

# 2026 Queen Contestants unveiled

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**Mural participants:** From left to right: UK Resident Representative, John Hamilton, Director General An-Marie Layne, Stacey Humphreys, Calvin Pilgrim, Lady Williams, CHOGM Goodwill Ambassador Sir Vivian Richards, Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, CHOGM Focal Point HC Karen-Mae Hill and Indian Honorary Consul General Vijay Tewani

# 2026 Queen Contestants unveiled



The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) officially launched the contestants for the highly anticipated **2026 Queen of Carnival Competition** during the inaugural broadcast of *Carnival Pulse* on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Produced by the **Point Broadcasting Network**, *Carnival Pulse* is Antigua Carnival's newest weekly television programme, bringing viewers the latest Carnival news, exclusive interviews, contestant features, promotional activities, event highlights, music, and entertainment updates. The programme promises to provide regular pulse checks on everything Antigua Carnival 2026.

The highlight of the evening was the official unveiling and sashing ceremony of the seven delegates who will compete for the coveted Queen of Carnival crown. Each contestant was proudly presented by her sponsor and officially sashed with the support of the reigning Queen of Carnival, **Ms. ACB Caribbean Kia Kirwan**, who joined sponsors on stage in welcoming the delegates into this year's competition.

The delegates competing for the title of **Queen of Carnival 2026** are:

- ▶ **Denesha Samuel** – Miss LIAT Air
- ▶ **Keneshia James** – Miss AllMart
- ▶ **Queenela Williams** – Miss Antigua Port Authority
- ▶ **Christine Powell** – Miss ACB Caribbean
- ▶ **Shavessa Gasper** – Miss Exotic Antigua
- ▶ **Aaliyah Taylor** – Miss Cool & Smooth
- ▶ **Zaine Frederick** – Miss Furniture Gallery

Minister with responsibility for Carnival, **Hon. Dwayne George**, “Congratulations to each of our delegates. As you embark on this remarkable journey, remember that each of you is already a queen in my eyes. Carry yourselves with confidence, grace, and pride as you represent your sponsors, your communities, and our nation.”

Chairperson of the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission, **Ambassador Elizabeth Makhoul**, “We are delighted to welcome our new sponsors to the *Queen of Carnival* family and sincerely thank our returning sponsors for their continued partner-

ship. Your investment demonstrates confidence in the vision of the Commission and in the development of one of Antigua Carnival's most prestigious platforms for young women.”

Sub-Chairman of the Queen of Carnival Committee, **Dr. Eldean Eudelle**, shared the vision for this year's production, “This year's production, *Rhythm of a Queen*, will celebrate the many rhythms embodied by women, strength, leadership, culture, elegance, resilience, transformation, and purpose. Our seven delegates are more than contestants; they are ambassadors of grace and confidence. We encourage them to embrace this journey, carry their culture with pride, and allow their unique rhythm to shine.”

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission invites the public to support the delegates on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, when Carnival City comes alive with an unforgettable evening of grace, beauty and intelligence. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Tickets for reserved seating are EC\$50.00, and for the stands EC\$30.00. Where every rhythm tells a story and one queen will rise above the rest.

## Chief of Surgery at SLBMC Gains International Recognition

Dr. Vonetta George, Chief of Surgery at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious Global Doctor, Innovation and Leadership Award 2026, presented by the Caribbean Global Awards.

Among the first to offer congratulations to Dr. George, was the Minister of Health, Wellness, Environment and Civil Service Affairs, Hon. Michael Joseph.

Dr. George's recognition places her among a distinguished group of healthcare professionals from across the Caribbean and internationally who have been acknowledged for their excellence in medicine, innovation, and leadership. Her nomination reflects a career dedicated to clinical excellence, patient care, and advancing surgical services in Antigua and Barbuda.

Minister Joseph praised Dr. George's accomplishment, noting that her achievement is a source of pride for the nation.

"Dr. Vonetta George's selection as a finalist for this prestigious international award is a tremendous accomplishment and a reflection of her unwavering commitment to healthcare excellence. As Chief of Surgery at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to improving the lives of countless patients. On behalf of the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda, I extend heartfelt congratulations and wish her every success at the awards ceremony."

The Ministry also recognizes Dr. George's contribution to strengthening the country's healthcare sys-



**Dr. Vonetta George, Chief of Surgery at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre**

tem and her role as an inspiration to aspiring medical professionals throughout Antigua and Barbuda.

Her nomination highlights the calibre of healthcare professionals

serving the nation and underscores the important work being undertaken at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

The winner of the Global Doctor, Innovation and Leadership Award 2026 will be announced at the Caribbean Global Awards Gala, scheduled to take place on September 26, 2026, in London, United Kingdom.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness, Environment and Civil Service Affairs joins the staff of the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre and the wider public in celebrating this significant achievement and wishing Dr. George continued success in her professional endeavors.



  
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## Antigua and Barbuda's leadership in Eye Health showcased at Global Summit in Kenya

Antigua and Barbuda's advocacy for equitable access to eye health and vision care is continuing to gain global recognition, with Senior Diplomat Claxton Duberry detailing the country's work in this crucial area of public health at the 2030 In Sight Live Conference in Kenya.

Speaking at the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) meeting, held from June 4–6, Duberry addressed a distinguished audience of government officials, health leaders, development partners, private sector representatives and civil society stakeholders on Antigua and Barbuda's progress in this crucial area of health care. He highlighted Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to ensuring that quality eye care services are accessible to all.

The session, "Positioning Eye Health as a National Priority: From Strategy to Systems," explored how countries can translate global commitments into sustainable national action.

Duberry's address was warmly received by delegates, who welcomed Antigua and Barbuda's ongoing and practical efforts in transforming eye health from an international advocacy issue into a national development priority.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Duberry highlighted the visionary leadership of Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne and Ambassador Sir Walton Webson, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, whose collective efforts have positioned Antigua and Barbuda as a global champion for eye health and vision care.



*Senior Diplomat Claxton Duberry*

Central to his presentation was the Prime Minister's "Vision Project," a transformative national initiative built upon three key pillars. The first of these pillars is Expanding Access to Eyeglasses, where a project is well underway to distribute thousands of near-vision glasses to citizens and residents. The second pillar, Building Sustainable Eye Health Capacity, is an investment in training, workforce development, and strengthening local eye care systems.

Meantime the third pillar, a Blindness Free Zone Initiative, is a comprehensive and visionary community-based model. It is designed to eliminate preventable blindness and vision impairment through early detection, treatment, access to surgery, and integrated eye care services.

Duberry noted that this initiative has already secured approximately US\$90,000 in specialized ophthalmic equipment, facilitated more than 25,000 hours of professional train-

ing opportunities for local health-care personnel, and secured 25,000 near-vision eyeglasses to support nationwide outreach efforts.

"The Blindness Free Zone is not simply a healthcare programme, it is a development model that demonstrates how political commitment, strategic partnerships, and community engagement can improve quality of life while strengthening national systems," Duberry stated.

Duberry also underscored the significance of the Global Eye Health Summit in Antigua and Barbuda, which will be convened on the sidelines of the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The Summit is expected to bring together governments, development agencies, private sector leaders, philanthropies, and civil society organizations to mobilize commitments, strengthen accountability, and accelerate progress toward the global eye health targets for 2030.

## Patient Mistreatment Claims Under Review at SLBMC



The management of Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre has launched a “thorough review” of the alleged mistreatment of a patient who was recently under the care of the public health institution.

It comes after the daughter of the former patient, chronicled the series of events in now viral video on social media.

The woman, who said her mother suffered a stroke, recounted the alleged poor treatment that was received from at least one orderly, continued in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and extended to the ward. She also chronicled the treatment her and her father received when they attempted to seek answers from some of the healthcare providers.

Despite the stresses they endured, the former patient’s daughter was clear to point out that it was not all bad news, outlining the kindness and care shown on the part of some employees.

In the video that has been viewed thousands of times and was also shared, the woman called for an urgent

review of the operations at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, including the level of care provided to patients by the hospital’s employees.

Following backlash from some members of the public, SLBMC issued a statement last Friday acknowledging the video on social media in which it assured the public at large that it takes all concerns expressed about professionalism, care, and patient safety seriously.

“While patient confidentiality and privacy obligations prevent us from commenting publicly on specific cases, we can confirm that a thorough review into the full timeline of care has been initiated,” the statement outlined. “Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre remains committed to providing safe, compassionate care, and we will take any necessary actions to ensure our standards are upheld.”

The hospital also stated its intention to engage the aggrieved family to ensure that their concerns are adequately addressed.

Since making the post, the woman

has confirmed that the family was contacted by hospital officials, and they are anticipating a favourable outcome.

Further, Minister of Health, Michael Joseph, has reached out to the family, with the woman expressing appreciation that he took the time to listen to their experience at SLBMC, and was empathetic, while at the same time committing himself to improving patient care.

“I truly appreciate the understanding, compassion, and professionalism shown during our conversation. It was reassuring to know that our concerns were heard and that steps are being taken to review the situation and implement meaningful improvements.

“My intention in speaking out was never to criticize for the sake of criticism, but to raise awareness in the hope that positive changes could be made for all patients and families who rely on our healthcare system. Knowing that our concerns have been acknowledged and that efforts will be made to address them means a great deal to me and my family,” she concluded.

## Minister of Social and Urban Transformation, Hon Rawdon Turner remarks in observance of Centenarian Week



*As we observe Centenarian Week in Antigua and Barbuda, I pause to reflect on the extraordinary men and women who have reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years and beyond.*

*Our centenarians are more than witnesses to history—they are living history. They have endured hardship, celebrated triumphs, raised families, built communities, and helped shape the nation we proudly call home.*

*Their lives tell stories of resilience,*

*sacrifice, faith, determination, and love. Through decades of change, they remained steadfast, providing guidance and wisdom to generations that followed.*

*As Minister of Social and Urban Transformation, I want every centenarian and every elderly citizen to know that you are valued, respected, and deeply appreciated. Your contributions cannot be measured in dollars or statistics. They are reflected in the strength of our communities, the val-*

*ues we uphold, and the opportunities we enjoy today.*

*A society is judged not by how it treats its strongest members, but by how it honours and cares for its elders. That is why our government remains committed to creating communities where our seniors can age with dignity, receive the support they deserve, and continue to play a meaningful role in national life.*

*To our centenarians, thank you for your endurance. Thank you for your example. Thank you for showing us that a life well-lived is one built on perseverance, service, compassion, and faith.*

*You are our national treasures. You are our storytellers, our teachers, our inspiration, and our living legacy.*

*May this Centenarian Week serve as a reminder that while we celebrate those who have reached 100 years, we must also cherish and support all of our elderly citizens every day of the year.*

*On behalf of the Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, I extend my deepest love, gratitude, and admiration to every centenarian and senior citizen across our nation.*

Hon. Rawdon Turner

Minister of Social and Urban Transformation



## Atlee Rodney Receives NOBLE International Presidential Award

Former Commissioner of Police Atlee Rodney has been honored with the National Organisation of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) International Presidential Award, a distinguished recognition celebrating his decades-long contribution to law enforcement and regional security across the Caribbean.

Rodney received the award during the 2026 NOBLE International Training Summit held in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, on 5th June. The presentation was made by NOBLE President, retired Chief of Police Renee Hall, who praised Rodney's outstanding leadership and commitment to advancing law enforcement throughout the region.

In announcing the award, Hall noted that as NOBLE commemorates its 50th anniversary, it was fitting to recognise the importance of international collaboration and the achievements of law enforcement professionals beyond the United States.

She described Rodney as an exceptional member of NOBLE and a law enforcement executive whose legacy of leadership, mentorship, service and regional cooperation has had a lasting and meaningful impact on public safety professionals and communities across the Caribbean and beyond.

Chairperson for NOBLE International Affairs, Trebor Randle, said the award was bestowed in recognition of Rodney's extraordinary leadership and unwavering commitment to law enforcement over more than four decades of exemplary service throughout the Caribbean.



Rodney's distinguished career includes service as Commissioner of Police of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, President of the Caribbean Association of Commissioners of Police (ACCP), and Regional Director on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He currently serves as Deputy Executive Director at the Regional Security System (RSS) Headquarters in Barbados.

Accepting the award, Rodney said he was deeply humbled by the recognition and expressed gratitude to NOBLE for what he described as a tremendous honor from a highly respected organisation.

He also thanked the many individ-

uals and institutions that contributed to his professional development, including his family, mentors, colleagues and organizations that supported him throughout his law enforcement career.

Rodney reaffirmed his commitment to continuing to serve the region and contribute to strengthening safety and security across the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police Everton Jeffers extended congratulations to Rodney, commending his dedicated years of service and describing the international recognition as a proud moment for the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda.

## Tristan Armstrong Charged In Connection With Break-in, Larceny And Malicious Damage

Police have arrested and charged 34-year-old Tristan Armstrong of Tyrells in connection with a break-in at a store on Lower All Saints Road.

Armstrong has been charged with Breaking and Entering and Larceny, Malicious Damage, Resisting Arrest, and Escaping Lawful Custody.

The charges stem from an incident reported on May 29, when police responded to a report of a break-in in progress at Turki and Son Store on Lower All Saints Road.

Several times, including eleven 43-inch JVC televisions, one 32-inch Royal television, two power drills, one vacuum cleaner, and one tool kit were allegedly stolen from the store. All of the items were later recovered by police.

The Police Administration wishes to express sincere gratitude to members of the public for their continued support and cooperation in assisting law



enforcement efforts.

Business owners are also advised to improve security at their establishments by investing in adequate lighting, surveillance systems, and other crime prevention measures.

Anyone with information relating

to this or any other criminal activity is encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913/3914 or anonymously call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).

Armstrong is expected to appear before the court sometime today to answer to the charges.

## Two Mock Pond Residents Charged In Connection With The Murder Of Sheldon Dias

Police have formally arrested and jointly charged 29-year-old Kyle Taylor and 30-year-old Candace Sawyers, both of Mack Pond, All Saints, in connection with the murder of 35-year-old Sheldon Dias, also of Mack Pond.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Mack Pond, All Saints, during which Dias sustained multiple injuries, following an alleged altercation between both accused.

Both accused are expected to appear before the court sometime this week.





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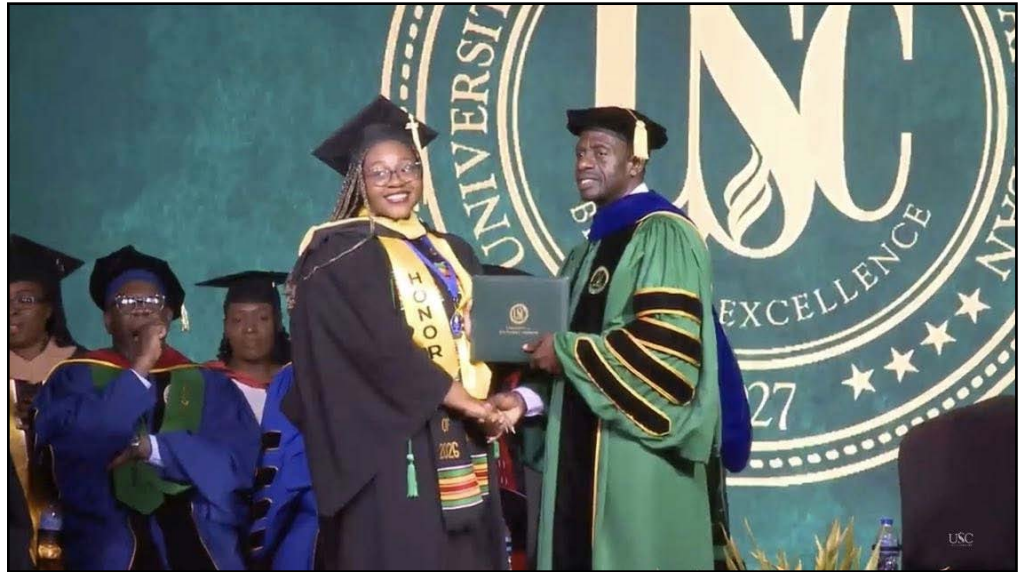
## Kyra Warner and Family Celebrate Her Success

Kyra Warner of the Seatons recently graduated from the University of Southern Caribbean in Trinidad and Tobago with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Social Work (*cum laude*).

Kyra said her motivation for pursuing a degree in social work came from a desire to learn more about human behavior, and how it is shaped by both biological and societal/environmental factors.

She elaborated by saying: *“I originally intended to pursue a degree in Psychology, but chose social work instead because of the additional practical element of empowering clients and helping them to overcome challenges.”*

Kyra said that her journey to complete her degree began in January, 2021 during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic. She further advised that the first two (2) years of her studies were done entirely online. She then transitioned to a hybrid program, taking some classes locally at the university’s satellite campus on St. Mary’s



Street, and some classes online.

In September, 2024 she began her 680 hours of practicum at the Family and Social Services Division (FSSD), which was spread over three (3) semesters, ending in December, 2025. In April, 2026 she presented her Biopsychosocial Assessment to a panel including the Dean of School of So-

cial Sciences, and Chair of the Social Work Department, as well as several other senior Social Work lecturers.

Kyra is the daughter of Jacqueline (Nadine) Philip-Warner and Winston Warner, both of Seatons.

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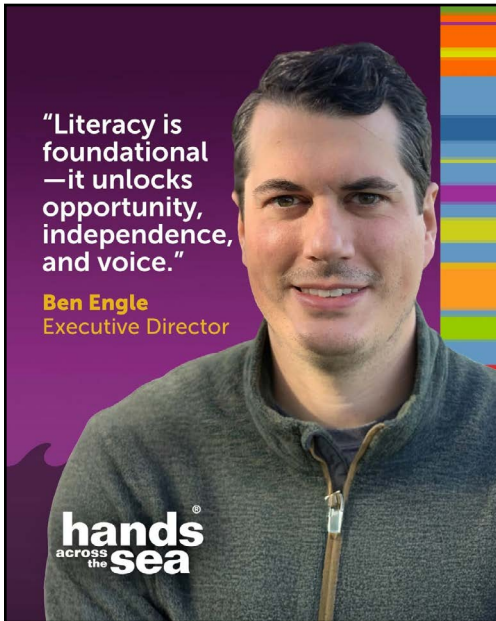
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## More Than 1000 Students in Antigua Benefit From Sandals Foundation, Hands Across the Sea Initiative



For a child, the right book can spark confidence, unlock imagination, and shape a lifelong relationship with learning. That belief is at the heart of the Sandals Foundation’s longstanding partnership with Hands Across the Sea, a leading literacy nonprofit advancing childhood literacy across the Eastern Caribbean.

Together, the organizations are expanding targeted literacy support for 1192 students across five schools in Antigua through the latest phase of the Hands Across the Sea Caribbean Literacy and School Support (CLASS) programme.

Backed by an investment of EC \$54,607 from the Sandals Foundation, the initiative has delivered carefully curated collections of brand-new books, specialized literacy resources, and strengthened lending libraries tailored to each participating school’s needs across Antigua. The enhanced spaces are creating vibrant environments where students can engage, explore, and grow.

Across the island, students at TOR Memorial School, St. Michael’s Primary, Urlings Primary, Parham Primary, and Princess Margaret Secondary School are already benefiting from strengthened library spaces supported by librarians, educators, and school teams actively encouraging reading engagement.

“Through our Caribbean Literacy and School Support (CLASS) programme, Hands Across the Sea does far more than place books on shelves,” says Ben Engle, Executive Director of Hands Across the Sea. “We help create or rejuvenate school libraries, train and support literacy champions on the ground, and work alongside educators to ensure resources remain active, relevant, and impactful long after delivery.”

This deeply intentional approach is what makes the partnership especially powerful.

“Rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach, schools are identified based on need,” continued Engle, “Each school’s collection is thoughtfully assembled to reflect students’ reading levels, classroom realities, and developmental stages. The result is literacy support that is both practical and personal.”

For the Sandals Foundation, the partnership represents an essential component to creating stronger communities.



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## CHOGM Mural Initiative Creates A Buzz In St. John's



There was much excitement in St. John's on Monday afternoon as several high-profile individuals visited the northern outer wall of the Antigua Recreation Grounds where the CHOGM 2026 Logo is being recreated using discarded plastic bottle caps.

The initiative is being spearheaded by the National CHOGM Task Force in collaboration with Good Humans 268.

It was launched on May 30 by Chair of the Task Force and Foreign Minister, E.P Chet Greene. Last Friday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne also participated by symbolically placing caps as part of the mural depiction.

On Monday, a party that included Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and Lady Williams, CHOGM Goodwill Ambassador, Sir Vivian

Richards, National CHOGM Focal Point, High Commissioner Karen-Mae Hill, UK Resident Ambassador, John Hamilton, Indian Honorary Consul General, Vijay Tewani and other officials from the ministry of foreign affairs and elsewhere joined in this national exercise.

The mural initiative has two main purposes; firstly, it forms an integral part



of the public education programme being undertaken by the National Task Force and secondly, it makes a powerful statement about environmental stewardship and the need to reduce waste generally in Antigua and Barbuda.

Each participant, placed a coloured bottle cap on the mural in a show of

support for the efforts of the Task Force to generate support among the Antigua and Barbuda public for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

CHOGM 2026 runs from November 1 – 4. The main events will take place at the American University of Antigua, while the opening ceremony is slated

for the new National Performing Arts Centre (formerly the Deluxe Cinema).

The CHOGM Logo was designed by Chaniel Imhoff. Calvin Pilgrim and Stacey Humphreys are the artists involved in the recreation in the form of the mural on the ARG wall.



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## Barbados and British Virgin Islands tourism leaders receive top regional recognition at CTO awards

Two prominent Caribbean tourism officials were among the major honorees at the Caribbean Tourism Organization's (CTO) third annual Caribbean Women in Tourism Leadership Awards, which took place on Monday during Caribbean Week in New York at the InterContinental New York Times Square.

According to a CTO release, Andrea Franklin, chief executive officer of Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and chair of the CTO Board of Directors, was named Director of Tourism of the Year 2026. The award was determined through voting by her fellow tourism professionals from across the region.

Luce Hodge-Smith, Junior Minister of Tourism and Culture for the British Virgin Islands, was also recognized, receiving the Minister/Commissioner of Tourism of the Year title, following a similar selection process conducted among regional tourism leaders.

Backed by the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, CTO stated that the awards program celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, contributed to destination development, strengthened Caribbean tourism, and served as role models for future generations of women entering the sector.

Attendees also heard from keynote speaker Christine Valls, Managing Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at United Airlines. Drawing on her own professional experiences, Valls reportedly spoke about leadership, innovation, collaboration, and the importance of creating opportunities for women to succeed.

The release also said that the Secretary-General's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Lisa Indar, Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). She was recognized for her significant role in promoting healthier and safer tourism environments, while advancing sustainable tourism prac-



tices throughout the Caribbean.

Dr. Lisa Indar, Executive Director of CARPHA, delivers remarks after receiving the CTO Secretary-General's Distinguished Service Award. Photo: CTO

The ceremony also welcomed six accomplished women into the Caribbean Women in Tourism Leadership Hall of Fame in recognition of their enduring contributions to the industry:

Valérie Damaseau, Commissioner of Tourism and Culture, Saint-Martin

Marsha Henderson, Minister of Tourism, St. Kitts and Nevis

Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism, Cayman Islands

Beverly Nicholson Doty, Chief Executive Officer, Figment Design

Petra Roach, Director of Sales and Marketing, Wyndham Grand Barbados

Karolin Troubetzkoy, Executive Director of Marketing and Operations, Anse Chastanet and Jade Mountain Resorts, St. Lucia

Andrea Franklin, CEO of Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and Chairman of the CTO Board of Directors, accepts the Director of Tourism of the Year award from CTO Secretary-General and CEO Dona Regis-Prosper.

Photo: CTO

One of the evening's key announcements was the introduction of a new scholarship initiative aimed at supporting young Caribbean women pursuing careers in tourism. The program, titled From Her to Her: From Today's Female Leaders to Tomorrow's Tourism Stars, generated US\$13,000 through a live auction held during the event, per the release.

Administered through the CTO Foundation, the scholarship fund will provide annual financial assistance to a promising female student from the Caribbean who is pursuing tourism-related studies and career opportunities.

Guests were also given an early look at From the Sea Suite, a new women's leadership magazine produced by CTO that highlights the achievements and experiences of influential women working across the Caribbean tourism industry.

The publication is scheduled to make its official print launch at the CTO State of the Tourism Industry Conference, which will be held in Guyana from October 5 to 9, 2026. (Dominica News Online)

## BVI calls on UN decolonization committee to take stronger action on remaining territories



The British Virgin Islands (BVI) has urged the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization (C24) to make greater use of its mandate to help advance the decolonization of the world's remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGTs).

According to a Government of the Virgin Islands press release, the appeal was made by BVI Special Envoy Benito Wheatley during the UN Special Committee's Caribbean Regional Seminar on Decolonization, which was recently held in Managua, Nicaragua. The seminar focused on the implementation of the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

Wheatley called on the Special Committee to utilize its good offices to facilitate dialogue between administering powers and their remaining territories in order to peacefully advance decolonization through one of the three options recognized by the United Nations: integration, free association, or independence.

He also urged the committee to intensify efforts to facilitate requests from Non-Self-Governing Territories for visiting missions, which allow the UN to assess progress toward self-gov-

ernment and decolonization on the ground.

According to Wheatley, "The Special Committee on Decolonization can make a difference in advancing decolonization by employing the major tools at its disposal, which include good offices and visiting missions. Both provide useful engagement and dialogue for both the Administering Power and the Governments and peoples of those Non-Self-Governing Territories seeking a full measure of self-government."

The Special Envoy also provided an update on developments in the British Virgin Islands, noting that the territory's government is seeking full internal self-government through upcoming constitutional negotiations with the United Kingdom. He further indicated that a referendum is planned for 2031 to allow Virgin Islanders to determine their preferred path to full decolonization based on the three sovereignty options endorsed by the United Nations.

While expressing appreciation to the Special Committee for dispatching a visiting mission to the BVI in 2024 and for its continued support of democratic governance in the territory, Wheatley cautioned that the commit-

tee's relevance could be called into question if significant progress is not achieved before the end of the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in 2030. The UN mission to the British Virgin Islands in August 2024 was tasked with assessing the territory's political, economic and social progress toward self-determination.

The administering powers responsible for the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States

The 17 territories that remain on the UN's list of Non-Self-Governing Territories are American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, French Polynesia, Gibraltar, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the United States Virgin Islands and Western Sahara.

Source: Government of the Virgin Islands press release issued following the UN Caribbean Regional Seminar on Decolonization in Managua, Nicaragua. (Dominica News Online)

# Regional News

## Bahamas urges citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to Cuba

The Bahamas government is urging citizens to avoid “all non-essential” travel to Cuba, saying the country continues to experience challenges affecting electricity supply, fuel availability, transportation, and access to basic goods and services.

“These issues may impact daily life across the island, including in Havana and could change with little notice. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises all Bahamian nationals travelling to or residing in the Republic of Cuba to exercise caution and to remain aware of current local conditions,” the government statement said.

It said that Bahamians must have a valid passport for at least six months from entry date and contain at least one blank page as well as proof of return ticket and accommodation.

The government said also that a visa is required for entry, allowing for stays up to 90 days and that all Bahamians must comply strictly with immigration regulations.

“Cuba operates largely on a cash-based system. International banking access is extremely limited. Bring sufficient cash, US dollars or Euros to cover all expenses for the duration of stay.

“Travellers must declare cash amounts exceeding US\$5,000 upon entry into Cuba. When departing, travellers carrying more than US\$5,000 in any currency must declare such amounts to the relevant authorities,” the government warned, adding “failure to declare amounts above the limit



may result in the seizure of undeclared funds.”

The statement said that as of June 6, international Visa and Mastercard transactions have been suspended in Cuba and that “travellers should not expect to use foreign credit or debit cards for purchases or cash withdrawals.”

The government is also urging citizens to avoid all demonstrations and gatherings and follow instructions issued by local officials.

Cuba has come under severe problems in recent months after the United States imposed a further oil embargo on the island, after Washington had removed Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro from office in January.

Caracas had been Havana’s main supplier of oil and the embargo has led to a crippling crisis in the Caribbean island.

Cuba’s Ambassador to The Bahamas, Marcof Sanchez, speaking on a radio programme here, has described the situation in his country as very serious and called on regional countries to stand in solidarity with Havana against military aggression.

Sanchez told radio listeners that US led military aggression against Cuba would have a direct impact on the region at large, and expressed that the Cuban government is willing to have a respectful dialogue with the US, which has for decades imposed a trade and economic embargo on the island. (CMC)



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## South Africa's president acknowledges rising tensions over migration



South Africa's president promised Sunday to act on what he called concerns over illegal migration following a rise in anti-immigrant protests and sentiment in Africa's most advanced economy, with other nations claiming their citizens have been targeted in xenophobic attacks.

President Cyril Ramaphosa's comments in a speech on national television dedicated to the issue were an acknowledgment of the tensions. Anti-migrant protest groups have said they've set a June 30 deadline for foreign nationals who are in South Africa illegally to leave and have requested talks with the government.

South Africa has a history of violence sparked by anger over the presence of migrants, including in 2008 when more than 60 people were killed in what international rights groups called xenophobic attacks on foreigners.

Groups calling for a new crackdown on immigration have gained attention in recent months with a series of protests. They say foreign nationals in South Africa illegally are exacerbating its extremely high unemployment and placing more pressure on already

strained public health and education services.

"Many South Africans are raising difficult but legitimate questions," Ramaphosa said. "These concerns are real. They deserve to be heard, and they deserve to be addressed."

But Ramaphosa also said that authorities would not tolerate anyone taking the law into their own hands.

"Only authorized government officials can act against violations of our law," Ramaphosa added, warning that some groups were "inciting" tensions.

There are no official figures for how many migrants are in South Africa illegally, though various estimates have put the number at between 2 million and 5 million out of a population of 62 million.

As the richest country in the region, South Africa has traditionally attracted migrants from neighboring countries Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Lesotho, as well as from others like Nigeria, Ghana, Malawi and Ethiopia. That has been a trend for decades.

Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Mozam-

bique said recently that their citizens have faced threats and violence in South Africa because they are foreigners. Ghana repatriated around 300 of its citizens from South Africa last month and said more will be offered the chance to return home because of what it called threats against them.

Mozambique's government said this week that five of its citizens were killed in what it referred to as xenophobic attacks in the town of Mossel Bay on South Africa's south coast.

South Africa's coalition government placed a new focus on the issue of immigration after it was formed in 2024 and says it has deported over 100,000 people in the last two years who were in the country illegally. Ramaphosa said Sunday that around 450,000 people trying to enter South Africa without documents had been stopped at the border in the last year.

Ramaphosa said there had been "weaknesses" in the way South Africa previously managed migration and the government would take "decisive" action now, but he also appealed that people "not turn on each other" over the issue. (NBC)

## Major quake off Philippines kills at least 35, dozen still missing

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake in the southern Philippines on Monday killed at least 35 people, according to provincial authorities, after toppling buildings and sparking tsunami warnings across the region.

National disaster authorities said at least a dozen people were still missing, while 134 had sustained injuries.

Philippine authorities urged people in affected coastal regions to move to higher ground after the offshore quake hit south of General Santos, a city of about 720,000, where the death toll was now 12, according to the tally at a local command centre.

A series of powerful aftershocks rocked the area from about two hours after the first quake, according to the United States Geological Survey, with the largest measuring magnitude 6.5.

As night descended, AFP journalists watched as rescue workers in General Santos used their hands to dig through the rubble of a popular grocery store chain in a desperate bid to reach two employees buried beneath.

Morphy Angcad, a 35-year-old security guard, told AFP he was not ready to accept that his sister, one of the two, was dead.

“We received a call this morning telling us that she was one of the trapped there,” he said, adding he had refused a hotel room so he could stand watch.

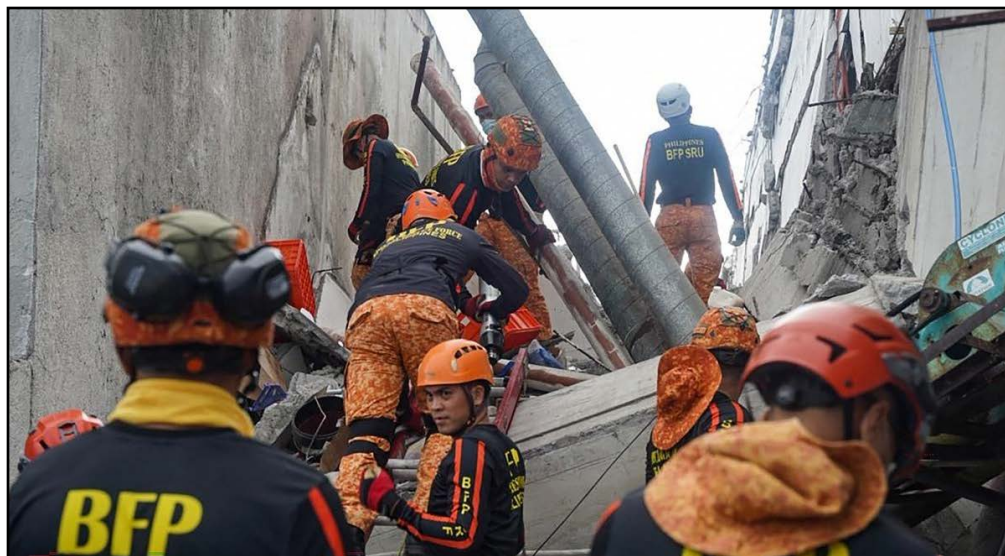
“I don’t want to leave this site until I see the body of my sister... (but) I’m hoping against hope that she is still alive.”

Dioslinda Deluvio told AFP her son Joey, the other employee, had come to visit her just weeks earlier, asking: “Ma, what is your plan for your life? Are you OK?”

“All I can do is cry now, imagining the good things he did in the world,” she said.

A few kilometres away, others were preparing to spend the night on a sidewalk.

“I’ll be sleeping here outside even if



it’s uncomfortable, because I’m scared there will be an aftershock,” 34-year-old sales clerk Johnson Alerta told AFP.

“I feel safer here.”

Rene Punzalan, disaster chief for hard-hit Sarangani province, told AFP 14 people had died in Glan municipality alone when a landslide buried their homes at the foot of a mountain.

“The landslide happened immediately after the earthquake, so many lives were lost,” he said, adding that some areas had yet to report if they had sustained casualties.

“The greatest challenge is communication. The power was cut, so it’s hard to get updates,” Punzalan said.

Videos posted to social media and verified by AFP showed a shopping centre with a Jollibee fast food restaurant reduced to rubble in General Santos, while a school building that officials said was unoccupied crumpled in another.

In another video verified by AFP, young schoolchildren could be seen screaming in the arms of their teachers as the quake violently swayed them back and forth on the ground.

Sarangani’s Punzalan told AFP that more than 2,000 people evacuated due to a morning tsunami warning were now awaiting a green light to return to their homes.

“(Authorities) are still assessing the situation now if it will be OK to send them home,” he said.

A notice from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center had said tsunami waves were possible along the coasts of the Philippines, Indonesia, Palau, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea.

But by mid-afternoon, the Philippines and other countries had cancelled their warnings.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who suspended classes across Mindanao island on what was to have been the first day of school, had called on residents in coastal areas to evacuate immediately.

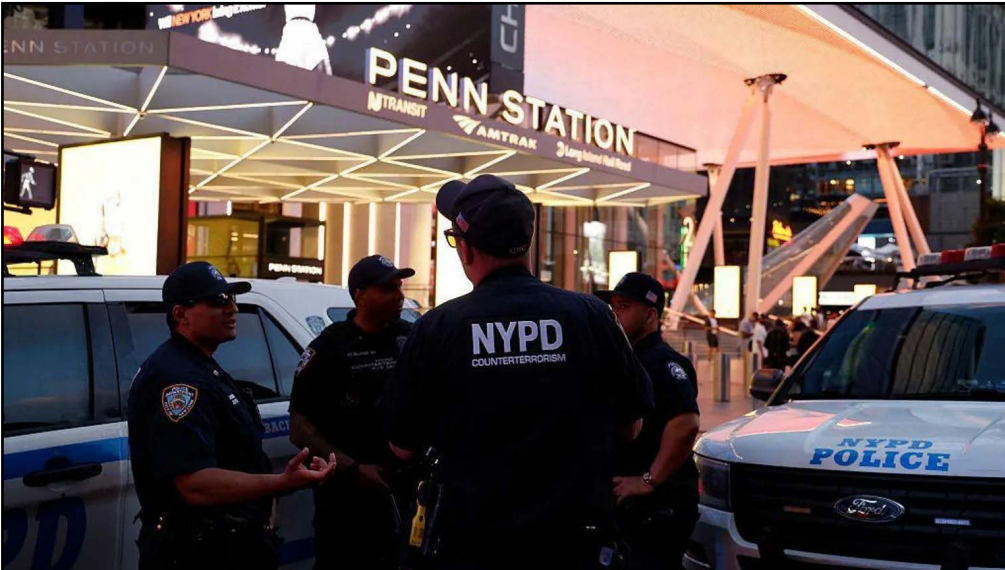
“Move to higher ground now. Do not wait,” he said. “Your life is more important than anything left behind.”

Earthquakes are a near-daily occurrence in the Philippines, which is situated on the Pacific “Ring of Fire”, an arc of intense seismic activity stretching from Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

Eastern Mindanao was rocked by a pair of earthquakes of 7.4 and 6.7 magnitude in October that killed at least eight people.

These followed a magnitude 6.9 quake days earlier that killed 76 people in Cebu province in central Philippines. (AFP)

## Five people injured in stabbing at New York City's Penn Station



Five people have been injured in a stabbing at New York City's Penn Station, officials say.

One person suffered a serious injury, two had moderate injuries, and the rest suffered minor injuries from the stabbing, the Fire Department of New York said in a statement shared with US media.

The New York Police Depart-

ment apprehended the suspect after a manhunt following the attack, which took place around 19:00 EST (0:00 BST).

The stabbing comes as the city is heightening security measures before US President Donald Trump visits on Monday to watch the New York Knicks in the National Basketball Association (NBA)

finals.

Law enforcement told the BBC's US partner CBS News that the stabbing was a random act of violence. The suspect was emotionally disturbed and arrested by Amtrak police, ABC News reported.

The fire department said those injured in the stabbing were taken to Bellevue Hospital.

New York's Penn Station sits directly beneath Madison Square Garden, where the Knicks will play the San Antonio Spurs in Game 3 of the NBA finals on Monday evening.

Ahead of the game, city officials announced new security precautions including a no-bag policy and a cancellation of a watch party outside the arena due to Trump's presence. Mayor Zohran Mamdani will also attend. (BBC)

## President says Iran still at negotiating table after attacks on Israel halted

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Monday said Tehran remained at the negotiating table after halting attacks on Israel following the first exchange of fire since the April truce.

"Diplomacy and defence are the two wings of national power; we have neither left the battlefield nor the negotiating table," Pezeshkian said in a post on X, adding that Tehran "will not retreat in the face of any threat". (AFP)





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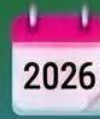


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- Escalate issues to security, police, or your supervisor.
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# Sports News



## Carr represents Antigua at Young Olympic Ambassadors Session in Greece



**Timon Emmanuel, left, and Jaya Carr**

The Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association (ABAVA) has extended congratulations to Jaya Carr, Junior National Volleyball Player and member of Royal Cruisers Volleyball Club, on her selection to represent Antigua and Barbuda at the 66th International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors, which is being held in Olympia, Greece, from June 6 to 18.

Joining her in representing Antigua and Barbuda is Timon Emmanuel, who has been nominated through the athletics community.

Together, they will serve as young ambassadors for the nation, engaging with participants from across the globe while gaining valuable knowledge and experiences to share upon their return.

Organized by the International Olympic Academy (IOA), the Young Olympic Ambassadors Session brings together young leaders from around the world to engage in discussions on Olympism, leadership, inclusion, in-

tegrity, and the future of sport.

This year's theme, "Empowering Inclusion, Integrity and Responsibility for Every Athlete," focuses on building a safe and fair sporting environment for all participants.

The ABAVA said Carr's selection is a testament to her dedication both on and off the volleyball court.

As a member of Antigua and Barbuda's Junior National Programme and an athlete with Royal Cruisers, she has consistently demonstrated the values of discipline, teamwork, and

leadership that align with the Olympic Movement.

The ABAVA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Jaya Carr on this remarkable achievement and wishes both representatives a successful and enriching experience in Greece.

The ABAVA is looking forward to seeing the positive impact of their participation as they continue to inspire the next generation of athletes and leaders in Antigua and Barbuda.

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## Supa Sonyx launches Domino Academy



**Carol-Faye Bynoe, center, conducts a session with two female participants.**



**Young students of the Supa Sonyx Domino Academy participate in a game. (Photos courtesy of the Supa Sonyx Domino Club)**

The Supa Sonyx Domino Club has made a successful launch of its mission to teach the game to young players.

The club officially launched its Domino Junior Academy at its location in the old Catholic School on Church Street in St. John's on Saturday.

Youngsters between the ages of seven and 18 are eligible to join the academy, where they will be given the opportunity to learn the basics of playing dominoes like a professional.

President of Supa Sonyx Domino Club Carol-Faye Bynoe said it was a successful launch of the academy, which is fulfilling her dream to teach young players the game of dominoes.

Bynoe said, in addition to youths ranging from the age of eight to 14, two parents attended, joined, and participated in the domino training programme.



**Supa Sonyx Domino Club member Frank Govia, right, presents dominoes to two young students.**

A total of 12 youths registered, and it is expected that more youngsters and parents will show interest in joining the academy.

However, Bynoe said the

Academy will only be able to accommodate a total of 30 students at this time. She said based on the interest being shown, very few spaces will remain available on Saturday, when the sec-

ond session takes place.

The dominoes, which are being used by the academy, are sponsored by All Mart business company.

## Windies lose first ICC Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match



Spinner Afy Fletcher, fourth right, celebrates with her West Indies teammates after taking one of her four wickets against India in their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on Monday, June 8, 2026. (ICC/Getty Images)

The West Indies suffered a 26-run loss to India in their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on Monday.

Asked to bat first, the **Indian women's cricket team** rode on an unbeaten fifty by Bharti Fulmali to post 179 for eight off their 20 overs.

Indian spinners Shreyanka Patil and Radha Yadav then combined to pick up seven wickets between themselves to restrict the West Indies women to 153 for eight.

After a rain-delayed start, India made a brisk start courtesy of stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana, who was entrusted with captaincy duties with Harmanpreet Kaur rested, and Shafali Verma.

India were cruising along at 59 without loss before Aaliyah Alleyne dismissed Mandhana for a brisk 39 off 23 balls in the final over of the powerplay.

The wicket triggered a mini collapse as Shafali Verma (29) and Jemimah Rodrigues (7), too, were sent back in the next two overs, reducing India to 85 for three.

Yastika Bhatia (36 off 26 balls) and Bharti Fulmali arrested the slide and strung together a nifty 60-run fourth-wicket stand before the former retired out.

However, India lost a couple of quick wickets almost immediately before stuttering to 179 for eight off their allotted 20 overs. Fulmali, in the playing XI in place of captain Harmanpreet, top-scored for India and stayed unbeaten on 56.

The 39-year-old Afy Fletcher, set to be the oldest player at the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup, was the pick of the bowlers for the Windies team, grabbing four for 23 in her four overs.

The West Indies started their chase well with Deandra Dottin (49 off 44

balls and Shemaine Campbelle put on 63 for the opening wicket before Campbelle retired out for 25 after the ninth over with her team on 63 for one.

Just as the Windies had done, India also capitalised after the set partnership ended and picked up quick wickets.

Shreyanka Patil, who took three for 25, dealt the Caribbean side a double blow in the 11th over, sending back Qiana Joseph (5) and Jahzara Claxton (6) before Radha Yadav did one better in the 13th.

The left-arm spinner first sent back Dottin, one short of her fifty, before cleaning up Aaliyah Alleyne (13) and Chinelle Henry (1) to leave the West Indies reeling at 103 for six.

Shreyanka Patil, bowling right-arm spin, also added two more wickets to her tally to finish with four for 36 as West Indies concluded their chase 26 runs short.

Jannillea Glasgow (19) and Shawnisha Hector, who made 19 not out, offered some late resistance to bring West Indies closer to the target.

The West Indies women's next official ICC Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match is against Australia at the same venue in Cardiff on **Wednesday**.

The Indian women will next face hosts England in their next T20 World Cup warm-up fixture on Wednesday.

The West Indies Women will open their ICC Women's T20 World Cup campaign against New Zealand at the Utilita Bowl in Southampton, England, on **Saturday, June 13**.

India will kick off their Women's T20 World Cup 2026 campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan at Edgbaston on June 14.

## Infantino targeted in fresh criminal complaint by Platini



**FIFA President Gianni Infantino holds the World Cup trophy as he makes comments during the opening ceremony of the International Broadcast Center in Dallas, Monday, June 1, 2026. (AP)**

GENEVA (AP) — FIFA president Gianni Infantino was targeted by a revived criminal complaint in France on Monday by his former boss Michel Platini, who seemed destined to lead FIFA until being implicated in a financial wrongdoing case in 2015.

French soccer great Platini — who was acquitted again last year after a second Swiss court trial — has asked lawyers in Paris to file a criminal complaint against Infantino and five other Swiss soccer and prosecution officials. He alleges a conspiracy of false accusation and influence peddling to prevent him from becoming FIFA president a decade ago.

Lawyers also will file a civil lawsuit seeking damages from FIFA, a spokesman for Platini said in a state-

ment about the allegations, which were previously made in 2022 directed at Swiss authorities.

The fresh filings were announced three days before Infantino opens a World Cup being played across North America that has let him often share a political stage with US President Donald Trump.

FIFA was asked for comment about Platini's legal complaints. Infantino was elected FIFA leader in 2016 as a surprise candidate from European soccer body UEFA, where he was the long-time general secretary to its president Platini.

Platini was widely expected in soccer circles to become FIFA president and succeed his former mentor Sepp Blatter, who was leaving office in fallout

from U.S. federal investigations of corruption among soccer officials that were unsealed in May 2015.

However, four months later, both Platini and Blatter were targeted in a separate Swiss investigation of a 2 million Swiss francs (US\$2.5 million) payment to the Frenchman that would remove both from office early.

Both Platini and Blatter were acquitted twice on charges of defrauding FIFA when they jointly stood trial in Switzerland in 2022 and again last year on appeal by the federal prosecution office.

The five men also targeted by Platini's criminal complaint include Switzerland attorney general in 2015, Michael Lauber, and FIFA legal director at that time, Marco Villiger.

## Newfield maintain successful start in Village Netball League

Newfield maintained their successful campaign in the Antigua and Barbuda Netball Association's (ABNA) Antigua Generators and Cool and Smooth Village League on Sunday evening.

Newfield recorded their second win in as many games with a 24-17 victory over the Under-16 National Team in the female division of the competition at the Swetes Netball Court.

Esther Emmanuel sank 22 of her 26 attempts, and Tanesha Michael scored two of her five shots for Newfield.

Tina Graham sank nine of her 18 shots, Deanicia made five of her 11 tries, and Makayla Scott converted three of her six attempts for the Under-16 National Team, who lost for the first time after winning their opening

encounter.

Swetes/Roman Hill launched their campaign in the female division with a 75-5 drubbing of Pares Net Masters in a lopsided affair.

Most Valuable Player Everdine Parker-Barnarde converted 46 of her 56 shots, and Jamila Fitz sank 29 of her 39 attempts for Swetes/Roman Hill.

Andrea Benjamin scored five of her 11 attempts for the Pares Net Masters, who lost for the third time in as many games.

Lamin Newton All Saints United rebounded from a 23-36 loss to Swetes/Roman Hill in their opening encounter to record a 41-27 victory over the Pot- ters Stingers in the Mixed Division.

Andres Anthony sank 23 of his 35 shots, and Karol Carlton converted 18 of her 24 attempts for All Saints United.

Tashana Bloomfield scored 14 of her 17 shots, Michael Burton sank 11 of his 14 attempts, and Molefi Joseph made two of her three tries for the Pot- ters Stingers, who lost for the first time after winning their opening encounter.

The ABNA Village League will continue with a female division double-header at the Swetes Netball Court on Tuesday evening.

Newfield and Willikies will clash in an eastside derby at 6 pm, and Pot- ters Defante Stingers will meet Lamin Newton All Saints United at 7 pm.



The Newfield netball team