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Family photo of the official party that included Prime Minister Gaston Browne and Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez at the end of a guided tour of the new Upland Development in Lower St. John's

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Prime Minister Gaston Browne used only one word to describe his feelings over the new Upland Development at the St. John's Harbour; 'Astonishing'.

The prime minister's description came as he completed a guided tour of the new tourist facility on Tuesday coordinated by Antigua Cruise Port, the local arm of Global Holdings Limited.

PM Browne said he is quite pleased to see the pace of development in what has been a relatively short period of time.

“I recall twelve years ago, Minister Fernandez and I stood on the bridge of a cruise ship and had a brief discussion with the captain about this area. In a sense it was a marine land-fill with a lot of old sunken boats, debris and garbage. In a word it was like a wasteland. Now today, it is easily one of the top Upland Developments, not just in the Caribbean but for other parts of the world,” he declared.

The prime minister is also extending congratulations to GPH for the wonderful job that they have done in transforming the 'wasteland' into an

attractive, well thought out tourism facility that will greatly enhance Antigua and Barbuda's tourism offerings.

“I want to especially thank my friend, Mehmet, chairman of GPH, for partnering with my administration to bring this facility to life to the extent that Antigua and Barbuda now boasts one of the best cruise ports in the Caribbean. You will recall that Antigua and Barbuda was recently nominated as the 'Best Cruise Port'. Prior to this, we were considered as a nondescript port and was not even



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a priority. Now we are expected to attract more than one million cruise passengers shortly,” he emphasized.

Beside what it offers to the cruise passengers, the prime minister is also excited about what it will mean for many local entrepreneurs. “This development will provide opportuni-

ties for many individuals as I am told that there are 27 stores available and that many Antiguan and Barbudans will be operating these businesses along with a number of international brands,” PM Browne revealed.

He added that the new Upland Development will increase trade, com-

merce while provide opportunities for business ownership and employment for many nationals. “Our merchants, our taxi operators and our vendors will also do well from this transformation that is taking place here in lower St. John’s,” he remarked.



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Tourism Minister Gives New Upland Development 'An Enthusiastic Thumbs Up'

Tourism Minister Charles Max Fernandez is expressing his delight and satisfaction with the new Upland Development that is nearing completion at the St. John's Harbour.

Minister Fernandez joined Prime Minister Gaston Browne and other government officials on a guided tour of the new tourism facility organized by the Antigua Cruise Port, the local arm of Global Ports Holdings.

Global Ports Holdings has injected millions of dollars to undertake the development that will greatly enhance the aesthetics and the visitor-experience when they arrive here on the cruise ships. In fact, Minister Fernandez is of the view that the facility will lift Antigua and Barbuda's profile as a cruise destination and which will positively result in greater demand for cruise operators to add the country to their respective itineraries.

"I have had to opportunity to travel and to see other cruise ports, and I must tell you that this cruise port ranks among the best. What that means is that the cruise lines want to carry their customers to (1) a safe environment, and Antigua and Barbuda is a safe environment, (2) they want to take them to somewhere that is aesthetically pleasing, clean and efficiently run and GPH has proven that they are up to the task," Fernandez observed.

The tourism minister noted that the government, working in partnership with GPH is looking to attract not just the 'ordinary' cruise ships, but those who carry more high-end passengers who would patronize the shops that will be established in the new tourism facility.

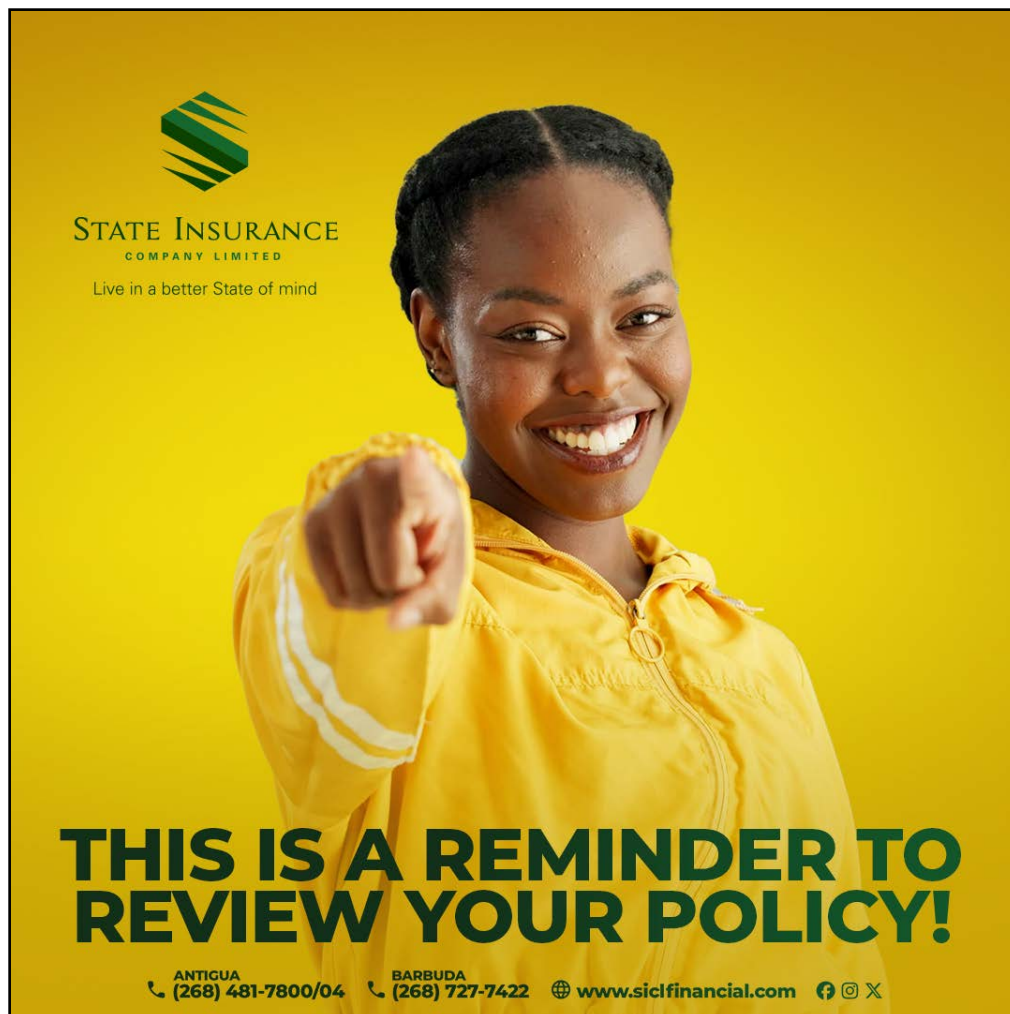
"What that means is that there will be the opportunity for them to be spending more in our economy," he noted.

Minister Fernandez recalled that prior to the development both he and the prime minister looked at the area from



a cruise ship and observed how dilapidated it looked and which was not a pleasing site for visitors. However, all that has changed with the near com-

pletion of the Upland Project which is being readied for the start of the upcoming cruise season.



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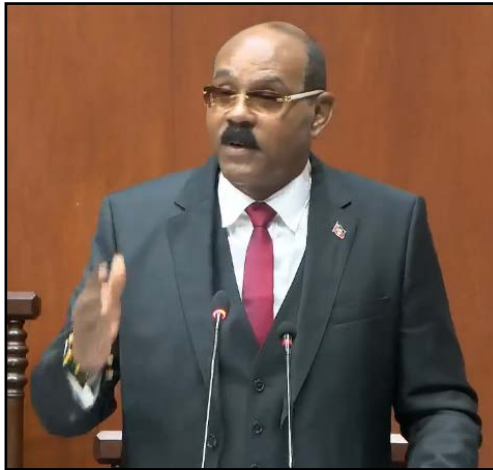
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Government, Gas Station Operators Agree to 90-Day Pause

Prime Minister Gaston Browne held intense discussions on Tuesday with gas-station operators and several haulers who deliver gasoline to those service stations.

This followed a decision by the service station operators not to open for business Tuesday morning in protest over their request for an increase which they deemed to have been brushed aside. Higher gasoline and diesel prices went into effect on Tuesday following months of Government subsidy which kept prices artificially low.

As explained during the one-hour long meeting, the gas-station operators first made a request in March 2026—a little more than one month prior to the April 30th 2026 General Elections. Neither the Prime Minister nor the Secretariat headed by the Chief of Staff recalled any such request. It was nevertheless agreed that an increase would not have been agreed-to, at that time.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

A discussion about the rationale for an increase followed, in which several operators argued that use of credit/debit cards by consumers to purchase fuel has reduced their profitability; the higher fees being extracted from the sale amount by the banks and credit card companies reduce the profit margin which the gas station operators would have realized. This situation, the operators asserted, can only be fixed by Government intervention.

The operators also applauded the Government for raising the minimum wage. However, other workers who earned more than the minimum wage sought to have their pay increased by an amount that made the cost of operation increase further. The profit margin was further eroded, the operators argued, by higher costs for labour. Higher operating costs severely reduced their profitability.

PM Browne listened intently to their many arguments. He proposed that a subcommittee of the operators, the haulers, the Ministry of Finance and the PM Office be formed to work out a reasonable increase and that their work be completed within 90 days. There was unanimous agreement on this approach, and the gas-station operators and haulers agreed to participate in such a subcommittee. They agreed to end any protest action that they took earlier in the day. Gas-stations across Antigua were subsequently re-opened.

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OCS Principal Challenges Policymakers Over Students Falling by the Wayside

Educator Foster Roberts has called on policymakers, legislators, parents and communities to take more decisive action to identify and support students who are struggling before they disengage from school.

Mr. Roberts, who currently serves as Principal of Ottos Comprehensive School, said the country is not adequately tracking the number of young people who leave school, the reasons behind their departure or what happens to them afterward.

“Nobody is catching the number of young people who are falling by the wayside out of schools,” Roberts said, questioning who is monitoring these students and determining what assistance or alternative pathways can be provided.

He argued that the education system must recognise that not every young person will pursue an academic or professional career.

Instead, he said, young people should be given opportunities to develop practical skills that allow them to make meaningful contributions to society.

“Some of them are just going to be builders of our state,” he said, pointing to careers in construction and other skilled trades. “They’re going to have to work hard, build roads, build houses, build [pens]. But if that is what they are good at, then let them be the best at it.”

Foster Roberts illustrated the scale of the challenge using his own experience at Ottos Comprehensive School.

He said the school took in 121 students during the 2025–2026 period, including students entering at different levels because of transfers. However, when the number of students



who eventually reached graduation was examined, the figure had fallen significantly to 67.

According to Roberts, some students dropped out while others repeated grades, raising questions about what happens to those who become disengaged from the formal education system.

According to the veteran educator, the country must do more to identify struggling students early and provide them with alternative routes to success rather than allowing them to disappear from the system.

He criticised policymakers and legislators over what he described as inadequate enforcement of laws designed to protect children.

“I want to say to the policymakers, the legislators, the laws are too soft,” and called for greater accountability among parents, particularly in situations where children are being kept out of school to care for other children.

“Parents need to be held responsible

for keeping a child out of school to take care of another child that does not belong to them,” Roberts argued.

He maintained that although provisions may already exist within the law to address such circumstances, enforcement is lacking.

Mr. Roberts further called for stronger action against child abuse, arguing that meaningful enforcement is necessary if the country is serious about protecting children.

“Somebody needs to be the example that we set,” he said, warning that without decisive action, physical and sexual abuse of children will continue.

He noted that the solution to many of the challenges facing young people must begin in the home and linked the quality and safety of the home environment to the wider well-being of children and communities.

“When we have safe homes, we have safe schools, safe communities, a safe society, a safe nation,” Roberts said.

Principal Roberts, who recently turned 60 and is preparing to retire, said he wants to be able to enjoy his retirement without fear that young people who were not adequately supported will eventually become involved in crime.

“I need to be able to sit on my veranda and enjoy my retirement and that nobody is going to come and try to steal from me or to rob me or to beat me up,” he said, stressing that early intervention is necessary to ensure young people are given productive alternatives.

He was speaking last week during the first National Child Protection Town Hall Meeting.

ABDF Launches Poppy Pins Sales To Support Ex-Servicemen

As the nation approaches the annual period of remembrance of those who fell in World War 2, the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force has announced the sale of Remembrance Poppy Pins throughout the period of September -November 2026.

This initiative is being undertaken in support of the Antigua and Barbuda Ex-Servicemen Association and serves as an opportunity for us to honour and remember the men and women from Antigua and Barbuda who served during World War II, as well as all those who have served in the defence of our nation and beyond.

The poppy remains a powerful symbol of remembrance, representing the collective commitment to "Lest We Forget."

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tiative by purchasing a poppy pin for \$10.00.

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keep the spirit of remembrance alive. Whether through individual purchases by your staff or a larger organizational contribution, your participation will help support the work of the Ex-Servicemen Association while ensuring that the sacrifices of those who served are never forgotten," an ABDF statement said.

The ABDF says it looks forward to the support and partnership in making this year's Remembrance observance meaningful. For Purchases and delivery please feel free to reach out via

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Feature

WHEN A NATION TURNS TO GOD

The Power of Prayer and Fasting in Moving a Nation from Repentance to Restoration

Written by Apostle Jason Benn

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER — SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

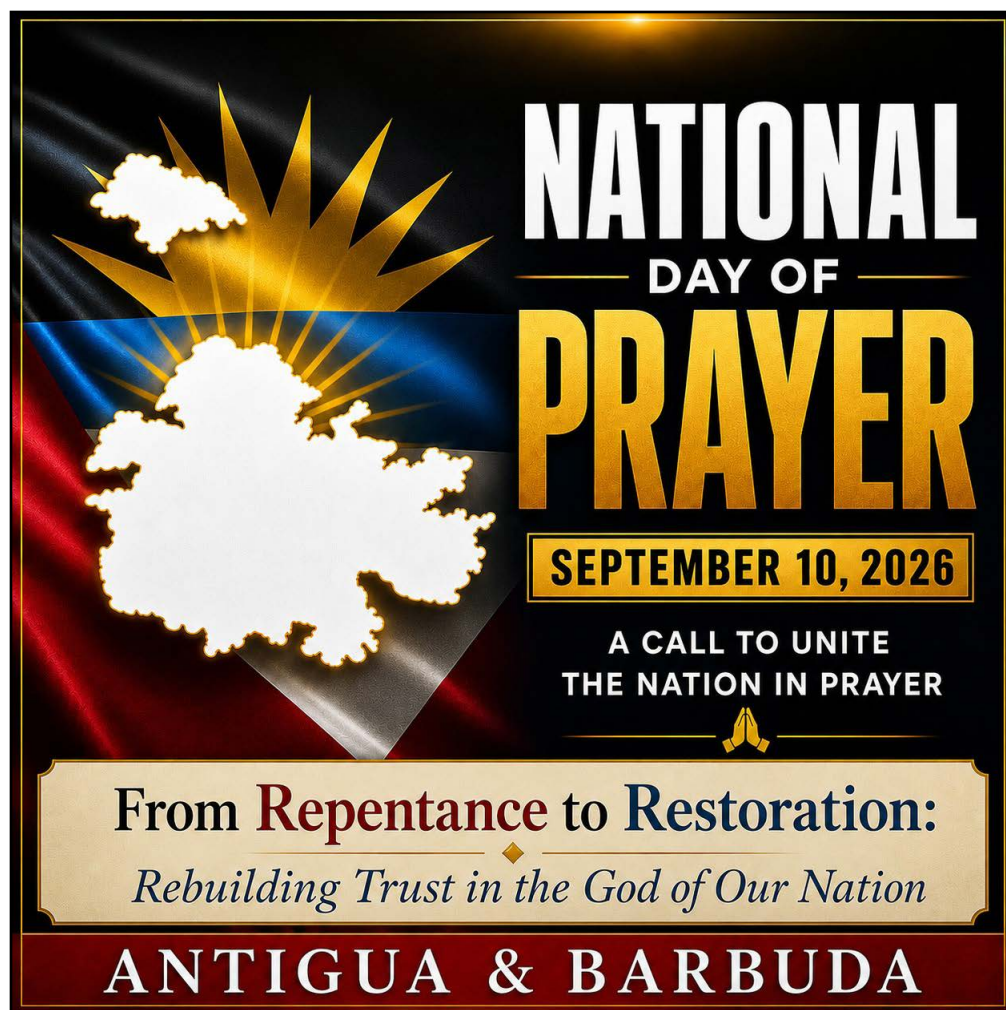
From repentance to restoration: a call for Antigua and Barbuda to seek God, humble ourselves, rebuild trust, and pray with one heart for our nation.

Why should a nation pray and fast? Because prayer and fasting call us beyond routine religion into intentional seeking of God. They create space for reflection, repentance, renewed dependence upon God, and united intercession. As Antigua and Barbuda prepares for its National Day of Prayer on September 10, 2026, the call is not simply to attend an event—it is to turn our hearts toward God and ask Him to restore what has been broken, heal what has been wounded, and guide our nation into His purposes.

Understanding the Purpose of Fasting and Prayer

To benefit spiritually from fasting and prayer, two things are important: understanding the purpose of the fast and preparing our hearts to seek God. Fasting is not a way to manipulate God or earn His favor. Rather, it is a deliberate setting aside of legitimate comforts and distractions so that we can give greater attention to God, humble ourselves before Him, repent, listen for His direction, and intercede for others.

Isaiah 58 reminds us that true fasting is connected with a heart that seeks God and responds to Him. Biblical fasting can accompany worship, repentance, seeking God's guidance, spiritual strengthening, intercession, deliverance for the oppressed, and prayer during times of national



"From Repentance to Restoration: Rebuilding Trust in the God of Our Nation"

crisis.

Why Should We Fast and Pray as a Nation?

1. Fasting humbles us and brings us back to God.

David declared, "I humbled my soul with fasting" (Psalm 35:13). National prayer begins with personal and collective humility. Before asking God to change circumstances, we allow Him to search

and change us.

2. Fasting can accompany national repentance and a cry for mercy.

Throughout Scripture, God's people responded to serious national circumstances with prayer, fasting, repentance, and seeking God. The people of Nineveh provide a powerful example in Jonah 3, while 2 Chronicles 7:14 gives a

clear pattern: humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from wicked ways.

3. Prayer and fasting help us seek God's will and direction.

When leaders and believers face decisions that affect communities and nations, Scripture shows them seeking God deliberately. Acts 13:1–4 records fasting and prayer in connection with divine direction for ministry.

4. Fasting strengthens us to resist spiritual opposition.

Jesus fasted and prayed in the wilderness before entering His public ministry (Matthew 4:1–11; Luke 4). The emphasis is not on fasting as a formula, but on dependence upon God, obedience to His Word, and spiritual readiness.

5. United prayer can become a powerful expression of national intercession.

When people pray together with humility and a shared purpose, the church demonstrates that the nation is bigger than individual ministries, denominations, or personal agendas. We stand together before God on behalf of families, communities, leaders, schools, businesses, churches, and the future of the nation.

6. Prayer and fasting can help us move from repentance toward restoration.

Repentance is not the end of the journey. It opens the way for renewed obedience, reconciliation, healing, restored relationships, wiser leadership, and renewed trust in God. This aligns directly with the National Day of Prayer theme: "From Repentance to Restoration: Rebuilding Trust in the God of Our Nation."

A Biblical Pattern for a Nation

2 Chronicles 7:14 gives us a powerful pattern for national renewal: humility, prayer, seeking God's face, and turning from ways that are not pleasing to Him. The promise is framed around God's response to a people who genuinely return to Him.

This means the National Day of Prayer should not simply be a gathering where we ask God to bless Antigua and Barbuda. It should also be a sacred opportunity for the Church to examine itself. We are called to pray for forgiveness, healing, unity, integrity, wisdom, justice, families, young people, the vulnerable, and those entrusted with leadership.

A Lesson from Esther: Prayer, Fasting and the Persian Empire

The Book of Esther gives another compelling example. When Haman's plot threatened the Jewish people, Esther called for a three-day fast before she approached the king (Esther 4:15–16). God intervened, the destruction planned against the Jews was overturned, and the people were preserved.

It is important to note that Esther's story took place within the Persian Empire—not the Assyrian Empire. The account reminds us that God's people can seek Him collectively in moments of danger, uncertainty, and national crisis. Fasting did not replace courageous action; it prepared Esther and the people to act with wisdom and dependence upon God.

Preparing Our Hearts for the Fast

- Prepare your mind and heart. Enter the fast intentionally, asking God to reveal what needs to change in you.
- Set aside distractions. Use the time created by fasting for prayer,

Scripture, worship, reflection, and intercession.

- Pray with others. Families, churches, ministries, and prayer groups can encourage one another and strengthen unity.
- Come with the right motive. The goal is not to impress others or pressure God, but to draw nearer to Him.
- Be ready to obey. Genuine prayer should lead to action—reconciliation, forgiveness, service, generosity, justice, and obedience.

From a Day of Prayer to a Lifestyle of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer is a significant moment, but its greatest value will be seen in what follows. If we pray for national restoration while continuing in division, unforgiveness, pride, injustice, or disobedience, we miss the deeper invitation of Scripture. The Church must become an example of the healing and unity for which we are praying.

Antigua and Barbuda does not need prayer as a ceremony alone. We need prayer that changes hearts, prayer that produces obedience, prayer that restores relationships, and prayer that moves us into action.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

FROM REPENTANCE TO RESTORATION REBUILDING TRUST IN THE GOD OF OUR NATION

Let us seek Him together. Let us humble ourselves together. Let us repent together. Let us believe together. And let us watch God lead our nation from repentance toward restoration.

Feature

Third Annual Teachers Professionalism Conference highlights innovation, equity, excellence, and purpose-driven leadership



By Tanya Ambrose

For two days in August, educators gathered not only to learn, but to be reminded of the power and purpose of their profession.

On August 13 and 14, 2026, **Shining Light Daycare and Pre-school** hosted its **Third Annual Teachers Professionalism Conference** at **The People's Place**, bringing together teachers, early childhood practitioners, education leaders, and stakeholders for a meaningful experience centered on growth, reflection, and transformation.

Held under the theme **“Reimagining Education: Innovation, Equity and Excellence,”** the conference created an intentional space for educators to pause, reconnect with their purpose, and consider what it truly means to teach in a changing world.

More than a professional development event, the conference served as a celebration of teachers and



the vital role they play in shaping young minds, building confidence, nurturing creativity, and laying the foundation for lifelong learning.

Across the two days, participants were encouraged to think beyond traditional approaches to education and to embrace new ideas that promote inclusion, innovation, compassion, and excellence in the classroom. The atmosphere was one of collaboration and inspiration, as

educators engaged with presenters, shared experiences, and reflected on how best to serve the children and families entrusted to their care.

The conference featured a dynamic and diverse lineup of guest speakers, including **Mrs. Ingrid Daniel, Dr. Kwasi Tonge, Mrs. Norma Jean Burton, Mr. Casroy Charles, Miss Tiffany Joseph, Verdessa Browne of St. Vincent, and Miss Aliyah Ephraim.**



A special highlight of the conference was the featured address by **Dr. Andrew “ABC” Campbell**, who brought a powerful and engaging message to educators. His presentation challenged attendees to recognize the depth of their influence and to approach their work with passion, professionalism, creativity, and purpose.

Dr. Campbell’s message resonated deeply with the theme of the conference, reminding teachers that education is not only about lessons taught, but lives shaped. His words encouraged educators to lead with vision, remain open to innovation, and continue striving for excellence in every aspect of their work.

Throughout the conference, speakers explored important topics connected to teacher professionalism, leadership, student development, equity in education, classroom innovation, and the responsibility of creating learning environments where every child can thrive. Participants were reminded that excellence in education begins with educators who are supported, equipped, and inspired.

Scenes from the conference re-



flected a strong sense of unity and engagement. Educators were seen listening attentively, participating in discussions, connecting with one another, and embracing the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. The event captured the heart of what Shining Light Daycare and Preschool continues to champion: teachers who are empowered to teach with excellence and lead with purpose.

For Shining Light Daycare and Preschool, the annual conference represents a continued investment in the education sector and in the people who help shape the earliest learning experiences of children. The institution recognizes that early childhood education is one of the most important foundations in a child’s life, and that teachers must be valued as central partners in that journey.

By hosting this conference for the third consecutive year, Shining Light Daycare and Preschool continues to demonstrate its commitment to raising the standard of professional development for educators and strengthening the quality of teaching and learning in Antigua

and Barbuda.

The school extends sincere appreciation to all presenters, participants, partners, and supporters who contributed to the success of the 2026 conference. Their presence, expertise, and shared commitment helped make the event a memorable and impactful experience.

As the 2026 conference concluded, Shining Light Daycare and Preschool also announced the theme for next year’s gathering: **IGNITE 2027: Spark, Lead, Transform, Rooted in Purpose, Rising in Excellence.**

The 2027 theme signals a continued call for educators to spark change, lead with intention, transform learning spaces, and remain deeply rooted in the purpose of education while rising to new levels of excellence.

With another successful conference completed and a bold vision already set for the year ahead, Shining Light Daycare and Preschool remains committed to inspiring educators, nurturing children, and contributing to a brighter future for education in Antigua and Barbuda.

Regional News

Schools reopen across Cuba as fuel, water and power shortages persist

The Barroso family rose at dawn and hitched a cart to a borrowed horse to take their daughters to school on Tuesday, the first day of classes for many students across Cuba.

As the crisis deepens on the island, thieves recently stole the family's horse and killed it for food, so the Barrosos now rely on a borrowed animal for transportation because school buses aren't running.

Fuel, teachers and uniforms remain scarce as the new school year begins.

More than 10,000 schools were expected to open their doors on Tuesday, welcoming an estimated 1.4 million children and more than 135,000 teachers.

The island's education minister acknowledged ongoing challenges, calling the reopening of schools a "heroic act" for an island whose free and universal education system was long considered a crowning achievement of the 1959 revolution.

But the island's multiple crises forced the government to end the previous school year in June — one month early. Conditions have only worsened, with persistent power, water and fuel shortages compounded by a US oil embargo and long-standing sanctions.

"This academic year has been the most disastrous one," said Leanete Barroso, mother of two daughters.

As schools reopened, President Miguel Díaz-Canel touted the achievement, writing on X that it was something "the empire sought to prevent with its plan of strangulation."

"No energy blockade, threats, intensified embargo, or secondary sanctions will prevent us from continuing to preserve and develop the



achievements of the Revolution, attained under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro Ruz," he wrote on X.

As students entered their respective schools, they saluted the Cuban flag and sang the national anthem, which includes this line: "To die for one's country is to live."

A widespread lack of professors prompted the government to send more than 3,000 teachers from Cuba's eastern provinces to schools in Havana as teacher coverage fell to 73% across the island. The vacancies are blamed on low salaries and emigration.

Education Minister Naima Trujillo Barreto implored Cubans to help fill the gaps, calling on university students, professionals and even retirees.

"Everyone is invited — anyone who has something to contribute," she said at a recent news conference. "You might be at home, perhaps retired, and eager to meet a group of

children who need lessons in the very subject you know better than anyone else."

Librarian Sura Victorero Llerena answered the call. She retired this year but rejoined the school where she worked for 39 years: "I came back because I want to help. ... We are like a family. We all pull together to make sure things turn out well."

Meanwhile, parents and those in the private sector are expected to help provide school meals, with some schools only reporting a 15-day supply of food, according to state media.

School uniforms also were largely unavailable as the new school year began, meeting only 12% of demand at the primary level.

"No workshop can operate without electricity. Without fuel, we cannot transport fabric from one part of the country to another," Trujillo Barreto said. "Without money or the ability to import, no fabric comes in either." (AP)

Florida woman critically burned in Savannah fireworks accident

A FLORIDA woman remained in critical condition last night after suffering third-degree burns when several fireworks accidentally discharged at the Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain, yesterday.

She has been identified as Jennifer Czerepka, 45, of Plant City, Florida, USA.

Police said that around 10.45 a.m., Czerepka and her partner, Paul Rogers, 49, both employees of Firepower Fireworks, were preparing fireworks for last night's Independence Day celebrations near the Grand Stand, along with a local employee.

Czerepka was reportedly attaching an electronic match to a firework motor housing when it accidentally ignited, causing several fireworks to discharge and explode. She sustained burns to her body in the explosion.

Members of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, who were monitoring the operation, immediately rushed to her assistance.

With ambulances still stationed at the Savannah following yesterday morning's Independence Day parade, Czerepka was taken to the nearby Port of Spain General Hospital.

Police were subsequently informed that she had suffered third-degree burns to the full anterior of her body and was in critical condition. She remained hospitalised in the Intensive Care Unit up to last night.

Efforts to contact officials of Firepower Fireworks were unsuccessful.

Belmont Police are continuing enquiries. (Trinidad Express)



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Regional News



St Kitts and Nevis PM arrives at undisclosed medical institution overseas

St Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew has arrived at an undisclosed medical institution overseas “without incident and is comfortably settled at the medical facility”, according to a government statement.

The statement from the Cabinet Secretariat did not disclose the facility or the country where the 49-year-old medical practitioner had been taken to, but said that he had arrived at the facility “alongside his family, where he is currently undergoing scheduled diagnostic tests and specialist assessments”.

“The attending specialists have consulted directly with the clinical team at the Joseph N France (JNF) General Hospital in Basseterre to review his medical records and coordinate his care plan. Prime Minister Drew remains in stable condition, fully alert and in good spirits as these evaluations proceed,” the statement added.

Earlier, the Government had confirmed that Prime Minister Drew had become “ill and was admitted to the Joseph N France General Hospital on the evening of Sunday, August 30, 2026”.

Acting Prime Minister Dr Geoffrey Hanley said in a nationwide broadcast on Monday night that he had spoken with the head of government before he departed from the twin-island federation and that the “leadership team remains unified and focused, and the business of the government and the nation continues without interruption”.

In its latest statement, the Cabinet said, “The prime minister and his family wish to convey their sincere gratitude to the citizens and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis, as well as regional and international partners, for the support and prayers extended



to them.”

“All government operations, along with social and economic activities across the federation, continue as normal under the direction of Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Geoffrey Hanley and the Federal Cabinet of Ministers. Further updates will be issued by the Cabinet Secretariat as necessary.”

Meanwhile, Caribbean Community (Caricom) leaders have been expressing their concerns about their colleague’s health, with Caricom chairman and St Lucia’s Prime Minister Phillip J Pierre saying that he had been informed of his “colleague and friend’s” illness on Monday.

“I want to wish him a speedy recovery,” Pierre said, adding “So that he could continue to do the work of the people of St Kitts and Nevis.”

“This should serve as a wake-up call for us prime ministers who sometimes underestimate the stress and demands of our job,” Pierre said, adding, “I am sure he is surrounded by the love and concern of his family and friends.”

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Motley said, “Prime Minister Drew is a valued colleague, a friend and our Caribbean brother.”

“He and his family remain in our prayers, and we wish him renewed strength, healing and a full recovery. May God hold him in his care. We look forward to seeing him well again.”

Grenada’s Prime Minister Dickon Mitchel said his government is “saddened to learn of the hospitalisation” of Prime Minister Drew, adding, “Our thoughts and prayers are with Prime Minister Drew and his family during this time.”

“We also stand with the Government and people of Saint Kitts and Nevis and join them in wishing Prime Minister Drew renewed strength, good health and a speedy return to his official duties.” (CMC)

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Delta ends St. Vincent flights on Saturday Sept. 5



Delta Air Lines' nonstop service between Atlanta (ATL) and St. Vincent (SVD) will make its final flight on September 5, 2026, marking the permanent termination of the short-lived route.

The flight on September 5 was originally intended to mark the beginning of a routine seasonal pause, with service scheduled to resume on December 19, 2026.

However, Delta has officially scrapped those plans, confirming the route is permanently discontinued. The decision to eliminate the service was finalized and loaded into Delta's system on May 23, 2026.

The route's termination comes less than a year after its highly publicized launch on December 20, 2025. Operated on a Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, the service made Delta the only U.S. carrier offering direct flights from Atlanta

to St. Vincent.

At its launch, the direct flight was celebrated as a "strategic investment" designed to build on St. Vincent's record-breaking year in stayover arrivals. Local officials had praised the connection for transforming travel to the island "from a multi-stop logistical challenge into a potential one-stop destination" for travelers coming from the United States, Europe, and Asia. (St Vincent Times)



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Mass burials in Nepal as death toll from flash floods exceeds 1,000



Rescue teams with search dogs continued to search through mud, rocks and debris on Tuesday on the border with Nepal and China for thousands of people still missing following the catastrophic floods that tore through communities across the Himalayas, leaving more than 1,000 dead.

As police in Kathmandu buried dozens of bodies in multiple trenches, Nepal's disaster agency said that 1,003 deaths had been counted there, with 3,916 people missing, including 583 foreign nationals.

In its latest update, China reported 16 deaths and 546 missing, including 261 foreigners.

The scale of the August 26 disaster is hampering rescue efforts in both countries, with landslides, destroyed roads and widespread damage cutting off remote areas. Crews faced challenging conditions as they searched unstable terrain and piles of debris, raising fears

the death toll could rise as rescuers reach isolated communities.

Rescuers are racing to reach hundreds of workers believed to be trapped inside tunnels at hydropower projects in Nepal damaged by the floods. About 900 workers are missing from 12 projects, with roughly 500 believed to be trapped in tunnels, according to local authorities.

Brig. Gen. Raja Ram Basnet, Nepal's army spokesperson, said teams assisted by foreign experts were working at several hydropower projects. Images released by the army showed rescue teams entering debris-filled tunnels and wading through mud and water in the search for signs of life.

On the Chinese side, rescue crews scoured areas hit by mudslides, particularly around the Gyirong Port border crossing, which was destroyed.

Some rescuers, aided by search dogs,

searched gaps among rocks and debris for signs of life. Other teams used heavy machinery to clear a major highway leading to Gyirong Port, hoping to clear the way for equipment, personnel and supplies to reach the disaster zone, according to China's state-run Global Times newspaper.

In Kathmandu, police worked in heavy rain on Tuesday to bury dozens of bodies in multiple trenches next to a forested area.

Barbed wire was erected around the site, while blue numbered markers identified the graves of people whose names were not yet known.

Authorities in Nepal have been burying bodies in temporary graves until they can be identified. They are preserving DNA samples, photographing distinguishing facial features and recording other identifying details.

Each body is assigned a reference

number to help families identify and claim the remains later.

At least 11,814 people have been rescued so far, according to Nepalese authorities. Emergency crews used helicopters and other aircraft to reach stranded communities in areas where roads and bridges have been destroyed by the flooding and landslides.

Efforts are being stepped up to provide assistance to survivors in areas where roads and other transportation routes had been damaged or cut off.

China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Guo Jiakun, said a second batch of relief supplies was being sent to Nepal, including drones, DNA testing and water purification equipment. Chinese DNA testing experts will also help Nepal identify bodies, he said.

Bimal Sharma, a helicopter pilot who has been flying rescue and relief missions, said he was shocked to see the devastation in Timure, a border town close to Tibet that he has known for years.

"It felt like I was flying over an entirely different landscape," said Sharma, adding that he has had little opportunity to speak with the people he rescued.

"I can see the pain in their eyes. It's heartbreaking."

The disaster began in the Himalayas when a glacial collapse sent large amounts of rock, ice and meltwater into valleys below, triggering powerful floods downstream.

Scientists studying satellite imagery said the collapse appears to have involved the failure of bedrock beneath a glacier in the Himalayan region. The rockfall was powerful enough to register as a magnitude 5.2 seismic event.

The resulting surge of water and debris entered rivers that flow through valleys in Tibet and Nepal, causing them to rise rapidly. Floodwaters swept away homes, buildings, roads and bridges and carried mud and rocks downstream.

Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra

Shah said that the disaster highlighted the need for action to combat climate change.

"This incident has indicated that the risks we face in the Himalayan region are increasing with climate change," Shah said in a social media post on

Monday night.

"Therefore, this region must be alert, and at the same time, it is time for us to strongly raise the issue of disasters caused by climate change before the international community." (AP)



Canada's Carney says US must 'start being serious' to resolve trade dispute

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has reprimanded the United States for what he describes as a flip-flop approach to the ongoing trade dispute between the two countries.

On Tuesday, Carney hit back against a series of insults and disparaging remarks from US President Donald Trump and his officials, saying that talks can proceed once Washington takes a more serious approach to the issues at hand.

"When the Americans stop doing memes, stop throwing shade and stop trying to be tough, and start being serious about having those discussions, we can have those discussions," Carney told reporters in Ottawa. "It's not constructive, but that's their democracy."

The Liberal Party leader's remarks come as tensions flare once again between the US and Canada, which have historically had tight relations.

But Trump's second terms have caused those ties to fray. Since returning to office in 2025, Trump has imposed a series of tariffs on Canadian products, prompting retaliatory actions.

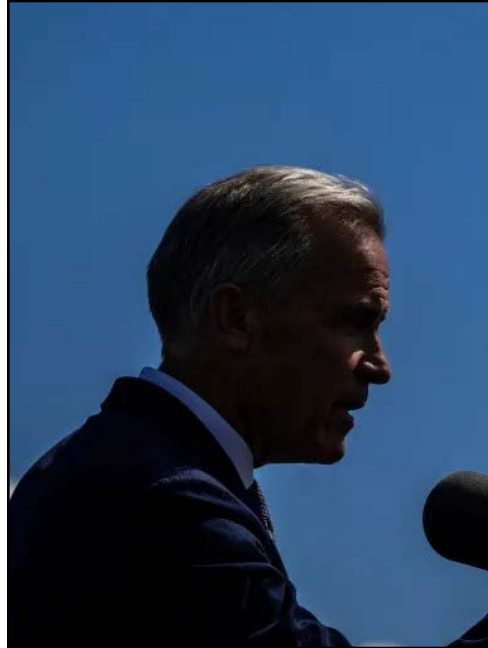
The latest round of tariffs came on August 22, when negotiations between the two countries fell through.

As a result, 50 percent tariffs were imposed on roughly \$20bn worth of Canadian goods. Canada has pledged to respond with tariffs on US goods, worth roughly the same dollar amount, starting on September 8.

In the aftermath of the failed negotiations, Carney blamed the impasse on last-minute US demands.

He accused the Trump administration of seeking to limit Canada's ability to cement trade deals with other countries and of requesting changes to laws protecting Canada's French language and culture.

Carney also said Trump's team at-



tempted to push an asymmetrical deal that would damage Canada's industries.

"Canada's a sovereign state. We will strike free trade deals with the countries we wish to strike free trade deals with," Carney told reporters on Tuesday. He added, "Of course, we're not going to accept those terms."

The trade war between the two countries has prompted a surge of nationalism in Canada.

A June poll from the research firm Abacus Data found that national pride surged 12 points in two years, reaching 77 percent this year.

Carney has faced pressure not to yield to US demands. In addition to imposing steep tariffs, the Trump administration has also pushed Canada to cede its sovereignty and become a "51st state" within the US.

Trump has also taken symbolic actions designed to assert US dominance over the two countries' shared border region. On August 27, the US president signed an executive order directing federal entities to refer to Lake Ontario as "Lake America".

"They are one of the worst countries

in the world to deal with," Trump said of Canada in a recent radio interview.

Other cabinet-level officials in the Trump administration have echoed Trump's remarks disparaging Canada.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told the news outlet CNBC that Canada's economy is ill-equipped to handle a trade war with the US, and he blamed Carney for escalating the situation.

"Well, I don't think you can be in a tit-for-tat with someone who's 13 times larger than you are," Bessent said on Monday.

Of Carney, he added, "He came to power on an anti-American, anti-Trump agenda. He was 20 points behind in the polls. And then he started this. And it's unfortunate that he's not doing what's best for the Canadian people."

US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, meanwhile, posted an image of two female Canadian cadets on social media, in an apparent effort to mock the country's armed forces.

"This is real," he wrote beneath the image of the two women, alongside an emoji of the Canadian flag.

Hegseth, a former TV host, has frequently castigated efforts to include women, LGBTQ people and racial minorities in the military as "woke" distractions from the US military's core mission.

When reporters asked Carney to respond to such messages, he replied that such comments were "beneath" the officials' office.

"Our plan has always been standing up for Canada, first and foremost, here at home," Carney said. (Al Jazeera)

One still missing after Grand Canyon floods kill two and prompts rescue efforts

All but one person missing after flash flooding devastated parts of the Grand Canyon has now been found, the National Parks Service (NPS) says.

Thirty people had previously been unaccounted for, but rangers “worked tirelessly” to reduce that number, Incident Commander Dave Black told reporters on Monday.

At least two people died after floodwaters struck on Saturday afternoon, wiping out footbridges and propelling boulders downstream.

Crews had “worked incredibly hard trying to get this situation under control”, Black said during Monday’s press conference.

This involved the airlift of dozens of people in Phantom Ranch, one of the park’s hardest-hit areas, he added.

An initial 45 people were evacuated by air on Saturday, and a remaining group of 37 were later evacuated by Sunday afternoon, Black said.

“We’ve had a very busy couple of days,” the official added.

Crews will be deployed on Tuesday morning to search for the final missing person in the area between Phantom Ranch and Cottonwood Manzanita.

Further heavy rain was forecast overnight from Monday into Tuesday, bringing an elevated risk of additional flash flooding to the area.

Black described the two individuals who died as adult males, adding he would not disclose any further details about their identities.



The NPS earlier said it had found the body of a 46-year-old man near Crystal Rapids along the Colorado River.

The “significant” flooding began in Bright Angel Canyon around 14:30 local time (19:30 BST) on Saturday, the NPS previously said.

Nikki Baggs, 41, who was among those to be airlifted out of the bottom of the Grand Canyon with her two friends, told the BBC: “The whole thing was terrifying.

“It was a beautiful day and then people were screaming, running.”

Nearly all footbridges across Bright Angel Creek were destroyed, and the parks service closed down Phantom Ranch, Bright Angel Campground, the entire North Kaibab Trail to Phantom Ranch, Black Bridge, Silver Bridge and the Colorado River.

The Grand Canyon National Park posted this image on Facebook while warning footbridges had been destroyed by the flooding.

On Monday, the NPS said that preliminary assessments indicat-

ed about 40% of the Transcanyon Waterline, which delivers water for visitors and approximately 2,500 residents, was damaged or destroyed in the flood.

The Grand Canyon is one of the most popular national parks in the US, with about five million people visiting each year. The Bright Angel trail is its most popular hike.

The recent rains in the Grand Canyon area, and more widely in south-western parts of the US, are due to monsoonal showers.

A change in wind direction at this time of year pulls warm, moist air northward from the Gulf of California and the tropical Pacific, triggering storms over mountainous terrain.

The storms are difficult to pinpoint in forecasts and so can strike without warning. But because the ground is usually very dry, any heavy downpours lead to dangerous flash flooding and frequent lightning which increases the threat of wildfires. (BBC)



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Expectations low for Germany as host of Women's Basketball World Cup

BERLIN (AP) — Injuries and three straight losses in warmups have not dimmed hopes for host team Germany at the Women's Basketball World Cup in Berlin.

As a well-known German saying goes, "hope is the last to die." Germany is making just its second World Cup appearance. The first was when it previously hosted the quadrennial tournament in 1998.

The German team reached the second group stage on that occasion and will be aiming for a medal this time, though the absence of star player Satou Sabally is a major blow.

The New York Liberty forward is still dealing with the effects of a concussion — her second of the year — sustained in a game against Las Vegas in June.

Sabally's younger sister Nyara, who plays for the Toronto Tempo, is yet to make her comeback from a calf injury, while Liberty's Leonie Fiebich, another key player, is just back from a foot injury.

Germany's preparations for the expanded 16-team 20th edition of the tournament haven't been optimal with three straight defeats to Spain, Hungary, and Turkey in warmup games.

"Of course, we were hoping for a win but it was just a friendly," Luisa Geiselsöder said of the latest loss, 63-62 to Turkey in Cologne on Thursday.

Geiselsöder's WNBA colleagues Sabally, Fiebich and her Portland Fire teammate Frieda Bühner missed the warmup games but their arrival should provide a boost.

"We learned a lot today," Germany coach Olaf Lange said after the Turkey game. "But with the three (WNBA players yet to arrive) we're



Germany's head coach Olaf Lange, right, talks to player Nyara Sabally during a training session of team Germany in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, ahead of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup. (AP)

a completely different team." Lange said he was confident Nyara Sabally will

be able to play at the tournament based on the results of an MRI scan on her calf. Germany will also be reliant on combo guard Alexis Peterson as the primary playmaker.

Team captain Marie Gülich made her comeback from a serious knee injury in the 65-60 friendly loss to Spain. Germany starts Friday with another clash against Spain in the 14,000 capacity Berlin Arena, so-called for the tournament to avoid mentioning the venue's frequently changing sponsor.

The Max-Schmeling-Halle, a multipurpose 9,000 seat venue named after Germany's heavyweight champion from 1932, will also host games for the tournament.

Germany has never beaten Spain in seven competitive meetups. Spain won their last meeting 79-60 in the group stage of Eurobasket in Ham-

burg last year.

Germany then faces Japan in the Max-Schmeling-Halle on Saturday, before finishing Group A with a game it will be expected to win against Mali on Sept. 7.

Only the bottom team in each of the four groups is eliminated. The group winners advance directly to the quarterfinals, while the others face play-offs to advance to the last eight.

Organizers announced that more than 200,000 tickets have been sold for the tournament already — more than for any of the previous editions. The final on Sept. 13 is sold out.

"We're witnessing an extraordinary evolution of our sport, and this World Cup in Berlin will mark another major milestone," German Basketball Federation president Ingo Weiss said.

"200,000 tickets is a fantastic sign, and we're far from finished yet."

Sports News

Bravo, Pollard, Narine honoured as stand renamed at Queen's Park Oval

Queen's Park Cricket Club (QPCC) stalwarts Dwayne Bravo, Kieron Pollard, and Sunil Narine were celebrated and honoured in Trinidad and Tobago on Monday.

The trio was honoured as the Trini Posse Stand at the Queen's Park Oval in St. Clair, Port-of-Spain, was officially renamed the Bravo, Pollard, Narine Stand prior to the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) match between the Trinbago Knight Riders and the Guyana Amazon Warriors at the same venue.

The standout trio, all integral members of the West Indies squad that captured the 2012 International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup, were present for the special ceremony.

Each player holds a distinguished place in T20 cricket history. Bravo previously held the record for the most wickets in T20 history before being surpassed by Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.

Pollard currently holds the record for the most runs, having recently surpassed fellow West Indies icon Chris Gayle.

Meanwhile, Narine remains the leading wicket-taker in CPL history, a three-time Indian Premier League (IPL) "Most Valuable Player", and sits second on the all-time T20 wicket-taking list after leapfrogging Bravo.

Speaking before commencing preparations for the CPL fixture, Bravo reflected on his deep-rooted bond with the club.

"This is a club that I joined when I was eight years old," Bravo shared. "Thirty-four years of my life, I spent in this club. This club means a lot to me. It's the only club I represent. It's the only club I am proud to say is the



Star Trinidad and Tobago cricketers Dwayne Bravo, Kieron Pollard, and Sunil Narine proudly stand in front of the stand at Queen's Park Oval, which was renamed in their honour on Monday, August 31, 2026. The stand was formerly known as the Trini Posse Stand.

best club in the world."

In addition to the 2012 World Cup in Sri Lanka, Bravo also helped West Indies recapture the trophy in India in 2016. Witnessing the milestone, Bravo's father, John, expressed his pride and highlighted the inspiration the gesture offers to the next generation.

"Of course, that's a great achievement, and I hope that he continues with his success," John said.

"It's a good achievement for them [young players] to watch and see what's going on, put their minds to it, settle, and see what they want in life. Nothing is impossible to achieve."

Echoing those sentiments, Bravo's daughter, Dwaynice, described the emotional impact of seeing the family name immortalised at the ground.

"Honestly, I don't think there are words that I could use to describe the feeling," Dwaynice said.

"I mean, he's always been a dad to make me proud. The year I was born

was actually the first year that he was picked to play professional cricket like this. So, seeing our last name on a stand is definitely a great feeling."

Pollard, who missed the West Indies' 2016 T20 World Cup triumph through injury, a tournament in which Bravo featured, also expressed his gratitude.

"As three young individuals coming from where we come from, we stand here, very proud of this moment," Pollard said.

"We see these guys, and it has been a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication, a lot of discipline; this could not have happened without the support of each and every one of you," Pollard added.

Narine, who also didn't play in the 2016 campaign, also expressed his appreciation for Queen's Park.

"This is still something that I will cherish, probably one of the special days in my life, being able to have a stand with coaching staff, coaches, and Pollard as well," Narine said.

Winning starts for Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka at US Open



Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, reacts during a match against Roman Safiullin, of Russia, during the first round of the US Open tennis championships in New York on Monday, Aug. 31, 2026. (AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz was nervous. He was excited. Best of all, he was pain-free.

Alcaraz beat Roman Safiullin 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 on Monday, showing no problems with the right wrist injury that had sidelined the 23-year-old Spaniard since April.

“I don’t know how it looked from outside, but from inside, my feeling was that I was hitting normal,” Alcaraz said.

Following fellow two-time US Open champion Aryna Sabalenka onto Arthur Ashe Stadium, the No. 2-seeded Alcaraz appeared more comfortable as the match went on and delivered the all-around game that has made him a fan favorite in New York.

He held his hand to his ear to encourage louder cheers and pumped his fist after a pretty volley winner in the final game of the match.

Forced to miss the French Open and Wimbledon, Alcaraz decided he was good enough to come back at the US Open, stepping right back into Grand Slam tennis without a warmup event.

No man has won consecutive US Open titles since Roger Federer took five in a row from 2004-08. If Alcaraz stays healthy, the seven-time Grand Slam champion may quickly become a huge favourite with top-ranked Jan-nik Sinner sidelined by a knee injury and No. 4 Novak Djokovic losing in the US Open’s first round for the first time on Sunday.

With the tournament thrown into shock by that result — Djokovic had been 19-0 in the first round at Flushing Meadows, where he won four of his men’s record 24 Grand Slam titles — Sabalenka brought back some normalcy.

Sabalenka beat Camila Osorio 6-4, 6-4 to begin her bid to be the first player to win three straight US Open championships since Serena Williams from 2012-14.

She has been to the last three US Open finals, rebounding from a loss to Coco Gauff in 2023 by winning in 2024 and then topping Amanda Anisimova last year to repeat.

Sabalenka must have certainly been

happier with the level of tennis she delivered Monday, after a series of poor events coming into the US Open. She was knocked out in the fourth round in both Toronto and Cincinnati, after being ousted at the same point at Wimbledon.

That has left Sabalenka needing help to retain the No. 1 ranking, even if she wins again in New York. No. 2 Elena Rybakina will pass her if she reaches the semifinals, and won’t even need to win any matches if Sabalenka fails to win the title.

Past US Open champions who advanced included No. 8 Iga Swiatek and 2017 winner Sloane Stephens, before two-time champ Naomi Osaka won in two tiebreakers in a look inspired by former NBA superstar Allen Iverson.

Stan Wawrinka lost to Matteo Berrettini in the final Grand Slam match before the three-time major champion from Switzerland, who won the title in 2016, retires at 41.

Another top-10 seed followed Djokovic out when No. 10 Arthur Fils, coming off the title in Cincinnati, was ousted by Stefanos Tsitsipas 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 8 Ben Shelton recovered from a miserable start in which he was broken three times in a 28-minute first set and beat Tallon Griekspoor 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-2. No. 11 Frances Tiafoe rallied to edge fellow American Martin Damm in five sets.

Other winners included No. 6 Linda Noskova, the Wimbledon champion; No. 7 seed Karolina Muchova, who lost to her fellow Czech in the final at the All-England Club, and No. 10 Anisimova. Sara Bejlek, another Czech and the No. 28 seed who stunned Sabalenka in Cincinnati, fell in three sets to Cristina Bucsa.

No. 26 seed Emma Navarro outlasted Lois Boisson 7-6 (6), 6-7 (1), 6-3 in a first-round match that began Sunday but was not completed until Monday because of rain.

Sports News

Man City agree US\$169 million move for Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez



Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez and Romeo Lavia applaud the fans after the final whistle at the end of a friendly match against Real Sociedad on Saturday, August 15, 2026. (AP)

Manchester City was closing in on a transfer deadline day deal for Chelsea midfielder Enzo Fernandez for what would be a joint-British record 125 million pounds (US\$169 million).

City has agreed a fee with Chelsea, clearing the way for Argentine international Fernandez to complete his move to the Etihad Stadium before the window shuts at 2200 GMT, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been publicly announced. Fernandez would become the latest big-money signing as part of City's midfield rebuild, which includes the arrivals of Elliot Anderson and Ayyoub Bouaddi. The fee is the same as Liverpool paid for Alexander Isak last year.

The deal would take City's spending to around 392 million pounds (US\$530 million) during this window, according to figures stated by transfer

website Transfermarkt.

Anderson cost around 116 million pounds (US\$156 million) and Bouaddi was 81 million pounds (US\$110 million). City's midfield overhaul comes after the departures of Rodri and Bernardo Silva.

Europe's top teams were trying to push through last-minute deals before the window shuts, with US striker Folarin Balogun set to be one of the big movers on what was expected to be a frantic day of action. Balogun was closing in on a move to Everton from Monaco, according to reports.

City's spectacular spending spree was also set to go on with Everton winger Iliman Ndiaye close to joining for a fee of 60 million pounds (US\$81 million). Jack Grealish is on his way out of City again and is expected to return to Everton for another season-long loan.

It looks like being a record-breaking

window for the Premier League with 2.82 billion pounds (US\$3.8 billion) spent so far. The highest spend in one window was 3.14 billion pounds (US\$4.25 billion) in 2025.

It was also deadline day in Spain, Italy, Germany, and France. It has been a summer of heavy change at Aston Villa, with a number of star players leaving and a slew of new arrivals. And the business continued with the deadline day signing of Ibrahim Mbaye from Paris Saint-Germain.

The two-time Champions League-winning winger joins a new-look Villa attack, which has also seen the additions of

Nicolas Jackson and Alejandro Garnacho.

Villa, which qualified for the Champions League last season, has lost its opening two league games this term. Man City's move for Ndiaye was expected to end its pursuit of Liverpool's Cody Gakpo. Gabriel Jesus completed a move from Arsenal to Barcelona on a three-year deal.

The Brazil striker endured an injury-disrupted time at Arsenal, but was part of last season's title-winning team. He is the latest forward to leave the Emirates Stadium during this window, following Leandro Trossard's move to Besiktas, while Gabriel Martinelli and Ethan Nwaneri are also expected to move.

Newcastle forward Nick Woltemade was reportedly set to join Juventus on loan after one season in the Premier League.

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Lahiru Kumara dismissing Glenn Phillips (0) and Shai Hope (16) with only 19 runs on the board.

Before the PowerPlay could be completed, the rain came, and the players were taken off for what would eventually be a lengthy delay with the Warriors on 22 for two.

The rain eventually passed, and the game resumed. The reduction seemed to flip a switch in the Warriors' batting, particularly Shimron Hetmyer on his 100th CPL appearance.

After a few balls to bed back in, Hetmyer got moving and quickly brought up his half century. The Knight Riders have relied on excellent bowling from their experienced spinners this season, but their seamers have struggled, and the contrast between the two was stark again here.

With the end of the shortened innings approaching, Hetmyer began exploding and took the unfortunate debutant Kumara for 30 in the 13th over.

He now had a partner in crime, as Romario Shepherd also found his range hitting, and the two combined to smash 85 runs in the last four overs.

It was a memorable occasion for Hetmyer anyway, but he made it even more special when he equalled the fastest century in CPL history, bringing it up in just 40 deliveries.

Chasing their victory target, the Knight Riders looked to push the tempo early on and started nicely before Sunil Narine (1) fell to a spectacular one-handed catch on the boundary by Glenn Phillips that even took him by surprise.

Narine and Colin Munro have formed a formidable opening pairing in recent matches, but it wasn't to be here, as Munro fell shortly after to the spin of Mohammad Nabi.

Nicholas Pooran provided some much-needed impetus and suddenly put the Warriors on the backfoot. He found seven boundaries, but Nabi got

Pooran caught by Quentin Sampson.

From there, the required run rate began to climb sharply, and the Knight Riders had no option but to try and go big.

Wickets began to fall regularly, with Jyd Goolie (0), Justin Greaves (1), and Akeal Hosein all falling relatively cheaply. Alex Hales remained the Knight Riders' only hope to give them any sort of chance of an unlikely victory.

Hales played an excellent innings before he was clean bowled by fast bowler Shamar Joseph. Romario Shepherd successfully defended the 24 runs needed from the final over as the Amazon Warriors kept their one

hundred percent unbeaten run intact in this year's CPL.

The Trinbago Knight Riders remain in fifth place in the seven-team standings with four points after crashing to their fifth defeat in seven matches.

The Trinbago Knight Riders will face leaders Antigua and Barbuda Falcons in their last match at home at the Queen's Park Oval on Wednesday at 7 pm.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons lead the standings with nine points from eight matches. The Falcons are just one point ahead of the Guyana Amazon Warriors, the St. Lucia Kings, and the Jamaica Kingsmen

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Warriors beat Knight Riders to stay unbeaten in CPL



Guyana Amazon Warriors batsman Shimron Hetmyer, right, goes on the attack against the Trinbago Knight Riders in their CPL match at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Monday, August 31, 2026. (CPLT20)

The Guyana Amazon Warriors remain unbeaten as they upset the Independence Day party at the Queen's Park Oval, beating the Trinbago Knight Riders by nine runs via the Duckworth-Lewis Stern (DLS) Method in the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) in Trinidad on Monday evening.

In a match reduced from 20 to 16 overs due to rain, Shimron Hetmyer struck an unbeaten century to propel the Guyana Amazon Warriors to 185 for five after being sent into bat.

Chasing a revised target of 182, Alex Hales struck a half century as the Trinbago Knight Riders were restricted to 172 for seven off their 16 overs.

Hetmyer equalled the CPL record for the fastest ever century, as he smashed 111 not out off 43 deliveries, including nine sixes and eight fours, and all-rounder Romario Shepherd chipped in with 27 not out off seven balls, with three sixes and two fours.

In reply, the Trinbago Knight Riders made a good attempt but fell short as Hales smashed 55 off 24 balls, includ-

ing seven sixes and a four.

Captain Nicholas Pooran struck 43 off 16 balls, with four sixes and three fours; opener Colin Munro got 22 off 18 balls, and Akeal Hosein scored 18 off 11 balls. Off-spinner Mohammad Nabi grabbed three for 20.

The Knight Riders showed why they are one of the best PowerPlay bowling units in the tournament as they put the Warriors immediately on the back foot with Akeal Hosein and debutant

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