

Randy Wins Big!

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A jubilant Randy Baltimore celebrates with supporters his impressive electoral victory over Alex Browne

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Randy Baltimore is the new parliamentary representative for the St Philip North constituency following a decisive victory against Alex Browne in the by-election held on Monday.

When the final votes were counted, Returning Officer, Avonell Benjamin, formally declared Baltimore the winner at 10:45 pm. Baltimore, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party's candidate, won in all seven boxes by beating Alex Browne of the United Progressive Party by as much as three to one in some boxes.

Baltimore amassed a total of 924 votes compared with Browne's 406. This represents approximately 69.5 percent of the votes cast compared with 30.5 percent for Browne.

The final numbers also tell another story as they showed that the ABLP has improved its showing compared with the 2023 general election when Sir Robin Yearwood was the candidate and he defeated Browne by less than 100 votes.

This time around, Baltimore gained 216 more votes than Sir Robin did, while Browne amassed over two hundred votes less than he did in that election.

The voter turnout for by-election was quite high at approximately 70 percent.

In his victory speech, Baltimore thanked the voters of the St. Philip North constituency, his campaign team as well as the leadership and members of the ABLP including Prime Minister Gaston Browne who was intimately involved in all aspects of the campaigning.

"We conducted a clean campaign; a campaign centered on the issues; we campaigned on the concerns of the people; the concerns and the initiatives that Randy Baltimore and his team have implemented in the past and we will continue to work for the people of



St Philip North," he declared.

Political commentators on both ABS and PBN all shared the view that the victory portends well for the ABLP and marks a further decline in the support and attractiveness of the opposition UPP.

In fact, Political Pollster, Peter Wickham, is suggesting that the victory gives PM Browne much to consider regarding how soon he calls a general election. He noted that the UPP appears to be at its weakest with its political leader, Jamale Pringle polling

less than 20 percent in a recent poll he conducted in the constituency.

He also suggests that Pringle ought to consider resigning from the leadership of the party as he has led it to consecutive major by-election losses. "Under the Westminster system, a leader of a political party steps down after such significant electoral losses," Wickham noted.

It is now expected that Baltimore will be invited by the Prime Minister to take up a substantial position in the government following this victory.

Local News



Two Students Shadow the Foreign Minister For A Day As Part Of CHOGM Preparations



Monday March 16, marked a significant opportunity for two talented local students, Kiearra Smith, Deputy Head Girl of All Saints Secondary School, and Emari John, Head Boy of Antigua Grammar School. Both students were selected to shadow the Foreign Minister for a day as part of an exciting initiative tied to the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). This initiative is designed to raise awareness about the importance of diplomacy and give young people a unique, behind-the-scenes look at how international relations and global events are managed.

Throughout the day, Kiearra and Emari had the chance to attend high-level meetings, where they observed firsthand how the Foreign Minister and his team engage in diplomatic discussions. They also met with various staff members who are instrumental in organizing events related to CHOGM, gaining insights into the planning, logistics, and coordination involved in such a major international event.

A key highlight of the experience was seeing how the country is preparing for CHOGM, which will



bring leaders from across the Commonwealth together to discuss important issues facing the global community. The students were amazed by the level of detail and organization required to ensure the success of such an event.

The day concluded with a shared lunch, where Kiearra and Emari had the opportunity to discuss their experiences and reflect on the significance of diplomacy in shaping global relationships. Both students expressed how eye-opening and inspiring the experience was, giving them a new perspective on the world

of international relations.

“It’s been an incredible experience. I never imagined being in a meeting with such influential people and seeing diplomacy in action,” said Kiearra. “It has definitely sparked an interest in pursuing a career in international relations.”

Emari also shared his thoughts: “I was amazed by how much work goes into making an event like CHOGM happen. It was great to be a part of it, even for just a day. I feel more motivated to learn about diplomacy and leadership.”



This initiative not only allows students to gain hands-on experience in diplomacy but also emphasizes the importance of global awareness and leadership for the next generation.

Local News



Ambulatory Services to Begin Soon at Glanvilles Polyclinic

Residents in Antigua's eastern corridor are set to benefit from enhanced emergency medical support, as ambulatory services will soon be introduced at the Glanville's Polyclinic.

The announcement was made by Health Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph while delivering remarks at the official opening ceremony for the Medical Benefits Pharmacy at the facility.

Health Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph revealed that the Government has already purchased an ambulance dedicated to the Glanvilles Polyclinic, and that the vehicle has been shipped and the Ministry is currently awaiting its arrival in Antigua and Barbuda. Once the ambulance arrives and is fully commissioned, ambulatory services will be operational within a matter of days.

The introduction of ambulance services at the Glanvilles Polyclinic is expected to significantly strengthen emergency response capabilities in the eastern corridor of the island. The service will provide rapid medical transport and support for residents experiencing urgent or emergency health conditions, ensuring that patients can receive timely care when it matters most.

The ambulance service will serve communities including Glanvilles, Freetown, Pares, Seatons, Willikies, Newfield, Bethesda, and other surrounding villages, improving access to emergency medical transport across the eastern region.

Minister Joseph emphasized that the expansion of services at the Glanvilles Polyclinic forms part of the Government's broader strategy to decentralize healthcare services and bring critical medical support closer to communities across Antigua and Barbuda.

The Minister also spoke to the long-term vision for strengthening the country's primary healthcare network. He indicated that, as healthcare demands continue to grow, a third polyclinic will eventually be required to



adequately serve the southern corridor of Antigua.

Such a facility, he explained, would serve communities from Golden Grove to Old Road, ensuring that residents in the southern part of Antigua have improved access to comprehensive primary healthcare services within their communities.

Minister Joseph noted that initiatives such as the introduction of ambulatory services at the Glanvilles Polyclinic demonstrate the Government's con-

tinued commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure, improving emergency response capabilities, and ensuring that citizens and residents have access to quality healthcare services regardless of where they live.

The launch of the ambulance service will mark another important milestone in enhancing healthcare delivery for the people of Antigua and Barbuda, particularly those living in Antigua's eastern communities.



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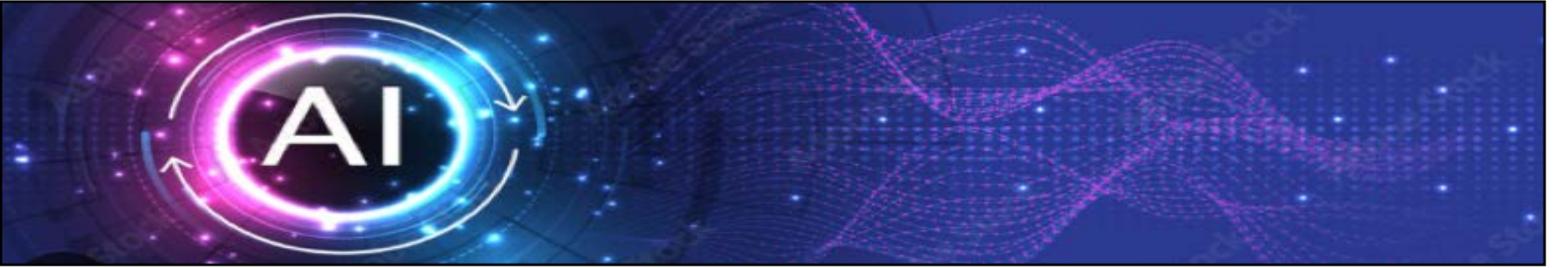


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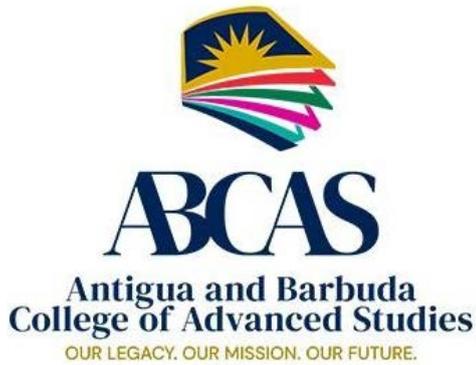
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ABCAS Launches Poultry and Crop Production Courses to Boost Food Security



Residents interested in agriculture and small-scale farming now have an opportunity to gain practical skills as the **Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS)** prepares to launch two short courses aimed at strengthening local food production.

According to Andrea Edwards-Browne, Head of the Department at the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies **School of Agriculture**, the first two programmes — Broiler Poultry Production and Crop Production — are designed to equip participants with hands-on knowledge that can be applied at home or in small agricultural enterprises.

The Broiler Poultry Production Course, which begins on Wednesday, will guide participants through the entire process of raising broiler chickens, from caring for day-old chicks to preparing birds for market.

“We are teaching persons everything about broiler production from day-old chicks right down to the inevita-

ble slaughtering,” Edwards-Browne explained. “Participants will learn the full process of broiler production, including biosecurity practices, feed conversion, and aspects of marketing and business management.”

She added that record keeping will also form a key component of the training, particularly for individuals who may wish to turn poultry production into a small business.

“At the end of the programme, it is expected that participants will either start a small flock at home or begin a small enterprise supplying poultry meat to the community,” she said.

Edwards-Browne emphasized that the initiative comes at a critical time when food security remains a major concern globally and locally.

“Food security is extremely important worldwide, and especially in Antigua and Barbuda as a small island developing state,” she said. “Chicken is widely consumed here, and broiler production allows farmers to see results quickly.”

Broiler chickens typically reach market readiness within six weeks, making poultry production one of the faster agricultural ventures capable of generating income and increasing domestic food supply.

In addition to the poultry programme, ABCAS will also offer a Crop Production Course designed for beginners. The course will provide participants

with foundational knowledge in crop cultivation, beginning with seed selection and nursery management before progressing to field production techniques.

Participants will also receive training in fertilization practices, irrigation management, crop maintenance and post-harvest marketing strategies aimed at helping farmers take their produce to the wider community.

“The course starts from zero,” Edwards-Browne explained. “We are teaching persons how to start their crops, manage them effectively and prepare them for market.”

Both programmes will run for 10 weeks and are structured in a way that allows participants to enroll in both courses simultaneously if they choose.

The poultry course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the crop production classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

By offering flexible scheduling and practical training, the School of Agriculture hopes to attract aspiring farmers, backyard growers and individuals seeking to expand their knowledge of agriculture while contributing to national food production.

The initiative is part of ongoing efforts to encourage greater community participation in agriculture and to strengthen local capacity in food production across Antigua and Barbuda.



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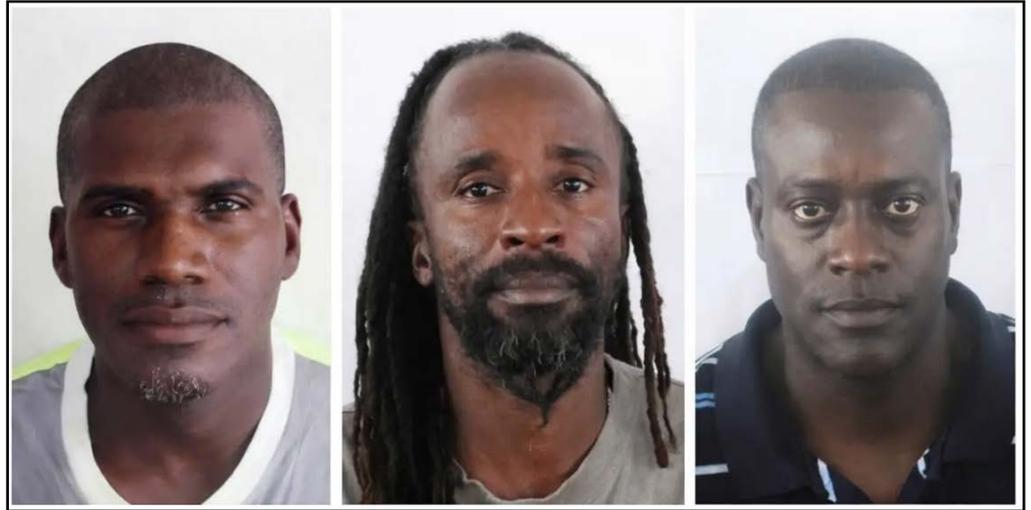
Search Continues for Fishermen Whose Status Remains Uncertain

The Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF) Coast Guard says search efforts are continuing for three fishermen aboard the fishing vessel *Faith P*, which was expected to return to port on Thursday, March 12, 2026 but has not yet been located.

In a statement issued Monday, the ABDF Coast Guard said it first received notice of the overdue vessel at approximately 5:40 p.m. on Thursday. Authorities were informed that Carlton Pitt, Adrian Pryce, and Devon Prince were onboard the fishing boat that departed at around 7:00 p.m. on March 11 to fish approximately 12.5 nautical miles south-southwest of Barbuda and had not returned as expected.

Since the report was received, the Coast Guard has coordinated an extensive search operation involving multiple local and regional partners. More than 18 hours of search operations have been conducted by two aircraft and five vessels covering more than 1,225 nautical miles of sea. Despite these efforts, the vessel has not been located.

It was noted that on Saturday, a local vessel assisting with the search discovered what appeared to be an engine cover matching the description of the *Faith P*. The item was located approximately 26 nautical miles southwest of Palmetto Point. Additional unconfirmed reports also suggest that a fishing cooler may have been found with-



in the general search area.

Authorities say investigations into the vessel's whereabouts remain ongoing and the status of the fishermen is still uncertain.

An Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) continues to air on VHF Channel 16, alerting mariners operating in the area to remain vigilant and report any sightings that could assist in the search.

The Coast Guard has acknowledged the support of several agencies and private partners involved in the ongoing search and rescue operation. These include the ABDF Air Wing, the Maritime Rescue Coordination Center Fort-de-France in Fort-de-France, the Antigua and Barbuda Search and Rescue (ABSAR), Barbuda Fisheries, the Montserrat Marine Police Unit, CalvinAir Helicopters, fishing vessel

Pacific Ocean, Cash Money III, Calypso Cat, and members of the fishing community in Urlings.

Anyone with information that may assist in locating the missing vessel or its occupants is urged to contact the Coast Guard hotline at 268-462-3206 or 462-2841, or reach Operations Officer Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Randolph Best at 268-729-5802.

The ABDF also used the opportunity to remind members of the maritime community about the importance of following safety protocols while at sea, including compliance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and local maritime regulations. Vessel operators are urged to ensure they carry proper life-saving appliances, distress equipment and communication systems to help safeguard lives on the water.



Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Honours Diaspora At Event In New York

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) hosted its second annual Diaspora Celebration at a recognition event in Manhattan, New York to honour a group of individuals, including members of the diaspora, whose dedication, generosity, and professionalism have significantly contributed to promoting Antigua and Barbuda in the United States.

The event was attended by Minister of Tourism, Charles ‘Max’ Fernandez, along with ABTA’s Director of Tourism, USA, Dean Fenton, and Consul General of the Antigua and Barbuda Consulate General in New York, Michelle Lightfoot.

Several long-time friends and partners of the destination, whose behind-the-scenes efforts help ensure that Antigua and Barbuda is represented with warmth, professionalism, and excellence in the New York market and beyond, were celebrated.

Among those recognized was Marcia Skyer James, Director of Sales and Marketing at The Kimberly Hotel. A trusted partner of ABTA, Skyer James has repeatedly stepped in to secure last-minute accommodations for visiting VIPs and dignitaries, ensuring that Antigua and Barbuda’s guests receive exceptional care and hospitality.

Also honoured was Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Kathy Sledge, a founding member of Sister Sledge and an ambassador for the Halo Foundation. A long-time friend of Antigua and Barbuda, Sledge has consistently offered her support to the destination and to charitable initiatives benefiting local communities.

Additional honourees included Tabassum Qureshi, owner and operator of Ann’s Car and Limo Service, affectionately known as “Mr. Tabs,” whose dependable transportation services ensure that visiting dignitaries and VIP guests are cared for with professionalism and efficiency.

Veteran steelpan musician Patrick ‘Johnny’ Gomes, a founding member



Diaspora Awardees seated, L-R, Ashton Gregory, Kim Essen, Patrick ‘Johnny’ Gomes, Kathy Sledge, Tabassum Qureshi (Photo courtesy, The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority)

of the City South Steel Orchestra in the Bronx, was also recognized for his longstanding contributions in bringing the vibrant sounds of Caribbean steelpan music to ABTA events, often stepping forward to assist even in the organization’s earliest days.

The ABTA also recognized Kim Essen, Business Development Manager for the West Coast, for her dedication to Antigua and Barbuda, which began even before her official appointment. She volunteered her time and expertise to support events and initiatives that promote the destination.

Also recognized was Sandra Reid, who was formerly an Administrative Officer with the Department of Tourism in New York and the Ministry of Agriculture in Antigua and Barbuda, and is now an Administrative Executive with the New York State Assembly. Reid was praised for her many contributions to tourism initiatives, including facilitating wedding ceremonies for couples visiting Antigua and Barbuda.

Finally, the Tourism Authority acknowledged Ashton Gregory, known

as “Junior,” for his dependable assistance with logistics and event support, ensuring that deliveries, supplies, and operational details run smoothly for ABTA activities in the New York area.

Speaking at the event, Minister Fernandez expressed gratitude to the honourees for their steadfast commitment to the destination.

“Tourism is built not only on beautiful beaches and world-class experiences, but on the dedication of people who believe in our destination and give their time, talent, and support to help it succeed,” said Minister Fernandez. “These honourees have become part of the extended family of Antigua and Barbuda, and we are deeply grateful for the role they play in strengthening our presence in the United States.”

The recognition event underscored the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority’s appreciation for the many supporters who help elevate the destination’s international profile while fostering strong connections within the Caribbean diaspora community in New York.

Winners Of The National Junior Pan Solo Competition Announced

The winners of the National Junior Pan Solo Competition that was held on Sunday at the UWI Global Campus, have been announced by the Department of Culture.

The event brought together a talented ensemble of young artists, showcasing exceptional skills in steel pan playing and artistry that left the audience in awe.

In a release, the department described the evening as a resounding success, with patrons enjoying a wonderful mix of captivating performances, vibrant energy, and infectious enthusiasm. The talented youngsters impressed the judges with their passion, dedication, and remarkable talent, making it a truly unforgettable night.

“Fourteen exceptional young artists took to the stage, mesmerizing the crowd with their mastery of the steel pan and creative flair. We extend our warmest congratulations to all participants and winners on a job well done,” the release stated.

The Results are:

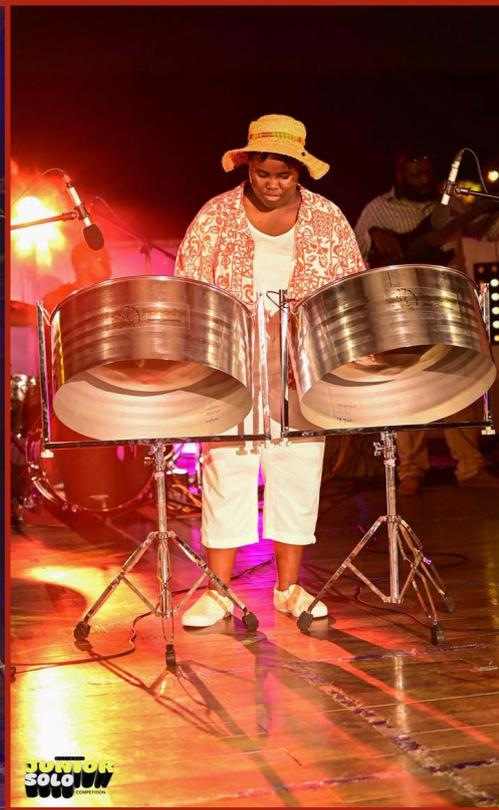
5-13 Category

1st Place: Kaiya Casimir & Keiyanna Davis

3rd Place: Tianna Spencer



Local News



- 14-21 Category
- 1st Place: Keshawn Benjamin
- 2nd Place: Imani Quinland
- 3rd Place: Zari Roach
- 4th Place: Calique Thomas

The department has expressed its gratitude to its valued partners; Glow Up, Square Deal Security Solu-

tions, Firehouse Grill, and Books by Barbara as well as to Aubrey “Lacu” Samuel and Curtis “CC” Cochrane for their support of the youths through their demonstration.

“Your contributions and support played a pivotal role in making this event a resounding success, and we are grateful for your commitment to

nurturing and celebrating the talents of our young artists.

“The Department of Culture looks forward to continuing to promote and showcase the rich cultural heritage and exceptional talents of Antigua and Barbuda’s youth. Congratulations again to all our winners and participants,” the release concluded.

Antigua and Barbuda To Participate In Regional Robotic Challenge

Antigua and Barbuda is among regional states taking part in the inaugural OECS Super Regional STEAM Robotics Challenge that is taking place in St. Kitts during this week.

The Ministry of Education announced that the team is already in Basseterre for this landmark event, which has been a subject of regional discussion for several years, as this marks a turning point in the Caribbean's commitment to youth-led innovation and technical capacity building.

The competition is designed to build technical capacity across OECS Member States, many of which have already established a presence on the world stage through the First Global robotics challenges. This regional event serves as a platform to bridge the gap between local talent and international standards. While 2026 marks the first edition, the Ministry anticipates that this will become an annual fixture on the regional academic calendar, fostering a sustainable culture of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) excellence.

The challenge takes place from March 16 to 20, at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort. During this intensive week, teams will engage in rigorous technical trials, collaborative problem-solving, and innovative design showcases.

For this inaugural representation, the Ministry utilized a targeted selection model. The team's foundation is built upon the proven expertise of Mr. Tijah Myers, a distinguished educator at the Irene B. Williams Secondary School, who serves as the National Coach. To ensure seamless coordination and leverage existing synergies, student competitors Micah Matthew and Michael Harvey were selected from the same institution.

Going forward, the Ministry intends to implement a more rigorous nation-



al selection process. This will draw from the talent pool identified during our annual National STEM Camps and through partnerships with long-standing stakeholders who have championed robotics at the international level.

The delegation of Micah Matthew, Michael Harvey, and Coach Myers is driven by a shared excitement to learn and innovate. The team is prepared to absorb every facet of this regional exposure, with the specific goal of returning to Antigua and Barbuda to serve as mentors and catalysts for the growth of the local robotics field.

The Ministry of Education extends its profound gratitude to the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda for the timely approval of funds through the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP). Special commendation is reserved for the Minister of Education Daryll Matthew, for his unwavering endorsement of this initiative and his successful lobbying for resources at the executive level.

Successes of this nature are only pos-

sible through a coordinated effort. The Ministry thanks all who contributed in making this possible and specifically acknowledges the instrumental roles played by:

- ▶ Mrs. Ena Dalso-Henry, Permanent Secretary
- ▶ Mr. Clare Browne, Director of Education
- ▶ Mrs. Stacey Payne-Mascall, Assistant Director of Education
- ▶ Mrs. Ursula Willock, Principal of Irene B. Williams Secondary School
- ▶ Mr. Tijah Myers, Coach
- ▶ The Parents of Micah Matthew and Michael Harvey for their partnership and support.

The Ministry of Education wishes the organizers in St. Kitts and Nevis every success and eagerly looks forward to the "fruits of this labor" as its students take their place at the forefront of regional technology.

Local News



“Motherhood Should Not End Our Ambitions,” Says Charity Henry

The newly-crowned Miss International Elegant Mothers Pageant 2026 Miss Antigua and Barbuda, Charity Henry, has some important advice for mothers everywhere; motherhood should not end their ambitions in life, whatever they may be.

Henry won the competition in St. Maarten on Sunday night where she won three of the judged segments; Best Evening Wear, Best Speech and Best African Wear. She also shined in the non-judged segments as well; Best final words/conversation, Best Island promotional video and the Most Social Media Likes.

Henry, who was trained by the team at Marsh and Marsh Productions and had Brucilla Marsh-Sutton as one of her two chaperones, won from a field of six contestants.

“Winning this title is deeply meaningful for me as a mother and as a proud Antiguan and Barbudan. It represents



resents resilience, faith and the courage to pursue your dreams, even after motherhood. I hope that my victory brings pride and joy to my country and

remains women that motherhood does not mean the end of our ambitions; it strengthens them,” she noted in a post-victory statement.

Henry said she believed that she was separated in the eyes of the judges by her authenticity. “I came to the stage with a story, a purpose and a heart for maternal mental health. I simply showed up as my true self and gave my very best in every moment,” she related.

Henry wants her victory to server as an example to mothers; reminding them that they are powerful and capable in every opportunity; that their dreams do not end at becoming a mother, rather they evolve.

She has also expressed much appreciation to her team at Marsh and Marsh Productions, her mother Shireen Gileon who made her dresses for the pageant and to all of Antigua and Barbuda for supporting her on this journey.

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Police Investigate Fatal Stabbing

The police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 38-year-old male of Glanville's, who was found unresponsive at Lion's Estate in the Newfield area during the early hours of Monday, March 16.

Police responded to a report and upon arrival discovered the male with what appeared to be stab wounds about his body. He was later pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators and crime scene technicians spent parts of Monday processing the scene and conducting further inquiries to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the incident.

The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending official identification and notification of next of kin.

The Police Administration is appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have information that can assist with the investigation to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or call the Crimestoppers anonymous hotline at 800-TIPS (8477).

Further updates will be provided as investigations continue.



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Sorting treasure from the rest.
Trash or treasure? The children decide,
With songs of the 3Rs as their guide.

Reduce, reuse, recycle too,
Three simple words the students pursue.
Through nature walks and compost jars,
They learn the planet is truly ours.

Then Grade One explorers join the scene,
Curious minds bright and keen.
They learn where trash may go one day,
From classroom bins to far away.

By Grade Two the knowledge grows,
Understanding deeper flows.
Five Rs now enter the conversation,
A roadmap for environmental transformation.

Refuse what you do not need,
Reduce your waste with thoughtful deed.
Reuse again what still has worth,
Repair before replacing on Earth.

Recycle what you cannot keep,
And let organic scraps softly sleep.
For compost turns decay to soil,
A circle formed through nature's toil.

Grade Three champions proudly rise,
Looking at waste with wiser eyes.
They map the journey trash may take,
And see the impact choices make.

Teams form in classrooms everywhere,
Students learning how to care.
Clean-up days and garden beds,
Growing seeds where knowledge spreads.

By Grade Four leaders take the stage,
Thinking beyond their youthful age.
They study landfills, pollution, and laws,
Asking the why behind every cause.

By Grade Five the mission grows,



Tracking where the school waste goes.
Students measure, record, and see,
Data shaping responsibility.

And when the teenage years arrive,
The lessons truly come alive.
Circular economies fill the class,
Innovative ideas begin to amass.

Students design eco-business plans,
Recycling programs led by their hands.

They study climate, policy, and trade,
Learning how a green world can be made.

They learn that waste is not the end,
But something systems can amend.
Plastic can build, glass can renew,
Innovation gives materials life anew.

They learn inclusion matters too,
Ensuring opportunity grows for all who pursue.
Recycling programs can create a place,
For dignity, employment, and equal space.

And so the classroom becomes the spark,
Lighting a flame in minds so sharp.
For education builds the bridge,

Between the problem and the ridge.

One student today may sort a bin,
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Regional News

AFUWI to honor Prime Minister Andrew Holness with Legacy Award at 29th 'The Legacy Continues' gala

The American Foundation for the University of the West Indies (AFUWI) will honor Prime Minister Andrew Holness of Jamaica with its prestigious Legacy Award at the upcoming 29th Annual "The Legacy Continues" Awards Gala, scheduled for Friday, April 17, in New York City.

This accolade is among the highest honors presented by the organization.

The annual Gala serves as a gathering of influential leaders from sectors including business, academia, government, and philanthropy. Its primary purpose is to generate support for scholarships aimed at increasing access to higher education for exceptional Caribbean students attending The University of the West Indies (UWI), as per a press release.

According to UWI, funds raised during the event are dedicated to AFUWI scholarships, empowering talented young individuals from across the Caribbean to realize their academic aspirations, ultimately fostering their development into contributors to regional progress and global engagement.

Prime Minister Holness is being recognized for his exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication to advancing education, strengthening economic stability, and fostering regional cooperation—cornerstones of Jamaica's national growth strategy. His recognition underscores AFUWI's longstanding tradition of honoring leaders whose efforts significantly propel Caribbean progress and benefit its diaspora worldwide.

"The Legacy Continues Gala celebrates leaders whose vision and service help shape the future of our community and region," remarked Dr. Cyrus McCalla, Chairman of AFUWI. "Through their leadership—and the generosity of those who support this event—we can open doors of opportunity for talented but financially disadvantaged Caribbean students whose aspirations for higher education deserve every chance to flourish."

UWI shared that the evening will also highlight a distinguished group of honorees whose achievements and service



to their communities and nations exemplify the transformative power of education and leadership. These individuals serve as inspiring role models for the next generation, especially students at UWI, demonstrating that when talent is paired with opportunity, it can generate profound community, national, and even regional change.

Among the honorees are Anthony and Gregory Belinfanti, a father-and-son team, who will receive the Pathfinder Award for Generational Impact in Education. This accolade recognizes their joint commitment to educational development across generations—Anthony being a retired educator and Gregory serving as president of One Equity Partners, a private equity firm.

Dr. Kevon Rhiney, a UWI alumnus, will be awarded the Pelican Award, a peer recognition among UWI graduates, celebrating his scholarly contributions and leadership, which exemplify the potential of Caribbean higher education to drive impactful change.

It is also reported that two distinguished figures in academic medicine and higher education leadership will also be recognized. Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, president of Howard University, will receive the Caribbean Luminary Award for his

notable career and visionary guidance in education and healthcare. Dr. Wayne J. Riley, president of SUNY Downstate Health Science University, will be honored with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Institutional Impact, acknowledging his exceptional contributions to academic medicine and institutional growth.

Additionally, Dr. A. Norman Sabga, honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) recipient and executive chairman of the ANSA McAL Group in Trinidad and Tobago, will be honored with the Chancellor's Award and the Corporate Award for Excellence in Global Business Leadership. These honors recognize his innovative leadership and the enterprise he has built based on core values.

Camille Joseph-Goldman, Group Vice President at Charter Communications, will be presented with the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Public Service and Community Impact, in recognition of her dedication to community development and expanding opportunities.

Looking to the future of global innovation and digital leadership, Jacky Wright, who holds honorary doctorates from the University of Bath and Aston University, will receive the Phoenix Award for Global Digital Leadership, in acknowledgment of her influential work transforming technology on a worldwide scale.

Ann-Marie Grant, AFUWI's Executive Director, emphasized that "The Legacy Continues is more than just a theme. It's a declaration that investing in education today helps secure the Caribbean's leadership, innovation, and resilience for future generations."

For those interested in attending, securing sponsorships, or supporting the event through tables or donations, more information is available at www.afuwi.org. Interested parties can also reach out via email to Ann-Marie Grant at amgrant@afuwi.org or call 212-759-9345 / 917-863-2392. (Dominica News Online)

Single-digit murders last week as homicides fall 29 per cent



Jamaica's murder rate has declined by 29 per cent up to March 14, according to the latest crime statistics published by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), with the country recording single-digit killings last week.

The police say the homicide tally now stands at 113.

This compares with 160 murders during the corresponding period last year.

The police say the current statistics represent a continuation of the downward trend in major crimes.

Police data show that eight homicides were recorded during the week of March 8 to 14, a notable shift from the double-digit weekly figures recorded throughout the entire month of February.

The latest figures come amid broader declines across several categories of serious crime.

Despite the overall reduction, some divisions continue to account for a significant share of the killings so far this year.

St James leads the country with 16 murders, followed by St Andrew South with 13 and Clarendon with 11.

Manchester has recorded

nine murders, including a

double killing on Saturday night when two people were shot dead at a bar.

St Elizabeth and St Ann each have seven murders, rounding out the divisions with the highest tallies.

At the other end of the spectrum, Kingston Central and St Andrew North remain murder-free since the start of the year, according to the latest police statistics.

The data also show improvements in other major crime categories.

Overall, major crimes are down by 24 per cent, with declines recorded in shootings, injured persons, rapes, robberies and break-ins compared with the corresponding period last year.

The latest figures continue a trend highlighted by the police high command in recent weeks, as law enforcement authorities point to intensified operations and targeted policing strategies aimed at curbing violent crime across the island. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Walk planned in Kingston to thank Cuban medical workers

Michael Ennis, convenor of a planned walk from Duke Street to Heroes Park in Kingston on Tuesday to show gratitude and appreciation to the Cuban people for their 50 years of medical support to Jamaicans, says the move has resonated with many both locally and in the diaspora.

Ennis told *The Gleaner* yesterday that he has teamed up with other like-minded individuals to show gratitude to the Cuban medical team.

Following the recent announcement that the 50-year Cuban medical co-operation programme had come to an end in Jamaica, Ennis said he thought it would be fitting for Jamaicans to find an appropriate way to say thanks to the Cubans.

He said he knows many people who have benefited directly from the work of the Cuban medical team in Jamaica.

Noting that the generosity of the Cubans has touched him in a personal way, Ennis said his daughter benefited from a medical scholarship in Cuba.

“I know other people whose children have also received medical scholarships to Cuba,” he added.

He said staging protests with placards to show dissatisfaction with how the medical programme ended would not make a difference or change anything.

However, he said Jamaicans can “show appreciation to the Cuban people so that they can know that the Jamaican people appreciate their contribution and we thank them for it. That’s basically what this walk is all about.”



Ennis said that since word got out about the planned walk to show appreciation to the Cubans, there has been “tremendous” feedback from many quarters.

The convenor said news of the planned walk has been circulating widely since he shared the idea with two persons who placed the information in the public domain.

While unable to say how many people will show up for the event, Ennis said the idea has resonated with many Jamaicans both locally and in the diaspora.

He encouraged those who may not be able to participate in the walk to express their appreciation to the Cubans by making posts on social media or writing letters to the editor.

“You are sending the medical professionals back home to a situation where their countrymen are in dire need. We have to give them some hope that ‘this too shall pass’,” he said.

Ennis said no other country in the Western Hemisphere “knows what oppression is like, like the Cubans. They have been under [US] sanctions for more than 60 years, and they have survived and have helped others.”

He made it clear that the walk to show appreciation to the Cubans is non-partisan and is intended to allow ordinary Jamaicans to say thanks for the yeoman service provided by the country’s close neighbours.

The walk from Duke Street to National Heroes Circle is scheduled to take place between 9:00 a.m. and midday. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Deputy PM to lead delegation to Taiwan

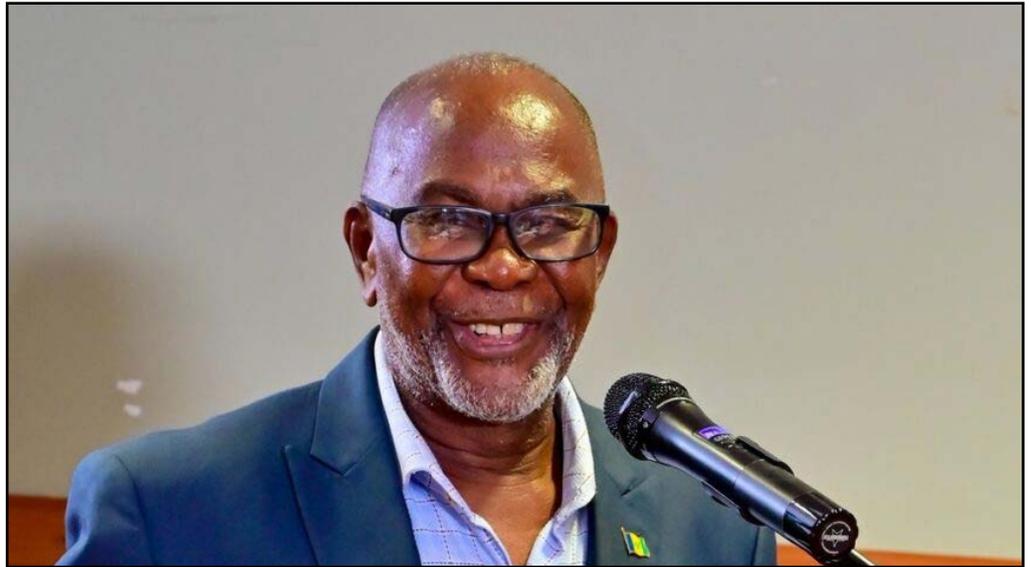
All Vincentians in Taiwan are cordially invited to a Meet & Greet with Major the Hon. St. Claire Leacock, Deputy Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

This will be the first visit of the new administration to the South East Asian nation since winning the 2025 election.

Other members of his delegation includes Minister Shevern John and Senator Lavern King.

A press release noted that this will be a wonderful opportunity for Vincentians living, studying, and working in Taiwan to engage in meaningful conversation, share their thoughts, and connect with the Deputy Prime Minister.

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BBC urges court to dismiss Trump Panorama lawsuit



The BBC has urged a court to dismiss Donald Trump's multi-billion dollar lawsuit against it, arguing that a Panorama episode - which edited together different sections of a speech he gave - never aired in the US.

"It wasn't available to watch in the US on iPlayer, online or any other streaming platforms," a BBC spokesperson said on Monday. "We have therefore

challenged jurisdiction of the Florida court."

President Trump is suing for defamation over the way Panorama spliced together his speech, which he claims made it appear that he had directly encouraged his supporters to storm the US Capitol on 6 January 2021.

The lawsuit - filed in Florida - ac-

uses the BBC of "intentionally, maliciously, and deceptively doctoring" his speech.

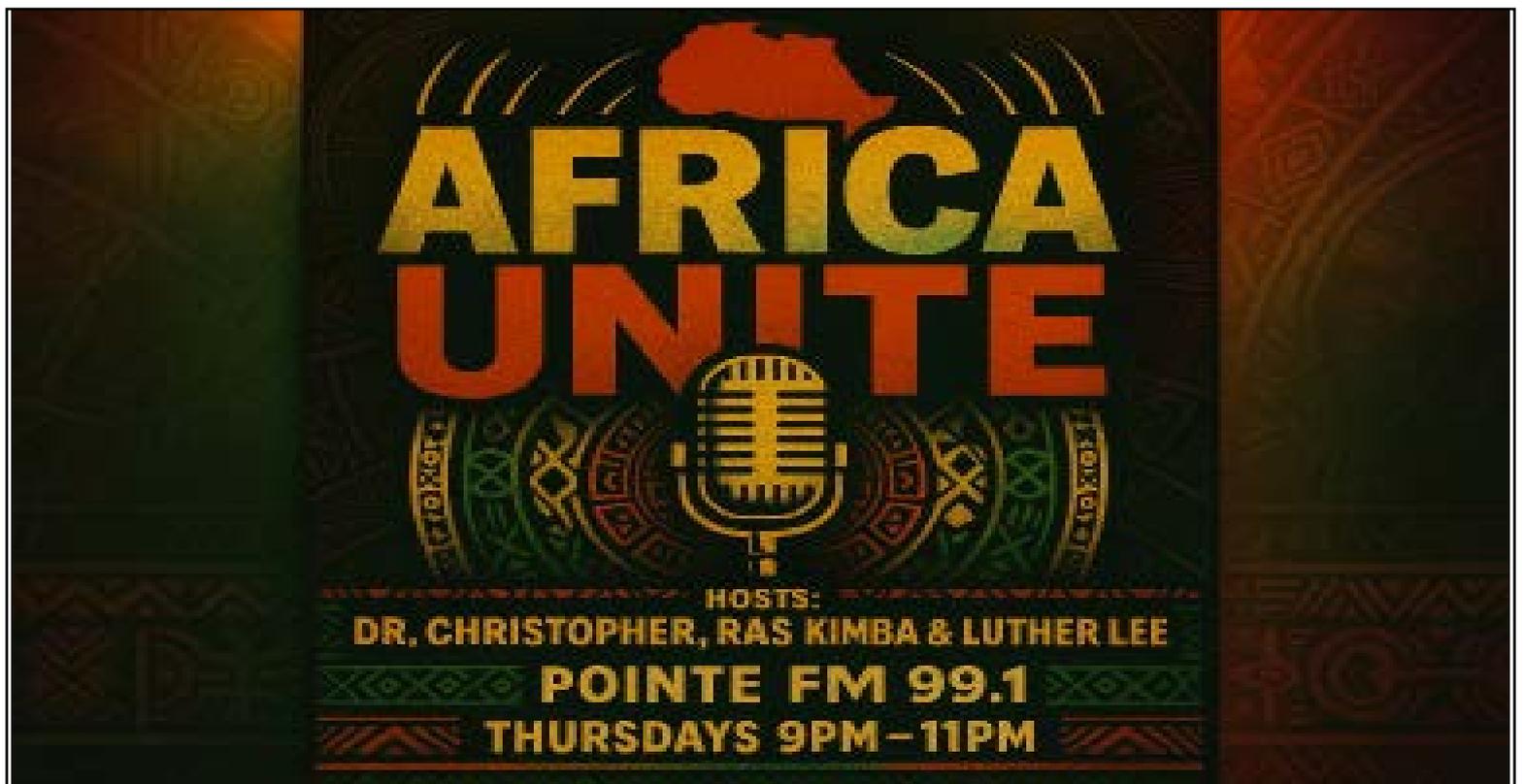
BBC News has approached the White House for comment.

The BBC has previously apologised to Trump over the Panorama edit, but rejected his demands for compensation and disagreed there was a basis for a defamation and trade practices claim.

In the court documents, the corporation said "the chilling effect is clear" when an individual as powerful and high profile as Trump - on whose activities the BBC reports every day - raises a claim like this.

The corporation's motion to dismiss the case claims the Florida court lacks "personal jurisdiction" over it, according to the documents.

It says the BBC aired the programme, called Trump: A Second Chance?, on its UK TV channels and its UK streaming service, iPlayer, but did not publish it in the US, including Florida.



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It also says that neither BBC or BBC Studios has its principal place of business in Florida, “or is even licenced to do business in the state”.

Trump’s lawsuit had claimed people in Florida may have accessed the programme using a virtual private network (VPN) or via the streaming service BritBox, but the BBC argued this was not correct.

“The BBC has never made the documentary available on BritBox, BBC.com, or any other distribution platform available in the US,” the documents stated.

“The BBC prohibits the unauthorised use of VPNs to watch iPlayer from outside the UK and takes active steps to enforce this ban,” they add.

Steps include stating in its terms of use that VPN access is barred and using the GeoGuard service to block unauthorised users with IP addresses located outside the UK, the BBC said.

Trump’s lawsuit also cited agreements the BBC had with other distributors to show content, specifically one with a third-party media corporation, Blue Ant Media, that allegedly had licensing rights to distribute the programme “in North America, including Florida”.

Blue Ant previously confirmed it had acquired the distribution rights, but said none of the company’s buyers had aired the documentary in the US.

It added that the version of the documentary it received “did not include the edit in question” as the international version had been “cut down in a number of places for time”.

Blue Ant is not named as a defendant in the case.

Responding on that point, the BBC said the allegation that the documentary was distributed in North America by Blue Ant “misses the mark as well”.

“In fact, no third-party distributor aired the documentary in the US,” the documents state.

The BBC also reiterated its defence that there was no malice in the edit and that Trump was not harmed by the programme, having been re-elected shortly after it aired.

A BBC spokesperson said: “We have said throughout we will robustly defend the case against us.

“Put simply - the documentary was never aired in Florida - or the US. It wasn’t available to watch in the US on iPlayer, online or any other streaming platforms including BritBox and BBC Select.

“We have therefore challenged jurisdiction of the Florida court and filed a motion to dismiss the president’s claim.”

It is understood Trump has two weeks to respond to the motion to dismiss, although he may request a reasonable extension.

During Trump’s speech on 6 January 2021, before a riot at the US Capitol, he told a crowd: “We’re going to walk down to the Capitol, and we’re going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women.”

More than 50 minutes later in the speech, he said: “And we fight. We fight like hell.”

In the Panorama programme, a clip showed him as saying: “We’re going to walk down to the Capitol... and I’ll be there with you. And we fight. We fight like hell.”

Criticism of the edit emerged more than a year later when a leaked internal memo was published by the Telegraph newspaper.

This led to the resignations of the BBC’s director general, Tim Davie, and its head of news, Deborah Turner.

The president now seeking damages in relation to the editing of his speech, which his lawyers have claimed was “false and defamatory”.

BBC chairman Samir Shah apologised for the edit, which he described as an “error of judgement”.

Last month, a Florida judge rejected the BBC’s application to delay the process of discovery in the case.

A proposed trial date in 2027 has been indicated should the case progress. (BBC)



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Airline CEOs call on US congress to pay 50,000 unpaid TSA workers to prevent further flight disruptions

According Turbo News, the CEOs of several major US airlines on Sunday urged the US congress to end the partial government shutdown that has seen 50,000 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) workers go without pay.

The partial government shutdown has been ongoing for 29 days and has caused several public services to go unfunded including the TSA.

Flight delays, longer times in security lines, missed connections and increased cost are some of the ways in which air travelers have been affected during the spring break season – one of the United States busiest air travel periods

Several cargo carriers including FedEx, UPS and Atlas Air, have joined the following major air lines in calling on the US congress to end the shutdown and pay workers:

American Airlines



- United Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Southwest Airlines
- JetBlue Airways
- Alaska Airlines

Reports indicate that several hundred TSA workers have resigned causing some airports to experience closure of security lanes, reduced screening capacity and longer wait times at airports.

As a result, airlines are urging passengers to arrive at the airport 3-4 hours before departure. Allow extra time for connecting flights and to constantly check their updates and notifications about their flights.

This spring break is expected to see a record breaking 171 million passengers, an increase of 4% over the same 2 – month period in 2025, according to a Guardian report. (Dominica News Online)

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Ecuador deploys 75,000 soldiers and police to combat drug gangs



The Ecuadorean government has deployed more than 75,000 police officers and soldiers to four of the country's most violence-wracked provinces, the interior minister says.

The authorities have also declared a night-time curfew in these areas as part of a "new phase" in their "war" on criminal gangs.

Since coming to office in November 2023, President Daniel Noboa has tried to quell drug-related violence but nevertheless Ecuador registered a record murder rate in 2025.

Noboa has also joined a US-led alliance of 17 countries aimed at fighting criminal cartels in the Western Hemi-

sphere.

"We're at war," Ecuadorean Interior Minister John Reimberg told residents of the provinces of El Oro, Guayas, Los Ríos and Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas.

"Don't take any risks, don't go out, stay at home," he added.

Ecuador's geographical location - sandwiched between Colombia and Peru, the world's largest producers of cocaine - has turned it into a key transit country for the illicit drug.

Around 70% of the cocaine produced in Colombia and Peru is estimated to be shipped through Ecuador.

Noboa's government has been work-

ing with the administration of US President Donald Trump to quell the flow of cocaine from Ecuador to the US.

Last week, the FBI opened its first office in the Andean country, a move which came shortly after the two countries launched joint counter-narcotic operations.

Noboa was one of the Latin American leaders to attend an international meeting hosted by Trump in Mar-a-Lago, which the US authorities dubbed the "Shield of the Americas" summit.

At the summit, Trump likened criminal gangs to a "cancer" and urged his Latin American counterparts to use military force to root them out.

"We don't want it spreading," Trump added.

Following the meeting, Noboa posted a photo on social media of himself standing next to Trump with the words: "For too long, the mafias thought that America was their territory. That they could cross borders, move drugs, guns and [spread] violence without consequences. Their time has run out."

Since coming to office, Noboa has tried to combat criminal organisations in his country with an iron fist and has declared several states of emergency but nevertheless the murder rate rose by over 30% between 2024 and 2025. (BBC)



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Flyers and Ottos soar above opponents in ABBA's Division 1 League

Defending champions EZ Fit Flyers and Daryll Matthew Ottos secured important wins against fellow strong contenders when the top four teams collided in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) First Division League on Sunday evening.

The Flyers claimed their sixth win in eight matches by pulling off an 86-79 victory over Lava Smoke Elite Stingerz in the opening game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Point guard Daniel Perez produced 21 points, 10 rebounds, six assists, and six steals; Xavier Meade had 17 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists; Nick Moore contributed 14 points, 17 rebounds, and six blocks; and Adonis Humphreys scored 10 points and claimed seven rebounds for the Flyers.

Brycen Thomas sank 21 points; Joshua Minner converted 18 points and snatched nine rebounds; Steven Matthew scored 13 points; and Keroi Lee produced 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Stingerz, who suffered their third loss in eight games.

Ottos notched up their seventh win in nine encounters by securing an 83-



Players of the Daryll Matthew Ottos huddle during a Division 1 game at the JSC Sports Complex. (Photo courtesy of the ABBA)

72 victory over Cuties Ovals Ojays in Sunday's second game.

Danny Perez shot a game-high 33 points; Christian Walker sank 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds; Pindo Drammeh produced 14 points, 15 rebounds, and eight blocks; and Nick Strawter chipped in with 10 points and 12 assists for Ottos.

Jabari Smith sank 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds; point guard Sam Taylor produced 22 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, and five steals; Kareem Edwards converted 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds; and Jalen Owens scored 10 points for the Ovals Ojays, who lost for the third time in nine games.



Four-peat champs Liberta on course for fifth straight two-day title

Cup holders, PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks remain on course for a fifth consecutive title in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association (ABCA) Two-Day Championship after reaching the final over the weekend.

The Liberta Blackhawks finished at the top of the standings with 90 points at the end of the 10-team round-robin preliminary stage of the competition. The Blackhawks will face the CMW New Winthorpes Lions in the final.

The Blackhawks played to a draw with the Bolans Blasters in their ninth-round match at Ball Beef in Liberta. Michael Greaves hits a century as the Blackhawks declare their first innings at 440 for seven off 88.3 overs after being asked to bat first.

Greaves slammed 143 off 204 balls, Elroy Francis Jr. struck 81, Kofi James made 63, and captain Rahkeem Cornwall scored 47. In reply, the Bolans Blasters declared their first innings 46 for nine off 17.5 overs. Kofi James grabbed five wickets for one run.

With a lead of 394 runs, the Blackhawks did not enforce the follow-on and were 271 for eight in 45.1 overs in their second innings when the match ended.

Brent Joseph struck a century, hitting 101 off 63 balls. Kofi James hit 37, and Tiandra Charles scored 35. Captain Taiem Tonge claimed four for 98, and Dequan Cochrane picked up three for 27.

With the top two teams at the end of the preliminary stage advancing to the final, the Lions finished second with 75 points to secure their berth in the two-day championship decider.

The Lions crushed Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles at New Winthorpes in their final match in the preliminary stage.



Brent Joseph

Orandel Boston grabbed four wickets for two runs as the Golden Eagles crashed to 46 all out in 16.5 overs after being sent in to bat. In reply, the Lions declared their first innings at 206 for six off 26 overs.

Alzarri Joseph smashed 61 off 23 balls, including eight sixes and a four. Jedidiah Martin struck 39, and Jermaine Otto hit 32.

Facing a deficit of 160 runs, the Golden Eagles were dismissed in their second innings for 91 in 27 overs. Demari Benta snapped up five for 34, and Alzarri Joseph took three for 20.

In other ninth-round matches, the Jennings Tigers trounced the All Saints Pythons by an innings and 45 runs at the Mock Pond playing field in All Saints. The Pythons tumbled to 70 all out in 32 overs after deciding to bat first. Captain and left-arm spinner Glenton Williams bagged seven for 26.

In reply, the Jennings Tigers made 256 all out in 53 overs. Paul Miller slammed 85, Malique Jacobs hit 74, and Akeem Auguiste struck 30. Michael Marcellin captured six for 63.

Facing a deficit of 186 runs, the Pythons were dismissed in their second innings for 141 in 45.4 overs. Marcellin hit 36, and Kadeem Josiah



Michael Greaves

scored 32. Glenton Williams grabbed five for 28, and Xavier Freeland took three for 32.

The Pigotts Crushers romped to a 10-wicket win against WES Rising Sun Spartans at Pigotts. Scores: Rising Sun Spartans 145 all out in 31.1 overs (Junior Henry 31; Jalen Harris 5/17, Tyree Moore 4/39) and 79 all out in 24.2 overs (Jalen Harris 6/19, Tyree Moore 3/37).

Pigotts Crushers 164 all out in 30.5 overs (Kadeem Henry 49, Essan Warner 34; Kenroy Browne 3/34, Kerique Mentore 3/34) and 60/0 in 6.1 overs (Kadeem Henry 55 not out).

Empire Nation and Tertiary Institutions and Schools played to a draw at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Scores: Empire Nation 466 for nine declared in 70.5 overs (Zianni Da Silva 93, Tanez Francis 88, George Elvin 79, Yanique Watley 66 not out, Dhari Francis 46; Kaivalya Mishra 8/133) and 173/4 in 17.2 overs (Tanez Francis 74, Dhari Francis 70; Oziah Robertson 4/33).

Tertiary Institutions and Schools 123 all out in 33.4 overs (Isaiah Attwood 34; Yanique Watley 3/20, Justin Athanaze 3/20).

Attacking Saints crush Green City in Premier Division

The Attacking Saints consolidated their ninth-place position in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League with a commanding win in their latest match on Sunday.

The Attacking Saints claimed their seventh win in 17 matches with a 4-1 drubbing of Green City FC at the ABFA Technical Center.

Obafemi Poyette scored twice in the first half to lead the Attacking Saints to a three-nil lead at halftime.

Poyette had conversions in the 21st minute and the first minute of added time, and teammate Railique Browne also scored in the first half for the Attacking Saints with a strike in the 32nd minute.

However, both teams had a player expelled in added time in the first half and finished the game with 10 men apiece.

Rick Gordon of the Attacking Saints and Kaleel Peters were expelled after receiving red cards in the third minute of added time in the first half.

David Benjamin gave the Attacking Saints a four-nil lead with a conversion in the 79th minute, and Mali Johnson reduced the deficit by scoring a consolation goal for Green City FC in the third minute of added time in the second half.

The result allows the Attacking Saints to jump from ninth to seventh place by advancing to 22 points.

Green City FC dropped from eighth to ninth place with 19 points after suffering their eighth defeat in 17 matches.



Players of the Attacking Saints starting XI

Defending champions dominate as ABAVA league opens

The Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association (ABAVA) officially opened its 2026 domestic league at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday.

The evening began with a brief award and recognition ceremony, where last year's club champions were recognized for their achievements.

Certificates were also presented to participants who successfully completed the ABAVA Referee Course held earlier this month, strengthening the pool of qualified officials for the sport.

Delivering remarks at the ceremony was the Minister of Sports, Daryll Matthew, who commended ABAVA for its continued work in developing volleyball in Antigua and Barbuda and encouraged the athletes to remain dedicated to the sport.

Women's Division 1 defending champions Da Squad started their title defense in dominant fashion against newcomers University of the West Indies (UWI), coasting to a 3-0 straight-set victory.

Da Squad, who are the reigning four-peat champions, dispatched UWI 25-6, 25-6, and 25-5.

Men's Division 1 defending champions Pytonz, who are sponsored by Zamine Shipping and ABI Insurance, also opened their season strongly by pulling off a 3-0 straight-set victory against UWI. The Pytonz secured



Minister of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries Daryll Matthew addresses teams during the official opening of the 2026 national domestic volleyball season at the indoor stadium at the YMCA Sports Complex in St. John's on Saturday, March 14, 2026. (Photo courtesy of the ABAVA)

their victory by prevailing 25-12, 25-14, and 25-23.

The opening night set an exciting tone for the season, and fans are encouraged to come out and support the teams as the league continues.

The League matches will continue at the YMCA Sports Complex on

Wednesday evening.

Starz1 will launch their campaign against Chargers Eagles1 in the Women's Division 1 competition at 7 pm, and former champions Stoneville will open their bid for supremacy against Chargers Velocity in the Men's Division 1 league at 9 pm.

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PMS retains titles at Inter-Schools' Track and Field Championships

The Princess Margaret School (PMS) maintained its dominance by easily retaining both girls' and boys' division titles at the 2026 Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth National Inter-Schools' Track and Field Championships at the Yasco Sports Complex over the weekend.

The top three teams remain the same as last year, as Princess Margaret School won the Girls Division title by amassing 268.5 points to finish ahead of St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) in second place with 179 points and Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) in third place with 125 points at the four-day event.

Pares Secondary clinched fourth place with 123 points. They were followed by All Saints Secondary with 93 points, Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) with 72 points, and Clare Hall Secondary with 71.5 points.

Next was Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) and Ottos Comprehensive School with 52 points apiece, Christ the King High School with 42 points, and Irene B. Williams Secondary and Sir McChesney George Secondary with 17 points apiece.

Jennings Secondary finished third from the bottom with 13 points, St. Mary's Secondary School came second from the bottom with 12 points, and Island Academy ended in the cellar with nine



Athletes of Princess Margaret School celebrates after retaining the female and male team titles at the 2026 Cool & Smooth, Joma Caribbean National Interschools Track & Field Championships at the YASCO Sports Complex on Sunday, March 15. (Photos Courtesy of the Ministry of Sports)

points.

Princess Margaret School captured the Boys Division title by coasting to 346 points, leaving Antigua Grammar School trailing in second place with 151 points and St. Joseph's Academy in third place with 143 points.

Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies claimed fourth place with 138 points, followed by All Saints Secondary with 133 points, Clare Hall Secondary School with 117 points, Pares Secondary with 110 points, and Ottos Comprehensive School with 71 points.

Next was the Jennings Secondary School with 46 points, Sir Novelle Richards Academy with 44 points, St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) with 35.5 points, and Island Academy with 22.5 points.

Irene B. Williams Secondary and finished third from the bottom with 20 points, Sir McChesney George Secondary came second from the bottom with five points, and St. Mary's Secondary School ended in the cellar with two points.

Among the outstanding performers were the best overall athletes Geron Henry of Princess Margaret School and Tyra Fenton of St. Anthony's Secondary School.

Henry set a new record in winning the Under-27 Boys' 400 meters final in a time of 48.77 seconds. Fenton also establishes a new record in winning the Under-20 Girls' 400 meters final by clocking 53.27 seconds.

Fenton also completed their sprint double in the under-20 girls' division by winning the 100 meters final in a time of

11.50 seconds and the 200 meters final in 23.22 seconds. Fenton was also named the Most Outstanding Performer in the Under-20 Girls division.

Omari Fraser of ABCAS took the Most Outstanding Athlete award in the Under-20 Boys category by winning the 800 meters, finishing second in the 1,500, and claiming third place in the 5,000-meter final.

Shawnzee Joseph of Jennings Secondary claimed the Most Outstanding Athlete Award in the Under-17 Boys division. He won the 800-meter and 1,500-meter titles, finished second in the 3,000-meter final, and came fifth in the 400-meter final.

Jaeda Pigott of St. Anthony's Secondary School took the Most Outstanding Athlete award in the Under-17 Girls division by winning the 400, 800, and 1,500-meter finals.

Lennox Benjamin of Clare Hall Secondary captured the Most Outstanding Athlete award in the Under-15 Boys division. Benjamin won the 400, 800, and 1,500-meter finals and finished third in the long jump.

Na'tascia Hunte secured the Most Outstanding Athlete award in the Under-15 Girls division. Hunte completed the sprint double by winning the 100 and 200-meter finals. She also won the long jump and finished fifth in the 400-meter final.