

# Vindicated!!!

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The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party held two major events over the weekend. One was a massive motorcade on Sunday and the other was a free concert on Saturday night. These are photos from Saturday night's concert

## Vindicated!!!

Vindicated!!! That’s how Prime Minister Gaston Browne feels on recognition that the Booby Alley Project is nearing completion and proud homeowners are expected to begin occupancy in a matter of months.

PM Browne, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party candidate for the St. John’s City West constituency where the project is located, made the observation at the end of a tour of the project last Friday.

Accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Jiang Wei and other officials at the Chinese Embassy, PM Browne’s tour included visiting several of the units to see the layout and the several amenities that are available to would-be occupants.

The Chinese construction team gave a two-month timeline for the completion of the project with the paving of the courtyard and landscaping among the outstanding tasks to perform.

Asked how he felt with the project this close to completion despite the several protests, the ABLP leader

said he felt in a word, *vindicated*.

“There was a point where I was vilified for this project especially going into the 2023 general elections, I was actually dealt a real terrible hand as many saw me as mean-spirited; someone who was trying to displace poor people and to ‘steal their lands’. It all turned out to be a lie and what I have noticed is that even though our political opponents have come with some outlandish lies, the people are not bothering with them because they have heard it all before and they have been proven not to be true. So for me, this is a form of vindication and I feel very happy about it,” he observed.

In his assessment, PM Browne feels that because of the campaign of lies that opposition elements have pursued in the past, the current lies are not resonating with the people as they are falling on deaf ears.

He suggested that as ABLP Leader, he has a strong ‘coattail’ that resonates quite well in the different constituencies.

“All of the polls have shown that I

am leading Harold Lovell of the UPP by about 7 to 1, so, again, it’s about staying the course, it’s about being true to your cause and to being unrelenting when it comes to fighting for the people when it comes to empowering the people and that has been the hallmark of Gaston Browne,” he declared.

PM Browne suggested that there is going to be a competition to rename the development to a more uplifting name and that a special committee will be put in place to manage the complex and to ensure adherence to cleanliness and other standards.





## ABLP Rolls Out Targeted Initiative For Spanish Community



It was standing room only at a meeting held at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre on Friday evening between officials of the ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) and members of the Spanish speaking community in Antigua and Barbuda.

Led by ABLP Political Leader and Prime Minister Gaston Browne who was accompanied by the ABLP Candidates for St. John's Rural South, Daryll Matthew and St. John' Rural West, Michael M. Joseph, the meeting was convened to hear of the concerns from the Spanish speaking community and for the ABLP leaders to provide answers and clarity to these concerns.

During the meeting, PM Browne promised that should the ABLP be returned to office at Thursday's general elections, there are several initiatives that will be introduced to better integrate the Spanish-speaking community into the wider Antigua and Barbuda society.

Chief of these is an initiative that the PM announced by the acronym, DRIP, which stands for **Dominican Republic Integration Programme**. According to the ABLP Leader, this programme will likely be coordinated out of a desk in the Office of the Prime Minister, thereby elevating it to prominence.

Members of the Spanish speaking community will be invited to register

their names with this unit and to list whatever skills they possess. The idea, according to the prime minister is to find opportunities for these individuals who may be placed in positions where they will utilize their specific skills and in the process earn better wages.

The programme will also provide special pathways for access to the Prime Minister's Entrepreneurial Fund so that they can acquire loans to pursue business interests. In addition, PM Browne said he will also encour-

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age the credit unions and the financial institutions to assist the Spanish community, were possible, to access funding for business ventures.

The ABLP Leader also gave a com-

mitment to arrange free English classes for the Spanish speaking community in those areas where there are high concentrations of these individuals.

As these initiatives were announced,

they were followed by rapturous applause from those in attendance.

In the question-and-answer segment of the engagement, many of the questions surrounded the delays in getting their Antigua and Barbuda passports, in many cases, well-over a year on average, after submitting the required documents. The prime minister said he will look into what has been causing the bottlenecks in completing the naturalization process.

Other concerns relate to their interactions with officers at the Immigration Department and the belief that they are generally, not being treated properly.

Interestingly, several persons, indicated that while they are Spanish-speaking, they are not Dominican Republic nationals, rather, they are Cubans. PM Browne said the programme will apply equally to those individuals.

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## From E. P. Chet Greene

**Chairman, Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party**

**UPP's Website Posting Is Not a Manifesto — It Is an Admission of No Plan**



The United Progressive Party has placed a preposterous and insulting posting on the Internet and is attempting to pass it off as a manifesto. It is not.

There is no proper, coherent document that the people of Antigua and Barbuda can hold in their hands, read from beginning to end, examine, compare, and retain as a permanent record. Instead, the public is directed to a scattered collection of online fragments, dispersed across a website, with no single, clear, and authoritative statement of policy.

This is not accessibility; it is not accountability; it is nothing but contempt for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

More fundamentally, what has been posted reveals a deeper and more serious defect.

There is no consolidated fiscal framework; no integrated explanation of how the many promises being made will be financed; no serious costing, and no coherent, structured national programme.

From what little they have posted, the UPP is making commitments that would require the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars. Yet nowhere do they explain where this money is to come from.

The people of Antigua and Barbuda have seen this before.

Between 2004 and 2014, the United

Progressive Party presided over our country's economic collapse and their engagement with the IMF to pay their bills. This led to severe hardship for our people, including the reintroduction of personal income tax, the imposition of the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax, and the dismissal of public servants.

Today, the same party is again making wide-ranging and costly promises, but once more without showing how they will pay for them.

A manifesto is not a series of website fragments.

It is a contract with the people that is clear, structured, accountable, and measurable.

The UPP has offered no such contract.

What it has offered instead is uncertainty, improvisation, and a troubling lack of seriousness at a time when the country requires discipline and clarity.

The contrast could not be clearer.

The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party has presented a full, accessible, and verifiable Manifesto, grounded in a record of delivery and setting out a clear and responsible plan for the future.

The UPP has produced a website excuse. They must wheel and come again.

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## Prime Minister: Concert Incident Not Political, Gun Violence Will Be Confronted

The following is a statement from Prime Minister the Honourable Gaston Browne:



I have been deeply concerned by the shooting incident that occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning in the vicinity of a public concert organised by the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party.

I note the statement issued by the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda confirming that this incident is not politically motivated and is not connected to the event itself. That clarification is important, and the public should take careful note of it.

What occurred was an act of criminal violence, rooted in illegal guns and ongoing disputes, which intruded upon a public gathering. It has no place in our society.

I condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the use of illegal firearms, gang activity, and any form of violence that endangers innocent lives and undermines the peace and stability of our nation. Those responsible must be identified, apprehended, and brought before the courts.

The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party Government has acted decisively to confront this threat. We have strengthened the law, increased penalties for the illegal possession

and use of firearms, and intensified efforts to disrupt the importation and circulation of illegal weapons. These measures were taken because gun violence poses a grave threat to public safety, national stability, and the peace of our communities.

Let there be no misunderstanding: there can be no excuse for criminal violence. The use of illegal guns, the pursuit of gang conflict, and the willingness to endanger innocent lives are choices. They will be met with firm and decisive consequences.

In our 2026 Manifesto, The Renaissance: A New Era for Antigua and Barbuda, we have set out a clear and uncompromising commitment. On

pages 74 and 75, we pledge that there will be no tolerance for murder, gang violence, or the spread of illegal firearms. We will further strengthen the law, ensure that it is fully enforced, and impose severe penalties on those who traffic in illegal weapons or engage in violent crime.

This is not rhetoric. It is a firm commitment to action.

The safety of the people of Antigua and Barbuda is paramount. My Government will intensify its efforts, in full cooperation with law enforcement and the community, to stamp out this menace and to ensure that our country remains safe and secure for all.

## Two Suspects Are In Custody Following Shooting Incident On Queen Elizabeth Highway

The police have arrested two male suspects in connection with a shooting incident that occurred along Queen Elizabeth Highway shortly after 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26.

Preliminary investigations revealed that a 28-year-old man of Grays Farm was standing in the vicinity of “Timmy Times” when a silver motor car traveling from east to west passed the area and several loud explosions were heard. The man was reportedly shot in the process.

The injured man is currently receiving medical treatment at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre for gunshot wounds. Medical officials have indicated that his injuries are not life-threatening; however, he is expected to undergo surgery.

Several vehicles parked in the area also sustained multiple damages, as a result of the incident.

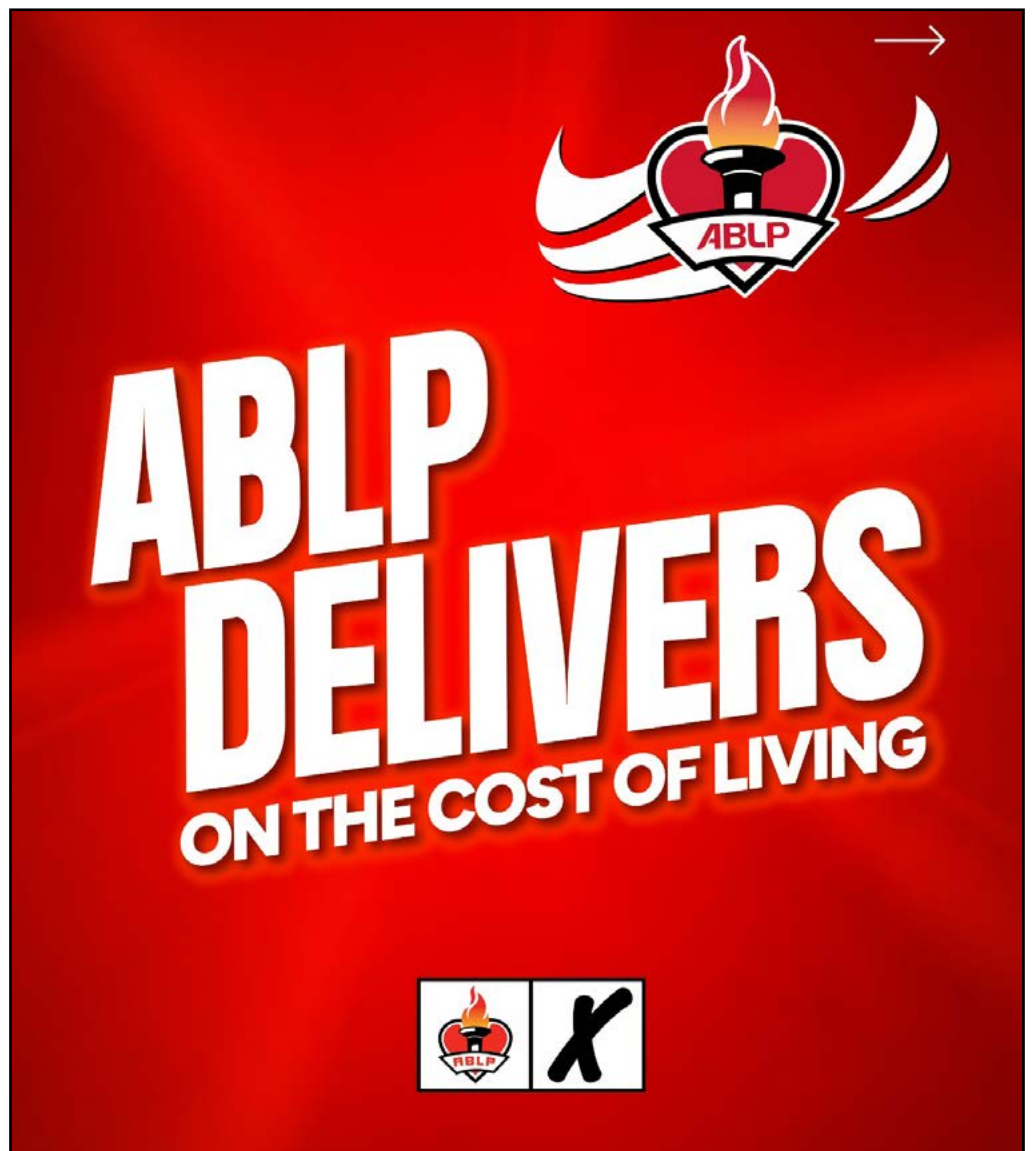
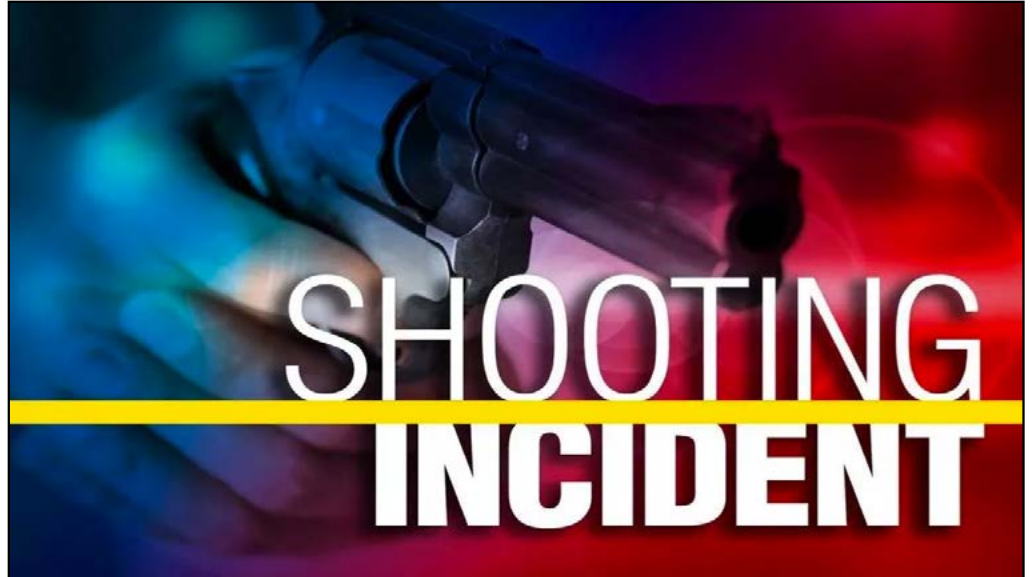
Police have since recovered a firearm along with several spent shells from the scene.

The Police Administration wishes to reassure the public, that based on information received so far, the incident is not gang-related, neither was it politically motivated, or connected to the event held at the Rising Sun Grounds last evening.

The police strongly condemn this act of violence and continue to urge members of the public to support the efforts of the police in maintaining peace and security.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or call the Crimestoppers anonymous hotline at 800-TIPS (8477). All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The investigation remains ongoing.





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## ABLP, St Paul Constituency Mourn The Passing of Stanley ‘Abbott’ Warner

It was a sudden death that shook the halls of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party and especially its St. Paul constituency branch.

Early Saturday morning, the officers attached to the All Saints Police Station reported that while on patrol in the area, when they came upon a vehicle parked on the northern side of the road, in the vicinity of the All Saints Pentecostal Church, with its headlights on and engine running.

The officers made checks and discovered the lone male occupant unresponsive inside the vehicle. Emergency personnel were summoned to the scene, and a medical doctor later pronounced him dead at approximately 8:10 a.m.

Preliminary investigations suggest no signs of foul play; however, a post-mortem examination will be conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

The deceased was last seen alive sometime after 10:00 p.m. on Friday.

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

The investigation remains ongoing.

Later in the morning, the ABLP issued a statement identifying the deceased as 65-year old Stanley ‘Abbott’ Warner of English Harbour, a party stalwart and a trusted friend and colleague of the ABLP candidate for the area, E.P Chet Greene.

The ABLP has offered its condolences to the members of Warner’s family, his friends and in particular, the members of the ABLP Branch of St. Paul.

**The statement from the ABLP reads:** “The leadership and executive of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party extend sincere condolences to the family, loved ones,



and friends of Comrade Stanley “Abbott” Warner on his passing.

We also express heartfelt condolences to Comrade Chairman, Hon. E.P. Chet Greene, the St. Paul’s Branch, and the wider St. Paul’s community, where Comrade Abbott was deeply loved, respected, and valued.

Comrade Abbott was more than a member of the ABLP and Chairman of the St. Paul’s Branch; he

was family. He was a mentor to many, a loyal comrade, and an important figure within his community whose presence, wisdom, and commitment will be dearly missed.

During this difficult time, the leadership and executive of the ABLP stand steadfastly with his family and all those who held him dear.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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## King Charles Meets With Antigua and Barbuda Students Undergoing Specialised Training in The UK

The King meets our Building Craft students from Antigua and Barbuda

At Dumfries House last week, His Majesty spent time with the students who are in the UK to gain experience in traditional building techniques.

His Majesty heard about their work in sustainable construction and their time in the UK visiting the King's Foundation sites including [Dumfries House](#), [Highgrove Gardens](#) and [The King's Foundation School of Traditional Arts](#), learning from its tutors and alumni.

In a social media post, the King's Foundation said its partnership with Antigua and Barbuda comes ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, which is being held there later this year.

The training is joint undertaking between the King's Foundation in the UK and the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission in London.



## Happy Retirement

Today, we proudly celebrate an extraordinary milestone at APUA. After an incredible 46 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Claudette Martin Ladoo officially retires as our longest-serving employee. From her start in the Billing Department in 1979, now the Data Processing Department, to her role as Accounts Receivable Controller, Mrs. Ladoo has been a pillar of commitment, excellence, and professionalism.

Her journey spans the early, formative years of APUA to the organization we are today. Along the way, she has inspired generations with her warmth, humility, and unwavering dedication.

Mrs. Ladoo's legacy reminds us that true greatness is built over time, through consistency, pride, and a genuine passion for service.

On behalf of the entire APUA family, we thank you for 46 remarkable years and wish you a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.



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## More Than a Sanctuary: Teaching Compassion Through Antigua's Animal Ambassador Programme



Zoë Carlton

From a distance, it is easy to misunderstand animal welfare in the Caribbean. Images of roaming animals can circulate online without context, often prompting quick judgement. What those images rarely show is the sustained, practical and often quietly emotional work taking place behind the scenes—work that combines rescue, care and education at the Antigua Donkey Sanctuary and through its wider outreach programmes.

During a recent visit, 42 students from T N Kirnon school found out just what that means for the Donkeys of Antigua and Barbuda.

At the centre of that effort is founder Karen Corbin, who believes that lasting animal welfare begins with education. One of the sanctuary's key initiatives is the Animal Ambassador programme, now in its second year, which works with Grade 4 students across Antigua to teach kindness, empathy and safe behaviour around animals.

"The programme is called Animal Ambassadors," Corbin explained. "We go into schools and teach children how to be kind to animals and how to be safe around them—like not approaching a dog when it is eating or sleeping. But more than that, we teach empathy.



We want children to understand that animals have feelings too."

The sessions encourage children to recognise emotions such as happiness, fear, stress and excitement, and to consider whether animals experience those same feelings. According to Corbin, the response from students has been encouraging.

"I was happily surprised," she said. "They do seem to understand that animals have those feelings. That's step one—building empathy."

A key part of the programme is teach-

ing responsibility in situations where animals are being mistreated. Children are encouraged not to intervene directly, but to seek help from trusted adults or authorities.

"We want to keep children safe," Corbin said, "but also give them the tools to respond appropriately."

That message clearly resonated with the young visitors who toured the sanctuary and met the animals under the guidance of veterinary surgeon Dr Robins, who led much of the hands-on learning.



Dr Robins introduced the children to basic animal care, showing them how to safely handle animals, how to recognise differences such as male and female tortoises, and how to approach animals with confidence but caution.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity for children to meet the sanctuary's tortoises up close—carefully holding them under supervision. The moment brought plenty of excitement and laughter, particularly when the tortoises provided some unexpected biological entertainment, much to the children's delight.

The students also spent time with the donkeys, learning about their care and behaviour. Their reflections were simple but telling. One described an animal ambassador as someone who "takes care of animals that are hurt or being abused" and ensures they are fed and safe. Another said it meant "being kind to cats, dogs, donkeys, turtles and tortoises because they depend on us."

There was a clear sense of connection between the children and the animals they met. One simply said of the donkeys: "They're so cute."

Others spoke about responsibility

more directly, saying they would call the police or animal welfare organisations if they witnessed cruelty, while some suggested seeking help from "animal ambassadors" themselves.

Beyond the light-hearted moments, Corbin says the programme has a deeper purpose.

"We feel very strongly that teaching kindness to animals helps children become kinder in their human relationships as well," she said. "There is a direct link between how we treat animals and how we treat each other."

That philosophy sits at the heart of the sanctuary's wider work. The Antigua Donkey Sanctuary was established in the early 1990s following a series of incidents that highlighted the need for structured animal welfare support. Since then, it has grown into both a rescue centre and an educational hub, working closely with authorities who now call on the sanctuary to assist with stray or injured animals.

"The police used to shoot donkeys," Corbin noted. "Now they call us. That, to me, is real progress."

Today, the sanctuary faces ongoing challenges, particularly funding and sustainability. Feed must be imported, veterinary care is constant, and operations are sensitive to seasonal changes in tourism. To support its work, the sanctuary relies on donations, sponsorships, visitors and volunteers.

Yet despite these pressures, the focus remains firmly on education and long-term impact.

"If we can reach children early," Corbin said, "we believe we can build a more compassionate future—for animals, and for people."

In a country often judged by fleeting images, the Donkey Sanctuary and its Animal Ambassador programme tell a more grounded story—one of patience, learning, and connection. And sometimes, as the children discovered while laughing over tortoises and learning how to hold them safely under Dr Robin's guidance, compassion begins with something as simple as reaching out a hand.


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stride.  
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Communities learning something new.  
Schools engaged and minds were stirred,  
A movement rising, voice by word.



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Each tree a promise, bold and free,  
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FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026



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8 PM - 12 AM



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PARTICIPANTS (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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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**

# Echoes of the Past

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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**



# Echoes of the Past

RHYTHM ◦ SOUL ◦ SPIRIT



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.

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*Aliyah Andrew*  
**ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST**



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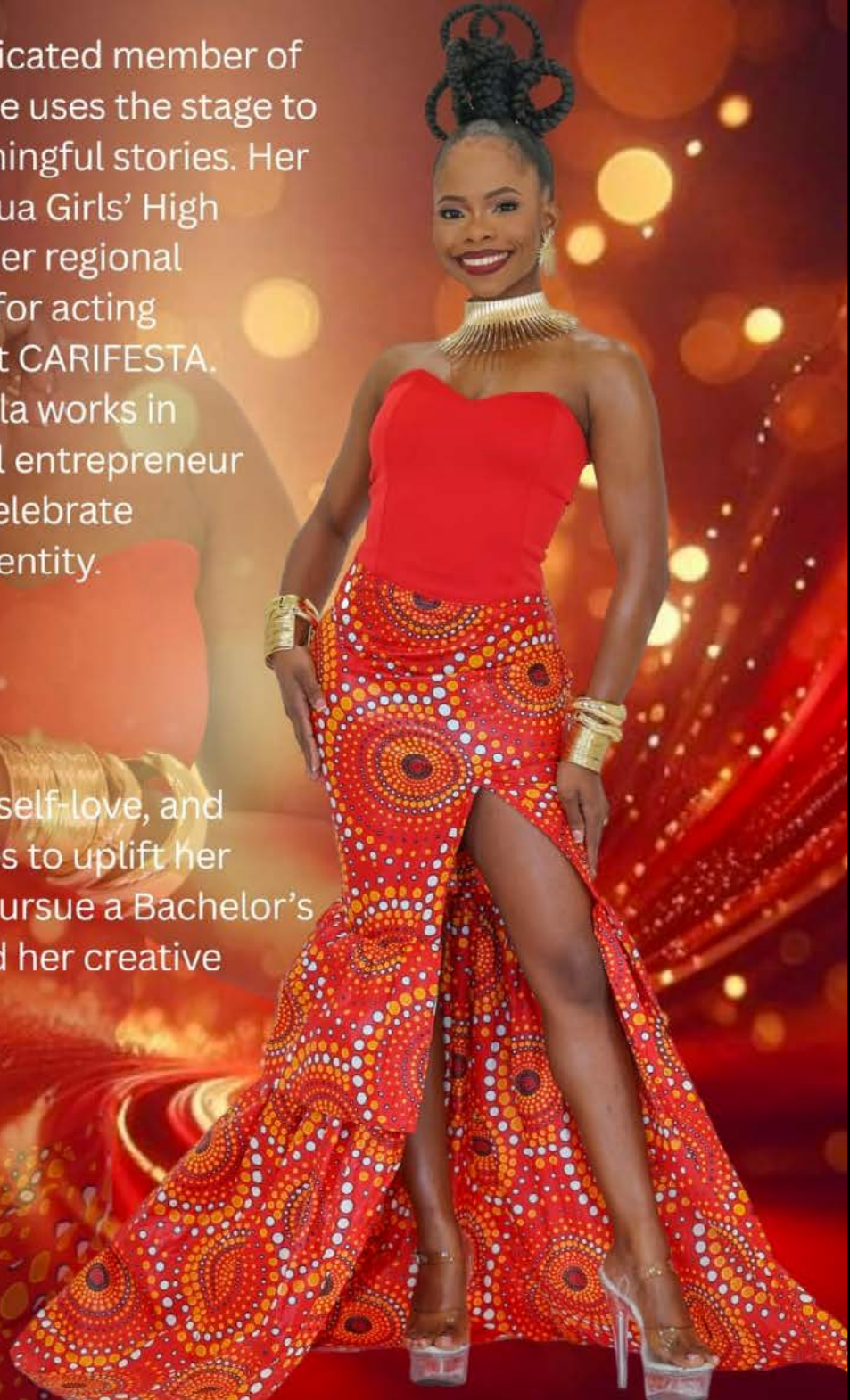


Queenela Williams proudly represents St. Mary's South with creativity, confidence, and cultural pride.

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.

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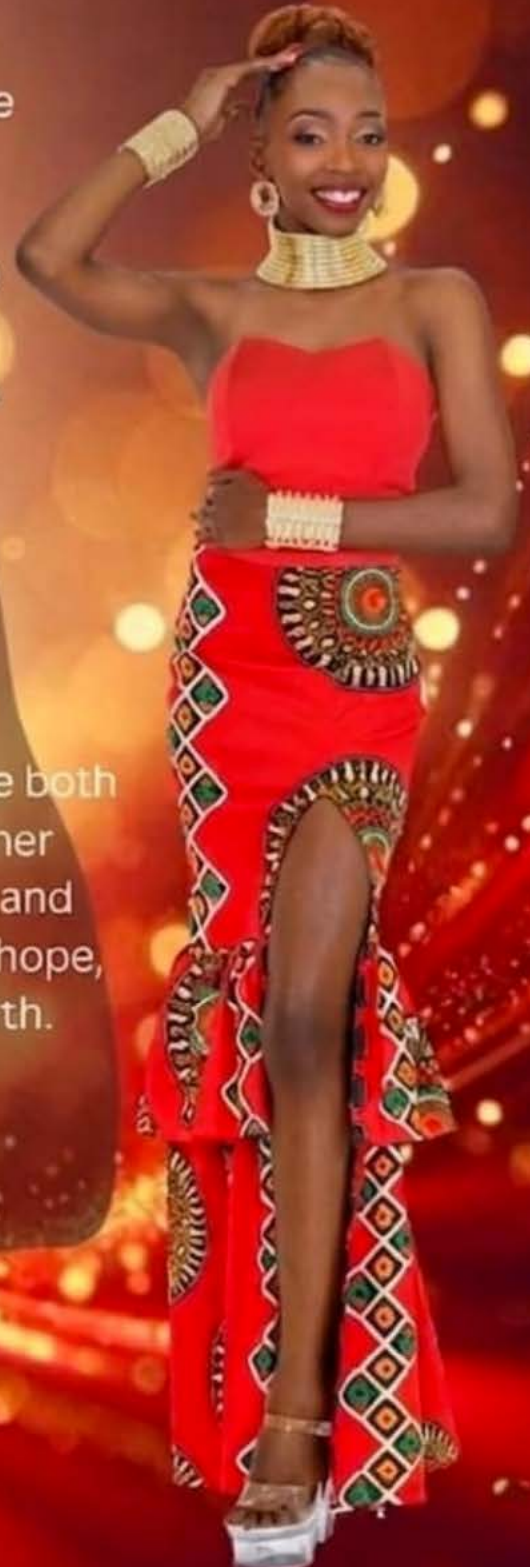


Iszarea Lloyd proudly represents St. Phillip's North as a young woman of purpose, resilience, and quiet strength.

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**



## Gonsalves hits back at allegations of illegal activity at overseas missions



Opposition Leader Ralph Gonsalves strongly pushed back against recent allegations of administrative malfeasance leveled by Foreign Affairs Minister Fitzgerald Bramble, dismissing the claims as untruthful and a political distraction.

The controversy centers on statements Bramble made in Parliament, where he asserted that computers at a consulate were wiped clean of data and raised questions regarding a trust fund managed by the High Commissioner in London.

Responding to the claim that computers at the New York consulate were wiped of all data, Gonsalves flatly stated that he would not accept Bramble's word as truthful. He mounted a strong defence of Consul General Rondy "Luta" McIntosh, asserting that McIntosh is an honourable man who would never do anything to undermine good governance.

During Gonsalves's radio program, a caller highlighted the absurdity of the claim, noting that wiping official gov-

ernment hardware would require strict protocols, including sign-offs from the head of the mission, IT personnel, security officers, and the host country's permanent secretary.

Gonsalves agreed with this assessment, expressing confidence that McIntosh would be able to fully and adequately answer the allegations at the appropriate time. If any personal data was removed, Gonsalves suggested, it would not have affected the official mission-related records, which should still be intact.

Gonsalves also dismantled Bramble's assertions regarding a London-based trust fund. He clarified that the fund in question consists of money deposited by a private benefactor specifically into a trust, rather than directly to the diplomatic mission itself.

Pointing to the strict legal rules that govern trusts established in the UK, Gonsalves argued that a simple change in government does not give political officials the power to demand that trustees hand over their roles or the

funds. "If that trust is to be altered, it is the donor who will have to alter the trust," Gonsalves explained.

He fiercely defended the former High Commissioner to London, Cenio Lewis, describing him as an "upright, decent, and honest man" and an "extraordinary patriot" who has served St. Vincent and the Grenadines with distinction, often raising funds to help citizens with school and sports programs.

Gonsalves accused Bramble of "offending the truth," whether by commission or omission.

Both Gonsalves and his callers characterized these parliamentary allegations as calculated distractions designed by an "inept" government. According to Gonsalves, these claims are merely an attempt to shift public focus away from pressing domestic failures, such as skyrocketing living costs, impending International Monetary Fund (IMF) austerity programs, and the administration's controversial economic policies. (St Vincent Times)

## Islandwide power outage linked to geothermal plant technical issue

Dominica Electricity Services Ltd. (DOMLEC) has said that the island-wide power outage experienced yesterday, April 25, 2026, was caused by a technical issue at the geothermal plant.

According to the company, the plant is still in its commissioning phase and had been operating close to its maximum capacity of 10 megawatts when the disruption occurred. DOMLEC emphasized that the incident was unplanned and affected the entire national grid.

Power has since been restored to most communities, though some areas along the south and east coasts remain without electricity. DOMLEC assured customers that restoration efforts are ongoing and service will return to those regions shortly.

The utility company also confirmed that its Pay-As-You-Go system is back online and fully available to customers.

In a statement, DOMLEC apologized for the inconvenience and thanked



consumers for their patience, noting that the integration of geothermal energy is a critical step in Dominica's transition to a renewable-dominant system. The company highlighted that this transition is expected to bring the nation closer to energy independence

and more stable electricity prices.

DOMLEC reiterated its appreciation for customer understanding during this commissioning phase, underscoring the importance of geothermal energy in strengthening the island's energy future. (Dominica News Online)

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## Final decision expected on King's US visit after DC shooting

A final decision confirming that King Charles and Queen Camilla's state visit will go ahead is expected later on Sunday, the BBC understands, after a shooting incident in Washington DC raised security concerns.

The UK government has to be satisfied, but all indications suggest the state visit will begin as planned on Monday, possibly with some minor adjustments to more public-facing events.

Donald Trump also seems to expect the trip to go ahead, telling Fox News: "King Charles is coming, and he's a great guy."

Buckingham Palace said the King was "greatly relieved" to hear that the US president, Melania Trump and other guests at the White House Correspondents' Dinner had been unharmed.

It's understood that the King and Queen privately reached out to the Trumps to express their sympathies for those caught up in the attack.

The couple and other senior administration figures were evacuated from the dinner after a man fired several shots while attempting to enter the venue. The suspect, identified in US media as 31-year-old Cole Tomas Allen, was detained at the scene and was believed to have been targeting Trump administration officials.

There have already been talks about the security around the King and Queen's trip, concerning "to what degree the events of Saturday evening may or



may not impact on the operational planning for the visit", the Palace said earlier.

Any last-minute changes to the planned itinerary are thought to be less likely to be at the set-piece occasions, which are in secure locations such as the White House and the US Congress.

Trump appeared confident on Sunday that the trip would still go ahead, telling Fox: "He's coming, and we're going to have a great time."

The US president added: "He's really a fantastic person and a tremendous representative."

Acting US Attorney General Todd Blanche said he was "very confident" the King and Queen will be safe during the four-day visit, telling NBC News that Saturday night's incident showed the US security system worked.

Senior government minister Darren Jones told the BBC earlier on Sunday that the King's state visit would have "appropriate security in place in relation to the risk".

Shadow home secretary Chris Philp, meanwhile, said that it was "vital" the

King was properly protected, and urged US and UK teams to review the monarch's security overnight.

One Secret Service agent was shot during the incident on Saturday night but was saved by his bullet-proof vest, the president said. No other injuries were reported.

Even before last night's incident, security for the King and Queen's state visit was going to be very tight. Now it will be going up another level.

Potential adaptations to the royal visit - the first to the US since Elizabeth II's in 2007 - could include reconsidering the King's interactions with the public, as he usually likes to meet crowds on such trips.

When Trump visited the UK last autumn, almost all the events happened inside Windsor Castle. He was carried by helicopter in and out of that secure bubble, and so was kept away from any contact with the public.

The King is expected to address both houses of Congress, visit the 9/11 memorial in New York and attend a wreath laying to honour fallen US and UK soldiers in Virginia.

The state visit has already

proven diplomatically challenging for those planning it.

It is due to take place days after reports emerged that the US could review its position on UK sovereignty over the Falklands Islands.

Trump has also been highly critical of the UK government and other allies over their response to the Iran war.

But despite these political differences, the US president has been steadfast in his admiration for the monarchy and the King, telling the BBC earlier this week that the state visit could help repair relations between the US and UK.

"I know him well, I've known him for years," the president said. "He's a brave man, and he's a great man."

Sir Keir Starmer offered his "best wishes" to Trump and Melania following the "shocking scenes" that unfolded on Saturday night.

The UK prime minister expressed his relief that the president and first lady were safe in a phone call on Sunday, and wished a speedy recovery to the injured officer.

Liberal Democrat leader Sir Ed Davey likewise condemned the "really shocking scenes", writing on X: "Political violence is wrong. We must all condemn this attack and be thankful no lives were lost."

Reform UK leader Nigel Farage said it was a relief that all attendees were safe, adding: "However much we disagree about politics, if violence is used we all lose." (BBC)

## Suspected gunman at Washington press dinner identified as 31-year-old Californian



The man arrested after shots were fired inside the hotel where the White House Correspondents' Dinner was being held on Saturday night has been named by law enforcement officials as Cole Tomas Allen.

The 31-year-old suspect is from Torrance in the Los Angeles region, California.

After he was detained by security agents inside the Washington Hilton hotel he told law enforcement officials he wanted to shoot officials in the Trump administration, two sources told CBS, the BBC's US news partner.

In Sunday's interview with NBC's Meet the Press, acting US Attorney General Todd Blanche said the motive of the suspected shooter was still under investigation, but that "preliminary" findings suggested he was targeting administration officials, "likely" including President Donald Trump.

Blanche said investigators were now looking at reports that the alleged gunman had assembled the weapon in the hotel, stressing that he "didn't get very far".

"He barely broke the perimeter," Blanche said, adding that the suspect likely travelled by train from Los Angeles to Chicago, and then to Washington DC.

~~Citing its sources, CBS also said that~~

at least five to eight gunshots were fired during the incident. CCTV footage posted by Trump shows a person rushing past security officers, who then turn and chase him.

At an earlier news conference, police said that security officials and the suspect exchanged fire, without saying how many shots were fired.

Washington interim police chief Jeffery Carroll said the suspect was not struck by gunfire but was taken to hospital for evaluation.

The suspect was a guest at the Washington Hilton hotel where the correspondents' dinner was taking place, Carroll said, adding that he was "armed with a shotgun, a handgun, and multiple knives".

"At this point, it does appear he is a lone actor, a lone gunman," the police chief said.

Trump later posted a close-up photo showing a shirtless man on the floor with his hands cuffed behind his back with Secret Service standing around him.

Pictures later emerged showing FBI agents and police searching an area at a California address believed to be linked to the alleged gunman.

BBC Verify has been looking into the online presence of the suspect.

Los Angeles County's voter registration records appear to show he had registered no party preference.

According to a Federal Election Commission record, seen by BBC Verify, in October 2024 Allen donated \$25 (£18) to the fundraising platform ActBlue with the money earmarked for Kamala Harris' presidential campaign.

Allen describes himself as a mechanical engineer, game developer and teacher on LinkedIn.

According to his profile, he studied mechanical engineering at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) a highly competitive university, where he took part in its Christian fellowship.

He graduated with a masters in computer science in 2025 from California State University, Dominguez Hills, marking the milestone by sharing a photo of himself in graduation robes to LinkedIn. He also developed and released a game called "Bohrdom" to the gaming platform Steam.

On Facebook, photos of Allen - which BBC Verify has matched to those of his arrest at the Washington Hilton hotel - show him smiling in family photographs at Christmas and graduation events.

In December 2024, he was named teacher of the month by C2 Education, which offers tutoring and college test preparation to students, according to the organisation's Facebook post.

He has been a part-time teacher there since 2020, his LinkedIn profile says.

Jeanine Pirro, US attorney for Washington, said the suspect was now facing two charges - using a firearm during a crime of violence and assault on a federal officer using a dangerous weapon.

She added that he would be formally charged on Monday in federal court. (BBC)

## Iran's top diplomat returns to Pakistan as Islamabad races to save negotiations with US

Iran's foreign minister arrived in Islamabad again on Sunday as Pakistan's political and military leadership scrambled to reignite ceasefire talks between Tehran and Washington.

Abbas Araghchi had left Pakistan's capital late Saturday, creating confusion around an expected second round of talks, but he returned to Islamabad before continuing on to Moscow, Iranian state media said. He had been in Oman, which previously mediated talks and is located on the other side of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Two Pakistani officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the efforts, did not say when the Americans might return to the region to follow up on historic face-to-face talks earlier this month.

The White House on Friday said it would dispatch envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner to Islamabad. But shortly after Araghchi's departure was reported, US President Donald Trump said he had called off the mission because of a lack of progress with Iran.

"If they want, we can talk but we're not sending people," Trump told Fox News on Sunday.

Trump last week indefinitely extended the ceasefire that US and Iran agreed to on April 7 that has largely halted the fighting that began with joint US-Israeli strikes on February 28. But a permanent settlement remains elusive in the war that has killed thousands of



people and shaken the global economy.

A standoff remains at the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global waterway, as Iran restricts movement through it and the US enforces a blockade of Iranian ports.

Iran wants to persuade Oman to support a mechanism to collect tolls from vessels passing through the strait, through which a fifth of the world's oil flows in peacetime, according to a regional official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

The official, who is involved in mediation efforts, also said Iran insists on ending the US blockade before a new round of talks and that Pakistan-led mediators are trying to bridge significant gaps between the countries.

Araghchi also spoke by phone with counterparts in Qatar and Saudi Arabia on Sunday.

Even before Saturday's developments, Iran's foreign ministry said any talks would be indirect and Pakistani officials would act as go-betweens, reflecting Tehran's wariness after rounds of indirect talks last year

and earlier this year ended with Iran being attacked by the US and Israel.

The economic fallout is growing two months into the war as global shipments of oil, liquefied natural gas, fertilizer and other supplies are disrupted by the near-closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Both sides have continued to make military threats. Iran's joint military command on Saturday warned that "if the US continues its aggressive military actions, including naval blockades, banditry, and piracy" it will face a "strong response." Trump last week ordered the military to "shoot and kill" small boats that could be placing mines.

Trump told journalists on Saturday, before a security incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, that within 10 minutes of him canceling Witkoff and Kushner's trip to Islamabad, Iran sent a "much better" proposal.

He did not elaborate but stressed that one of his conditions is that Iran "will not have a nuclear weapon." The status of Iran's enriched

uranium has long been at the center of tensions. Tehran has 440 kilograms (972 pounds) of uranium enriched to 60% purity, a short, technical step from weapons-grade levels, according to the United Nations nuclear watchdog agency.

Syed Mohammad Ali, an independent political analyst in Pakistan, said the delay in the talks must not be seen as a setback and that indirect talks were progressing. He said tensions between Washington and Tehran cannot be eased overnight and the negotiation process requires patience.

"But the good thing is that the ceasefire is holding, and both sides have a desire to end the conflict in a way that does not backfire at home," Ali said.

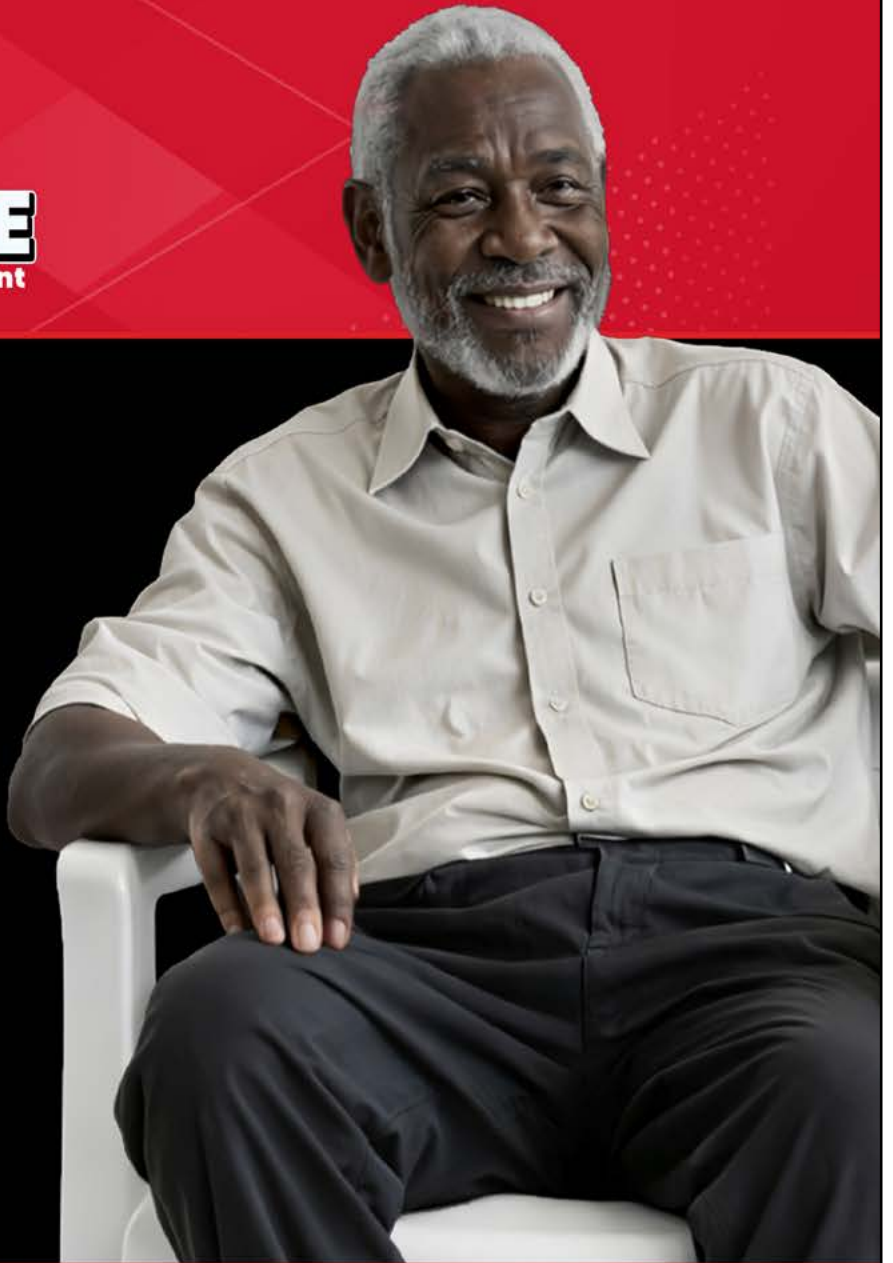
Since the war began, at least 3,375 people have been killed in Iran and at least 2,509 people in Lebanon, where the Israel-Hezbollah fighting resumed two days after the Iran war started.

Also, 23 people have been killed in Israel and more than a dozen in Gulf Arab states. Fifteen Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, 13 US service members in the region and six United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon have been killed.

Another ceasefire - between Israel and the Iranian-backed Lebanese militant Hezbollah group, has been extended by three weeks. Hezbollah has not participated in the Washington-brokered diplomacy. (AP)



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## SAP FC returns to second place in First Division League



*Players of the SAP FC team*

SAP FC has moved back into the runners-up position on goal difference in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

SAP FC moved up to second place on goal difference in the 14-team standings by recording their 13th win in 24 matches with a 7-1 victory against English Harbour FC at English Harbour in their latest outing.

The result allows SAP FC to advance to 48 points, two adrift of leaders Freemans Village Scorpions, who have played 23 matches. English Harbour remained in 10th place with 24 points from 23 matches.

The Greenbay Hoppers slipped to fourth place with 47 points from 22 matches.

Empire FC consolidated their position in sixth place by claiming their 12th win in 23 matches with a 3-1 victory against the Cedar Grove Blue Jays at Cedar Grove.

The result allows Empire FC to ad-

vance to 40 points, while the Cedar Grove Blue Jays remain second from the bottom of the standings with 15 points after losing for the 18th time in 25 matches.

The Cedar Grove Blue Jays, who will be relegated to compete in the Second Division next season, have one game remaining in the current First Division league.

In previous results, the Freemans Village Scorpions returned to the top of the First Division League by recording their 15th win in 23 matches with an 8-1 drubbing of FC Masterballers at Radio Range.

The result allows the Freemans Village Scorpions to advance to 50 points, while FC Masterballers remain in the cellar of the 14-team standings with nine points after losing for the 18th time in 23 matches.

The Swetes Vipers moved into third place on goal difference by securing their 14th win in 24 matches with a 4-0 victory over Bendals FC at Ca-

shew Hill.

The result allows the Swetes Vipers to advance to 48 points, the same as SAP FC. Bendals FC remains in 11th place with 18 points after suffering their 16th defeat in 24 matches.

Five Islands FC and Parham FC battled to a 1-1 draw at the ABFA Technical Center.

It allows Parham to remain in seventh place with 37 points from 23 matches.

Five Islands FC have slipped to fifth place with 43 points from 24 matches. Five Islands are awaiting the result of their 22nd match against Willikies FC, which ended prematurely after a brawl between players of both teams in Willikies on Tuesday, April 7.

Golden Grove FC and Willikies FC played to a 2-2 draw at Willikies. The result allows Golden Grove FC to remain in eighth place by advancing to 31 points from 23 matches, while Willikies FC remained in ninth place with 28 points from 22 matches.

## Da Project and Ovals Ojays claim wins in Division 2 basketball



Da Project 2 and the Cuties Ovals Ojays 2 and Michael Joseph Phoenix recorded wins in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Second Division League on Saturday evening.

Da Project notched up their fifth win in 15 games with a 68-53 victory over the Navigators 2 in Saturday's opening game.

Donte Trimingham produced 24 points, 21 rebounds, and five assists; Erije Joseph sank 16 points and claimed eight rebounds; and Nathan Matthew had 12 points, eight rebounds, and five assists for Da Project 2.

Raheem Sawyer sank 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and Ricky

Willock converted 16 points and claimed 11 rebounds for Navigators 2, who lost for the 12th time in 15 games.

The Cuties Ovals Ojays 2 clinched second place in the Second Division league by soaring to their 14th win in their 16th and final game with an 84-63 victory over Michael Joseph Phoenix in Saturday's second encounter.

Jayleyle Joseph scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Yohhan Nicholas converted 12 points and snatched seven rebounds; Orion Seraphine sank 12 points and claimed five rebounds; and Dominick Anthony produced 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Ovals Ojays 2.

Adrian Carnegie shot a game-high 28 points and claimed nine rebounds; Shalom Bloodman converted 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds; Andre Edwards sank nine points and snatched 17 rebounds; and Shamar Joseph had nine points, seven assists, and five rebounds for the Phoenix, who finished their Division 2 league campaign in fourth place with a record of 10 wins and six losses from their quota of 16 games.

The Ovals Ojays 2 notched up a 94-45 victory over the Navigators 2 in their penultimate game of the round-robin

Division 2 league.

Orion Seraphine produced 23 points, eight rebounds, and seven assists; Naje Simon sank 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Yohhan Nicholas converted 12 points and snatched 11 rebounds; and Jayleyle Joseph scored 11 points and claimed eight rebounds for the Cuties Ovals Ojays 2.

Raheem Sawyer sank 16 points and snatched six rebounds, and Ricky Willock and Floyd Tonge each chipped in with eight points and eight rebounds for Navigators 2.

Michael Joseph Phoenix claimed their 10th win in the league by securing a 73-63 victory over Ramco Pharmacy's Fearless Crew in their penultimate encounter.

Adrian Carnegie shot a game-high 32 points and claimed nine rebounds; Daysher Samuel sank 13 points and provided five assists; and Shalom Bloodman converted 12 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Phoenix.

Emeka Emujuru Oupe sank 20 points and snatched 15 rebounds; Julian Henry converted 14 points and claimed six rebounds; and Tyler Jacobs scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Fearless Crew, who lost for the seventh time in 14 games.



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## Lions stay unbeaten in Super40 Championship

Caribbean Motor Works (CMW) New Winthropes Lions have maintained their unbeaten run in defense of their title in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Championship.

The Lions recorded their sixth win in as many matches by roaring to a commanding 100-run victory over the Bethesda Golden Eagles at Bethesda on Saturday.

The Lions made 252 all out in 37.4 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Opener Tyrone Williams Jr. hit 74 off 70 balls, including five fours and three sixes.

Bartlette Henry struck 41 off 36 balls, and opener Dravid Richardson made 38. There was also a contribution of 38 extras, including 20 wides. Off-spinner James Cornelius grabbed five for 36.

In reply, the Bethesda Golden Eagles crashed to 152 all out in 24.2 overs. Frederick Floyd slammed 70 off 36 balls, including eight sixes and five fours. Tayari Tonge struck 30. Shavon Moore claimed three for 35, and Demari Benta took three for 48.

The Pigotts Crushers claimed



*Tyrone Williams Jr.*

their fourth win in six matches by coasting to a seven-wicket victory over the Bolans Blaster at Pigotts.

The Bolans Blasters were dismissed for 172 in 32.5 overs after opting to bat. Opener Winston Nelson hammered 61 off 45 balls, including four sixes and five fours.

Captain Orlando Peters hit 40. Jalen Harris bagged five for 26, and captain Essan Warner picked up three for 16.

Warner and Uri Smith both hit unbeaten half centuries to propel the Pigotts Crushers to victory at 176 for three in 23 overs. Warner hit 77 not out off 49 balls, including four sixes and eight fours. Smith cracked 58 not out off 54 balls, including 10 boundaries.

The WES Rising Sun Spartans claimed their second win in six matches by pulling off a nine-wicket victory over the Jennings Tigers at Jennings.

The Jennings Tigers tumbled to 109 all out in 21.1 overs after being sent in to bat. Opener Malique Jacobs top-scored with 29, while Jamal Smith bagged three for 17.

The Rising Sun Spartans coasted to victory by scoring 112 for one in 14.1 overs. Opener Jahiem Norde slammed 66 off 50 balls, including 10 fours and three sixes.

But the other two sixth-round matches were not played. The two affected matches involved the PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks against the All Saints Pythons in All Saints and the Tertiary Institutions and Schools against Empire Nation at the Factory Grounds.

## Mahico advance to Sir Richie ACB Caribbean Parish League final

Mahico has advanced to the final of the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Sir Richie Richards Limited Overs Competition.

Mahico clinched the last spot into the final by surging to a commanding 93-run

victory over Pigotts in the one-off semi-final playoff at Clare Hall on Saturday.

West Indies Under-19 player Tanez Francis smashed a century to lead Mahico to 213 for three off 27 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Francis slammed 118, and Fane scored 25. Jayden Joseph captured two for 23.

In reply, Pigotts were bundled out for 120 in 23 overs. Tanez Francis grabbed three for 20, and Akez France picked up three for 21.

Mahico will face Police in the final at Clare Hall on Saturday, May 2.

Police booked their spot in the final by finishing with the most points at the top of the preliminary round standings.

## Grenades go level on points with United in Premier League

The Sandals and APUA Inet Jennings Grenades have cut the gap on defending champions and current leaders All Saints United in the Premier Division League.

The Grenades moved level on points with leaders and back-to-back champions, All Saints United, by recording their 16th win in 19 matches with a 4-0 drubbing of the Attacking Saints in the second game of a double-header at the ABFA Technical Center on Saturday.

An 18th-minute conversion by Troy Jules and a goal by Barrington Blake in the 33rd minute gave the Grenades a two-nil lead at halftime.

The Grenades wrapped up victory by scoring twice in the second half via conversions by Jahdante Griffith in the 55th minute and Stanley Province in the 75th minute.

The result allows the Jennings Grenades to remain in second place on goal difference by advancing to 50 points, the same as leaders All Saints United, who

have also played 19 matches.

The Grenades and All Saints United will still have to meet in a rescheduled second-round affair that is expected to determine the Premier League champions this season.

The Attacking Saints finished their Premier League campaign in the eighth-place position with 23 points after suffering their 13th defeat during their quota of 22 matches.

However, the Attacking Saints can be overtaken by Green City FC, who will need to beat the Aston Villa Lions in their final match to achieve the feat.

The last four teams at the bottom of the 14-team Premier League standings will be automatically relegated to compete in the first division next season.

The eighth-place finishers will compete in a three-team round-robin playoff with the third and fourth-place finishers in this year's first division, with the winners qualifying to compete in the premier league next season.

Old Road FC consolidated their fifth-place position with a 14-0 drubbing of the bottom team, Sir Molwyn Joseph Jennings United, in Saturday's opening game.

Rakeem Joseph scored 10 goals, and Shackwon Simon converted twice, while the other two goals were scored by Rodney Lawrence and Obediah Browne.

The result left Old Road FC in fifth place with 36 points, with one match remaining, which will be an encounter against Jennings Grenades at the ABFA Technical Center on Wednesday.

The Jennings United FC finished their campaign at the bottom of the standings with six points after crashing to their 20th defeat during their quota of 22 matches.

The Jennings United FC has been relegated from the Premier Division and will compete in the First Division next season.



Players of the Jennings Grenades starting XI