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Chief Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel (in black) poses with police recruits for family photo

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The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) announces that Miss Abigail Piper will no longer participate in the Miss Caribbean Universe Pageant, scheduled to be held on June 13, 2026, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This decision follows unforeseen visa-related challenges and travel restrictions that were beyond the control of both Miss Piper and the Commission.

However, the Commission is pleased to confirm that Miss Piper will proudly represent Antigua and Barbuda at the **Miss Caribbean Beauty and Intelligence Pageant** this August. This prestigious regional platform aligns closely with her passion for empowerment, cultural representation, leadership, and personal development.

Minister of Sports and Creative Industries, Hon. Dwayne George, expressed his continued confidence in and support for Miss Piper. *"The Commission is immensely proud of Abigail and her accomplishments, preparation, and*



Miss Abigail Piper

unwavering commitment throughout this journey. She has represented Antigua and Barbuda with grace, professionalism and distinction. We have every confidence that she will shine on the

regional stage, and we look forward to supporting her as she proudly carries our flag at the Miss Caribbean Beauty and Intelligence Pageant later this year," said Minister George.

Miss Piper extends her sincere gratitude to the organizers of the Miss Caribbean Universe Pageant, her sponsors, family, friends, supporters, and all those who have encouraged her throughout her journey. She wishes the contestants every success as they prepare for the upcoming competition and looks forward to supporting the pageant's continued growth and success.

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission invites the nation to continue rallying behind Miss Abigail Piper as she prepares to represent Antigua and Barbuda at the Miss Caribbean Beauty and Intelligence Pageant this August. The Commission remains confident that she will continue to make the nation proud through her poise, intelligence, and dedication to excellence.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Reconvening of the Forty-Second (42nd) Annual General Meeting and the Convening of the Forty-Third (43rd) Annual General Meeting of St. John's Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. will be held in hybrid format, both online and in-person, on Thursday, 25th June 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus and on the Zoom Webinar Platform.

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PM Browne Calls On OECS Leaders To Achieve More For the Sub-Region

Antigua and Barbuda’s Prime Minister, Gaston Browne is expressing his concerns over the ability of current leaders of the OECS to deliver more benefits for the people of the sub-region.

Speaking in a recent interview with state media, PM Browne said he is of the view that the current leaders are delivering less to the people of the OECS, than the leadership from an earlier era. This, he bemoans, is happening even while the current crop of leaders has more ‘intellectual capital and more resources’ at their disposal.

“I have said to my regional leaders that previous leader of the OECS did not have the intellectual nor the financial capital that we have; yet they achieved more. I have said to them that this type of ‘routine’ leadership that we are providing, we have to go beyond that; we have to start providing major things that will have lasting impact, not just for this generation but for future generations,” he remarked.

One of the areas where the prime



Prime Minister, Gaston Browne

minister believes required the urgent attention of the OECS leaders and frame-breaking leadership is the question of air transportation within the sub-region. The Antigua and Barbuda leader is fully supportive of discussions surrounding the establishment of OECS Air, an airline that will help tackle the daunting problem of regional connectivity.

“Air transportation is an area that we have to look at and the sustainability of air transportation within the sub-region and for us to pursue a policy of

joint investment, and joint burden. This idea that one or two nations are trying to provide air transportation while the others look on; that’s not an appropriate model. It has to be one where we share responsibility and of course, the benefits,” PM Browne declared.

The Antigua and Barbuda leader will assume the chairman of the OECS, by rotation, later this month at a meeting here in Antigua and Barbuda. He said he is also flagging the need for energy cooperation within the OECS.

“As you know some countries in the OECS have geo-thermal energy. St. Kitts and Nevis is one of those. We are now in advanced talks with them to determine whether or not we can purchase geo-thermal energy from them on the basis that they can get it to market at a commercial rate. We have also said to them that we will also participate in the funding as well as pursue joint funding sources for the project through agencies such as the European Union,” he revealed.

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Chief Magistrate Lectures Police Recruits On Court Procedures Et Al



Recruits on training at the Sir Wright F. George Police Academy recently benefited from a series of educational engagements aimed at strengthening their understanding of the judicial process and the administration of justice.

On Tuesday, Chief Magistrate, Ngaio Emanuel visited the Sir Wright F. George Police Academy and delivered a comprehensive lecture on criminal practice and procedure within the Magistrate's Court, as well as the provisions and application of the Child Justice Act.

The session provided recruits with valuable insight into court processes, evidential requirements, case management, and the legal framework governing matters involving children and young persons. The lecture formed part of the Academy's ongoing efforts to prepare recruits for the practical realities of policing and their future interactions within the justice system.

During her presentation, Chief Magistrate Emanuel emphasized

that effective policing extends beyond knowledge of laws and procedures and requires sound judgment, integrity, and a genuine commitment to public service. She encouraged the recruits to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and highlighted three guiding principles for every police officer: integrity when no one is watching, courage with discipline, and service before ego.

She reminded the recruits that public trust is earned through accountability and ethical conduct and encouraged them to remain steadfast in their commitment to fairness, professionalism, and compassion throughout their careers.

The Chief Magistrate further underscored the importance of character in law enforcement, noting that policing is not merely the exercise of authority but the responsible and humane application of the law in service to others.

The lecture followed an educational visit by the recruits to the St. John's Magistrate's Court on

June 3, where they were afforded a firsthand opportunity to observe court proceedings and gain practical insight into the daily operations of the Magistrate's Court. The visit allowed them to witness the administration of justice in action and further enhanced their understanding of the critical role the judiciary plays within the criminal justice system.

The experience also reinforced the importance of thorough investigations, accurate documentation, and professional courtroom conduct.

The Police Administration, along with the Commandant and staff of the Sir Wright F. George Police Academy extends sincere appreciation to Chief Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel for generously sharing her expertise and experience with the recruits. Her contribution reflects the strong partnership that exists between the police and the judiciary in advancing justice and promoting professional standards within the police organization.

CBH Makes Another Appeal Regarding An Unclaimed Body



The Office of the Chief Health Inspector at the Central Board of Health is making an appeal for the family of a deceased person to claim the body now being stored at a local funeral home.

A statement from CBH identified the body as that of Silvie Martin of Grays Farm Village who passed on 4th April, 2026.

Her body is currently being kept in storage at the Barnes Funeral Home.

“Family member(s) can contact Ms. Jessica Barnes, Managing Director of Barnes Funeral Home Limited, American Road, at 462-1037 to arrange for private burial.

“Failing to do so within Fourteen (14) days of the appearance of this advertisement, will result in the Government taking the appropriate action to have the deceased body interred at a Public Cemetery without any further notice. Legal action after burial would not be an option,” the statement said.

In recent times, CBH has had to appeal to families to claim the bodies of their loved ones and to make arrangements for burial.

CBH said it is appealing for the cooperation of those families concerned in this delicate matter.

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Tizzy Ignites Carnival 2026 With New EP

Soca artist Tizzy is setting the tone for Carnival 2026 with the release of her full EP “*Soul - Fire - Road*”.

Set for summer release are three previously released songs for Trinidad Carnival and four brand-new tracks that promise to energize the road, ignite fetes, and inspire listeners for the Antigua carnival season and beyond. The four new highly anticipated releases include, *Tribe of Fire*, *Meet We on De Road*, *We Alive* and *Who Dey For Me*.

Three of the 4 new tracks, *Meet We On De Road*, *Tribe of Fire*, and *We Alive*, are pure carnival fuel, crafted to capture the energy, freedom, and spirit of celebration that define the Caribbean festival experience. From road-ready rhythms to unforgettable hooks, the songs are designed to move crowds from the first beat and become staples of the 2026 carnival soundtrack.

However, it is the fourth track, *Who Dey For We*, that showcases a different side of the artist. It delivers a powerful and thought-provoking message about loyalty, support, unity, and the importance of standing together during life’s most challenging moments. The song asks a simple yet profound question that resonates across cultures and communities: Who truly stands with us when the celebrations are over and the struggles begin?

“Tizzy wanted this release to reflect every side of who we are as people,” said Glenroy “Zamba” Richards, long time song writer from the artist’s camp. “Carnival is about joy, freedom, and togetherness, and these songs capture that spirit. *But Who Dey For We*



reminds us that beyond the music and festivities, there are universal truths that connect us all.”

Produced with Tizzy’s signature energy and authentic Caribbean sound, the eight-song project takes listeners on a journey through the many emotions that define life itself. From the excitement of the road and the fire of Carnival celebrations to love, hope, loyalty, and self-reflection, the EP delivers a rich and authentic soundtrack to the human experience while staying

firmly rooted in Caribbean culture.

As Carnival 2026 approaches, fans can expect performances, promotional appearances, and exciting content surrounding all four new releases, with *Meet We On De Road*, *Tribe of Fire*, and *We Alive* poised to become crowd favorites throughout the season. The music is now available on all major streaming platforms.

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Sir Rodney Williams Addresses Centenarians Week



Below with feature the address by The Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams marking Centenarians Week, 2026)

It gives me immense pleasure to extend warm greetings to the people of Antigua and Barbuda as we observe Centenarians' Week 2026 and celebrate those exceptional citizens who have attained the remarkable age of one hundred years and beyond.

Throughout my years of service as Governor General, few duties have brought me greater joy and inspiration than visiting our centenarians in their homes and communities. Each encounter has been a reminder that behind every centenarian lies a remark-

able story of perseverance, faith, sacrifice, hard work, family devotion, and service to others.

Our centenarians are among our nation's greatest treasures. They have witnessed profound changes in our society and our world. Many have lived through economic hardships, natural disasters, technological revolutions, and the historic journey of Antigua and Barbuda from colonial rule to nationhood. Their experiences, wisdom, and resilience continue to inspire us all.

The observance of Centenarians' Week provides an opportunity for our nation to pause and express gratitude to these distinguished citizens. It is also an opportunity to encourage younger

generations to listen to their stories, learn from their experiences, and appreciate the values that have sustained them through a century of life.

This year, I am especially pleased that, for the first time, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda has decided to honour our centenarians with a grant of Ten Thousand Dollars (EC\$10,000.00) each. I welcome this thoughtful initiative and commend the Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation and all those involved in bringing it to fruition. This meaningful gesture serves as a tangible expression of our nation's gratitude and respect for those citizens who have achieved this extraordinary milestone and whose lives and contributions have helped shape Antigua

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and Barbuda.

A particularly special moment for those reaching their one hundredth birthday is the receipt of a congratulatory message from the Monarch, His Majesty The King. This longstanding tradition serves as a fitting acknowledgement of a truly extraordinary milestone and reflects the esteem in which centenarians are held throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

As Governor General, it has been the privilege of Her Excellency Lady Williams and me to present these greetings on behalf of the Sovereign and to celebrate with many first-time centenarians and those who have gone on to mark their 101st, 102nd, and even later birthdays. These occasions are always filled with warmth, dignity, and a deep appreciation for lives well lived.

Centenarians' Week is about more than longevity. It is a celebration of legacy. It is an affirmation that the contributions of our elders matter and that the knowledge they possess remains invaluable to our society. It reminds us of our collective responsibility to honour, respect, and care for those who have helped shape the Antigua and Barbuda we enjoy today.

On behalf of Lady Williams and myself, I extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all centenarians celebrating during this year. May you continue to be blessed with good health, happiness, comfort, and the love of family and friends.

May God continue to bless our centenarians, and may God bless Antigua and Barbuda.





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Diversifying Skills for a Stronger Future



By Senator Shaquan O'Neil

As Antigua and Barbuda continues to navigate an increasingly competitive and evolving global economy, it is imperative that we equip our young people with the tools necessary not only to secure employment, but also to create opportunities for themselves and others. While academic achievement remains a cornerstone of personal and national development, it should not be viewed as the sole pathway to success.

Today, many young people are entering the workforce with qualifications and aspirations, only to encounter a labour market that is highly competitive and, in some sectors, limited in its ca-

capacity to absorb the growing number of graduates. This reality highlights the need for a broader approach to education and workforce preparedness.

It is therefore essential that we place greater emphasis on the acquisition of technical, vocational, and entrepreneurial skills. Trades such as electrical installation, plumbing, construction, agriculture, automotive technology, information technology, and digital services continue to play a vital role in national development and offer viable pathways to sustainable employment and business ownership.

Equally important is the development of soft skills. Communication, critical thinking, leadership, teamwork, adaptability, and professionalism have become indispensable attributes in today's workplace. These competencies not only enhance employability but also enable individuals to excel in leadership positions, entrepreneurship, and public service.

The importance of diversifying one's educational background cannot be overstated. In an era defined by rapid technological advancement and economic transformation, individuals who possess a combination of academic knowledge, practical expertise, and interpersonal skills are often better positioned to adapt to changing circumstances and seize emerging opportunities.

Furthermore, we must encourage a cultural shift in the way we view employment and success. While traditional employment remains an important

component of our economy, entrepreneurship must also be embraced as a legitimate and impactful avenue for economic participation.

Young people should be empowered to identify opportunities, solve problems, and develop innovative solutions that contribute to national growth and development. Antigua and Barbuda possesses an abundance of talented, creative, and resilient young people. By investing in skills development, fostering innovation, and promoting entrepreneurship, we can unlock our full potential while strengthening the economic and social fabric of our nation.

As a young Senator, I firmly believe that the future prosperity of Antigua and Barbuda will depend largely on our ability to prepare young people for a rapidly changing world. This preparation must extend beyond the classroom and encompass practical skills, entrepreneurial thinking, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

I therefore encourage our youth to pursue academic excellence while also embracing opportunities to learn a trade, develop soft skills, and explore entrepreneurship. By doing so, they will not only enhance their own prospects but also contribute meaningfully to the continued advancement of Antigua and Barbuda.

Senator Shaquan O'Neil

Government Senator, Antigua and Barbuda



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Sandals St. Vincent announces US\$45M expansion



Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday has reaffirmed a robust partnership with Sandals Resorts, highlighting an immediate US\$45 million investment to expand tourism offerings and economic activity in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The announcement follows a high-level meeting between government officials and Sandals executives focused on future economic cooperation, capacity building, and community development.

The Prime Minister expressed strong satisfaction with Sandals' regional investments, citing the substantial benefits they generate, including enhanced airlift, tourism growth, and foreign direct investment.

Phase One: Construction is currently underway for 22 of Sandals' signature Rondoval Villas, which are slated for completion in November 2026.

Phase Two: Following the villas, the resort will construct 20 new Hillside Sky Suites.

Looking ahead, the partnership also laid out plans for Beaches St. Vincent, with construction expected to commence in 2028. Preparatory and design work for this major project will place a heavy emphasis on sustainable development. Planners are specifically prioritizing the protection of local marine biodiversity, reef ecosystems, and sea turtle habitats at the Mount Wynne site.

Altogether, these developments will add nearly 400 rooms to the country's tourism inventory.

Both parties emphasized the mutual benefits and job creation central to this partnership. Prime Minister Friday reiterated his government's support, stating, "The development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines requires continuity, partnership and a shared commitment to the national interest". He emphasized that collaborative efforts with Sandals will "create opportunities for Vincentians, support local businesses, generate employment and contribute to sustainable economic

growth".

Jordan Samuda, Chief Administrative Officer for Sandals, echoed this enthusiasm and commended the Prime Minister's vision for the country. "We are extremely excited about our future plans for St. Vincent, which will see significant investment in the near future, creating hundreds of new jobs and generating economic activity for the overall benefit of all," Samuda noted.

The meetings brought together key figures from both the government and the resort group. Prime Minister Friday was joined by the Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, and Sustainable Development, Hon. Dr. Kishore Shallow, and Attorney General Hon. Louise Mitchell. Representing Sandals Resorts were Board Director Gervase Warner, Chief Financial Officer Conor Lawler, Chief Administrative Officer Jordan Samuda, and Eastern Caribbean Regional Managing Director Winston Anderson. (St Vincent Times)

Special reserve police officer in Trinidad charged with forgery over CXC certificates



A Special Reserve Police (SRP) officer in Trinidad and Tobago has been charged with forgery and misbehaviour in public office after she submitted copies of invalid certificates purportedly obtained from the Barbados-based Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC).

A police statement said that WPC Lauren Thomas has also been charged with uttering a forged document and will appear before the Port of Spain North Criminal Court on Wednesday.

The statement said that on March 15 this year, officers of the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) received a report that a fe-

male officer had allegedly submitted a bundle of documents to initiate the absorption process to become a Regular Police Officer at the Police Academy.

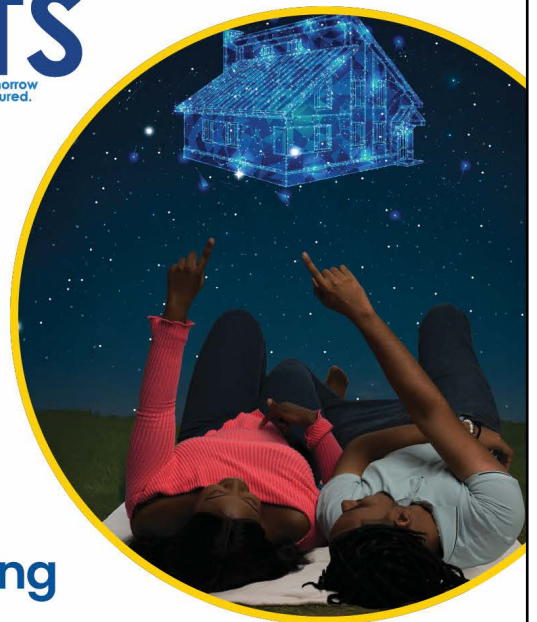
“Subsequent checks were made to confirm the validity of the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) certificates; however, it was observed that the certificates submitted were invalid,” the statement said, adding that an investigation was immediately launched, resulting in the female officer being arrested on June 1.

She was charged with the offences following advice received from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. (CMC)



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POLICE KILL 7 - One cop injured, five guns reportedly seized in operations across three parishes on bloody Tuesday

Seven men were fatally shot in separate police operations across St Catherine, St Andrew and Clarendon on Tuesday, while a policeman was injured and at least five firearms were reportedly seized, in what appeared to be one of the deadliest days involving the security forces so far in 2026.

The bloodiest incident unfolded shortly after 1:40 p.m. in the Bog Walk Gorge area of St Catherine, where police reported that officers came under attack and engaged armed men in a shootout.

Four civilians were shot during the confrontation and later pronounced dead at hospital.

A policeman assigned to the Linstead Police Station was also shot and injured. His condition was not known up to press time last night.

The police said officers subsequently pursued other men believed to have fled the area. The operation reportedly extended to the vicinity of G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sport in Spanish Town about 5:30 p.m., where another alleged gun battle took place. A fifth man was fatally shot during that incident.

The identities of the five deceased men had not been established up to press time.

The police reported recovering three firearms from the linked St Catherine operations, including one seized during the Spanish Town incident.

The shootings caused major disruption along the Bog Walk Gorge corridor, forcing motorists to retreat as gunfire echoed through the normally busy thoroughfare. Police later advised commuters to avoid the area and use alternative routes while investigators processed the scenes. The closure affected hundreds of motorists travelling between St Catherine and St Ann, and the roadway remained closed up to 6:30 p.m.



One motorist who witnessed part of the incident described the ordeal as frightening.

“All along you hear about police and gunmen in shootouts, but this is the first time I have ever experienced something like this. I’m just thankful that we made it through alive,” the motorist said.

Earlier in the day, a man was fatally shot during an alleged confrontation with police in Crofts Hill, Good Hope, Clarendon. Police identified him as Orlando Nembhard.

According to reports, Nembhard was shot and injured during an armed confrontation with lawmen about 5:20 a.m. He was transported to the Chapleton Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Police said a .38 revolver loaded with five cartridges was recovered at the scene.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident in the Land Lease community of Papine, St Andrew, another man was fatally shot during a reported confrontation with police.

According to police reports, officers were on patrol about 4 p.m. when they

intercepted a motor vehicle. A passenger allegedly exited the vehicle and opened fire at the police, prompting two officers to return fire. The man was hit and later pronounced dead at hospital. His identity had not been released up to press time.

The police reported recovering a Luger 9mm pistol and nine rounds of ammunition during the incident.

The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) was notified of all seven fatal shootings and has launched separate probes into each incident.

As of June 9, INDECOM was investigating 143 fatal shootings involving members of the security forces since the start of the year. Tuesday’s incidents are expected to push that figure higher once formally recorded by the oversight body.

The seven fatalities recorded on Tuesday add to four fatal police shootings already reported this month, underscoring the scale of a day that saw deadly police operations unfold across three parishes. (Jamaica Gleaner)

27 inmates sue State over Eid denial

TWENTY-SEVEN Muslim inmates have taken constitutional action against the State, alleging their fundamental rights were breached when prison authorities did not allow them to observe the Islamic holy day of Eid-ul-Adha last year.

In a fixed-date constitutional claim filed in the High Court on Friday, the inmates contend that the refusal or failure of the Commissioner of Prisons to permit or allow them to observe Eid-ul-Adha on June 7, 2025, amounted to an unlawful interference with their constitutionally protected rights.

At the time, the inmates were all being held at the Port of Spain prison on Frederick Street.

The claim was brought under Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution, with the inmates seeking redress under Section 14. They allege that the actions of prison authorities infringed their rights to freedom of conscience and religion, as well as their right to equality of treatment.

The claimants, led by Adil Mansano, maintain that Eid-ul-Adha is one of the most sacred observances in Islam and that participation in its associated religious practices is a core aspect of their faith. They argue that the denial of the observance was not justified by any lawful or proportionate restriction and was, therefore, unconstitutional.

In court documents, the inmates allege that prison officials either refused



outright or failed to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the observance, despite being aware of the religious significance of the occasion.

The claim stated that the inmates were not allowed to decorate the usually authorised area, while some of them were also not allowed out of their cell to shower and change their clothing in preparation for the 6 a.m. prayer.


It was not until after noon, that the inmates were allowed out of their cell to shower, but by that time, it was already well beyond the designated and

scheduled time for the Eid prayer.

They are seeking declarations that their constitutional rights were breached, along with compensation and any other relief the court considers just.

The claimants are represented by attorneys Joseph Sookoo, Siddiq Manzano and Andiesa Weste.

The first hearing in the matter is scheduled for September 16, before Justice Devindra Rampersad. (Trinidad Express)



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Bill Gates arrives for questioning in US Congress over Epstein ties



Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates arrived on Capitol Hill Wednesday morning for questioning from United States (US) lawmakers over his relationship with late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, whose network of wealthy and powerful associates has fueled years of scrutiny and conspiracy theories.

Gates, one of the world's richest men and a leading philanthropist, was appearing before the House Oversight Committee for a transcribed interview about the disgraced financier, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges involving underage girls.

"I hope my testimony is helpful to the work — important work — of the committee to find justice for the victims," Gates told reporters as he walked into a hearing room, while avoiding further questions.

The panel asked Gates to appear after documents released by the Justice Department raised new questions about his contacts with Epstein.

Several other high-profile figures

have also appeared before the committee, including Bill and Hillary Clinton, and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick.

A spokesperson for Gates told AFP in a statement that the billionaire welcomed the chance to appear before the committee and emphasised he had "never witnessed or participated in Epstein's illegal conduct."

The Epstein files include a 2013 draft email in which the financier appeared to suggest he had helped Gates manage the fallout from extramarital affairs, including by seeking antibiotics after a sexually transmitted infection.

Gates has called the email fake and denied the allegations. He told Australian television in February that he had been "foolish" to associate with Epstein, but said the relationship had nothing to do with the financier's crimes.

"Every minute I spent with him, I regret, and I apologise that I did that... It's factually true that I was only at dinners. I never went to (his) island, I never met any women," he said.

Simply appearing in Epstein-related

documents does not indicate evidence of a crime.

Gates told his foundation staff that he had affairs with two Russian women, the Wall Street Journal reported, but denied spending time with Epstein's victims. He said his relationship with Epstein began in 2011, three years after Epstein pleaded guilty in Florida to soliciting a minor for prostitution.

Gates reportedly acknowledged that his then-wife Melinda French Gates raised concerns about Epstein in 2013, but that he continued the relationship for at least another year.

Melinda French Gates, who divorced the Microsoft co-founder in 2021, has said remaining questions about the relationship are for her ex-husband and others to answer.

The House Oversight Committee has been investigating Epstein and his accomplice Ghislaine Maxwell as part of a broad examination of how the government handled the case and what it has released from its files.

US President Donald Trump, who also had a years-long relationship with Epstein, initially opposed releasing the files, prompting accusations of a cover-up that dogged his first year back in office.

Democrats say they intend to ask what Gates knew about Epstein's crimes and the full nature of their relationship.

The interview will not be videotaped, unlike several others released by the committee.

US media reported that Gates had hired former Justice Department lawyer John Moran and received preparation from Jake Greenberg, a former top Oversight Committee investigator, a move that ethics experts said raised questions about optics but did not necessarily violate rules. (AFP)

Trump and Iran trade new threats after strikes exchanged

US President Donald Trump and Iran's senior officials have traded new threats of further action, after the two sides exchanged strikes.

Trump said Tehran had taken "too long to negotiate a deal" and would now "have to pay the price", without giving specific details. He said Iran had been "completely defeated" and was "all talk and no action".

It came after Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi earlier warned his country would "leave no attack or threat unanswered", saying that the US had suffered "defeats on the battlefield".

The US said it struck Iranian sites on Tuesday in response to the downing of a US army helicopter in the Gulf. Iran then launched strikes at US bases in the region.

Iranian defence systems, ground control stations and radar sites were targeted near the Strait of Hormuz, the US military Central Command (Centcom) said.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said it launched strikes on 21 targets at US bases in the region, one in Bahrain and the other in Jordan, while Kuwait's army said it was also intercepting an attack.

Writing on his social media platform Truth Social on Wednesday, Trump said: "Iran's Military is a complete and total mess. Much of it, like their Navy and Air Force, doesn't even exist anymore - They have been completely defeated."

He added: "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them, now they will have to pay the price!!!"

Trump's comments were in contrast to Tuesday, when he told journalists the US and Iran were "in the final throes of what will be a very, very good deal". Also on Wednesday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqai accused the US of "damaging this diplomatic process through the contra-



dictory messages it sends, its repeated shifts in positions and demands, and, worst of all, through repeated violations of the ceasefire".

He said Iran needed to re-assess the situation, adding that any diplomatic process required a minimum of stability.

On Tuesday, Centcom described its strikes on Iran as "a proportional response" for the Apache helicopter downing on Monday, with the IRGC describing them as "vicious".

Trump previously said on Truth Social that the helicopter had been "shot down" as it was patrolling the Strait of Hormuz, a critical shipping channel that has been effectively closed since the conflict started in late February.

Fox News quoted Trump on Wednesday as saying that an Iranian drone had hit the helicopter without exploding as it flew "very low".

The two crew members survived and were rescued by an American sea drone.

According to US officials, Iran used a drone to launch the attack on the helicopter. But it is not clear whether the drone had deliberately attacked it, an unnamed US official told CBS News, the BBC's US partner.

The semi-official Iranian Mehr News Agency reported that Iran had not

claimed responsibility for the downed aircraft.

The IRGC has said the latest US strikes targeted the cities of Jask and Sirik, as well as Qeshm island, and damaged a telecommunications tower and two water tanks.

Reuters cited a US official on Wednesday as saying nearly all of the Iranian missiles and drones launched at US bases in the Middle East in response were intercepted, with no reported casualties.

The war began on 28 February, after the US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran that killed the country's supreme leader.

Iran responded by launching attacks on Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf. The fighting escalated quickly across the region, with Lebanon drawn into the conflict in March.

In April, the US and Iran agreed to a ceasefire that was initially meant to last for a period of two weeks.

Both sides have since exchanged intermittent fire, without returning to full-scale hostilities.

Meanwhile, the countries' representatives have engaged in fraught negotiations, including a meeting in Pakistan, in an attempt to find a lasting solution to the conflict. (BBC)

Norway crown princess's son to stay in custody before rape verdict, says court



A Norwegian appeal court has rejected a request by Marius Borg Høyby to be released from custody because of his mother's serious illness, ahead of a verdict in a rape trial.

The appeal court's ruling in Oslo overturns a lower court's decision on Monday ordering the release of the crown princess's 29-year-old son pending next Monday's verdict on 40 criminal charges. He denies the most serious allegations.

Princess Mette-Marit, 52, is suffering from pulmonary fibrosis, and her doctors last week placed her on a waiting list for a lung transplant, saying her condition had declined significantly in recent months.

Her son's lawyers argued that Høyby needed to be close to his mother.

Høyby himself is not a member of the royal family. He has been in custody since the start of February, when he was detained before his trial over new allegations of assault and violating a restraining order requiring him not to go near an ex-girlfriend.

The case against him began when he was first arrested at the woman's flat in the upmarket Frogner area of Oslo in August 2024.

Repeated attempts by his lawyers to secure his release failed until a district court said on Monday he should be

freed from custody.

"Sitting inside when I know Mum is so sick is unbearable," Høyby had told the district court.

It ruled that while there was a marginal risk of the crown princess's son re-offending, he had been free of drugs in prison and it would be "disproportionately intrusive" to keep him in jail.

The court of appeal disagreed with that assessment on Wednesday, arguing that the risk of re-offending was "virtually unchanged" since its previous decision on 13 May.

There was an obvious risk that he would have further contact with the "Frogner woman", the court decided.

"We are very, very disappointed on behalf of our client. One can imagine how he feels," one of his two defence lawyers, Ellen Holager Andenæs, told Norwegian media.

Prosecutors are seeking a jail term of seven years and seven months for Høyby, who is accused of 40 criminal offences. He denies four counts of rape, but admits some of the lesser charges, including possessing drugs and traffic offences.

The rape charges all involve women who were either asleep or incapacitated after they had had consensual sex. One of the four counts involves intercourse while the other three include

alleged sexual assault.

The three judges in the six-week trial are also considering charges of violence, threats and abusive behaviour within a relationship, all of which he denies.

The court case has cast a shadow over the Norwegian royal family, as have revelations that Crown Princess Mette-Marit had a three-year friendship with disgraced late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Although Høyby was born before Mette-Marit married the heir to the throne, Prince Haakon, he was brought up within the royal family despite not being a member of it.

The crown prince and princess visited Høyby in Oslo prison last Sunday, after it emerged that she had been placed on the waiting list for a lung transplant.

Their children, Princess Ingrid Alexandra and Prince Sverre Magnus, visited Høyby hours after their mother had gone into hospital last Thursday.

The 29-year-old was allowed out of jail on Monday to attend a meeting with his mother's doctor at the family's Skaugum estate outside Oslo.

She was diagnosed with a rare form of incurable pulmonary fibrosis in 2018. The illness causes breathing difficulties and creates scar tissue that stiffens the lungs, making it difficult to breathe and for oxygen to enter the bloodstream.

Her consultant Are Holm, a lung specialist at Oslo University Hospital, told reporters last week that her condition had significantly worsened in the past three months, adding the rule for those being placed on the transplant list was that a patient was believed to have only a year left to live.

King Harald, 89, and Queen Sonja, 88, have been largely shielded from the crises affecting the royal family.

During a royal visit in Norway on Tuesday, they were asked about the crown princess's health, and the queen said "the situation is serious". (BBC)

Multiple attackers kill 12 and wound 9 in a in Johannesburg mass shooting

Multiple attackers killed 12 people and wounded at least nine in a late-night mass shooting in Johannesburg, police said Wednesday, the latest in such attacks that have shaken the South African city.

Police said they believe more than 10 suspects were driven in a minibus to an informal settlement in the Cleveland suburb of Johannesburg late on Tuesday night and once there, opened fire on people.

South Africa has seen several high-profile mass shootings recently, including two in December that killed more than 20 people. One of the attacks had also involved multiple shooters.

The shootings are sometimes linked to illegal mining gangs that operate in and around Johannesburg. The suburb of Cleveland is connected to illegal mining activity.

According to a police statement, the attackers “moved through the area, opening fire on residents and community members at multiple locations before fleeing the scene in the same vehicle.”

The victims were nine men and three women, according to police. Eleven died at the scene and another victim died in the hospital.

Police were searching for the attackers but no arrests had been made. The motive for the shooting remained unclear, they said.

Informal settlements in South Africa are unplanned residential areas usually made up of shacks or similar structures.

“Provincial and district detectives,



supported by crime intelligence and forensic experts, have been mobilized to investigate the incident and track down the suspects,” said police spokesperson Athlenda Mathe.

Police commissioner Tommy Mthombeni said the attackers were “heartless” but refused to link the killings to illegal mining until the investigations was complete.

“We are still investigating, but what we have seen here is a criminal act. We have deployed all required units,” he said, adding that crime intelligence officials have also been deployed to the area. Multiple attackers killed 12 people and wounded at least nine in a late-night mass shooting in Johannesburg, police said Wednesday, the latest in such attacks that have shaken the South African city.

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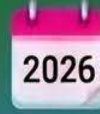


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Antiguan players return home to prepare for CONCACAF Under-20 Championship



Three overseas-based Antigua and Barbuda national under-20 team players and Syrian professional footballer Omar Al Somah upon their return to the island at the V.C. Bird International Airport on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. From left to right: Conroy Browne, Syrian Omar Al Somah, Keyonte George, and Marco Michael. (Photo courtesy the ABFA)

Three overseas-based members of the Antigua and Barbuda national football team arrived home on Tuesday to continue preparations for the country's participation in the 2026 CONCACAF Under-20 Championship in Mexico this summer from July 24 to August 9.

In a moment both unexpected and significant, the returning players found themselves sharing the VIP Lounge at V.C. Bird International Airport with Syrian-born, Saudi Arabian-based football star Omar Al Somah and walked away with far more than a photograph.

Captain Keyonte George and Conroy Browne, both Germany-based, along with UK-based Marco Micheal, flew home on Tuesday afternoon and were greeted by the recently appointed Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) General Secretary Zorol Barthley.

The players will now join their teammates in training as the full squad assembles ahead of their departure for the tournament on July 2.

The encounter with Al Somah, one of the most prolific strikers in Asian football and a towering figure in the his-

tory of the Syrian national team, was entirely unplanned.

In conversation with General Secretary Barthley, Al Somah expressed genuine admiration for the players and pledged to help make connections that could expose Antiguan talent to clubs in the Middle East.

It was the kind of moment that reminds everyone that football is a small world and that Antigua and Barbuda is very much a part of it.

"These are the moments that change careers," said General Secretary Barthley.

"For our captain and his teammates to interact with a player of Omar Al Somah's caliber on the very day they return home to prepare for a CONCACAF Championship says everything about the trajectory this squad is on."

Antigua and Barbuda's under-20 national team is one of only 12 nations to have qualified for the 2026 CONCACAF Under-20 Championship and the sole representative of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union in the tournament.

Of the Caribbean nations present, only Jamaica and Haiti stand alongside Antigua and Barbuda.

Antigua and Barbuda will contest group stage matches at the Estadio Cuauhtemoc in Puebla, Mexico, against hosts Mexico on July 24. The young Benna Boys will face Guatemala on July 27 and tackle Costa Rica in their final group stage match on July 30.

The tournament is a qualifier to the FIFA Under-20 World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan in 2027.

The full national under-20 squad will depart Antigua on Thursday, July 2, which will begin a 43-day programme that takes them through St. Lucia, Panama, and Mexico City before arriving in Puebla, Mexico, fully prepared for competition in high-altitude conditions above sea level.

More success for Newfield in Village Netball League



The Newfield netball team

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

Newfield recorded their third win in as many games with a 33-19 victory over Willikies in the female division of the competition at the Swetes Netball Court.

Esther Emmanuel sank 25 of her 33 attempts, and Sophia Wilkins scored eight of her 16 shots for Newfield.

Summer Buckleys converted 10 of her 21 attempts, Sanchez Martin made seven of her nine tries, and Ronesa

Softleigh scored two of her eight shots for Willikies, who suffered their second loss in as many games.

The Potters Stingers also maintained their unbeaten run, securing their third win in as many matches with a 41-33 victory against Lamin Newton All Saints United in another female division affair.

Tashana Bloomfield scored 30 of her 34 shots, Adina Andre sank nine of her 17 attempts, and Janet Samuel made two of her four tries for the Potters Stingers.

Rayana Regis sank 14 of her 16 shots, Zhanira Pereira scored 11 of her

15 tries, and Karol Carlton converted eight of her 10 attempts for All Saints United, who lost for the second time in as many games.

The ABNA Village League will continue with three more matches at the Swetes Netball Court on Thursday evening.

In the female division, Willikies will take on Swetes/Roman Hill at 6 pm, and Seatons Eastsiders will meet Newfield at 7 pm.

Michael Joseph Gray's Green Flyballers will clash with Potters Defante Stingers in a mixed division affair at 8 pm.

Hero's welcome for Somali referee denied US entry for World Cup



Referee Omar Artan, who was denied entry to the United States, arrives in Mogadishu, Somalia, Wednesday, June 10, 2026. (AP)

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A leading soccer referee from Somalia who was denied entry to the United States of America (USA) for the World Cup tournament was warmly received by a crowd of supporters and officials on Wednesday as he arrived home.

Omar Artan, who was named as Africa's best male referee in 2025, said he plans to be at the next World Cup and urged Somali youth to be proud of their country.

Artan was set to be the first referee from Somalia to officiate at a World Cup after making FIFA's final list for the tournament.

He was denied entry to the USA at Miami International Airport on Saturday over unspecified "vetting concerns," the US Customs and Border Protection said in a statement, without giving details of the concerns. FIFA subsequently cut him from the

tournament's referee list.

Artan was issued a visa to travel to the USA last week, according to the Somalia Embassy in Kenya, which processed it. The USA is co-hosting the tournament with Mexico and Canada, and Artan was due to meet up with other World Cup referees at their training base in Miami.

Arriving in the capital, Mogadishu, he thanked the Somali government and public as well as FIFA for their support.

"I promise you, God willing, that I will attend the next one," he said as hundreds of supporters at the airport waved Somali flags. "I want the Somali public to take comfort in this and remain confident."

Later on Wednesday, thousands of soccer fans packed the stadium in Mogadishu for a welcome ceremony for Artan, with patriotic songs echoing through the arena as supporters

waved the nation's flag and cheered him on.

Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre also hosted Artan, writing in a post on X that the referee had "already won the hearts of millions and secured his place in history.

"He devoted himself to ensuring that football was decided by merit, yet fate denied him the stage he so richly deserved," Barre said.

The USA's highly unusual move to deny a FIFA-appointed match official permission to enter a World Cup host country drew outrage across the world and raised questions among some fans about America's capacity to host the competition.

Somalia is one of nearly 40 countries subject to new travel restrictions under the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration.

On Wednesday, the United Nations' top human rights official called for a "massive rethink" of immigration policies especially in the United States around the World Cup.

Hundreds of supporters, government officials and members of Somalia's football community gathered hours before Artan arrived at Aden Adde International Airport.

As he disembarked, supporters waving Somali flags crowded around him before draping him in the flag.

He was then escorted by police officers to the airport's VIP terminal, where he was welcomed by Somalia's sports minister and other dignitaries, and spoke to journalists.

"It is up to all of us to defend the Somali name," Artan said. "Somalia belongs to us, whether it is in a bad state or a good state. That flag belongs to us, and that passport belongs to us."

FIFA's Infantino defends World Cup ticket prices



FIFA President Gianni Infantino speaks during a news conference at the stadium in Mexico City, Wednesday, June 10, 2026, a day before the opening FIFA World Cup match between Mexico and South Africa. (AP)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — FIFA President Gianni Infantino defended World Cup ticket prices, saying Wednesday “if we are doing something wrong, everyone in North America is doing something wrong.”

FIFA priced tickets starting at US\$140 for the 48-nation, 104-game tournament that starts Thursday and priced regular seats up to US\$8,680 for the July 19 final in New Jersey.

It raised prices for the final to US\$10,990 and then US\$32,970. After criticism, FIFA offered a small amount of US\$60 tickets to national federations for their regular supporters. He said Wednesday 130,000 tickets were offered at that price, out of six to seven million in total.

Infantino said the average ticket price was under US\$500 for the tournament and was comparable to other US sports during their playoffs, a claim that while true for resale prices does not appear to be accurate for list

prices. He said he was unconcerned about investigations by attorneys general in California, New Jersey, New York, and Texas.

“We are very relaxed about it because before starting to sell 6.5 million or 7 million tickets, we check what we do with the best lawyers,” he said. “We welcome every investigation.”

The NBA Finals have had wildly varied get-in prices, ranging from a minimum of about US\$500 for the first two games in San Antonio to about US\$10,000 for Game 3 in New York. Game 4 in New York was much less, dropping to about US\$4,000 on Wednesday.

The Stanley Cup Final this year between teams in Las Vegas and Raleigh, North Carolina, has included a get-in price of at least US\$600 for each of the first four games of the best-of-seven series.

Infantino said it was “unfortunate”

that Somali referee Omar Artan was denied entry to the USA and said people “should chill.”

He said FIFA cannot dictate to governments who to let into their countries, though it is working “behind the scenes.”

“We always try to make the situation as positive as possible and to find solutions,” he said. “Sometimes we manage, other times not. We don’t live on the moon, we live on planet Earth,” he said.

Infantino praised FIFA for working through details that allow Iran to play in the tournament at a time the USA is at war with Iran. The Iranian team moved its training camp from the USA to Mexico and will fly to the USA before matches.

“I don’t know who else would have been able to ensure in these circumstances ... Iran could come and play,” Infantino said. Infantino claimed the tournament will be “the biggest event probably in the history of mankind.”

Four years ago, Infantino scolded critics during a news conference ahead of the opener in Qatar. He lectured Europeans for criticizing Qatar’s human rights record during a bizarre availability in which he claimed to feel gay, like a woman and a migrant worker, among other bizarre claims.

Now 50, Infantino has been FIFA’s president since 2010 and intends to seek another term next year that runs through 2031.

Infantino kept an empty seat at the news conference for Christophe Gleizes, a French freelance reporter given a seven-year prison sentence in Algeria last year over an interview with a soccer official accused of ties to a banned separatist movement.




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West Indies captain Hayley Matthews, who made 15, was the next to fall as they struggled to stitch together meaningful partnerships with wickets falling at regular intervals.

Jahzara Claxton and Deandra Dottin briefly steadied the innings with a 45-run stand for the fourth wicket before Lucy Hamilton struck again, dismissing Claxton for 15 in the 14th over to leave the Windies on 97 for four.

Chinelle Henry, who made nine, and Deandra Dottin then departed in quick succession, sparking a late collapse as West Indies added just 26 runs in the final five overs before being bowled out.

Ashleigh Gardner claimed two for 17, and Lucy Hamilton captured two for 19 in Australia's disciplined bowling effort that saw seven different bowlers take wickets.

This was Australia's final match ahead of their Women's T20 World Cup 2026 opener against South Africa at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Australia played a total of four warm-up fixtures. They lost to South Africa by seven runs on May 31 but bounced back to beat the same opponents by 85 runs in the next match.

The Australians then carried that momentum into victories over England and West Indies, finishing their preparations for the tournament with three wins from four matches.

It was the second loss in as many warm-up matches for the West Indies after losing by 26 runs to India in their first encounter on Monday.

However, the West Indies started their T20 World Cup preparations by winning a tri-series in Dublin against hosts Ireland and Pakistan.

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

Meanwhile, West Indies all-rounder Chinelle Henry suffered an injury in the warm-up match against Australia at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on Wednesday ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup and had to be stretchered off the field.

Henry, fielding at long-on slipped as she charged in to take a catch after Australia's Georgia Voll had lofted a ball in her direction off Afy Fletcher's bowling in the ninth over.

The West Indies vice-captain lost her footing while positioning herself for the catch and had an awkward landing. The 30-year-old had to leave the field on a stretcher after a brief stoppage in play.

The extent of Henry's injury remains

unknown, an update from the West Indies is expected after consultation with their medical team.

The all-rounder is a key figure in the West Indies side, having featured in 73 T20I matches, and adds much-needed balance to the side. An injury will be a big blow to the West Indies ahead of the start of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

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West Indies lose last warm-up match by six wickets to Australia



West Indies player Deandra Dottin, right, goes on the attack against Australia in their second ICC Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. (ICC/Getty Images)

The Australian cricket team, powered by solid contributions from **Georgia Voll** and **Beth Mooney**, eased to a six-wicket win over West Indies in their final Women's T20 World Cup 2026 warm-up fixture at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on Wednesday.

The West Indies were dismissed for 131 of their 20 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat, and Australia secured victory by scoring 132 for four in 15 overs.

Georgia Voll top-scored for Australia with a 48-ball 77 after Beth Mooney smashed a brisk 34 off 18 to help the six-time T20 World Cup champions complete victory with 30 balls to

spare. Deandra Dottin was West Indies' top-scorer with a knock of 46 off 38 balls.

Chasing 132 to win, openers Georgia Voll and Beth Mooney gave Australia a solid start before the latter retired out at the end of the powerplay, leaving the Aussies on 48 for one.

New batter Ellyse Perry's brief stay in the middle ended a couple of overs later when she fell for five but Georgia Voll took the attack to the West Indies bowling line-up at the other end by consistently finding the boundary.

The West Indies did find some joy with the dismissals of Ashleigh Gardner for seven and Georgia Wareham for one in

quick succession.

However, Georgia Voll, who brought up her fifty off 40 balls in the 14th over, continued to score freely and helped Australia comfortably chase down the target.

Earlier, after winning the toss and electing to bat first, West Indies endured a shaky start, losing two wickets inside the powerplay to slip to 45 for two after six overs.

Qiana Joseph, who scored five, was the first to fall, edging Lucy Hamilton behind in the second over before Sophie Molineux struck a couple of overs later by bowling Aaliyah Alleyne for 10.

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