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Prime Minister Gaston Browne (left) greeted Dr. Martin Kofi Danso who presented him with a Peace Award for his advocacy for peace and an end to all hostilities wherever they occur internationally and for the Caribbean region to remain a Zone of Peace

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Fresh from the impressive electoral victory on Monday where its candidate, Randy Baltimore imposed a heavy defeat against the opposition candidate, Alex Browne, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party will convene a convention in April, 2026.

The announcement by the party's Political Leader and Prime Minister Gaston Browne did not give a specific date in the month but already he is urging the party's various branches and affiliate groups to begin preparation for the event.

The convention is expected to confirm the party's slate of candidates for general elections, constitutionally due in 2028. Along with finalizing the party's slate, the convention will also elect



Political Leader and Prime Minister Gaston Browne

officers to fill the key positions within the top level of the organization as well as the senior executive committee and the board of trustees.

In preparation for the convention, all seventeen branches of the party are expected to meet to decide on the 15-delegates who will

comprise their respective 'official delegates'. These are the persons who will be authorized to vote for the various positions that are being contested.

Informed sources indicate that there is likely to be a primary held in Barbuda to select a candidate for general elections. The sources say there are as many as four persons who have indicated an interest in being selected as the candidate; two have been identified – Senator Knackcynta Nedd-Charles and Bernard Christian. The names of the other two are to be disclosed shortly.

The candidates for the sixteen seats on Antigua have been identified and will be ratified at the convention.

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Former MP Says UPP Support Declining Further

Political historian and former United Progressive Party MP Bertrand Joseph is predicting troubling times ahead for the opposition following the outcome of the St. Philip North by-election held on Monday.

The veteran politician who served in the Baldwin Spencer administration says the result of the special election is part of a broader downward trend for the party that could have far-reaching implications for Antigua and Barbuda's political landscape.

According to Joseph, the decisive victory by the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party came as no surprise, but the scale of the margin has deepened concerns about the viability of the United Progressive Party.

"There was no doubt in terms of the outcome of this election," Joseph noted. "What we were in doubt about was the final margin of victory for the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party."

That margin, he detailed, tells a worrying story for the opposition, adding Alex Browne saw a significant drop in support compared to previous performances, falling from over 600 votes in an earlier contest to 406 in this by-election.

"That is something that the party has to take a serious look at," he said, describing the development as part of a "precipitous decline" for the UPP since the by-election held in Saint Peter on 14th January, 2025.

Joseph cautioned that the implications extend well beyond a single constituency. "This is not just about St. Philip North," he stressed. "It speaks to the broader political landscape in Antigua and Barbuda."

He also pointed to the strategic approach adopted by the ABLP, arguing that the governing party treated the by-election as a national referendum rather than a localised contest.

"The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party understood that this election had implications for the next general elec-



former United Progressive Party MP Bertrand Joseph

tion," he said. "They were not going to leave it to the branch alone. They

brought in the full machinery to ensure that the victory was not just a win, but a statement."

That statement, he added, is intended to resonate across the electorate, reinforcing the perception of strength and continuity within the ruling party.

By contrast, the former politician suggested the UPP failed to mount an equally forceful response, missing an opportunity to counter the narrative and reassure supporters that its 2023 general election performance was not an anomaly.

"They needed to move in full force to make a similar statement," he said. "They have not made that point."

With the next general election on the horizon, Bertrand Joseph believes the by-election result could influence voter sentiment nationwide, potentially shaping perceptions of momentum, leadership, and electability.



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Antigua and Barbuda Eyes Opening An Embassy In Nigeria



Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene

Antigua and Barbuda is seriously considering establishing a physical presence on the African continent by opening an embassy or a mission in

the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

Making the announcement, Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene said the matter has been under considering by the government for some time and that an attempt was made some years ago with the appointment of a representative – Wallace Williams – to head the mission.

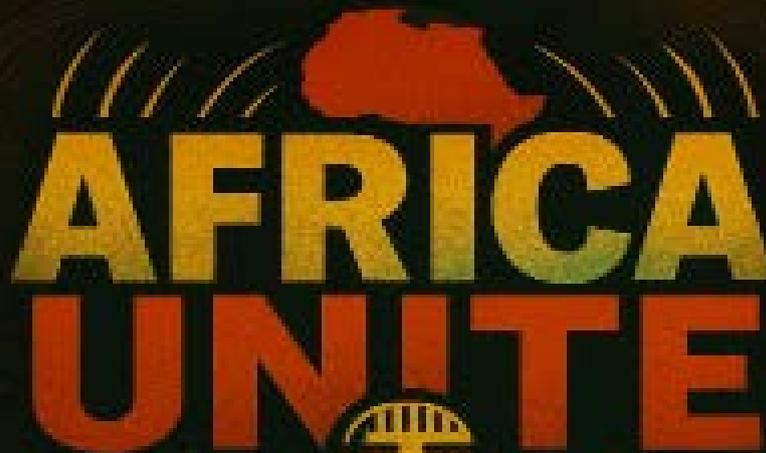
“It didn’t quite work in the manner in which we wanted it to and I have since journeyed to Abuja two years ago to restart the process. I talked to the then foreign minister about how best we can advance the arrangements,” Minister Greene reported.

According to the minister one of the challenges has been that Williams has still been presenting himself as the Antigua and Barbuda representative, but has done ‘nothing to achieve the goals which the government has established’.

“The Antigua and Barbuda government is desirous of establishing a mission in Nigeria at its capital, Abuja, so that we can explore and expand the ambitions of the government to have improved trade relations with African countries. We like to be first movers; we want to be the heart, the hub of the Africa-Caribbean connection,” Minister Greene stated.

Already, Antigua and Barbuda has successful wooed African investments with the Air Peace agreement where that Nigerian airline has invested millions of dollars in the Antigua and Barbuda-based carrier, Liat Air.

Recently, the Ministry of Health signed an agreement with the government of Ghana through which the services of over one hundred nurses have been secured and who are now deployed within the local healthcare system.


 A graphic for the 'Africa Unite' radio show. At the top is a silhouette of the African continent in orange. Below it, the words 'AFRICA' and 'UNITE' are written in large, bold, yellow and orange letters. Underneath the text is a vintage-style microphone in yellow and orange, set against a background of colorful, intricate African patterns in green, yellow, and orange.

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PM Browne Presented With Peace Award



Prime Minister Gaston Browne’s advocacy for an end to all conflicts wherever they are taking place around the world and in particular, his call for the Caribbean to remain a Zone of Peace, has not gone unnoticed.

That’s because the International Association of World Peace Advocates, has presented the prime minister with a Peace Award for his unrelenting advocacy for an end to hostilities everywhere noting that no good comes from

wars, only death and destruction.

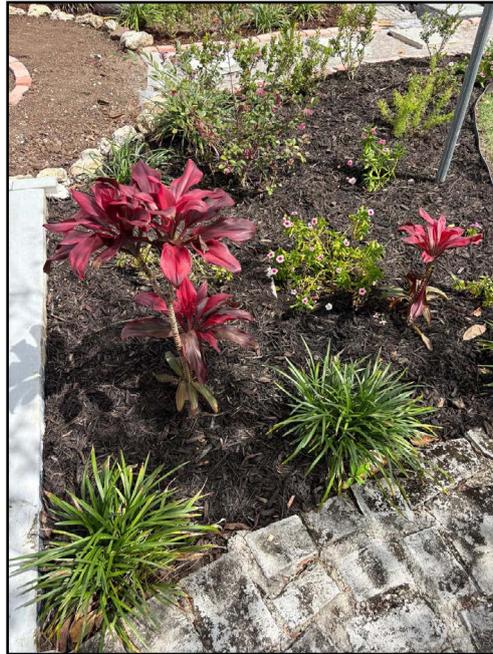
PM Browne was presented with the award by Dr. Martin Kofi Danso, Eminent Peace Ambassador of IAWPA.

Dr. Danso also presented to the prime minister a proposal for a strategic partnership between his organisation and the Antigua and Barbuda government. It covers such things as an aviation corridor linking Antigua and Barbuda with direct flights to and from the Afri-

can continent as well as the opening of trade routes between Antigua and Barbuda and by extension, the Caribbean, with Ghana.

During the exchange, Dr. Danso also presented PM Browne with a traditional African outfit from Ghana, which the prime minister was happy to wear with pride thereby reinforcing his Pan African bona fides.

Community Division Organizes Workshops For Backyard Gardeners



Following the launch of its 2026 Community Gardens and Beautification Festival, the Community Development and Citizens Engagement Division is organizing a series of workshops for those who will participate in the festival.

The workshops, an exciting series of interactive sessions designed to inspire communities to cultivate greener spaces, healthier lifestyles, and greater environmental awareness are being held over the course of the second half of the month of March and into April.

Coordinator of the Festival, Dwania Lake, said participants will have

the opportunity to learn valuable gardening and sustainability skills from experienced facilitators. The Antigua workshop series started on Tuesday this week with a Backyard Garden workshop at the Multipurpose Center, where participants were exposed to practical tips for starting and maintaining productive home gardens.

This afternoon (Thursday) the sessions move to the Department of the Environment where a Horticulture workshop will commence offering guidance on plant care and sustainable landscaping.

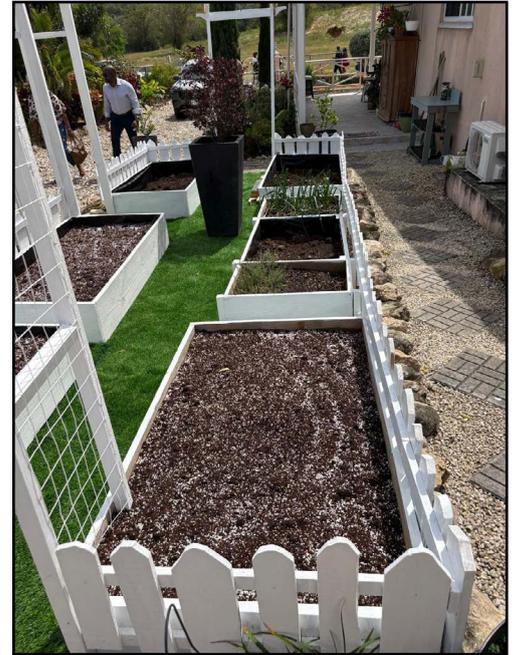
Next Tuesday at Indies Green, partic-

ipants can explore innovative growing methods during sessions focusing on Hydroponics and Aquaponics. The Antigua sessions conclude next Thursday at the Multipurpose Center with a Pest Control workshop that will share effective strategies for protecting gardens naturally.

The workshops move to Barbuda with a Horticulture workshop on April 21 at Abundant Life Ministries, followed by a Health Talk on April 22 at the same venue, highlighting the connection between gardening, nutrition, and wellness.

The series culminates with a Com-





community Health Fair on April 23 at 9:00 AM at Madison Square, bringing together residents, health professionals, and community organizations for a morning dedicated to healthy living and community engagement.

According to Lake these workshops form an important part of the Community Gardens and Beautification Festival’s mission to empower residents, strengthen community pride, and encourage sustainable practices that contribute to cleaner, greener, and

healthier communities across Antigua and Barbuda. Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend, learn, and be inspired to play their part in beautifying their surroundings while building stronger, more resilient communities.

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COMMUNITY GARDENS & BEAUTIFICATION FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS 2026

APRIL 2026

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21 APR, 2026	HORTICULTURE 7 PM ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES
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MARCH 2026

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19 MAR, 2026	HORTICULTURE 5 PM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
24 MAR, 2026	HYDROPONICS/ AQUAPONICS 5 PM INDIES GREEN
26 MAR, 2026	PEST CONTROL 5 PM MULTIPURPOSE CENTER

For more info contact: 734-7479/788-8343

Antigua and Barbuda Observes World Recycling Day



Spearheaded by the Ministry of Health and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda joined the global community in observing World Recycling Day on Wednesday, in collaboration with the National Solid Waste Management Authority.

This observance highlights the importance of improving how waste is managed, protecting the environment, and encouraging more responsible practices at both the individual and community levels. It also serves as a reminder of the role each citizen can play in reducing waste and maintain-

ing cleaner surroundings.

Minister of Health, and Environment, Sir Molwyn Joseph, emphasized the importance of collective responsibility, stating, "Recycling is not just an environmental practice; it is a national responsibility that requires the participation of every citizen in safeguarding the future of Antigua and Barbuda."

He further noted, "Through strong partnerships and sustained public engagement, we can build a culture of environmental responsibility that supports both our people and our planet."

This observance also aligns with the ongoing national clean-up campaign being undertaken by the National Solid Waste Management Authority. The Ministry encourages residents to participate where possible by joining or organizing community and household clean-up efforts to help keep their surroundings clean and healthy.

The Ministry remains committed to working with partners to strengthen public awareness and promote practical steps toward improved waste management across Antigua and Barbuda.



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Kidney Disease Pilot Project in Barbuda



World Kidney Day Team, the Antigua and Barbuda Samaritan Society, supported by Sir Lester Bird Medical Center, and Medical Benefits Scheme – has launched Kidney Disease Pilot Project in Barbuda.

The team said as it reflects on a meaningful and impactful initiative focused on education,

screening, and prevention, it was grateful for the opportunity to have engaged with the Barbuda community and to promote better kidney health.

“A key reminder; the main causes of kidney disease are diabetes and hypertension. Managing your blood sugar, blood pressure, and making positive life-

style changes can significantly reduce your risk.

“A balanced diet is essential — choosing healthier options and following the six Caribbean food groups can go a long way in protecting your kidneys and overall health,” team members told Barbuda residents.

The residents were urged to stay hydrated, stay active, and make smart choices every day.

“Thank you, Barbuda, for welcoming us! It was a pleasure serving your community and working together towards a healthier future,” the team stated in a social media post.

Ministry of Health, Environment Welcomes New EAG Board

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Jermaine Jarvis	Vashti Ramsey-Casimir	Karim Hechme
Auriel Horsford-Hunte	Dr. Kronsiek Dickenson-Foster	Marisa Victor
Garth Simon	Frances Fuller	Dr. Branson Belle

We welcome these **passionate leaders**, who are committed to **environmental protection** and **sustainability**. Together, they will **support** the programmes of the EAG that **educate, inspire, and drive positive change** in Antigua, Barbuda, and Redonda.

ness Group (EAG).

The Ministry takes particular pride in recognizing Garth Simon of the Department of Environment on his appointment to the Board. As a valued member of the Department, Simon has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental protection, sustainable development, and national resilience. His work has contributed meaningfully to advancing Antigua and Barbuda’s environmental agenda, and his appointment is a reflection of both his expertise and dedication to service.

The Environmental Awareness Group, established in 1988, is one of the country’s leading non-governmental organizations focused on conservation and environmental advocacy. Over the years, the EAG has played a pivotal role in biodiversity protection, environmental education, and ecosystem restoration. Its work in offshore island restoration and the protection of endangered species, including the Antiguan racer snake, has earned both regional and international recognition.

While the Ministry warmly congratulates all members appointed to the Board and acknowledges the collective expertise they bring, it is especially pleased to highlight Simon’s achievement as a representative of the Department of Environment.

The Ministry wishes the Board every success in its continued efforts and looks forward to the positive impact of its work in preserving and protecting the natural environment of Antigua and Barbuda for generations to come.

A new board of directors has assumed office at the Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) with the Ministry of Health and the Environment among the first to offer congratulations.

In a statement, the Ministry of Health and Environment extended what it termed ‘heartfelt’ congratulations to all newly appointed members of the Board of the Environmental Awareness

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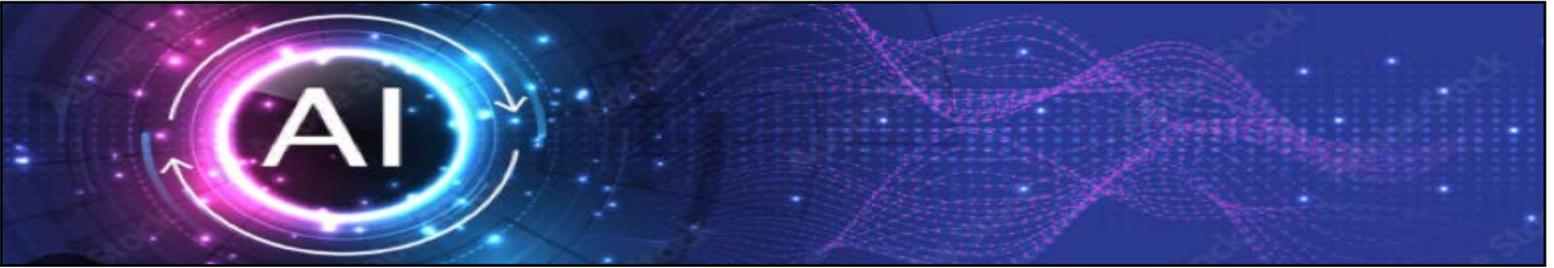
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- Hands-on experience with Kubernetes and containerized applications.
- Experience with workflow automation platforms (e.g., n8n, Zapier, Make, or similar).
- Experience integrating AI or LLM APIs into operational systems.
- Strong knowledge of API development, REST services, and system integrations.
- Experience with version control systems (Git) and CI/CD pipelines.

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- Experience developing AI agents or intelligent automation workflows.
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- Collaborative approach across technical and operational teams

Selection Process

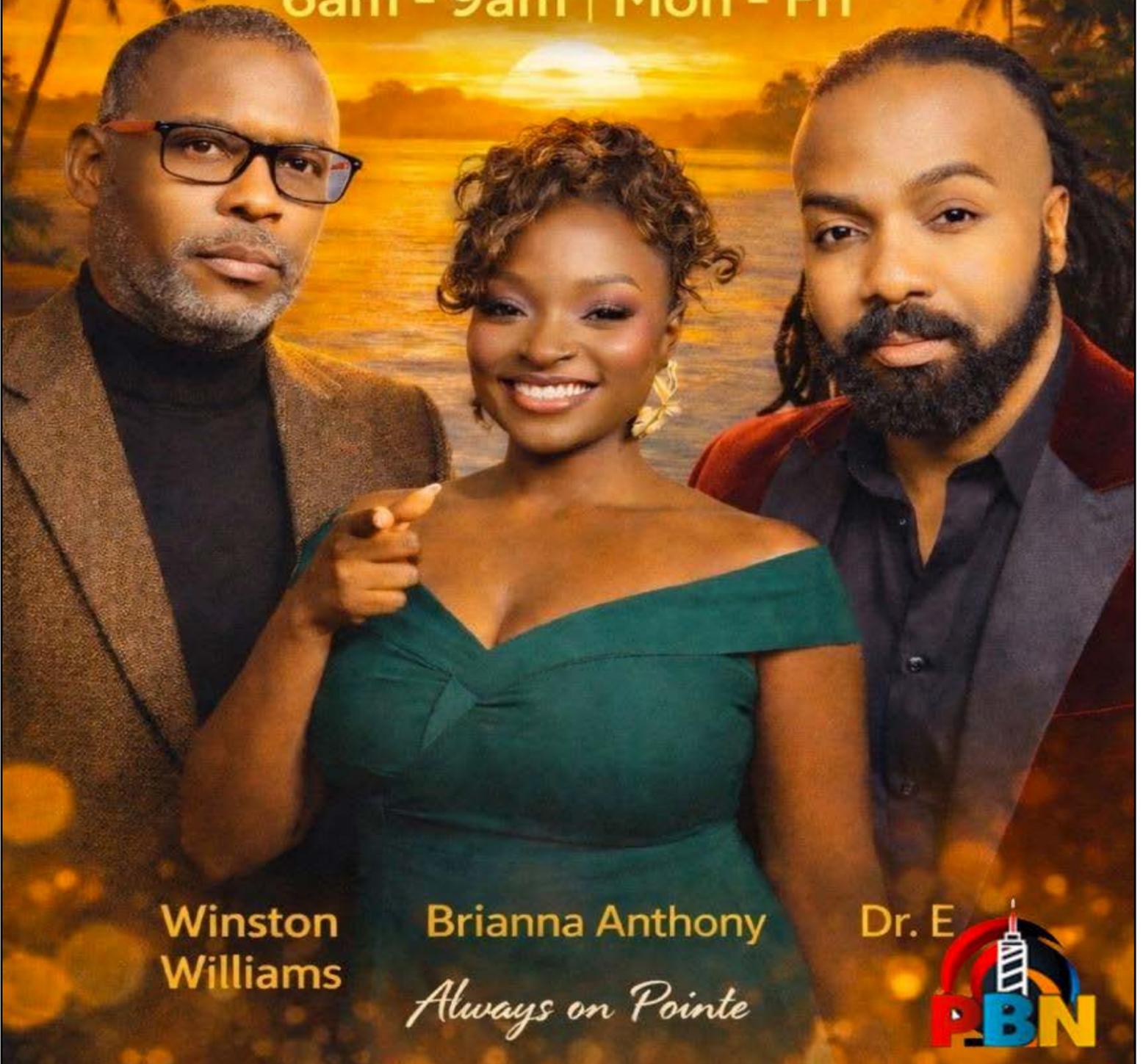
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Island Girls Relive Epic Pacific Row at Antigua Yacht Club

By Zoë Carlton

In 2019, Team Antigua Island Girls — Christal Clashing, Elvira Bell, Kevinia Francis, and Samara Emmanuel — etched their names into history, breaking records as they rowed across the Atlantic from La Gomera to Nelson’s Dockyard in Antigua in the Talisker Whisky Challenge. After 47 grueling days at sea, the largest flotilla of small boats ever seen in Antigua surged to meet them outside the Pillars of Hercules. Horns blared, cheers thundered across the water. “The dockyard was so packed, they probably couldn’t fit another person,” one spectator recalled. And yet, after weeks of battling storms, exhaustion, and the open ocean itself, the rowers’ verdict was chillingly simple: “Never again.”

Samara added with typical Samar humour, “If I ever do this again, please punch me in the face — the girls are only a punch away.”

In 2022, Kevinia Francis planted a tempting idea: a visit to Hawaii. Sun, shopping, and beaches tempted the crew; what Kevinia conveniently forgot to mention was. “we’re rowing” and the mutiny that never was born. After all, they had rowed the Atlantic, how hard could it be? The answer was summed up by Samara: “Horrible, incredibly scary, and mind-blowing.”

Sadly, Elvira had to pull out, leaving Christal, Kevinia, and Samara to rework rotations on a boat designed for four. Freezing nights, relentless storms and waves taller than the boat battered them. Sea sickness left the trio weak and exhausted. At one point, Christal suffered serious hallucinations, unable



to row and questioning the whole journey. “I didn’t know if I was dreaming or dying,” she admitted. Yet the team pushed on, refusing any rescue.

With strong winds blowing them off course, the race organisers offered to rescue them near the finish line. The girls’ response? “Hell no! We’re kick-ass women — we’re finishing this.”. Against 18 hours of brutal winds and punishing tides, they battled to bring the boat back on course — and succeeded.

The trio completed the 2023 World’s Toughest Row – Pacific, covering 2,800 nautical miles from California to Hawaii in 41 days, 7 hours, and 5 minutes.

This week at the Antigua Yacht Club, the Island Girls dramatized the journey. The evening opened with the national anthem on steel drums, played by Jahfari Hazelwood, setting the tone for an unforgettable night. Vaughn and company delivered thundering drums,

while dancers from Shiva School of Dance — Nayima, Naliyah, and Zoe — brought the waves, storms and triumphs to life. DJ Riddim Master (Darin Byron) kept the energy alive as music, dance, and theatre combined to immerse the audience in the crew’s journey.

Guests sampled the team’s delectable “onboard cuisine” — sticky coffee pudding, caramel sponge, chicken stroganoff - “sounds great, but it all tastes like cardboard” said Cristal; a verdict with which the audience could only agree!

Their verdict on the experience? “Absolutely horrible... never ever, ever, want to do it again. Never again.”

The evening celebrated courage, grit, and island spirit — drama, music, and dance combining to show what it really takes to make history on the world’s oceans. As the Island Girls echoed “never again,” they reminded the audience, there are still five more oceans left to conquer.

Antigua and Barbuda: Protecting Gains, Positioning for Global Opportunity—Small State, Big Vision



By *Garfield Joseph, MBA*

I recently attended the Commonwealth Investment Conference Network in the United Kingdom, where representatives from across Commonwealth nations gathered to discuss strategies for attracting investment. The conversations were educational, collaborative, and candid: every country is competing for a share of the investment pie, and our success depends on the strength of our value proposition.

Competing for Investment: What It Really Means

When we say “every country is fighting for a piece of the pie,” it is more than a metaphor. Investors weigh multiple factors before committing capital:

- ◆ **Scale of the market** – Larger populations often mean bigger consumer bases.
- ◆ **Risk profile** – Vulnerability to climate change, political instability, or debt burdens can deter investment.
- ◆ **Ease of doing business** – Investors want efficiency, transparency, and speed.

For small developing states like Antigua and Barbuda, these challenges are magnified. Limited scale can mean higher costs, while climate risks add uncertainty. Yet, the lesson is clear: investment growth does not happen by osmosis. It requires deliberate strategies, visionary leadership, and a workforce equipped with the skills to deliver world-class service.

Guyana’s Oil Boom vs. Our Path

At the conference, my colleague from Guyana shared how their nation is leveraging oil wealth to attract investment and strengthen ties with the UK. Guyana’s story is remarkable—rapid GDP growth averaging nearly **47% annually since 2022**, oil production surpassing **600,000 barrels per day**, and billions in foreign direct investment flowing in.

Antigua and Barbuda, by comparison, does not have oil wealth to fuel growth. But what we do have is resili-

ence, discipline, and vision. Despite limited resources, we have:

- ◆ **Improved our standing on the Human Development Index (HDI)** – Antigua and Barbuda ranks **54th globally and 2nd highest in the Caribbean**, reflecting progress in education, healthcare, and quality of life. The HDI measures life expectancy, years of schooling, and income per capita. Our strong ranking shows that deliberate investment in people—not just infrastructure—has paid off.
- ◆ **Managed our debt-to-GDP ratio responsibly** – At around **62% in 2024**, our debt burden is at its lowest in decades, giving us fiscal space to invest in infrastructure, education, and innovation.
- ◆ **Hosted the SIDS Conference in 2024**, positioning ourselves as a leader in climate and development dialogue.
- ◆ **Prepared to host CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting)**, which will place Antigua and Barbuda firmly on the global stage, creating opportunities for investment, tourism, and international partnerships.

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Another example from within the Commonwealth is Jamaica, which currently enjoys a **trade surplus with the United Kingdom**. A trade surplus means that Jamaica exports more goods and services to the UK than it imports from them. In practical terms, this strengthens Jamaica’s economy, boosts foreign exchange earnings, and demonstrates the value of building strong bilateral trade relationships.

For Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica’s success is a reminder that even without oil wealth, nations can carve out niches in global trade by leveraging their strengths—whether in agriculture, services, or specialized industries. It shows that deliberate trade strategies, combined with investment attraction, can yield tangible benefits.

Nikki Beach: A Case Study in Confidence

One example of investor confidence in Antigua and Barbuda is the interest shown by **Nikki Beach**, a world-class luxury lifestyle and hospitality brand. Their investment intentions in our twin-island state signal that Antigua and Barbuda is seen as a destination worthy of high-end, global recognition. Such brands do not invest lightly—they look for stability, service excellence, and a value proposition that aligns with their clientele. Nikki Beach’s interest underscores that our efforts to build a competitive, attractive environment are bearing fruit.

The Human Factor: Our Achilles Heel

Technology and brand investments alone cannot solve everything. In my view, our Achilles heel has long been the absence of a fully functional training and development framework, coupled with a limited commercial mindset within the public service. Bureaucracy slows down business. And while policies and guidelines are necessary to ensure compliance with local laws, we must find faster ways to pro-

vide the service our customers need.

Imagine a public service where every employee has access to “how-to” guides, clear performance outcomes, and regular upskilling opportunities. The difference would be transformative—not just for investors, but for citizens who rely on government services daily.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. By strengthening human resources, we safeguard past gains and position ourselves for future success.

Looking Ahead – A Rallying Call

The global economy will continue to face cycles of boom and bust, shaped by political and ideological disruptions. But with a renewed mindset, visionary leadership, and a culture of continuous improvement, Antigua

and Barbuda can ride these waves and emerge stronger.

We may not have oil like Guyana, or a trade surplus like Jamaica, but we have something equally powerful: the determination to protect our gains, grow deliberately, and position ourselves as a best-in-class destination to invest, work, and live.

Now is the time for policymakers, business leaders, and citizens alike to unite around a shared vision of service excellence, human capital investment, and global competitiveness. By lifting our game together, Antigua and Barbuda will not only protect the gains of the past but also secure a brighter, more prosperous future for generations to come. **Let us all do our part to make this dream a reality.**

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“Volunteers from three continents are set to converge in Havana this weekend, with more than 20 tonnes of food, medicine and solar equipment for Cuban communities hit by a brutal US blockade.

Activists from more than a dozen countries have signed up to participate in the Nuestra America Convoy, which will see Irish rap trio Kneecap and American streamer Hasan Piker join journalists, politicians and high-profile participants

of last year’s Gaza aid flotilla in Havana on 21 March.

Alongside up to half a dozen boats that will sail across the Caribbean Sea from Mexico on Thursday, two charter flights are scheduled to arrive later this week, while hundreds of ordinary people carrying suitcases packed with medicines have booked tickets on commercial airlines from around the world.

While the US has had some form of

blockade on Cuba since the 1950s, Donald Trump has significantly escalated it by threatening to impose tariffs on any country that sells fuel to the island nation, leading to widespread blackouts and disruption to the delivery of food and the production and distribution of medicine. Even everyday essentials such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo and baby food are now difficult to obtain, plunging the country into humanitarian crisis.

Organisers say the largest charter flight alone will carry more than £300,000 of aid, including food, medicines, surgical equipment and hygiene supplies, to be distributed by Cuban civil society organisations and directly to hospitals and clinics across the island. The convoy will also deliver nearly £400,000 worth of solar panels and generators.

In a statement, Islington North MP Jeremy Corbyn condemned the blockade. “For more than six decades, the US blockade has tried to suffocate the Cuban example - a country that, despite relentless economic pressure, built universal healthcare and life expectancy comparable to or higher than the United States,” he said. “Now the Trump administration is escalating that siege in an attempt to break Cuba altogether.

“People across the world must stand with the Cuban people, oppose these punitive policies, and demand the right of every nation to live, develop, and determine its own future free from intimidation.” No-vara Media

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CDB Launches Initiative to Strengthen Learning Outcomes in Haiti

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB/the Bank) in collaboration with the Government of Haiti, has launched the Quality Enhancement in Public Education II (QEPE II) Project, a major investment designed to improve access to quality education and strengthen learning outcomes across Haiti, particularly for children in poor and vulnerable communities. The initiative will be financed through a US\$13 million grant from CDB's Special Development Fund resources, with an additional US\$1.7 million provided by the Government as counterpart funding.

Building on the achievements of the first QEPE project, QEPE II will provide direct support to 16,000 students and 700 educators through a comprehensive package of interventions including school feeding and nutrition, tuition waivers, gender-responsive support programmes, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment, instructional materials, and professional development for teachers and school leaders. The project will also support the upgrade and operationalisation of an e-learning platform for secondary students, enabling continuity of learning despite socio-political disruptions.

Speaking at the launch, Dr. Martin Baptiste, Division Chief, Social Sector Division, CDB, emphasised the significance of the initiative, saying "Education remains one of the most powerful tools for resilience, social stability,



and long-term development. QEPE II is a critical investment in Haiti's future, helping to ensure that children - regardless of their circumstances - have access to safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environments."

Mr. Yves Roblin, Director General, Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFP), Haiti welcomed the support and highlighted its timely impact, saying "Amid challenges faced by our country, QEPE II provides vital support to keep our schools functioning and to uphold the right to education for all Haitian children. This partnership with CDB strengthens our capacity, improves resources in our classrooms, and helps us deliver better outcomes for students across the nation."

The project directly supports the Gov-

ernment's Decennial Education Sector Plan (2022 - 2032) and reinforces national priorities such as school health and nutrition, expanded access, and improved governance. It also aligns with CDB's Country Engagement Strategy for Haiti (2023 - 2025), which identifies human capital development - and specifically education quality and access - as a central pillar for achieving sustainable growth. Consistent with CDB's objective of building social resilience through transformational education, the intervention advances key goals related to poverty reduction, gender equality, and inclusive development.

The Bank remains committed to supporting Haiti's long-term development and strengthening educational opportunity for the country's young learners.



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Eighth medical team from China

Barbados has once more welcomed a team of doctors, nurses and specialists from the People’s Republic of China, marking the eighth cohort of medical professionals to assist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) since 2016.

The cohort was welcomed to the QEH recently by a team of officials led by Minister of Health and Wellness Senator Lisa Cummins and QEH chief executive officer Neil Clarke.

Their arrival was also marked by donations of equipment made to the hospital including operating tables, infant warmers, surgical operating equipment and UV disinfectant lamps, valued over \$136 000.

Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China, Zheng Bingkai said the donation was in keeping with the strong bonds forged between nations and building a China-Barbados medical cooperation.

“We are confident that the eighth China medical team will carry forward the legacy of their predecessors. With these newly-donated medical supplies, the team will continue to serve the Barbadian people with distinction, with close collaboration and with the QEH colleagues as well,” he said.

Expressing thanks for the supplies, Clarke highlighted their value in strengthening the hospital’s capacity in several areas.

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US holds interest rates as Iran war triggers oil shock



The US central bank has voted to hold interest rates steady again, as a spike in oil prices since the start of the US-Israel war with Iran raises economic uncertainty and threatens to drive up inflation.

The decision, which was widely expected, left the Federal Reserve's key interest rate in the range of 3.5%-3.75%, where it has stood since December.

Despite pressure from US President Donald Trump to slash borrowing costs, policymakers have been moving cautiously, as they face a tricky combination of rising prices and mixed signals from the job market.

Analysts say the war has made them even less likely to cut, with markets now pushing back the chance of a rate-cut happening into

next year.

Forecasts released after the meeting showed a majority of Fed board members still expect to cut interest rates at least once this year, with five now expecting rates could fall below 3%.

Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell said future cuts would depend on whether inflation continues to fall, noting that it was "too soon" to say how the Iran war would affect that outlook.

"We just don't know what the effects of this will be and really no one does," he said.

The Fed typically lowers borrowing costs when it sees unemployment rising and wants to boost the economy. It raises them when it is worried about inflation, hoping higher borrowing costs will ease

spending and slow down price rises.

But an economic picture muddled in part by abrupt policy changes, such as tariffs, has made it difficult for policymakers to agree on which problem to prioritise.

The war in Iran is the latest, triggering a spike in oil prices that has already driven up gas prices in the US to the highest since 2024.

While that is likely to drive up prices more widely, at least temporarily, it also risks slowing the economy, as households have less money to spend on other things.

Fed board members now expect inflation to end the year at 2.7%, up from the 2.4% they were predicting in December.

Oil nears \$110 a barrel after gas field strike

Oil prices leapt to nearly \$110 a barrel after Iranian media reported an airstrike hitting a facility on the world's largest natural gas field.

The Brent crude oil benchmark hit \$109.91 a barrel just after 14:30 GMT, more than 5% higher than Tuesday's prices. It remains above \$108.

The benchmark UK gas price also jumped by 6% to 143.53p a therm before falling back below the 140p mark.

The surge followed reports Iran's petrochemical complex on the South Pars gas field had been hit. Several hours later, Qatar reported that there was "extensive damage" at the Ras Laffan industrial site following threats from Iran.

While the price of both oil and gas spiked, they remained below highs seen earlier in the conflict.

Oil reached \$116.78 a barrel on 9 March, while UK gas reached 162.55p a therm on 3 March.

Iran's oil ministry said a fire at the petrochemical complex was under control, according to Tasnim, a news agency affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Iran's military warned it would take "decisive action" in response to the



strike on its energy infrastructure.

"As previously warned, if the fuel, energy, gas, and economic infrastructures of our country are attacked by the American-Zionist enemy, in addition to a powerful counterattack against the enemy, we will severely strike the origin of that aggression as well," the military said in a statement published by Tasnim.

"We consider targeting the fuel, en-

ergy, and gas infrastructures of the countries of origin legitimate and will retaliate strongly at the earliest opportunity."

Qatar also operates facilities on the gas field, which it calls North Dome.

But the country, which produces a fifth of the world's liquefied natural gas, had halted production earlier in March in response to the conflict.

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Pakistan, Afghanistan to pause fighting for Eid, as dispute rages over Kabul bombing target



Pakistan and Afghanistan said they were pausing their military operations against each other on Wednesday for the Islamic festival of Eid-al-Fitr, a surprise move two days after a drug rehab centre in Kabul was hit in the deadliest strike in months.

The Afghan Taliban government has said that more than 400 people were killed and 265 wounded in the airstrike that took place on Monday night, just as people and staff at the centre were praying.

The casualty numbers shared by authorities have not been independently verified. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said on Wednesday that 143 people were killed and 119 wounded in the attack.

Pakistan rejected the Taliban's statements about the strike, saying it had "precisely targeted military installations and terrorist support infrastructure".

PAUSE A GESTURE IN GOOD FAITH, PAKISTAN SAYS

Pakistani Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said Islamabad was pausing the military operations due to Eid, which marks the end of the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan and is set to be celebrated at the end of this week.

The pause, he said in a post on X, was on Pakistan's own initiative and at the request of Islamic countries Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey. The pause would take effect at midnight on Wednesday and last until midnight on

March 23.

"Pakistan offers this gesture in good faith and in keeping with the Islamic norms," he said, adding that operations would resume with renewed intensity if there was any cross-border attack, drone attack or any "terrorist incident" inside Pakistan.

The Afghan Taliban followed with a similar announcement soon after Tarar.

Kabul was calling a temporary halt to defensive operations on the occasion of Eid and also at the request of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar, Taliban government spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a post on X.

Afghanistan would respond to any aggression in the event of any threat, he added.

Ottos Rangers beat Jennings United in Premier League



Players of the Ottos Rangers starting XI

The Ottos Rangers prevailed against Molwyn Joseph Jennings United in a bottom-of-the-table-clash in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Tuesday.

The Ottos Rangers recorded their second win in 17 matches by pulling off a 4-1 victory over Jennings United at the ABFA Technical Center.

Following a goalless first half, Marmarlaque Davidson broke the deadlock by giving Ottos Rangers the lead with a 59th-minute conversion.

Shaquille Watkins scored in the 63rd minute to equalize for Jennings United. But Howayne James produced a hat trick to secure victory for the Ottos Rangers. James had conversions in the 65th, 67th, and 73rd minutes.

The result allows the Ottos Rangers to leapfrog Jennings United and

move to second from the bottom of the 12-team standings by advancing to seven points.

The Jennings United dropped to the bottom of the standings with six points after crashing to their 15th defeat in 17 matches.

Meanwhile, Five Islands have opened up a four-point gap on Greenbay Hoppers at the top of the ABFA First Division League.

Five Islands recorded their 11th win in 19 matches by snatching a 1-0 victory against Bolans FC.

The result allows Five Islands to remain at the top of the First Division by advancing to 38 points, four ahead of second-placed Greenbay Hoppers.

Bolans FC remains in 11th place with 16 points after suffering their eighth defeat in 18 matches.

The Swetes Vipers FC moved from fourth to third place on goal difference by securing their ninth

win in 18 matches with a 10-1 drubbing of FC Master Ballers at the Freemans Village playing field.

Kimoi Alexander struck a hat trick, and Jondale Jno Lewis scored twice for the Swetes Vipers. Alexander had conversions in the 17th, 75th, and 89th minutes, while Jno Lewis scored in the fifth and 34th minutes.

Joell Toussaint scored an own goal in the 50th minute, Wayne Phillip had a 63rd-minute conversion, and Makhai Browne found the back of the net with a strike in the 76th minute.

The other goals for the Swetes Vipers FC were scored by Shalon Knight in the 79th minute, and Sha-Mar Anthony in the 90th minute. Shumba Thomas scored the only goal for FC Master Ballers with a conversion in the third minute.

FC Master Ballers also finished the match with 10 players after Corrie Barthley received a red card and was expelled in the 57th minute.

The result allows the Swetes Vipers FC to advance to 32 points, while FC Master Ballers remain in the cellar of the 14-team standings with nine points after losing for the 13th time in 18 matches.

SAP FC moved from fifth to fourth place on goal difference by claiming their eighth win in 18 matches with a 2-1 victory against the Cedar Grove Blue Jays.

The result allows SAP FC to advance to 32 points, while the Cedar Grove Blue Jays remain second from the bottom of the standings with 11 points after slumping to their 13th defeat in 18 matches.

Cedar Grove Gunners extend unbeaten run in Division 2 basketball



The Cedar Grove Gunners extended their unbeaten run to remain leaders in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division League on Tuesday evening.

The Gunners notched up their ninth win in as many matches by pulling off an 84-69 victory against Da Project 2 in the opening game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Tyras Grayman produced 18 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists; Sergio Symister also sank 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds; and Olivee Morris had 16 points, seven rebounds, six steals, and five assists as the top performers for the Gunners.

In support, Keady Martin contributed nine points, 12 rebounds, eight assists, and five steals, and Iornie Joseph chipped in with seven points, 16 rebounds, and five steals for the Gunners.

Kevin Pimentel shot a game-high 26 points and claimed seven rebounds;

Erije Joseph sank 15 points and snatched five rebounds; and Nathan Matthew scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Da Project 2, who lost for the sixth time in nine games.

Cuties Ovals Ojays stayed within touching distance of the Cedar Grove Gunners by claiming their eighth win in nine matches with a commanding 79-50 victory over Ramco Pharmacy Fearless Crew in the second game of Tuesday's double-header.

Tajahron Davis provided 16 points and eight assists; Jaleyle Joseph also sank 16 points and claimed six rebounds; Yohhan Nicholas converted 14 points and grabbed 18 rebounds; and Theo Blair scored 12 points for the Fearless Crew, who suffered their fifth defeat in nine games.

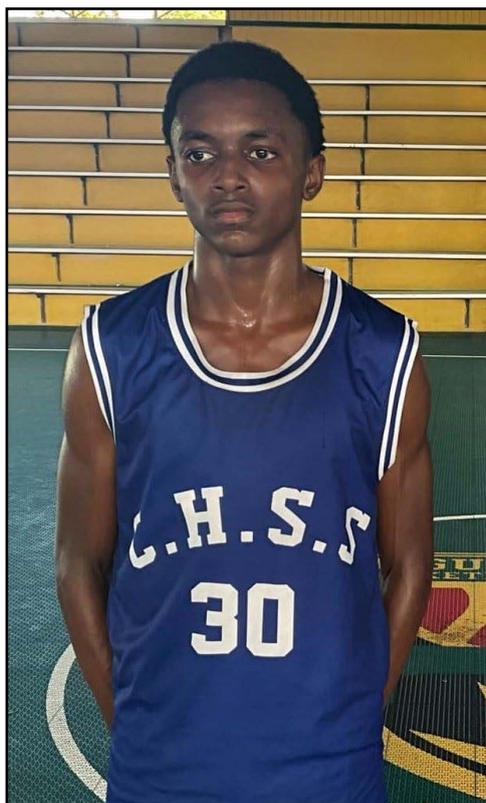
Clare Hall among winners in school basketball league

Clare Hall Secondary School was among the winners in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball Championships on Tuesday.

Clare Hall Secondary School prevailed 48-39 against St. Anthony's Secondary School in the Junior Boys Division at the JSC Sports Complex.

Tajahron Davis shot a game-high 22 points, Jahaziel Santana sank 12 points, and Jujuah Lee scored 10 points for Clare Hall Secondary School.

Zende Dorsett converted 17 points, and Khalil Roberts and Kamal Mason each scored 11 points for St. Anthony's Secondary School.



Tajahron Davis

But St. Anthony's Secondary School celebrated success in the Mini Boys Secondary Division, prevailing 28-21 against Princess Margaret School.

Kelonte Hamilton converted 12 points for St. Anthony's Secondary, while Kevani White scored 11 points for Princess Margaret School.

St. John's Catholic Primary pulled off an 8-2 victory over JT Ambrose Primary in the Mini Boys Primary Division.

Dariele Perez sank six points for St. John's Catholic Primary, while Malique Telemaque scored two points for JT Ambrose Primary.

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Cup of Nations decision hammer blow for African football



Senegal's Sadio Mane holds the trophy aloft as he celebrates with teammates after winning the Africa Cup of Nations final soccer match between Senegal and Morocco in Rabat, Morocco, Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026. (AP)

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Two months after the chaotic end to the Africa Cup of Nations final between Senegal and Morocco, the outcome of the game remains in dispute.

Senegal was stripped of its title on Tuesday when African soccer's governing body ruled it had forfeited the final in January by walking off the field. The Confederation of African Football's appeals board turned Senegal's 1-0 win in extra time into a 3-0 default victory for Morocco.

But the Teranga Lions are not giving up the title without a fight. Senegal has vowed to appeal CAF's ruling to the sport's highest court, meaning the final say could be as much as a year away.

CAF's unprecedented decision to strip Senegal of the trophy is just the latest controversy for African soccer and its governing body. The controversy over January's Africa Cup of Nations final will come as a major blow to the continent's hopes of elevating the status of its flagship competition.

Tuesday's decision by the Confederation of African Football's Appeal Board to strip Senegal of the title and hand it to opponents Morocco adds to the cha-

os that characterised the final in Rabat, where Senegal walked off the pitch to protest a VAR decision before returning to win the game 1-0.

Their walk-off has been adjudged to have contravened tournament regulations and led to the Appeal Board handing Morocco the title and awarding them a 3-0 victory scoreline.

But the decision is to be appealed by Senegal, which is certain to drag out a storm that has harmed the image of African football.

"We need to get back to some common sense. And what's going to come of all this? What will people say about African football now? That it's not serious, that it's not rigorous. It saddens me, especially since it's improving," Alain Giresse, who coached four African national teams including Senegal, told the French daily *L'Equipe* on Wednesday.

"This is ridiculous, the Senegalese went home with the cup, celebrated and partied. Frankly, this discredits the CAF once again," added former France international Samir Nasri on French television.

"Serious credibility issues will be raised when football officialdom in Af-

rica can operate like a kangaroo court where obscure, inexplicable, and controversial decisions can replace fair and transparent decisions taken in broad daylight by referees," said former CAF vice president Kwesi Nyantakyi.

The Moroccan federation, however, argued that the strict application of the rules would help African football.

"This decision helps clarify the framework applicable to similar situations and strengthens the consistency and credibility of international competitions, particularly African football," the FRMF said in a statement on Wednesday.

The controversy reignited a day after CAF president Patrice Motsepe met with an array of sponsors and international broadcasters.

On Monday, CAF claimed preliminary research numbers released by independent agencies had shown a 61% growth in viewership for the tournament in Morocco, "making AFCON one of the biggest growing sporting properties globally."

Motsepe had conceded the events of the final, in which the Senegal coach ordered his players off the pitch, footballers fought each other, and the ball boys stole the equipment of the Senegal goalkeeper, were bad for the African game.

"I was extremely disappointed with the unacceptable incidents that took place at the final," he said in a statement issued almost two weeks after the match.

"I am absolutely determined to maintain and advance the integrity, reputation, and global competitiveness of African football and CAF competitions," Motsepe added.

Immediately after the game, FIFA president Gianni Infantino wrote on his Instagram account, "The ugly scenes witnessed must be condemned and never repeated."

Motsepe has promised a clampdown with heavier suspensions and fines for those who break the rules. He has also promised to raise the standard of refereeing on the continent, which is often heavily criticised.

Losing start for defending champs in ABSCA men's 10-Over contest

Defending champions Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js got off to a losing start in defense of their title in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Men's 10 Overs competition.

The Buckley's 3Js launched their title defense with an eight-wicket loss to Rackaman Construction Strictly Business at Dredgers' playing field.

The Buckley's 3Js were dismissed for 49 in 9.5 overs. Nigel Fergus made 17, and Zavier Otto struck 14. Player of the match Owen Graham snapped up four for 10, Ashfield Weatherhead claimed two wickets for seven runs, and Melvin Charles took two wickets for eight runs.

Strictly Business achieved victory by scoring 54 for three in 9.1 overs. Melvin Charles scored 13. Charanlall Ramjohn captured three for 17.

Rackaman Construction Strictly Business also claimed a 38-run victory against Dredgers. Strictly Business made 113 for three off their 10 overs.

Player of the match Ashfield Weatherhead slammed 56, including five sixes, and Jevon Howel struck 43, with five sixes. Mervin Higgins captured two for 20.

In reply, the Dredgers were restricted to 75 for four off their 10 overs. Derval Phillip struck 34, and Ray Charles made 12. Shaquan Reifer captured two for 12.

A winning start as well for Construction Solutions PMS, who snatched a 10-run victory over Mix Up Stars at Antigua Grammar School.

Batting first, PMS made 104 for three off their 10 overs. James hit 33, Ken-



Owen Graham of Strictly Business

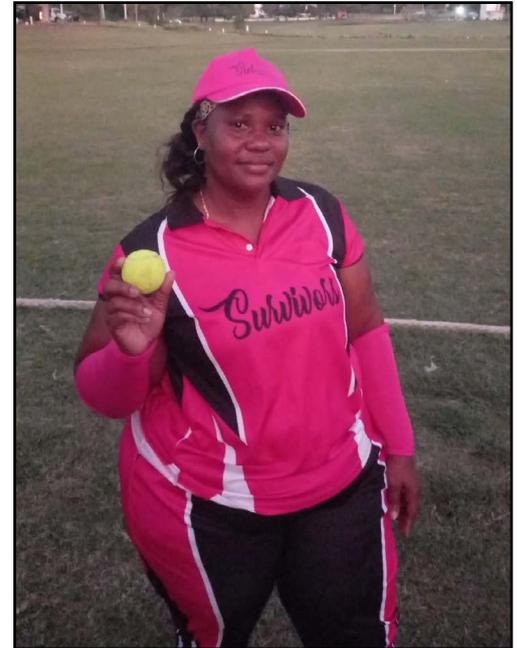
ny Benjamin struck 23, and Clarence Francis scored 22.

In reply, Mix Up Stars were restricted to 94 for seven off their 10 overs. Player of the match Federick Floyd hammered 55; there was a contribution of 33 extras, and Peter Bellefonte scored 18.

Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors made a successful start in defense of their title in the ABSCA women's 10 overs competition.

Survivors secured a seven-wicket victory against Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers at Dredgers.

The Female Flyers were restricted to 51 for six off their 10 overs. Makada Hector struck 19, and Terez Parker scored 10. Player of the match Menova Govia grabbed four for 12, and Sa-



Menova Govia of Survivors

cha Michael took two for 11.

In reply, the Survivors secured victory by scoring 52 for three of their 10 overs. Kimberly Anthony hit 23, and Desrie Welsh struck 17 not out. Monique Titus picked up two wickets for eight runs.

The Potters Uprising Cricket Team also made a winning start to their campaign by pulling off a six-wicket victory over the Jennings Rockets at the Antigua Grammar School.

The Jennings Rockets were restricted to 68 for three off their 10 overs. Rhea Bobb hit 28, and Kushana David scored 20.

Potters achieved victory at 74 for two in 9.5 overs. Player of the match Nolia Elvin hammered 44, and Tawana John scored 11.