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Maria Browne (centre) the ABLP candidate for St. John's Rural East is one of 37 candidates nominated to contest the April 30 general elections

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There were thirty-seven candidates who were duly nominated to contest the April 30 general elections as Nomination Day reflected a celebratory atmosphere on Monday.

The ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party nominated a candidate for each of the seventeen constituencies. On the other hand, the opposition United Progressive

Party will only contest the sixteen constituencies on Antigua as its affiliate, the Barbuda People's Movement, will contest the Barbuda seat.

There was one independent candidate nominated – Alan Greg Weston, a property manager from English Harbour who was nominated in the St. Paul constituency. He will compete against the ABLP candidate, E.P

Chet Greene and the UPP candidate, Franz DeFreitas.

Under the Representation of the People's Act, the law governing the conduct and management of elections in Antigua and Barbuda, each candidate must be proposed and seconded by two voters who are registered

to vote in the specific constituency. Additionally, eight persons must be present to support the candidacy of the individual being proposed and seconded.

Each candidate must also make a \$500.00 deposit in order to complete the nomination exercise.

ABLP Newcomer Kendra Beazer Says He Is ‘Humbled and Honoured’ following Nomination



ing “humbled and honoured” to represent the party in the upcoming general election.

He said his campaign would focus on “people and place,” with priorities including safeguarding Barbuda’s heritage, creating opportunities for young people, and improving support systems for the elderly.

“This campaign is about people and place—protecting our heritage, empowering our youth, strengthening services for our seniors, and building resilience together,” Beazer said.

The ABLP candidate also pointed to the importance of collective action in shaping the island’s future, saying development must be grounded in shared values and community involvement.

“With collective leadership and community spirit, we will ensure Barbuda’s development is rooted in dignity, opportunity, and hope,” he added.

Beazer is among candidates nominated on Nomination Day ahead of the April 30 general election, where voters will choose representatives across constituencies including Barbuda.



Barbuda’s Kendra Beazer, who has received his first nomination as a candidate in general elections on behalf of the ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, has described the moment of his nomination as ‘a new chapter for Barbuda’.

Beazer made the remarks in a statement to a Barbuda-based media outlet, the Barbuda Channel, where he outlined a vision centered on community, heritage, and social development following his official nomination as the ABLP candidate for Barbuda.

In the statement issued on Monday, Beazer described the moment as be-

NOMINATION DAY: MOMENTUM FOR ABLP!

Pringle's Planned Tax Removal on Vehicles Viewed as Unrealistic

The opposition United Progressive Party is facing criticism from a large section of the public for its 'pie in the sky' promises made by its leader on Sunday evening.

During their campaign launch at Knuckle Block in Grays Farm, political leader Jamale Pringle, reminded party supporters of the unfulfilled promises made by the ABLP year after year, and during every election cycle. He added that his message was not of promises but rather a plan, declaring, "it is time for a government that works not for itself, but for you the people of Antigua and Barbuda".

Pringle revealed what is being described as a series of measures his party will implement, should they form the new government, which will bring immediate relief to citizens and residents in light of rising costs. Included is the removal of "all taxes, duties and markups on a re-designed basket of essential goods from day one of being in office".

The UPP leader also announced a plan to offer tax and duty-free concessions to farmers, in order for them to acquire the equipment and other materials necessary to boost food production, which will in turn bring down food prices.

Perhaps the most ambitious among



Political leader Jamale Pringle

the plans announced on Sunday evening by Mr. Pringle is the planned removal of import duties on vehicles for personal use, all part of the planned relief measures. He said those who import cars and other vehicles are made to pay approximately 70 percent in taxes and his party is set to change that. It is this pronouncement that has drawn swift reactions from members of the general public, among them Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who said such a plan is unrealistic.

"Senseless fiscal irresponsibility and reckless tax giveaways to win an

election? The consequences would be catastrophic. Public servants say goodbye to your jobs. Not even the IMF could solve the fiscal crisis that would follow," the ABLP leader declared. Prime Minister Browne said the plans revealed by the opposition leader amount to desperation.

"Pringle never said that they will reintroduce Personal Income Tax. However, with all those tax giveaways, the UPP would be forced to reintroduce Personal Income Tax and other taxes as compensatory revenue," PM Browne added.

Similar sentiments are being expressed by other residents who are of the opinion that the removal of taxes on import duties on vehicles for personal use will be impractical. One person questioned how will the country function without taxes, while another warned that the removal of such taxes will mean, "there will be a price to pay elsewhere".

Jamale Pringle's plans to bring relief to citizens and residents through the removal of taxes and other duties are sure to be serve as fodder for the ruling administration, which is expected to chip away at it in the coming weeks on campaign platforms across the country.



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Manifesto Launch ‘The Next Big Thing’

Fresh from a highly successful national convention held on Sunday, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party is now turning its attention to the next major event on its campaign stops – the official launch of the party’s 2026 Election Manifesto.

Newly elected party Public Relations Officer, Angelica O’Donoghue announced that the manifesto launch will take place on Monday (April 20) at the American University of Antigua conference centre.

The event will feature brief addresses by party leadership before the document is unveiled in a multimedia presentation.

ABLP Political leader, Gaston Browne, said the manifesto will detail the party’s plans for the next five years, some of which it has announced as part of its ongoing programme of development for the country.

Reportedly, the manifesto will focus on the party’s policies for education, notably the start of construction on the US\$80 million expansion of the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus before yearend, the initiatives the party has already announced to improve agricultural expansion, continued upgrades and improvements in the health delivery system, the rehabilitation and construction of primary and secondary roads, the push to improve the country’s housing stock as well as the government’s commitment to the culture and the creative industries.

Reflecting on the just-concluded convention, Prime Minister Browne described the atmosphere at the one-day gathering as ‘electrifying’, noting that from all indications the

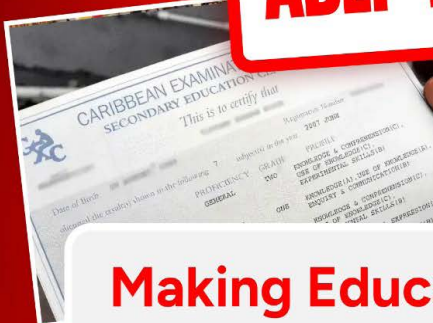



people of Antigua and Barbuda are supporting the ABLP as the best party to continue to lead the country. “We feel very confident about the party’s prospects in the April 30 general elections,” he added.

The ABLP has nominated seventeen candidates to contest the general elections on its ticket. The line-up features a mixture of youth and experience and includes two female candidates – Maria Browne and political newcomer, Kiz Johnson.



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ABEC Urges Voters to Safeguard ID Cards Amid Surge in Replacements

The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) is appealing to citizens to take better care of their voter identification cards, as officials report a growing number of replacements being requested—even among recently issued cards.

Public Relations Officer Elisa Graham highlighted the trend, noting that many individuals are returning to replace cards they only recently collected. She stressed the importance of keeping the document secure, advising electors to store it alongside other critical identification such as passports or in easily accessible personal items like wallets or purses.

ABEC has been meeting the replacement demand for voter cards, and with the replacement fee waived for lost cards, individuals are using the opportunity to renew the document.

Graham also acknowledged that some cards are misplaced after being used as identification at institutions such as the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center, the Antigua Port Authority, and the Transport Board of Antigua and Barbuda. Persons who suspect they may have left



their cards at these or similar locations are encouraged to contact ABEC headquarters to determine whether their cards have been recovered.

While the replacement programme remains ongoing with no official deadline, ABEC is cautioning against last-minute applications, particularly on election day. Elisa Graham explained that although voters without a valid identification card may begin the replacement process on election day and receive

a temporary identification document to vote, the procedure can be time-consuming.


“You must first apply in person... you won’t get a card immediately, but you will receive a special ID that allows you to vote,” she said.

Drawing on previous election cycles, she noted that hundreds of people sought temporary identification on polling day, leading to long wait times. Graham stated that the process requires documentation, including a passport-sized photograph, and could delay voters from casting their ballots efficiently.

To address accessibility, ABEC has extended its operating hours. Offices are now open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., providing ample opportunity for voters to complete the process ahead of time.



The ABEC PRO is urging citizens to take advantage of the extended hours, particularly the quieter weekend periods, to avoid the rush.

“Remember, you cannot vote in the general elections unless you have a valid ID card,” she emphasised.



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ABLP Honours Five Stalwarts



Phillip Isaac Snr. (Second from right), one of the recipients of the long-service plaques from the ABLP, is pictured with wife (on his left) his daughter, Deonne, (extreme left) and Mary Baltimore at Sunday's ABLP's national convention

Five persons who have honoured by the ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party for longstanding support and dedication to the organization.

The five persons receiving the plaques were - Leonard 'Popcorn' Aaron and Conrad Simon both of St. Mary's South, Christine Anthony and Phillip Isaac Snr both of St. John's Rural East and Robertine Desilva of St John's Rural South. The presentation of the plaques was made on Sun-

day at the ABLP's national convention held at its People's Place headquarters.

Each of the five has dedicated multiple decades of service to the ABLP, from serving at critical levels at the party branches to mobilizing with party leadership at the national level at election time.

The citation was individualised to read;

"In recognition of your unwav-

ering loyalty, dedicated service and steadfast commitment to the advancement of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party.

"Your contribution embodies the spirit of Renaissance: A New Era of Greater Prosperity, Opportunity and Cultural Confidence. With sincere appreciation and gratitude, Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, April 12, 2026."

Participants of The King's Foundation Building Craft Programme Get Warm Welcome In UK



The Antigua and Barbuda High Commission in London on Monday hosted the first cohort of Antiguan and Barbudan participants of The King's Foundation Building Craft Programme at the High Commission for a welcome reception.

The programme, developed through close collaboration between the King's Foundation, the High Commission and the Antigua and Barbuda Centre for Advanced Studies, will expose the participants to specialised training in traditional and sustainable construction techniques, including heritage restoration and conservation. Its long-term value to Antigua and Barbuda lies in strengthening local technical capacity, supporting the preservation of national heritage, and preparing a new generation of skilled nationals to contribute to restoration and development efforts at home.

High Commissioner Karen-Mae Hill challenged the participants to make full use of the opportunity provided, notwithstanding the likely exposure to some chilly weather conditions. She stated, "I had the opportunity to visit Dumfries House in Scotland to meet the team there as we worked on developing this concept. This will be a unique and valuable opportunity for learning, sharing and development. I challenge you all to embrace this with discipline, openness and creativity even as you consider how these enhanced skills can benefit not just you professionally but also the Nation of Antigua and Barbuda".

Jeremy Cross, Director of International Engagement for The King's Foundation, attending the reception for the participants from Antigua and Barbuda, said "We are pleased to welcome these gifted individuals

to The King's Foundation training sites as they continue to develop their skills in heritage building crafts and climate-resilient construction. We look forward to working with them all and exchanging knowledge and approaches throughout the programme."

The High Commission also acknowledged the valuable assistance of Brent Scotland, Second Secretary, and Caleb Gardiner, Third Secretary, whose efforts were instrumental in coordinating the arrangements for the visit.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission remain committed to expanding opportunities to upskill Antiguan and Barbudans through strategic partnerships that advance national development.



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St. Lucian Company Announces Plans to Expand Into Antigua and Barbuda

Allez, the Saint Lucian women-owned ride-hailing app, will celebrate its fifth anniversary this month with plans to expand regionally, including Antigua and Barbuda.

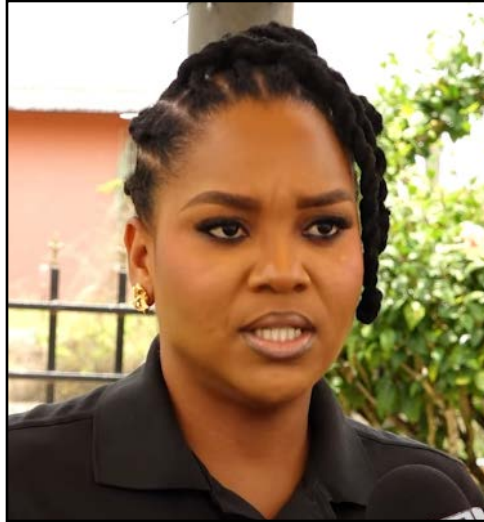
This comes as co-founders Mellissa Preville and Safiya Paul reflect on the company's journey with pride and optimism as they look toward an exciting new chapter of regional growth.

Since its inception, Allez has remained committed to its mission to revolutionize travel in the Caribbean. Allez is focused on creating safe, reliable, convenient, and innovative transportation solutions across the region. Despite navigating challenges along the way, the company has continued to evolve, driven by resilience, community support, and a clear vision for the future.

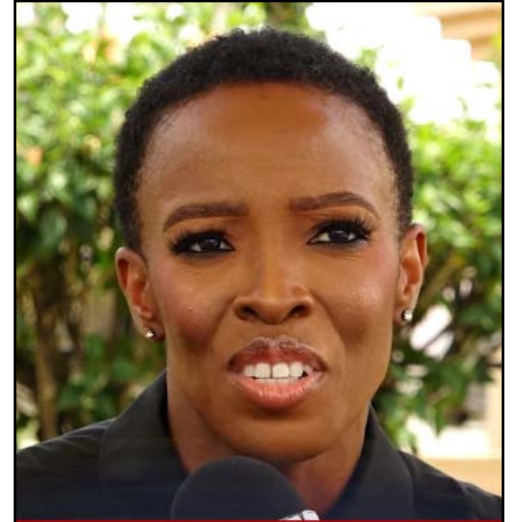
In 2025, Allez marked a major milestone with its expansion into Dominica. "It's been especially exciting to scale to Dominica because the name Allez came to us during Mas Domnik 2020," said Safiya Paul, Co-Founder and CFO. "The app was incredibly well received during Mas Domnik 2026, and we look forward to building on this momentum," added Mellissa Preville, Co-Founder and CEO.

Building on this success, Allez is now preparing to expand its footprint across the Eastern Caribbean, with plans to launch in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Anguilla, and Montserrat on April 18, 2026. This strategic expansion reflects the company's commitment to regional connectivity and its vision of a connected Caribbean. We invite drivers in those islands to download Allez Driver, create an account, and upload the required documentation.

Over the past five years, Allez has grown beyond a ride-sharing platform to offer a wide range of services, including scheduled trips, airport and



Safiya Paul



Mellissa Preville

seaport transfers, curated and customizable tours, luxury transportation, group travel, and delivery services. Diversification and scalability have always been central to the company's growth strategy.

As Allez celebrates this milestone, the company remains focused on innovation, partnerships, and empowering local communities—continuing to redefine how people move throughout the Caribbean.



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New Executive Committee Takes Office At The ABPSA



The new president Janela Evanson

The Antigua and Barbuda Public Service Association (ABPSA) has elected a new the manage its affairs and to charter a course for the organization for the next twelve months.

Following elections held at its annu-



The new ABPSA executive

al general meeting last week, Janela Evanson has been elected as the new president, replacing Joan Peters who had indicated that she will not be available to serve another term. Evanson previously served as general secretary over the last few years.

The other members of the executive are; Vice-President, Janelle Wehner-Watts (re-elected), General Secretary, Karis George, Treasurer, Sandra Benta-Richards with Dr. Janelle

O'Mard, Dr. Desiree Antonio, Orrin Steele, Jenique Joseph, and Garolyn Cornelius-Hector

Several persons were also elected to serve as shop stewards at various work places. They are; Onesha Elvin, Jeanette Mason, Sabrina Carlisle, Craig Martin, Delma Jules-St. Agnes, and Verlyn Charles (re-elected).

The Trustees are; Kerry-Ann Mussington and Adrian Julian.

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FREELAND	FRANCIS FREELAND, Ruth Bernadine	C 874	1 DAVIS, Fitzroy Emanuel
Michael	ROSEAU, Lynette Pamela	B 964	2 EDWARDS, Clarence L. E.
Auctioneer			3 FRANCIS-JAMES, Bakesha P.
Tomlinson			4 FREELAND, Marcelle Annetta
			5 JAMES, Alex Alvin
			6 KNOWLES, Dornelle N.
			7 YEARWOOD, Brenda Patricia
			8 YEARWOOD, Leslie-Ann Laverne

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DALSO	ABBOTT, Bernadine Celestine	B 1	1 AMBROSE, Clive Dennis
Kelton Mich	JOSEPH, Garilyn D.	B 620	2 BENJAMIN, Jeanette Avanella
Managing Director			3 HENRY, Ammarilla Tysina
Airport Blvd			4 JACOBS, Alexis Alphonso
			5 LEWIS, Barbara Veron
			6 LLOYD, Hyacinth Estalyn
			7 MOORE, Devon Cleofoster
			8 THOMAS, Carla Noalice

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PERO GEORGES	HENRY, Debbie Lisa	A 691	1 CORNELIUS, Neil C.
Gail	LUKE, James Sylvester	C 1760	2 DENNIS-ROBERT, Billian S.
Lawyer			3 FRANCIS, Lisa K.
Lightfoot West			4 GEORGES, Barry S.
			5 LEWIS, Estelyn V.
			6 ROBERTS, Dane O.
			7 SPENCER, Pauline L.
			8 STEWART ROBERTS, La-Vaughn S.

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NICHOLAS	WYLLIE, Anniqee Z.	B 1944	1 BEJMAMIN, Jireh Alexander
Melford W.	JNO BAPTISTE, Colin G.	B 937	2 DAVIS, La Shawn
Businessman			3 ELIEN, Jules S.
Marble Hill			4 FREDERICK, Jevaughn
			5 GREENAWAY, Keshante K.
			6 JACOBS, Aleyandra T.
			7 JAMES, Asreal T.
			8 MATTHEW, Dante S.

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QUINN WILLIAMS	BAILEY nee Russell, Kasmin	B 103	1 GREENIDGE, Kamika S.
Pearl Emily	FRANCIS, Wilfred L.	B 585	2 JACKSON, Dylan Y.
Retired Banker			3 JARVIS nee Townsend, Bernadette I.
Coolidge			4 JARVIS, Efrain Daniel
			5 LAVONN, Deon Raheem
			6 MAYNARD, Jennifer T.
			7 SAMUEL-NESBITT, Dawn L.
			8 WILLIAMS, Novelle W.

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BENJAMIN	FRITZ, Kelroy	B 210	1 BENJAMIN, Damien
Steadroy Cutie	LEWIS, Theodore	A 52	2 BENJAMIN, Kevon
Lawyer			3 FRITZ, Ziah
Friars Hill Development			4 JOSEPH, Faybe
			5 MASON, June Ann
			6 MASON, June
			7 TONGE, La Shonte
			8 WATSON, Andre

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WILLIAMS	HARRIS, Elderfield	D 504	1 BENJAMIN, Sharon
Adrian	ELVIN, Diana	D 338	2 CADETTE, Rupert
Airline Pilot			3 ELVIN, Onekha
Light Foot			4 ELVIN, Onesha
			5 FENTON, Sandie
			6 PHOENIX, Brenda
			7 SIMON, Cametia
			8 THOMAS, George

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GREENE	PHILLIP, Zena	A1495	1 BROWNE, Xania	A312		ABLP
E. P. Chet	RHODES, Cleveland	A1599	2 CHRISTOPHER, Norel	A443		
Businessman			3 CORNWALL, Winston.	A517		
Briggins Estate			4 GREEN, Jacqueline	A801		
			5 SEBASTIAN, Hollie	B965		
			6 SMITH, Vinzroy	B1004		
			7 THOMAS, Alvin	A1869		
			8 TOBITT, Arlene	B1070		
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DE FREITAS	CLARKE, Shelly	B218	1 ANDREW, Valerie	B17		UPP
Franz	BURTON, Angella	A332	2 ANDREWS, Eustace	B20		
Business Consultant			3 BROWNE, David	B147		
51 TN Kirnon St., Villa			4 EDWARDS, Faye	B308		
			5 SOUTHWELL, Patricia	B1020		
			6 SPENCER, Washington	B1033		
			7 WILLIAMS, Ruth	A2094		
			8 WILLIAMS, Wyzde	BA2105		
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Alan Gregg	HAAS, Sandrine	B399	2 BAMFORD, Felicity	B71		
Property Manager			3 BOWERS, Raquel	A238		
English Harbour			4 FRANCE, Jerome	B327		
			5 FRANCIS, Mickela	A674		
			6 LIGHTIZOR, Joanne	B602		
			7 ROBINSON, Deshaun	B915		
			8 TITUS, Ariel	A1920		
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TURNER	REYNOLDS, Rawle K.	A2878	1 ALEXANDER, Narina K.	A47		ABLP
Rawdon	CARR, Barbara-ann	B94	2 BENJAMIN, Billion	A298		
Contractor			3 BURNETTE-BEAZER, Samantha	A578		
Parham Town			4 JACOBS nce SOLOMON, Virginia A.	C142		
			5 JOSEPH, Eneby S.	B338		
			6 SAMUEL, Shaqum	A3115		
			7 THANE, Yendi	A1832		
			8 THOMAS, Peetron	A3457		
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Jessica Serena Tracey proudly represents St. John's Rural North, carrying with her the vibrant spirit of McKinnons Village and the resilience that defines her journey.

A dynamic entrepreneur, dancer, and youth advocate, Jessica has used every chapter of her life to grow in purpose, leadership, and service. From excelling as a student leader to building businesses and mentoring through dance, she embodies determination, creativity, and faith.

Her passion for youth development, entrepreneurship, and community upliftment continues to inspire those around her. Grounded in service and guided by purpose, Jessica stands as a confident, compassionate, and empowered ambassador for the proud people of St. John's Rural North.



Jessica Tracey
ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH

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Julissa Stoute proudly represents St. Paul as a vibrant 20-year-old university student whose poise, passion, and purpose set her apart.

She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Management at The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus, specializing in Tourism and Hospitality Management. A past student of Old Road Primary School and Antigua Girls' High School, Julissa built a strong foundation in leadership, discipline, and creativity.

Her love for the performing arts earned her a Grade One in dramatic presentation. Ambitious and driven, she aspires to make a meaningful impact in tourism and hospitality while proudly showcasing Caribbean culture on the global stage.

Julissa Stoute
ST. PAUL



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Aliyah Andrew, a proud resident of St. John's Rural East and first-year Law student at the University of London, is driven by a passion for justice and national development.

As a Junior Paralegal and active member of JCI Antigua, she is committed to advocacy, youth empowerment, and nation-building. Representing her constituency and the Honourable Maria Browne in the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Queen Pageant 2026, Aliyah returns to the stage with confidence and purpose.

Her platform addresses absentee fatherhood and its impact on child development, as she champions stronger families and brighter futures for every child.

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Queenela Williams proudly represents St. Mary's South with creativity, confidence, and cultural pride.

A dynamic performer and dedicated member of the National Youth Theatre, she uses the stage to connect, inspire, and tell meaningful stories. Her artistic journey began at Antigua Girls' High School and has since earned her regional recognition, including awards for acting excellence and appearances at CARIFESTA. Beyond performance, Queenela works in customer service and is a local entrepreneur whose handcrafted earrings celebrate individuality and Caribbean identity.

Deeply committed to service, self-love, and personal growth, she continues to uplift her community while aspiring to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and expand her creative impact.

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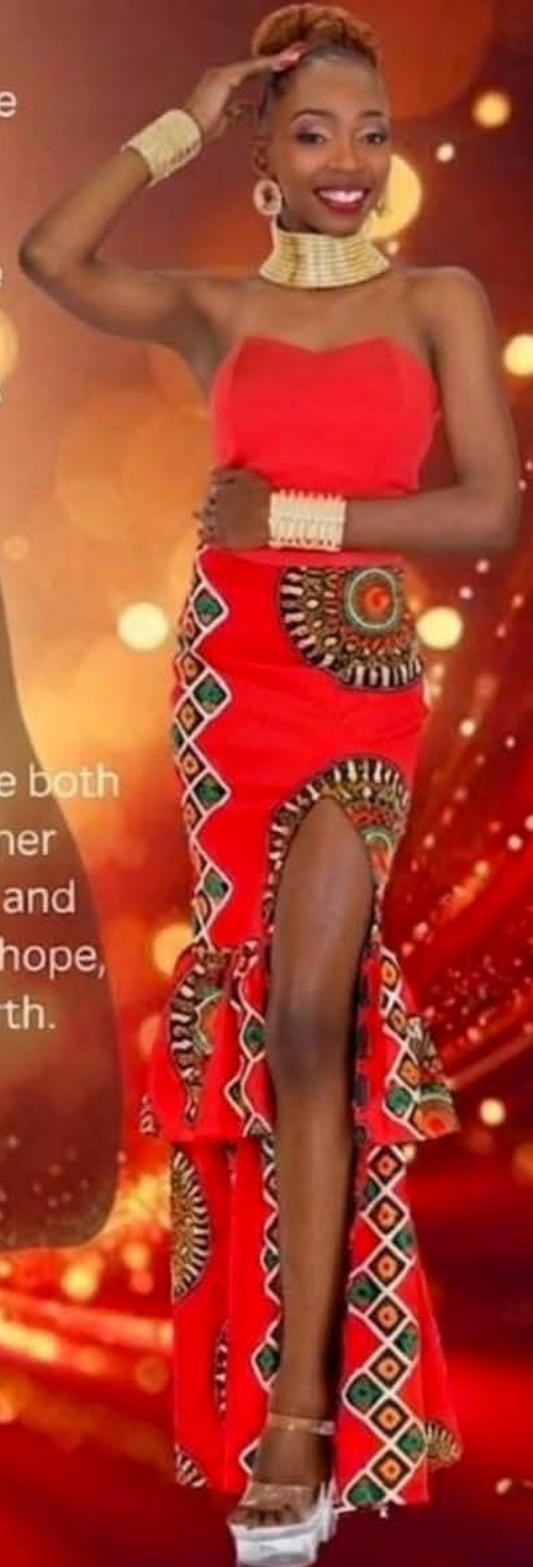


Iszarea Lloyd proudly represents St. Phillip's North as a young woman of purpose, resilience, and quiet strength.

Born on August 30, 2005, she is a proud graduate of Glanvilles Secondary School, where she emerged as Valedictorian, and is currently pursuing Social Sciences at The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus. Though naturally quiet and observant, Iszarea possesses a vibrant spirit and a heart deeply committed to service.

Passionate about cooking, singing, sports, photography, and reading, she aspires to become both an interior designer and photographer. Through her platform, she advocates for youth development and mental health awareness, determined to inspire hope, healing, and a stronger future for St. Phillip's North.

Iszarea Lloyd
ST. PHILLIPS NORTH



Regional News

CARICOM defends secretary-general reappointment

CARICOM Chairman, Prime Minister of St Kitts and Nevis Terrance Drew, has maintained that proper procedures were followed in the reappointment of the Secretary-General amid concerns by Trinidad and Tobago.

The assertion was made in a statement issued after a special emergency meeting of Heads of Government on April 10, which was not attended by either Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar or any representative from the country.

The issue comes amid heightened regional tensions, with the Trinidad and Tobago prime minister strongly criticising the reappointment of Dr Carla Barnett and demanding accountability from the regional bloc.

Persad-Bissessar has vowed that CARICOM would receive “no quarter” from her government and pledged to “mercilessly, relentlessly and, if needed, ruthlessly publicly prosecute this matter until transparency is achieved”.

However, in the statement issued on Saturday, it was explained that all member states were duly informed of the draft agenda, programme of work, and details of sessions to be held in plenary, caucus and retreat ahead of



the 50th Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government, held in St Kitts and Nevis from February 24 to 27, 2026.

It added that all Heads were also notified in advance of the date and venue of the retreat through official correspondence, with acknowledgements received from all member states.

The statement outlined events surrounding attendance at the retreat, noting that the Trinidad and Tobago prime minister departed the conference ahead of the retreat.

It explained that the country’s Minister of Foreign and CARICOM affairs, Sean Sobers, later contacted the secretary-general via WhatsApp to enquire about attending in the prime minister’s



DR. CARLA N. BARNETT
 SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
 THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

absence and was advised that he could represent the country, as other member states had done. The minister reportedly cited seasickness as a possible barrier to attendance.

The secretary-general later indicated that attendance would be optional under the circumstances, but the minister did not subsequently confirm participation to either the chairman or the secretary-general.

The CARICOM statement noted that the reappointment of the secretary-general was considered during the retreat, with the holder of the position not present during the discussion.



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Trinidad's PM escalates feud with Caribbean neighbours

Trinidad's ongoing row with its Caribbean neighbours over US policy toward international drug trafficking and Venezuela boiled over into a full-scale verbal war Friday, with the prime minister demanding the exit of CARICOM's secretary-general after her term ends in August.

Regional tensions among members of CARICOM, a 15-member regional trade bloc, spiked late last year when governments denounced US military action in the South Caribbean and the build-up of an unusually large American force near Venezuela intended to capture then-President Nicolás Maduro.

Regional neighbours previously called for the Caribbean to remain a "zone of peace," but Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar dismissed the label as "zone of peace fakery", throwing her support behind US military strikes and the Trump administration's broader campaign against international drug trafficking and organised crime.

She has now turned her focus to CARICOM's general operations, demanding that Secretary-General Carla Barnett step down once her five-year term concludes in late August.

Since winning Trinidad's general election one year ago, the prime minister has used her platform to push for Barnett's removal, reminding leaders that Trinidad pays around 22 per cent of CARICOM's annual budget, around \$20 million.

Persad-Bissessar has repeatedly expressed her administration's deep dissatisfaction with the bloc's current operations, saying she remains puzzled why the region aligned with Venezuela and Maduro rather than

supporting the US position.

"Caricom has chosen to support the Maduro narco-government through the fake zone of peace narrative," she said in a statement in late 2025 as the US was preparing for action against Maduro and as governments complained about the alleged illegality of the deadly boat strikes.

Her relentless monthslong campaign against the bloc and its chief executive had forced Friday's emergency meeting to discuss Barnett's reappointment.



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Hungary's next PM would pick up if Putin calls and tell him to stop Ukraine war



Péter Magyar has said he has already spoken to 10 European leaders, a day after his landslide victory brought an end to Viktor Orbán's 16-year continuous rule in Hungary.

But he said he would not be calling Vladimir Putin, a close partner of Orbán, even though he would speak to him if the Russian leader rang.

"If Vladimir Putin calls I'll pick up the phone," he told reporters during a three-hour marathon press conference to mark his Tisza party's election success on Sunday.

"I don't think it'll happen," he stressed, "but if we did talk I'd tell him to please, after four years, put an end

to the killing and end this war."

Moscow has said it respects Magyar's victory and expects to retain "pragmatic" relations with Budapest.

Orbán has also been a key ally of US President Donald Trump, who backed him to win Sunday's election, and Vice-President JD Vance reinforced that with a two-day campaign visit last week.

Magyar told journalists that he would not be phoning Trump either, but if Trump phoned him, he would say he was glad as they were "strong allies in Nato", and he would invite him to attend the 70th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising against Soviet occupation next October.

A former insider from Orbán's own Fidesz party, Magyar launched a grassroots movement to put an end to corruption and cronyism in the government.

Latest preliminary results give Tisza 136 seats, down from an earlier figure of 138 but still a comfortable "super majority" of two-thirds of the seats in parliament, enabling the party to change the constitution.

Magyar said some 400,000 votes had yet to be counted and he was optimistic his party would gain some of the remaining seats.

He said Hungarian voters had not voted just for a change of government but for "complete regime change".



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Italian PM condemns ally Trump over 'unacceptable' Pope criticism



Donald Trump's remarks about Pope Leo XIV were "unacceptable", Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has said.

The US president accused the pontiff of being "WEAK on Crime and terrible for Foreign Policy" in a long Truth Social post, later telling reporters he was "not a big fan".

"The Pope is the head of the Catholic Church, and it is right and normal for him to call for peace and to condemn every form of war," Meloni said in a statement.

Meloni, who is a Catholic and heads a right-wing coalition government, is a close ally of Trump and had so far been reluctant to condemn the US president's harsh criticism of Pope Leo.

Italian opposition parties have criticised Meloni for failing to speak out

promptly.

Her coalition partner Matteo Salvini, the leader of the populist League party, said that "attacking the Pope... doesn't seem like a useful or intelligent thing to do."

After Trump's remarks, the Pope told reporters en route to Algeria that he did not want to get into a debate with Trump but would continue to promote peace.

Pope Leo has said he has "no fear" of the Trump administration and will continue to speak out against war after the US president launched an unusual and scathing attack over his stance on the Iran conflict.

He has been a staunch critic of the Iran war, calling Trump's threat to destroy Iranian civilisation "unacceptable" and calling for him to find an "off-ramp" to end the conflict.

On Monday, Trump doubled down on his criticism, saying he would not apologise to the "very weak" Pope.

In general, it is rare for a Pope to directly address statements by world leaders.

There are more than 70 million Catholics in the US, about 20% of the population. They include Trump's Vice-President JD Vance.

Trump's comments came as the pontiff embarked on an 11-day trip to Africa, his second major foreign trip since being elected last year.

The US president wrote in Sunday's post that the Pope "should get his act together" and said he was "weak on nuclear weapons", apparently referring to Tehran's attempts to become a nuclear power, cited as one of the reasons for the US and Israel going to war with Iran.

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Antigua's Kamar Thomas Triumphs in Historic 25K Showdown at AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest

The AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest delivered one of its most thrilling editions to date, headlined by a monumental performance from Antigua's Kamar Thomas, who surged to victory in the prestigious 25K Trail Race against one of the most competitive fields in the event's history.

Thomas showcased exceptional strength and determination, crossing the finish line in 2:32:33 to claim the title. In a dramatic regional showdown, he edged out Trinidad and Tobago's trail champion Michael Honore, who finished a close second, while Jamaica's multiple-time Reggae Marathon champion Kemar Leslie secured third place. The depth of the field was further emphasized by the presence of two accomplished Guadeloupean trail champions, Willy Vaitilingom and Marius Urcel, who rounded out the top five.

Women's 25K Trail

In the women's feature event, Christina Laurent of Guadeloupe delivered a commanding performance to take the win in 3:02:00. Antigua's Margarita Fernandez impressed with a strong second-place finish, while Trinidad and Tobago's Patricia Sorias completed the podium in third.

International Participation

The festival attracted over 100 re-



gional and international participants, reinforcing its growing reputation as a premier endurance event in the Caribbean. Significant contingents travelled from Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Guadeloupe, alongside athletes from the United States (including California), the United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, France, and beyond.

4K Open Water Swim Highlights

The 4K Swim once again showcased elite talent:

- Male: France's Benjamin Sanson maintained his remarkable record of remaining unbeaten in

open water swim events in Antigua since 2012, winning in 51:51. He was followed by Khadeem Brathwaite of Trinidad and Tobago in second and Australia's Shane Donovan in third.

- Female: Jacqueline Jodhan of Trinidad and Tobago captured the women's title, with Antigua's Julie Esty finishing an impressive second.

Triathlon Highlights

The triathlon events added further excitement to the festival:



- Olympic Triathlon: Antiguan Tiger Tyson claimed the overall victory.
- Sprint Triathlon (Male): Rising Antiguan star Elite Thomas secured first place.
- Sprint Triathlon (Female): Antiguan Sophie Bown captured the women's title.

Additional Event Winners

The festival also featured a variety of endurance events:

- 2K Swim Male: Christopher D.R. Collens (Trinidad & Tobago)
- 2K Swim Female: Anisa Lewis (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 16K Trail Male: Devon James (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 16K Trail Female: Shayne Woods (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 7K Trail Male: Shawn-Zé Henry (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 7K Trail Female: Anika James (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 5K Road Walk/Run Male: Darendra R. Boodram (Trinidad and Tobago)
- 5K Road Walk/Run Female: Celine Noelle Marquez (Trinidad & Tobago)

The event also celebrated the next generation of athletes through its youth triathlon categories, highlighting the festival's commitment to developing sport at all levels.

Awards and Prizes

Top finishers in the 25K Trail were rewarded with an array of prestigious prizes, including:

- Day passes for two to Carlisle Bay
- \$500 gift certificates to Sheer Rocks, Catherine's Café, Rokuni, and Fat Urchin
- The male champion also received US\$500 store credit from Tropic Ace

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The success of the AUA Rohrman

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A Growing Caribbean Sporting Showcase

The AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest continues to solidify its position as a premier Caribbean endurance event, blending elite competition with community participation and international appeal. The event not only highlights Antigua and Barbuda's natural beauty but also reinforces its growing reputation as a destination for sports tourism.



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Wins for Garden Stars and John Hughes in Premier League



Players of the Garden Stars starting XI

Garden Stars FC and John Hughes FC recorded wins in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Sunday.

Garden Stars FC consolidated their position in seventh place by recording their seventh win in 21 matches with a 5-0 drubbing of the Ottos Rangers in the second match of a double-header on Sunday.

Joshua Samuel struck twice with conversions in the 72nd and 90th minutes. The other goals were scored by Kimoi Walsh in the first minute, Jevaughn Jarvis in the 33rd minute, and Sedique Adams in the first minute of added time.

The result allows the Garden Stars to advance to 28 points, while the Ottos Rangers remain second from the bottom of the 12-team standings with 11 points after crashing to their 16th defeat in 21 matches.

John Hughes FC notched up their fifth win in 21 matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against Green City FC in Sunday's opening game.

Jahquane Richards scored in the 31st minute to give Green City FC a one-nil lead. But goals by Denie Henry in the 40th minute and Deno Bryan in the 81st minute snatched victory for John Hughes FC.

The result allows John Hughes FC to remain third from the bottom of the standings with 16 points. It left Green City FC in ninth place with 22 points after crashing to their 11th defeat in 21 matches.

Meanwhile, the Young Lions of Old Road have leapfrogged Kelt-on Dalso Real Blizzard to regain the runners-up spot behind unbeaten leaders Guydadli Jets in the ABFA's Second Division League.

The Young Lions moved within five points of the Guydadli Jets by claiming their 13th win in 17 matches with a 5-1 drubbing of Bethesda at Bethesda.

Following a goalless first half, Stefan Smith and Vidal Francis each scored twice for the Young Lions. Smith scored in the 54th and 59th minutes, while Francis had conversions in the 75th and 78th minutes.

The other goal for the Young Lions was converted by Xavier Joseph in the 81st minute. Calvin Goodwin scored a consolation goal for Bethesda with a strike in the 76th minute.

The result allows Bethesda FC to remain in 12th place with 23 points after crashing to their eighth defeat in 17 matches.

It allows the Young Lions to move from third to second place by advancing to 42 points, one ahead of unbeaten Real Blizzard, who have also played 17 matches and slipped from second to third place.

The unbeaten Guydadli Jets are currently leading the Second Division with 47 points and can clinch the title by winning one of their remaining two matches.

Police FC consolidated their position in fifth place by recording their 11th win in 17 matches with a 6-0 drubbing of Glanvilles FC at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium.

Jenson Samuel struck twice with goals in the 19th and 85th minutes. There was an own goal scored by Demaro McKenzie in the 82nd minute, while Jamary Galloway converted a penalty kick in the 80th minute.

The other goals for Police were scored by Nijah Hope in the second minute and Carl Kirby in the 54th minute.

The result allows Police FC to advance to 38 points, while Glanvilles FC remains in 14th place with 19 points after suffering their ninth defeat in 16 matches.

Success for Antigua Elite Gymnastics Academy in Barbados

The Antigua Elite Gymnastics Academy captured a second place finish in Level 2 competition during the third edition of The Trident Classic Gymnastics Invitational at the Sir Garfield Sobers Gymnasium in Barbados on Saturday.

The Antiguans also produced several outstanding individual performance during the event, which featured hundreds of competitors from the twin-island nation, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados.

The Antigua Elite Gymnastics Academy is proudly celebrating the outstanding showing from its young athletes at their recent regional competition, where a second group of competitive gymnasts made their debut with confidence and determination.

Representing Antigua and Barbuda, Anna Micon, Joy Kasonda, Cali Tarter, Kaylynn Holder, Kayli Charles, and Zalika Quashie competed against approximately 300 athletes from clubs across Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica. Despite it being their first competition, the team rose to the challenge and delivered impressive performances across all events.

Leading the way was Zalika Quashie (Level 2), who delivered an exceptional all-around performance to capture 1st place with a score of 37.3. She also earned 1st on Floor (9.5) and placed 2nd on Vault (9.35), Bars (9.25), and Beam (9.2).

Kayli Charles (Level 3) also had a strong competition, placing 6th All-Around with a score of 36.025. She secured 1st place on both Vault (9.4) and Floor (9.1), along with a 3rd place finish on Beam (9.275).

In Level 2, Joy Kasonda placed 3rd All-Around with a score of 36.175, highlighted by a 2nd place finish on Vault (9.475) and Bars (8.8), along with 3rd on Beam (9.1) and Floor (8.8).

Cali Tarter earned 4th All-Around (34.525), with consistent routines across all apparatus, while Anna Micon secured 2nd All-Around (34.075), showing great composure and strong



The Antigua and Barbuda team, left, claimed a second place finish in Level 2 competition at the Trident Classic Gymnastics Invitational at the Sir Garfield Sobers Gymnasium in Barbados on Saturday, April 11, 2026. (Photo courtesy of the Antigua Elite Gymnastics Academy)

placements, including 2nd on Bars (8.2) and Beam (8.425).

Kaylynn Holder rounded out the team's efforts with a 5th All-Around finish (33.575), demonstrating determination and growth throughout the competition.

Head Coach Alex Schlosser praised the athletes for their performances, noting that competing for the first time at this level is no small feat.

"The girls handled themselves exceptionally well," he said. "To go out there against such a large and talented field and perform the way they did is something they should all be very proud of." He was joined at the competition by Coach Mitzi, who also supported and guided the athletes throughout the event.

This competition also marks an important milestone for the club, as it was the first competition for the academy's second competitive team.

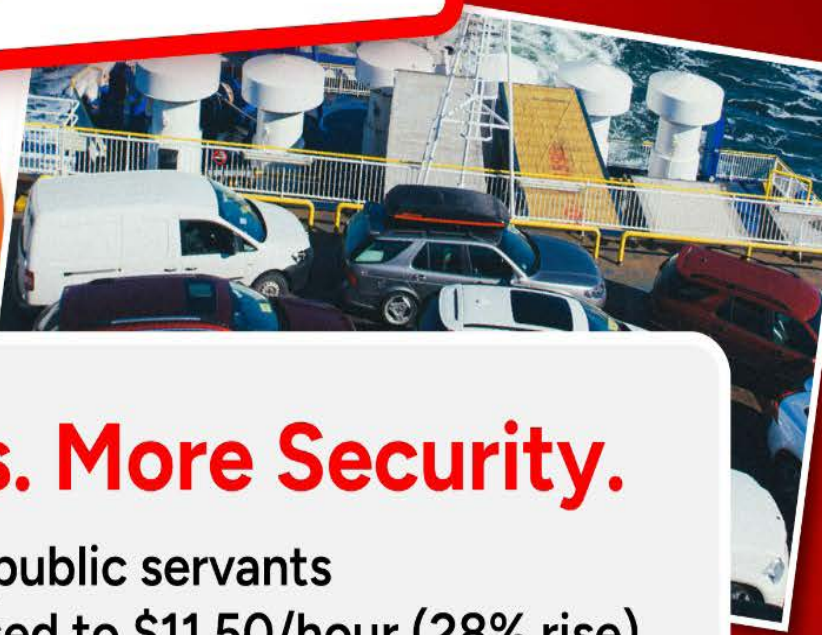
Earlier this year, the club's first team competed internationally in Orlando, Florida at the Magical Classic and Presidential Classic in February, gaining valuable experience on a larger stage.

With two teams now gaining competition experience, the future of gymnastics in Antigua and Barbuda continues to grow stronger. The athletes' performances are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the continued development of the sport within the country.



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More success for Da Project and Ottos in ABBA's Division 1 League

Da Project and Daryll Matthew Ottos recorded wins in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Division 1 League on Sunday.

Da Project notched up their ninth win in 13 games by soaring to an 88-75 victory over defending champions EZ Fit Flyers in the second game of a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Cornell Greenwood produced 19 points, 10 rebounds, seven steals, and six assists; Malik Moore provided 19 points, seven assists, six steals, and five rebounds; Terry Dawkins sank 16 points and claimed six rebounds; and T-Shawn Lewis scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Da Project.

Javonte Daley sank 13 points; Marlon Charles converted 12 points and claimed eight rebounds; Nicholas Moore scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds; Xavier Meade had 11 points and seven rebounds; and TJ Williams contributed 10 points for the EZ Fit Flyers, who crashed to their third loss in 12 games.

Ottos claimed their ninth win in 13 games with a commanding 98-76 victory against the JSC Red Hawks in Sunday.

Christian Walker shot a game-high 22 points and claimed nine rebounds; Danny Perez produced 20 points, 10 steals, six assists, and five rebounds; and Pindo Drammeh converted 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Ottos.



Players of Da Project basketball team

In support, Warren Bogle sank 14 points and snatched six rebounds; Ziven Clark scored 12 points and claimed eight rebounds; and Nick Strawter chipped in with 10 points and nine assists for Ottos.

Cohen Desouza sank 20 points and grabbed 13

rebounds; Bryce Smith converted 18 points and snatched 17 rebounds; Andre Burnett produced 15 points, 11 rebounds, and six assists; and Mario Davis chipped in with 11 points and seven rebounds for the JSC Red Hawks, who crashed to their sixth loss in 12 games.

Poor start for Antiguans at Caribbean Youth Netball Tournament

Antigua and Barbuda have made a poor start to their campaign at the 2026 Jean Pierre Caribbean Youth Netball Tournament, which is taking place at UWI SPEC in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, from April 11 to 17.

Antigua and Barbuda suffered their second loss in as many games in a 16-20 defeat to the Cayman Islands on Sunday. Azalea Simon scored seven of her 10 attempts, Tanesha Michael sank six of her seven shots, and Tina Graham converted three of her 10 tries for Antigua and Barbuda.

The young Antiguan netballers

launched their campaign with a 14-34 defeat to St. Lucia on Saturday.

Charlery made 31 out of 37 shots, missing only once in the fourth quarter, while Ferdinand scored on all three of her attempts for St. Lucia.

Antigua and Barbuda took 28 shots and made half of them. Tina Graham scored nine of her 14 attempts, and Azalia Simon converted five of her 13 shots for Antigua and Barbuda.

The St. Lucians also prevailed 23-17 against Dominica in their second encounter.

Defending champion Trinidad and

Tobago also made a successful start in their title defense in the 22nd edition of the tournament, which is featuring Under-16 teams from seven Caribbean islands.

Trinidad & Tobago opened their campaign with a 41-8 win over the Cayman Islands.

Teams from Trinidad and Tobago, the Cayman Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Lucia are participating in the tournament under the theme "Ignite the Future: Where Passion Meets Potential."

Male and female finalists decided in ABSCA 10-Over contests

Rackaman Construction Strictly Business has dethroned Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js as champions of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Men's 10-Overs competition, but Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors have retained their women's title.

Strictly Business captured the men's title by snatching an 18-run victory over Buckley's 3Js in the final at Dredgers on Sunday.

Strictly Business made 68 for six off their 10 overs. Melvin Charles hit an unbeaten 38, and player of the match Winston Roberts scored 11. Randino Turner took two

wickets for three runs.

In reply, Buckley's 3Js were restricted to 49 for eight off their 10 overs. Denley Thomas hit 14, while Winston Roberts grabbed five wickets for five runs.

Survivors retained their ABSCA Women's 10-Over crown by pulling off a seven-wicket victory over Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers in the final at the same venue.

Female Flyers were restricted to 48 for four off their allotted 10 overs. Makada Hector hit 14, and Manela James scored 11 not out. Leukelle Pelle claimed two wickets for eight runs.

In reply, Survivors achieved victory at 51 for three in 8.1 overs. Grace Persaud struck an unbeaten 19, and player of the match Kimberly Anthony scored 18.

Several players received individual awards for outstanding performances in the competitions.

In the men's competition, Melvin Charles of Rackaman Construction Strictly Business claimed the Most Valuable Player Award and also had the most runs of 113.

Essan Warner of Mix Up Stars achieved the highest individual score of 77. Owen Graham of Rackaman Construction Strictly Business claimed the most wickets with 10 scalps.

Steve Martin of Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js achieved the best bowling figures of three wickets for six runs in six overs.

In the women's competition, Makada Hector of Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers captured the Most Valuable Player Award.

Hector also took the awards for the most runs with 179 and the highest individual score of 58.

Menova Govia of Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors claimed the award for the most wickets with nine scalps. Govia also achieved the best bowling figures of four wickets for 12 runs in two overs.



Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors celebrate with their trophy after retaining their title in the ABSCA Women's 10-Over Championship at the Dredgers playing field on Sunday, April 12, 2026. (Photo courtesy of the ABSCA)