



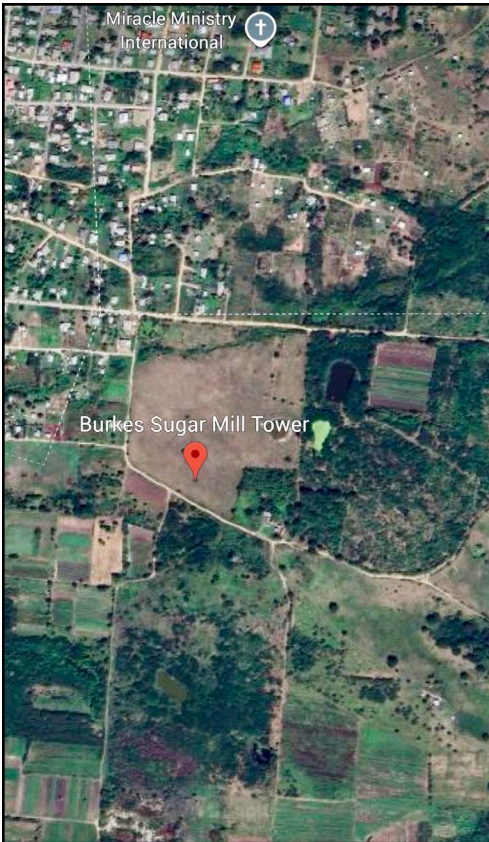
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The Way to The Cross... Reflections on Good Friday

Government of Antigua and Barbuda Expands Land Empowerment Programme with New All Saints Development– Monthly Payments as low as \$175



ST. JOHN, Antigua and Barbuda – 2nd April 2026.....The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has taken another significant step toward empowering citizens through land ownership with the release of 50 acres of land in the Burkes Estate - MacPond area of All Saints under its expanded Land Empowerment Programme.

The lands, recently transferred to the Crown from the House Antigua project, are now being made available for purchase through the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA). This initiative forms part of the Government's ongoing commitment to increasing access to affordable land and housing for Antiguan and Barbudans.

The Land Empowerment Programme was specifically designed to provide opportunities for low- and middle-income earners, particularly first-time landowners, to access residential plots at affordable rates, thereby promoting



social mobility and economic inclusion.

Under this latest initiative:

35 acres have been made available for immediate sale as residential house plots.

Plots will average approximately 6,000 square feet and are priced at \$3 per square foot.

Qualified applicants will have the opportunity to purchase land over a 10-year period, with monthly payments starting as low as \$175, making homeownership more accessible than ever before.

In addition, the Government has taken steps to regularize land tenure for long-standing occupants in the area:

The remaining 15 acres, currently occupied by residents, will be made available at a highly concessional rate of \$1 per square foot.

This special provision applies to individuals who have occupied the lands for more than 20 years, ensuring security of tenure and recognizing long-standing community ties.

This initiative aligns with broader national housing and land development strategies being implemented through CHAPA, including the construction of affordable homes and the redevelopment of lands into serviced residential communities. These programmes are part of a wider effort to expand access to housing, strengthen communities, and support sustainable national development.

The Government reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every Antiguan and Barbudan has a fair opportunity to own land and build a home. By making land more affordable and accessible, the administration continues to invest in people, communities, and the long-term prosperity of the nation.

Interested persons are encouraged to apply through CHAPA and take advantage of this opportunity to secure a place in one of the country's newest and most promising residential developments. (Ends)

ABEC Prepares For Pending General Elections

The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) convened a high-level meeting with Returning Officers as part of its ongoing preparations for the upcoming General Elections on Wednesday 1st April 2026.

The meeting, held at the Commission’s headquarters, forms a critical component of ABEC’s strategic efforts to ensure a transparent, efficient, and credible electoral process.

The session brought together Returning Officers from across all 17 constituencies to review electoral procedures, reinforce operational guidelines, and address key logistical and administrative matters in advance of the polls.

Chairman of the Commission, Arthur G.B Thomas, underscored the importance of preparedness and professionalism in safeguarding the integrity of the electoral



process. “You have been appointed at a critical juncture in our democratic process. Elections are not merely administrative exercises; they are the institutional expression of the sovereign will of the people. As Returning Officers, you stand at the operational core of that process. The legitimacy of the electoral outcome and, by extension, public confidence in our democratic institutions—depends in no

small measure on your conduct”, he stated.

He added that the role of the Returning Officer is fundamental to the success of our elections. Ambassador Thomas added that “the Commission remains committed to upholding the democratic principles that guide free and fair elections in Antigua and Barbuda.”

Supervisor of Elections, Ian S Hughes, emphasized the operational readiness of the

Commission and the importance of adherence to established protocols.

“It is imperative that all Returning Officers are aligned with the Commission’s standards and procedures,” Mr. Hughes noted. “Today’s meeting provided an opportunity to clarify expectations, address potential challenges, and reinforce the importance of accuracy, accountability, and transparency at every stage of the electoral process.”

On Thursday, 2nd April 2026, the 17 Returning Officers were officially sworn in by Chief Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel at the Magistrate Court.

ABEC continues to engage stakeholders and implement measures aimed at ensuring that the upcoming General Elections are conducted in a manner that inspires public confidence and reflects the will of the people.



Antigua & Barbuda Electoral Commission

REPLACEMENT VOTER ID CARD OFFICIAL REPORT



#	COUNSTITUENCY	SUB-TOTAL	Balance from 2025		MARCH 2026					APRIL 2026					TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL	% Complete		
			JAN	FEB	2nd-6th	9th-13th	16th-20th	23rd-28th	30th-31st	TOTAL	1st 4th	5th-11th	12th-18th	19th-25th				26th-30th	
1	ST. JOHN'S CITY WEST	758	12	14	5	3	7	127	92	234	71	0	0	0	0	71	1089	47%	
2	ST. JOHN'S CITY EAST	486	9	13	4	2	5	103	48	162	47	0	0	0	0	47	717	45%	
3	ST. JOHN'S CITY SOUTH	475	7	10	3	4	10	85	47	149	42	0	0	0	0	42	683	47%	
4	ST. JOHN'S RURAL WEST	1451	46	25	5	5	13	196	144	363	93	0	0	0	0	93	1978	44%	
5	ST. JOHN'S RURAL SOUTH	961	24	27	5	1	9	144	89	248	62	0	0	0	0	62	1322	45%	
6	ST. JOHN'S RURAL EAST	1333	41	35	12	8	12	234	141	407	92	0	0	0	0	92	1908	46%	
7	ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH	1158	24	12	3	4	30	229	112	378	96	0	0	0	0	96	1668	49%	
8	ST. MARY'S NORTH	1271	38	26	6	4	9	198	103	320	91	0	0	0	0	91	1746	42%	
9	ST. MARY'S SOUTH	845	14	12	6	1	7	97	74	185	59	0	0	0	0	59	1115	52%	
10	ALL SAINTS EAST AND ST. LUKE	1195	31	16	14	11	11	159	102	297	63	0	0	0	0	63	1602	48%	
11	ALL SAINTS WEST	1493	35	34	14	9	18	232	135	408	113	0	0	0	0	113	2083	53%	
12	ST. GEORGE	1755	22	30	10	9	22	203	118	362	103	0	0	0	0	103	2272	50%	
13	ST. PETER	2219	7	6	3	2	4	33	36	78	33	0	0	0	0	33	2343	82%	
14	ST. PHILIP NORTH	695	22	218	108	63	14	6	6	197	6	0	0	0	0	6	1138	72%	
15	ST. PHILIP SOUTH	417	9	13	4	2	1	89	38	134	40	0	0	0	0	40	613	58%	
16	ST. PAUL	1088	13	15	10	1	8	127	85	231	59	0	0	0	0	59	1406	51%	
17	BARBUDA	720	1	2	0	0	0	8	7	15	7	0	0	0	0	7	745	73%	
Total Weekly Application Count					212	129	180	2270	1377		1077	0	0	0	0				
MONTHLY TOTAL			18320	355	508						4168						1077	24428	

Halo Foundation Announces Launch of Fostering the Future Together in Antigua and Barbuda

Lady Sandra Williams, wife of the Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, has announced the launch of Fostering the Future Together in Antigua and Barbuda by Halo Foundation, joining a global coalition to advance child well-being online led by First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Melania Trump.

The Fostering the Future Together Global Coalition is focused on advancing children’s well-being through education, innovation, and the responsible use of technology, while protecting youth from online dangers. The Coalition reflects a shared commitment among participating nations to help ensure that children - regardless of where they live, can have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and innovative digital environment.

“When we give young people the right tools, the right skills, and safe digital environments, we are not just improving education - we are shaping the future of our societies.” said Lady Williams.

“By participating in Fostering the Future Together, Antigua and Barbuda can ensure that technology becomes a bridge to opportunity for every youth, not a barrier.”

First Lady Melania Trump welcomed Antigua and Barbuda into the coalition, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and support for children in the digital age.

Fostering the Future Together brings



together governments, educators, charitable causes and technology partners to expand access to innovative digital tools, support educators and parents, and promote online protections for youth.

As part of its participation in Fostering the Future Together, Halo Foundation intends to advance initiatives aligned with national priorities, which will include the roll out of a national program titled “H.O.W with Halo Foundation” that invites local and international partners to work on:

- Establishing community STEM labs to support training, hackathons and other innovative programs
- Deploying platforms that improve access to EdTech and FinTech inclusion tools
- Delivering capacity-building train-



ing programs on technologies to educators, parents, and students

- Promoting digital citizenship and responsible online engagement for all ages

Additional details regarding specific programs and how to get involved will be announced.

Fostering the Future Together builds upon the recent inaugural summit in Washington D.C. held from March 24 – 25, 2026 where First Lady Melania Trump shared her longstanding “Be Best” platform, reflecting a growing international commitment to ensuring that technology is used responsibly to benefit children and future generations.



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REPORT FROM THE CABINET OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 1st April 2026

1. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda wishes to inform the public that a Proclamation dissolving Parliament has been officially published in the Gazette as a Statutory Instrument dated March 31, 2026.

The Proclamation was issued by His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, acting in accordance with Section 60(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda and on the advice of Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

With the dissolution of Parliament, all Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate cease to hold their seats, and the country now moves into the general election period in accordance with the laws and Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda. The necessary administrative and electoral processes will now proceed under the direction of the relevant authorities to prepare for the holding of General Elections within the constitutionally prescribed timeframe.

The Cabinet advises that the dissolution of Parliament is a normal constitutional process and marks the end of the current parliamentary term, making way for the people of Antigua and Barbuda to elect a Government.

The public is encouraged to ensure that they are properly registered and that their voter identification cards are in order in preparation for the upcoming General Elections.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to ensuring that the electoral process is conducted in a free, fair, transparent, and orderly manner in keeping with the country's democratic traditions.

2. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has announced that, as a matter of policy, Cabinet has approved the waiver of all arrears for residents who have been disconnected from electricity, water, or landline telephone services for over 180 days.



Director of Communications in the Office of the Prime Minister, Maurice Merchant

This decision aims to provide relief to households facing financial challenges and ensure access to essential services for all citizens. The measure reflects the Government's commitment to social welfare and support for residents who have been affected by long-term service interruptions.

Affected residents are encouraged to contact the Antigua Public Utilities Authority to arrange reconnection without the burden of accumulated arrears. Cabinet emphasizes that this initiative is part of broader efforts to ease the cost of living and ensure essential services are accessible to every household in the country.

The Government urges all residents affected to take advantage of this opportunity and welcomes the public's cooperation in implementing this policy efficiently.

3. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda on Wednesday approved important measures to strengthen its ongoing efforts to improve housing conditions for vulnerable and low-income households across the nation.

Cabinet has approved the importation of a new shipment of essential building materials scheduled to arrive in Antigua and Barbuda in **two weeks' time**. This shipment will directly support the Government's housing assistance

programme, which provides building materials to less fortunate households to address critical needs such as **roof repairs, structural improvements, and replacement of rotting boards and leaks** — ensuring that residents live in homes free from deterioration and unsafe conditions.

The programme has already begun islandwide distributions of lumber and other building supplies to eligible homeowners, including seniors, persons with disabilities and families facing economic hardships, as part of the Government's social intervention aimed at **upgrading the housing stock and enhancing residential living standards**.

In line with Cabinet's decision, the Government is also **expanding** support for home construction and improvement. Under this expanded measure, the Government will offer a **waiver on all duties and taxes on all building materials to include blocks and cement up to a total value of \$100,000**. This extension of the duty waiver programme will further reduce the cost of building and renovation materials for homeowners and builders.

The Government believes these actions are fully aligned with its policy objectives to ensure that **every citizen has access to safe, durable, and dignified housing**. By facilitating the availability of quality materials and financial relief, the Administration remains committed to lifting housing standards, fostering community resilience, and empowering citizens to maintain and build their homes to modern and sustainable standards.

4. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has been updated on the ongoing disbursement of retroactive payments to public servants, as well as the status of outstanding payments relating to teacher upgrades.

Cabinet was informed that the Treasury Department of Antigua and Bar-

buda has commenced the final disbursement of retroactive pay covering the period January 2018 to December 2023. Payments are being processed in phases and issued via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as final amounts are verified by Ministries and Departments.

To date, several government departments have already received payments under Phase One, with total disbursements exceeding EC\$4.6 million, excluding payments still in progress for certain offices. In keeping with Cabinet's decision, no statutory deductions have been applied to these retroactive payments.

Cabinet further noted that payments are being executed on a rolling basis, with additional tranches to be released as verification processes are completed.

Importantly, Cabinet was advised that the Treasury is also actively finalizing the balance of payments for teacher upgrades, which remain outstanding. These payments are being prioritized, with the Treasury aiming to issue the outstanding sums by the end of today Thursday, once all final checks are completed.

The update also highlighted that provisions have been made for eligible individuals who are no longer in the public service to receive their payments upon submission of the required information to the Treasury.

Cabinet welcomed the progress made thus far and commended the Treasury Department for its continued efforts to ensure timely and accurate disbursement. The Government reaffirmed its commitment to meeting its obligations to public servants and ensuring that all outstanding payments are settled in a transparent and efficient manner.

The public is encouraged to follow official notices from the Treasury Department for further updates regarding subsequent phases of payments.

5. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has acknowledged the urgent need to address the high cost of air travel

between Antigua and Barbuda, following a presentation by newly appointed Caretaker for Barbuda on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party, Mr. Kendra Beazer.

Mr. Beazer's presentation highlighted the growing financial burden faced by residents and travelers due to increased airfare costs on the Antigua-Barbuda route. Recent developments have seen significant fare increases, with limited transportation alternatives contributing to the challenge and impacting both residents and the local economy.

In response, Cabinet agreed that the matter requires immediate and meaningful intervention. Members recognized that affordable and reliable transportation between the sister islands is essential for economic activity, access to healthcare, and the overall well-being of Barbudans.

Cabinet has approved a subsidy of \$50,000 per month to reduce airfare costs between Antigua and Barbuda. This initiative is expected to provide much-needed relief to residents and ensure greater accessibility and mobility.

Mr. Beazer has been advised to meet with the relevant agencies to devise the structure and implementation of the subsidy.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to ensuring equitable access to transportation and addressing the concerns of all citizens, particularly those in Barbuda who depend heavily on affordable travel between the islands.

6. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has been informed by Prime Minister Gaston Browne of the signing of a Letter of Intent between the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Collectivité of Saint-Martin aimed at strengthening regional air connectivity.

The agreement, signed on April 1, 2026, in Antigua, reflects a shared commitment between Antigua and Barbuda and Saint-Martin to enhance air transport links within the Eastern

Caribbean. The Prime Minister emphasized that improved connectivity is critical to advancing regional integration, boosting tourism, and facilitating greater economic exchange among Caribbean states.

Cabinet was advised that both territories are strategically positioned as key aviation gateways within the Eastern Caribbean, and the initiative seeks to leverage this advantage to expand travel options, improve mobility, and create new opportunities for collaboration across the region.

The Letter of Intent outlines a framework for continued dialogue and cooperation among relevant stakeholders, including airports, tourism authorities, and regional air carriers, with the goal of developing more efficient and reliable air links.

Prime Minister Browne noted that while the agreement is not legally binding, it represents an important step toward deepening bilateral relations and fostering long-term, mutually beneficial cooperation. The agreement was also signed by President of the Territorial Council, Louis Mussington on behalf of Saint-Martin.

Cabinet welcomed the initiative and acknowledged its potential to contribute to sustainable tourism development, economic growth, and enhanced regional connectivity across the Caribbean.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to pursuing strategic partnerships that strengthen the country's position as a leading hub for travel and commerce in the region.

7. Cabinet on Wednesday, April 1, observed the historical moment, eleven years ago, since Prime Minister Gaston Browne signed the agreement transferring ownership of the West Indies Oil Company Limited to the people of Antigua and Barbuda — an historic decision that has since proven to be one of the most transformative economic policy initiatives in the country's modern history and a demonstration of the visionary leader-

ship abilities of Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Since 2015, the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) has experienced significant growth and expansion, generating more than EC\$230 million in profits while investing approximately EC\$270 million in capital development and infrastructure. These investments have strengthened the country's energy infrastructure, expanded storage capacity, improved distribution networks, and positioned Antigua and Barbuda as an increasingly important fuel transshipment and storage hub in the Eastern Caribbean.

Importantly, WIOC became the first publicly listed Antiguan company on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange in 2022, allowing Antiguan and Barbudans to directly own shares in the company and benefit from dividends and capital growth. This move represented a major step in democratizing wealth and expanding local participation in national assets.

Over the years, WIOC has undertaken and continues to undertake major infrastructure upgrades, including rehabilitation of its Sea Island Jetty, installation of new pipelines, expansion of tank storage capacity, and improvements to its retail service station network. These investments are expected to improve efficiency, increase tanker traffic, reduce fuel import costs per unit, and generate additional revenue through increased port and ancillary services.

The company is also expanding its footprint beyond Antigua and Barbuda, with business development op-

portunities being explored across the Caribbean, including markets such as Guyana and Suriname. At the same time, WIOC continues to grow its local operations through increased fuel sales to new hotels, restaurants, housing developments, and marina projects, supporting the country's broader economic expansion.

In addition to traditional energy services, WIOC is positioning itself to invest in the renewable energy sector, helping Antigua and Barbuda transition toward a more sustainable energy future while maintaining energy security.

The decision taken eleven years ago to transfer ownership of WIOC to the people of Antigua and Barbuda has not only strengthened the company but has also created opportunities for national wealth creation, employment, local investment, and economic diversification. Today, WIOC stands as a strong, profitable, and expanding national asset — truly owned by the people and working for the people.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda reaffirms its commitment to policies that empower citizens, expand local ownership of national assets, and build long-term economic resilience for present and future generations.

8. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has approved the naming of a street in Freeman's Village in honour of the late Mr. Christopher Neville Browne, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to community life and the labour movement.

The decision follows a presentation

to Cabinet by the Honourable Anthony Smith, Parliamentary Representative for All Saints, who highlighted Mr. Browne's lifelong dedication to national development and grassroots engagement.

Born on October 29, 1922, Mr. Browne was one of the nation's oldest citizens and a proud son of Freeman's Village. He was a committed trade unionist and an active member of the Antigua Trades and Labour Union (AT&LU), consistently participating in Labour Day activities and advocating for workers' rights throughout his life.

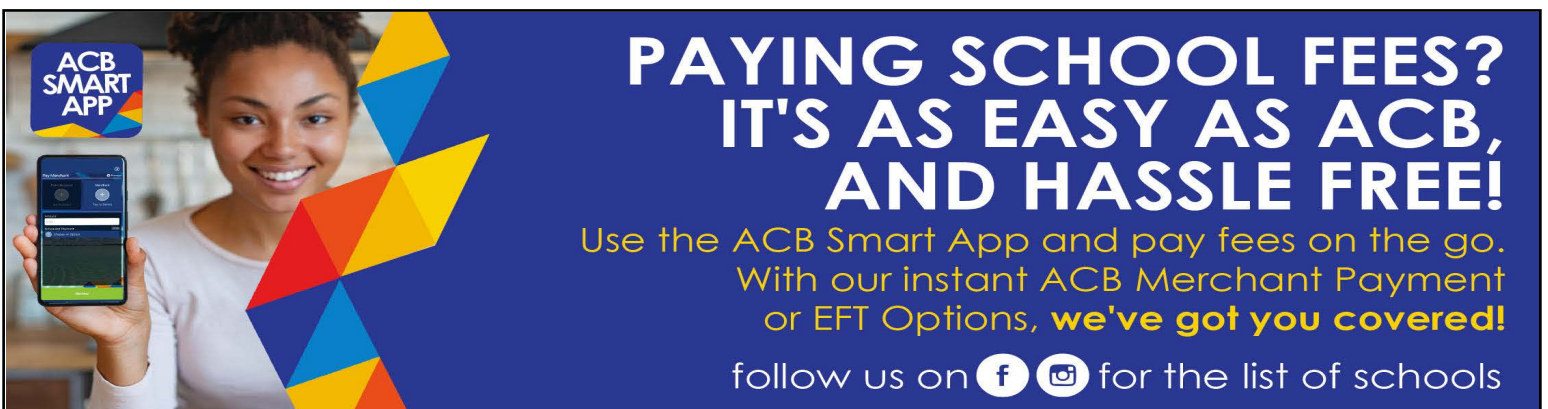
Mr. Browne was also recognized for his cultural significance, having been featured in the Antigua Day documentary hosted at the Precision Centre. His legacy of service, resilience, and community pride has left an indelible mark on those who knew him and the wider national community.

At his 101st birthday celebration, a recommendation was made by Sir Clare Roberts for the road on which he resided to be named in his honour. Cabinet's decision brings this long-standing proposal to fruition.

The street will be officially designated "**Christopher Neville Browne Road.**"

The Government extends its deepest condolences to the Browne family and expresses its gratitude for Mr. Browne's invaluable contributions to Antigua and Barbuda.



Further details regarding the official naming ceremony will be announced in due course.



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The Message of Easter

Matthew 28:1-10



Rev. Dr. Olson Daniel

“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Mag-

dalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

² And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

³ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

⁴ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

⁶ He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where

the Lord lay.

⁷ And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

⁸ And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰ Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.”

Introduction

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus’ fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.”
— A.W. Tozer,

To the Christian Church, the Easter season is the time of reflection of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of the Living God, paid to secure the salvation of humanity.

To bring some perspective, we must bring to the fore some background to the discussion, so we go all the way back to creation. According to the book

of Genesis, God not only created the heaven and the earth, but He created everything that existed in the earth, to include man as His crowning creation. Outside of creating man, every aspect of creation was tagged with the simple expression; “*And God said, ‘Let there be...’*” But when it came to the creation, the narration was changed to; “*And God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness...’*”
Gen. 1:26.

I also hasten to add another aspect that was attached to man that was never attached to any aspect of creation: “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.*”

Among His creation, man was the only one told not to eat of a particular tree because man is the only one who was given a will with the ability to choose. “*And the Lord God command-*

ed the man, saying ‘Of every tree of the garden thou mayest eat;

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.”

Gen. 2:16-17.

Man was the only one who the serpent went to with the attempt to get him to disobey God and man did disobey God and obeyed Satan. This resulted in man being disconnected from God and left in a fallen and depraved state. He was even driven from the garden where God had initially told him to take care of.

In spite of the fall of humanity and him deserving to be punished and ultimately cast out of the presence of God for all eternity, God was not going to do that without offering man an opportunity of redemption.

For redemption, only God can satis-

Easter Messages

fy God's demands, so the Son of God was the ultimate sacrifice to be paid for man's sins. The redemption process for the cleansing of man's sins, could only be by pure blood. God is Spirit and in order for Him to shed for the redemption of sins He had to step out of eternity into time, He had to step out of divinity into humanity and he had to step out of heaven to earth.

His physical blood could not be shed without His physical birth, and His physical birth cannot have a physical and biological father because He existed in eternity long before His physical birth. He has to be 100% divine and 100% human so this required a womb of a woman, who had to be a virgin.

Easter then fully captures the plan of God to redeem man from his sinful and depraved state to bring him back into a right relationship with Him.

It involves the most gruesome death that a man could experience being crucified on a tree. A crown of thorns pressed upon His head, beaten with a stripe thirty-nine times, spat on, being

dragged from judgment hall to judgment hall and ultimately nailed on the cross with a spear pushed through His side.

The crucifixion would have worked out to be a futile exercise if He were not raised physically from the dead. After His crucifixion, they laid Him in a tomb and sealed it off with men watching it. According to Prophecy, He should be raised the third day after the crucifixion, which God miraculously did by His angels rolling away the stone that sealed the tomb.

After the resurrection of Jesus, He ascended up to heaven and sprinkled His blood on the altar of His Father so anyone who acknowledges his sinful state and by faith ask God to wash away his sins with the blood of Jesus, then he is made clean and whole.

Jesus volunteered to give up His life to save humanity and humankind must, by his will volunteer to surrender his life to Christ.

The Easter story tells us that Christ died on the cross so that we can turn

away from the life of sin to a life pleasing to God.

Man, without God and salvation is not only lost but destined to hell for all eternity. Yes, I did say that if man fails to repent of his sins and turn to Jesus Christ for salvation, he is going to hell. It is not the will of God that any should perish but all should come to salvation, but God will never enter a heart that did not open to and invite Him in.

I charge you today, not to live in sin and end up in hell after Jesus has provided for your salvation. All you need to do is repent of your sins, turn from your sinful ways, accept Him by faith as Lord and Master of your life.

Rev. Dr. Olson Daniel

Pastor of the Swetes Wesleyan Holiness Church

President of the Antigua & Barbuda Evangelical Alliance



Easter Messages



LIVE BY FAITH OR DIE in fear: the Message of the Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8

Introduction

There are things that are incompatible, irreconcilable, and can NEVER co-exist. For example, light and darkness, truth and falsehood, faith and fear, [because] ~~the one cancels out the other~~. Faith and fear can NEVER co-exist; whenever one is present the other is absent. Hence, to force them to live together creates emotional and spiritual chaos. In our discussion of this topic, *“Live by Faith or Die in Fear: the Message of the Resurrection”* it prompts us to examine our lives and re-evaluate our faith to see what sort it is. Be it resolved that our faith is rooted in a person – the person of Jesus Christ; whose life, death and resurrection is foundational to living now and the prerequisite for life to come.

Mark’s account of Jesus’ resurrection would have had a profound impact on his then readers, but ultimately upon all who would read this inspired Gospel. Jesus had consistently taught about His mission; that it was salvific. He had spoken of His death and resurrection, but His disciples were too pre-occupied with their personal agendas and national aspirations to hear what He had been saying (Matthew 16:21-23). Undeniably, what Jesus prophesied concerning Himself did occur (He did die, He was buried, and He was resurrected). His resurrection is characterized by the following; (1) the anticipated problem, (2) an unexpected scene, (3) the greatest annunciation, and (5) words of comfort. On this historical and transformative day (the day upon which our faith rests) is demarcated by certain details to give us the context of our story. Included is a when, a where, a why, and who. (1) When: *“And when the Sabbath was past (Vs.1), and very early in the morning the first day of the week, at the rising of the sun”* (Vss. 1-2). (2) Where: they came unto the sepulchre. (3) Why: they had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (4) Who: Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome.

I. The Anticipated Problem

The women did not anticipate a resurrection. They expected the body to be in the tomb. Their primary concern was, how would they gain access into the tomb knowing that the entrance had been secured with a huge stone and sealed? Pilate had consented to have the tomb guarded by soldiers (Matthew 27:62-66). But their anticipated problem had been annihilated. Jesus had already risen. The soldiers who witnessed the event and had become incapacitated (Matthew 28:1-4).

We too have anticipated problems (things we deem impregnable, insurmountable, and impassable). But God has already removed the hindrance. We already have the victory. Only you know the thing (that is in front of you) that is seemingly impregnable, insurmountable, and impassable. But God possesses the power to roll it away and grant you access to your blessing.

II. An Unexpected Scene

There have been occasions when what we anticipated of a given situation proved very different (either to our delighted or disappointed). But in this situation the women’s reactions were mixed. They may have at first been glad that the stone was moved and the tomb made accessible, but what they saw troubled them. They expected to see Jesus’ corpse still wrapped in burial cloth. Instead they saw an unrecognized young man dressed in a long white robe sitting on the right side of the tomb. [It is obvious that the women were encountering an angel]. There are a number of unexpected things that God has done for which we are most grateful. Most assuredly, we expected death and hell, but Jesus died to save us from sin, (a) our sins have been rolled away, (b) we are clothed in His righteousness, (c) we are seated in heavenly places. That is the faith by which we live.

III. The Greatest Annunciation

The angel’s pronouncement is infinitely greater than any human exclamation (past, present or future). The words, **“HE IS RISEN”** has impactful implications for all of human history. ~~It means that the crushing of Satan’s head~~

~~by the seed of the woman (promised in Genesis 3:15) was accomplished. It means that death has been defeated. It means that we now have victory over sin.~~

The women were expecting a dead Jesus, but now they would experience the living Christ. If Jesus had stayed dead, He would be no different than all the other religious figures of the world, and there would be no salvation for sinners. But Jesus did rise and we are saved. **THIS IS THE TRUTH UPON WHICH OUR FAITH RESTS** (1 Corinthians 15:12-22).

Words of Comfort

The first evangelists immediately following the resurrection were women. It was not a call to public preaching or the office of pastor, but an indication of their invaluable partnership in the gospel. Jesus’ message (spoken through the angel) was two-fold. Firstly, as proof that He was alive; for they were to meet Him in Galilee. Secondly, the message was addressed to specifically to Peter as consolation that he was forgiven. Peter had thrice denied knowing Jesus at the very moment when Jesus was being interrogated by an insidiously Sanhedrin and falsely accused by ill-motivated imposters. So, it was comforting to know that the message these women were commanded to carry mentioned Peter.

But these words are equally comforting today. We have the assurance that once we have repented of our sins and trusted in Christ for our redemption we will live (even if we were to die before Christ’s return). Moreover, the rising of Christ from the dead give hope even in our present circumstance. A ‘living Jesus’ is ever present; even in the midst of your problems and pain. A ‘living Jesus’ is able to provide for all of your needs. A ‘living Jesus’ can resurrect the seemingly dead things in your life. **With God ALL things are possible.**

The message Live By Faith is by Rev. Dr. Emanuel Elyzee

Remembering Good Friday



Rex Paul Edwards

“Tetelestai”: It Is Finished

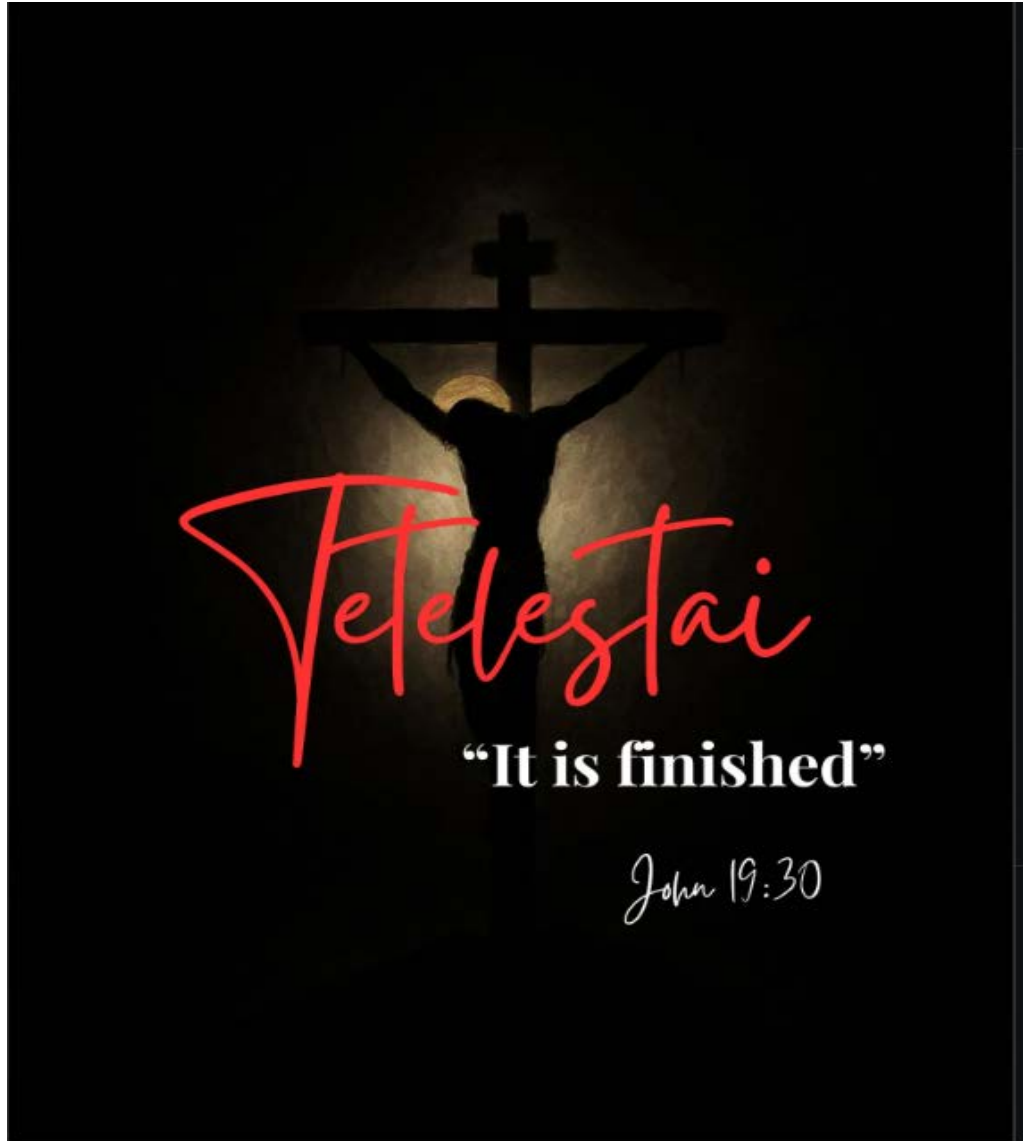
John 19:30 — “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, it is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.”

Tetelestai was a word well known in the ancient world. Merchants stamped it across a paid invoice. Servants spoke it when a task assigned by the master was complete. It meant: *the debt is settled. The work is done. Nothing remains.*

When Jesus cried *tetelestai* from the cross, He was not announcing defeat. He was declaring victory. Every demand of the Law — met. Every sin of every soul who would ever believe — atoned for. The long shadow of the sacrificial system, stretching back to Eden’s first altar, had finally, fully, reached its end.

The cross was not an interruption of God’s plan. It *was* the plan.

What the animal sacrifices could only picture, Christ accomplished. What the high priest repeated year after year in



the Most Holy Place, Jesus performed once — for all — forever. The curtain tore. The way was opened. The price was paid in full.

Tetelestai.

We bring nothing to this moment. No contribution. No partial payment. No supplemental effort. The work of our redemption is not 99% finished, awaiting our cooperation to complete it. It is *finished* — wholly, perfectly, irrevocably — by the One who loved us enough to hang in our place.

This Good Friday, stand at the foot of that cross and receive what you could never earn: a debt stamped *paid*, a record marked *clean*, a sentence com-

pleted by the only Judge who had the authority — and the love — to do it.

Because of Calvary, we don’t strive for what we cannot achieve. We rest in what He has already accomplished.

A thought for Reflection:

When Jesus declared “it is finished” on the cross, He wasn’t just ending a chapter He was completing the ultimate work of redemption for all eternity. On this Good Friday, let the finished work of Christ be not just a doctrine we affirm, but a grace we receive with grateful, surrendered hearts. Jesus gave everything so we would owe nothing.

Rev. Paul Edwards

Easter Messages

THE THIEF ON THE CROSS



Rev Kevin St. Hill

Luke 23:39–43

A Monologue Sermon

To whom it may concern,
My name is... well, that doesn't matter. What matters is what I *had* done...

and what was done for me *in spite* of what I had done.

You see, I am—yes—a **criminal**.

What's that look on your face?
You don't want to be associated with a man like me?

Is it because you think you're better than me?

(You look comfortable there in church.)

Or is it because I'm too dirty, too disgusting to look at as I hang here on this cross?

I know I'm not much to look at, and I'm not in any position to demand anything.

But this time... THIS time... it's different.
Just listen.

This cross—this looming, brutal, torturous thing—feels like the whole world rejecting me. But in truth, *all* our stories lead to a cross.

Yes, the Romans call me a criminal.

To them I might be a murderer, or a thief, or a revolutionary. And I am certainly a Jew—because Rome would never crucify one of their own. But before you judge me, let me tell my side.

You see, the Romans took everything from us.

They taxed us until we could barely live.

They stole our dignity, defaced our temple, and placed their idols where our God should be worshiped.

So yes—I stole.

I took back what they took from me.

When you've been pushed to the edge, wouldn't you fight for even a little dignity?

A little self-respect?

Don't act surprised to hear me mention God.

I may be a criminal in their eyes, but *I am a person*—

I feel pain, fear, hope.

And belief in God is the only thing keeping me from slipping into despair.

They call me a murderer. But Rome has murdered thousands of my people in war,

famine, and execution.

They call me a revolutionary.

But Rome only came to power by overthrowing others.

Even Pilate—the man who sentenced me—was known for cruelty, injustice, and bloodshed.

But pointing fingers never tells the whole story.

You point one finger at someone else...

and four point back at you.

So let me speak honestly about *my own people*.

We Jews have not always been better.

We, too, have oppressed each other.

We, too, have destroyed our own temple.

We, too, have trusted foreign armies over God.

And we have had wicked rulers—Herod being only the latest.

So when I say “we,” I mean *all of us*.

Rome.

My people.

And yes, you too.

Because you have stolen—even if only in your heart—when you wanted your neighbour's house, job, car, husband, wife, blessing.

You have murdered—when hatred grew inside you toward that person at work, at school, at church.

You have made gods out of your leaders, and your leaders have caused suffering.

If I am a criminal...

Easter Messages

then we *all* are.

We all deserve a cross.

And so here I am, rejected by my people during *Passover* of all times—

the festival of freedom.

This was the time prisoners were released...

but they chose Barabbas instead of me.

A man not so different from myself.

But it was in this rejection that everything changed.

Hanging here, in pain, I looked across.

Two crosses down was another thief—

another man without a name, bruised and broken like me.

But then they raised a **third** cross.

They raised a **third Man** in the middle of our pain.

And when I looked at Him, something inside me shifted.

His back was torn open by a Roman whip—iron and bone shredding skin and muscle.

He carried His own crossbar up the hill—as if He carried *me* up the hill with Him.

Nails pierced His wrists and feet.

Every breath He took was pressed out through agony.

He was connected to me.

To my pain.

To my humanity.

And yet—He was different.

He refused the wine mixed with myrrh.

He was mocked as “King of the Jews.”

A crown of thorns pierced His



Rev Kevin St. Hill

brow.

Even the criminal on His other side joined the mockery:

“Save Yourself—and save us!”

But while I cursed my enemies...

He didn't.

He pushed His torn body up the cross—just enough to breathe—and prayed:

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Who does that?

Who prays for His executioners?

Who loves like that while He is dying?

No ordinary man.

That was the love of GOD.

Right then, I made up my mind.

I turned to the criminal on the other side and said:

“Do you not fear God?

We are punished justly... but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

Then—using what little breath

I had left—

I turned to Him:

“Jesus... remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

And the King—bloody, tearful, and dying—turned toward me.

He smiled.

And said:

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

In that moment, my wounds felt a little lighter.

I went from rejected to accepted.

From beaten to healed.

From lost... to loved.

To whom it may concern—this concerns all of you.

We are all criminals in some way.

We have all fallen short.

We have all been hurt, rejected, misunderstood.

We have all carried crosses of our own making or someone else's.

But Jesus is connected to us—through our pain, through our rejection, through the cross.

He forgave me.

He can forgive you.

If He could save me at my last breath,

He can save you right now.

Just do what I did:

Stand up for Him.

Confess your sin.

Ask Him to save you.

My time is fading...

Don't cry for me.

I'm going to be with Jesus.

Let us pray.

ABI Insurance Proudly Supports Mill Academy's 2026 Children's Art Calendar Initiative

St. John's, Antigua – ABI Insurance is proud to announce its sponsorship of Mill Academy's 2026 Children's Art Calendar as a Gold Sponsor, in support of youth development, education, and community empowerment.

This contribution forms part of the late Sir Bradley Lewis Scholarship Fund, reinforcing ABI Insurance's continued commitment to investing in the future of Antigua and Barbuda's youth through education and opportunity.

The initiative, led by Mill Academy and supported by the Mill Foundation Inc., showcases original artwork created by students while raising funds to support bursaries, innovation programs, and the continued expansion of educational opportunities for young people across Antigua and Barbuda.

Through this partnership, ABI Insurance aligns with a campaign that not only celebrates creativity but also delivers meaningful, long-term community impact. With strong digital reach and island-wide distribution, the calendar provides year-round visibility



while supporting a powerful cause.

"As an organization committed to building stronger communities, we believe in investing in our youth and supporting initiatives that unlock potential and inspire the next generation," said Mrs. Julie Porter, The Business Development Manager at ABI Insurance. "We are especially proud

that this contribution also honors the legacy of the late Sir Bradley Lewis through the scholarship fund.

ABI Insurance remains committed to initiatives that foster education, creativity, and community development, reinforcing its role as a trusted partner in the growth and progress of Antigua and Barbuda.



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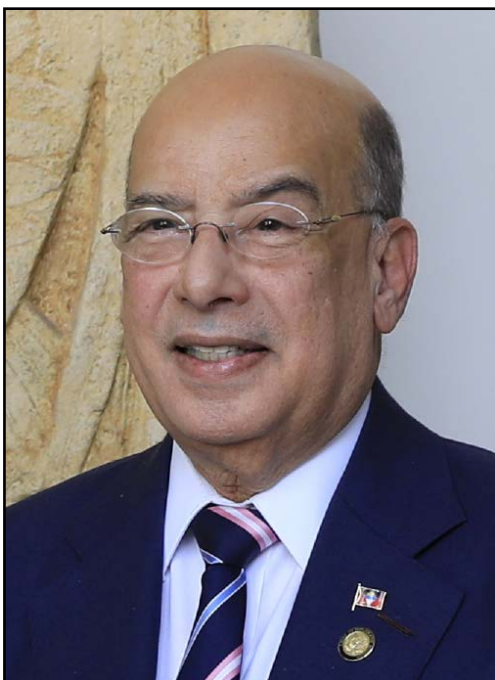
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01 April 2026

Commentary

The Caribbean Is Being Forced to Reconsider Trade Dependence on the US



By Sir Ronald Sanders

The Caribbean has not set out to loosen its trade dependence on the United States. It is being driven to do so.

For generations, Caribbean importers and consumers have looked first to the American market. They have done so for reasons of preference and practicality. The United States is near. Shipping is easier. Delivery is faster. Commercial routes are established. Refrigerated cargo and container services are structured to support the trade. For food, medicines, household supplies, machinery and construction materials, the American market has long been the

natural first choice.

The United States has for many years enjoyed a significant trade surplus with Caribbean countries, and that surplus remains overall, notwithstanding the more recent oil and gas exports from Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago. Even there, the United States benefits from supply by nearby, reliable and friendly countries.

The Caribbean, therefore, has been a loyal market. That is precisely why recent developments deserve sober reflection. No sensible government in the region wishes to weaken ties with a country that has long been central to Caribbean commerce. But the cumulative effect of recent U.S. trade measures is now forcing governments, businesses and consumers in the Caribbean to reconsider assumptions that once seemed settled.

Three pressures are driving that change.

The first is the continuing tariff burden on Caribbean exports to the United States. Although the sweeping tariff action announced by Washington on 2 April 2025 was later narrowed after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the emergency-based approach, the consequences remain serious for many Caribbean producers. As of April 2026, most Caribbean goods still face a 10 per cent baseline import duty under Section 122 of the Trade Act of

1974. That may appear modest when viewed from a large economy. It is not modest for small states exporting rum, processed foods, specialty preparations, personal care items, building products and other niche goods whose competitiveness depends on tight margins.

The second pressure is broader and more corrosive. It lies not only in the tariff imposed on Caribbean goods entering the U.S. market, but in the tariffs the United States has imposed on imports from many other parts of the world. Those costs do not stay neatly within American borders. They feed into U.S. prices, including the prices of food, manufactured goods, agricultural inputs and other products on which Caribbean economies depend. Since the region still imports a large share of its essential supplies from the United States, or through U.S.-linked channels, higher prices in America quickly become higher prices in the Caribbean.

This is already pressing heavily on the cost of living in countries that can least afford sustained imported inflation. Wages and salaries in Caribbean economies cannot keep pace indefinitely with rising prices for basic goods. Governments do not trade directly, but they cannot escape the fiscal and political consequences when households are squeezed by higher prices for food, medicines, household items and con-



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struction supplies. At that point, food security and health security cease to be future concerns. They become present national concerns.

The third factor is practical, but no less important. Caribbean business-people have long travelled to the United States to inspect goods, meet suppliers, attend trade fairs, negotiate contracts and maintain commercial relationships. Where visa requirements become more onerous, or where high bond requirements are imposed in some cases and may yet become more widespread, the cost of doing business with the United States rises yet again. The issue then is not only the price of the goods themselves. It is also the cost, uncertainty and inconvenience of entering the market from which those goods are bought.

Caribbean governments, importers and consumers are therefore being pushed to look more seriously at alternatives. They are not doing so out of hostility to the United States, nor from any wish to sever longstanding trade ties. They are doing so because prudence requires it. When basic goods become more expensive, harder to

source, or more burdensome to secure from a traditional market, alternative suppliers inevitably come into view.

That process has already begun. CARICOM states are intensifying efforts to source more within the region and to widen relationships with other international partners. The call to buy local and buy regional within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy is gaining practical force. This is growing trend by other countries. Canada, for instance, is moving towards a free-trade agreement with Mercosur, precisely because dependence on an uncertain U.S. trade environment now carries greater risk.

That trend will not benefit the Caribbean or the United States. The Caribbean is a friendly proximate market, and a reliable one. If U.S. policies push Caribbean importers to source more food, pharmaceuticals, consumer goods and building materials from Latin America and elsewhere, the United States will lose not only export sales, but also market presence and commercial influence in a region that has long looked to it first.

This is not an argument for grievance. It is an argument for realism. Caribbean countries are not moving to diversify their trade relations because they wish to turn away from the United States. They are being compelled to do so by circumstances that increasingly threaten economic stability at home and, with it, social and political stability as well. No responsible government can ignore rising prices for essential goods, growing uncertainty in supply, and the mounting costs of doing business with a market on which the region has long depended.

If that imbalance is not addressed, diversification will accelerate, not as a matter of policy, but as a matter of necessity. In that event, the United States may lose a loyal market that had no wish to go elsewhere, but which would be left with little practical choice. That would be an unfortunate outcome for the Caribbean, and an unnecessary one for the United States.

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS, and Chancellor of the University of Guyana. The view expressed are his own)



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UK - Caribbean Partnership on Clean Energy - From Untapped Potential to Regional Powerhouse



By Ingrid Lavine - Climate and Renewable Energy Adviser, Caribbean Development Team - UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

When the world imagines the Caribbean, it often conjures images of postcard beauty - brilliant sunshine, turquoise seas, lush mountains, and cooling trade winds. Yet that same sun, wind, water, and geothermal heat represent an energy powerhouse hiding in plain sight.

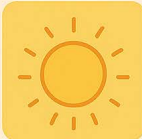




The United Kingdom recognises this untapped advantage and is increasingly focused on partnering with Caribbean countries to turn these natural assets into affordable energy, driving clean, resilient and sustainable growth.

The Caribbean has the potential to generate more clean energy than it can use with many islands able to run entirely on renewables and have excess to supply their neighbours. Some countries could also convert renewable electricity into transportable fuels like green hydrogen, ammonia, and methanol.

However, around 87% of CARICOM's energy mix is still based on fossil-fuel, leading to high electricity prices. Many Caribbean families pay from twice to nearly three times, what

The Caribbean's Abundant Renewable Energy

The Caribbean has far more renewable energy than it needs, CARICOM countries have access to enormous solar power—over 500 terawatts—alongside significant potential in other clean sources.

				
Over 500 Terawatts	Biomass 60 GW	Wind 30 GW	Hydropower 10 GW	Geothermal 6 GW

households elsewhere spend on electricity. This dependence on fossil fuels perpetuates economic vulnerability, high debt burdens, and energy insecurity.

The UK - a strong partner in CARICOM's Energy Transition

Since 2015 the UK has provided USD \$39 million to support the energy transition in the region. The UK has supported geothermal development, solar PV installation, energy efficiency retrofits to public buildings and training initiatives to boost regional capacity in the Eastern Caribbean, and the groundwork for a regional offshore wind market.

A major success story is the UK's support to Dominica's geothermal development which 'de-risked' the upstream cost of drilling and provided the private sector with the confidence to invest. Dominica is now poised to commission the first geothermal plant in the English-speaking Caribbean in April 2026. This plant has tremendous transformation potential for Dominica, but it took several years of government commitment and leadership, patience, collaboration and flexibility of several development partners. We are aiming for similar success with ongoing proj-

ects in Grenada and St Lucia.

UK support to install energy efficient street lighting and a solar PV plant at the international airport have also led St Vincent and the Grenadines to save millions of dollars and avoid hundreds of tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. And our support to assessing offshore wind potential, while fledgling, has enormous development potential.

UK supported geothermal well construction and testing - photo credit Dominica Geothermal Development Company Ltd

UK supported 500Kw PV Plant at Argle Airport St Vincent and the Grenadines

Why isn't the Caribbean a Global Clean Power Front Runner?

CARICOM set a bold target in 2013: 47% renewable electricity generation by 2027. The region has made slow progress, achieving roughly 13% renewable by 2023. But the numbers is clear – the pace must accelerate dramatically to reach the 47% goal.

Progress has been uneven. A few countries have taken meaningful steps toward scaling solar, wind and geothermal power but others continue to



lag.

Like most Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the region’s biggest challenges are structural: small grid sizes, high capital costs, limited technical capacity, and fragmented markets that prevent economies of scale. Many countries also lack modern grid infrastructure and updated regulatory frameworks – both essential for integrating intermittent solar and wind.

A Moment of Opportunity

But solutions exist. Regional pooled procurement and project aggregation can lower costs and attract large investors. Modernising grids and updating energy regulations can open the door for greater private sector participation. Blended and concessional finance can help governments overcome prohibitively high upfront costs. And building local engineering and technical capacity will ensure long-term sustainability.

Everything the Caribbean needs is within reach – there is no time to waste. With decisive action, coordinated regional leadership, and strategic partnerships, the region can turn its natural abundance into energy security, lower electricity bills, and a more resilient future.

The UK stands ready to partner with the Caribbean. Through the Global Clean Power Alliance, we’ve agreed on a concrete Caribbean action plan for 2026–2028, providing on-demand UK private-sector and technical ex-

pertise to tackle key barriers and attract the investment needed for progress towards clean-energy .

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Expression of Interest (EOI) Consulting Firms

[Note to Firm: Insert signed Cover letter in a format of your choosing]

General Information

Project Country	Antigua and Barbuda
Project Number (if applicable)	Not Applicable (N/A)
Project Name	Integrated Solid Waste Management Preparation Project
Specific Assignment Name	Consultancy Services for a Feasibility Study, Detailed Design and Integrated Solid Waste Management Strategy for Antigua and Barbuda
EOI Identification Number (if applicable)	N/A

I. Consulting Firm Information

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

A. Brief Background of Consulting Firm

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

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

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

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

Name of Firm	Country of Registration	Joint Venture (JV) or Sub-consultant (SC)	Name of Authorised Representative EOI Submitted by	Position of Authorised Representative
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C. Brief Background of JV partner(s) or SC firm(s)

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

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

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

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

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

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

We confirm that: (please check)

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

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

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

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

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

Please provide relevant project information in the Sections below.

A. Project References

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

i. Project Summary

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

PN 1	
Project Title	
Country/Region	

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

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

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

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

PN 2	
Project Title	

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

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

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

B. Financial Capability

i. Financial Documents

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

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

(Please check)

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

ii. Financial data

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

Table 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

V. List of existing commitments

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

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

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

VI. EOI Attachments

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

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

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

VII. Governance and Eligibility¹⁶ Declaration

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

- Understanding: We have read the Request for Expressions of Interest, including the draft terms of reference (TOR), for this assignment.
 - 1. Governance:**
- No Conflicts of Interest: Neither the consulting firm nor its JV member or SC or any of its experts prepared the TOR for this activity and have no conflict of interest in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.17 Conflict of Interest.
- No Conflicts of Interest: None of the members of our entity are subsidiaries of and/or dependent on the Client, Executing Agency or the Implementing Agency or individuals related to them and do not have an unfair competitive advantage in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.18 – 5.20 Unfair Competition.
- Suspension and Debarment: We, the lead entity and JV member or SC along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the proposed services, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by CDB or subject to a public debarment by an MDB which is a signatory to the Agreement on Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions. Further, we are not ineligible under the Employer's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council. Neither the consulting firm nor the JV member or SC has ever been convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime related to corruption, fraud, collusion, coercion, or obstruction.
- Suspension and Debarment: We understand that it is our obligation to notify CDB should any member of the entity become ineligible to work with CDB or other MDBs, in the context described in the above point, or be convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime as described above and in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.25-5.27 Prohibited Practices.

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

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

2. Eligibility:

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

Signature:

Authorised Representative

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

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

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

National abattoir set to resume operations this summer after years of reconstruction

Dominica's long-awaited national abattoir is expected to be fully operational by early summer, marking a major milestone in the country's efforts to strengthen food security, reduce import dependence, and revitalize the livestock sector.

General Manager of the National Abattoir, Michael Etienne, gave the update during a recent site visit to the Layou Park facility, expressing confidence that the project is now in its final stretch.

"Today is critical," Etienne said as teams assessed the facility's readiness. "It tells us what is working, how it is working, and it also tells us that the work that we have been doing is sufficient to commission this abattoir as soon as possible... We think and we believe wholeheartedly, 100 percent, by the time June comes around farmers will be up and producing, the abattoir will be up and running full strength and the whole industry will be revolutionized."

He added that while there is a possibility the facility could be ready before June, the government is targeting the start of summer to ensure all systems—including the pig and poultry lines—are fully operational and compliant with hygiene and safety standards.

The abattoir's journey has been marked by significant setbacks and renewed investment over the past decade.

2012–2015: The original facility, financed by the Government of Venezuela, was constructed to modernize meat processing and provide farmers with a reliable market. Testing began in 2015, with capacity for 1,000 birds per hour and 50 pigs per day.

2017: Hurricane Maria devastated the Layou Park facility, rendering it inoperable and halting local meat processing. The loss underscored Dominica's vulnerability and deepened reliance on



imported chicken and pork.

2024–2025: The Government of Dominica signed a series of contracts to rebuild the abattoir to modern, global standards. A major EC\$6.4 million investment was announced, with additional funding allocated to support farmers through resilient pen construction, feed production planning, and livestock expansion.

January 2025: During the signing ceremony for the new abattoir, Permanent Secretary Ryan Anselm confirmed the upgraded facility would maintain its capacity of 1,000 birds per hour, requiring each participating commercial farm to produce at least 5,000 birds per cycle. The ministry's strategy includes working with 20 commercial farmers to meet national demand.

2026: By early 2026, government officials reported the project was 90% complete, with commissioning expected by mid-year.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit emphasized that the abattoir is central to Dominica's broader strategy to cut its food import bill and empower local farmers.

"Chicken parts are a major import in Dominica," Skerrit noted. "Our efforts in the medium term are to slash this import by 50 percent and eventually get to 100 percent self-reliance."

He added that Dominica can become fully self-sufficient in whole chicken production, with chicken parts to fol-

low as production scales.

Skerrit also highlighted that the new facility features more modern, advanced equipment than the previous Venezuelan-funded plant, enabling higher-quality meat processing and improved food safety standards.

Etienne confirmed that farmer training is ongoing to ensure the sustainability and viability of the supply chain.

"We have targeted the farmers that used to be there for the old abattoir... There are new farmers who are excited that will be vetted to produce for the abattoir," he said.

The Ministry of Agriculture has already provided building materials and labour support to over 200 farmers to construct resilient livestock pens, part of a broader EC\$7.5 million investment in livestock development.

Once operational, the abattoir will process both pork and poultry, offering farmers a stable market and consumers a reliable supply of hygienic, locally produced meat. The government expects the facility to significantly reduce imports, stimulate rural income, and modernize Dominica's agri-food sector.

With final checks underway and farmer training intensifying, the Layou Park abattoir is on track to reopen this summer, nearly nine years after Hurricane Maria forced its closure. (Dominica News Online)

SVG will face no penalties for rejecting U.S. deportees

Caribbean countries will not be forced to accept third-country refugees or deportees from the United States, Minister of National Security St Clair Leacock confirmed.

Addressing discussions from the recent RSS meetings regarding the US relocation of third-country nationals to selected Caribbean states, Leacock clarified the arrangement's parameters.

"If you do not want and you did not accept, there would be no penalty," Leacock stated, emphasizing that individual countries have complete autonomy to accept or reject the relocations.

For individuals who are accepted, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will support their immediate needs, such as food, shelter, and medical care for up to one week.

During this time, the IOM will counsel them on voluntary return to their home countries or to another accepting nation.

The US expects receiving countries to provide an appropriate immigration status, but the duration and specific legal conditions of their stay remain entirely up to the domestic laws of the receiving Caribbean country. (St Vincent Times)



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THE REGISTERED LAND ACT, CAP 374

Section 34 of the Act

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REPLACE LOST OR DESTROYED LAND CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application was filed in the Land Registry on the ^{15th} day of ~~June~~ ^{June}....., 2025 by Cosbert Cumberbatch of Cumberbatch & Associates of Upper Long Street, St. John's, Antigua on behalf of **BRENDA JAMES**, the Applicant herein for the replacement of Land Certificate No. ⁷⁶⁶996/89 Dated the 28th, day of February, 1989 issued to **BRENDA JAMES**, being the owner of the above-mentioned property, which has been lost or destroyed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that anyone who objects to the issue of a new Land Certificate or who has knowledge of the original Land Certificate must within the period of one (1) month from the Second Publication of this notice in the newspaper inform the Registrar of Lands in writing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the absence of any objection or information as to the existence of the original Land Certificate within the time specified the Registrar of Lands may proceed to cancel the original Land Certificate and issue a new Land Certificate in its place without further notice

Dated the ^{22nd} day of ^{September} 2025

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 Registrar of Lands

Regional News

Trinidad and Tobago Police Service website faced shutdown due to non-payment to service providers

Homeland Security Minister in Trinidad, Roger Alexander, confirmed on Wednesday that the website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) was shut down in February following the non-payment to service providers.

Alexander told the Senate that the website “experienced a period of unavailability during the month of February and extended into March, early March 2026” and that Police Commissioner, Allister Guevarro, had advised that “the interruption arose in circumstances where there were outstanding payments to the external service provider responsible for hosting and maintaining of the website”.

He said this included an invoice relating to service rendered in 2025 and a subsequent invoice for 2026.

“I am advised that the matter has since been addressed and the website ... has now been restored to service,” Alexander said, adding that with the website undergoing upgrades and maintenance work, certain features, including the crime statistics portal, are temporarily unavailable.

“Upon completion of this upgrade, the data validation process, the statistics will be published on the official website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and made accessible to the public in the usual manner,” Alexander said, adding that the TTPS and the providers are working at this time in order to upgrade the system.

“As soon as this is completed, all information will be handed over to members of the public,” Alexander said, providing crime statistics for the period January and February of this year.

“Based on information provided by the Commission of Police, the provisional total number of criminal offences, serious criminal offences reported across all police divisions in between



January 2026 is 725, and from Febru-

ary 2026 it is 479.

“The provisional total number of serious criminal offences detected across all police divisions in January 2026 is 212, and for February 2026, 85,” Alexander said, reiterating that these figures are provisional as of March 2, this year.

He said the figures remain the subject of verification and finalisation by the Crime and Problem Analysis Branch of the TTPS. (Jamaica Gleaner)



PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

APUA Managing Increased Leaks as Water Production Remains Stable

ST. JOHN'S Antigua, April 2nd, 2026 – The APUA Water Business Unit is advising customers that there has been an increase in reported leaks across the network. This is largely due to the demands being placed on an aged pipeline system as we continue to deliver higher volumes of water to meet national needs.

We wish to reassure customers that water production is not a challenge at this time, with average daily production exceeding 9 million imperial gallons. However, we are fully aware of the realities of a network that has been in place for decades and will require time, planning, and significant investment to modernise.

Our teams remain actively engaged in identifying and repairing leaks, advancing pipeline upgrade projects, and closely monitoring production and distribution across the system.

In addition, several important improvements are progressing behind the scenes. These include the introduction of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to enhance remote monitoring and control, the expansion of storage capacity, ongoing refurbishment of a storage tank at Crabbs, and preparations for the installation of a new 3.2 million imperial gallon reverse osmosis plant at the former Tango site in Crabbs.

While we understand that service disruptions can be inconvenient, we want to assure our customers that we remain committed to providing a reliable water supply and improving the overall system.

In the interim, customers are encouraged to support these efforts by practising water conservation and storing adequate supplies where possible.

We thank you for your patience, continued support, and understanding.

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Baby shot dead in pram in New York City, police say

A seven-month-old girl was shot and killed while sitting in her pushchair in “broad daylight” in New York City, police have said.

Police believe the baby was the unintended victim of a suspected gang-related shooting.

Footage from the scene shows two men driving against the flow of traffic through the Williamsburg neighbourhood of Brooklyn when a man sitting on the back of the motorbike takes out a gun and fires “at least two rounds”, New York City Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch told a news conference.

The bike then crashed and the suspected shooter was apprehended, but a “massive” manhunt was under way for the driver, she said.

“A life that had barely begun was taken in an instant,” New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani said.

“Today is a devastating reminder of how much more work there is to be done to combat gun violence across this city.”

Several adults and children, two of whom were in buggies, had been on a street corner when the shooting occurred on Wednesday.

The seven-month-old’s parents ran for cover in a nearby shop, where they realised their child had been shot, the BBC’s US partner CBS reported.

“All the kids started ducking in the corner. The family went to the store and the mom started screaming when



she noticed the baby was bleeding from [her] head,” witness Bernius Maldonado told CBS.

Footage from inside the shop, published by the New York Post, shows the moment the child’s mother is about to pick up the infant and notices the injuries.

The mother then becomes hysterical, and starts jumping up and down with her hands clasped behind her head.

Emergency services were called at 13:21 local time (17:21 GMT).

The child was taken to nearby Woodhull Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Police reported no other people killed or injured in the incident.

“As a mother, I cannot imagine the pain that this family is feeling or the grief that they now carry with them,”

Tisch said. “It is unspeakable.”

Footage seen by police showed the suspects crashing into a car shortly after fleeing the scene.

Both suspects were thrown from the moped - but the rear passenger landed so hard he lost “both of his shoes”, Tisch said.

An ambulance was called for the injured man who was brought to Brooklyn Hospital, where he was then taken into police custody.

Investigators say they believe he fits the description of the shooter, based on the clothing he was wearing and his appearance, but he was taken into custody as part of an unrelated investigation.

No one has been charged in connection to the shooting. (BBC)

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UK and allies discuss sanctions to stop Iran blocking Strait of Hormuz

The UK and its allies have agreed to explore using sanctions to pressure Iran into reopening the Strait of Hormuz, according to Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper.

Representatives from more than 40 countries took part in a virtual summit on Thursday billed as the beginning of efforts to assemble a coalition capable of ensuring security in the Gulf shipping channel.

Cooper said Iran has been able to “hijack” the international shipping route to “hold the global economy hostage” following the talks, which the US was not involved in.

Iran has attacked several vessels in response to the war waged against it by the US and Israel, disrupting energy exports and sending global fuel prices soaring.

Cooper noted the focus of the talks was on diplomatic measures as opposed to military options, adding the countries want to use “every possible diplomatic, economic and coordinated measure” to reopen the Strait.

She said this includes increased pressure through the United Nations, exploring the possibility of sanctions to “bear down on Iran if the Strait remains closed” and working with the International Maritime Organisation to ensure the first stranded ships can get moving again.

The foreign secretary said: “Iran’s closure of the Strait of Hormuz is a direct threat to global prosperity.”

Cooper highlighted its importance in several areas, including trading routes for Gulf nations, energy exports to Asia and fertiliser supplies for farming in Africa.

She added: “Iran is trying to hold the global economy hostage in the Strait of Hormuz. They must not prevail.

“To that effect, partners today called for the immediate and unconditional reopening of the Strait and respect for



the fundamental principles of freedom of navigation and the law of the sea.”

On Wednesday, US President Donald Trump said it was for other nations to “build up some delayed courage” and reopen the route.

Trump said allies “should have done it” earlier, adding: “Go to the Strait and just take it. Protect it. Use it for yourselves.”

Washington has repeatedly accused allies of not doing enough to secure the shipping route or to support its war effort, leaving the UK and other nations weighing how to contribute to securing the strait without becoming involved in the wider war.

Cooper, speaking after Thursday’s talks concluded, said the government was acting in the UK national interest, with decisions “not based on any other country’s priority or anything in terms of the US or other countries”.

French President Emmanuel Macron said it was “unrealistic” to reopen the Strait using military force, saying: “It is never the option we have chosen.”

Speaking during a visit to South Korea, he said: “This can only be done in concert with Iran. So, first and foremost, there must be a ceasefire and a resumption of negotiations.”

Downing Street has not released a full list of attendees at Thursday’s talks but the US was not expected to send a representative.

Countries which signed a joint statement in mid-March calling on Iranian forces to halt attacks against commercial ships were expected to take part, including some Gulf nations, as well as France, Germany, Japan, Australia and others.

The statement says: “We express our readiness to contribute to appropriate efforts to ensure safe passage through the Strait.

“We welcome the commitment of nations who are engaging in preparatory planning.”

The talks come a day after Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said the UK was “exploring each and every diplomatic avenue that is available” to reopen the route.

He also said British military planners would consider what could be done in the future to “make the Strait accessible and safe after the fighting has stopped”.

At the same time, governments around the world are weighing how to respond to cost-of-living pressures triggered by rising energy prices.

About a fifth of the world’s oil and gas passes through the Strait of Hormuz.

The price of a barrel of Brent crude, the global benchmark for oil prices, has jumped from \$73 (£55) to well over \$100 in recent weeks. (BBC)

Refugee's death after release by US immigration authorities ruled homicide

The death in the US of “nearly blind” refugee Nurul Amin Shah Alam, who was found outdoors in freezing temperatures days after his release from federal immigration custody, has been ruled a homicide in New York state.

The Erie County Medical Examiner's Office said Shah Alam's death in the city of Buffalo was caused by “complications of a perforated duodenal ulcer, precipitated by hypothermia and dehydration”.

The designation of homicide may include negligent acts or omissions, the local officials said. It does not imply intent to cause harm or death, or indicate criminality.

In response, a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) spokesman told the BBC it was “another hoax being peddled by the media and sanctuary politicians to demonise our law enforcement”.

“This death had NOTHING to do with Border Patrol,” the spokesman said, adding that Shah Alam died almost a week after he was released by Border Patrol.

The body of Shah Alam was found on 24 February - five days after agents dropped him off at a coffee shop.

Afterwards, Shah Alam, a Rohingya refugee from Myanmar, was described by Buffalo Mayor Sean Ryan, a Democrat, as “a vulnerable man - nearly blind and unable to speak English”.

Fellow Democrats gave further reaction on Wednesday. Shah Alam's death “should not have happened”, Erie County executive Mark Poloncarz told reporters. “The death was one that we believe could have been prevented.”

New York Governor Kathy Hochul said every individual involved in the man's death “must be held fully accountable”.

Erie County District Attorney Mike Keane and New York State Attorney General Letitia James said their offices were reviewing the facts.

The 56-year-old refugee died from an ulcer “precipitated by our body's physiologic response to severe stress”, county health commissioner Dr Gale Burstein



told reporters. She said one symptom of a perforated ulcer was severe pain.

Officials could not comment on whether Shah Alam had history of an ulcer or had been treated for one because of the confidentiality of medical record. The autopsy report could not be released to the public according to law, Poloncarz said.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which oversees CBP, said in a previous statement that Shah Alam had shown “no signs of distress, mobility issues or disabilities requiring special assistance” when he was dropped off.

The department added: “Border Patrol agents offered him a courtesy ride, which he chose to accept to a coffee shop, determined to be a warm, safe location near his last known address, rather than be released directly from the Border Patrol station.”

Shah Alam was found dead nearly 6 miles (9.7km) away from the shop.

The temperature in Buffalo averaged 35F (2C) on the day he was released, and dropped to an average of 20F by the day he was found dead, according to the National Weather Service.

In its response on Thursday, CBP also said Shah Alam had a “violent criminal rap sheet”.

Shah Alam had been arrested by local police in February 2025 after an incident in which two officers sustained minor injuries, the district attorney said. It was as a result of this incident that Shah Alam ultimately ended up in the custody of federal agents.

One of Shah Alam's children, Mohamad Faisal, told Reuters that his father's arrest last year had been due to a misunderstanding with police officers.

His father, he said, had been out for a walk and was using a curtain rod as a walking stick. When Shah Alam got lost and walked onto the property of a Buffalo resident, they called the police.

Shah Alam could not understand police commands to drop the curtain rod and he was arrested, Faisal said.

Video from body-worn cameras released by Buffalo police shows the man holding two black rods when officers appear, and repeatedly saying “sorry”. When he does not drop the rods after repeated requests to do so, the officer deploys tasers and he walks forward swinging the rods until one officer wrestles him to the ground.

The refugee had only been in the US for a few months prior to his arrest, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo said.

On 9 February of this year, Shah Alam pleaded guilty to two misdemeanours - possession of a weapon and trespassing. He was released from jail on 19 February when his bond was posted.

As part of that case, US immigration authorities had placed on him a detainer, which is a request for someone who is a non-US citizen to be taken into their custody if they are released.

After taking him into their custody, the federal authorities released Shah Alam after finding he entered the US as a refugee and was not subject to deportation, DHS said.

He was dropped off at a Tim Horton's shop near his last known address, according to the Legal Aid Bureau charity, which added that his family no longer lived there or in that part of the city.

Shah Alam's son told Reuters the family was not notified of when or where he had been dropped off.

According to police, his lawyer reported him missing on 22 February. Two days later, a passer-by found his body on the street. (BBC)

GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PREPARATION PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, DETAILED DESIGN, AND INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – FIRMS

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

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

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

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

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

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

¹ *Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programmes that would further expand the number of eligible countries or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Antiguans off to contest CARIFTA Aquatics Championships



Head coach Wayne Mitchell, right, and assistant coach Nelson Molina Fojo, left, and members of the Antigua and Barbuda team that will participate in the 39th CARIFTA Aquatics Championships in Martinique during the Easter Holiday weekend. (Photo courtesy of the ABSF)

A 14-member team has departed to represent Antigua and Barbuda at the 39th CARIFTA Aquatics Championships in Martinique during the Easter Holiday weekend.

The 39th CARIFTA Swimming Championships will be held from April 3 to 8 at the Pierre Samot Community Aquatic Centre in Le Lamentin, marking the second time Martinique hosts this premier multi-sport event that will feature the top young swimmers from 22 Caribbean countries.

Two swimmers, Kaylee Warner and Alyssa Watkins, will compete in the girls 11 to 12 category, while Christopher Walter will contest the boys 11 to 12 division.

Anya De Gannes and Keziah Joseph will participate in the girls 13 to 14 category, while Alessandro Bazzoni, Jamie Tranter, and N'Yriq Weste will compete in the boys 13 to 14 division.

Representing Antigua and Barbuda in the girls 15 to 17 category will be Ellie Shaw, Madison MacMillan, and Selah

Wiltshire.

Completing the team are Reuben Edwards, Jai Sindhi, and Esprit Shaw, who will all compete in the boys 15 to 17 division.

The swimmers are accompanied by team manger Lisa MacMillan, head coach Wayne Mitchell, assistant coach Nelson Molina Fojo, chaperones Ayedele Warner and Daniela Casmiro-Shaw, and technical official Dr. Absaton Afi Williams.

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More wins for Canadians at Gillian Brazier Basketball Tournament



Players of the Dover Tigers listen to their coach prior to the start of their match against the Wings Mystic of Antigua on the third day of the 20th Gillian Brazier Basketball Tournament at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. (Photo courtesy of the CPTSA Wings)

The Canadian teams continue to reap success on the third day of the 20th Gillian Brazier Basketball Tournament at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday evening.

The women teams brought high energy and national pride to the court, highlighted by the “Battle of the Canadians” and the “Battle of the Caribbean.”

The opening game featured the first all-Canadian matchup of the tournament, as the Maple Marauders snatched a narrow 48-47 victory over the Canucks in a thrilling contest.

Reese Burleigh led all scorers with an outstanding 22 points for the Canucks, while teammate Grace Gordon added 13 points in a strong supporting performance.

Hayley McMillian was clutch for the Maple Marauders, knocking down deep three-pointers to contribute 13

points. In a game that remained tight until the final moments, the Marauders edged out the Canucks with a narrow one-point victory.

The second game saw the Cyclones of Antigua suffering a 29-87 loss against the defending champions, the Stingers.

It was a night of offensive firepower for both teams’ stars; Lena Mills delivered an impressive 25-point performance for the Cyclones, while Hailey Fennema answered with an even stronger 27 points for the Stingers.

Backed by their offensive momentum, the Stingers dominated the matchup and secured an impressive win by a 58-point margin.

The Dover Tigers of Barbados got sweet revenge by surging to a commanding 59-22 victory over the Wings Mystic of Antigua in the final game of Wednesday’s triple-header.

If the Wings Mystics were thinking that they would dominate the Dover Tigers of Barbados like they did last tournament, that was a deadly thought, as the Bajans returned this year to deliver a humiliating defeat on the Antiguan host team in the anticipated “Battle of the Caribbean” showdown.

Myniya Haynes led the Tigers with a remarkable 24-point performance, helping her team romp to their emphatic 37-point victory against the Antiguan host team.

The Wings Mystics’ erratic offensive moves and complacent defense causing numerous turnovers were worrying to the coaches and spectators alike.

Despite the loss, the Wings Mystics showed a bit of grit through captain Jodaliah Constant, who snatched eight steals, and Aliana Jack with a notable contribution of seven points from the free throw line.

With rivalries intensifying and stand-out performances across the board, the tournament will continue to deliver exciting basketball action with another triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Good Friday.

The Maple Marauders will face the Stingers in an all-Canadian affair at 5:45 pm, the Canucks will meet the Wings Mystic at 7 pm, and the Cyclones will clash with the Dover Tigers at 8:30 pm.

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Guydadli Jets move closer to securing Second Division League title

Leaders Guydadli Jets maintained their unbeaten run to move closer to winning the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League on Wednesday.

The Guydadli Jets notched up their 15th win in 17 matches with a 10-0 drubbing of Earthquakes FC at the Fort Road playing field.

Imani Joyce scored a late second-half hat trick with conversions in the 80th, 85th, and 89th minutes. There were also double conversions by Michael Peters and Terroy Ponde.

Peters scored in the 11th and 26th minutes to give the Guydadli Jets a two-nil lead at halftime, while Ponde had conversions in the 58th and 67th minutes.

The other goals were scored by Keyondre Hewlett in the 46th minute, Ivan Grant in the 73rd minute, and Jace Bright in the first minute of added time.

The result allows Earthquakes FC to remain in 16th place with eight points after crashing to their 14th defeat in 18 matches. It also allows the Guydadli Jets to open up a six-point lead at the top of the Second Division by advancing to 47 points.

It means the Guydadli Jets just need to win one of their remaining two matches to clinch the title and gain automatic promotion to the ABFA's First Division next season.



The Guydadli Jets football team

The Young Lions of Old Road, who are in third place with 39 points from 16 matches, can only get a maximum of 48 points by winning their remaining three matches.

The other contenders, Kelton Dalso Real Blizzard, who are currently in second place with 41 points from 17 matches, can only attain a maximum of 47 points by winning their remaining two matches.

The Point West Ham jumped from 12th to 10th place on goal difference by claiming their seventh win in 15 matches with a 1-0 victory against North Coast Academy Juniors at Radio Range.

Following a goalless first half, Jonte Wyre broke the deadlock by scoring the only goal of the match in the 77th minute to snatch victory for Point West Ham.

The result allows Point West Ham FC to advance to 25 points, the same as the Urlings Golden Stars, who remain in ninth place on goal difference, having played 17 matches.

It means the North Coast Academy Juniors wrapped up their campaign currently in fifth place on goal difference with 33 points after losing for the sixth time from their quota of 19 matches.

Sixth-placed Blackburn Palace also have 33 points from 18 matches.