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Participants proudly display certificates after attending training sessions organized by the Department of Youth Affairs

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The Ministry of Health is reporting an unlawful break-in and theft that occurred at its Headquarters between Monday 13th April and Tuesday 14th April, 2026.

During this incident, thirty (30) Dell Pro 16 PC16250 notebook computers were stolen.

These devices were provided through the generous support of the Pan American Health Organization and were intended to enhance patient record systems and strengthen service delivery across community clinics in Antigua and Barbuda.

The loss of this equipment represents a significant setback to ongoing efforts to modernize healthcare services. It has the potential to delay improvements aimed at supporting healthcare workers and enhancing patient care, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and individuals managing chronic conditions.

The Ministry expresses its deep outrage and profound disappointment at this incident and its impact on national healthcare development. The matter has been reported to the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, and a full investigation is currently underway.

Members of the public are encouraged to come forward with any information that may assist in the investigation. All information, no matter how minor it may seem, could be helpful.

The Ministry also advises the public to exercise caution and to refrain from purchasing or accepting any laptops matching the description and serial numbers listed below. These devices remain the property of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and are not authorized for sale or distribution. Possession of these items may result in legal consequences.

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The Ministry remains committed to working closely with law enforcement to recover the stolen equipment and to continuing efforts to strengthen healthcare delivery systems across the nation. Measures are also being reviewed to enhance security and prevent similar incidents in the future. The Ministry thanks the public for its cooperation and continued support.

UPP's Error-prone Campaign Continues Unabated



Sir Robin Yearwood Demands An Apology for Claims Saying He Is Dead

There is no let-up in the United Progressive Party's many errors as campaigning for the April 30 general elections hits fever pitch.

The latest faux pas comes as the UPP has published a false statement on its official campaign website declaring that sitting Member of Parliament Sir Robin Yearwood died in office. Sir Robin Yearwood

is alive.

The statement, visible at www.myupp.org under the St. Philip North constituency page, reads: "Robin Yearwood (ABLP) won this seat in 2023 but later died in office, triggering the March 16, 2026 by-election." This claim is categorically false. Sir Robin Yearwood did not die. He did not vacate his seat due to death. The statement has no basis in fact.

The UPP website was built and populated using artificial intelligence tools. The false claim about Sir Robin Yearwood appears to be AI-generated content that was published without any human verification. This is consistent with a pattern of serious errors found throughout the site, including planning instructions left visible on the homepage, candidates listed in the wrong constituencies, a fabricated phone number in the party's contact details, and broken links on pages marked "Electoral Compliance."

Publishing a false report of a liv-

ing person's death is not a minor oversight. It causes direct harm to the individual named, to their family, and to the public's right to accurate information during an election campaign. The statement must be removed immediately and the UPP must issue a full public apology to Sir Robin Yearwood.

Voters in Antigua and Barbuda are being asked to trust the UPP with the management of this country. A party that cannot verify basic facts about living members of parliament before publishing them on a national campaign platform is not prepared to manage the affairs of a nation. Attention to detail is not optional in government. It is the baseline.

The ABLP calls on the UPP to take the following actions without delay: remove the false statement from myupp.org, issue a public apology directly to Sir Robin Yearwood and his family, and provide an explanation to the people of Antigua and Barbuda of how this claim came to be published on an official party platform.

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Department of Youth Affairs Successfully Hosts Youth Skills Training

The Department of the Blue Economy participated in the successful conclusion of the Youth Skills Certificate Training of Trainers in Green, Blue, and Circular Economies, hosted by the Department of Youth Affairs in collaboration with UNICEF.

The two-day in-person training, held on April 13–14, 2026, formed part of a broader regional initiative aimed at equipping professionals with the tools and methodologies needed to deliver youth-centred training in sustainable economic sectors. The programme focused on strengthening facilitation skills, enhancing understanding of sustainability concepts, and preparing trainers to effectively implement the Youth Skills, Certificate curriculum across national contexts.

Representing the Department of the Blue Economy were Chenneika Whyte, Robyne Browne, and Marver Woodley, who successfully completed the training and are now certified to support the delivery of the programme locally.

Their participation comes at a critical time as the Department advances preparations for a major national school-based initiative scheduled for launch in September 2026. This initiative will target secondary school students in Forms 1–3 and aims to significantly enhance ocean literacy and awareness among youth.

The upcoming programme forms a key component of the Department's year-long public engagement agenda focused on answering the question: "What is the Blue Economy?"

Through this initiative, students will be introduced to the principles of sustainable ocean use, environmental stewardship, and emerging opportunities within the blue economy.



The Department extends its appreciation to the Department of Youth Affairs and UNICEF for their leadership in delivering this important initiative and looks forward to continued col-

laboration in advancing sustainable development and youth empowerment in Antigua and Barbuda.

ESFN Participates in Wetland Monitoring Training Workshop in Barbuda



reflect on results, and refine approaches for future monitoring efforts.

Wetlands undergo constant changes, and without consistent monitoring, it is easy to overlook significant shifts. These interactive training sessions will strengthen ESFN’s ability to monitor wetlands in ways that directly support our mission, outreach, and conservation initiatives. By learning and practicing these techniques, participants will gain tools and methods to track ecosystem changes and share findings with communities affected. This training builds on the work ESFN continues to do in education and engagement, turning scientific surveillance into citizen science knowledge and guidelines for the projects and programs.



Lagoon’s pilot monitoring program. This practical field component provides an opportunity to test methods,

The EcoShores Sustainable Futures Network (ESFN) participates in the IUCN Wetland Monitoring Training Workshop from April 13–17, 2026, at the Community Centre in Codrington, Barbuda. The workshop will strengthen national capacity for wetland monitoring, giving participants hands-on experience in techniques such as water quality monitoring, mangrove and vegetation surveys, and bird surveys, while building skills in data management processes.

In the final days, participants will apply these lessons through Codrington

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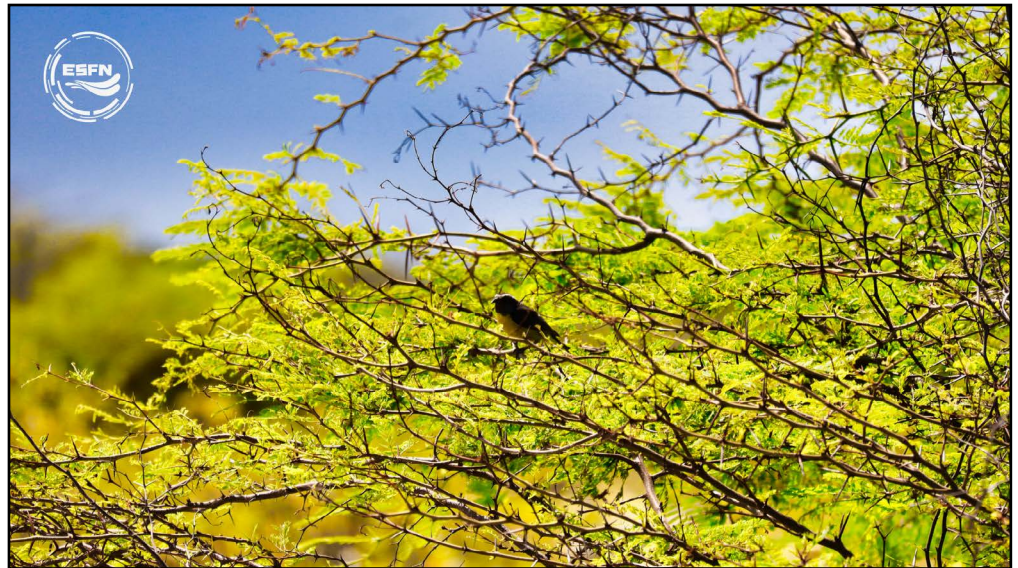


The ESNF team previously attended the two (2) national workshops convened under the Wise Use of Caribbean Wetlands Project, which advanced a vulnerability assessment of the Codrington Lagoon RAMSAR Site. This training builds on that engagement and connects directly to ESNF’s World Wetlands Day Ecological Tour of the Barbuda RAMSAR Site held on February 21st, 2026, supported by the Wise Use of Caribbean Wetlands Project.

“Wetland and coastal monitoring provides the knowledge needed to guide conservation decisions and strengthen resilience,” said ESNF’s Portfolio Manager, Britney McDonald. “By participating in this workshop, we are reinforcing our commitment to building local capacity and ensuring that communities, including Barbudans, have the tools to protect and manage these habitats.”



Protecting wetlands is important for safeguarding biodiversity, strengthening resilience against climate impacts, and sustaining livelihoods. ESNF encourages community members, youth, and partners to remain engaged in conservation efforts and to see wetlands as living classrooms that connect science, culture, and everyday life.

ESNF’s Community Swim Programme participants will begin collecting marine and coastline data to support the ESNF’s fieldwork and build on education and awareness. This effort helps enhance confidence in understanding the environment that





shapes daily life and creates spaces for women and youth to take an active role in conservation. Involving diverse voices in this process ensures that conservation is inclusive and that communities feel empowered to safeguard ecosystems for the future.

Through this initiative, ESNF continues to align its programming with national and regional priorities, linking wetlands conservation to broader goals of education, youth empowerment, and community well-being.

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CHTA Announces Reimagined Caribbean Travel Forum 2026



The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) has announced details for the Caribbean Travel Forum 2026, outlining a new, action-oriented format aimed at advancing commercial alignment across the region's hospitality and tourism sector.

According to the association, the Forum will take place on Tuesday, 12th May, 2026, at the Sandals Grande Antigua Resort & Spa. The event will be held ahead of the opening of the Caribbean Travel Marketplace.

In its statement, the CHTA indicated that the Forum departs from the traditional conference model, instead adopting a facilitated working session designed to encourage more focused, data-driven discussions. The three-hour session will bring together a curated group of public and private sector stakeholders to examine the commercial realities shaping the in-

dustry.

CHTA President Sanovnik Destang said the updated approach reflects the evolving needs of the sector and aims to foster more meaningful engagement among participants.

He noted that the Forum will create space for dialogue on key commercial challenges, with the goal of identifying practical solutions and strengthening regional alignment.

Participants will take part in structured working group discussions supported by a pre-event Commercial Intelligence Briefing, as well as data-driven insights presented at the start of the session. The outcomes will be compiled into a Caribbean Hospitality & Tourism Commercial Insights & Roadmap, which will outline priority areas, recommended strategies, and opportunities for collaboration.

The association stated that participation will be limited and curated, targeting professionals directly involved in commercial strategy, operations, and market development. These will include hotel owners, general managers, sales and marketing executives, tourism officials, airline and tour operator representatives, and selected service providers.

A limited number of spaces will also be made available through open registration for both members and non-members. Registration opens on 17th April, 2026, and will include access to the working session, briefing materials, post-event reports, and networking opportunities.

The CHTA said the initiative is part of its broader effort to ensure that regional tourism discussions remain relevant, focused, and impactful.

CIBC Caribbean to Host Mortgage Fair on Saturday

CIBC Caribbean will host its second annual Mortgage Fair this Saturday, April 18, 2026, offering prospective homeowners an opportunity to access key resources and expert guidance in one location.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Caribbean Cinemas Parking Lot from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

According to Mali Newton, Manager of the Loans and Mortgage Centre, the fair will bring together a wide range of stakeholders involved in the homeownership process. These include attorneys, engineers, realtors, developers, and service providers such as furniture retailers, hardware suppliers, and construction material vendors.



Mali Newton

Newton explained that the initiative is designed to create a convenient, one-stop environment where individuals can receive advice, explore financing options, and connect directly with professionals essential to building or

purchasing a home.

“Building your own home is a major life decision which can be very stressful if you do not understand the entire process. This Mortgage Fair is designed to answer questions and to assist persons to understand the process,” he said.

The event builds on the success of last year’s inaugural staging and reflects the bank’s continued effort to support homeownership and financial literacy within the community.

Organisers are encouraging members of the public who are considering building or purchasing a home to attend and take advantage of the wide range of expertise and services that will be available.

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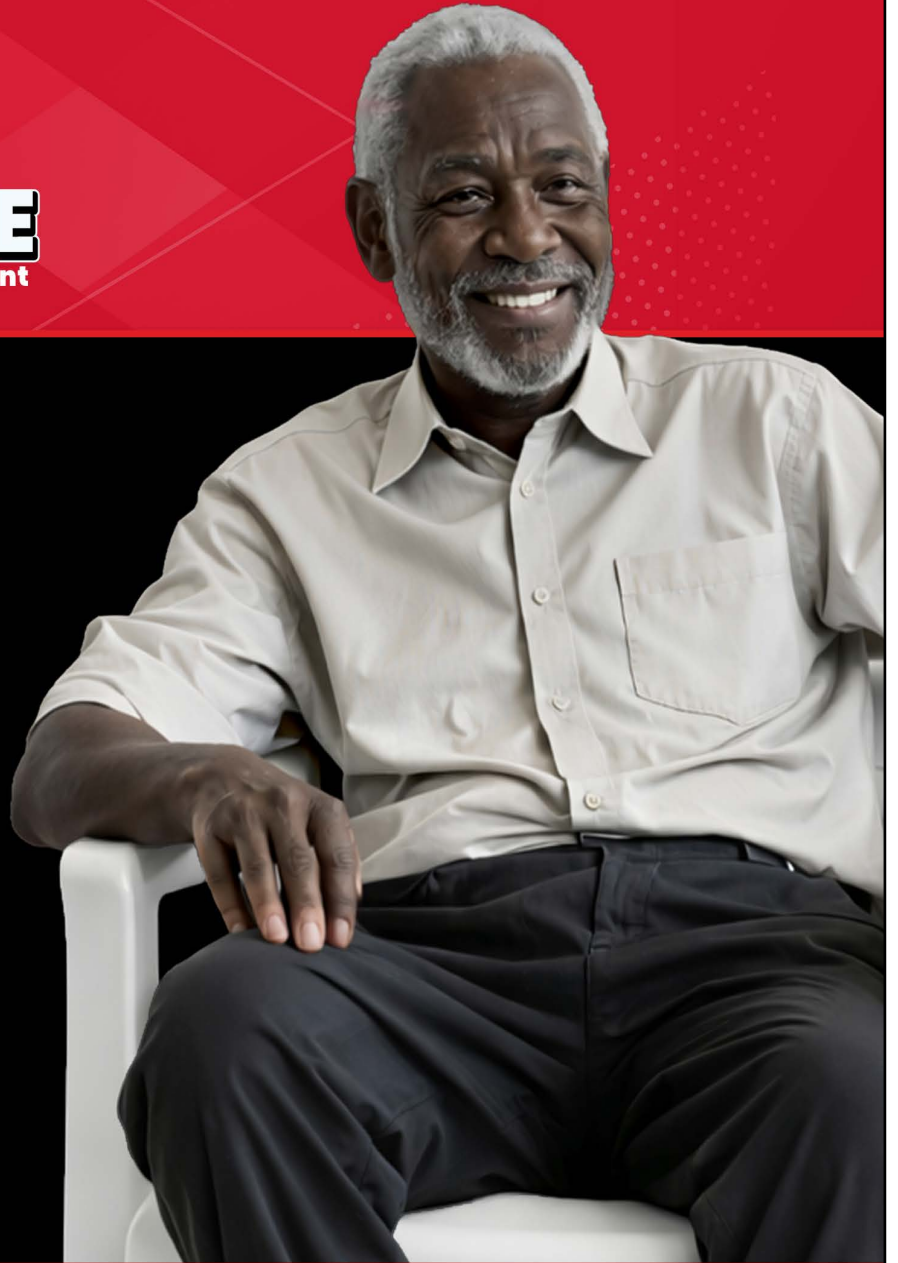
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Antiguan duo selected for 2026 YLAI Fellowship in the United States

Antigua and Barbuda will be represented on the international stage this month as two nationals prepare to depart for the 2026 Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) Fellowship Program in the United States.

Among them is Joshuanette Francis, President of Good Humans 268 Inc., whose work in disability inclusion, climate action and waste management has made her a growing voice in community development. She will be joined by fellow Antiguan Canice James, who represents Cyber Hawk Solutions.

The two are part of a wider cohort of young leaders from across the Caribbean and Latin America selected for the prestigious professional exchange programme. Their journey begins on April 19 and will include orientation activities in Houston, Texas, followed by a month-long professional placement in the United States before concluding in Washington, D.C. in May.

For Francis, the opportunity marks another major milestone in a journey shaped by resilience, advocacy and service. Through her leadership at Good Humans 268 Inc., she has championed initiatives that place persons with disabilities at the centre of environmental and social change.

She said the fellowship offers an important platform to further expand the work of the organization, which focuses on creating opportunities for persons with disabilities while addressing major national issues such as waste management, sustainability and climate resilience.

“The mission of Good Humans 268 Inc. is rooted in creating golden opportunities through community outreach, climate action and sustainable development,” Francis shared. “We are committed to building systems that not only protect the environment, but also open doors for persons with disabilities.”

#YLAI2026

Joshuanette Francis
Antigua and Barbuda
Good Humans 268 Inc.
#YLAI2026 Fellow

Under her leadership, Good Humans 268 Inc. has grown into a recognized force for change in Antigua and Barbuda. The organization’s Student Community Service Recycling Project has engaged schools and communities across the island, using recycling, tree planting and volunteerism to inspire young people to become active environmental stewards.

Francis explained that the project aims to build a culture of responsibility among the youth while aligning its work with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. She believes that environmental education and disability inclusion must go hand in hand if the country is to build a more sustainable and equitable future.

To date, the organization’s recycling efforts have benefited from approximately US\$98,000 in support from

the GEF Small Grants Programme and the Sandals Foundation. Francis said the funding has helped move the work forward, but additional investment is still needed to expand the initiative and strengthen other areas of the programme.

She has also outlined a bold long-term vision for the future of the organization, including the development of agricultural, environmental and accessibility-focused spaces that could create meaningful opportunities for persons with disabilities while serving the wider community.

Francis said her mission is deeply personal. Having faced discrimination linked to her disability, she has used her experience as fuel to advocate for inclusion and justice. She continues to push for a society where persons with disabilities are not underestimated or

excluded, but recognized for their value, talent and potential.

“We cannot give everyone a job, but we can create opportunities, build pathways and help people feel seen, heard and supported,” she said.

She also expressed hope that the Good Humans 268 model can eventually be replicated beyond Antigua and Barbuda, especially in other small island states facing similar environmental and social challenges.

Francis said she sees the fellowship not only as a learning experience, but as a chance to strengthen partnerships, gain new ideas and bring back strategies that can help improve systems at home.

Her selection, alongside that of James, reflects the growing impact of young Antiguan and Barbudans who are making meaningful contributions in business, technology, advocacy and community development.

As the pair prepares to travel, their participation stands as a reminder that leadership can emerge from many spaces — from entrepreneurship and innovation to activism and service. It also highlights the importance of investing in young leaders whose ideas and experiences can influence change both locally and internationally.

For Francis, the moment is about far more than personal achievement. It is about representation, purpose and the power of using one’s story to build something bigger than self.

#YLAI2026

Canice James
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Cyber Hawk Solutions
 #YLAI2026 Fellow

“To be part of something so important and impactful is proof that persons with disabilities belong in these spaces too,” she said. “We are capable, we are valuable, and we are good humans.”

Joshuanette Francis
 Founder and President, Good Humans 268 Inc.

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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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Aliyah Andrew
ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST



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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.

Queenela Williams
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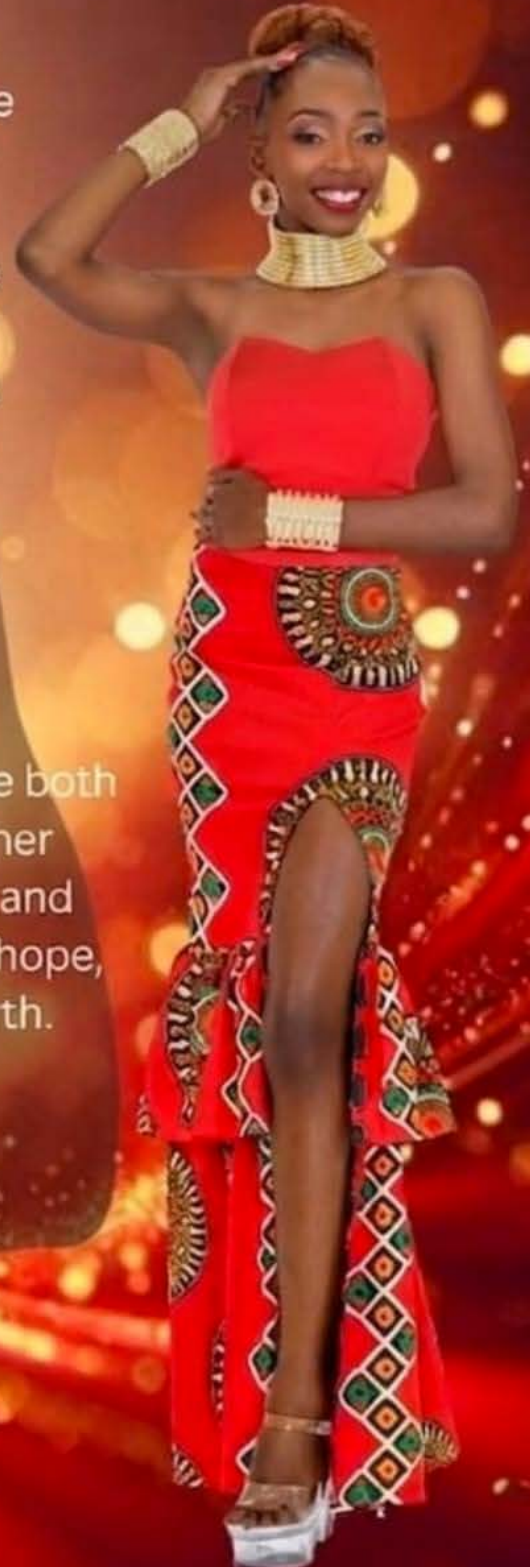


Iszarea Lloyd proudly represents St. Phillip's North as a young woman of purpose, resilience, and quiet strength.

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



Bermuda introducing new pay transparency legislation

The Bermuda government has indicated that it is advancing a policy proposal to introduce pay transparency legislation in the British Overseas Territory.

“For far too long, pay inequality has existed in Bermuda, undermining confidence in how pay is determined across our economy. Despite long-standing legal protections against discrimination, persistent wage disparities, particularly along racial, gender, and nationality lines, continue to affect individuals and families,” Economy and Labour Minister, Jason Hayward, told a news conference on Monday.

He said that fair pay is not only a matter of equity but “it is fundamental to a modern, inclusive, and competitive labour market, noting that when people do not understand how pay is set, or whether it is fair, trust in the workplace erodes.

He told reporters that the principle of equal pay for work of equal value is already recognised in Bermuda’s legal framework.

“However, as the government has acknowledged, existing protections are largely reactive. They rely on individuals to raise complaints after harm has already occurred, on difficult-to-prove grounds of discrimination. This approach is not sufficient to address systemic and often hidden pay inequities.

“That is why the government is advancing a policy proposal to introduce pay transparency legislation in Bermuda. Pay transparency is a proactive tool that shifts the focus from resolving disputes after the fact to preventing unfair pay practices from arising in the first place. It promotes clarity, accountability, and fairness by ensuring that pay decisions are based on objective, non-discriminatory criteria.”

Hayward said by strengthening transparency around how pay is set, how roles are valued, and how progression occurs, this proposal seeks to close unjustified pay gaps and build greater confidence in Bermuda’s labour market, for workers and employers alike.

“At its core, this proposal is grounded in a simple and widely recognised principle: equal pay for work of equal



value. This means that workers should receive equal pay when their work is assessed as being of equal value, based on objective criteria such as skills, effort, responsibility, experience, and working conditions.”

The Economy and Labour Minister said that this principle supports fairness and reflects international labour standards.

“Importantly, Bermuda’s approach to pay transparency is aligned with the guidance and principles of the International Labour Organization (ILO), which identifies pay transparency as a key mechanism for realising equal pay for work of equal value.”

Hayward said that the key features of the pay transparency proposal will include mandatory pay transparency and equity policies

“Every employer in Bermuda would be required to develop and maintain a simple written policy on pay transparency and equity. This policy would affirm the employer’s commitment to fair, non-discriminatory pay practices.”

He said in addition, there will be clear, objective salary-setting criteria and that employers would be required to explain how pay is determined, using objective factors such as the nature and responsibilities of the role, an employee’s qualifications and relevant skills and experience.

There will also be employee access to pay information, with Hayward saying

that “employees would have the right to request information about the salary range for their role, promoting openness and reducing uncertainty around pay”.

He said regarding restrictions on salary history inquiries, employers would no longer be permitted to ask job applicants about their past or current salary during the recruitment process.

Hayward said all job advertisements would be required to include a salary range, ensuring that applicants understand expected pay before applying.

“Of course, transparency must be supported by meaningful oversight. That is why the proposal includes mechanisms for enforcement and compliance, building on inspection and labour standards frameworks that are already familiar in Bermuda. It also includes strong protections to ensure that workers are not penalised or treated unfairly for exercising their rights or raising concerns about pay.”

Hayward said that this combination of transparency, oversight, and protection reflects the ILO’s conclusion that pay transparency is most effective when it is backed by enforcement mechanisms and safeguards against retaliation.

He said this initiative is not about placing unnecessary burdens on employers, but it is about promoting good employment governance, supporting fairness, and creating workplaces that are transparent, trusted, and competitive.

“By aligning with international labour standards and tailoring them to Bermuda’s local context, this policy supports a balanced and practical approach to fair pay. Strengthening pay transparency is an important step forward for workers, for employers, and for Bermuda.

“We invite members of the public, employers, employees, and industry stakeholders to share their views on the proposed Pay Transparency Policy, as your feedback is essential in helping the Government ensure the legislation is practical, fair, and reflective of Bermuda’s needs,” he told the news conference. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Gov't to weigh movement restrictions as fuel costs surge – Vaz

The Government is exploring options to get Jamaicans to conserve fuel amid rising global prices, with Energy and Transport Minister Daryl Vaz signalling that COVID-19-style movement restrictions could be considered.

No decision has been made, and the matter is to go before Cabinet for discussion.

The move comes as Vaz indicated that Petrojam has absorbed losses of \$11.8 billion over the past four weeks while cushioning the impact of higher oil prices driven by the ongoing war in the Middle East.

Vaz described the losses as “unaffordable and unsustainable,” warning that prices will continue to rise for as long as the conflict persists.

He urged Jamaicans to begin conserving fuel immediately.

“We are going to see increases as long as this war continues. We will continue to do what we can, but it is important that you understand that you need to conserve starting today,” he said.

“The Government is going to have to look at policies to limit movement, especially transportation. I don’t know if we can go back to a COVID-19 hybrid version of working from home, but something has to happen,” he added.

“The level of traffic that I’m seeing on the road doesn’t show that anybody realises that there is a war and that fuel prices will continue to go up.”

Vaz noted that oil prices have climbed from about US\$70 per barrel before the conflict to an average of US\$100, reflecting volatility in the global market.

He indicated that between March 12



and April 8, transport fuel prices increased by an average of \$49.20 per litre.

He said of that amount, only \$18 was passed on to consumers under the Government’s pricing cap at Petrojam, which limits adjustments to \$4.50 per litre on increases or decreases.

A revision of the \$4.50 cap has been proposed to Cabinet as part of a new tiered pricing mechanism aimed at reducing losses while maintaining consumer protection.

“While the current mechanism has been effective in cushioning consumers, it has resulted in significant financial losses by Petrojam,” Vaz said, citing the \$11.8 billion.

“That is, in fact, two-thirds of this budget year’s revenue measures. You have to understand the magnitude of the impact of the war on Jamaica. This level of support is not sustainable indefinitely, especially in a prolonged high-price environment.”

He said the proposed system would

likely introduce multiple pricing tiers to allow greater flexibility in responding to global market shifts.

“It means that we will probably have three different tiers of caps that reflect what is happening in the market. And if prices are changing weekly, it means we can adjust on a weekly basis,” he added.

“Let me be blatantly, truthfully upfront, in your face, the Government of Jamaica cannot stomach a \$11.8 billion with all of what we have to do and the contending priorities. And anybody who tell you any different, I’m sure they will after this press conference, rubbish. No government, in a situation like this, can sustain that,” Vaz added as he urged businesses and ordinary citizens to conserve fuel.

Added Vaz: “My words to you Jamaica definitely is you are going to see increases as long as this (war) continues. We will do what we can do but it is important that you do what you need to do to understand that you need to conserve.” (Jamaica Gleaner)

Skerrit backs IMF findings despite minor disagreement



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit has thrown his support behind a recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) report, stating that it was done “diligently” and “properly”, though he acknowledged disagreement regarding some content and language choice.

He voiced his opinion while addressing Parliament recently.

The January 2026 update of the World Economic Outlook by the International Monetary Fund provides a detailed review of global economic conditions, building on its October 2025 projections. It forecasts global growth at 3.3% in 2026 and 3.2% in 2027, slightly higher than earlier estimates. This improvement is driven by increased investment in technology, productivity gains from artificial intelligence, supportive fiscal and monetary policies, and resilient private sector activity.

According to the re-advanced econo-

mies like the US and India are expected to outperform slower-growth regions such as the eurozone and China, reflecting uneven recovery patterns and structural differences.

“They believe that some of the things that the IMF said is a negative to the government, but I tell them no,” he said. “I love the IMF report, I do not agree with some of the things they say, the kind of language they use sometimes, but I respect the report.”

He continued, “It is done diligently and it is done properly.”

For perspective, Skerrit summarized and explained to the members of the House what the report says.

“I am reading from the article for consultation of March 2026,” he noted. “The IMF said, Mr. Speaker, real GDP growth accelerated to 4.5 percent in 2025, from 3.5 percent in 2024, supported by ro-

bust tourism, 36 percent above pre-pandemic levels and targeted development investments.”

He added, “The airport, the cable car, the marina, housing, roads, supporting the hotel and the private sector, improving doing business in Dominica, agriculture.”

The report goes on to say that inflation continues to ease in the country, averaging 2.5 percent in 2025.

In context, global inflation is moderating, but some emerging markets continue to face persistent price pressures, requiring careful monetary policy management.

The report added that inflation in the US is expected to return to target more gradually.

“The IMF emphasized the importance of fiscal consolidation, structural reforms, and multilateral cooperation to sustain growth momentum,” Skerrit quoted. “Policymakers are advised to restore fiscal buffers, preserve price and financial stability, reduce uncertainty, and implement targeted industrial policies to enhance productivity.”

On the issue of the deficit, he noted, “The current account deficit [remains] elevated, primarily reflecting high construction-related imports.”

The prime minister expressed that, in his view, this is positive.

“...[It] means Mr. Speaker, in essence, some things are happening,” he surmised. (Dominica News Online)

Citizenship controversy revives old political wounds in SVG



The ongoing dispute over the Canadian citizenship of NDP members Godwin Friday and Fitz Bramble has resurrected memories of past political battles in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, leading to accusations of intense political hypocrisy.

During a recent public broadcast, it was noted that the NDP itself had previously fought fiercely against allowing dual citizens to hold office.

Recalling the 2009 constitutional reform efforts, Opposition leader Ralph Gonsalves noted, “one of the questions before the people there was in the reform was to allow dual citizens to run for office. You know, the people voted that down. The constitution was voted down and the NDP itself including Friday campaigned against that provision”.

The historical context was further deepened by Sir Louis, who recounted his own experience in 1994 when he held U.S. citizenship. He revealed that he was advised by legal counsel that “the constitution requires that I have just one an undivided loyalty to St. Vincent and the Grenardines and therefore I must renounce my US citizenship”. Sir Louie recalled traveling to the American embassy in Barbados to officially renounce his citizenship to ensure his nomination was legally sound.

He also pointed out that the NDP’s own Attorney General at the time, Parnell Campbell, heavily scrutinized his status: “Parnell Campbell was the attorney general at the time and P was diligently seeking to see whether he could have me denied nomination”.

Critics argue that the NDP’s current attempt to change the law to protect their own candidates contrasts sharply with their past actions. “They were the ones who campaigned to ensure that this constitution remain now it doesn’t suit them anymore... they are willing to sacrifice the interest of the nation and the interest of democracy on their personal altar of satisfaction,” Gonsalves noted regarding the 2009 referendum.

The Opposition maintains that candidates must abide by the laws that existed during their elections. “Candidates must be judged by the rules enforced when they ran... You really can’t run the race and then move the finish line afterwards”. (St Vincent Times)

Nine killed in second Turkish school shooting in two days



At least eight students and one teacher have been killed and several others injured following a shooting at a school in southern Turkey, Interior Minister Mustafa Ciftci has said.

The incident happened at Ayser Calik Secondary School in the Kahramanmaraş area.

The attacker was also killed during the incident, local governor Mukerrem Unluer said.

It comes a day after 16 people were injured after an ex-student opened fire at another high school, also in the south of the country, before killing himself.

Ciftci said 13 people were wounded, with six in critical condition.

The motive of Wednesday's attack is not yet known and an investigation has been launched.

Turkish media reported that the attacker, believed to be a teenager, entered two classrooms and had five guns and seven magazines with him, which Unluer alleged belonged to his ex-police officer father.

The attacker's father has since been detained by police, according to local media.

In video verified by the BBC people

could be seen appearing to jump from the first floor windows of the school and run from the premises.

"The sound of gunfire was very intense," a reporter for Turkish broadcaster NTV said, adding that there was "panic in front of the school".

After news of the shooting broke, tearful parents gathered outside of the building.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he wished for a "speedy recovery to our children, our families, and our teachers" in a post on X. (BBC)



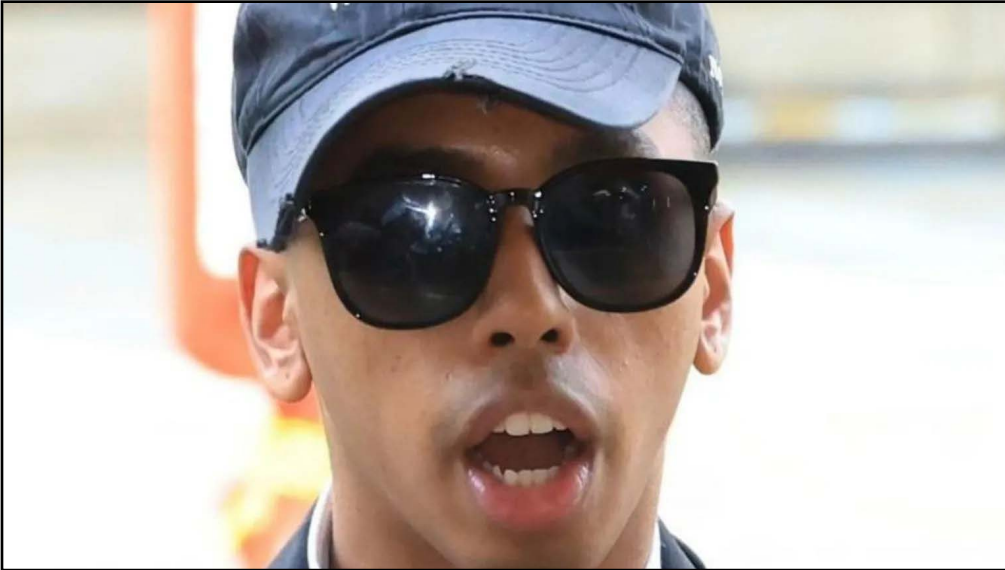
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South Korea jails American YouTuber for public nuisance



American livestreamer Johnny Somali, who caused outrage in South Korea by kissing a statue representing World War Two sex slaves, has been sentenced to six months in jail.

Seoul authorities charged him for public nuisance in November 2024 after he posted a clip of himself kissing and performing lap dances on the statue while visiting South Korea. He has been barred from leaving the country since then.

The 25-year-old, whose real name is Ismael Ramsey Khalid, is known for his provocative content which has led to him being banned from several streaming platforms.

He has also been accused of harassing people while travelling in Japan and Israel.

On Wednesday a South Korean court convicted Khalid of multiple charges, including for being a public nuisance

and distributing sexual deepfakes.

“The defendant repeatedly committed crimes against unspecified members of the public to generate profit via YouTube and distributed the content in disregard of Korean law,” the court said, according to South Korean media.

Prosecutors had sought a three-year prison term, but the judges handed down a lower sentence while noting the “absence of severe harm to victims”, The Korea Herald reported.

Khalid has also been barred from working with organisations that serve minors and people with disabilities when he is eventually released.

During World War Two, an estimated 200,000 women around Asia were forced to be wartime sex slaves for Japanese soldiers. Many of them were Korean, while others came from China, the Philippines, Indonesia and Tai-

wan.

There are several statues across South Korea, usually depicting a young woman seated in a chair, which have been installed by activists to remember these “comfort women”. The statues have in the past caused diplomatic tensions, as South Korea has long called for reparations from Japan for these women.

Khalid, who has around 5,000 followers on YouTube, had apologised in November 2024 saying he “didn’t understand the significance of the statue”. But many users expressed scepticism of his sincerity.

While investigations were ongoing in South Korea, Khalid had challenged locals to fight him. Several videos on social media show him being punched and chased along the streets.

Earlier he had caused a scene on public transportation, vandalised a convenience store, and streamed obscene videos in public.

Earlier in 2024, Khalid was detained at a protest in Tel Aviv, Israel, for making inappropriate remarks towards a female police officer, but later released.

While in Japan in 2023, he taunted locals with, among other things, his comments on the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the final days of World War Two.

He was later fined 200,000 yen (\$1,400) after disrupting business in a restaurant by playing loud music. (BBC)

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BBC to cut almost one in 10 staff to make £500m savings

The BBC has announced it will cut between 1,800 and 2,000 jobs - or almost one in 10 - in an attempt to tackle “significant financial pressures”.

The broadcaster needs to make £500m savings over the next two years, and interim director general Rhodri Talfan Davies did not rule out axing entire channels or services.

“We need to look at everything, and at a scale of £500m inevitably there are going to be some big and some difficult choices, but we do need to step through this carefully,” he told BBC Radio 4’s Media Show.

He said the corporation would give more details later this year about how its services would be affected.

“For audiences, the job in hand now over the next three or four months is to work through how we make those changes without damaging the services that we know are critical to the BBC across radio and television and online,” he said.

He also acknowledged that the job cuts would be “really difficult news” for staff.

Philippa Childs, head of broadcasting union Bectu, warned that “cuts of this magnitude” would be “devastating for the workforce and to the BBC as a whole”.

The BBC currently has about 21,500 full time equivalent employees.

In an email to staff on Wednesday, Talfan Davies said: “As you know, the BBC is facing significant financial pressures, which we need to respond to with pace.

“Put simply, the gap between our costs and our income is growing. This is being driven by a number of factors: production inflation remains very high; our licence fee and commercial income is under pressure; and the global economy remains turbulent.”

He also imposed tighter controls



on spending on recruitment, travel, management consultancies, and attendance at conferences, awards and events.

The BBC is currently negotiating with the government about its future, and that of the licence fee, ahead of the renewal of its royal charter at the end of 2027.

Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy said the BBC, “like every institution”, has to make “difficult decisions”.

“That is something that I know the leadership of the BBC take very seriously, including exploring commercial options and other revenue raisers that can help to sustain the BBC’s finances,” she told Radio 4’s World at One programme shortly before the announcement.

The news of the cuts comes in advance of the arrival of a new BBC director general, former Google executive Matt Brittin, who will officially succeed the recently departed Tim Davie on 18 May.

Childs said BBC staff were “already under significant pressure after previous redundancy rounds”, and further cuts “will inevitably damage its ability to deliver on its public mission”.

She continued: “At a time of fake

news and an industry that is becoming more concentrated in the hands of a few multinational corporations, the UK needs a confident, ambitious and sustainably-funded BBC more than ever.

“The government must ensure that Charter Renewal puts the BBC’s funding on a more secure, long-term pathway and prevent our national broadcaster facing death by a thousand cuts.”

Laura Davison, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said the plans for “more brutal job cuts are wrong, damaging and will cause uncertainty and distress for workers at the BBC”.


She said: “These cuts severely undermine the BBC’s ability to fulfil its purposes: providing quality journalism and programming that informs, educates, and entertains.

“Plans for further cuts follow years of real-terms budget reductions and relentless cost-saving measures which have impacted core parts of the corporation. This can’t go on. The BBC cannot provide quality journalism without the talented and experienced workers who make it possible.” (BBC)

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Scorpions take over lead in First Division League



The Freemans Village Scorpions football team

The Freemans Village Scorpions have opened up a three-point gap ahead of their closest rivals, the Greenbay Hoppers, at the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

The Freemans Village Scorpions extended their lead at the helm of the First Division League by recording their 14th win in 22 matches with a 2-1 victory over the Greenbay Hoppers in a top-of-the-table clash on Tuesday.

The result allows the Freemans Village Scorpions to advance to 47 points, three ahead of the Greenbay Hoppers, who remain in second place with 44 points after slumping to their fifth defeat in 21 matches.

Golden Grove FC and the Cedar Grove Blue Jays recorded rare wins in their latest outings in the

First Division League.

Golden Grove moved from ninth to eighth place by claiming their ninth win in 22 matches with a 3-1 victory over Bolans FC at Golden Grove.

Darryl Samuel scored in the 34th minute to give Golden Grove FC a one-nil lead at halftime. Romario Christian equalized for Bolans FC by converting a penalty kick in the 75th minute.

But two late goals, which were scored by Attian Fabian in the 80th minute and Adonijah Dyett in the 88th minute, were able to secure victory for Golden Grove FC.

The result allows Golden Grove FC to leapfrog Willikies FC into eighth place by advancing to 30 points. Bolans FC remains in 12th place with 17 points after suffering their 11th defeat in 22 matches.

The Cedar Grove Blue Jays secured their fourth win in 23 matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against Bendals FC at Cedar Grove.

Ironically, it was an early own goal, which was scored by Rodrigue Barnes, in the third minute that gave Bendals a one-nil lead.

Ja-Rohn Thomas snatched a last-minute winner for the Cedar Grove Blue Jays with a 90th-minute conversion after teammate Kishorn Hamilton had scored the equalizer with a strike in the 31st minute.

The result allows the Cedar Grove Blue Jays to stay second from the bottom of the standings with 15 points, while Bendals FC remains in 11th place with 18 points after suffering their 15th defeat in 23 matches.

Antigua based football and education charity assisting young people



Founder of GN Sports Global and Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador for Sport and Tourism, Richard Santos, left, engages with young football talent in Antigua.

GN (Generation Next) Trust, the Antigua-based football and education charity arm of GN Sports Global, has launched its 2026 fundraising campaign to support life-changing sports-based scholarships for talented young people in Antigua and Barbuda.

The charity is calling on institutional donors, corporate partners and individual supporters to help close the growing affordability gap preventing many promising athletes from accessing overseas education opportunities.

Founded in 2012 as a grassroots football club, GN Sports Global was created to support children from low-income families in Antigua and Barbuda to access overseas education through sports-linked scholarships.

What began with homemade kits and local leagues has grown into a structured development pathway supporting athletes aged 13 to 21 at one of the most critical transition points between school and adulthood. There are now more than 40 teams participating in GN-supported leagues.

To date, 19 students have secured scholarships through the programme, 18 of which were supported through grant funding in Antigua and Barbuda.

However, as the cost of education-linked football placements continues to rise, even students who secure partial funding often require family contributions of between £10,000 and £15,000 per year, placing the opportunity beyond the reach of many households.

To help bridge this financial gap, GN Trust has launched its 2026 fundraising campaign with the goal of raising at least £30,000. The funds will help cover accommodation, education and clothing costs for two to three students for at least 12 months, reducing the financial pressure on families and ensuring talented players are not forced to miss out on international education opportunities due to cost.

"Antigua is full of talent," said Richard Santos, founder of GN Sports Global and Antigua's Ambassador for Sport and Tourism.

"But too often, potential is determined by affordability. We have seen first-hand what happens when a young person is given the right opportunity at the right time.

"The difference it makes, not just to them, but to their family and community, is extraordinary. Rising costs mean we now need broader support to ensure talent, not circumstance, determines their future."

"While football opens doors, it is education that keeps them open," said Michael Santos, Senior Director of UK Operations at GN Sports Global.

"GN's model ensures young people leave with qualifications, confidence and real choices. At a time when global education costs are rising, supporting this programme is an investment in long-term impact, not just sporting success."

"Before GN, I didn't know if studying abroad was possible for someone like me," said a programme participant now studying overseas.

"Football gave me visibility, but GN gave me belief and the support I needed to take the next step. Without that help, I wouldn't be where I am today."

By supporting the charity and GN's 2026 fundraising campaign, donors are not simply funding a scholarship; they are investing in long-term opportunity, stronger communities and the next generation of Antiguan leaders.

Rare win for Flyers in Division 2 basketball league



The EZ Fit Flyers 2 recorded a rare win in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division League on Tuesday evening.

The Flyers 2 claimed their third win in 13 games with a 79-51 victory over the Navigators 2 in their latest encounter at the JSC Sports Complex.

Gabriel De-Suza converted 15 points, Hansel Piper sank 14 points, and Elijah Charles scored 10 points as the main performers for the EZ Fit Flyers 2.

In support, Tyrese White sank nine points and snatched eight rebounds, and Zende Dorsett converted eight points and claimed eight rebounds for the EZ Fit Flyers 2.

Raheem Sawyer shot a game-high 26 points and snatched nine rebounds; Ricky Willock converted 10 points and claimed five rebounds; and Henry Dorsette scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds for Navigators 2, who suffered their 10th loss in 12 games.

The Cuties Ovals Ojays consolidated their second-place position behind unbeaten leaders Cedar Grove Gunners by claiming their 11th win in 12 matches after being awarded

victory via default over Square One Construction Cristos United, who failed to show up for their encounter on Tuesday.

It means Cristos United remained at the bottom of the nine-team round-robin League 2 standings after suffering their 13th defeat in as many games.

Action will resume in ABBA's Divi-

sion 1 League with a double-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Thursday.

Navigators 2 will meet the JSC Red Hawks in the opening affair at 6:45 pm, and Lava Smoke Elite Stingerz will take on the struggling All Saints Slam in the second encounter at 8:30 pm.

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Red Force crushed Hurricanes in CWI Four-Day Championship

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Force registered the first victory of this year's Cricket West Indies (CWI) Four-Day Championship by completing a comprehensive innings and 271 runs win over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes at the Coolidge Cricket Grounds (CCC) in Antigua on Tuesday.

Amir Jangoo blazed a second first-class double century, while Terrance Hinds reached three figures for the second time in his career, to lead the Trinidad and Tobago Red Force to their emphatic win over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes inside three days.

Jangoo finished unbeaten on 203, while Hinds scored an even century, as the Red Force, resuming the day on 380 for five, declared their first innings on 507 for five after 145 overs.

Faced with a mammoth first innings deficit of 369 runs, the Hurricanes batted even worse in their second innings to be bowled out for just 98, with only two batters scoring in double digits.

The predictable win was set up by Jangoo and Hinds' match-winning, unbroken fifth-wicket partnership of 298 runs, with none of the six bowlers used by skipper Justin Greaves able to make a breakthrough.

Jangoo, who resumed the day on 133, duly reached his double century and Hinds reached his century shortly afterwards, prompting a declaration by the Red Force.

Jangoo faced 287 balls and hit 16 fours and five sixes in his unbeaten knock, while Hinds struck five sixes and five fours in his 195-ball knock.

Needing to produce a herculean effort to force a draw, the Hurricanes produced another shabby performance with the bat, with only Greaves putting up any real resistance.

In reply, Jayden Seales struck first by dismissing Mikyle Louis for three



Amir Jangoo, left, after scoring a second first-class double century, while Terrance Hinds reached three figures for the second time in his career, to lead the Trinidad and Tobago Red Force to an emphatic innings and 271-run win over the Leeward Islands Hurricanes inside three days at the Coolidge Cricket Grounds in Antigua on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. (CWI Media)

and when Anderson Phillip removed Kadeem Henry and Jewel Andrew in quick succession, the Hurricanes were in dire straits at six for three.

Keacy Carty and Greaves tried their best in a 35-run partnership, until left-arm spinner Khary Pierre trapped Carty lbw for eight.

Jahmar Hamilton (3), Jeremiah Louis (4), Rahkeem Cornwall (0) and Nathan Edward, who made four, then found themselves back in the pavilion after brief stints at the crease to see the Hurricanes slump to 68 for eight.

Greaves, who scored an unbeaten 56 off 128 balls and Daniel Doram, who made 16, briefly halted the slide of wickets, before spinners Pierre and Bryan Charles wrapped up the con-

test. Pierre finished with four for 37, Charles took two for 15, and Phillip claimed two for 18.

Summarised Scores: Leeward Islands Hurricanes 138 all out in 60.5 overs (Jahmar Hamilton 44, Jewel Andrew 27; Bryan Charles 3/9, Khary Pierre 3/34, Jayden Seales 2/31), and 98 all out in 52.3 overs (Justin Greaves 56 not out, Daniel Doram 16; Khary Pierre 4-37, Bryan Charles 2-15, Anderson Phillip 2-18).

Trinidad and Tobago Red Force 507/5 declared in 145 overs (Amir Jangoo 203 not out, Terrance Hinds 100 not out, Joshua Da Silva 62, Evin Lewis 49, Cephass Cooper 22, Jason Mohammed 17, Jyd Goolie 14; Oshane Thomas 3/98).

Antiguans draw last qualifier in CONCACAF women's competition



Players of Antigua and Barbuda senior women's team (yellow) and Dominica compete in their CONCACAF Women's Championship Group B match at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. (Photo courtesy of CONCACAF)

Antigua and Barbuda's senior team wrapped up their Group B campaign in the qualifying round of the 2026 CONCACAF Women's Championship with a 1-1 draw against Dominica at Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, on Tuesday.

Trinity Esprit broke the deadlock with a strike from within the box in the 63rd minute to put the Dominicans ahead.

Kai Jacobs snatched the equalizer and salvaged the draw for the Antiguans by converting a penalty kick in the 87th minute.

The result means that Antigua and Barbuda finished their campaign in the five-team Group B, which also involves Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Guyana, in fourth place with one point.

The Antiguans suffered 4-0 losses to Nicaragua, Guyana, and Jamaica in their previous three round-robin Group B matches.

It was also the first point and draw for Dominica, who were hammered 18-0 by Jamaica and suffered a 3-0 loss to Guyana in their previous two matches.

The Dominicans will seek to climb out of fifth place when

they face Nicaragua in the final Group B encounter at the National Stadium in Managua, Nicaragua, on Saturday.

Unbeaten Jamaica, who are leading Group B with a perfect nine points from three matches, will face Guyana in their final match at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica, on Saturday.

Both Nicaragua and Guyana are currently tied in second place behind the Jamaicans with six points apiece.

The teams are among 29 CONCACAF member associations, excluding the region's two highest-ranked nations (USA and Canada), that are competing in six groups in the preliminary stage of the competition, which is being played during the FIFA Women's International Match Windows in November 2025 and February and April 2026.

The group winners will qualify for the CONCACAF Women's Championship, which will be played in November 2026, and serve as the Confederation's qualifier for the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup in Brazil and the 2028 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California.