

Border Security: A Regional Concern

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Delegates attending the 29th Conference of CARICOM Comptrollers of Customs and Chiefs of Immigration spent Day 2 of the conference in closed door sessions discussing improvements in border security arrangements across the region

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The 29th conference of CARICOM Comptrollers of Customs and Chief Immigration Officers convened for Day 2 on Wednesday with delegates moving their discussions behind closed doors.

Conference sources said the meeting was divided into two groups with the customs officials and immigration heads meeting in separate caucuses. According to the sources the discussions that took place behind close doors were wide-ranging and covered several areas that are highly sensitive.

Of concern to the immigration chiefs was the establishment of a regional framework for voluntary and involuntary removals from the respective jurisdictions. They also considered the management of vulnerable cases as well as what are referred to as 'agency triggers'.

These discussions went into the night on Wednesday as the delegates seek commonality in their approach to the sensitive yet important aspects of effective border control.



On Thursday, several of the international partners and vendors will make presentations to the conference.

Attending the conference are Comptrollers of Customs and Chief Immigration Officers from the CARICOM Region. Representa-

tives from CARICOM IMPACS, the International Organisation for Migration and the United Nations Refugee Agency as well as suppliers of equipment for effective border controls are all attending the conference taking place at the Royalton Hotel at Deep Bay.

Water Production to Reach 14 Million Gallons Daily by Year's End



Governor General Sir Rodney Williams

Government is expected to increase daily potable water production to 14 million gallons before the end of the year, according to Governor General Sir Rodney Williams during Tuesday's Throne Speech presentation.

Addressing the joint sitting of Parliament, Sir Rodney highlighted water security as one of the most significant challenges facing small island developing states, particularly amid prolonged drought conditions, climate change pressures and growing demand from residents and the tourism sector.

He said the Antigua Public Utilities Authority has increased potable water production from 3.5 million gallons daily in 2014 to 11 million gallons daily at present through the addition of four reverse osmosis plants, and announced that production is projected to rise even further to 14 million gallons daily before the close of the current calendar year.

Despite the gains in production, the Governor General acknowledged that delivering water consistently to communities remains a major challenge

because of the country's ageing pipe

infrastructure.

He explained that old pipelines frequently leak or burst when pressure is increased, making widespread replacement necessary across St. John's and several villages.

Sir Rodney noted that the extensive pipe replacement programme has caused frustration among residents and motorists due to damaged roads, dust, mud and uneven surfaces created during excavation works.

However, he appealed for public patience as the Government continues the infrastructure upgrades.

"Every farmer knows, if you wish to plant crops, you must first plough the earth," Sir Rodney stated, adding that the Government is committed to completing the necessary works to improve water delivery nationwide.



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Antigua and Barbuda represented at LAC and NDE Forum in Belize



An officer of the Department of Environment participated in the just-concluded 2026 Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) National Designated Entities (NDE) Forum and Capacity Building for System Transformation Programme in San Ignacio, Belize.

Garth Simon of the Department of Environment, attended on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda's National Designated Entity (NDE) under the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Hosted by the Government of Belize and organized by the UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the forum brought together government representatives, climate technology experts, development partners, financial institutions, and regional organizations from across Latin America and the Caribbean to strengthen collaboration and accelerate climate

resilience initiatives throughout the region.

The forum focused on scalable climate technology solutions and system-level approaches to climate action, particularly in support of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. Discussions explored emerging technologies and innovative solutions including artificial intelligence for climate forecasting, drone technologies, climate data systems, digital transformation, and nature-based approaches such as mangrove restoration and ecosystem protection.

A key component of the programme included capacity-building sessions centered on the water-energy-food nexus, aimed at helping countries better integrate climate resilience into national planning and development strategies.

During the forum, Simon actively participated in technical discussions, collaborative breakout sessions, and

networking engagements with regional and international stakeholders. The engagement provided an opportunity for Antigua and Barbuda to exchange experiences, identify partnership opportunities, and explore innovative climate technology solutions relevant to the country's sustainable development and resilience priorities.

The forum also facilitated dialogue with major international financial institutions and climate financing entities, including the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the World Bank, highlighting opportunities for technical assistance, technology transfer, and investment support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The Department of Environment continues to strengthen Antigua and Barbuda's participation in regional and international climate initiatives, particularly in areas relating to climate resilience, environmental data systems, technology deployment, and sustainable development. Participation in forums such as the CTCN NDE Forum supports ongoing national efforts to build institutional capacity, enhance climate adaptation planning, and accelerate the implementation of innovative climate solutions across Antigua and Barbuda.

The 2026 Forum comes at a critical time as countries across the region intensify efforts to respond to increasing climate impacts and advance the deployment of climate technologies through stronger regional cooperation and knowledge-sharing.

Antiguan Woman Convicted in UK Over Stepdaughter's 1978 Scalding Death

A woman of Antiguan and Barbudan heritage has been convicted in the United Kingdom for the manslaughter of her five-year-old stepdaughter nearly 48 years after the child died from severe burns suffered in a scalding bath.

A jury at Isleworth Crown Court on Tuesday found Janice Nix, 67, guilty of the manslaughter of Andrea Bernard and of child cruelty against Andrea's older brother, Desmond Bernard.

According to reports from the BBC, Andrea suffered devastating burns to nearly half of her body on 6 June 1978 at the family's home in Thornton Heath, south London. The child died in hospital five weeks later, on 13 July 1978.

For decades, Andrea's death was officially treated as an accident and no criminal prosecution followed. However, the case was reopened after Desmond Bernard approached police in 2022 and disclosed details of the abuse he and his sister allegedly suffered as children.

Nix was arrested at an airport in February 2025 as she returned to London from Antigua. She was charged the same day with Andrea's manslaughter and with cruelty toward Bernard between October 1975 and June 1978.

During the trial, Bernard gave emotional testimony detailing years of abuse at the hands of Nix. He told jurors he was regularly beaten with belts, burned with cigarettes, bitten and even forced to eat cat food.

Bernard said Nix often assaulted the children for what he described as trivial matters, including failing to fold clothes "to her standards."

He described living in "constant fear" and said he never told anyone about the abuse because he believed he would be punished even more severely.

Recalling the events of 6 June 1978, Bernard testified that Nix became enraged after Andrea ignored instructions not to leave the house and to as-



Janice Nix

sist with cleaning chores.

The court heard that Nix shouted at

Andrea in an "extremely loud" voice before beating her.

Bernard said he later heard bath water running and listened as Andrea repeatedly cried that the water was too hot.

"I could hear Janice shouting 'get in the bath' and I could hear Andrea saying 'the bath is too hot mummy'," Bernard told jurors.

"I heard screaming and splashing. Then I heard the screaming stopped."

He testified that he later entered the bathroom and saw Nix holding Andrea's limp body wrapped in a towel while calling for the child to wake up.

Bernard said Nix instructed him to tell authorities that Andrea's injuries had been an accident and promised she would stop beating him if he operated.

"I lied, I told everyone that story," he told the court.

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Andrea Bernard

Asked why he maintained the false account for so many years, Bernard replied: "Because I didn't feel protected, I just wanted it to stop."

Police investigators said inconsistencies in Nix's account quickly emerged once the case was reopened.

Prosecutors revealed that Andrea's death had never been properly investigated in 1978. Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor David Malone said the original inquest into the child's death lasted only half a day.

Malone described the prosecution as one of the oldest homicide cases handled by the Crown Prosecution Service in London and noted the significant difficulties investigators faced in reconstructing events almost five decades later.

Many of the original investigators, witnesses and medical experts involved in the 1978 proceedings had since died, while modern forms of evidence such as CCTV footage, mobile phone records and digital communications did not exist at the time.

Malone said the prosecution relied heavily on Bernard's testimony and expert reconstruction of Andrea's burn injuries, which contradicted Nix's explanation of events.

He also noted that delayed disclosures are not uncommon in abuse cases, with some victims taking decades

before feeling able to come forward.

Before her conviction, Nix had publicly spoken about her criminal past and rehabilitation in Britain.

Known in London's drug trade as "Mama J," Nix authored a memoir detailing her life as a notorious drug dealer before later claiming to have turned her life around after serving time in prison.

In a 2021 BBC interview, Nix described her struggles rebuilding her life after incarceration and said she faced depression because her criminal record made it difficult to keep a job.

She later became a probation officer and in 2016 appeared before a UK government select committee to discuss the challenges former offenders face when attempting to reintegrate into society.

"I felt that society was not forgiving, even though you try your hardest to

show people that you have changed," Nix said during that appearance.

Following Tuesday's verdict, Desmond Bernard issued a statement saying the convictions brought "justice and accountability" for the "horrific and tragic events" surrounding his sister's death.

He said no court outcome could undo the pain experienced by his family but expressed hope that the case would encourage victims of abuse to report their experiences, no matter how much time has passed.

"While no verdict can bring Andrea back or undo the impact and pain this has had on myself and my family, I hope today's outcome sends a clear message that such actions have consequences and that victims should never be afraid to come forward," Bernard said.



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SJA Retains Secondary School Debate Series Title



Saint Joseph’s Academy emerged winners of the 2026 Caribbean Union Bank Inter-Secondary School Debate Series on Tuesday for a second consecutive year, staving off competition from Sir Novelle Richards Academy.

Team SJA, the opposition, included William Christian and Horatio Reynolds who debated the Moot: ‘CARICOM offers the best option for Member States to maintain their sovereignty’, while Pete Charles and Amariah Canoville of SNRA served as the proposition.

The final encounter of the series held at The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, was described by Chief Judge Ercil Charles Jr. as one that was robust and spirited. He applauded both teams for their presentations that were well researched and convincing.

“Almost every point that was made this evening, the debaters brought some sort of evidence. There was some, whether it was a journal article, a book, an organisation, someone to whom they spoke, ambassadors etc.,” Charles noted.

He said every aspect of CARICOM was examined by both teams, with local, regional, international, and historical perspectives included. The Chief Judge credited trainers and everyone else that

played a role in adequately preparing the students for competition.

“We really want to applaud all the trainers and debaters who put these excellent scripts together.”

The teams were also commended for their deliveries and the work that was done in preparation for rebuttals.

According to the adjudicators, Tuesday evening’s final encounter “was a comparison between a team that had the better prepared presentation, and a team that had the better rebuttal.

In the end, team Saint Joseph’s Academy triumphed with a score of 83 points.

Sir Novelle Richards Academy amassed 78 points.

Pete Charles was adjudged the better speaker for the proposition, while William Christian was the better speaker for the opposition. He was also named the overall best speaker for the finals.

A total of 17 schools participated in the 2026 Caribbean Union Bank Inter-Secondary School Debate Series, which is organised by the Education Broadcasting Unit of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and led by Education Officer Alicia Knowles.

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Indian Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini Arrives in Antigua and Barbuda

The Indian Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini arrived Wednesday at St. John's Port, Antigua and Barbuda, on a port call from 27–31 May 2026 as part of its overseas deployment to Europe and the United States for participation in various Tall Ships Races/ events and the International Naval Review / SAIL 250 commemorative events in the United States.

This stop at the St. John's Harbour is one of several that have been planned for the vessel en route its US engagements.

Cdr. Ravikanth Nandoori and his crew received a warm welcome from distinguished officials of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, representatives of the High Commission of India in Georgetown, Guyana, concurrently accredited to Antigua and Barbuda and the Honorary Consul General of India in Antigua and Barbuda.

It was also welcomed by Brigadier Benjamin, Chief of Defense, accompanied by his officers, Port Manager, Darwin Telemaque, and some members of the Indian diaspora in Antigua and Barbuda. Media houses were also present to witness the docking of the ship.

“The reception of ship reflected the close and friendly relations between India and Antigua and Barbuda and the growing maritime cooperation between the two countries.

“During the port call, a number of engagements and activities have been planned, including official interactions between the In-



dian Navy delegation and representatives of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, professional exchanges, outreach activities and events aimed at strengthening people-to-people ties and enhancing bilateral maritime cooperation,” Honorary Consul General for India, Vijay Tewani reported.

He added that the visit of STS INS Sudarshini underscores the longstanding friendship between India and Antigua and Barbuda and reaffirms India's commitment to strengthening cooperation and interoperability with partner countries in the Caribbean region.

ECAB Bank To Close Its Woods Legacy Branch



The Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB) has announced the pending closure of its legacy branch located in the Woods Mall. The closure takes effect from June 1, next Tuesday.

In a statement to customers, ECAB said to ensure minimal disruption to their banking activities, it asks that customers take note of the updated service arrangements following this closure. “Please be assured that we are committed to providing a smooth transition and maintaining seamless, convenient service across our branch network and digital channels,” the statement noted.

BRANCH SERVICES:

Full banking services including ATM services will continue to be available at the following locations:

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To facilitate this transition, customers are asked to contact the Woods Branch at 268-480-3921 or email info@ecabank.com to confirm their

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The time has come for solidarity with Cuba.



By Sergio Martinez Gonzalez.

Cuban Ambassador in Antigua and Barbuda.

Under the important and decisive leadership of the People's Republic of China, in its capacity as current President of the United Nations Security Council, an open debate on **“Upholding the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Strengthening the UN-Centered International System”** was held at UN Headquarters last Tuesday. The meeting was attended by a large number of countries represented at the United Nations.

Never before in recent times, has been so crucial for all humanity the struggle for peace and peaceful coexistence among states, the observance of international law and compliance with the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter, including respect for sovereignty and the right to self-determination of peoples, the respect for the sacred right to life, among others. At this important gathering, the vast majority of

those participants raised their voices in favor of building a just and democratic multilateral international order based on the sovereign equality of all countries, regardless of their size or level of development.

On behalf of the Cuban people, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla reiterated his condemnation of the inhumane impact that the strengthening of the economic, financial, and commercial blockade imposed by the US Government against Cuba for more than 64 years has had on the lives of more than 10 million Cubans, and especially the most recent measures taken by the current administration of Donald Trump, including those aimed at preventing the entry of a single drop of oil into Cuba, seeking total economic strangulation and to cause the greatest possible level of hardship in the lives of Cubans. He emphasized how the oil or energy blocked that the United States applies to Cuba is equivalent in its effects, to a naval blockade, which is an act of war and genocide. It subjects the Cuban population to conditions that threaten its integrity and existence, and constitutes a cruel and indiscriminate “collective punishment” that today causes deaths, as is reflected, in the doubling of the infant mortality rate from 4.0 to 9.2 per thousand live births, or the reduction of the life expectancy of children with cancer from 85 to 65%.

This is an unprecedented and completely unjustified unilateral aggression. Through intimidation and “secondary” sanctions, applicable to third parties, the United States government seeks to force all states to

participate, against their will, in its atrocious measures against Cuba, or to maintain a complicit silence in the face of this cruel policy.

Cuba denounced the very real threat that exists today that United States Government, using vile pretexts, could carry out a military intervention with the long-held objective of what they call a “regime change” and destroying the Cuban Revolution. Such aggression would provoke a bloodbath. Thousands of Cubans would die defending their homeland and sacred values and ideals, and young Americans would also perish, without a cause or ideal to defend, dragged into violence by an imperial, neo-fascist policy of domination, plunder, and conquest.

We reiterate our call to the governments and peoples of the world, and especially to our Caribbean brothers, with whom we share indestructible historical ties of brotherhood and friendship, to raise their voices in a sovereign manner and denounce the attempts by the US Government to try to subjugate a small nation through genocidal policies of economic and social strangulation, and to unequivocally reject the threats to impose its imperial interests of domination by military force.

Echoing the words of Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez and on behalf of the Cuban people, we humbly ask that the time has come for solidarity with Cuba, a country that has always been supportive of everyone, never hesitating to put aside risks, sometimes deadly; nor its own interests or material shortages.



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Statement on the Passing of Sir Aziz Hadeed, KCMG, CBE

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Wednesday, 27 May, 2026—Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (The UWI), Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, issues the following statement on the passing of Sir Aziz Hadeed, Chairman of The UWI Five Islands Campus Council.

Within the short time span of graduation cycles, Sir Aziz Hadeed secured a reputation as a solid and passionate champion of The UWI's mandate in Antigua and Barbuda, and beyond.

He came to us as Chairman of the Five Islands Campus Council and from the outset established the operational foundations for the effective discharge of official duties. As the institution's governance head, he brought strategic clarity to thinking and actions, leaving behind a distinct dignity that now surrounds the discharge of duties.

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor C. Justin Robinson, and I came to respect and celebrate him as a lover of education who relished in the academic development of the youth. We admired his commitment to social justice and his passion for philanthropy. His impact on the University culture was considerable. We all benefited from his wisdom and friendship. We shall miss his mind and his calming manner.

On behalf of the UWI family, I offer condolences to his family and friends. Together we shall celebrate the outstanding contributions of his life.

May his soul rest in peace.



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‘It was always the intent’

Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness on Tuesday confirmed that the Western Children’s Hospital in Montego Bay, St James, will be named in honour of former Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller, who conceptualised the facility.

Holness made the declaration on Tuesday during a ceremony at 1F North Street in downtown Kingston where the main building of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security was renamed the Portia Simpson-Miller Building during Workers’ Week observances.

That ceremony followed another at the National Heroes Circle, where the Ministry of Labour and Social Security’s main building was dedicated to the late former Labour Minister Lynden Newland.

Holness said “it is only proper” that the Western Children’s Hospital bear Simpson Miller’s name as she first announced plans for major Chinese-funded infrastructure and hospital construction projects in August 2013. She returned to Jamaica to outline these plans after securing significant loans and grants with the Government of China during an official state visit to Beijing.

“It was always the intent. The hospital should be named in her honour, and it will be done,” Holness said while going off script during his keynote address.

“I had expressed that directly to the family, and, internally, we had also discussed it. We were just waiting until the hospital was finished and ready at the appropriate time to say that.”

The announcement came moments after Opposition Leader Mark Golding argued that more should be done nationally to honour Simpson Miller’s contribution to Jamaica.

“Her legacy is wide-ranging,” Golding said, while pointing to her stew-



ardship of Jamaica during a difficult economic period.

“As prime minister, from January 2012 to March 2016, she oversaw the successful implementation of an extremely challenging financial programme,” he said.

Golding also praised Simpson Miller’s work in strengthening overseas employment programmes, saying that she ensured that Jamaicans who travelled abroad for work remained represented at home.

“Big up, Sister P! Your legacy is solid,” Golding declared to applause.

The 80-year-old Simpson Miller, Jamaica’s first female prime minister and a former labour minister, was absent from Tuesday’s ceremony because of health challenges. Her grandniece accepted the honour on her behalf.

In his keynote address, Holness described Simpson Miller as “a Jamaican whose public life has been defined by perseverance, compassion, courage, and deep connection to the Jamaican people”.

“The naming of this building in her honour is, therefore, a proper tribute,”

he said.

“It recognises not only the former prime minister, but the servant whose political life was rooted in people. It recognises a woman who rose through institutions that were not always easy for women and who, by rising, blazed the path for others.”

Holness said Simpson Miller broke barriers that stood for far too long.

Labour Minister Parnell Charles Jr said Simpson Miller’s life “was defined by unstinting service to the people of this country”.

“When you think of Portia Simpson Miller, you think of working, working, working,” Charles said.

Charles noted that whether or not one supported Simpson Miller’s political views, everyone was proud to see her become prime minister.

Earlier in the day, Government officials gathered at 14 National Heroes Circle for the dedication of the Lynden G. Newland Building.

Newland, who served as labour minister between 1962 and 1972, is regarded as the “father of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS)”.

The ceremony coincided with the 60th anniversary of the NIS.

Speaking at the ceremony, Culture Minister Olivia Grange said Newland “raised his voice in the Parliament of Jamaica as well as in the Cabinet” on behalf of workers.

“He had witnessed the riots of the 1930s and became a part of the trade unions and political party movements established in that pre-Independence period when Jamaican workers staged their fervent desire for better working conditions,” Grange said.

Holness said Newland’s creation of the NIS reflected a philosophy that “the worker mattered, not only in youth and strength, but also in old age”.

“The National Insurance Scheme gave form to a simple but resonant idea that labour must carry dignity and that dignity must be protected across the cycle of life,” he said.

The prime minister, however, triggered a political response after declaring that “the NHT (National Housing Trust) was born out of the NIS”.

“Surprisingly, too, they know it through the NHT. Yes, the NHT was born out of the NIS,” Holness said.

Golding later sought to rebut the assertion during the second ceremony, pointing instead to the role played by former Prime Minister Michael Manley in the creation and expansion of the NHT.

Holness later defended his position, arguing that Jamaica’s labour and housing institutions evolved together as the country became “more structured, more organised, more urbanised/urbanized, and more corporatised”.

Acting Permanent Secretary Dione Jennings said the ceremonies formed part of a national initiative to recognise Jamaicans “whose outstanding contributions have significantly advanced national development and public service”.

Meanwhile, Holness also told the gathering that the name Portia Simp-

son Miller Square in Three Miles, St Andrew, will be restored in short order.

The name was removed to facilitate the development of the overpass in the area.

Holness said the Government is considering naming the overpass in Simpson Miller’s honour but had not yet settled on a name for the area.

Following yesterday’s confirmation by Andrew Holness that the Western Children and Adolescent Hospital

would be renamed in honour of Simpson Miller, the People’s National Party released a statement, welcoming the decision.

St James Central caretaker Janice Allen said: “For years, I have publicly advocated for this hospital to bear the name of Portia Simpson Miller because I firmly believe history must properly record and recognise those whose leadership laid the foundation for national development.” (Jamaica Gleaner)

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Calls grow for Saint Lucia to enforce death penalty following killing of young mother

Public debate surrounding capital punishment has intensified in Saint Lucia following the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old mother whose body was discovered inside a vehicle earlier this week.

Authorities confirmed that the woman, identified as Joy St Omer, was found dead in the driver's seat with multiple gunshot wounds.

A press release shared that her estranged husband, named in a Franceinfo article as Primus Toussaint, later surrendered to police, while an online petition demanding the reinstatement and active enforcement of the death penalty quickly gained traction, attracting more than 5,000 signatures.

Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre expressed sorrow over the incident in an official statement.

"I am deeply saddened and disturbed by the tragic loss of Joy St Omer, whose life was taken in an act of violence," Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre said, adding "too often, disagreements and emotional pain end in violence when they should end in conversation, understanding, and peaceful resolution.

"No disagreement should ever end in violence. We must learn to talk to each other, seek help, walk away when necessary, and resolve conflict without violence," Pierre said, while also urging public commentators and influencers to avoid "sensationalism and emotion".

"Every woman, every person deserves to feel safe in their country. Every family deserves peace. Acts of violence must be met with accountability and justice, because no family should have to endure this kind of pain."

The prime minister stated that al-



though the government respects the independence of the judiciary, "we hope that the people who take these decisions are not mute to what is happening in society generally. Government will continue to strengthen prevention, justice and rehabilitation."

Opposition Leader Allen Chastanet also condemned the killing in a statement shared on social media.

"What troubles me even more is hearing the voice note now circulating, where threats were made against her life. We cannot continue to dismiss threats, intimidation, and emotional abuse as 'relationship problems' or private matters. Too often, the warning signs are there, and too often, we wait until it is too late."

Chastanet also directed a message to young men, saying, "strength is not found in control, anger, or violence.

"Real strength is found in discipline, respect, patience and the ability to walk away when emotions become dangerous. No woman belongs to you. No disagreement, heartbreak, or rejection justifies violence."

The Royal Saint Lucia Police Force confirmed that Toussaint surrendered to officers at the Criminal Investigations Department after police responded to the shooting on Wednes-

day night.

Investigators also disclosed that there was already an active protection order in place for the victim against the suspect at the time of the incident.

"There was an existing protection order in favour of the victim against the suspect at the time of the incident. Additionally, there was an active matter before the court concerning alleged breaches of that protection order," police said

According to the police, the suspect had previously been arrested after a report was made to the Anse La Raye Police Station on Sunday involving allegations of assault. Officers charged him with harm, threatening words, and violating the protection order.

Police said Toussaint initially appeared before the First District Court, where bail was denied, but he was later granted bail by the High Court.

Meanwhile, the Change.org petition argues that although the death penalty remains part of Saint Lucia's Criminal Code, decades without executions have weakened its impact due to judicial rulings and international pressure.

The petition claims that enforcing capital punishment for murder and other serious crimes would serve as a deterrent against violent offences, including gang-related killings, while offering justice and closure to affected families.

"We do not make this request lightly. We make it out of love for Saint Lucia and a desire to see our communities thrive in peace once again. By signing this petition, we declare that enough is enough," the petition stated. (Dominica News Online)

Caribbean tourism leaders to gather in New York for Caribbean Week 2026



Senior tourism officials and government representatives from across the Caribbean are set to converge in New York City for Caribbean Week in New York 2026, described as one of the region's leading tourism industry events.

The annual gathering, organized by the Caribbean Tourism Organization, will begin on Monday, June 1, and coincides with the start of Caribbean American Heritage Month, as per a press release. This year's activities will be hosted at the InterContinental New York Times Square under the theme "One Caribbean: Infinite Experiences."

Leading the high-level delegation will be Albert Bryan Jr., Natalio Wheatley and Ian Gooding-Edghill, alongside tourism ministers, commissioners, directors and industry executives from across the region.

Dona Regis-Prosper described Caribbean Week as an important opportunity for regional collaboration and tourism planning.

"Caribbean Week in New York is

a critical platform for collaboration, strategy development and celebration of our region's tourism industry," said CTO Secretary-General Dona Regis-Prosper. "We are delighted to welcome Governor Bryan, Premier Wheatley, Minister Gooding-Edghill and senior tourism leaders from across the Caribbean as we highlight the strength, resilience and infinite potential of our destinations."

Governor Bryan, the ninth elected governor of the United States Virgin Islands, is expected to address attendees during the opening ceremony on June 1.

Premier Wheatley will take part in a featured discussion titled "Around the Caribbean in 60 Minutes" alongside the CTO Council of Ministers, while Minister Gooding-Edghill is scheduled to deliver the conference's opening keynote presentation.

The week-long programme will include meetings, workshops, networking sessions and industry events focused on tourism leadership, destination marketing, air connectivity,

sustainability, inclusive tourism and innovation within the regional tourism sector.

The release share that other scheduled activities include a full-day marketing conference, the Caribbean Media Awards, the CTO Foundation Scholarship Awards Luncheon, the debut of CTO TV, a tourism marketplace for media and travel professionals, an allied members showcase breakfast and the launch of a new supply-side tourism initiative for the Caribbean.

Caribbean Week 2026 has reportedly attracted support from a wide range of regional and international sponsors. Platinum Elite sponsorship comes from the United States Virgin Islands, while Gold Elite sponsors include Antigua and Barbuda and the British Virgin Islands.

Additional sponsors include The Bahamas, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Global Ports Holding, Grenada, Sandals Resorts, SITA, Barbados, Sojern, Travel & Adventure Show and Trove Tourism Development Advisors.

Contributing sponsors include Bay Gardens Resorts, Carnival Corporation in partnership with Acordis International Corp., Diamonds International, Expedia Group, Sunrise Airways, Travel Unity, TREFLE and Virgin Voyages.

The Regional Nex-Gen Tourism Showcase is being supported by the Inter-American Development Bank and Royal Caribbean International. (Dominica News Online)

Five people found alive after week trapped in flooded Laos cave



Rescuers in Laos have found five villagers alive inside a flooded cave after they were trapped for a week following heavy rain and landslides.

Two other villagers who were with them are missing, Lao and Thai rescue teams involved in the operation said.

The seven were part of a group of villagers from the central province of Xaysomboun who had gone into the cave on Wednesday last week in search of gold deposits and wildlife, but could not get out as the cave's entrance was blocked.

Footage shared by the rescuers showed cave divers crawling through narrow, muddy passageways that were almost completely flooded.

Bounkham Luanglath of the Lao organisation Rescue Volunteer for

People told the Associated Press the search for the missing would continue.

"I'm still shaking," he said in a voice message. "Our team made it happen."

The cave system, which extends deep underground, is also extremely narrow, with some chambers measuring only about 50cm (20in) wide, rescuers say.

"We've found five people alive and all safe," Laotian rescue group Rescue Volunteer for People said in a social media post.

"There are still two people we are searching for."

Thai rescuer Kengkach Bangkawong said on Facebook that the villagers had been found at 16:30 local time (09:30 GMT).

Specialist rescue diver Mikko Paasi from Finland said earlier on Wednesday that rescuers needed to "navigate hundreds of metres of constant restrictions, flood waters, collapse hazards and high risk of contaminated air quality" inside the cave, which he called an "abandoned gold mine".

He estimated the seven people were trapped around 300m (984ft) from the exit.

The villagers entered the cave, about 120km (75 miles) north of the capital Vientiane, last Wednesday, state media said.

"The area is not owned by anybody," Laotian rescuer Baeng, who requested one name be used for security reasons, told AFP news agency. "Locals usually go there to dig holes and look for food."

Kengkach was part of the team that helped bring 12 young Thai boys and their football coach to safety after they were trapped for two weeks inside a flooded cave underneath a mountain in Thailand's Chiang Rai province in 2018.

The extraordinary rescue involved more than 10,000 experts from around the world and drew intense global attention.

Several films and documentaries have been made based on it, including the feature film *Thirteen Lives* and the documentary *The Rescue*. (BBC)


 An advertisement for Curry House restaurant. The background shows several bowls of different curries and dips. The text "Curry House" is written in a large, stylized red font. Below it, the text "Open Daily - 12:00pm - 10:30pm" is displayed. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and a phone number: (268) 736-7165. The word "ANTIGUA" is also visible in the bottom left corner.

One killed and nine missing after chemical explosion at US paper mill

At least one person has been killed and nine others are still missing after a major chemical explosion at a paper mill in Washington, authorities said.

The explosion occurred at 07:15 PDT (15:15 GMT) at the Nippon Dynawave Packaging facility in Longview, 130 miles (210km) south of Seattle.

A further nine people have been injured in the spill, including eight employees and one firefighter, the Longview Fire Department said Tuesday evening, adding that the tank remains unstable.

The explosion occurred due a “rupture of a tank containing white liquor”, the company said in a statement. White liquor is a highly corrosive chemical used in the paper-making process.

“Recovery efforts remain complex due to ongoing safety concerns at the site,” the fire department said in an evening update.

“Currently, the tank remains unstable, creating hazardous conditions for emergency personnel,” the statement continued. “Responders are continuing efforts to structurally reinforce and stabilize the site before additional recovery operations can safely proceed.”

While investigators originally believed the tank contained about 80,000 gallons (300,000 litres) of white liquor, officials later said it held approximately 900,000 gallons (3,406,000 litres).

About 90,000 gallons (340,000 litres) “may remain inside the damaged tank”, the fire department said.

Cowlitz Fire and Rescue Chief Scott Goldstein said during an earlier news



conference that 10 people had been injured and transported to hospital.

Nine of the people injured are employees at the factory, and one is a firefighter, Goldstein said at the time. Their injuries range from “critical severe to minor”, and include burn and inhalation injuries. The company statement said there were “multiple critical injuries”.

The scene is stable, the chief said, but the public should stay away from the area as firefighting efforts continue. He said the fire does not pose any threat to the larger community.

“The scene remains in the recovery phase as emergency responders continue operations,” the Longview Fire Department said in a statement.

“No identifying information regarding injured or deceased individuals will be released at this time pending notification of family members.”

White liquor is an alkaline chemical containing sodium hydroxide and sodium sulfide.

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson said state ecology workers have been sent to the site to assist local of-

ficials.

“I’m deeply saddened to hear that there have been fatalities,” Ferguson said in a statement.

“My thoughts are with the workers and their families, and with the first responders.”

According to local media, the Nippon Dynawave Packaging facility was also the scene of a major fire in July 2023, when piles of wood at the site burned for days.

The plant makes tissues, printer paper, cups, plates, cartons, and other goods, according to CBS, the BBC’s US partner. It employs 1,000 people, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The explosion comes as officials in California say a chemical tank that threatened to explode has now been rendered safe.

The tank in Orange County contains a plastic-making chemical, and its possible explosion led to an evacuation order affecting 50,000 people.

Officials in Washington say no evacuation order is needed. (BBC)

UN says Ebola response in DR Congo faces challenges amid rising suspected cases



Health officials and humanitarian agencies are continuing efforts to respond to the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where suspected infections and deaths continue to rise.

According to information provided by the World Health Organization, more than 900 suspected Ebola cases and approximately 220 suspected deaths have been recorded in the country.

A spokesperson for the United Nations Secretary-General has reported that WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced he would travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo as the response effort intensifies.

In a social media update, Dr. Tedros said the WHO and 55 humanitarian partner organisations are operating in affected communities and continue providing essential health services, including treatment for acute malnutrition.

The spokesperson explained that WHO teams are supporting national authorities across multiple areas of the response, including contact tracing, case management, infection prevention and control, laboratory strengthening, treatment centre operations, community outreach and public risk communication.

However, the UN also warned that insecurity and violence continue to complicate operations in some of the hardest-to-access areas affected by the outbreak, limiting the ability of response teams to reach vulnerable populations.

Working alongside the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Na-

tions, and humanitarian partners are reportedly continuing to expand emergency operations while also addressing broader humanitarian and healthcare needs in impacted communities.

“Funding remains urgently needed, as well as sustained and safe access so that responders can be protected from the Ebola virus; so that they can provide protection and care to affected communities; and to allow humanitarian teams to deliver aid and a full package of healthcare services to the communities in need,” concluded the UN spokesperson. (Dominica News Online)



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Shallow confronts financial pressures, unveils ambitious roadmap for CWI

Cricket West Indies (CWI) president Dr. Kishore Shallow used the platform of Saturday's Trinidad T20 Festival final at Queen's Park Oval in St. Clair, Port-of-Spain, to deliver a frank appraisal of the regional body's immediate challenges and an ambitious outlook for the months ahead.

Presenting the tournament winners and accepting thanks for his service to West Indies cricket, Shallow outlined how CWI plans to navigate chronic financial pressures while staging a packed home schedule that includes Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Pakistan.

"Things are positive," Dr. Shallow stated. He singled out the recent first-class competition for its encouraging signs, a renewed contest between bat and ball and the emergence of consistent performers.

But optimism, the president warned, must be tempered with realism. CWI is working under significant budgetary constraints, and that reality has forced the board and management to be innovative in format design and event planning.

"Government will come and government will go," he said. "We have to build something that is sustainable and our revenue streams have to be multi-dimensional, not just asking for sponsorship."

Yet he stressed the board will continue to pursue corporate partners vigorously. The financial tightrope is particularly visible when hosting incoming tours. Matches against top cricketing nations such as India, England, or Australia can be lucrative, but series against other touring teams often present the challenge of merely breaking even.

"We aim to at least break even," Shallow said, noting the need to balance fiscal prudence with the obligation to present top-class international cricket to regional fans.



Dr. Kishore Shallow

Despite constraints, the cricket calendar ahead is compelling. The home season begins in Jamaica with Sri Lanka and will be followed by New Zealand and Pakistan fixtures, some of which will be staged in T&T.

"We are looking forward to it," Shallow said. Preparations are already underway, with a training camp in Antigua ahead of the Jamaica series. Players are ready. Management is working hard to ensure we deliver."

Venue options and logistics have taken on greater importance in the new environment. Shallow praised Coolidge and the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua as valuable hubs that, together, provide practice and match facilities capable of hosting multiple formats.

He also confirmed ongoing talks with the governments of Guyana and Barbados to split the New Zealand series across venues, a solution his administration is pursuing to both share international cricket more widely and manage costs.

"It is looking quite favourable," he said, commending the Guyanese and Barbadian governments for stepping

forward.

Originally, Barbados was not assigned any international cricket in 2026, but talks between the Barbados and Guyana governments are looking at shifting some matches to Barbados from the South American mainland.

On the international front, balancing formats will be a priority as CWI looks toward the ODI World Cup and the biennial T20 World Cup cycle. Shallow said discussions with head coach Daren Sammy and the board have emphasised long-term planning—player workload management, selection windows, and a strategic blend of ODIs and T20s.

"There will be some focus on the 50-over tournament," he said, but added the region must also maintain a healthy T20 schedule given its global calendar.

Support for the technical team and coaches is a consistent theme. Shallow offered full backing for head coach Sammy, as well as the CEO and staff at the Antigua secretariat, framed as a collective effort to restore West Indies cricket to consistent success.

Big guns set to descend on Caribbean as CPL eyes star-studded 2026 edition



CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Cricket fans across the region can expect some familiar faces in this year's Caribbean Premier League (CPL), which is shaping up to be a fireworks display of international talent, with tournament organisers promising a slew of "big names" ahead of the upcoming season.

In an exclusive interview with Mason and Guest, Peter Miller, PR Manager of the CPL, revealed that fans can expect a flurry of player announcements within weeks, and a distinct Kiwi flavour to boot.

"I'm hopeful that it'll be in the next two to three weeks, and we'll be able to start releasing those names," Miller said. "Ideally, everyone will know everybody who's coming by July, for certain."

The delay, Miller explained, is a symptom of the modern game's relentless schedule.

"As I'm sure you know, the cricket calendar doesn't get any less congested, right? Teams need to find players that not only fit the skill sets they're looking for, but also guys that are going to be available for the whole of the event. So that takes a

little bit of work."

One nation, however, appears poised for a Caribbean takeover. "I suspect we'll have a few Kiwis this time because they've acquired a ton," Miller teased.

"There are some really fun players kicking around there. That'll be quite exciting."

While Miller remained tight-lipped on specific names, he hinted that tantalising signings are already locked in behind the scenes.

"There are a few names I've been told, which I think will excite peo-

ple, but I'm not allowed to tell you just yet. I'll get in trouble."

Crucially, the CPL itself is no longer in the business of player recruitment, a departure from the tournament's early years.

"There was a time, way back when, CPL ran a couple of the teams because they didn't have owners at the time," Miller recalled.

"But now all of the teams are in private hands, so that's very much taken care of by the teams. We find out about who the players are when the teams are ready to tell us."



West Indies and Ireland square off in T201 tri-series opener



Players of the West Indies women's team

Ireland Women and West Indies Women square off on Thursday in the first match of the six-match Ireland T20I Tri Series, a series that also involves Pakistan and serve up as practice to the upcoming 2026 Women's T20 World Cup in England.

The venue for the first T20I match is Castle Avenue Cricket Ground, Dublin, Ireland, and the scheduled start is at 11 am (Caribbean time).

The West Indies Women hold a dominant 8-0 record against Ireland Women in WT20I's going into Thursday's series opener.

One-time World Cup champions, West Indies Women, begin their preparation for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup against Ireland Women.

After missing out on the ODI World Cup last year, the Windies Women have restructured their squad with some changes to their batting and bowling.

The West Indies Women haven't had the best of starts to 2026, as they lost their last five T20I matches played, including a 3-0 series loss against Australia and a 2-0 series loss against Sri Lanka, both coming at home. In all five

matches, the main talking point was the poor batting performance, where they failed to either set up a good total or chase one down.

Captain Hayley Matthews (97 runs in 3 matches) and Qiana Joseph (56 runs in 3 matches) have provided solid starts at the top throughout, while it is the middle order that hasn't been able to capitalize.

Deandra Dottin has been the lone warrior for them, but the emergence of Chinelle Henry as a power hitter gives the Windies much-needed firepower, and the comeback of Stafanie Taylor also helps.

Bowling has been an area of concern, especially in the fast bowling department, with Henry being the only primary strike bowler, while Aaliyah Alleyne and Jannillea Glasgow haven't been at their best. The spin department looks more experienced, where Afy Fletcher (100 wickets in WT20Is) and Karishma Ramharack will be key.

Ireland Women enter the opening match of the tri-series looking to make home conditions count at Castle Avenue, Dublin. Even without regular captain Gaby Lewis, who is being

rested due to a leg injury, Ireland still possess a balanced squad filled with multi-dimensional players capable of competing against stronger sides.

Orla Prendergast will lead the side in the tri-series, and much of Ireland's hopes will rest on their ability to start aggressively with the bat while using seam-friendly conditions effectively with the ball.

Ireland's batting unit revolves heavily around Amy Hunter and Orla Prendergast at the top. Hunter has been one of Ireland's most reliable T20 batters over the last year, scoring 397 runs in 14 matches and has carried that form into 2026, accumulating 111 runs in 4 matches.

The middle order depends on experienced players like Laura Delany and Leah Paul to stabilise innings if early wickets fall. Ireland are usually at their best when they score quickly inside the powerplay because their middle order prefers building partnerships rather than pure late-over hitting.

Ireland's bowling attack is built for home conditions. Arlene Kelly and Ava Canning can generate movement with the new ball, while Cara Murray's leg-spin provides wicket-taking threat during the middle overs.

Orla Prendergast's medium pace also becomes extremely valuable in Dublin conditions, especially against West Indies right-handed heavy batting order.

West Indies Women Predicted Playing XI: Qiana Joseph, Hayley Matthews (c), Shemaine Campbelle (wk), Stafanie Taylor, Deandra Dottin, Chinelle Henry, Jahzara Claxton, Jannillea Glasgow, Aaliyah Alleyne, Afy Fletcher, and Karishma Ramharack.

Ireland Women Predicted Playing XI: Amy Hunter (wk), Leah Paul, Orla Prendergast (c), Laura Delany, Rebecca Stokell, Lara McBride, Christina Coulter Reilly, Arlene Kelly, Ava Canning, Cara Murray, and Alana Dalzell.

CWI announces 2026 international home season for Windies men

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has officially unveiled the full schedule for the 2026 Men's International Home Series, setting the stage for an electrifying summer of cricket across the Caribbean under its bold new "WI OUTSIDE!" campaign.

The 2026 home season will feature international series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Pakistan, bringing world-class cricket to multiple territories and delivering months of high-energy action for cricket lovers throughout the region.

As part of the finalised schedule, Barbados has been added as a host venue for the One-Day International series against New Zealand, with the final two matches now set to be played there.

CWI CEO, Chris Dehring explained the adjustment, stating, "Cricket West Indies engaged in discussions with the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana regarding logistical challenges associated with hosting the five ODIs.

"Subsequently, the Governments of Guyana and Barbados proposed a collaborative arrangement to share the matches and associated operational costs between the two territories.

"Following consultation with New Zealand Cricket, Cricket West Indies approved the arrangement as part of its continued commitment to delivering a successful and memorable series for players, fans, and the wider Caribbean community.

"Cricket West Indies wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Governments of Guyana and Barbados for their cooperative spirit, flexibility, and swift action in ensuring the series proceeds without disruption."

The summer officially bowls off



in Jamaica with a white-ball series against Sri Lanka from June 3–14, featuring three One Day Internationals and three T20 Internationals. The teams will then travel to Antigua for a two-match Test series scheduled for June 25–29 and July 3–7 at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Attention will then shift to a five-match ODI series against New Zealand, with Guyana hosting the opening three matches on July 11, 13 and 16, before the series concludes in Barbados with the final two encounters on July 19 and 21.

The final leg of the home season will take place in Trinidad & Tobago, where the West Indies will face Pakistan in a two-match Test series from July 25–29 and August 2–6. The series will also mark a historic milestone for the Brian Lara Cricket Academy, which is set to host its first-ever international Test match.

Throughout the season, the "WI OUTSIDE!" campaign will serve as the unifying theme connecting fans and players through immersive match-day entertainment, school and

community outreach programmes, digital fan experiences, exclusive behind-the-scenes content, and interactive fan engagement activities across the Caribbean.

Dehring said the initiative captures the spirit and energy that have long defined West Indies cricket and urged fans throughout the region to fully embrace the experience this summer.

"West Indies cricket has always been about more than what happens on the field. It is about people, passion, culture, pride, and the unmatched energy that comes alive when our fans rally behind the maroon.

"WI OUTSIDE!" is a celebration of that spirit and an invitation to every cricket fan and proud West Indian to come out, fill the stands, wave their flags, and create the kind of atmosphere that makes West Indies cricket special," said the CEO.

"We want this summer to feel like a movement across the region, where fans are fully engaged with the team and part of the experience every step of the way."

Flyers and Ovals Ojays 2 get wins to extend ABBA's playoffs finals

Reigning three-peat champions and top seed EZ Fit Flyers and Cuties Ovals Ojays 2 have extended their respective division finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) playoff championships.

Both teams, who were faced with elimination after losing the first two games in their respective best-of-five finals, send the championships to at least a fourth encounter by winning Game 3 at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday evening.

The Flyers stayed in contention for a fourth consecutive Division 1 playoff title after soaring to an 89-84 victory over the second-seeded Da Project, who now hold a 2-1 advantage in the keenly contested finals.

Kwame Brathwaite sank 22 points and claimed six rebounds; Xavier Meade converted 19 points; Daniel

Perez provided 16 points and five rebounds; Kevin Cox had 10 points and six rebounds; and Adonis Humphreys scored eight points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the Flyers.

Terry Dawkins shot a game-high 25 points along with 10 rebounds and seven assists; Malik Moore sank 21 points and claimed eight rebounds; Cornell Greenwood converted 18 points and secured nine rebounds; and T-Shawn Lewis scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Da Project.

The second-seeded Cuties Ovals Ojays also reduced their deficit by surging to a 79-69 victory over league champions and top seed Cedar Grove Gunners, who now lead the Division 2 playoff finals 2-1.

Jaleyle Joseph achieved a triple-double with 25 points, 15 rebounds, and 11 steals, while also dishing out five as-

sists and blocking four shots. Tajahron Davis sank 24 points and snatched nine rebounds; Orion Seraphine converted 16 points and claimed six rebounds; Yohhan Nicholas provided seven points and eight rebounds; and Najee Simon chipped in with five points and 10 rebounds for Ovals Ojays 2.

Keaddy Martin produced 18 points, five rebounds, and five assists; Shawn Thomas sank 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds; Iornie Joseph provided 12 points, nine rebounds, and five steals; Olivee Morris contributed 10 points, six assists, six steals, and five rebounds; Tyras Grayman converted eight points and grabbed 18 rebounds; and Sergio Symister scored seven points and snatched 11 rebounds for the Cedar Grove Gunners.

Game 4 in both division finals will take place at the JSC Sports Complex on Thursday evening (today).



The reigning Division 1 league and playoff champions, The EZ Fit Flyers.