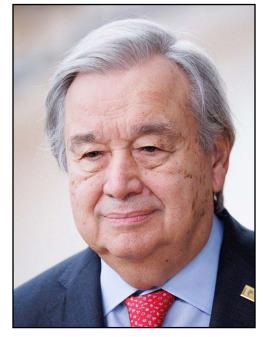
At the conclusion of COP30, UN Secretary-General António Guterres expressed his recognition of the significant progress achieved during the conference, which ran from November 10-21, 2025, emphasizing the importance of multilateral cooperation in addressing global climate challenges.

He extended his gratitude to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, COP30 President André de Largo, and their dedicated team, along with the Government of Brazil, the residents of Belém, and the UNFCCC Secretariat, for their warm hospitality and relentless efforts in organizing this pivotal event.

Guterres highlighted that, situated at the threshold of the Amazon rainforest, participating nations successfully reached a consensus, demonstrating that multilateralism remains a vital force. This development underscores that countries can unite to confront the critical issues posed by climate change—issues that no single nation can resolve independently.

The Secretary-General acknowledged that COP30 yielded notable advancements. These included a commitment to triple adaptation finance by 2035, marking an initial step toward bridging the adaptation gap; the establishment of a Just Transition Mechanism designed to assist nations in safeguarding workers and communities during their transition to renewable energy sources; and the initiation of a new dialogue aimed at strengthening international cooperation in trade.

He also noted the acknowledgment among participants that the world is



now likely to experience a temporary exceedance of the 1.5°C temperature rise limit, emphasizing the urgency of immediate action. The launch of a Global Implementation Accelerator was announced to help close the gaps in ambition and execution, accelerating the fulfillment of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Additionally, there was a collective recognition to advance the outcomes of the UAE Consensus, which advocates for a just, orderly, and equitable shift away from fossil fuels.

However, Guterres pointed out that COPs are inherently consensus-driven, and in a period marked by increasing geopolitical divides, reaching agreement has become more challenging. He candidly admitted that COP30 could not deliver on every front, acknowledging the persistent and perilous gap between current actions and the scientific requirements for meaningful climate progress.

"I cannot pretend that COP30 has delivered everything that is needed,"

conceded Guterres.

He expressed understanding that many stakeholders, particularly young people, Indigenous communities, and those already suffering from climate-induced disasters, might feel disappointed.

"The reality of overshoot is a stark warning: we are approaching dangerous and irreversible tipping points. Staying below 1.5 degrees by the end of the century must remain humanity's red line," urged the Secretary-General.

According to him, achieving this goal necessitates rapid and profound reductions in emissions, supported by credible plans to transition away from fossil fuels toward clean energy solutions. It also calls for climate justice, a substantial increase in adaptation efforts, and resilience-building measures to ensure vulnerable communities can withstand and recover from impending climate crises.

Furthermore, he stressed the critical need for increased climate finance to assist developing nations in reducing emissions, protecting their populations, and addressing loss and damage.

While COP30 has concluded, Guterres emphasized that the global effort must persist, saying, "COP30 is over, but our work is not."

He vowed to continue advocating for higher ambitions and greater international solidarity. To all those who participated—whether through marches, negotiations, advice, reporting, or mobilization—he urged perseverance, affirming that history is on their side, and so is the United Nations. (Dominica News Online)



International



Airlines cancel flights to Venezuela after FAA in US warns of worsening security, military activity



International airlines increasingly cancelled flights to Venezuela on Sunday after the US Federal Aviation Administration warned pilots to use caution when flying in the country's airspace because of worsening security and heightened military activity.

Marisela de Loaiza, presi-

dent of the Airlines Association in Venezuela, told The Associated Press that six carriers have indefinitely suspended flights: TAP, LATAM, Avianca, Iberia, Gol and Caribbean. Turkish Airlines suspended flights from November 24 to 28.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro wrote Sunday on

X that "there must be regular flights to all Latin American countries and from Latin America and the world."

"Countries are not blocked, because blocking countries means blocking people, and that is a crime against humanity," Petro added.

On Friday, the FAA warned pilots that unspecified threats "could pose a potential risk to aircraft at all altitudes" as well planes taking off and landing in the country and even aircraft on the ground.

The warning came as the Trump administration has ramped up pressure on Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

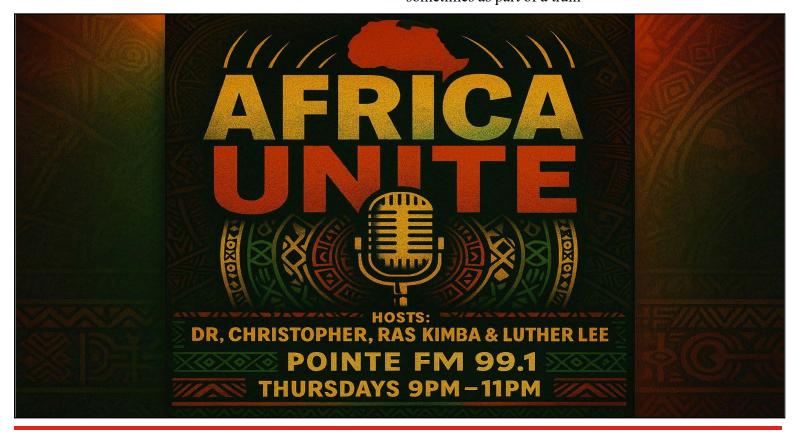
The US military has conducted bomber flights up to the coast of Venezuela, sometimes as part of a train-

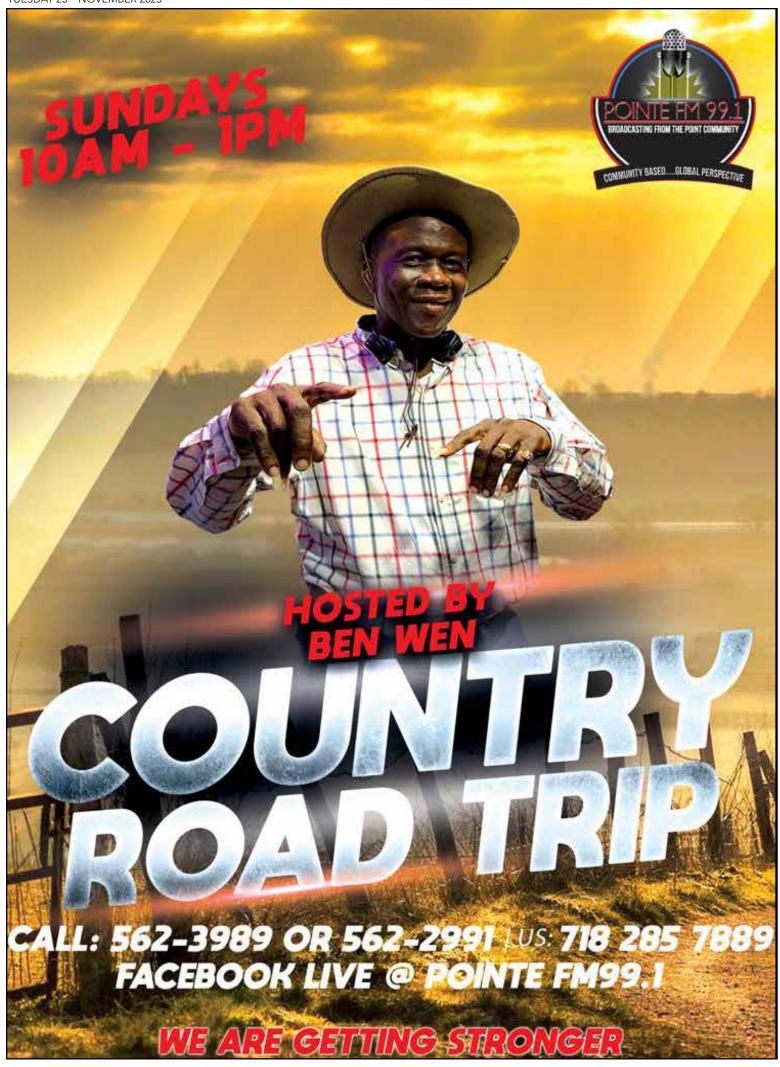
ing exercise to simulate an attack, and sent the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford into the region.

The Ford aircraft carrier and several destroyers were just the latest addition to the largest US force assembled in the Caribbean Sea near Venezuela in generations.

The Trump administration does not see Maduro, who faces charges of narcoterrorism in the US, as the legitimate leader of the South American country.

The Trump administration also has carried out a series of strikes on small boats in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean that it accuses of ferrying drugs to the US, killing over 80 people in total since the campaign began in early September. (AP)









ABCAS returns to top of Under-20 Boys Division League

The Antigua and Barbuda College of Advance Studies (ABCAS) has returned to the top of the Under-20 Boys Division in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup Secondary Schools' Football Competition.

ABCAS moved to the top of the standings with 13 points after extending their unbeaten run by claiming their fourth win in five matches with a 4-0 victory against Jennings Secondary School in their latest outing.

Ojahrie Mitchell scored twice with conversions in the 22nd and 57th minutes, while the other goals were converted by Keshorn Thomas in the 13th minute and Ralique Browne in the 78th minute.

Jennings Secondary School remains on four points after suffering their third defeat in five matches.

The result also ensured that ABCAS moved one point ahead of unbeaten

Harrison Center Antigua and Barbuda School of Continuing Education (HCABSCE) and defending champions Princess Margaret School, who are in joint second place with 12 points each.

However, the HCABSCE has played four matches, one less than both AB-CAS and Princess Margaret School.

The match between HCABSCE and Princess Margaret School was post-poned last Friday due to an unplayable pitch at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA) Technical Center.

However, Jennings Secondary School ended the unbeaten run of defending champion Antigua Grammar School in the Under-14 Boys Division of the Patrick C. Whyte Cup Competitions.

Jennings Secondary finished their campaign in third place in the Under-14 Boys Division League by claiming their sixth win in nine matches with a 2-1 victory over the Antigua Grammar School.

Shaquan Joseph scored in the 15th minute and Zabere Joseph had a 21st-minute conversion for Jennings Secondary, while Shemoni Abrams scored in the seventh minute for Antigua Grammar School.

The result meant that Jennings Secondary School finished their quota of nine matches with 19 points, while Antigua Grammar School remained in second place with 21 points after suffering their first defeat in eight matches.

Unbeaten Princess Margaret School (PMS) currently leads the Under-14 Boys Division with a perfect 24 points from eight matches. Victory or a draw in their final outing will secure the Under-14 Boys Division title for the Princess Margaret School.



Sports News



Rain washes away Leewards hope of reaching Super50 Cup final

The slim hopes of the Leeward Islands Hurricanes advancing to the final of the Cricket West Indies (CWI) CG United Super50 Cup were dashed after their third-round match against the Jamaica Scorpions at the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground at The UWI, in St. Augustine, was abandoned on Sunday without a ball being bowled due to heavy showers.

After suffering a two-wicket loss to the Windward Volcanoes and a seven-wicket defeat against the Barbados Pride in their first two matches, the Leeward Islands Hurricane need to win their remaining three round-robin matches to maintain their slim chances of advancing to the final.

The top two teams at the end of the six-team round-robin matches will advance to the final, which will take place at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba on Saturday, November 29.

Meanwhile, the Barbados Pride and the Trinidad and Tobago Red Force recorded wins in the other thirdround matches.

Off spinner Kemar Smith and Kraigg Brathwaite played major roles as Barbados Pride cruised to a seven-wicket win over the Windward Islands Volcanoes at the Queen's Park

Smith ran through the Volcanoes' top and middle order and sparked a spectacular collapse that saw



Members of the Leeward Islands Hurricanes and the Jamaica Scorpions camps shake hands after their third-round CG United Super50 Cup match at the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground at The UWI, in St. Augustine, was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to heavy showers in Trinidad on Sunday, November 23, 2025. (CWI Media)

them capitulate from 104 for two, to be all out for 137 in 37.2 overs. Brathwaite then scored an unbeaten half-century as Barbados Pride sped to victory at 138 for three in just 24.1 overs.

The Volcanoes were given a good start by openers Johann Jeremiah (26) and Stephan Pascal (22) as they put on 58 for the first wicket.

And even when Smith and Kyle Mayers removed Pascal and Jeremiah, Teddy Bishop (28) and Sunil Ambris (20) put their side in a comfortable position at 104 for two, during a 44-run stand.

However, once Javed Leacock dismissed Ambris, the Windwards' innings went up in smoke. Smith trapped Bishop lbw and accounted for the wicket of Darron Nedd in the same fashion, while pacer Dominic Drakes bowled Dillon Douglas, to leave the score on 133 for six.

The Pride got off to a horrible start, losing Leniko Boucher and Mayers to slip to seven for two. But Zachary McCaskie (47) and Brathwaite (59 not out) made sure there would be no comeback by the Volcanoes, as they took the momentum away from their opponents during a 104-run third-wicket partnership that essentially decided the outcome.

McCaskie was dismissed three runs short of a half-century but Brathwaite was not to be denied, as he finished unbeaten on 59 off 64 deliveries. And together with Kevin Wickham comfortably guided Barbados to a predictable win.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Force claimed their second victory, defeating the Guyana Harpy Eagles by six runs on the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method after rain halted their run chase at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in

Tarouba.

In a match reduced to 44 overs per side after a delayed start due to rain, the Red Force took early control with the ball before eventually dismissing the Har[py Eagles for 196 in 40.3 overs. In reply, the Red Force reached 106 for four in 21.2 overs when rain intervened.

The Red Force advantage on the DLS par score was shaped largely by Jyd Goolie's 20th-over assault on Sylus Tyndall, which helped the hosts recover from a slow start.

The over cost 24 runs, with Goolie smashing a four and three sixes to push his team ahead. When the players left the field, the par score was 100, and Goolie was unbeaten on 29 off 18 balls.

Summarised scores: Guyana Harpy Eagles 196 all out in 40.3 overs (Gudakesh Motie 65, Keemo Paul 39; Terrance Hinds 3/18, Ricky Jaipaul 3/29). T&T Red Force 106 for four in 21.2 overs (Tion Webster 31 not out, Jyd Goolie 29 not out; Junior Sinclair 2/21).

The Super50 Cup continues today (Tuesday) with T&T facing Windward Islands Volcanoes at Sir Frank Worrell Ground in St. Augustine, while the Guyana Harpy Eagles will meet the Leeward Islands Hurricanes at the Queen's Park Oval. The Jamaica Scorpions and the Barbados Pride will square off at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy.



Sammy hopeful Joseph duo will return for 2026 T20 World Cup



Alzarri Joseph

West Indies head coach Daren Sammy is hopeful that fast bowlers Alzarri Joseph and Shamar Joseph will return to action early in 2026 and in time for the ICC's Men's T20 World Cup.

Sammy, speaking during a virtual press conference ahead of the three-match Test series in New Zealand, said both men remained on track in their recoveries after being sidelined ahead of the Test series against India.

Alzarri is recovering from a recurring lower back injury, while Shamar is dealing with a shoulder injury. Sammy confirmed that both players recently consulted specialists to assess their injuries and map out their rehabilitation plans.

"Alzarri is doing his rehab in Antigua. Both of them saw a specialist," Sammy said.

Shamar's injury required additional attention, with the bowler stopping in England for an evaluation upon leaving Bangladesh.

"Shamar, on his way from Bangladesh, stopped in England to see a shoulder specialist," Sammy revealed.

"He was supposed to just rest the shoulder for a bit...let the shoulder heal. Probably next week or so, he will start his physical rehab."

While the West Indies will be without both fast bowlers for the remainder of the year, Sammy stressed that their timelines align with the team's preparations for next January's series against Afghanistan and the subsequent home series against South Africa.

"We know we won't see them in any cricket for the rest of the year," he said. "We're pushing for these two guys to be available for selection going into the World Cup."

Sammy said all medical updates so far have been positive. "The rehab is coming on nicely," he noted. "And I really hope that when we select the World Cup squad, they're in contention and in a position to be selected."

The next instalment of the Men's T20 World Cup is set to be held in India and Sri Lanka in February and March in 2026.



Nicolas Geleyns: A Racecar Driver Who Flies Our Flag



21 November 2025

Although only 19 years old, this young Antigua and Barbuda citizen—Nico, as he is called—is very wellknown in Europe where he races. His support team is led principally by his Mom who was once a racecar driver. His winning car is an AUDI A1-RX3 which barely weighs 1,000 kilos. It is light and it is fast. The body is made from fiberglass, and often repaired with duct tape. It is a front wheel drive, carrying a 240 horsepower engine. The driver at the wheel is filled with undiluted courage.

Nico has raced in Portugal, Hungary, Finland, Sweden, France and Ireland where the numbers viewing the races hover around 20,000 fans of the sport, on average. The vehicle sports the Antigua and Barbuda flag, as does the driver on his clothing and helmet, his team's clothing, and his number-one cheerleader's, his Mom. The two love each other and share a bond that is cemented in the love of

the sport.

Nicolas Geleyens learned his English in Antigua where he attended primary school, and speaks French—his mother's tongue. Antigua has been a very kind home to both and their love is reflected in their willingness to sport the symbol of our nationhood—which no legendary connection with motorcar racing. He is therefore an envoy of the island-State, self-appointed and working to promote the nation's presence in excellent tourism markets.

Nico was greeted by the Prime Minister, a few days following his return to his homeland. The Honourable Gaston Browne was very impressed with this young man's courage and determination to win. Driven by competition and the love of victory's taste, the elected representative felt a kindred spirit with this racecar driver, one-third his age. There is no better time to face the mountain, he declared, than "when in the early days of







youth". Victory inspires greater efforts to maximize successes.

All of Antigua and Barbuda celebrates Nicolas Geleyns, wish him greater success, and thank him for placing his island-State on the road map in European car racing. The nation looks forward to more news of his successes. —end-





New Zealand's Williamson returns for West Indies Test series



CHRISTCHURCH (Reuters) Kane Williamson was included in the New Zealand squad for December's three-Test series against the West Indies on Monday along with experienced seamer Blair Tickner and young fast bowler Zak Foulkes.

Former captain Williamson has retired from international Twenty20 cricket and skipped the One-Day International (ODI) series against the West Indies, which concluded on Saturday with a 3-0 sweep for the Black Caps.

"Kane's ability on the field speaks for itself and it will be great to have his skills as well as his leadership back in the test group," coach Rob Walter said of the 35-year-old batter.

"He's had a bit of time off to get himself ready for red-ball cricket."

Daryl Mitchell, eighth on the ICC

Test batting rankings, also returns after missing the last two ODI matches with a groin strain he picked up while scoring a century in the series opener.

Seamers Will O'Rourke and Ben Sears were unavailable due to injury and Kyle Jamieson will miss the series opener at least, offering Tickner an opportunity to win his fourth Test cap more than two years after his third.

Tickner, 32, was twice named Man of the Match in the ODI series against England in late October and early November. Jacob Duffy, 31, was included as another pace option.

Foulkes, 23, took a nine-wicket haul when he and Duffy made their Test debuts against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo in August.

"Both Jacob and Blair have been

around a while and know what it takes to perform at the highest level," Walter added.

"Zak couldn't have performed much better in his first Test against Zimbabwe. That, along with his recent form across the white-ball tours, has rightfully earned him selection."

The West Indies have recalled veteran paceman Kemar Roach to their squad for the series, which kicks off in Christchurch on December 2 and also includes Tests in Wellington and Tauranga.

New Zealand Test squad: Tom Latham (captain), Tom Blundell, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Nathan Smith, Blair Tickner, Kane Williamson, and Will Young.

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All Saints United extends unbeaten run in Premier League



A starting XI of All Saints United football team.

Back-to-back defending champions All Saints United maintained their unbeaten winning start in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Sunday.

Raheem Deterville scored twice as All Saints United cruised to a 3-0 victory against Green City FC in the last game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Deterville had conversions in the seventh and 84th minutes, while the other goal for All Saints United was scored by Karique Knight in the 71st minute.

All Saints United advanced to 12 points from four matches, while Green City FC remains on four points after suffering their second loss in four games.

Both the Potters Tigers and John Hughes FC recorded their first

wins in this year's Premier League in the other matches on Sunday. The Potters Tigers pulled off a 3-0 victory against newly promoted Ottos Rangers in the first game on Sunday.

Goals by Keon Greene in the 18th minute and Jamour Martin in the first minute of first-half added time gave the Tigers a two-nil lead at halftime.

Javorn Benjamin wrapped up victory

with a 59th-minute conversion as the Potters Tigers advanced to four points from four matches.

The result left the Ottos Rangers, who crashed to their fourth defeat in as many games, winless and without any points.

After losing all three previous matches, John Hughes recorded a 3-1 victory against newly promoted Sir Molwyn Joseph's Jennings United in Sunday's second encounter.

Deno Bryan struck twice with conversions in the ninth and 40th minutes, and Dashawn Plunkett scored the other goal in the 49th minute for John Hughes to pick up their first three points of the season.

Shaquille Watkins scored the first goal of the match in the sixth minute for Jennings United, who remain without any points after suffering their fourth defeat in as many games.

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