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The prices for fuel are set to increase today as the prime minister has signaled that the government cannot continue to subsidize the price of this key commodity any longer.

Speaking on Saturday's Browne and Browne Show, on Point Broadcasting Network, Prime Minister Gaston Browne admitted that the continuing war between the US and Iran and its impact on the price of petroleum on the global markets have made it impossible for the government to continue with the fuel price subsidy it has been absorbing for the last several months.

"We have not only been subsidizing the cost of fuel at the pump, but we have also been paying West Indies Oil Company rather than collecting tax revenues from the company. I want the public to understand that we normally collect between three and four million dollars monthly from WIOC on an average. So instead of collecting that \$3 -\$4 million per month for the past six months, roughly \$24 million, we now owe WIOC \$15 million," the prime minister disclosed.

According to the prime minister the government had hoped that the Iran-US war would have been over by this time, but instead, the conflict seems to be dragging on with no clear end in sight. He said this has led to much volatility on the international markets especially on petroleum prices.

He further disclosed that technicians in the ministry of finance have advised that the expected increase should be in the vicinity of \$3.50cents, but he expressed the view that this would constitute too large a jump in the price so the government has agreed on a price of \$2.00 across the board. "That was



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

too large an increase to be implemented in one fell swoop, so we settled on a smaller increase," PM Browne reported.

This means that prices will move from the current \$14.50 for gasoline to an expected \$16.50. There is likely to be a similar hike in the price of diesel bringing it to \$16.25 per gallon.

While the prime minister did not give an implementation date for the increase only to state that 'the time has come for us to pass on (to consumers) some of the recent increases in fuel prices' on the international market, a check with the service stations has indicated that the new prices go into effect today (August 31).

The prime minister maintains that even with this increase, Antigua and Barbuda consumers will be paying less than the regional average for fuel.



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PM Browne Makes An Urgent Call For Food Security

Prime Minister Gaston Browne is returning to a familiar theme; the need for nationals to make a committed and concerted move towards food security at both the personal and national levels.

Speaking against the backdrop of a volatile international environment with wars and threats of wars, the prime minister noted that the nation's survival may be under threat due to these issues that are beyond the control of governments in the Caribbean or elsewhere.

Under such circumstances where there could be disruptions in supply-chains for food and other essential items, PM Browne feels that it is imperative that the nation address this matter with the urgency that it deserves.

"Each adult man and woman in Antigua and Barbuda should take some responsibility for his/her food security by growing something. The world is so unstable today; the world is not what it was even a few years ago. There are several conflicts and should they escalate and protract, then they could result in supply-chain disruptions and this could mean that we may not be able to access food maybe months or years from now. We have to prepare for the 'worst-case- scenario,'" he warned.

He noted that the ministry of agriculture has been purchasing equipment to build or clean dams for water catchments as part of the drive towards more agricultural production. However, he believes that the drive towards food security cannot be achieved by the government acting without the full support and participation of the nation.

"Even if it's a backyard garden, it may come in handy. So my message to the entire population of this country; plant something. In fact, I have a policy that anywhere that I live, there must be some planting of fruits and vegetables," he announced.

The prime minister recalled that ear-



lier generations all had some form of small plot cultivation where they produced vegetables and food crops both for sale and for their own consump-

tion. He is urging a return to this form of self-sufficiency in the drive towards attaining food security for Antigua and Barbuda.



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Even as the Antigua and Barbuda Met

Services has reported that now tropical wave has since left this part of the Lesser Antilles, showers associated with the weather system were still falling into Sunday night.

According to the Met Office some parts of the country reported up to

2-inches of rain between Saturday and Sunday.

The inclement weather led to the cancellation or postponement of many religious, sporting and entertainment events that were planned for the weekend. Several churches canceled corporate worship and resorted to other forms of worship due to the weather and a threat of a flash flood as a warning was issued up to midday on Sunday.

The Met Office reported that the inclement weather was forecast to continue Sunday night into Monday as there were still much moisture in the air that could give rise to additional showers.

Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of the Leeward Islands are entering what traditionally has been the busiest period of the Hurricane season which runs from late August to around the middle of September.



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More Training For CHOGM 26 Volunteers



With the countdown to Antigua and Barbuda's historic hosting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026, a mere two months away, the National Task Force is stepping up its training of those individuals who have come forward to serve as volunteers for this major event.

Task Force Lead for Volunteers, Anika Kentish and her team conducted another training session for volunteers on Sunday afternoon at the American University of Antigua (AUA), which will serve as the main venue for the conference.

Kentish said the training covered several key topics to include; the Commonwealth, CHOGM, Service excellence, Communication, Team Work and Professionalism.

"It is very important that our volunteers have some knowledge of what the event is all about and to understand its significance on a global scale. After all, outside of the United Nations General Assembly, CHOGM is the world's largest gathering of world leaders representing five regions of the world; the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific," she explained.

She added that it is also critical for the volunteers to understand their roles and not to become awed by



some of the people they would see but to be professional at all times acting in a manner befitting their roles

and the occasion.

Two other team members; Kiesha

Local News



Benjamin led the discussion on *team work* while Violet Lake led the discussion on *professionalism*.

“So far we have trained somewhere in the vicinity of 500 persons and we expect to train more as we want to have a minimum of 600 volunteers for CHOGM 26. We have to take into account that there will be events spread across a wide geographical area, including the University of the West Indies, Sticky Wicket, the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and the Sir John E St. Luce Business Centre, all of which must be covered by teams of volunteers,” she explained.

CHOGM runs from November 1 to 4



UNODA and Antigua and Barbuda Host National Workshop On Implementing Biological Weapons Convention



The Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), in collaboration with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda - National Contact Points for the Biological Weapons Convention, organised a National Workshop on the Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention

(BWC). The workshop was held over the period 26th- 27th August, 2026 at the Trade Winds Hotel.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Immigration, E.P. Chet Greene delivered opening remarks at the workshop, highlighting how effective implementation of the BWC touches every aspect of national life. According to Minister Greene,

“It supports outbreak readiness – by improving coordination among our agencies, we can detect, investigate and contain outbreaks more quickly, whether they are natural, accidental or deliberate.” He further stated that effective implementation “protects our agriculture and food security” and “it safeguards our tourism and livelihoods”.



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Minister Greene also emphasised that “as a small island developing state, multilateral engagement amplifies our voice and provides the mechanisms we need to cooperate effectively, and the workshop itself is a product of that international spirit”.

Also delivering opening remarks was Dr. Alex Lampalzer, Deputy Chief of BWC-ISU, who underscored that rapid advances in science and technology are reshaping the biological landscape. He added that “these advances bring opportunities for human health, for agriculture, for fisheries, but also pose serious biosecurity challenges because of the dual-use potential.”

The workshop aimed to raise awareness of the Biological Weapons Convention in Antigua and Barbuda and support its improved implementation at the national level. In addition, the workshop trained participants to prepare Antigua and Barbuda’s first Confidence-Building

Measures (CBM) report and served as a platform to inform participants about assistance and cooperation opportunities to strengthen biosecurity nationally, through discussions facilitated by Dr. Alex Lampalzer and visiting experts, Dr. Mariana Ulinici, Research Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), and Dr. Vishal Goury, Chief Government Analyst of Mauritius.

Antigua and Barbuda acceded to the BWC in 2003, legally binding the country to refrain from developing, producing, stockpiling, acquiring, or utilising biological weapons.

The current National Contact Points are Dr. Linroy Christian, Director, Department of Analytical Services and Miss Alyssa Weste, Technical Cooperation Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.




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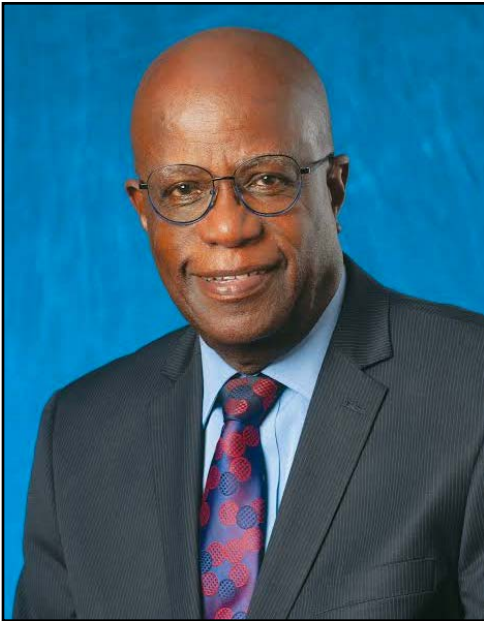
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SHOCK AND AWE: OUR ROADS ARE IN THE AIR



By Julian Rogers

The news that Caribbean Airlines is dropping its direct Tobago-Barbados connection should cause more than a shrug. It should cause a regional conversation.

To be precise, CAL is discontinuing the direct Tobago-Barbados leg of its Trinidad-Tobago-Barbados service from September 2, 2026. Passengers on the affected flights are being moved to alternative same-day connections through Trinidad, so the three destinations remain connected. But Tobago is losing a direct air bridge to Barbados.

The timing is particularly striking. Tobago has been positioning Barbados as an important gateway for visitors, using Grantley Adams International

Airport's wider regional and international connections to help bring travelers into Tobago. Barbados, meanwhile, is strengthening its position as a Caribbean aviation gateway.

Just as Tobago is seeking to benefit from that gateway, the direct Tobago-Barbados connection is disappearing.

So what are we to make of this? Is competition from interCaribbean a factor? Is LIAT Air adding pressure? Are smaller, leaner airlines, operating smaller aircraft, forcing CAL to rethink its regional network?

Probably all of the above.

But the bigger question is whether we are allowing the commercial decisions of individual airlines to determine the future of Caribbean connectivity.

We have been here before.

Back in the 1980s, Trinidad and Tobago's Trade and Industry Minister, Ken Gordon, was involved in discussions with aviation interests across the region about creating what could have become a Caribbean airline, involving carriers from Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Guyana and The Bahamas. The idea was to maximise code sharing, coordinate routes, exploit Trinidad's advantage in aviation fuel and create a network capable of serving the Caribbean as one market. At the time, BWIA also had a share in LIAT.

The vision was essentially one Carib-

bean airline serving the Caribbean.

Decades later, we are still wrestling with the same problem.

Caribbean integration requires movement. People, businesses, tourists, students, professionals and investors must be able to move easily between islands. Yet we have never properly designed the aviation infrastructure to support that integration. We have largely left individual airlines to determine routes according to their own balance sheets.

That may make commercial sense. It does not necessarily make regional sense.

For the Caribbean, our roads are in the air.

CARICOM governments therefore need to sit down with the airlines and determine which routes are commercially viable, which are strategically important and which are essential to regional integration but cannot survive without support. Commercial routes should be left to competition. Strategic routes could receive transparent, competitively tendered public-service support.

That carrier could be CAL. It could be interCaribbean. It could be LIAT Air. It could be another operator.

The objective should not be to protect an airline. It should be to protect connectivity.

Governments also need to rethink the

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tax burden on regional travel. Passenger taxes and other aviation charges have traditionally been justified as necessary to support airports and aviation infrastructure. But if those charges make regional travel prohibitively expensive, they suppress the very passenger traffic from which governments expect revenue.

Why should a Caribbean citizen travelling from Tobago to Barbados, Barbados to Antigua, or Trinidad to Grenada face a fare that can approach the cost of flying to Miami?

Our geography is difficult enough. Our tax systems should not make it worse.

We need a regional aviation tax regime designed around volume. Lower the cost of travel, encourage more passengers, stimulate more economic activity and allow governments to benefit from the wider economic multiplier.

Tax the activity, not the possibility.

There is another contradiction.

Caribbean governments have provided seat support and other incentives for charter flights from North America and Europe because they want more tourists. The logic is obvious: more visitors mean more hotel rooms occupied, more restaurant spending, more taxis, more shopping and more foreign exchange.

But why does that logic disappear when the tourist comes from another Caribbean country?

A Trinidadian visiting Barbados is spending money. A Barbadian visiting Trinidad is spending money. A Tobagonian visiting Barbados is spending money. A Guyanese visiting Antigua is spending money.

We need to start treating the Caribbean traveller as a tourist too.

Governments could guarantee or purchase a limited number of seats on strategically important regional routes. The airline gets greater certainty, the passenger gets a lower fare, the destination gets visitors and the wider economy benefits.

That is not simply an airline subsidy. It is an investment in the regional economy.

The emergence of smaller airlines should not frighten us. It may actually be part of the answer. The Caribbean does not necessarily need one airline flying everywhere. We need a network.

CAL can serve markets where its scale makes sense. Smaller airlines can operate thinner routes with smaller aircraft. Different hubs can serve different parts of the region. Airlines can share codes, coordinate schedules and connect passengers across those hubs.

The old idea of one Caribbean airline may therefore have evolved into something even better:

One Caribbean. One network. Many airlines.

The technology exists. The aircraft exist. The need certainly exists. What appears to be missing is the political will.

The good old days are gone. Perhaps that is just as well. We have an opportunity to build a smarter Caribbean aviation system: competitive airlines, appropriate aircraft, strategically supported routes and a tax regime that encourages Caribbean people to travel around their own region.

Because we cannot seriously talk about CARICOM integration while making it easier, and sometimes cheaper, to get to Miami than to another Caribbean island.

The question is no longer simply whether Caribbean Airlines can afford to fly the route.

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BEFORE ANOTHER MOUNTAIN MOVES

Langtang, Global Warming and the Imperative of Preparedness



*By Ambassador
Dr. Clarence E. Pilgrim*

The global community must face another natural disaster on our changing Earth with clarity, compassion and scientific investigation.

Before discussing global warming, geology or statistics, we should remember the people.

The disaster that struck Nepal and Tibet on August 26, 2026, left families grieving, communities devastated and thousands waiting for news of loved ones. People across the world extend sympathy and solidarity to all who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

Behind every number is a human life, and every missing person represents a family waiting. The tragedy must never obscure the people at its centre.

But mountains move. Glaciers move. And the ground beneath them can thaw.

On August 26, a catastrophic slope failure involving a glacier occurred in Langtang National Park near the Nepal-China border. Rock, ice and debris

surged downslope, producing a debris flow and flood that travelled nearly 100 kilometres.

The U.S. Geological Survey determined that the slope failure generated seismic energy equivalent to a magnitude-5.2 earthquake. Current evidence does not support an earthquake trigger; the slope failure itself generated the seismic signal. USGS also cautions that it remains unclear whether the initial failure was a glacial collapse or a landslide incorporating part of a glacier.

By August 30, more than 800 people had been reported dead and more than 3,000 remained missing across Nepal and Tibet. Rescue and recovery operations continued, making the figures provisional.

The larger question is what this catastrophe tells us about a changing mountain environment.

A Century of Glacier Warning

Glacier-related catastrophes are not new.

In 1941, the moraine dam holding Lake Palcacocha in Peru failed, unleashing a glacial-lake outburst flood that killed nearly 2,000 people. In 1970, an earthquake triggered the Huascarán debris avalanche of rock, ice and snow, killing more than 18,000.

In 2002, the Kolka Glacier in the Caucasus collapsed. In 2016, two neighbouring glaciers in western Tibet underwent extraordinary large-scale collapses. In 2021, a rock-and-ice avalanche in Chamoli, India, became a destructive debris flow that killed or left missing more than 200 people.

The causes differed. That is precisely why scientific discipline matters. Glacier-related catastrophes can arise from interacting geological, hydrological, atmospheric and cryospheric processes.

Global warming should not be treat-

ed as the automatic explanation for every event, but its role in reshaping the physical conditions surrounding glaciers warrants serious scientific investigation.

The Evidence Is Changing

A 2025 study in *Nature Communications* documented 609 moraine-dammed glacial-lake outburst floods worldwide between 1900 and 2020. Their average reported annual frequency rose from 5.2 events during 1981–1990 to 15.2 during 2011–2020, almost threefold.

Researchers found that the long-term pattern broadly tracked changes in global air temperature, with an approximately 20-year lag associated with glacier recession and lake development.

This does not mean every form of glacier collapse has tripled. It means one important category of glacier-related hazard has become substantially more frequent.

That distinction strengthens the case for preparedness.

Water, Ice and a Changing Surface

A glacier is more than scenery. It is part of the Earth's freshwater storage system.

Global warming is a major driver of the continuing redistribution of that frozen freshwater. As glaciers lose mass, water once stored on land for decades or centuries moves through rivers and eventually into the oceans.

During the 2025 hydrological year, glaciers lost an estimated 408 gigatonnes of mass. Since 1975, cumulative loss has reached about 9,583 gigatonnes, equivalent to roughly 26.4 millimetres of global sea-level rise.

This is not simply the disappearance of ice from individual mountains. It represents a measurable redistribution of freshwater across the Earth's sur-

face.

The consequences extend beyond water volume. When large masses of land ice disappear, the distribution of weight on the Earth's crust changes. Meltwater entering the oceans also does not raise sea level uniformly because gravitational effects, ocean circulation and vertical land movement differ by region.

These processes do not mean that glacier loss directly causes every geological disaster. The relationships among warming, ice loss, permafrost, bedrock and slope stability are complex.

But the physical environment is changing: ice is retreating, frozen ground is warming and water is being redistributed.

In the Hindu Kush Himalaya, this is also a water-security issue. Glaciers and snowfields feed major river systems upon which vast populations depend. Permafrost can also help stabilise high mountain slopes; as frozen ground degrades, some slopes can become more susceptible to rockfalls and landslides.

Global Warming and Human Security

Global warming is changing not only temperature but also the distribution of water between frozen land, rivers and oceans, with implications for freshwater security, sea-level rise, coastal exposure, infrastructure and livelihoods.

Communities facing these risks often have widely different capacities to prepare and recover. Nepal contributes only a very small fraction of global emissions, yet it lies within one of the world's most climate-sensitive mountain regions. Similar vulnerabilities confront communities elsewhere, including small island states.

The practical response should be co-operation rather than blame: stronger monitoring, early warning, resilient infrastructure, reliable communications and international support where risks exceed national capacity.

Responsibility also extends beyond the present generation. Development cannot reasonably be called progress if one generation advances by leaving

another with greater danger and fewer choices.

The better measure of progress is whether our decisions protect human dignity, strengthen resilience, preserve the natural systems on which life depends and leave future generations better prepared for the risks they inherit.

From Warning to Resilience

The lesson of Langtang extends far beyond glaciers or global warming.

Every disaster is different, but preparedness principles are remarkably consistent. No government can eliminate every risk or predict every crisis. Preparedness must therefore be a permanent continuum, not an emergency switch activated only after disaster strikes.

Understand risk. Hazards, vulnerabilities and exposure should be reassessed as environmental, technological, economic and social conditions change.

Prepare for cascading events. Disasters rarely occur in isolation. One hazard can disrupt transport, communications, energy, health services, food systems and public safety.

Strengthen warning and communication. Information saves lives only when it reaches people quickly, through trusted channels, with clear guidance.

Build resilience into development. Hospitals, schools, roads, utilities, housing and communications systems should be designed and maintained with foreseeable risks in mind.

Coordinate and cooperate. Preparedness depends on governments, emergency services, scientists, communities, businesses, civil society and international partners. Where risks cross borders, timely information-sharing and mutual support strengthen everyone.

Learn continuously. Preparedness should move through prevention, readiness, response, recovery, evaluation and renewed preparation. Every emergency should improve the system for the next one.

These principles are an invitation to partnership and collective resilience, not criticism of governments or institutions confronting extraordinary circumstances.

The goal is not to predict every catastrophe. It is to build societies capable of protecting life, maintaining essential services, adapting under pressure and recovering stronger.

The Responsibility to Act

For the families of Nepal and Tibet, this is not a statistic or scientific case study. It is the loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

To the rescuers working through dangerous terrain, the world owes its gratitude.

The risk environment is changing, and preparedness must evolve with it.

We cannot prevent every disaster. But we can understand risk better, strengthen infrastructure, improve warning systems, share knowledge, finance resilience and prepare continuously.

The choice before us is not whether nature will change.

It will.

The choice is whether our institutions, policies and cooperation will change quickly enough to meet it.

The people of Nepal and Tibet have paid a terrible price. Their suffering should strengthen not merely our sympathy, but our resolve.

The ice is retreating. The ground is thawing. The risks are changing.

Our responsibility is clear: protect those most vulnerable, act on the best available science, cooperate across borders and strengthen our collective ability to prepare for whatever comes next.

And the responsibility of our generation is to create the greatest good for all.

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OECS Criminal Issues



By: Trevor Young

As a well trained former police officer by the Regional Security System (RSS) and as an international author of books in my own right, history would not be kind to me when a voice like mine goes silent when there is a chronic escalation of crimes pervading and permeating our small island developing states. But let me be clear to the leaders of these islands: history will not be kind to you either if you ignore my intervention.

The news on radios and online platforms are bombarded with constant shootings which have led to the innocent and untimely deaths of many of our citizens, including our law enforcement officers sworn to protect them.

It seems that these shootings are carried out with total impunity, as the vast majority of these cases remain unsolved. I want to ask these leaders if they forgot their mandate as enshrined in a legally binding memorandum of understanding they signed in 1982, Regional Security System (RSS). They may want to divorce themselves because they didn't physically sign but the government is continuous and states are bound by the treaties signed

by their predecessors.

In light of rising regional threats; are current leaders holding regular, structural national security council meetings as was standard practice in the past? Furthermore, what is the actual substance of these meetings? Are they producing actionable policies or have they devolved into reactionary administrative meetings? Let me state categorically that the mandate of the RSS and its leadership extends far beyond reacting to natural disasters, eradicating marijuana fields or intervening only during moments of political upheaval.

Your sacred duty is to keep the sovereign nations placed in your hands safe – safe from violent criminal elements who actively seek to destabilize our communities and drive fear into the hearts of our citizenry. The RSS possesses the tactical infrastructure, the legal authority, and collective where-withal to decisively rest this criminal scourge and those who perpetrate it.

Put to rest by ANY possible means.

It is time for leadership to fully deploy that power of the RSS.

Under article 4 of the treaty, its official functions explicitly include, com-

bating threats of national security and ensuring regional stability. Only a few weeks ago I heard the Police commissioner Elvin Williams of St Vincent and the Grenadines on social media saying to the criminals that “the old playbook is closed”

So where is the new playbook?

This statement comes in light of a shooting where three men lost their lives not too far from the police headquarters in the bus terminal area downtown Kingston.

The new play book is the power enshrined in the RSS to protect our countries. The leaders need to take decisive action and take the “shine off the ball of crime”.

Soon to follow was a statement by the police commissioner Everton Jeffers of Antigua and Barbuda, he was heard on news saying to the criminals “we would come and get you and if you are coming with fire, you would meet fire”

NONSENSE!

This is now a cliché to criminals, they are accustomed to these words. Go to the criminals with silence, action and tact.

Guess what?

After both commissioners of police said these words the shooting continued a day or two after.

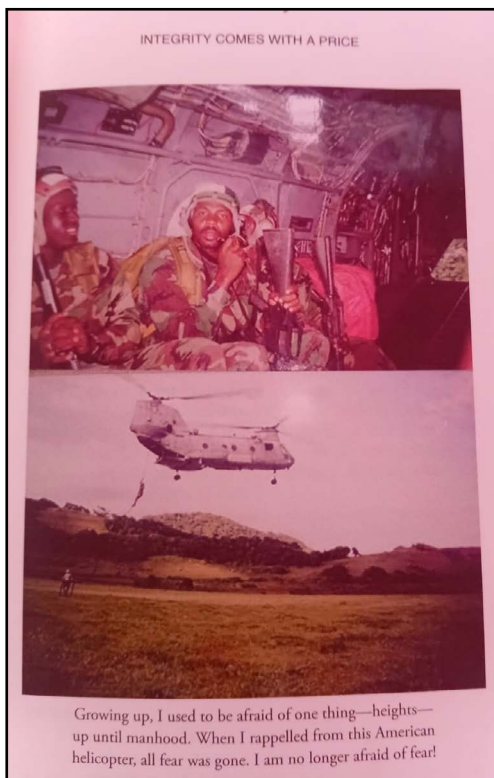
Why?

Because the OECS leaders need to give the go ahead to put into gear what RSS really means to us and what it would stand for going forward. Certainly, not for criminals to over-run our countries. All of the OECS countries are going through the same endemic crime situation without a shadow of a doubt.

Verbal warnings no longer act as a deterrent to modern criminal networks. The RSS is designed to pool military and police resources across the Eastern Caribbean State to combat transna-

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tional crime, illegal firearms trafficking and border vulnerabilities. The OECS leaders must now move past standard policing methods and procedures and fully leverage regional frameworks to reclaim not only the streets but our beloved countries.

It is completely understandable to feel angry and deeply concerned about this current situation which directly threatens the safety of communities, forces local businesses to cut their hours and scares away foreign investors who help to build the economy.

The tragic incident of officer Trevon Giddings who was shot while reporting to a crime scene in Potters Village, Antigua and subsequently had his leg amputated because gun men opened fire on him, underscored the extreme dangers law enforcement faces daily. It makes complete sense that citizens want a decisive response from the RSS to restore order, protect officers and to secure the country's future. Police forces relying on these cliches, gives criminal networks the confidence that they can out-wait or out-manoeuvre local law enforcement.

The time has come for the talk against

crime to stop and let us see ACTION.

“Deeds not words!”

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Regional News

US condemns deadly gang attacks in Haiti, urges support for security mission

The United States (US) has condemned deadly gang attacks against the Kenscoff community in Haiti and called for the rapid deployment of the United Nations-authorised Gang Suppression Force (GSF).

Addressing the United Nations (UN) Security Council, US Alternative Representative for Special Political Affairs, Ambassador Jennifer Locetta, described the attacks as “savage” and extended condolences to the victims and their families.

She said the violence was another reminder of the severity of Haiti’s security crisis, noting that armed gangs have killed civilians, terrorised communities and destroyed homes and families for months.

Locetta also accused gang coalitions of seeking to prevent Haitians from exercising their right to elect a representative government.

“Terrorists cannot take democracy

hostage for their own selfish and violent ends,” she said, adding that civilians must be protected and those responsible for the violence held accountable.

The US diplomat said Washington remained committed to supporting Haitian-led efforts to combat gang violence, restore state authority and create conditions under which Haitians can choose their leaders.

She said the latest attack demonstrated the importance of the mandate given to the GSF, declaring that the mission must take decisive action to stop armed gangs and end the bloodshed.

Locetta urged UN member states to help troop- and police-contributing countries deploy personnel as quickly as possible and to provide financial support through the UN Trust Fund for the mission.

“The GSF needs equipment, re-

sources and political will to do and finish this job,” she said.

The United States is also calling on the Security Council to renew the force’s mandate next month. Locetta said Washington would work with Panama, its co-penholder on Haiti, on the renewal.

However, she acknowledged that security operations alone would not bring lasting stability to the French-speaking Caribbean Community country.

Locetta called for international investment in infrastructure and job creation, saying economic opportunities and accountable governance were necessary to provide young Haitians with alternatives to gang activity.

“The United States stands with Haiti and will continue to work with Haitians and international partners to end this crisis and restore Haiti’s stability,” she said. (CMC)

Dispute between family members over phone-charger ends with one dead, one on the run

A dispute between two family members over a phone-charger ended with one stabbed to death and the other being the target of a police manhunt.

The incident happened in Boscobel View, St Mary on Saturday, the police have confirmed.

The slain man has been identified as Nashawn Williams, also known as ‘Checo’, who resided in the community.

The police have since launched a man-hunt for a male family member who allegedly stabbed



Williams.

According to a police report, about 1:20 p.m., Williams and a

family member got into a dispute over a phone charger.

Head of the St Mary Police division Superintendent Anthony Wallace said the disagreement escalated into a physical confrontation “during which a knife was brought into play and Williams was stabbed in the abdomen”.

Wallace said following the stabbing, an alarm was raised and Williams was assisted to hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Woman kidnapped, doused with noxious substance



A 49-year-old courier was kidnapped and robbed after she went to Carlsen Field on Friday to deliver clothing to a customer.

Police said that around 1 p.m. on Friday the woman went to Pig Farm Road, Carlsen Field, to deliver clothing items to a customer.

While she was conducting the transaction, she was approached by a woman who allegedly threw a noxious substance over her body, covered her head with a cloth and announced a robbery.

The victim was then allegedly forced against her will to the Waterloo Cremation Site, where she was robbed of two gold-coloured rings, a quantity of packages, a Samsung cellphone, an iPhone 11 containing a SIM card and other personal belongings.

The victim was abandoned at the cremation site and subsequently sought assistance from a passer-by.

The suspects then allegedly es-

caped in her silver Nissan Tiida motor vehicle, registration PCJ 8832, valued at \$52,000.

Police described the first suspect as a dark-skinned woman of African descent, with a chubby build, wearing a floral dress with pants underneath.

The second suspect was described as a dark-skinned man, approximately six feet one inch tall. (Trinidad Express)



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Regional News

PM: Britain left us a prosperous, functioning country

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar says Trinidad and Tobago must stop blaming its problems on its colonial past and accept responsibility for the decisions made during the 64 years since Independence.

In her Independence Day message, issued on Sunday ahead of Monday's 64th anniversary of Independence, Persad-Bissessar said the country needed to confront its post-Independence history honestly and acknowledge that it should have performed much better.

"We must confront our post independence history with honesty and acknowledge that we should have done much better over the past 64 years," she said.

Persad-Bissessar said Trinidad and Tobago entered Independence in 1962 with a strong economic and institutional foundation inherited from Britain.

She pointed to the country's per capita income at the time, saying it was higher than that of several countries, including Japan, Chile, Greece, Spain, Hong Kong, Singapore, Portugal, Mexico, Turkey, Iraq, Brazil, Malaysia, Iran, Morocco, Taiwan and China.

"Almost all of these countries have now superseded us," she said.

According to the Prime Minister, Trinidad and Tobago also entered Independence with what she described as a well-organised legal and governance structure, an advanced oil exploration and refining industry, an expansive agricultural sector and a developed railway system.

She also highlighted what she described as the country's low crime rate and clean environment at the time.

"The fact is that the British left us a very prosperous functioning country in 1962," Persad-Bissessar said.

She argued that after 64 years, the country could no longer use its colo-



nial past to avoid taking responsibility for its current challenges.

"It's time we grow up and stop blaming our problems on our colonial past to escape accepting responsibility for bad decisions we made post independence that have resulted in negative consequences for ourselves and our nation," she said.

Persad-Bissessar acknowledged that individuals and societies make mistakes, saying people sometimes make regrettable choices and take shortcuts in pursuit of quick success.

"Whatever our shortcomings, biases

and grievances, we share one citizenship, one homeland and a collective duty to put Trinidad and Tobago first," she said.

The Prime Minister said the country now needed to move forward with "conviction and accountability" if it was to leave future generations with a stronger, safer and more prosperous nation.

Her message came as Trinidad and Tobago prepared to mark 64 years as an independent nation. (Trinidad Express)

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Anxious wait for relatives of those missing in Nepal flooding



Rescue workers continued on Sunday to pull survivors from the mud following the catastrophic flooding along the Nepal-China border on Wednesday that killed hundreds of people.

Amid the massive rescue operations, relatives of the more than 2,000 people authorities say are still missing were still holding out hope — however dim — that their loved ones survived.

Mukti Patel has been huddling with family and friends at her parents' home in Richmond, Virginia, since her dad, sister and two other relatives went missing.

She knows the hotel they were staying in was swept away in the disaster,

but as she shared memories of them on Friday, she caught herself.

"I shouldn't talk in past tense yet. We don't know anything," she said.

Sanket Pandey, managing director of Himalayan Glacier Adventure and Travel Company, said relatives of those missing have been enquiring about whether they could reach the disaster site.

The tour group, which has an office in Baltimore, in the United States, was the organiser of a two-week excursion to the region with 40 guests and seven tour guides.

Pandey said all 47 are among the

missing and their families are desperate for any information.

"It's really difficult to have nothing," he said.

The US State Department says about 90 Americans are among those missing.

Patel's family was in the Himalayan Glacier group when the floods struck.

She said her dad, Umesh Kumar, 56, wanted to make the trip for many years and travelled through India to Nepal, where he was joined by her sister, Akanksha, 32, and her sister's husband, Ishan, 32. (AP)

At least 7 dead in Northern Cyprus ferry mishap

At least seven people have died after a ferry carrying nearly 270 passengers and crew capsized off the coast of northern Cyprus on Sunday, Turkish media has reported.

Northern Cyprus Prime Minister Unal Ustel told Turkish state-run TRT News Channel that 237 people have been rescued and that a search was underway for another 24 people.

The catamaran-style ferry was traveling from the port of Kyrenia, also known as Girne, in the breakaway north of ethnically divided Cyprus, to the Turkish port of Tasucu in Mersin province.

Video footage from the scene shows people with life-vests floating in the waters around the capsized vessel.

Ustel said the ferry faced adverse weather conditions and began taking in water 15 minutes after its departure.



A call for help was issued shortly after, he said. (AP)

More than 20 people may be missing after Grand Canyon flash flood

More than 20 people may be missing after a flash flood in Grand Canyon National Park, the National Park Service said in a statement Sunday.

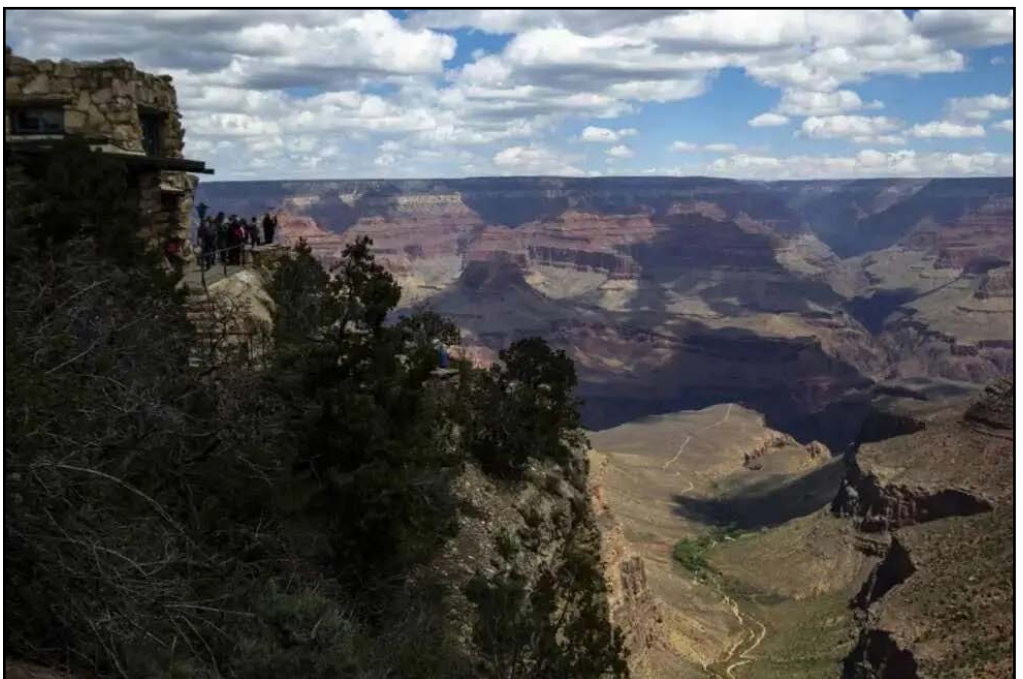
The floods hit the Bright Angel Canyon and Phantom Ranch area on Saturday, the service said, adding that it was working with Arizona authorities to evacuate people and account for individuals in the affected area.

The park service asked the public for any information about the missing, as well as any hikers who were in the area.

The flash flood began about 2:30 pm on Saturday.

As of Sunday morning, 62 people have been evacuated, and others were scheduled to be evacuated, it said. No injuries have been reported so far.

The service warned that more thun-



derstorms and heavy rainfall were possible through Monday, possibly leading to "additional flash flooding,

debris flows, rockfall and changing trail and river conditions." (Jamaica Observer)

Canada installs large Lake Ontario sign in latest jab at US

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has hit back at Donald Trump by installing a large sign on Canada's shoreline with the message: "Lake Ontario. Now and Always."

The US president signed an executive order on Thursday seeking to change its name to Lake America and has shared a series of AI-generated videos about the lake that straddles both countries.

"Long before President Trump, this lake was called Lake Ontario. Long after President Trump is gone, it will still be called Lake Ontario," Ford said.

The war of words was triggered after trade talks collapsed, with the US imposing new 50% tariffs on \$20bn (C\$28bn) of Canadian goods. Canada will implement "dollar for dollar" counter-tariffs next month.

Trump said the decree was effective immediately as he signed the order to rename it Lake America.

While he has broad discretion over how the US recognises landmarks, other countries are not required to follow.

On Saturday, Google said it had changed the name on its maps for users in the US.

"Since we update Google Maps to reflect name changes in official government sources, which is GNIS [Geographic Names Information System] for the US, people using Maps in the US will see 'Lake America', those in Canada will continue to see 'Lake Ontario' and those outside of the US and Canada will see both names,"



the tech firm said in a blog post.

This mirrors how Google names the Gulf of Mexico for users after Trump declared it was called the Gulf of America in 2025.

On Saturday, Trump also posted several AI-generated videos on social media, with one showing him kicking over a Lake Ontario sign and replacing it with one that says: "Welcome to Lake America."

Another video depicted a flock of Canada geese sporting the US president's trademark hair and holding rifles as they patrolled the shoreline of a newly named Lake America.

Ford said Trump's renaming of the lake was because he "didn't like Ontario and Canada standing up for ourselves".

Standing in front of the newly unveiled Lake Ontario sign, Ford added: "Just in case President Trump or anyone else forgets, we've set up this sign to remind them, it's Lake Ontario, now and forever."

It echoes Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's previous response to the row, insisting "things must be called by their name, and this lake is called Lake Ontario - today and forever".

The names of four of the Great Lakes - Ontario, Huron, Michigan and Erie - originate from indigenous words. Lake Superior was named after an anglicised French word. Lake Ontario, the smallest of the Great Lakes, borders both the Canadian province and the US state of New York.

Trump's executive order gives the US Department of the Interior 30 days to update the name change with the Geographic Names Information Service - the official repository of domestic geographic names in the US.

Mexico similarly rejected Trump's renaming of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, arguing a single country could not rename a shared body of international water. (BBC)

Sports News



Garden Stars and Scorpions reach final of Parham Super League

Defending champions Garden Stars and the Freemans Village Scorpions have advanced to the final of the fourth edition of the Parham Super League, which is organized by Eastboy Promotions.

Both teams booked their spots in the final, which was slated to take place on Sunday evening, by snatching narrow wins in the semi-finals at the Parham playing field on Friday evening.

Garden Stars prevailed 5-4 in a penalty shootout against former back-to-back winners Pigotts Bullets. Goalkeeper Curtnie Roberts scored the fifth penalty kick to clinch victory for Garden Stars.

The game was forced to be decided via the penalty shootout after both teams battled to a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation.

Vashami Allen gave Pigotts Bullets the lead with a 27th-minute conver-

sion. Gerique George snatched the equalizer for Garden Stars by scoring in the 51st minute.

After teammate Courney Clarke's penalty kick was blocked by the Pigotts Bullets goalkeeper, George reacted quickly to slot the rebound into the back of the net.

The Freemans Village Scorpions recovered from squandering a two-goal lead to snatch a 3-2 victory and the Potters Tigers in the other semi-final.

Mellique London scored the winner with a strike in the 69th minute. Goals by Darius Hector in the 17th minute and Roy Gregory in the 49th minute gave the Freemans Village Scorpions a two-nil lead.

Keon Greene squandered a chance to score for the Potters Tigers when he failed to convert a penalty kick in the 25th minute.

But Javon Benjamin reduced the deficit with a 57th-minute conversion, and Jamour Martin drew the Potters Tigers level at 2-2 by converting a penalty kick in the 63rd minute.

However, the Freemans Village Scorpions were able to restore their advantage, with London scoring the winner one minute before the end of regulation time in the match.

It was also the first defeat for the Potters Tigers in the competition after winning all four previous matches in the round-robin group stage.

Ten (10) teams, divided into two groups of five, contested this year's Parham Super League.

Similar to the third edition of the PSL in 2025, this year's winning team will take home a grand prize of EC\$3,000, with EC\$1,000 going to the runners-up.



Trinidadian basketballer Lewis continues NBA dream from Australia



Malique Lewis

Despite being recently drafted 60th overall by the Milwaukee Bucks, Trinidad and Tobago's Malique Lewis will not immediately realise his dream of playing in the American NBA and will instead continue his development in Australia after joining the Cairns Taipans on a two-year contract.

The 21-year-old Trinidadian native will remain in Australia's National Basketball League (NBL) for the 2026/27 season after spending the previous two campaigns with South East Melbourne Phoenix.

His move to Cairns allows him to continue playing at a competitive level while the Bucks retain his NBA draft

rights and monitor his progress as a draft-and-stash prospect.

Lewis' NBA journey has been a lengthy one. The six-foot-eight forward first tested the waters in 2024, working out for the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks, but was not selected.

He returned to the draft process the following year before withdrawing, choosing instead to continue gaining experience overseas.

His persistences eventually paid off when Milwaukee selected him with the 60th pick in this year's draft after acquiring his rights from the Washington Wizards in a three-team trade in-

volving the Orlando Magic.

His latest season in Australia produced 7.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 1.1 steals per game over 31 appearances.

Lewis began his professional career in 2021 in Spain, where he spent two seasons with Baloncesto Fuenlabrada in the Liga ACB, before moving to Mexico to play for the Mexico City Capitanes in the NBA G League.

He subsequently joined South East Melbourne Phoenix and will now look to make the next step in his development with Cairns while keeping his NBA ambitions firmly in sight.

Sports News

CWI high performance camp focusses on developing complete cricketers

For the 22 young female cricketers selected for Cricket West Indies' (CWI) High-Performance Camp in Antigua, the opportunity to develop themselves extended well beyond the cricket field, with a series of sessions focused on mental development, media awareness, leadership and preparing them for the demands of a career in international cricket.

The two-week camp, which immediately followed the 2026 Rising Stars Women's Under-19 Championship, forms part of CWI's deliberate pathway towards the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup in 2027. While technical, tactical, and physical development were central to the programme, CWI placed equal importance on developing the personal qualities and professional skills required to succeed at the highest level.

A key component of the programme was a mental development session designed to help the players better understand the psychological demands of high-performance sport.

The young cricketers were encouraged to consider areas such as mindset, confidence, managing pressure, resilience, and maintaining focus as they progress through their careers.

They also participated in a dedicated media training session, giving them practical experience in handling interviews, communicating effectively and understanding their responsibilities as representatives of West Indies cricket.

Through interactive activities and simulated interview situations, the players were challenged to think about how they communicate their experiences, respond under pressure and present themselves confidently



Chief Executive Officer Chris of Cricket West Indies Chris Dehring engages the West Indies under-19 players at a session during the Camp. (CWI Media)

in public and media environments.

CWI High-Performance Manager Dwain Gill said the inclusion of off-field development is an essential part of preparing the players for the next stage of their careers.

"Our responsibility is not only to develop better cricketers, but to help develop young people who understand what it means to operate in a high-performance environment and represent West Indies cricket.

"The mental, media, and personal development sessions were therefore an important part of this camp. These are young players who are potentially moving towards an international stage, and we want to equip them with the tools, confidence and awareness they need to navigate that journey successfully."

The players also engaged with CWI's Management and Staff during a session led by Chief Executive Officer Chris Dehring, who welcomed the opportunity to connect directly

with the players.

"It was important to spend time with these young women, hear their stories, learn about their journeys, and better understand what is needed from us as an organization. It provided an opportunity for us to ensure they understand that they are not alone in their journey as their development is a priority for us, indeed, the very purpose for CWI's existence.

"We also wanted to give them a sense of where CWI is heading, particularly with the development of the High-Performance Centre and other new facilities to be established in their home countries.

"Their enthusiasm and determination, despite some very challenging domestic circumstances, was inspirational to say the least. We are committed to giving these talented young cricketers the support, facilities and pathways needed to develop and perform at the highest level."

Kingsmen claim victory over Knight Riders in CPL

The Jamaica Kingsmen recorded their fourth win of the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) by snatching a seven-run victory via the Duckworth-Lewis Stern (DLS) Method over defending champions Trinbago Knight Riders in a rain-affected match at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Saturday night.

After restricting the Trinbago Knight Riders to 180 for six off their 20 overs, the Kingsmen were 127 for three in 14.4 overs when rain brought a premature end to the contest.

Based on the DLS Method calculations, the Kingsmen were seven runs ahead of their target at that stage and were awarded victory.

Keacy Carty hit a topscore of 42 off 33 balls, including five boundaries, opener Kirk McKenzie struck 30 off 25 balls, and all-rounder Saim Ayub was not out on 24 off 18 balls for the Kingsmen. Off-spinner Jyd Goolie captured two for 30.

Captain Nicholas Pooran hit 60 and openers Sunil Narine struck 53 and Colin Munroe hammered 52 for the Kinght Riders, who made a brilliant start after being sent in to bat.

Narine faced 24 balls, slamming six fours and three sixes, and shared a 101-run opening stand with Munro, who faced 42 balls, hitting three fours and three sixes.

Pooran faced 37 balls, smashing five fours and three sixes, and also dominated a 40-run fifth-wicket stand with Alex Hales, who made five, after left-arm wrist-spinner Vitel Lawes grabbed three wickets in one over to



Keacy Carty, second left, congratulates Jamaica Kingsmen teammate Vitel Lawes, center, at the end of the Trinbago Knight Riders innings during their CPL match at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Saturday, August 29, 2026. (CPLT20)

trigger a batting collapse by the Trinbago Knight Riders.

Lawes bowled the over of the tournament, delivering a three-wicket maiden to finish with three for 29, dismissing Munro, and both Kieron Pollard and Matthew Trump without scoring.

Fast bowler Hunain Shah picked up two for 27 for the Kingsmen as the Knight Riders crashed to their fourth defeat in six matches.

Their latest defeat came a day after the Trinbago Knight Riders recorded their second win of the tournament by pulling off a comfortable seven wicket victory against the Barbados Tridents at the same venue.

Sunil Narine starred with bat and ball as the defending champions dominat-

ed the Tridents.

Narine bagged two for 14 and Kieron Pollard claimed two for 19 to lead a ruthless bowling performance from the Knight Riders to restrict the Barbados Trident to 127 for nine off their 20 overs after being sent in to bat.

Narine then slammed 55 off 33 balls, including six sixes and a four, and opener Colin Munro struck 37 off 26 balls to propel the Knight Riders to victory at 128 for three in 14.5 overs.

All the Tridents batters struggled against the Trinbago Knight Riders bowling attack. Opener Zachary Carter topscored with 28 off 27 balls, captain Chris Green made 27 off 17 balls, and Rivaldo Clarke chipped in with 15 not out off seven balls.


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APUA Telecoms team celebrate with their trophies after winning the JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

The 2026 JOMA Caribbean Ministry of Sports Business Football League Championship is set to commence on Saturday, September 5.

Twenty-eight (28) teams, a decrease of six teams from last year, will battle for supremacy in this year's competition.

Last year's winners, APUA Telecoms, will be defending their title in the competition in which the 28 teams are divided into four groups of seven to engage in round-robin pool play in the preliminary stage.

But the Ministry of Agriculture, which finished second for the past two years after losing 3-0 to APUA Telecoms in last year's final, will not be

participating this year.

APUA Telecoms, which also won the title in 2023, is among the seven teams that will compete in Group 2, which also includes 2024 third-place finishers Sandals.

The other Group 2 teams are the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC), Sir Vivian Richards Stadium (SVRS), Galley Bay Ballers, and newcomers KOS-CAB, AUA FC, and National Housing Development (NHD) Legends.

The 2024 champions Hermitage Bay, which finished third last year, will compete in Group 4. The other Group 4 contenders are Cocos Hotel, Jack Idle, Central Marketing Corporation (CMC), Public Works Department

(PWD) FC, and Royalton Chic Hotel.

Group 1 will feature Blue Waters Hotel, Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board (ABTB), Keyonna Beach Resort, the University of the West Indies (UWI) Frigate Bird FC, National Housing Development (NHD) Demolition Squad, Jumby Bay Resort, and Postal Services.

Contesting Group 3 will be Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) United, Central Housing and Planning Authority (CHAPA) Warriors, Jolly Harbour, Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority (ABAA), Public Works Asphalt, the Department of Immigration, and newcomers National Housing Development (NHD) Full Experience.