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Members of the CARICOM Reparations Commission (Dorbrene O'Marde of Antigua and Barbuda is fourth from left)

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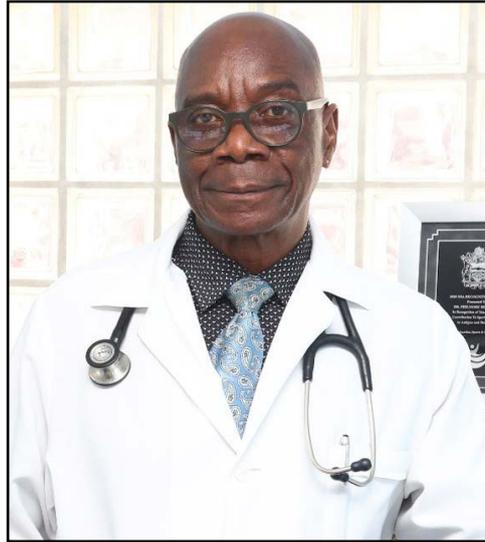
In an open letter to his constituents, Dr. Philmore Benjamin has declared his commitment to a people-first approach and inclusive development, as he seeks to retain the Saint Mary's North seat for the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) in the soon-to-be-announced general elections.

Benjamin expressed a deep sense of responsibility as he seeks the opportunity to serve, while also paying tribute to long-serving representative Sir Molwyn Joseph for his years of dedicated service and lasting contributions to the development of St. Mary's North.

The veteran politician announced last Friday his retirement from active politics, immediately clearing the path for his successor, Dr. Philmore Benjamin, a former member of the United Progressive Party who resigned in late 2024.

Benjamin said he has been actively engaging residents across several communities, listening to their concerns and aspirations. He stressed that his approach to representation will be grounded in collaboration with citizens and community leaders to ensure development reaches every corner of the constituency.

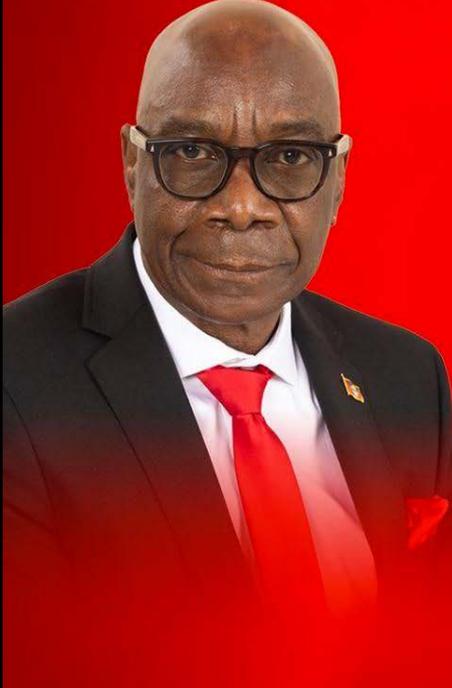
He also aligned his campaign with the national agenda of the ABLP administration, pointing to what he described as continued progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Gaston Browne. According to Benjamin, ongoing initiatives in job creation, infrastructure expansion, and economic growth are helping to improve the lives of citizens.



Dr. Philmore Benjamin

Among his key priorities, Dr. Philmore Benjamin identified youth empowerment, improved housing, stronger social support systems, and the development of resilient communities as critical focus areas for St. Mary's North.

As the general election approaches, he is urging constituents to support his candidacy, promising to work diligently on their behalf and to ensure the constituency continues to benefit from national development efforts.

DR. PHILMORE BENJAMIN
St. Mary's North

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Campaign Theme Defined



The ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party will base its 2026 Election campaign on the theme; ***The Renaissance***.

In a social media post, ABLP Political Leader and Prime Minister Gaston Browne is explaining the meaning and significance of ***The Renaissance***, to the party, the government and the country at this time.

“***The Renaissance***: is a new era of greater prosperity; characterized by increased opportunities, expanded ownership, deeper cultural confidence and broader national pride,” PM Browne wrote on his Facebook page.

The focus on the theme comes as the ABLP is ‘cranking’ up’ its party machinery, generally referred to as ‘***the Big Red Machine***’ with general elections expected to be just weeks away. Now that the selection of the seventeen candidates who will contest the elections is now complete, the party leader has asked all the candidates and the different arms of the party to intensify their campaign efforts throughout the length and breadth of the country.

“This is the time to be knocking on doors, listen to the constituents, take note of their concerns and reassure them that the ABLP will concentrate its efforts on ensuring that every na-

tional, every resident in Antigua and Barbuda enjoy improvements in their standard of living. We are the party that built Antigua and Barbuda, we cannot afford to allow them to ‘mash it up’,” the leader reiterated, borrowing

from a previous election theme.

The Political Leader is again leading from the front, as he is making himself available to every candidate to assist with their ‘on-the-ground’ campaign.

Following his efforts to assist the new MP for St Philip North in the recent by-election, the prime minister is using that same strategy in the general elections. As an example, on Tuesday, PM Browne joined with **Team Freeland** in parts of Potters, including Beverly Hills and Glory Alley.

“Thank you for opening your doors, sharing your stories, and displaying St. George’s true community spirit every step of the way. Your warm smiles and heartfelt concerns reminded me why I’m in this: to unite our vibrant communities and ignite the change you and St. George deserve,” he posted.

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UPP's St. Paul Candidate Pick Sparks Public Mockery

The opposition United Progressive Party (UPP) is facing a wave of public ridicule following its announcement that Franz deFreitas will contest the St. Paul seat in the upcoming general elections.

The reaction across social media and talk radio was swift, with many commentators describing the move as surprising—if not outright comical—given that deFreitas will be challenging seasoned incumbent E.P. Chet Greene, widely regarded as a political heavyweight within the constituency.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the UPP confirmed that deFreitas will replace Wayne Benjamin Marsh on its slate of candidates. The party said deFreitas had been recruited by the St. Paul Branch executive and was warmly received.

Describing himself as “fearless,” deFreitas expressed enthusiasm about the candidacy, stating he is “happy to serve” and eager to take on the new political challenge.

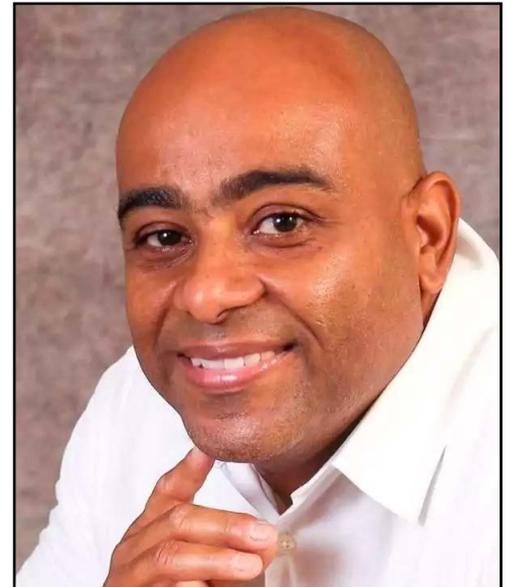
UPP Political Leader Jamale Pringle also voiced strong support for the new candidate, citing his potential to make an immediate impact in the constituency. Pringle pointed to deFreitas’ maternal ties to the village of Liberta as an added advantage.

DeFreitas is known in media circles as the host of the weekday programme “Hard Look” on Progressive FM and is supposedly an advocate for youth development and entrepreneurship. He unsuccessfully contested the St. John’s City South seat in the 2023 general election.

Meanwhile, Marsh officially withdrew his candidacy during a Central Executive Committee meeting held on March 24. He explained that it was highly unlikely he would be able to complete the renunciation of his United States citizenship in time for the upcoming elections—a constitutional requirement for candidates.



Wayne Benjamin Marsh



Franz deFreitas

Marsh, however, pushed back against what he described as misinformation being circulated by political operatives regarding his decision to step aside.

He reaffirmed his commitment to the UPP and its “People First” philosophy,

pledging to continue working toward the party’s success at the polls.

The Central Executive Committee acknowledged Marsh’s contributions, thanking him for his service as caretaker and expressing appreciation for his continued support of the party.

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Antigua and Barbuda Joins In Regional Observance Of International Day of Remembrance of The Victims Of Slavery

The CARICOM Reparation Commission has issued a statement in observance of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

The statement reads; The CARICOM Reparations Commission pays tribute to the 15 million African men, women, and children who endured the horrors of chattel enslavement for over three hundred years in the Americas. We remember the untold suffering caused by the trauma of the Middle Passage, the brutality of slavery and the despair of being denied their humanity, their freedom and their dignity.

However, we also remember their countless acts of courage and defiance against a racialised system of European domination. We honour their relentless resistance towards ending one of the greatest injustices in human history, which was perpetrated against African people.

We honour their memory by carrying forward their fight for freedom and justice in accordance with the CARICOM Ten Point Plan for Reparations, which outlines the Region's collective vision for justice in the context of regional development priorities. We renew our call for restitution and compensation through comprehensive programmes of repair and the implementation of sustained measures to dismantle structural and institutional racism.

The Commission reaffirms that the crimes against humanity of racialised chattel enslavement, the



Members of the CARICOM Reparation Commission (Dorbrene O'Marde is fourth from left standing)

trafficking of enslaved Africans and genocide, were carefully orchestrated to fuel the growth of Europe and systematically underdeveloped Africa and the Caribbean. The legacies of these deeply entrenched historical systems of exploitation continue to shape global inequality until today.

We welcome the declaration of the African Union Decade for Reparations (2026 – 2035), as a historic commitment that strengthens the global reparations movement and provides a framework for deeper collaboration between Africa, the Caribbean, and the wider diaspora. Together, we are forging a unified front to ensure that reparatory justice is recognised as a matter of rights, historical truth, moral and legal accountability.

As we reflect, we also recommit

to continued dialogue, advocacy and public education. The struggle for reparatory justice is at a defining moment, with growing global awareness and an expanding coalition within Global Africa.

The Commission recognises and celebrates the resilience of our ancestors to slavery and transatlantic trafficking in the face of crushing adversity. The Commission further calls on the international community to take decisive action to repair the harmful legacies, recognising that justice for the victims of African enslavement is justice for humanity.

Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparation Support Commission, Dorbrene O'Marde, serves as vice chairman of the CARICOM Reparation Commission.

Residents and Stakeholders to Join Consultation on Natural Resources and Marine Spatial Plans for the NDNP



MARINE SPATIAL PLAN & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Joint Public Consultation
within the Nelson's Dockyard National Park!

JOIN THE COMMUNITY SESSION

Discuss the Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP):

- Management Priorities for Land, Coastal, and Marine Ecosystems
- Clarifying Governance Framework

Discuss the Marine Spatial Plan (MSP):

- Pollution and Waste Management
- Marine Areas Designation
- Areas for Conservation, Fishing Priority and Other Marine uses.

Your perspectives, knowledge, and experiences are important in shaping how these plans are developed and resources are managed for the future. Share your recommendations, solutions and questions.

OPEN TO ALL OPERATING IN THE NDNP AREA

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
5:30 to 8:30 PM

Cobbs Cross Primary School

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Scan with your camera to register

NDNP Residents, Community Members, NDNP Community Groups, Business Operators, Vendors, Fisherfolk, Marine Users, Landowners, Property Owners, Culture and Heritage Advocates, Regulatory Agencies, Youth Groups, Civil Society Organizations

Among the issues that were addressed in relation to the NDNP Marine Spatial Plan were pollution and waste management, designating marine areas, and discussions on areas for conservation, fishing priority and other marine uses.

Wednesday's joint public consultation followed several engagements organised so far over the course of the EbA Caribbean Project, designed to ensure that stakeholder engagement and community participation inform the project's outcomes. In February, residents and stakeholders participated in two (2) community consultations as part of a Sustainable Fisheries and Land Management Workshop organised under the EbA Caribbean Project.

Kieron Murdoch, Communications Officer with IHO, states, "Engaging the community continues to be an extremely important part of the work being done by everyone attached to this project. It's vital to ensure that at the end of the day, the results of the work being done are results that were informed by the experiences of those who live, work and operate with the National Park."

The EbA Caribbean Project aims to build resilience to climate change through an ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) approach. Funded by the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), the official title of the project is: Strengthening regional climate resilience and supporting green economic recovery through ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and sustainable livelihoods in the Dominican Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, and Jamaica.

It is co-financed by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for Environment through KfW Development Bank in Germany. It is implemented by the UN Environment Programme - World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Oracabessa Marine Trust (OMT), Integrated Health Outreach Inc. (IHO), Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano, Inc. (CAD), and the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC).

Residents and stakeholders of the Nelson's Dockyard National Park (NDNP) are to gathered on Wednesday evening to discuss two important plans that will impact the NDNP. The first is a Natural Resources Management Plan, and the second is the NDNP Marine Spatial Plan. This joint public consultation on both plans forms part of a range of measures being undertaken to engage key stakeholders and communities.

Both plans are being developed as part of an ongoing climate resilience project in the NDNP known as the EbA Caribbean Project, which is active in Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. In Antigua and Barbuda, the project is being implemented in the NDNP by the nonprofit organisation, Integrated Health Outreach (IHO),

in collaboration with the National Parks Authority (NPA).

The joint consultation formed part of consultancies led by a team from the Centre of Excellence of Oceanography and the Blue Economy (COBE) at the University of the West Indies, Five Islands. The COBE has been engaged under the EbA Caribbean Project to develop the Natural Resource Management Plan and the Marine Spatial Plan, working in tandem with the National Parks Authority, the management authority for the NDNP.

Discussions on the Natural Resources Management Plan involved issues such as management priorities for land, coastal, and marine ecosystems and discussions on the governance framework.

ESFN Weaves Threads of Creativity through Creative Expression Workshop

The EcoShores Sustainable Futures Network (ESFN) successfully hosted its Creative Expression Workshop on Saturday, at Wadadli Spaces, bringing together a diverse mix of participants aged 5 to 35 for a day of imagination, artistry, and community connection.

Inspired by the Commonwealth’s creative call, participants were given the single prompt of creating “Threads” and invited to interpret it in their own way. From a single word, they engaged in writing, drawing, painting, and other artistic mediums, such as designing puzzles, painting on canvases, sketching on paper, and experimenting with different items to bring their ideas to life. The variety of interpretations highlighted how a spark can generate a burst of different expressions of culture, heritage, and creativity.

At ESFN, creating spaces for artistic expression is a way of nurturing cultural identity, celebrating heritage, and strengthening community resilience.



In a moment when global conversations like the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) highlight the importance of unity and shared purpose, ESFN believes that

creativity is an important element that connects people to each other and to the environment.

In recognition of World Water Day, held on March 22nd, 2026, with

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the global theme “Water and Gender: Where water flows, equality grows,” participants collaborated on a collective board where they left their mark by expressing “What Water Means to Them.” This shared piece became a powerful symbol of how creativity can connect environmental awareness with cultural identity and community resilience.

A special highlight during the workshop was the recognition of several winners from ESFN’s Creative Young Voices for Wetlands Competition, held in February 2026 for World Wetlands Day, an initiative made possible through partnership with the IUCN Wise Use of Caribbean Wetlands Project. This celebration honored youth who have expressed their perspectives on wetland conservation through creative media, reinforcing the link between creativity, environmental stewardship, and cultural heritage.

“We are thrilled to open this space where art and environmental equity meet,” said Britney McDonald, Portfolio Manager at ESFN. “The Creative Expression Workshop was about building community, valuing creatives, and sharing together in imagination, heritage, while celebrating the voices of our youth.”

Stakeholders expressed the need for future creative expression workshops over the course of the event. ESFN is working with partners to host additional workshops throughout 2026 to foster the next generation of creatives.






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Police Probe Violent Death in All Saints

The police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 29-year-old male of Mack Pond, All Saints.

Preliminary reports indicate that the incident occurred at approximately 5:18 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, in the vicinity of the All Saints traffic lights.

It is alleged that the deceased was involved in an altercation with another male, during which he sustained a stab wound to the back of the neck from an unknown sharp object.

He was transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), where he was later pronounced dead at approximately 5:58 p.m. by a medical doctor.

Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

The police are appealing to anyone



with information surrounding this incident to contact the All Saints Police Station at 460-1000, the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913, or the Crimestoppers anonymous hotline at 800-TIPS (8477). All informa-

tion will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The Police Administration extends sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased during this difficult time.

DAILY PROGRAMMING

EARLY VIBRATIONS	6AM-10AM MON. - FRI.
<small>WITH GREMSTA</small>	
THE RUSH HOUR SHOW	5PM-7PM MON. - FRI.
<small>WITH ROGER LAKE</small>	6AM-9AM SATURDAYS
TOUCHLINE	7PM-9PM MON. - THURS.
<small>WITH EPILUS</small>	
BAD COMPANY	2PM-6PM THURS. 12PM-4PM SATURDAYS
<small>LIVE FROM THE V.I.</small>	& 1PM-5PM ON SUNDAYS
REGGAE INSPIRATION	9PM-12AM MON. THURS. SUNDAY
<small>WITH SELECTOR KEEGAN</small>	
JAH WADADLI	7PM-9PM FRIDAYS
<small>WITH DJ JAH WADADLI</small>	

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#	COUNSTITUENCY	SUB-TOTAL	Balance from 2025		MARCH 2026					GRAND TOTAL	% Complete	
			JAN	FEB	2nd-6th	9th-13th	16th-20th	23rd-28th	30th-31st			
1	ST. JOHN'S CITY WEST	758	12	14	5	3	7	82	0	97	881	38%
2	ST. JOHN'S CITY EAST	486	9	13	4	2	5	55	0	66	574	36%
3	ST. JOHN'S CITY SOUTH	475	7	10	3	4	10	62	0	79	571	39%
4	ST. JOHN'S RURAL WEST	1451	46	25	5	5	13	121	0	144	1666	37%
5	ST. JOHN'S RURAL SOUTH	961	24	27	5	1	9	90	0	105	1117	38%
6	ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST	1333	41	35	12	8	12	121	0	153	1562	37%
7	ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH	1158	24	12	3	4	30	137	0	174	1368	40%
8	ST. MARY'S NORTH	1271	38	26	6	4	9	112	0	131	1466	36%
9	ST. MARY'S SOUTH	845	14	12	6	1	7	59	0	73	944	44%
10	ALL SAINTS EAST AND ST. LUKE	1195	31	16	14	11	11	95	0	131	1373	41%
11	ALL SAINTS WEST	1493	35	34	14	9	18	126	0	167	1729	44%
12	ST. GEORGE	1755	22	30	10	9	22	111	0	152	1959	43%
13	ST. PETER	2219	7	6	3	2	4	18	0	27	2259	79%
14	ST. PHILIP NORTH	695	22	218	108	63	14	3	0	188	1123	71%
15	ST. PHILIP SOUTH	417	9	13	4	2	1	55	0	62	501	47%
16	ST. PAUL	1088	13	15	10	1	8	82	0	101	1217	45%
17	BARBUDA	720	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	727	71%
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MONTHLY TOTAL			18320	355	508						1854	21037



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FEBRUARY 2026 - WEEK #85: 23rd - 27th MARCH 2026



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“Where Water Flows, Equality Grows,”
A simple phrase, yet truth it shows.
Because access is more than supply,
It’s who must struggle, who gets by.

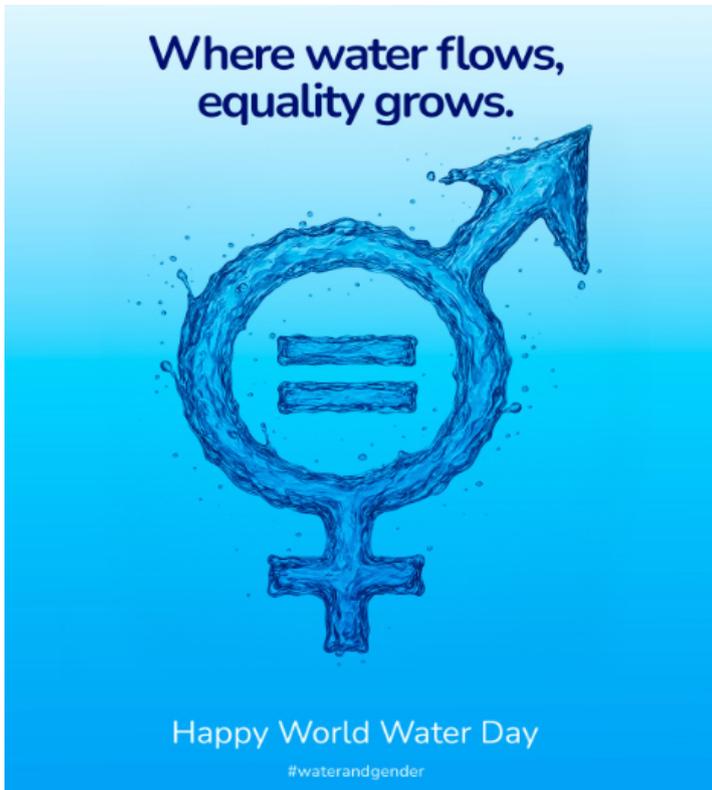
Who wakes at dawn, who walks the mile,
Who bears the burden all the while?
Across the world, it’s women and girls,
Carrying water, carrying worlds.

Balancing buckets upon their heads,
While dreams and opportunities quietly shed.
Time for school, for growth, for play,
Lost in the journey day by day.

So tell me now, can we ignore
The silent weight that women bore?
Can we speak of progress, bold and loud,
While inequality still shrouds the crowd?

Water is not just what we drink,
It shapes the way we live and think.
It determines who leads, who learns, who earns,
And whose potential quietly burns.

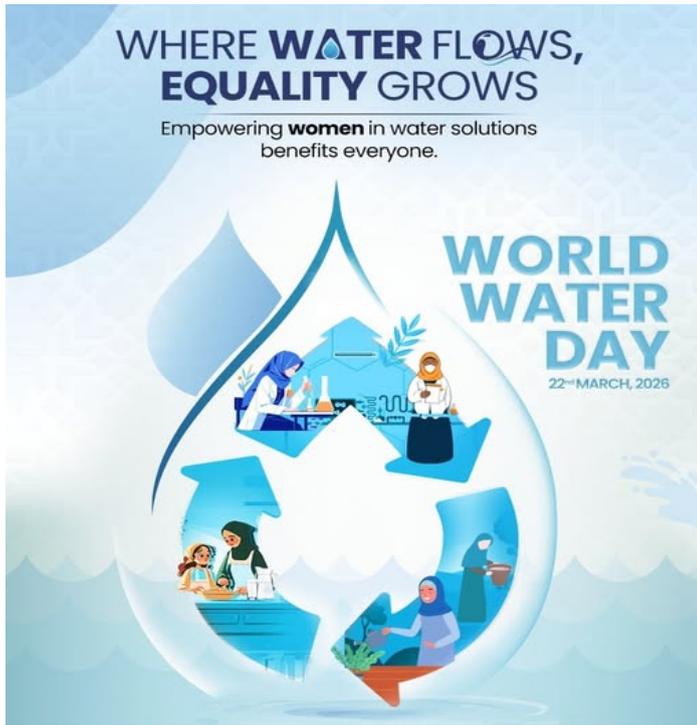
And here at home, we must reflect,
Are we showing women the same respect?
Are systems built with all in mind,
Or leaving some far behind?



Water flows where life begins,
Through quiet strength, through losses and wins.
A drop, a stream, a rising tide,
Carrying stories we often hide.

But listen closely — hear the call,
This is not just water for all.
It’s deeper, wider than we see,
It’s justice, rights, equality.

And what of women with disabilities too?
 Are their voices heard, are their needs in
 view?
 Or do they face a double fight,
 For access, dignity, and basic rights?



Because equality is not a word we say,
 It's something we build in every way.
 In how we plan, in what we do,
 In who we include, in what is true.

Water connects us — that we know,
 But justice decides how far we go.
 And when access is fair and free,
 We unlock true equality.

From homes to schools, from hills to sea,
 Water shapes our reality.
 But when it's scarce or hard to find,
 It limits futures, traps the mind.

So what must change? What must we do?
 The answers are not entirely new.
 Invest in systems, strong and fair,
 Ensure that everyone can share.

Teach our children, young and bright,
 That water is both a need and a right.

That every drop we choose to save,
 Is a future we are brave to pave.

And let us not forget the link,
 Between the waste we toss and drink.
 Pollution flows where water goes,
 And blocks the path where equality grows.

Plastic bottles, caps, and waste,
 When poorly managed, are misplaced.
 They clog our drains, they harm our seas,
 They steal tomorrow with quiet ease.

But imagine instead a different view,
 Where waste is sorted, reused, made new.
 Where communities rise, aware and strong,
 Correcting systems that went wrong.

Where women lead in climate action,
 Driving change with purpose and passion.
 Where inclusion is not a side note,
 But the very message that we promote.

So this World Water Day, let's decide,
 To stand for justice, not just tide.
 To question, to act, to lead the way,
 Not just for now, but every day.

Let this not be a moment that fades,
 Lost in campaigns and catchy phrases.
 Let it be the spark, the shift, the call,
 To build a future that serves us all.

Because every drop has power untold,
 Not just of water, but stories bold.
 Of women, of strength, of voices that say,
 We will not be left behind today.

So let it flow — this change we seek,
 Through the strong, through the meek.
 Through every system we rebuild,
 Through every promise we have willed.

Because where water flows — let it be
 known,
 Equality must also be grown.



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I. Consulting Firm Information

Name of Firm ¹ :	
Country of Registration: ²	Registered Postal Address:
Contact Telephone Number:	E-mail Address:
Name of Authorised Representative EOI Submitted by:	Position of Authorised Representative:

A. Brief Background of Consulting Firm

Present a brief background of the firm and list the services provided by the firm. A company profile/brochure can also be attached but not copied and pasted below. **[500 words]:**

¹ The Name of Firm shall be the full legal name of the firm which would be used under any subsequent contract for this assignment. In case of JVs established or to be established for this assignment, identify the legal name of the Lead consulting firm. A Firm is defined in "Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB" (Procedures), January 2021.

² In case of JVs, specify the country of registration of the Lead consultant. The lead consultancy firm must submit a copy of the Certificate of Registration / Incorporation of itself and of each JV member and SC through section VI. EOI Attachments.

B. Associations (Joint Venture³ partner(s) or Sub-consultancy firm(s) in association with the Lead Firm)

Name of Firm	Country of Registration	Joint Venture (JV) or Sub-consultant (SC)	Name of Authorised Representative EOI Submitted by	Position of Authorised Representative
		Choose an item.		
		Choose an item.		
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		Choose an item.		

C. Brief Background of JV partner(s) or SC firm(s)

Present a brief background of each of the JV partner(s) or SC firm(s) and list the services provided by the firm(s) relevant to the assignment by each entity. Include the date of establishment of the JV and major relevant highlights similar to this assignment. A company profile/brochure of each entity⁴ can be attached (Section VI. EOI Attachments.) ***(Maximum 1,000 words for each entity)***

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional text boxes as necessary for each entity)

³ A Joint Venture (JV) is defined in “Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB” (Procedures), January 2021 paragraph 6.22.

⁴ Entity refers to the consulting firm and/or the affiliated parties under the partnership arrangement.

D. Summary of Rationale for the Structure of the Consultants Expressing Interest

Present the rationale for and benefits of working in association (JV or SC) with others rather than undertaking the assignment independently (as appropriate). Describe the proposed management and coordination approach between the firms and the anticipated role of each. **(Maximum [500 words]: 500 words for each entity):**

We confirm that: (please check)

- Documentation regarding our corporate structure including beneficial ownership has been attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.
- Documentation regarding our Board of Directors or equivalent has been attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.
- A written agreement to associate for the purpose of this Expression of Interest or a letter of intent to enter into such agreement to perform the assignment if successful has been signed between the JV partners and has been attached (if applicable).
- The lead consulting firm and JV partners, if any, are not sole proprietorships.⁵
- If our team is shortlisted and invited to submit a Proposal, we understand it is not permissible to transfer the invitation to any other Firm, such as a parent company, subsidiaries, and affiliates⁶.
- We understand that the Recipient/Client⁷ has the right to reject a Proposal if the Consultant removes or changes a JV member without the Client's prior consent.

⁵ Refer to footnote 21 of the Procedures, January 2021, i.e., "Sole proprietorships shall be deemed as equivalent to an individual Consultant."

⁶ Refer to permissible arrangements of the parties as described in the Procedures, January 2021 under paragraph 6.21.

⁷ "Recipient" refers here to the entity which signed the Financing Agreement with CDB who may be represented by an implementing or executing agency, and which may also be called the "Client".

II. Assignment Specific Qualifications and Experience of Lead Firm or JV Partners.⁸

Please provide relevant project information in the Sections below.

A. Project References

Please select the most recent and relevant projects to demonstrate the entity’s technical qualifications, technical experience, and geographical experience [**minimum two (2) projects within the last ten (10) years**].

i. Project Summary

PN ⁹	Project Title	Country	Duration (no. of months)	Contracting Party	Entity ¹⁰
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ii. Project Details

PN 1	
Project Title	
Country/Region	

⁸ Sub-consultants' qualifications and experience are not considered.

⁹ PN refers to each Project Number listed and as referenced in the preceding project summaries.

¹⁰ List name of each entity as it applies to the details of experience such as the name of the Lead Consulting Firm, JV partner, etc.

Start Date	
Completion Date	
Continuous/Intermittent	
Contracting Party	
Lead Firm	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate name of the Lead Consulting Firm/JV partner)</i>
Firm (if not Lead Firm and JV Partner)	
Role within contract (if not Lead Firm)	
Funding Source	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate, for example, whether from MDB, Private Sector, Public Sector, etc.)</i>
Value of Contract in USD	
Value of Services provided in USD	
Description	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate your role, for example, whether Consulting Firm, JV partner or sub-contractor and inputs in person-months and describe the types of activities undertaken)</i>
Point of Contact of Contracting Party ¹¹	Name: Contact Number: E-mail address:

PN 2	
Project Title	

¹¹ Procuring Entity reserves the right to contact the Contracting Party to ascertain information included in the EOI.

Country/Region	
Start Date	
Completion Date	
Continuous/Intermittent	
Contracting Party	
Entity	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate name of the Lead Consulting Firm/JV partner)</i>
Funding Source	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate, for example, whether from MDB, Private Sector, Public Sector, etc.)</i>
Value of Contract in USD	
Value of Services provided by the entity in USD	
Description	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate your key position role, for example, whether Consulting Firm, JV partner or sub-contractor and inputs in person-months and describe the types of activities undertaken)</i>
Point of Contact of Contracting Party	Name: Contact Number: E-mail address:

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional Project Details tables as necessary with their corresponding PN reference numbers against the Project Summary table.)

B. Financial Capability

i. Financial Documents

The (lead) firm and its parties shall provide copies of financial statements of the (lead) firm and JV partners, where applicable, within the last 5 years during the period **years 2021 to 2025** (including turnover from consulting services and other activities, profit & loss, current asset & liability, and fixed asset & liability) to demonstrate that they have the necessary financial capacity to undertake the assignment. The financial statements shall:

- (a) reflect the financial situation of the (lead) firm or in case of JV member, and not an affiliated entity (such as parent company or group member).
- (b) be independently audited¹² or certified in accordance with local legislation.
- (c) be complete, including all notes to the financial statements.
- (d) correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited.

(Please check)

Attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments are copies of financial statements¹³ 5 years required above; and complying with the requirements.

ii. Financial data

Table 1 below should be completed to reflect the data provided in the financial statements.

Table 1

Financial information in (USD ¹⁴ equivalent in 000s)	Historic information for previous 5 years				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Statement of Financial Position (Information from Balance Sheet)					
Total Assets (TA)					
Total Liabilities (TL)					
Total Equity/Net Worth					

¹² Unless financial statements are not required to be audited under the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction of the firm.

¹³ If the most recent set of financial statements is for a period earlier than 12 months from the date of Application, the reason for this should be justified.

¹⁴ If the currency is not in USD, use the prevailing exchange rate at the time of this EOI submission.

(NW)					
Current Assets (CA)					
Current Liabilities (CL)					
Working Capital (WC)					
Information from Income Statement					
Total Revenue (TR)					
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)					
Cash Flow Information					
Cash Flow from Operating Activities					

III. Brief Comments on Terms of Reference (maximum of 500 words)

IV. Organisational Structure and Staffing of entity with experience related directly to the type of assignment.

Provide details in the table below of the human resources available (key and non-key experts) to execute the type of assignment in question (if required). An organogram / organisational chart can be attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.

1	2		3	4	5	6
No.	Category of Specialisation of Expertise and Skillset ¹⁵	General number of this resource available	Minimum required degree level	Minimum years of experience	Total number of resources who meet the requirements	Comments/ Further information , if any
N.B.		<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, e.g., total number of Civil Engineers available.</i>			<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, e.g., total number of Civil Engineers available with at least 10 years of experience</i>	<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, if any</i>
1	Solid + Liquid Waste Management Specialist	<i>[5 persons]</i>	Post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, or Waste Management.	A minimum of 15 years' experience in solid waste management projects, including integrated system assessments, feasibility studies, and strategy development.	<i>[3 persons]</i>	
2	Social Safeguards Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Social Development.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in social impact assessments for infrastructure projects, including experience in at least one solid waste infrastructure project.		

¹⁵ Listed individual experts will not be evaluated at this EOI stage but rather the human resources available collectively within the entity.

3	Environmental and Climate Change Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Environmental Science, Climate Science, Environmental Management, Engineering.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in conducting environmental assessments for infrastructure projects, including experience in at least one solid waste infrastructure project.		
4	Financial and Economic Analyst		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Economics, Finance, or Business Administration.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in financial and economic analysis of infrastructure or environmental projects.		
5	Civil / Environmental Engineer		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in engineering design, including the design of solid waste facilities such as sanitary landfills, transfer stations, recycling centres, and composting plants.		
6	Policy and Institutional Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Public Policy, Environmental Law, or Institutional Development	A minimum of 10 years' experience in reviewing and reforming policies, legislation, and institutional frameworks related to environmental management.		
7	Non-key Experts:					

Procurement and Contract Specialist					
Capacity Development and Training Specialist					
Community Engagement Specialist					
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist					
Mechanical Engineer (Plant and Equipment Advisory)					
Disaster Management Specialist					
			Post-graduate degree in any relevant discipline related to the assigned role	Minimum 5-10 years of relevant professional experience in infrastructure, environmental, or public sector projects. Experience relevant to the specific functional area.	

(Note to Firm: Please insert and modify rows and columns as necessary)

V. List of existing commitments

Provide a list of existing active commitments of projects being undertaken, if any.

Commitment Contract Title	Value of Contract (USD)	Value of Work remaining to be completed by Entity (USD)	Start Date	End Date (Estimated)

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional rows as necessary)

VI. EOI Attachments

No.	Description
1	Certificate of Registration or Incorporation of the Lead Member
2	Certificate of Registration or Incorporation of the JV member (for each member)
3	Documentation regarding Corporate Structure including beneficial ownership for each member of the Association
4	JV Agreement Letter of Intent to enter a JV Agreement (where relevant)
5	Documentation regarding the firm's (JV partners, as applicable,) Board of Directors
6	Financial Statements
7	Signed Governance and Eligibility Declaration on letterhead of consultant
8	Litigation & Arbitration Disclosure Statement

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional rows as necessary)

[Note to Firm: Insert Letterhead of (lead) Entity]

VII. Governance and Eligibility¹⁶ Declaration

We [insert name of the consulting firm or joint partners], represented by the undersigned, certify to the best of our knowledge and belief that: *(please check all boxes that apply)*

Understanding: We have read the Request for Expressions of Interest, including the draft terms of reference (TOR), for this assignment.

1. Governance:

No Conflicts of Interest: Neither the consulting firm nor its JV member or SC or any of its experts prepared the TOR for this activity and have no conflict of interest in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.17 Conflict of Interest.

No Conflicts of Interest: None of the members of our entity are subsidiaries of and/or dependent on the Client, Executing Agency or the Implementing Agency or individuals related to them and do not have an unfair competitive advantage in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.18 – 5.20 Unfair Competition.

Suspension and Debarment: We, the lead entity and JV member or SC along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the proposed services, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by CDB or subject to a public debarment by an MDB which is a signatory to the Agreement on Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions. Further, we are not ineligible under the Employer's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council. Neither the consulting firm nor the JV member or SC has ever been convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime related to corruption, fraud, collusion, coercion, or obstruction.

Suspension and Debarment: We understand that it is our obligation to notify CDB should any member of the entity become ineligible to work with CDB or other MDBs, in the context described in the above point, or be convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime as described above and in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.25-5.27 Prohibited Practices.

¹⁶ Eligibility refers to the details as set out in Section 4 of CDB's Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) or former versions of the CDB's Procurement Procedures and any such waivers by CDB, as relevant.

- No Misrepresentations: We understand that any misrepresentations that knowingly or recklessly mislead or attempt to mislead, may result in the automatic rejection of the proposal or cancellation of the contract, if awarded, and further remedial action, in accordance with CDB's Prohibited Practices and Other Integrity Related Matters Framework, may be pursued.

2. Eligibility:

- Eligibility: All consulting entities proposed in this EOI are eligible to participate in CDB-funded, -supported and -administered` activities in accordance with Section 4 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021).
- Experience Declaration: We confirm that the project references submitted as part of this EOI accurately reflect the experience and involvement of the specified entity.
- Agreement of Association: JV member(s) named in this EOI, authorised us in writing to represent them in expressing interest in this activity as detailed and attached in the Letter of Agreement / Intent to enter into a JV Agreement.
- Agreement of Association: Sub-consultant(s) named in this EOI, confirmed their interest in this activity in writing by way of signing a document indicating their willingness and availability to participate in the assignment.
- State-owned Enterprise or Institution: We are not a state-owned enterprise or institution.
OR
- State-owned Enterprise or Institution: We are a state-owned enterprise or institution but are legally and financially autonomous¹⁷ and operate under commercial law¹⁸.

Signature:

Authorised Representative

Date of Submission: [*dd-mm-yyyy*]

¹⁷ "Legally autonomous" means a legal entity separate from the eligible country's government. "Financially autonomous" means not receiving budget support from any public entity, and not being obliged to pass financial surplus to the same, except through dividends to shareholder.

¹⁸ Being vested with legal rights and liabilities similar to any commercial enterprise, including, being incorporated or established by statutory charter under local law; having the right: (i) to enter into legally binding contracts; (ii) to sue; (iii) to be sued; and (iv) to borrow money, being liable for the repayment of debts and being able to be declared bankrupt.

Regional News



Regional education conference celebrates Caribbean progress and calls for action

The recent CXC® Inaugural Regional Education Conference and Ministerial Forum in Jamaica marked four days of intensive discussions and exchanges among nearly 400 leading education experts and policymakers from across the Caribbean.

Attendees included representatives from 27 countries, as well as delegations from Malta, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Netherlands, according to a recent press release.

Despite being initially scheduled for October 2025 on Jamaica’s north coast, the event was postponed due to Hurricane Melissa, but CXC reports that the enthusiasm remained undiminished.

Dr. Wayne Wesley, CXC’s Registrar and CEO, emphasized that the eagerness for regional dialogue persisted, noting, “This tells you something about the hunger that exists for this kind of regional conversation.”

Referencing the exponential nature of teaching as a resource across generations, he remarked, “Every other resource — wealth, land, technology — can be hoarded or hacked, bombed or destroyed. But knowledge, once transmitted, multiplies. A teacher reaches 30 students. Those students reach thousands more. The compounding never stops. You are here because you believe Caribbean education can and must be better.”

The release shared that the gathering opened with the stirring notes of the CARICOM Song, setting the tone for discussions focused on advancing digital equity, improving examination relevance, and recognizing the diverse talents within Caribbean education systems.

Reportedly, the conference covered a wide range of topics, including the integration of generative AI in classrooms, ongoing literacy and numeracy challenges, flexible pathways for learners seeking alternative routes to certification, and a milestone signing of a Partnership Engagement Agree-






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ment with a consortium of Caribbean employer groups. This agreement signified a shared understanding that preparing students for the workforce extends beyond CXC's traditional scope.

Conversations centered on actionable solutions and regional collaboration, as per the release. The Ministerial Forum, held on Thursday, underscored the region's commitment to tackling these issues collectively.

Jamaica's Minister of Education, Skills, Youth and Information, Dr. Dana Morris Dixon, highlighted the resilience of the country's education sector, praising the dedication of her team and urging educators to remain bold in the face of rapid technological change.

"Our education systems across the Caribbean are being tested, and reshaped by new technologies, and we have to be bold to reimagine our realities all at once."

She added, "In the midst of this AI whirlwind, we must preserve what is most human and essential in education — curiosity, character, critical thinking, creativity, empathy, and purpose — we cannot lose sight of those goals."

Sonia Parag, Guyana's Minister of Education and Chair of COSHOD (Caribbean Organisation of Human and Social Development), reinforced this message by cautioning against abandoning fundamental skills amidst the push for digital transformation.

Emphasizing that literacy and numeracy remain core to meaningful learning experiences, she warned that if students lack comprehension and reasoning skills, digital tools will be of limited benefit.

"Digitization must not distract us from these fundamentals; it must strengthen and promote them," Parag said, urging close collaboration with CXC® to ensure that assessment and teaching methods remain aligned with regional needs.

Furthermore, Dr. Wesley pointed out that the conference exemplified the evolving identity of CXC®, describing it as an "activist" organization committed to educational advocacy.

He highlighted that CXC® has moved

beyond examination administration to champion equity, asserting, "Every Caribbean learner deserves a chance to shine, and CXC® is equal to the moment."

The event coincided with a significant milestone: the successful administration of fully electronic and hybrid examinations across 17 Caribbean states during the January 2026 exam cycle. Over 10,000 candidates participated, with nearly 18,000 subject entries, demonstrating that Caribbean students are prepared for digital assessments.

Dr. Wesley noted, "Our Gen Z and Alpha learners are digital natives. Learning and assessment systems must be congruent with how they process knowledge."

Meanwhile, Dr. Nicole Manning, Director of Operations at CXC® and Conference Chair, challenged educators to leverage the strengths of the Caribbean

educational ecosystem and adapt to the digital era.

"This is not just a conference — this is a covenant with our children, our communities, and the Caribbean future we choose to build," she said.

In closing, CXC's Director of Corporate Services, Sheree Deslandes, described the conference as "a clarion call" for all involved in Caribbean education to see excellence not as an aspiration for a select few, but as a fundamental right for all learners.

"The rivers meet," she said. "The CXC® Inaugural Regional Education Conference and Ministerial Forum have provided analysis, dialogue, and shared conviction. Now, this moment of convergence must turn into action — where commitments are translated into policies that shape the future." (Dominica News Online)



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Regional News



SVG monitors crisis in Cuba, supports Vincy students



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora Affairs has announced that it is closely monitoring the ongoing challenges affecting the Republic of Cuba.

Over recent months, Cuba has been severely impacted by widespread power outages and significant fuel shortages that have disrupted daily life.

In response to these difficult condi-

tions, the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is maintaining active engagement with its citizens currently studying in the country. Ambassador-Designate Angella Jackson recently held meetings with 42 Vincentian students on March 14 and March 18, and continues to maintain regular communication with others.

Despite the ongoing disruptions, the

Ministry reported that the students have demonstrated “commendable resilience and commitment”. The students remain highly focused on successfully completing their academic programs, reflecting a deep sense of purpose and national pride despite the challenging environment.

The crisis in Cuba has also drawn the attention of regional leaders. At the recent Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) hosted in St. Kitts and Nevis, CARICOM leaders collectively expressed their concern regarding the situation and affirmed a coordinated commitment to provide support to Cuba.

The Ministry concluded its immediate release by commending the strength, dedication, and perseverance of the Vincentian students and reaffirmed its ongoing support and engagement through established diplomatic channels. (St Vincent Times)

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IsraAID and UNDP deliver disaster management equipment to Kalinago Disaster Committee

IsraAID, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has delivered essential disaster management equipment to the Kalinago Disaster Committee, strengthening ongoing resilience and preparedness efforts within the Kalinago Territory.

During the handover ceremony, Parliamentary Representative for the Salybia Constituency, Cozier Frederick, praised the collaboration and emphasized its long-term value. “And so I want to celebrate this collaboration. I want to cement it as something that we will continue to do,” he said.

Frederick highlighted the often-overlooked role of the Kalinago people in national development and resilience. “And sometimes we discount the importance of the Kalinago in the entire national conversation. And so when we speak of resiliency, and we speak of empowerment, and we speak of productive country, we forget that the indigenous warriors, the Kalinago warriors who came before created the foundation for what we have.”

Reflecting on the legacy of the Kalinago and the challenges facing the global community, he added, “And so I stand on some serious shoulders—people who came before me, who died and bled in this land, and who in our own time, we are still fighting a serious battle. And I don’t know if you’re aware of what’s happening in the international world, where countries are in crisis.”

Frederick stressed the need for local preparedness, rooted in cultural strength.

“And I strongly believe that when we look within ourselves and extract the Kalinago spirit, we can fight this thing,” he said. “We survive wars, we



survived genocide, we have survived diseases... and whatever is going to happen in the international world, if we consolidate our efforts, we can continue to battle this.”

He noted that the new equipment marks an important step in strengthening community readiness. “So I don’t take this for granted that we have a serious work to do, we have serious partnerships to build, but we have to be candid and fair. And I’m grateful for the legacy in which I’m building on. So what we are doing here today, in the first instance, to provide equipment through the IsraAID to our disaster committee is important.”

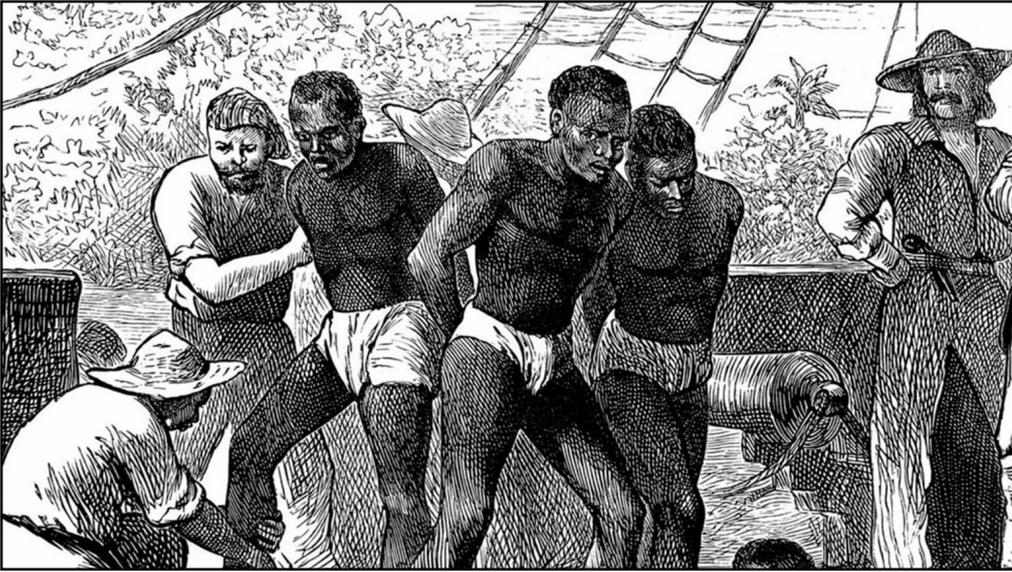
UNDP project analyst Sawana Fabien outlined the broader scope of the initiative, explaining that recent months have involved close collaboration with the Forestry Division and other partners. Preparatory work has included site visits, assessments of key watersheds, and the procurement of materials to support plant propagation and nursery development.

This handover, she said, represents “part of that proprietary investment, ensuring that the Forestry Division, which is a key partner [in] this initiative, is equipped to begin scaling up propagation and planting activities in a structured and sustainable way, which they typically do.”

Fabien noted that the effort forms part of a wider forest watershed management framework aimed at strengthening forest systems and policy development.

“And what you will see tangibly after this project is implementing forest management policy for the Kalinago territory, establishing watershed and forest management committees... and of course supporting committee-based livelihoods linked to the reforestation,” she said. “So we’re not just reforesting with trees or plants but also with cash crops and things that benefit of course the people of the space.” (Dominica News Online)

Ghana demands compensation for slavery in landmark UN vote



Slavery was the “most horrendous crime that took place in the history of mankind”, Ghana’s foreign minister has told the BBC ahead of a landmark vote at the UN General Assembly.

Member states are set to vote on a resolution - led by Ghana - to recognise the transatlantic slave trade as “the gravest crime against humanity”.

The proposal urges UN member states to consider apologising for the slave trade and contributing to a reparations fund.

The resolution is likely to face resistance, as countries like the UK have long rejected paying reparations, saying today’s institutions cannot be held responsible for past wrongs.

But the proposal’s advocates, which include the African Union and the Caribbean Community, say it is a step towards healing and justice.

Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Ghana’s foreign minister, told the BBC’s Newsday programme: “We are demanding compensation - and let us be clear, African leaders are not ask-

ing for money for themselves.

“We want justice for the victims and causes to be supported, educational and endowment funds, skills training funds.”

The campaign for reparations has gained significant momentum in recent years - “reparatory justice” was the African Union’s official theme for 2025 and Commonwealth leaders have jointly called for dialogue on the matter.

Ablakwa also said that, with the resolution, Ghana was not ranking its pain above anyone else’s, but simply documenting a historical fact.

Between 1500 and 1800, around 12-15 million people were captured in Africa and taken to the Americas where they were forced to work as slaves. It is estimated that over two million people died on the journey.

The resolution being tabled on Wednesday states that the consequences of slavery persist in the form of racial inequalities and underdevelopment “affecting Africans and people of African descent in all parts of the world”.

Ablakwa told the BBC: “Many

generations continue to suffer the exclusion, the racism because of the transatlantic slave trade which has left millions separated from the continent and impoverished.”

Ghana, one of the main gateways for the trade, has long been a leading advocate for reparations.

Forts, where tens of thousands of enslaved Africans were once held under inhuman conditions, remain standing along the West African country’s coast.

The resolution also calls for cultural artefacts stolen during the colonial era to be returned to their countries of origin.

“We want a return of all those looted artefacts, which represent our heritage, our culture and our spiritual significance. All those artefacts looted for many centuries into the colonial era ought to be returned,” Ablakwa said.

Ghana’s President John Dramani Mahama told the UN on Tuesday that the resolution was “historic” and “a safeguard against forgetting”.

He also criticised Donald Trump’s administration for “normalising the erasure of black history”.

Since returning to power, the US president has targeted American cultural and historical institutions for promoting what he calls “anti-American ideology”.

Trump’s orders have led to moves such as the restoration of Confederate statues and an attempt to dismantle a slavery exhibit in Philadelphia.

“These policies are becoming a template for other governments as well as some private institutions,” Mahama said. (BBC)

Marcos promises 'flow of oil' as Philippines declares energy emergency

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos says he is working to secure new sources of oil after he placed the country under a state of national energy emergency in response to the war in Iran.

Marcos told Filipinos in a televised address that the government would procure one million barrels of oil to add to the current stock, which is good for 45 days.

"We will have a flow of oil. Not just one delivery, not two deliveries, but a flow of oil-related products," he said.

The Philippines, which imports 98% of its oil from the gulf, became the first country to declare an energy emergency after local diesel and petrol prices more than doubled in the country since the war broke out on 28 February.

The US-Israel war with Iran and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz - a key shipping route - have sent shock waves through global energy markets, causing shortages and price rises.

Marcos said the emergency declaration late Tuesday would give the government the legal authority to impose measures to ensure energy stability and protect the broader economy.

"Nothing is off the table. We are looking at everything we can do, whatever suggestion, whatever idea," he said.

Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Manuel Romualdez had told Reuters



that Manila was working with Washington to secure exemptions that would allow the country to import oil from US-sanctioned countries.

The Philippines is one of the US' closest allies in the Pacific.

Under Marcos' order, a committee has been formed to oversee the orderly distribution of fuel, food, medicines, and other essential goods.

The government has also been empowered to directly purchase fuel and petroleum products to shore up supplies.

The declaration will remain in place for one year, unless it is extended or lifted by the president.

It follows calls from several senators, who urged Marcos to acknowledge the "emergency-level" hardship faced by Philippine families due to soaring oil prices.

The price of petrol and diesel spiked again on Tuesday, rising to more than double its pre-war level in February.

One of the country's main labour coalitions, the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU)

strongly criticised the emergency declaration, calling it an "admission" that the government failed to address the oil crisis.

It also accused the administration of downplaying the situation earlier, saying previous claims that "everything is normal" were misleading.

The KMU also raised concerns about what it describes as "anti-worker provisions" in the executive order - particularly clauses that could restrict activities seen as disrupting economic activity, including strikes.

They warn this could effectively limit workers' ability to protest at a time when fuel prices are already hitting incomes.

But tycoon Manuel V. Pangilinan, who chairs major utilities companies, has backed the emergency powers.

In a statement, he said his companies are feeling the strain of rising energy costs and warned the crisis is beginning to affect business operations, but added that the government "should have every option" available to steer the economy

through what he described as a difficult period.

Transport workers and other groups including ride hailing services are planning a two-day strike on Thursday and Friday, reflecting wider anger over rising fuel costs and what they see as a slow or inadequate response from the government.

Transport union coalition Piston - which is leading planned strike action - has laid out sweeping demands from scrapping fuel taxes and rolling back oil prices, to abandoning deregulation and introducing state controls. They are also pushing for fare increases and higher wages.

Since hostilities in the Middle East began, the government has offered subsidies to transport drivers, reduced ferry services, and implemented a four-day work week for civil servants to save fuel.

Earlier on Tuesday, Energy Secretary Sharon Garin said the country had about 45 days of fuel supply left.

Garin told reporters the country would "temporarily" depend more heavily on coal-fired power plants to meet its energy needs in response to the surging costs of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Asia is particularly exposed to the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. Last year, nearly 90% of all the oil and gas that passed through the waterway was bound for the region. (BBC)

New Mexico jury finds Meta platforms harm children's mental health, ordered to pay US\$375 million

The first jury verdict in a series of social media child safety trials this year is in — and it's not looking good for Meta.

A jury in New Mexico found on Tuesday that the social media giant's platforms are harmful to children's mental health and imposed a \$375 million penalty.

While the fine is a tiny fraction of Meta's \$201 billion revenue in 2025, the verdict illustrates a growing shift in the public's perception of social media companies and their responsibilities in keeping young people safe on their platforms.

For years, social media companies have disputed allegations that they harm children's mental health through deliberate design choices that addict kids to their platforms and fail to protect them from sexual predators and dangerous content.

This year, several state and federal court cases are heading to trial, and while the details may vary, they all seek to hold companies responsible for what happens



on their platforms.

The lawsuits have come from school districts, local, state and the federal government as well as thousands of families.

The courtroom showdowns are the culmination of years of scrutiny of the platforms over child safety, and whether deliberate design choices make them addictive and serve up content that leads to depression, eating disorders or suicide.

The outcomes could challenge the companies' First Amendment shield and Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which protects tech companies from liability for ma-

terial posted on their platforms.

They could also be costly in the form of legal fees and settlements. And they could force the companies to change how they operate, potentially losing users and advertising dollars.

A team led by New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez, who sued Meta in 2023, built their case by posing as children on social media, then documenting sexual solicitations they received as well as Meta's response.

Torrez wants Meta to implement more effective age verification and do more to remove bad actors from its platforms.

On Tuesday, a jury found Meta to be in violation of state consumer protection law. It found thousands of violations, each counting separately toward a penalty of \$375 million.

The landmark decision came after a nearly seven-week trial. Jurors sided with state prosecutors who argued that Meta — which owns Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp — prioritised profits over safety.

The jury determined Meta violated parts of the state's Unfair Practices Act on accusations the company hid what it knew about the dangers of child sexual exploitation on its platforms and impacts on child mental health.

The jury agreed with allegations that Meta made false or misleading statements and also agreed that Meta engaged in "unconscionable" trade practices that unfairly took advantage of the vulnerabilities of and inexperience of children.

Meta said it disagrees with the verdict and will appeal. (AP)





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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – FIRMS

The **Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB)** has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the **Integrated Solid Waste Management Preparation Project** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of the GOAB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOAB shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) is the Executing Agency of this Project and now wishes to procure consultancy services for a feasibility study, detailed design and integrated solid waste management strategy for Antigua and Barbuda.

The objective of the consultancy is to strengthen solid waste management in Antigua and Barbuda. Further details can be found in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR). The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately fifty-two (52) weeks. The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
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- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.¹ Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria de-

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tailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as applicable and as published on CDB’s website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability, and existing commitments. Key Experts will **not** be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the “EOI Consulting Firms template”² attached to this REOI or downloaded from the Specific Procurement Notice on CDB’s website.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the **first address** below between 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. AST hours Monday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically to the email address under **Address 1** below, no later than **06 April 2026 at 4:00 p.m. AST** and copied simultaneously to CDB at the email under **Address 2** below. The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for a feasibility study, detailed design and integrated solid waste management strategy for Antigua and Barbuda**”.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOAB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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2 *When drafting the REOI and the TOR, the Client should also prepare an Expression of Interest Submission Template. The latter should be tailored by the Recipient to the specifics of the assignment in question and can be downloaded from CDB’s website at: 20230626_CDB EOI Consulting Firms-template v1.docx (live.com) It will be included as an attachment to this REOI. For REOIs advertised in newspapers locally or nationally, the EOI submission template may be requested by the interested consulting firms directly from the Recipient, and wording in this REOI shall be modified accordingly.*

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More success for Strictly Business in ABSCA men's 10-Over contest

Rackaman Construction Strictly Business continued their successful start to their campaign during the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Men's 10-Overs competition.

After winning their first two matches, Strictly Business made it three wins in a row with a seven-wicket victory over Goody's Advent 300 at Dredgers.

The 300 was restricted to 92 for four off their 10 overs. Bryan Burton hit an unbeaten 23, and Molvin James struck 21. Kerry Mentore claimed two wickets for nine runs, and Owen Graham took two for 22.

In reply, Strictly Business achieved victory by scoring 93 for three in 7.5 overs. Player of the Match Melvin Charles slammed 51, including six sixes and three fours, and Kim George hit 26 not out. Dorian Grant claimed two for 12.

After launching their title defense with an eight-wicket loss to Strictly Business, defending champions Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js rebounded to claim a nine-wicket win against Mix Up at Antigua Grammar School.

Mix Up could only muster 64 all out off their 10 overs. Essan Warner hit 26, and Brian Bailey cracked 21. Charanlall Ramjohn took two wickets for seven runs, and Steve Martin picked up two for 12.

In reply, Buckley's 3Js achieved victory at 67 for one in 7.1 overs. Player of the Match Kenrick Scott smashed 44 not out. It was the second loss in as many games for Mix Up.

The Buckley's 3Js recorded their second win in three matches with a nine-wicket win against Construction Solutions PMS, who were restricted to 46 for seven off their 10 overs.

Player of the Match Steve Martin grabbed three wickets for six runs, and Charanlall Ramjohn captured two for 15.

In reply, Buckley's 3Js secured victory by scoring 48 for one in 4.1 overs.



Kenrick Scott of Buckley's 3Js

Kenrick Scott cracked an unbeaten 25, and Charanlall Ramjohn hit 24.

The Dredgers also rebounded from a 38-run loss to Strictly Business in their opening game to record their first win with a six-wicket victory against PMS, who made 104 for five off their 10 overs.

Charles James struck 45, and Clarence Francis scored 26. Rae Charles claimed two wickets for seven runs. In reply, the Dredgers secured victory by scoring 106 for four with five balls to spare.

Loy Weste slammed 36, and player of the match Tanez Francis struck an unbeaten 25. Kenny Benjamin captured two for 25 for PMS, who lost for the second time in three matches.

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

The Survivors made it two wins in as many games by securing victory on a faster scoring rate via the DL system in a rain-affected match against Bravos Wholesale and Distributors Jennings Rockets at Dredgers.

The Rockets were restricted to 47 for six off their 10 overs. Chemique Benjamin hit 23.

In reply, the Survivors reached 36 for one off five overs when rain came and brought a premature end to the match. Player of the match Kimberly Antho-



Steve Martin of Buckley's 3Js

ny hit 13 not out, and Grace Persaud made 11.

The Rockets were 19 for one off five overs during their innings; hence, the match was awarded to the Survivors, who had a superior scoring rate at the same stage during their turn at the batting crease. It was the second loss in as many games for the Rockets.

The Potters Uprising Cricket Team maintain their winning start to their campaign by recording their second win in as many games.

The Potters Uprising Cricket Team secured victory on a faster scoring rate via the DL System in a rain-affected match against Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers at Antigua Grammar School.

Potters made 69 for two from their 10 overs. Player of the Match Nolia Elvin hammered 42, and Tawana John hit 18. Gaynel Ogarro claimed two for 12.

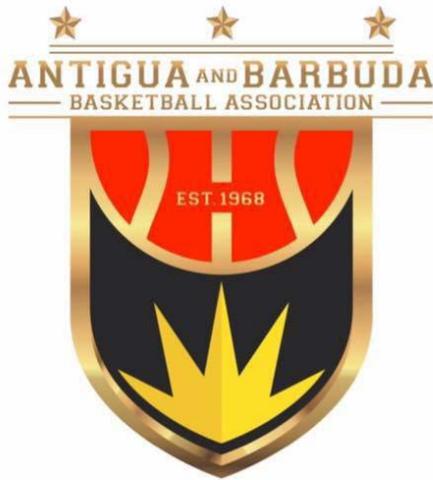
In reply, the Female Flyers reached 42 without losing any wickets off seven overs when rain intervened and ended the match. Makeda Hector struck an unbeaten 27, and Terez Parker hit 12 not out.

Potters were 52 without loss off seven overs during their innings and hence were awarded victory by virtue of a faster scoring rate. It was the second loss in as many games for the Female Flyers.

Sports News



Fearless Crew stuns Daggers in Division 2 basketball



Ramco Pharmacy Fearless Crew pulled off a surprising five-point victory over the Old Road Daggers in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division

League on Tuesday evening.

The Fearless Crew claimed their fifth win in 10 matches by snatching a narrow 63-58 victory over the Old Road Daggers in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Tyler Jacobs provided 17 points, 13 rebounds, and five steals; Jesus Lopez produced 15 points, 10 rebounds, and seven steals; Joshua Morrison converted 10 points and grabbed 18 rebounds; and Julian Henry scored eight points and claimed nine rebounds for the Fearless Crew.

Kedar Clarke produced a game-high 27 points, 12 rebounds, and eight steals; Ryan Sheppard sank 13 points and grabbed 27 rebounds; and Devea Aaron chipped in with 10 points, eight

rebounds, and eight assists for the Old Road Daggers, who suffered their third loss in 10 games.

The Michael Joseph Phoenix secured their seventh win in 11 matches with an 87-38 drubbing of Navigators 2 in Tuesday's opening game.

Shalom Bloodman produced a game-high 26 points, 19 rebounds, five assists, and five steals; Adrian Carnegie provided 24 points, five steals, and five assists; and Elias Elbrejj scored eight points for the Phoenix.

Raheem Sawyer converted 15 points and claimed six rebounds, and Tristan Thibou scored eight points and grabbed 19 rebounds for Navigators 2, who lost for the seventh time in nine games.

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PMS senior boys to face CHSS in school basketball Night of Champions

The Princess Margaret School (PMS) advanced to the Senior Boys Division league decider in the Night of Champions finals in the Cool and Smooth Inter-School Basketball Championships on Tuesday.

The Night of Champions, which will feature the finals in six divisions, will take place at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, March 29, starting at 3 pm.

Princess Margaret School booked their place in the senior boys final to face Clare Hall Secondary School (CHSS) by pulling off a 53-48 victory against St. Anthony's Secondary School in the playoffs at the JSC Sports Complex.

Gabriel De Suza shot a game-high 21 points, Shemar Thomas sank 11 points, and Elijah Charles scored 10 points for Princess Margaret School. Nike Hughes converted 12 points, and Israel Clarke scored 11 points for St. Anthony's Secondary School.

There was success as well for Antigua Grammar School and Ottos Comprehensive School in the Mini Boys Secondary Division.

Antigua Grammar School prevailed



Princess Margaret School Senior Boys team

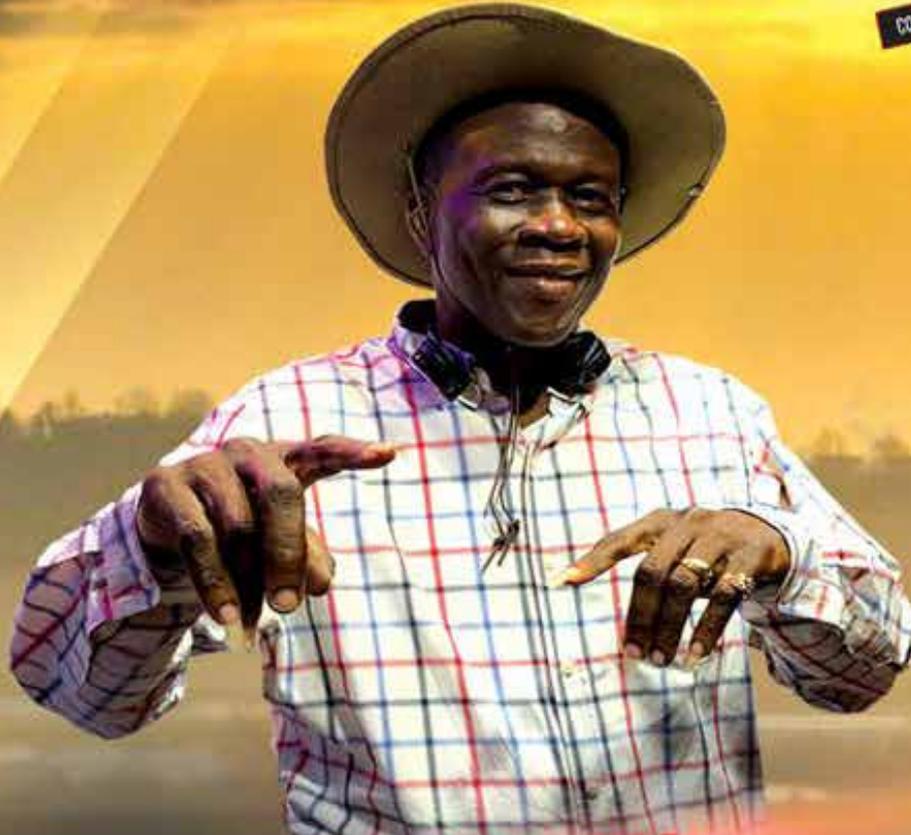
33-20 against St. Joseph's Academy. Derick Perez sank 23 points for Antigua Grammar School, while Jude Bailey and Kenah Thomas each converted six points for St. Joseph's Academy.

Levi Richards shot a game-high 20

points to propel Ottos Comprehensive School to a 35-26 victory against St. Anthony's Secondary School. Kazende Greene scored 16 points for St. Anthony's Secondary School.



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Iran war fallout forces Pakistan Super League into empty stadiums



A billboard of Pakistan's premier domestic T20 the Pakistan Super League, which will take place in empty stadiums due to the recent spike in oil prices, is displayed at a road in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Tuesday, March 24, 2026. (AP)

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The war in Iran is having a flow on impact on the biggest sports spectacle of the year in neighbouring Pakistan.

It'll be like the COVID-19 era revisited for the Pakistan Super League (PSL), with no spectators allowed into games in the Twenty20 cricket franchise competition, starting Thursday at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

Cricket is the pinnacle of sports in Pakistan, just as it is in India and other parts of a subcontinental region of more than 1.5 billion people.

It's entertainment, it's business, and the PSL is the marquee domestic event. This year, it's starting days before the Indian Premier League, the world's most lucrative cricket competition, and competing to attract star players.

Yet there'll be no opening ceremony, no fans and the tournament will be contained to two venues rather than the original six. The reason? The Middle East conflict has resulted in exorbitant hikes for fuel in the region, and Pakistan's government is urging people to

restrict travel and to work from home.

So after years of building up the league, organizers are going back to basics. Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Mohsin Naqvi said it wouldn't be right to have 30,000 fans attending cricket matches every day while the government is asking the public to stay home.

"We decided that as long as this crisis is ongoing, we will not have crowds at matches," he said. "This was a difficult decision, but it needed to be made."

Last year the Pakistan Super League and the Indian Premier League were suspended for a while during heightened military tensions, but both returned to action and completed seasons after the neighbouring countries agreed to a ceasefire.

T20 cricket is the quickest form of the game at the elite level, can be finished within three hours and is designed for prime time TV. That's important, because that's the only way regular fans will get to see the PSL.

As well as the last-minute decision to ban fans from attending, the league's organizers have also reduced the tournament to two cities – Lahore and Karachi – which will split 44 games in 39 days. Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Peshawar and Multan were scrapped as venues this season.

"PSL is reducing the wider logistical footprint associated with a multi-city tournament, including transport, venue operations, and utility demands, while ensuring continuity of Pakistan's premier cricket event," the Pakistan Cricket Board said.

That means players from at least three teams – Rawalpindi, Multan and Peshawar – will be away all season.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has promised refunds for all tickets purchased in advance, and Naqvi said franchise owners would also be compensated.

Players from Australia, New Zealand, England, West Indies, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Zimbabwe will join local stars competing in the eight-team tournament.

Hoppers overtake Five Islands atop First Division League

The Greenbay Hoppers have overtaken Five Islands at the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

The Greenbay Hoppers moved two points ahead of Five Islands by recording their 13th win in 18 matches with a 2-0 victory against English Harbour FC on Tuesday.

Tamorley Thomas scored in the 16th minute to give the Greenbay Hoppers a one-nil lead. Khimani Cox doubled their advantage with a 72nd-minute conversion to seal the win.

The result allows the Greenbay Hoppers to move from second to the top of the First Division by advancing to 40 points, two ahead of Five Islands, who have played 19 matches. English Harbour FC remains in 10th place with 18 points after slumping to their 11th defeat in 19 matches.

Parham FC and the Freemans Village Scorpions also picked up important wins to stay in contention for automatic promotion to the Premier Division at the end of the season.

Trevaughn Harriette struck the winner by scoring the only goal of the match with a strike in the 26th minute.

Parham moved into third place on goal difference by securing their 10th win in 19 matches with a one-nil win against Golden Grove FC at Parham.

The result allows Parham to move from fifth to fourth place on goal difference with 35 points, the same as the third-placed Swetes Vipers.

Golden Grove FC remains in eighth place on goal difference with 27 points after losing for the eighth time in 19 matches.

The Freemans Village Scorpions



Players of the Greenbay Hoppers football team

moved into fifth place on goal difference by recording their 10th win in 18 matches with a 4-0 drubbing of Bendals FC at Freemans Village.

Jahmar Malone struck twice with conversions in the 36th and 80th minutes, while the other goals were scored by Darius Hector in the 17th minute and Kemarlie Benjamin in the 37th minute.

The result allows the Freemans Village Scorpions to also advance to 35 points. It meant SAP FC dropped to sixth place with 32 points from 18 matches.

Bendals FC remains third from the bottom of the 14-team standings on goal difference with 15 points after losing for the 13th time in 20 matches.

Meanwhile, Police FC consolidated their position in sixth place in the ABFA Second Division after drop-

ping crucial points in a 1-1 draw with the Urlings Golden Stars at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium.

Following a goalless first half, Police was reduced to 10 players 15 minutes after the interval with the expulsion of Dimitri Scotland, who received a red card in the 60th minute.

The Police still managed to take the lead with a 75th-minute conversion by Glenroy Prince. But Derrick Pryce snatched the equalizer with a strike in the 81st minute to salvage the draw for the Urlings Golden Stars.

The result allows Police FC to remain in sixth place by advancing to 32 points after salvaging their fifth draw in 15 matches.

The Urlings Golden Stars remain in 11th place with 22 points after salvaging their fourth draw in 16 matches.