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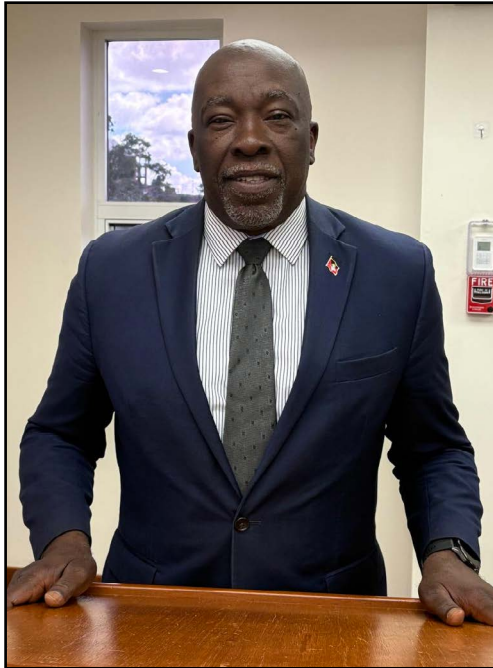
The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) will be making 110 power available to consumers beginning in 2026 until it is available to every consumer who wants it.

Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas made the announcement at a news conference last Friday noting that he has been receiving feedback from the public asking that 110 power be accessible to power their homes and/or businesses.

The minister said he is aware that in many homes in the country the appliances are mainly sourced out of the United States and therefore require 110 volts to power these appliances.

“The system that is widely available now is the 220 power and in many homes, consumers are using step up transformers to provide the required power to these appliances. There are even cases where those who can afford it install one large transformer to convert their entire homes to 110 power. We want to end that! So, over the next few years, we will gradually do the conversion where 110 power will be available to all consumers,” he announced.

Minister Nicholas anticipates that the process may take between three to five years to complete adding that APUA is committed to bringing this project to

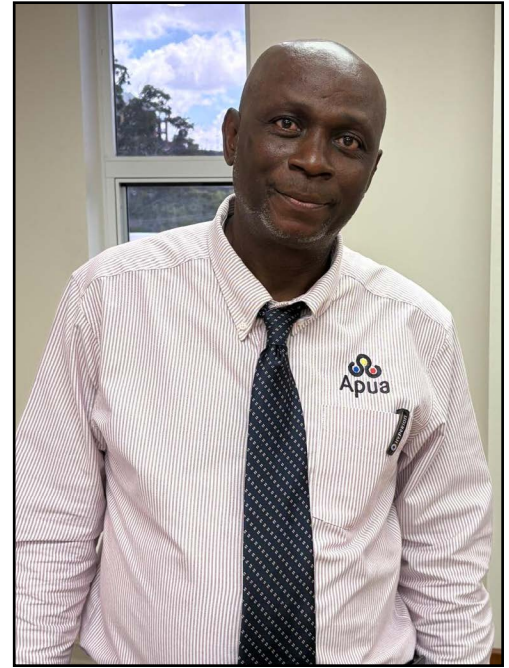


Utilities Minister, Melford Nicholas

completion.

He noted that some homes may need to do some re-wiring explaining that APUA will provide advice to consumers who wish to make the switch. He added that the current use of multiple transformers in the home is not only an additional cost in terms of electricity consumption, but could be a fire hazard particularly in wooden homes.

Electricity Business Manager at APUA, Andre Matthias, said the 220 power system is one of the legacies of the British colonial system which the



Business Manager at APUA, Andre Matthias

country inherited. Formerly, most appliances came out of the UK, however, at present, most appliances in homes across Antigua and Barbuda come from the US or countries with 110 power and having this power source readily available to consumers will be beneficial for everyone.

He said APUA will probably put a team together to advise consumers on how best to make the switch. However, the team will only serve in an advisory capacity.

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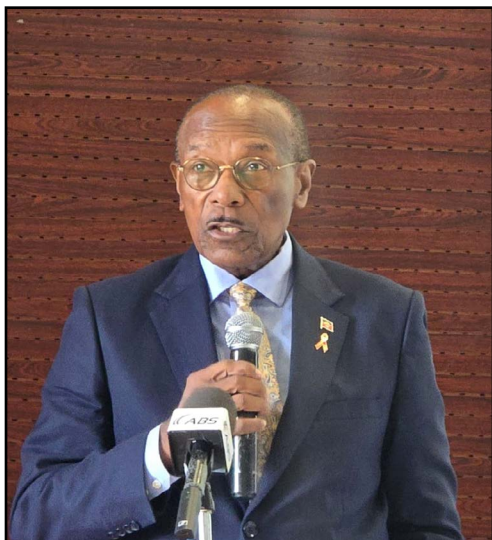
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Ministry of Health Launches National Workshop to Strengthen Nutrition Standards in Schools



The Ministry of Health officially opened a national multi-sectoral workshop aimed at strengthening nutrition standards for all foods provided and sold in schools and early childhood services across Antigua and Barbuda.

Delivering remarks at the opening ceremony, Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph emphasized that the initiative comes at a critical time, as the Caribbean continues to face alarming levels of childhood overweight and obesity—now affecting one in every three children.

“The rising rates of childhood obesity place our nation’s future at risk,” the Minister said. “Unhealthy diets and poor food environments continue to drive this epidemic. Today’s initiative is essential as we work to safeguard the health and well-being of our young people.”

The workshop is guided by the CAR-

PHA/PAHO Technical Recommendations for the Development of Nutrition Standards for Caribbean Schools, a comprehensive, evidence-based framework designed to promote healthier school food environments. These recommendations aim to reduce the availability of unhealthy foods, increase access to nutritious options, and support improved dietary habits among school-aged children.

“Our goal is clear,” the Minister noted. “We must strengthen and implement national nutrition standards to ensure that every school in Antigua and Barbuda becomes a place that supports healthy growth, strong minds, and bright futures.”

Participants will receive training in applying the technical recommendations, improving food safety practices, planning and preparing healthier

meals, and initiating the development of national nutrition standards through a multi-sectoral approach.

Also in attendance were Director of Education, Clare Browne, and Abigail Caleb, Technical Officer for Food Security at CARPHA, both of whom expressed their support for the initiative and underscored the importance of collaborative action to address childhood nutrition challenges.

The Ministry extended its gratitude to CARPHA and PAHO for their continued partnership in strengthening public health capacities across the region.

The workshop forms part of Antigua and Barbuda’s ongoing efforts to reduce non-communicable diseases and end all forms of malnutrition by 2030, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Antigua and Barbuda reaffirms strong maritime leadership at 34th IMO Assembly in London

Antigua and Barbuda reinforced its global maritime leadership at the 34th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Assembly, delivering a strong national statement that underscored the country's commitment to sustainability, safety, security, and collaboration within the international maritime sector.

The delegation was led by Ambassador Dr. Dwight C.R. Gardiner, OBE, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the IMO, who addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Ambassador Gardiner praised the IMO's 2025 World Maritime Day theme, ***"Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity"***, recognizing the critical role of the ocean in global economic stability and environmental health. He reaffirmed Antigua and Barbuda's support for innovation, decarbonisation, and digitalisation across the maritime sector, and highlighted the urgency felt by small island developing states facing the impacts of climate change.

He further called for global consensus on adopting the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on measures to address greenhouse gas emissions from ships and emphasized the need to uphold the principle of a just and equitable transition to prevent excessive increases in transportation costs for vulnerable especially Small



Island Developing States (SIDS).

Ambassador Gardiner announced Antigua and Barbuda's strengthened ship registry regulations aimed at countering dark and shadow fleets, including automatic deregistration of sanctioned vessels. He also highlighted the recent launch of the Global Centre for Maritime Sanctions Monitoring, established in partnership with Malta and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The Centre will serve as a dedicated global mechanism for monitoring compliance with UN Security Council sanctions and combating transnational maritime crime.

The country reaffirmed its support for the IMO's efforts to advance gender balance in the maritime sector. Ambassador Gardiner acknowledged the importance of the Women in Maritime

Association Caribbean and highlighted the Antigua and Barbuda chapter's active promotion of maritime careers for women and girls through seminars and outreach programmes.

Reiterating Antigua and Barbuda's leadership role in regional maritime affairs, Ambassador Gardiner thanked the Latin America and Caribbean Section of the IMO Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division for supporting capacity building on IMO obligations in Antigua and Barbuda. Antigua and Barbuda remains a longstanding trusted partner for the facilitation and execution of IMO technical cooperation activities.

Ambassador Gardiner concluded Antigua and Barbuda's intervention by urging all IMO Member States to continue fostering collaboration and consensus in pur-

suit of safe, secure, and environmentally responsible shipping in the digital age.

In a significant recognition of Antigua and Barbuda's maritime leadership, Ambassador Gardiner was also unanimously elected Chair of Committee 1 of the IMO Assembly. This key committee is central to the Assembly's work handling legal, administrative, financial and technical cooperation matters of the Organization. Ambassador Gardiner's election reflects the confidence of IMO Member States in his expertise, diplomacy, and longstanding service to the global maritime community.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda also congratulates our CARICOM sisters, the Bahamas and Jamaica for their successful re-election to the IMO Council.

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Two tourism industry stalwarts presented with Women in Tourism Awards, 2025



Two women whose combined years of service in tourism amounted to over 66 years, were presented with **Women in Tourism Awards, 2025**, at the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association Gala and Awards ceremony held at Sandals Grande Resort on Saturday night.

The women singled out for the awards were, Annette Michael of the Ministry of Tourism and Cleo Henry whose has served in multiple capacities within the tourism and hospitality industry.

For Annette Michael, she started her career in the Tourism Industry in 1992. She was employed as a Tour Guide/Tourism Field Officer in the Department of Tourism where she was mentored by two internationally and regionally acclaimed female giants in tourism, the late Dame Yvonne Maginley and the late Dame Edie Hill Thibou. Much of her knowledge of the industry came from the tutelage she received from these two tourism icons.

“In 1995 she was promoted to the position of Public Relations Officer for the Department/Ministry of Tourism. In 2004 the Department of Tourism was absorbed by the Minis-

try of Tourism and Annette Michael joined the Marketing & Promotions Department. In 2009 she once again switched gears and was elevated to the position of Hospitality Management Officer heading the Tourism Ancillary Services Unit where Crisis Management has been her main focus,” Samoya Kirby PRO in the Ministry of Tourism revealed.

This year, Michael celebrates 33 years in the tourism industry. She has had the rare privilege of serving with eight (8) different Ministers of Tourism for whom she served with distinction and pride. She attributes her successes in the industry to her embodiment of the motto ‘Country First’.

While Annette Michael’s contributions have largely been in the public sector, for Cleo Henry her contributions have been within the private sector. Her journey began at the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Institute right after she left secondary school. Thus began a career that spans over thirty-three years. Born and raised in Bolans, she was shaped by her parents: her mother, educator Rosalind “Teacher Babyrose” Henry, and her father,

Enoch “John” Henry, an acclaimed chauffeur, whose professionalism inspired her early appreciation for service excellence. Guided by their example, she developed expertise in hotel operations, culinary arts, business administration, tour guiding, and training.

“Mentored by industry leader Muriel Omarde, Ms. Henry went on to train hundreds across the Caribbean in Food and Beverage Supervision, Cost Control, Purchasing, Tour Planning, Guiding, and Quality Customer Care. Her roles with the National Research and Development Foundation of Saint Lucia, the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, and the United States Peace Corps broadened her regional and international impact, supporting youth development, industry readiness, and community advancement,” Kirby stated.

Both Michael and Henry were honoured for making significant contributions, showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in every aspect of their work.

They were presented with special recognitions from the Ministry of Tourism.

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Antigua and Barbuda is hosting a regional workshop on nuclear material inventory preparation



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dr. Clarence Pilgrim

Participants from eight Caribbean territories are here in St. John's attending a weeklong workshop on nuclear material inventory preparation for modified Small Quantities Protocol States



in the Caribbean.

Several international agencies are combining resources to mount the workshop. These include United States Department of Energy, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the International Nuclear Safeguards

Engagement Programme all of which are collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency in organizing the workshop.

In remarks to formally open the workshop at the Trade Winds hotel on Monday, Permanent Secretary in the Minis-



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try of foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dr. Clarence Pilgrim, said the workshop was not only timely; it is essential.

“As Small Island Developing States, we have little to no quantities of nuclear material or nuclear facilities, but we are nevertheless we must adhere to important international obligations under the global non-proliferation regime that binds us. Our responsibilities under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, especially with modified Small Quantities Protocol, remain critical to ensuring transparency, accountability, and the peaceful use of all nuclear-related materials under our jurisdiction,” he stated.

According to PS Dr. Pilgrim for many Caribbean states, the training represents a significant step forward in building the technical capacity required to meet these obligations effectively.

“It provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of reporting requirements, to develop accurate nuclear material inventories, and to enhance our readiness to submit timely and comprehensive information to the IAEA,” he explained.

Along with Antigua and Barbuda, participants are attending from St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Suriname, the Bahamas, Grenada and Belize.



The objectives of the workshop are;

- ❑ Familiarize Caribbean countries with reporting obligations under a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) with modified Small Quantities Protocol (mSQP)
- ❑ Assist in development and submission of nuclear material invento-

ry for invited Caribbean countries with mSQP

- ❑ Assist in development and submission of Additional Protocol (AP) declarations for invited Caribbean countries with AP
- ❑ Encourage entry into force of the AP and subsequent reporting



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Local taxi driver is the latest beneficiary of Calvin Ayre Foundation's medivac services



The Calvin Ayre Foundation (CAF) has provided critical support to Antiguan taxi driver, Kimroy Williams, helping him to access urgent overseas medical care and return home safely after a successful surgery in Trinidad. Williams had been hospitalised at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre with a severe spinal condition that left him in significant pain and unable to walk. His doctors advised that an urgent procedure was needed, which was not available locally.

The Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) covered the full cost of Williams' surgery and, due to the urgency of his distress, the Calvin Ayre Foundation and CalvinAir came on board to support this medical effort. The emergency flight was donated by CalvinAir's new fixed-wing aircraft, which transported him to Trinidad on November 1st for immediate surgery. While in Trinidad, CAF provided accommodation for Mr. Williams and

his father, Hickford, for several weeks. The Foundation later funded a commercial flight to return to Antigua once he was cleared to travel. Williams returned home early last week and has now begun what will be a lengthy rehabilitation journey.

In expressing his gratitude, Williams shared: *"If it wasn't for Calvin Ayre, I would've been crippled. I just want to say thanks to everybody, and Jamilla, I can't thank you enough. And I must say thanks to Ms. Karen Tannis from MBS because she really helped me."*

His father, Hickford, added: *"I just want to say thanks to Mr. Calvin Ayre for what he has done for Mr. Williams, we appreciate*

it so much."

Manager of the Calvin Ayre Foundation, Jamilla Kirwan, noted: *"We are incredibly relieved that Kimroy received the care he needed in time, and grateful we could assist in getting him to Trinidad and back home safely. Our priority is always to step in during moments when families feel overwhelmed, and we wish him strength as he continues his recovery."*

This support reflects the Calvin Ayre Foundation's ongoing commitment to helping individuals in Antigua and Barbuda access urgent care, recover with dignity, and navigate challenging circumstances with the assistance they need.


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- Spot Count** 66 total spots over 6 weeks (11 per week)
- Spot Length** 15 sec
- Air Time** Between 8 AM and 10 PM (prime listening hours)
- Rotation** Evenly distributed across weekdays and weekends
- Bonus Mentions** 6 festive shout-outs during Christmas week
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Police initiate stepped up traffic checks and stop and search operations



With growing public alarm over the recent spate of fatal road accidents across the country, the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda has been intensifying traffic checks and conducting regular stop and search operations across Antigua.

These operations are taking place both day and night as part of the Police Administration's ongoing efforts to curb reckless and dangerous driving, enforce compliance with traffic regulations, and enhance overall road safety.

Motorists are strongly advised to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy, licensed, properly insured, and fully compliant with the Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations of Antigua and

Barbuda.

Drivers are further reminded to operate their vehicles with due care and attention, and to strictly adhere to the speed limits.

The Police Administration is asking residents and motorists to give their full cooperation during these exercises.

While some operations may cause delays or temporary disruptions to the normal flow of traffic, the measures are necessary to help reduce road accidents and preserve lives.

The police express appreciation for the public's continued support as they work collectively to keep Antigua and Barbuda's roads safe for all.

Meanwhile, the police conducted a series of coordinated Snap Vehicle Check Points (VCPs), mobile patrols, and search warrant operations across several communities as part of ongoing crime-prevention and national security enhancement efforts.

On Sunday, November 30, police carried out multiple Snap VCPs around the city, during which several vehicles were stopped and searched. One motorist was arrested on Independence Drive for dangerous driving and tak-

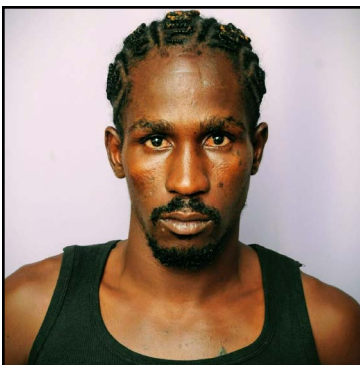
en into custody at the St. John's Police Station for further investigation.

Simultaneously, extensive mobile patrols were conducted in several communities with special emphasis on business establishments, government buildings, and schools. During the patrols, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Cassada Gardens, resulting in the arrest of a 19-year-old male on suspicion of forgery. Police seized a mobile phone, a flash drive, and a computer. These items, along with the suspect, were transported to the St. John's Police Station to assist with further investigations.

In another incident, a male suspect was arrested in St. John's on suspicion of robbery. Police conducted a search of his person and recovered a glue gun concealed in a piece of cloth. He was taken into custody as investigations remain ongoing.

The police remain committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment through proactive policing, including regular foot and mobile patrols. Members of the public are encouraged to continue supporting the efforts of the police by reporting suspicious activity.

Grays Farm Man remanded on larceny charge



Junior Emmanuel

The case against Junior Emmanuel of Grays who the police arrested and charged with larceny on Saturday has been adjourned until March 4, 2026.

The police reported that Emmanuel, who resides at Federation Road, Grays Farm, allegedly stole one (1) fan-ny pack containing a United

Kingdom Passport, one (1) Samsung A30 cellphone, and an undisclosed sum of US currency, belonging to a visitor.

Emmanuel appeared before a magistrate on Monday to answer the charge when the case was adjourned. He was denied bail based on several factors; firstly, was the se-

riousness of the crime, one involving a visitor to the country. Secondly, he was released from prison in June this year for a conviction of robbery with violence. There was a consideration of public safety with someone with his history being out on the streets.

Caution J'ouvert makes timely donation to AIDS Secretariat

CAUTION J'ouvert has made a donation to the AIDS Secretariat as Antigua and Barbuda joined the rest of the global community in observing World AIDS Day, 2025.

The donation included a tent, tables and chairs to support the AIDS Secretariat in its World AIDS Day outreach and year-round community programming. These resources will help create safer, more accessible spaces for HIV education, testing, and support across Antigua and Barbuda.

According to Caution J'ouvert this initiative was made possible through the generosity and collaboration of key partners: Premier Beverages, Antigua Distillery Limited, Anjo Wholesale, FLOW, Carmelita Place, Brew Café, Automotive Art, Roll-Off Trucking, Knowles Trucking, Island Sanitation and its loyal CAUTION J'OUVERT patrons.

A spokesman for the group said these contributions reflect a shared commitment to public health, dignity, and community empowerment.

“World AIDS Day reminds us that ending stigma, improving access to care, and strengthening education require collective action. We are honoured to support the vital work of the AIDS Secretariat and we look forward to continued partnership to build a healthier, more inclusive Antigua and Barbuda,” the spokesman noted.



CAUTION J'ouvert with staff of AIDS Secretariat



The hand-over of the donations to a representative of the AIDS Secretariat



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London and the Level Up Team Continue Strengthening Education in St. Mary's North with Back-to-Back Laptop Donations

London and the Level Up team, in partnership with Ralph Mims of the R Mims World Group, continue to champion educational empowerment within the St. Mary's North constituency. On December 1, 2025, they presented a brand-new laptop to Anthony Fullerton, a student of Jennings Secondary School, to support his academic development. The laptop will assist Anthony with homework, projects, and expanding his general knowledge, and he was encouraged to care for it re-



Terri London and the Level Up Team are delivering on a promise to support education Terri London

sponsibly and use it wisely. This meaningful presentation follows another significant donation made approx-

imately one week ago, when Leandra Hodge, a Grade 6 student at Jennings Primary School, also received a


 A promotional poster for the 2025 National Sports Awards. It features a large, stylized golden trophy in the center, set against a dark background with many small golden stars. The text 'ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 2025 NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS' is prominently displayed on the right. On the left, there are logos for the Ministry of Sports and the Antigua Barbuda Festivals Commission. At the bottom, it says '28TH FEB 2026 | ROYALTON ANTIGUA'.

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Terri London with Leandra Hodge

laptop to aid her studies in preparation for the Common Entrance Exam. Leandra, now in sixth form and achieving excellent grades, was praised for her diligence and commitment to learning. During the ceremony, London encouraged the student to continue sharing her academic progress and striving toward her goal of attending Antigua Girls' High School. London shared the importance of these initiatives, stating:

"It brings me joy to see the happiness and smiles which my St. Mary's North children experience when they receive an educational item from Level Up."

The Level Up team's commitment to education does

not stop there. They have their eyes set on additional students in the constituency, including one at Otto's Comprehensive School and another at Antigua Grammar School, who are slated to receive laptops in the near future. These laptops will further enable the students to excel in their studies and to achieve their academic goals.

These efforts reflect London and the Level Up team's broader mission to uplift and empower the youth of St. Mary's North through education, community support, and meaningful engagement. The back-to-back donations demonstrate a consistent commitment to helping children access the tools they need to succeed academically, laying the foundation for a brighter future.



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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.

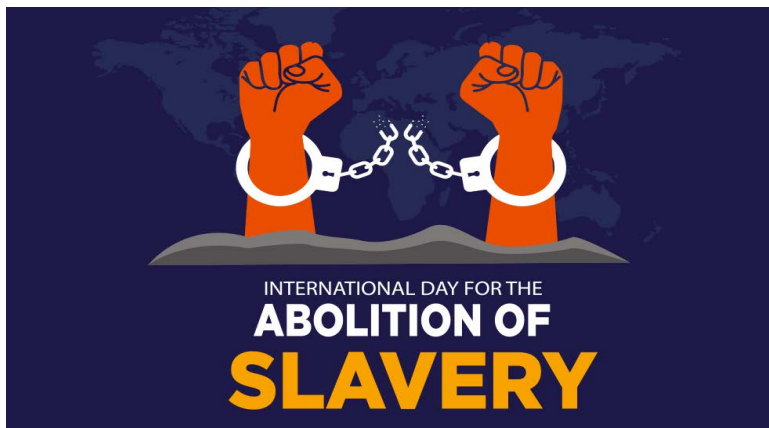
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Day Eight — December 2nd : Abolish the Chains We Cannot See

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Nearly 50 million people worldwide remain trapped in modern slavery, says the UN. Women and girls make up the majority of trafficking victims, with over 60% forced into sexual exploitation. The United Nations declares clearly: “Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights.” Yet in the Caribbean we still comfort ourselves with dangerous myths — “It doesn’t happen here,” “We would notice,” “Our islands are too small.”

But trafficking hides easily in small places.

In service jobs with no contracts. In “boyfriends” who control a woman’s life.

In domestic work paid with fear instead of wages.

In tourism corridors where exploitation blends into anonymity.

UNESCO warns that “inequality creates the conditions that trafficking feeds on.” Poverty whispers false promises. Abuse weakens resistance. Gender discrimination silences complaints. And once the trap closes, escape feels impossible.

In Antigua and Barbuda, the risk is real. Women travel seeking opportunity and arrive into captivity. Migrant workers become trapped in debt arrangements. Girls fleeing violence become prey for manipulation. Survivors exist here — some rescued, some still suffering silently. How many do we walk past daily without knowing their chains are invisible?

Slavery today does not always announce itself as violence — it sometimes acts like necessity. A woman accepts unpaid labour believing food is her wage. A girl stays silent believing survival is her only option. A trafficker disguises coercion as romance. And freedom becomes postponed with hope that tomorrow will be better.

But chains wear heavy on the spirit, and silence bends the soul. Every woman deserves freedom, not just the brave and bold.

To abolish the chains we cannot see, we must sharpen our sight. Train hotel staff to spot warning signs. Teach teachers and social workers to rec-

ognize red flags. Ensure doctors can respond safely. Create shelters with open doors and working resources. And protect survivors from deportation or prosecution — they are victims, not criminals.

Education lights abolition’s torch. Economic empowerment blocks recruitment. Community awareness strengthens prevention.

And above all, belief saves lives.

Sixteen Days, one vow: end exploitation everywhere.

Day Eight reminds us freedom is fragile unless guarded.

It reminds us that abolition is unfinished work.

So Antigua and Barbuda, let us become abolitionists of our time — dismantling not only chains in law but chains in culture. Let our islands be known not only for beauty, but for bravery; not only for tourism, but for justice; not only for freedom once won, but freedom fiercely protected.

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Regional News

Dominican student in Romania earns prestigious “Student of the Year” award

Dominican pride is on full display in Eastern Europe as Kande Charles, a young Dominican scholar studying in Romania, has been awarded the distinguished Studentul Anului (“Student of the Year”) title at the West University of Timișoara (UVT).

This achievement marks a significant milestone not only for Charles personally, but for Dominica as a whole, as she continues to excel and represent the country on an international stage.

Charles, who became the first Dominican to graduate from UVT with a bachelor’s degree in May 2025, is now pursuing her master’s studies at the same institution. Her recognition as Student of the Year highlights a combination of academic excellence, leadership, and meaningful contributions to university life. The award evaluates students not only on academic performance but also on volunteerism, activism, and commitment to the institution’s



values; areas in which she has consistently excelled.

Throughout her time at UVT, Charles has played an instrumental role in supporting international students and strengthening intercultural dialogue on campus. She has served as a coordinator within the Peer-to-Peer Tutoring Program, assisting newcomers as they adapt to academic and cultural life in Romania. Her efforts have helped shape major community-building initiatives such as the

Multicultural Camp, the Global Village Festival, and the creation of the now-iconic “Mosaic of Nations” installation, an artistic tribute to diversity permanently displayed in the university’s main hall.

In addition to her volunteer involvement, Charles has represented both UVT and Romania’s higher-education system as a Study in Romania Student Ambassador, further promoting inclusion and international collaboration.

During her acceptance speech, Charles expressed her gratitude for the recognition and emphasized the significance of the award for international students. “I thank the deciding committee and the university for seeing the importance of not only offering international students a platform, but also a real chance of integrating into the UVT community,” she said.

Her award is a powerful testament to the impact Dominican students continue to make around the world. It also serves as an inspiring reminder to young Dominicans that excellence knows no borders.

As she advances in her master’s studies, the Dominican public can take pride in knowing that one of their own is not only achieving academic success abroad but also building bridges between cultures and strengthening the visibility of Dominican talent on the international stage. (Dominica News Online)

Jamaica could record below 700 murders this year, lowest in nearly 40 years – Holness



Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness has highlighted Jamaica's significant progress in reducing violent crime, noting that, for the first time in almost four decades, the island could record fewer than 700 murders this year.

Holness, in his address at the opening ceremony for the newly reconstructed Little London Police Station in Westmoreland on Friday, November 28, outlined that the Government has invested more than \$90 billion in Jamaica's security forces over the past nine years.

"As a result of that, the murder rate is now down 42 percent this year, 21 percent last year, and seven percent the year before. So now we can, for the first time in over 30... almost 40 years... look for a murder rate that is below 700," he stated.

The Prime Minister commended

the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) for their unwavering dedication, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

"Every police officer, every soldier is proud of their institution—proud of the uniform they wear when they stand in the public square, upright, shoulders squared, even in a hurricane. I saw the team from St James foil attempted robberies during [Hurricane Melissa]. They could have decided to stay in the station and lock it. But our new JCF decided to go out, to be present, to be felt, to serve and protect," he emphasised.

Holness underscored that Jamaica's reduction in murders was no accident.

"It happened because the Government made an investment and gave confidence and support in

policy and direction to our security forces, and we are now reaping the benefits of that," he declared.

Holness also emphasised the vital role of the police as a pillar of community support in times of disaster.

"Many of the police stations became the centre of activity in the communities that were destroyed [by Hurricane Melissa]. That is where they were getting internet access. People gathered to get their phones charged... gathered for safety. That is where many of the distribution hubs were stationed," he said.

The Prime Minister noted that these achievements are grounded in both policy and citizen support, adding that the Government will continue to build resilience and ensure public safety.

"It is indisputable that you have a far lower murder rate today than you had in the last 30 years. It is indisputable that the JCF stood up as a strong unit," he pointed out.

Holness encouraged Jamaicans to recognise the nation's progress and continue supporting the efforts of law enforcement.

"We will continue to support them, we will continue to invest, and we will continue to make Jamaica a safer place for all citizens," he assured. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Regional News

The CCJ Academy for Law successfully hosts its largest biennial conference



The CCJ Academy for Law successfully hosted its 8th Biennial Conference from 26–28 November 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad under the theme “The CCJ at 20: Reflections on Caribbean Jurisprudence”.

Attracting over 400 judicial officers, legislators, legal practitioners, academics, law students and other civil society stakeholders from across the region, this year’s event was the largest Conference ever hosted by the Academy. Participants engaged in discussions on the evolution, impact, and future of Caribbean jurisprudence.

Declaring the Conference open, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) and Chair of the CCJ Academy for Law, reflected on the significance of the moment. He remarked that ‘The Conference theme invites us to reflect on the strides made, the progress achieved, and the paradigm shifts inspired by the region’s apex court, as well as on the promises and potential for the future. As the educational arm of the Court, the CCJ Academy considered it fitting to bring down the curtain on this year’s anniversary celebrations by pre-

senting the opportunity to examine the Court’s landmark judgments and the impact that the Court has had on the Caribbean legal landscape and the administration of justice.’ Additionally, President Anderson paid tribute to the late Mr Justice Wit, former Judge of the CCJ, describing him as an integral member of the Academy whose scholarship and vision helped shape modern Caribbean jurisprudence.

Also delivering remarks at the Opening Ceremony, Ms Lisa Shoman, SC, General Counsel, CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Secretariat, emphasised the regional importance of forging a distinct Caribbean jurisprudence. She stated that political independence compelled Caribbean legal practitioners to ‘ensure that we work to shape our own legal landscape, to forge a Caribbean jurisprudence that is a true reflection of our own unique culture, our particular social and economic realities, and that girds and supports our integration process as the Caribbean Community.’

During the Opening Ceremony, regional and international development partners also reaffirmed their support for strengthening justice institutions

throughout the Caribbean. Her Excellency Cécile Tassin, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Trinidad and Tobago, highlighted the EU’s enduring partnership with the Court, noting that ‘since 2010, the European Union has been honoured to support the CCJ in its mission to advance access to justice and judicial excellence in the Caribbean. The EU strongly believes that supporting justice institutions in our partner regions is essential for democratic governance, the protection of human rights, gender equality, citizen security, and sustainable socio-economic development. Effective and accessible justice systems serve as the foundation upon which inclusive and resilient societies are built.’

Mr Anton Edmunds, General Manager of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Caribbean Country Department, observed that the Court’s 20th Anniversary is ‘more than a reflection on the CCJ’s institutional journey, it is a reflection on how far we have come as a region in defining our own narrative of justice... The Court’s legacy has been built not only on its rulings, but on its unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and accessibility – values that align squarely with the IDB’s vision of sustainable and inclusive development.’

Commending the CCJ and the Academy for their leadership in strengthening the rule of law in the region, Dr Isaac Solomon, Vice-President (Operations) of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), opined, ‘CDB salutes the CCJ and the Academy for their contributions on rule of law; access to justice, including by the poor; and regional integration.’ He also encouraged attendees to ‘work together toward a justice ecosystem that is more deeply integrated, technologically-enabled, people-centred, and capable of supporting the ambitious development

agenda of a dynamic Caribbean Community.’

The opening ceremony also featured the launch of the publication “Caribbean Court of Justice: Striving for Excellence – 20 Years of Evolving Justice”: a commemorative book featuring summaries of CCJ decisions and scholarly contributions from leading jurists and legal practitioners across the region.

The Conference marked an important leadership transition within the CCJ Academy for Law. The Honourable Mme Justice Ononaiwu, CCJ Judge, was named the new Chair of the Academy, while the Honourable Mme Justice Mira Dean-Armorer, Justice of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago, was appointed Deputy Chair. Their appointments were warmly received by participants, who recognised the critical role of the Academy in advancing judicial education and legal development across the region.

A significant outcome of the Conference was the adoption of the forward-looking Port of Spain Declaration on the Development of Caribbean Jurisprudence.

Participants called for targeted convergence of legislation in appropriate areas while respecting the diversity of legal systems in the region. They advocated for the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms in our constitutions, encouraged review of the continued relevance of savings law clauses in Commonwealth Caribbean constitutions and stressed the importance of enhanced public education on constitutional matters. Participants also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued implementation of the Needham’s Point Declaration on Criminal Justice Reform and welcomed the development of a digital dashboard to monitor progress on implementation across the region.

Participants recognised the importance of judicial sensitivity to the evolving needs and realities of families in the Caribbean and encouraged modernisation of estate and probate practice. They highlighted the importance of

environmental justice and the appropriate recognition and protection of intellectual property rights to sustainable development. Participants affirmed the relevance of international legal obligations to the interpretation and application of domestic law. They advocated for greater awareness and enforcement of the rights of CARICOM nationals under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

The Port of Spain Declaration encourages the ethical use of technology within the judicial landscape as well

as culturally grounded technological innovation to enhance access to justice. The Declaration acknowledges the important role of stakeholders other than the judiciary, in particular, legislatures, CARICOM, academia and the media, in the development of Caribbean jurisprudence. The Port of Spain Declaration will be published on the CCJ Academy for Law’s website, www.ccj.org.

The next conference will likely be held in November 2027. (Dominica News Online)



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US halts all asylum decisions after shooting of National Guard members



The Trump administration has halted all asylum decisions and paused issuing visas for people travelling on Afghan passports, seizing on the National Guard shooting in the nation's capital to intensify efforts to rein in legal immigration.

The suspect in Wednesday's shooting near the White House that killed Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, 20, and critically wounded Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, 24, both of the West Virginia National Guard, is facing charges including first-degree murder. Investigators are seeking to find a motive for the attack.

Rahmanullah Lakanwal is a 29-year-old Afghan national who had been living in Bellingham, Washington, about 80 miles (130 kilometres) north of Seattle. He worked with the CIA during the Afghanistan War. He applied for

asylum during the Biden administration and was granted it this year under President Donald Trump, according to a group that assists with resettlement of Afghans who helped US forces in their country.

The Republican administration is promising to pause entry to the United States from some poor nations and review Afghans and other legal migrants already in the country.

The two service members were deployed as part of Trump's crime-fighting mission in the District of Columbia. Trump has sent or tried to deploy National Guard members to other cities to assist with his mass deportation efforts but has faced court challenges.

The office of US Attorney Jeanine Pirro, the top federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., said the charges against Lakanwal also in-

clude two counts of assault with intent to kill while armed. There were "many changes to come," she told Fox News.

Trump said the shooting was a "terrorist attack" and he criticized the Biden administration for enabling entry to the U.S. by Afghans who had worked with American forces.

The director of US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Joseph Edlow, said in a post on the social platform X that asylum decisions will be paused "until we can ensure that every alien is vetted and screened to the maximum degree possible."

Experts say the US has rigorous systems to conduct background checks of asylum-seekers. Asylum claims made from inside the country through USCIS have long faced backlogs. Critics say the slowdown has been exacerbated under the Republican administration.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said his department has paused "visa issuance for ALL individuals travelling on Afghan passports."

Shawn VanDiver, president of the San Diego-based group #AfghanEvac, said in response: "They are using a single violent individual as cover for a policy they have long planned, turning their own intelligence failures into an excuse to punish an entire community and the veterans who served alongside them." (AP)

Hong Kong authorities say netting on buildings that caught fire, killing 151, did not meet code

Hong Kong officials said Monday that their investigation into a deadly blaze that killed at least 151 has revealed netting that covered scaffolding used in renovations was not up to fire-safety codes, as a wave of public sympathy and support was met by government moves to stifle criticism.

Wednesday's blaze, which took until Friday to fully extinguish, started on the lower-level netting around one building in the Wang Fuk Court complex. It then swept inside as the foam panels caught fire and blew out windows. Winds carried flames from building to building. Soon, seven of the eight apartment towers were ablaze.

Initial tests of the netting showed it was up to code, but subsequently investigators collected 20 samples from all areas, including higher floors, and found seven failed safety standards, suggesting contractors skimped to make greater profits, said Eric Chan, Hong Kong's chief secretary.

"They just wanted to make money at the expense of people's lives," he told reporters.

Chris Tang, Hong Kong's secretary for security, said investigators initially hadn't been able to reach certain areas, which led to the new findings.

"Because the fire is now out,



we have been able to get to places that were not easily accessible before to take samples," he said.

Donations for survivors of the fire had reached 900 million Hong Kong dollars (\$115 million) as of Monday, authorities said, as a steady stream of people placed flowers, cards and other tributes at a makeshift memorial near the burned-out block of buildings.

"When something happens, we come out to help each other," said Loretta Loh, after paying her regards at the site. "I have a heavy heart."

Some 4,600 people lived in the Wang Fuk Court complex in the suburb of Tai Po. Hong Kong police Disaster Victim Identification Unit staff went through five of

the burned buildings but only made partial progress through the remaining two, said Tsang Shuk-yin, head of the Hong Kong Police Force's casualty enquiry unit. Teams were assessing the safety of the other buildings, including the one that caught fire first and suffered the worst damage.

On Monday they recovered another eight bodies, including three that firefighters found earlier but could not retrieve. Dozens of people remain unaccounted for, but some are likely among the 39 bodies not yet identified, Tsang said.

"We will have to wait until we get through all seven blocks before we can make a final report," she said.

The donations and 300 mil-

lion Hong Kong dollars (\$38.5 million) in start-up capital from the government will be used to help victims rebuild their homes and provide long-term support, local officials said. The government has also given survivors cash subsidies to help with expenses, including funerals, and is working to find them housing.

By Monday, 683 residents had found places in local hotels and hostels, and another 1,144 moved into transitional housing units. Two emergency shelters remained open for others, authorities said.

The complex's buildings were all clad in bamboo scaffolding draped with nylon netting for external renovations. Windows were

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covered with polystyrene panels.

Residents had complained for almost a year about the netting, Hong Kong's Labor Department said. It confirmed officials had carried out 16 inspections of the renovation project since July 2024 and had warned contractors multiple times in writing that they had to meet fire safety requirements. The latest inspection was just a week before the fire.

Hong Kong's anti-corruption agency has arrested 11 people, including the directors and an engineering consultant of a construction company. A growing number of people have been questioning whether government officials should also be held responsible.

"People are angry and think that the HK (Hong Kong) government should be accountable," said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, a locally based political scientist and senior research fellow at the Paris-based Asia Centre think tank.

But the leeway for dissent is limited in the former British colony, which came under Chinese control in 1997 and increasingly has moved to quiet public criticism on national security grounds.

"There are rumors being spread by bad people giving fake news about the firefighters not employing the correct tactics to fight the fire, or victims being charged 8,000 Hong Kong dollars a night to stay in ho-

tels — these are all false," Tang said.

"We will arrest these rumor mongers."

On Saturday, the Office for Safeguarding National Security blasted what it called "evil schemes" that had "the ulterior motives of using the disaster to create trouble and disrupt Hong Kong." It did not give specifics.

On Saturday, a man who helped organize an online petition calling for government accountability was arrested on suspicion of sedition, local media including HK01 and Sing Tao Daily reported. Two others were arrested on Sunday, including a volunteer who offered help in Tai Po after the fire broke out, the same outlets reported.

Cabestan said Hong Kong officials were operating like authorities in mainland China, forestalling protests before they might develop.

Police would not comment specifically on the arrests, telling The Associated Press only that "police will take actions according to actual circumstances and in accordance with the law."

Dissent in the city has been muzzled since hundreds of thousands took to the streets in 2019 against government plans to allow extradition to mainland China. Hong Kong now virtually bans mass protests and bars opposition political figures from running in legislature elections. (AP)

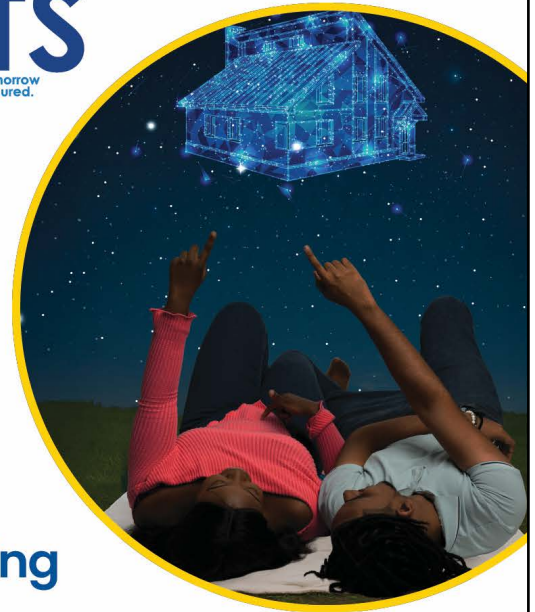


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Thousands in Philippines protest corruption and demand return of stolen funds from flood projects



Thousands of demonstrators including from the Roman Catholic church clergy protested in the Philippines on Sunday, calling for the swift prosecution of top legislators and officials implicated in a corruption scandal that has buffeted the Asian democracy.

Left-wing groups led a separate protest in Manila's main park with a blunt demand for all implicated government officials to immediately resign and face prosecution.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has been scrambling to quell public outrage over the massive corruption blamed for substandard, defective or non-existent flood control projects across an archipelago long prone to deadly flooding and extreme weather in tropical Asia.

More than 17,000 police officers were deployed in metropolitan Manila to secure the separate protests. The Malacanang presidential palace complex in Manila was in a security

lockdown with key access roads and bridges blocked by anti-riot police forces, trucks and barbed wire railings.

In a deeply divided democracy where two presidents have been separately overthrown in the last 39 years partly over allegations of plunder, there have been isolated calls for the military to withdraw support from the Marcos administration.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines has steadfastly rejected such calls and welcomed on Sunday a statement signed by at least 88 mostly retired generals, including three military chiefs of staff, who said they "strongly condemn and reject any call for the Armed Forces of the Philippines to engage in unconstitutional acts or military adventurism."

"The unified voice of our retired and active leaders reaffirms that the Armed Forces of the Philippines remains a pillar of stability and a steadfast guardian of democracy," the mil-

itary said in a statement.

Roman Catholic churches across the country helped lead Sunday's anti-corruption protests in their districts, with the main daylong rally being held at a pro-democracy "people power" monument along EDSA highway in the capital region. Police said about 5,000 demonstrators mostly wearing white joined before noon.

They demanded that members of Congress, officials and construction company owners behind thousands of anomalous flood control projects in recent years be imprisoned and ordered to return the government funds they stole. A protester wore a shirt with a blunt message: "No mercy for the greedy."

"If money is stolen, that's a crime, but if dignity and lives are taken away, these are sins against fellow human beings, against the country but, most importantly, against God," said the Rev. Flavie Villanueva, a Catholic priest, who has helped many families of impoverished drug suspects killed under former President Rodrigo Duterte's crackdowns.

"Jail all the corrupt and jail all the killers," Villanueva told the crowd of protesters.

Since Marcos first raised alarm over the flood control anomalies in his state of the nation address before Congress in July, at least seven public works officers have been jailed for illegal use of public funds and other graft charges in one flood control project anomaly alone. Executives of Sunwest Corp., a construction firm involved in the project, were being sought. (AP)

Sports News

TG Welding returns to winning form in Mandy Premier League



TG Welding softball cricket team

TG Welding returned to winning form during the latest round of matches in the Mandy Premier League (MPL), Cool and Smooth, and Sherma Jackson Business Softball Cricket League.

After winning their first three matches in this year's competition, TG Welding was beaten for the first time in two years in a nine-run defeat to the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) in their previous outing.

However, TG Welding returned to their successful form by claiming their fourth win in five matches with a seven-wicket victory against Construction Solutions at the Rising Sun playing field in St. John's.

Construction Solutions

were restricted to 62 for four off their 10 overs. Kenny Benjamin hit 28, and Adrian Abbott made 24. Dorian Grant claimed two for 11, and Hughon Tonge picked up one for 13.

In reply, TG Welding wrapped up victory by scoring 64 for three in 3.2 overs. Male player of the game Deran Benta struck 30, and Essan Warner made 20.

Iverson Joseph captured three for 29 for Construction Solutions, who lost for the fourth time in five matches.

TG Welding claimed their fifth win in six matches with a 27-run victory against Long Island Lightning, who lost for the third time in as many matches.

TG Welding made 153 for one off their 10 overs. Player of the match Essan Warner slammed 81 not out, including 11 sixes. Deran Benta hit 30, and Melique Jacobs struck 27 not out. Joel Quamie claimed one wicket for three runs.

In reply, Long Island Lightning was limited to 126 for three off their 10 overs. Michael Greaves hammered 94, including 10 sixes and four fours. Visual Gobin picked up one for 19.

Buck and Sons Landscaping Services notched up their fourth win in five matches with a 31-run victory against PEL Workers. Buck and Sons Landscaping Services made 97 for five off their allotted 10 overs.

Male player of the game

Kadeem Henry cracked 36, while Steve Martin and Randino Turner each scored 13. Karl Simon claimed two for 18, and Jenny Scott captured one for 13.

In reply, PEL Workers were restricted to 66 for seven. Frederick Floyd hit 34, and Isiah Viville scored 15. Female player of the game Kimberly Anthony picked up two for 14, Steve Martin claimed one wicket for four runs, and Andra Samuel captured one for 16 as PEL Workers tumbled to their fourth defeat in as many matches.

The Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) claimed their third win in four matches with a nine-wicket victory against Long Island Lightning, who suffered their fourth loss in as many games.

Long Island Lightning made 53 for nine off their 10 overs. James McKenzie hit 19, and Delron Frederick struck 13 not out. Male player of the game Ronell Jeffery snapped up three wickets for one run, female player of the game Mouricia Willette claimed two for 11, and Julio Charles took one wicket for two runs.

In reply, the ABDF coasted to victory at 61 for one in 3.2 overs. Ronell Jeffery slammed 53, while Terence Thompson claimed one for 10.

Winning start for St. John's Catholic in Under-13 basketball competition

St. John's Catholic Primary and Island Academy made winning starts in the inaugural Inter-Private Schools Under-13 Basketball Tournament, which got underway at the JSC Basketball Complex on Sunday.

The St. John's Catholic Primary won their first two games in the competition, which is organized by the Youth Basketball Unit of the CPTSA Wings Sports Club.

St. John's Catholic Primary defeated Minoah Magnate. Josiel Henry sank 19 points and claimed three rebounds and three steals; Darield Perez produced 16 points and three steals; and Glann Joseph had five steals for St. John's Catholic. Collin Francis grabbed three steals for Minoah Magnate.

The St. John's Catholic Primary trounced St. John's Lutheran in their second encounter. Jasiel Henry sank eight points and snatched five rebounds, and Darield Perez also scored eight points for St. John's Catholic Primary.

Island Academy made a successful start to their campaign by beating



Island Academy team

Grace Christian Academy in their opening encounter.

Logan Munn converted seven points and claimed two rebounds; EJ Richardson had four points and three steals; and Glenn Joseph grabbed five steals for Island Academy.

Rivaldo Carbon produced two points

and seven rebounds, and Joseph Slowe claimed four steals for Grace Christian Academy.

The inaugural Inter-Private Schools Under-13 Basketball Tournament will continue at the YMCA Sports Complex on Tuesday. St. John's Lutheran will take on Minoah Magnate at 5:30 pm.

Russell retires from IPL, joins KKR's coaching department

JAMAICA (Reuters) - Former West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell on Sunday announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL) saying he will be joining the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) as 'Power Coach' from next season.

The 37-year-old had been with the IPL franchise as a player since the 2014 season and has lifted the trophy twice. He was also named as the Most Valuable Player in the 2019 season.

In 139 IPL games in his career, Russell has scored 2,651 runs at a strike rate



Andre Russell

of 174.18 and has picked 123 wickets, being only the second player along with Ravindra Jadeja to have scored over 2,000 runs and taken over 100 wickets in the tournament.

But while he will continue to play across different leagues, Russell, who also announced international retirement in July, said he is excited to start a new IPL chapter in KKR's coaching

department.

"I felt like it was the best decision at this point. I don't want to fade out, I want to leave a legacy behind," Russell said in a video shared on the social media.

"To be in a setup that's familiar, matters to me a lot. When I heard that name - 'Power Coach', I felt that describes Andre Russell the best."

Russell was released by KKR this year ahead of the 2026 IPL auctions, which will take place on December 16 in Abu Dhabi.

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Duplantis, McLaughlin-Levrone named World Athletes of the Year



Mondo Duplantis

MONACO (Reuters) - Sweden's pole vault sensation Mondo Duplantis and American 400 metres World champion Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone were named World Athletes of the Year on Sunday.

Duplantis, along with retaining his gold medal at the World Championships in Tokyo in September, continued his dominance of the event, breaking his own world record another four times and was undefeated in 16 competitions.

The 26-year-old also won a fifth consecutive Diamond League title.

"I hope to keep pushing it. I hope to keep irritating everyone who has

to vote for me for years to come," Duplantis said.

"It's really important for me to win this for the field eventers. It's very special, I'm going to really cherish this one."

McLaughlin-Levrone, like Duplantis, is also undefeated for two years, in both the 400m flat, her main event in 2025, and in the 400m hurdles.

Her winning time of 47.78 in Tokyo was the second-fastest 400m of all time and the 26-year-old became the first athlete to have ever won world titles in both the 400m flat and 400m hurdles.

She also formed part of the US 4x400m gold medal winning relay team at the World Championships.

"Wow, I'm honestly blown away to win this. Thank you so much, World Athletics, for this honour and recognition," McLaughlin-Levrone said.

"The culmination of the season in Tokyo was a really special moment. For me, 2025 was a year of stepping outside of the comfort zone and pushing the bounds of what was mentally and physically possible."

All Saints United extends unbeaten run in Premier League

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 5-1 victory against the Potters Tigers in the opening game of a triple-header at the ABFA Technical Center.

Deterville had conversions in the 37th and 67th minutes, and Jamore Benjamin converted an own goal in the 78th minute, while the other goals for All Saints United were scored by Jahzino Ogarro in the 15th minute and D'Andre Bishop in the 44th minute.

Keon Greene scored a consolation goal in the third minute of added time for the Potters Tigers, who remain on four points after suffering their third loss in five matches.

All Saints United remains at the top of the



A starting XI of All Saints United football team.

Premier Division standings by advancing to 15 points after recording their fifth win in as many games.

The Pigotts Bullets and Green City FC recorded wins in the other matches on Sunday. Sujae McBean scored twice as the Pigotts Bullets pulled off a 4-0 victory against newly promoted Ottos Rangers in the last game on Sunday.

McBean had conversions in the 34th and the second minute of add-

ed time, while the other goals were scored by Elijah McDonald in the 47th minute and Javain Linton in the 61st minute.

The result left the Ottos Rangers, who crashed to their fifth defeat in as many games, winless and without any points. The Pigotts Bullets moved on to nine points after recording their third win in four matches.

Green City FC secured their second win in five matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against John

Hughes FC in the second game on Sunday.

Elijah Whyte had a 23rd-minute conversion, and Julian Joseph scored in the 51st minute for Green City FC. Dashawn Plunkett scored in the 50th minute for John Hughes FC.

The result allows Green City FC to advance to seven points, while John Hughes FC remains on three points after suffering their fourth defeat in five matches.