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Prime Minister Gaston Browne and Minister responsible for Public Safety, Sir Steadroy Benjamin, have strongly condemned the latest incident of gun violence in the Bathlodge community, which has claimed the life of a 20-year-old woman, left a 13-year-old in critical condition at hospital, and resulted in a third person suffering gunshot injuries.

Prime Minister Browne described the incident as deeply disturbing and extended heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of the young woman whose life was taken. He also expressed his concern for the injured and joined the nation in hoping for their recovery.

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concern and abhorrence at the incidences and recurrence of gun crimes in Antigua and Barbuda, stressing that the use of illegal firearms to carry out criminal acts cannot be allowed to become normalised within the society.

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He called upon the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda to act swiftly and decisively in its investigation and to use every lawful resource available to identify, apprehend and bring the perpetrators before the courts.

“There can be no safe haven for those who take illegal firearms into our communities and recklessly endanger the lives of our people. I have every confidence that the Police will pursue this matter vigorously, and I urge them to act swiftly to identify and apprehend those responsible and bring them to justice,” Prime Minister Browne said.

Minister responsible for Public Safety, Sir Steadroy Benjamin, joined the Prime Minister in condemning the shooting and assured citizens and residents that the Police will remain active and resolute in confronting gun crime.

Sir Steadroy noted that the latest incident comes at a time when the Royal Police Force has intensified its crime-fighting activities aimed at suppressing serious criminal activity and increasing police presence in identified areas.

“This latest act will not weaken the resolve of the Government or the Police. The Royal Police Force will continue to be active and relentless in its efforts to bring crime under control, to remove illegal firearms from our streets, and to identify and bring offenders before the courts,” Sir Steadroy stated.

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tutional and material support required to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

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“Someone knows something. We appeal to that person or those persons to do what is right. Give the Police the information they need. Silence only protects those who commit these acts and allows them the opportunity to strike again,” Sir Steadroy stated.

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Prime Minister says Bathlodge Shooting Suspect Received Bail on Previous Gun and Ammunition Charge

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has questioned the granting of bail to a person previously charged with firearm and ammunition possession and who is now allegedly implicated in a deadly shooting at Bathlodge that left 20-year-old Saquania Anthony dead and two others injured.

Mr. Browne made the revelation in a social media post following Monday night's shooting, stating that one of the suspects had been arrested and charged on 5th February, 2026, for possession of a firearm and ammunition.

"Keep giving them bail and spank them on the hands, until they destroy our country," the Prime Minister wrote.

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The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda confirmed that two male suspects have been arrested, while police continue their search for a third person believed to have been involved in the fatal attack.

According to the Strategic Communications Department of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda (STRATCOM), officers responded to a report of a shooting at Bathlodge at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Monday, 21st September.

Preliminary investigations indicate that several people were inside a residence when three masked intruders reportedly forced their way inside and discharged several rounds.

Anthony, according to unconfirmed reports was pregnant. She was found unresponsive at the scene with what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at approximately 1:58 a.m. Tuesday.

A 24-year-old man was also shot and transported to Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, where he remains in stable condition.

A 13-year-old boy, Joshua Greene, a student of Ottos Comprehensive School, was also wounded in the shooting. Police said he remains in stable but serious condition and is receiving medical treatment.

Two male suspects were arrested and taken into custody shortly after the incident. Police are continuing efforts to locate a third person believed to have participated in the attack.

The Police Administration has condemned what it described as a senseless act of violence and is appealing

to anyone with information that could assist investigators to come forward.

Members of the public can contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or 462-3914, Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477), or the nearest police station.

Police have extended condolences to Anthony’s family and loved ones and wished the two injured victims a full recovery.

The investigation remains ongoing.



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The Minister of Health advances vision for Eye Health Hospital at his first UN General Assembly



Minister of Health Michael Joseph has spared little time in getting to his list of engagements which will occupy a hectic schedule of meetings at his first United Nations General Assembly.

As the high-level week of the UNGA gets underway, Minister Joseph was already holding meetings on the margins of the gathering of global nations at the United Nations in New York. On Monday, during a meeting facilitated by Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Minister Joseph advanced an ambitious vision for eye health in Antigua and Barbuda.

nizing the first ever Global Summit for Eye Health, which will be held in Antigua and Barbuda on 2nd November, Minister Joseph used the opportunity to advance the idea of a national Eye Hospital.

"I firmly believe that such an institution would have the potential to serve not only the people of Antigua and Barbuda but act as a regional centre of excellence supporting the wider OECS region," Minister Joseph told officials during the meeting.

In the delegation meeting Minister Joseph, who was joined by Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Walton Webson, was the President and



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Minister Joseph said the meeting provided an excellent opportunity to propose and discuss the idea of such a facility, which he further suggested could be developed with the support of international partners, including Orbis. These partners, he proposed, could help to build the infrastructure, introduce technology and develop the human resource capacity needed by the institution to tackle preventable blindness and expand access to specialized eye care.

“Through investments such as infrastructural, technological and human resources development we can eliminate preventable blindness and as such, give our people a greater quality of life without the limitation of vision loss,” Minister Joseph stressed.

The Minister’s intervention comes as Antigua and Barbuda prepares to host the first-ever Global Summit for Eye Health, a landmark international gathering focused on moving eye health beyond the traditional confines of healthcare.

“The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, through the Ministry of Health,

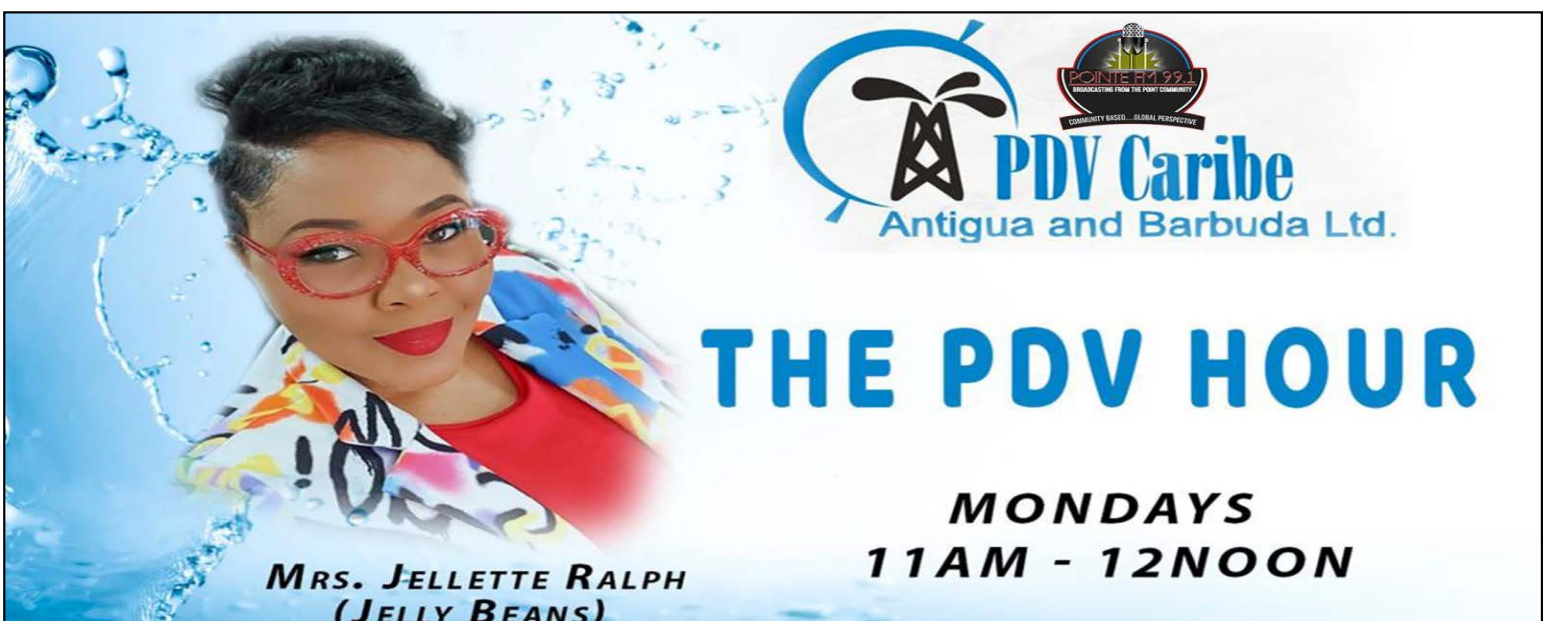
is seeking to position vision as a critical issue for economic development. When we help people to see better, this is not only a matter of health, but we are ensuring they remain productive contributors to our economy and to their families,” Minister Joseph stated.

The Summit will take place on November 2, on the margins of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which will bring leaders from the Commonwealth’s 56 member states to Antigua and Barbuda from November 1–4.

Minister Joseph said Antigua and Barbuda’s hosting of the Summit should be viewed not simply as an international event, but as an opportunity to catalyse a new approach to eye health at the national, regional and global levels.

“I anticipate that the Eye Summit will serve as a catalyst for a global vision health revolution which should inspire global governments to prioritize and invest greater into vision health as a way of increasing economic empowerment for their citizens by removing potentially treatable vision impediments,” Minister Joseph said.

Also in the meeting were Orbis’ Chief Communications & Brand Officer, Carla Jones and interim Chief of Programme Ayisha Diop.



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Ten Schools in Two Days As CHOGM 2026 School Tour Starts With A Bang!

The CHOGM 2026 National School Tour has started with visits to several schools over the past two days, introducing students to the Commonwealth and the upcoming Commonwealth Youth Forum while encouraging schools and families to take practical action on recycling.

Scheduled to run until 30 October, the initiative brings together the CHOGM Media and Public Affairs Committee, Youth Forum representatives and Good Humans 268, with support from Youth Correspondents.

“We want students to understand what CHOGM means for Antigua and Barbuda and how they can be involved. Going into schools allows us to have that conversation directly and help it reach families and the wider community,” said Everton Barnes, Co-Chair of the CHOGM Media and Public Affairs Committee.

School sessions will include an introduction to CHOGM and the Commonwealth, information about the Youth Forum, a call to action from Good Humans 268, and time for questions and giveaways.

Monday’s opening sessions included Antigua Girls High School, Five Islands Primary, Green Bay Primary, Temple Academy and Golden Grove. The visits continued on Tuesday, 22 September with stops at Jennings Secondary, Jennings Primary, Bendals Primary, Honey Tree Primary and Tabernacle Academy. The tour aims to reach all schools across Antigua and Barbuda, subject to scheduling and logistical arrangements.

During the visit to Antigua Girls High School, attorney-at-law Desrie Markham, Miss Antigua and Barbuda 2024 and a former student of the school, spoke on behalf of the Commonwealth Youth Forum.

Youth participation will be an important part of the outreach, with a Youth Forum survey providing an opportunity for students to contribute their



views.

“Young people should have a voice in the conversations taking place around CHOGM. Through the school tour and the Youth Forum survey, we want to hear their concerns and ideas and help them understand how they can participate,” said Donte Walter, Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Youth Forum.

Each participating school will receive a resource package designed to extend learning beyond the visit. This

includes Our Commonwealth Classroom: CHOGM 2026 School Activity Guide, with 10 copies for secondary schools and five for primary schools. The guide offers practical ways to incorporate CHOGM and the Commonwealth into different subjects and classroom activities beyond November.

“The aim is to make CHOGM accessible and engaging for students. These resources give teachers practical ways



This picture contains two past recipients of the Scholarship Offer, Shop Steward Monet Beazer and Shop Steward Fitzroy Ducreay

to connect the Commonwealth to their lessons and keep the learning going after the school visit,” said Chaneil Imhoff, CHOGM 2026 Branding Lead.

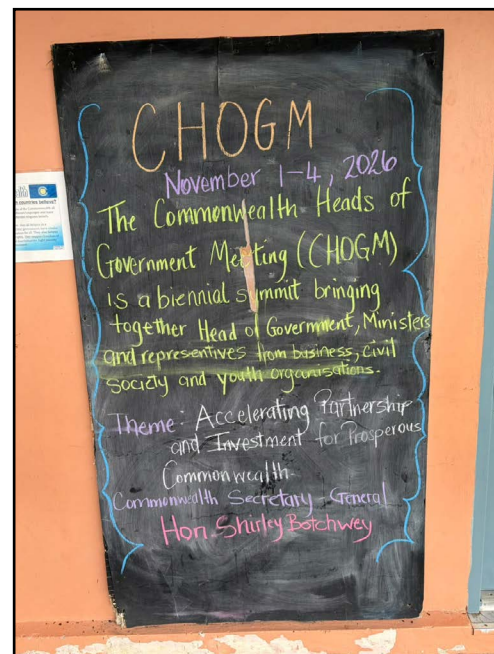
Schools will also receive 25 recycling flyers for display around their compounds, particularly on or near the blue recycling barrels.

Joshuanette Francis of Good Humans 268 highlighted the involvement of families through the Plastic Pledge and the parent/guardian letter and pledge that each student will take home, “encouraging families to support recycling, make a pledge and be part of improving waste management in Antigua and Barbuda.”

Outlining the distribution of recycling bags, she explained: “One for every student to take home, fill with recyclable items from their household and return to school. The collected items will also support the completion of the Commonwealth bottle-cap flags.”

Francis also highlighted the recycling booklets that will be distributed to every primary school student, “helping to reinforce lessons about recycling, waste management and responsible environmental practices.”

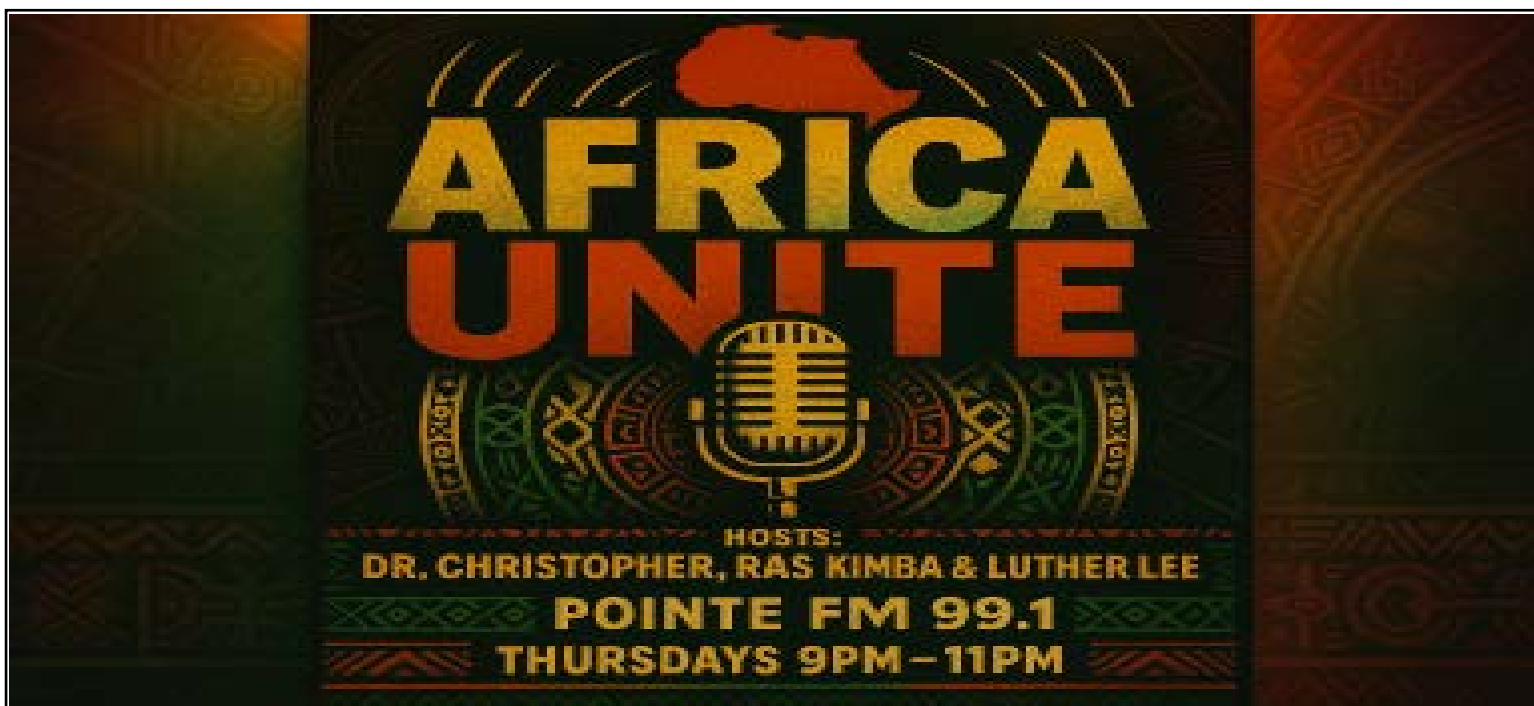
Each school will receive a cover letter and an outreach data sheet to record the numbers of students, teachers, administrative staff, auxiliary staff and



other personnel. Francis explained that this information would contribute to “helping the Task Force better understand the potential reach of the school outreach.”

Feedback gathered during the tour will also inform the project’s final output document.

Schools and families are encouraged to use the resources and recycling activities to continue their involvement beyond the visits, bringing Commonwealth learning into everyday life.



Meteorological Media Centre Named in Honour of Philbert Mason

The Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service (ABMS) has officially renamed its Media Centre the Philbert Mason Media Centre, honouring one of the country's most distinguished meteorologists and recognisable voices in weather communication.

The renaming, authorised by Cabinet, recognises the longstanding contribution of Philbert Cleofoster Mason to meteorology, public service and the communication of weather information to the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Mason, who passed away in April 2026, dedicated approximately four decades to the Antigua Meteorological Service, rising to the position of Deputy Director, a role he held for many years before declining an offer to become Director.

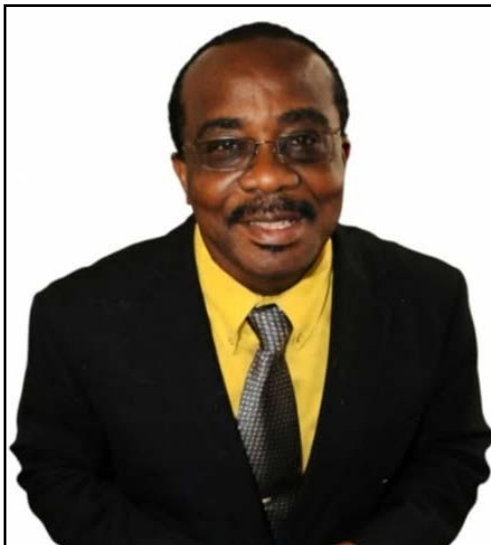
During his distinguished career, Mason became a trusted voice to generations of Antiguan and Barbudans, particularly during periods of severe weather and tropical cyclones.

His voice was prominent during major hurricanes, including Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and Hurricane Luis in 1995, when timely and accurate weather information was critical to public safety.

The ABMS said Mason's contribution extended beyond the technical aspects of meteorology. He was recognised for his ability to translate complex weather information into clear messages that ordinary citizens could understand and act upon.

His professionalism, confidence and calm presence helped establish the Meteorological Service as a trusted source of information during some of the country's most challenging weather events.

Philbert Mason's contribution to meteorology and national service was formally recognised by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in 1995. He also made significant contributions



Philbert Mason

outside meteorology, including supporting the country's cultural community.

Director of the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service Dale Destin described the renaming as both a tribute to Mason's legacy and a reminder of the responsibility carried by present-day meteorologists.

"Philbert Mason represented something very important in meteorology — the ability to take highly technical information and communicate it clearly, confidently and calmly to the people who needed it most," Destin said.

"For many of us in the profession, Philbert was more than a colleague or former Director. He was an inspiration. He demonstrated what it meant to be the voice of the Meteorological Service when the country was facing its greatest weather threats."

Destin noted it was particularly appropriate that the facility from which the Service communicates weather information to the public would carry Mason's name.

"Every time a forecaster stands before the cameras or a media briefing is conducted here, the Philbert Mason Media Centre will remind us of the standard of professionalism, clarity and public service that he represented," he added.

The ABMS is encouraging forecasters, broadcasters, media partners and other users of the facility to use its official name when referring to the Centre.

The Service has suggested references such as, "Coming to you from the Philbert Mason Media Centre at the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service," or simply, "We're here at the Philbert Mason Media Centre."

The ABMS said it hopes that, over time, the name will become as familiar to the public as the voice of the man whose legacy it represents.

It was noted that the naming is intended not simply as a commemoration, but as a living tribute linking the history of meteorological service in Antigua and Barbuda with the continuing responsibility to provide trusted weather, climate and hazard information.

Through the renamed Media Centre, the ABMS said Mason's legacy will remain connected to the work of informing the public and helping people make decisions to protect lives, livelihoods and property.

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Antigua and Barbuda was called upon to play a prominent role at the opening of High-Level Week as the 81st United Nations General Assembly got underway in New York today, demonstrating the significant respect the country continues to enjoy in the international community.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Honourable E. Paul Chet Greene, took the rostrum this afternoon to chair the proceedings as leaders and senior representatives from countries around the world delivered their national addresses to the global body.

The Minister's role placed Antigua

and Barbuda in a position of responsibility at a consequential moment for the multilateral system, as the United Nations confronts questions of trust and its capacity to respond to a rapidly shifting international landscape.

The theme of the 81st session, "Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations That Delivers for All," speaks directly to some of the challenges the body is facing. For Minister Greene, the occasion represented a moment of pride not only personally, but for Antigua and Barbuda.

"It shows that the country is still being held with considerable respect

among the international community. And being called on to serve in such a role moves us beyond simply participating in an important diplomatic process but playing a role in managing its proceedings," Greene noted.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne joins the country's national delegation at the United Nations tomorrow. Besides Minister Greene, the country's Minister of Health and the Environment, the Hon. Michael Joseph is in New York participating in the High Level week meetings.



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History does not rest quietly in the past; it breathes through landscapes, lingers in institutions, and settles into the quiet spaces of inequality that shape everyday life. In Antigua and Barbuda, the legacy of transatlantic slavery and colonial exploitation is not an abstract narrative confined to textbooks. History breathes in the present, but it does not own the future. Reparatory justice is a moral reckoning and a developmental necessity. It requires us to look back without denial and forward without fear, recognizing that healing begins only when truth is acknowledged.

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— ELENA ETINOFF

*“FROM CHAINS TO CHANGE:
REFLECTING ON THE PAST,
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Reparatory justice is more than a political demand or legal argument. It is a moral call to confront history honestly, repair the harm caused by centuries of exploitation, and imagine a future shaped by dignity and fairness.

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A Cuban zoo, and its animals, in epic battle for survival

Every day, veterinarians and zoo-keepers make their way to Cuba's National Zoo by whatever means they can, determined to not abandon the nearly 1,000 animals in their care and help save species at risk of extinction.

Their dedication and food donations are vital to keeping alive an array of rhinos, jaguars and tigers — including an extremely rare white tiger — in the midst of a severe crisis that has left many Cubans struggling to feed themselves.

Just getting to the reserve situated 20 kilometres (12 miles) from central Havana is a headache for staff, as public transportation has come to a near standstill nine months into a US fuel blockade.

"The workers come by bicycle, pedal scooter or electric motorbike to ensure the animals have food and water every day," said Yoel Machado, the zoo's animal welfare manager.

The 345-hectare (850-acre) park serves as a genetic reserve of international conservation importance, housing breeding populations of vulnerable or endangered species, including black and white rhinos, hippos and jaguars.

Yet the same crisis that has left workers scrambling to source meat, medicine and water has forced the zoo to curb reproduction programs and increasingly rely on handouts to sustain its animals.

During a recent visit by AFP, two Bengal tiger cubs, one an extremely rare white specimen, frolicked in their enclosure beneath the watchful gaze of their mother, oblivious to the strenuous efforts made to keep them alive.

AFP did not see any animals that appeared malnourished or ill, but Angel Cordero, the veterinarian in charge of big cats, said the tiger cubs "could be in better shape."

He revealed he needed to ration their food to prevent it from running out.

"It's no use giving them plenty if it only lasts three days," he said.

Big cats need about seven kilograms



(15 pounds) of meat per day per adult, but such quantities are hard to come by.

Even when it is available, recurring blackouts of up to 30 hours at a stretch make it difficult to preserve.

With fuel extremely scarce, there's also the issue of how to distribute food in a nature reserve the size of New York's Central Park.

For now, private donors have come to the rescue for the zoo's various needs.

Every Monday, Ana Fernandez, a Cuban-American woman born in Tennessee who has been living in Cuba for nine years, donates meat.

"The animals shouldn't have to suffer," the 50-year-old said, though she added that "some days it's not enough for all of them."

Recently, the reserve went 23 days without electricity, which meant it also lacked running water.

The staff "didn't just sit around waiting for things to fall from the sky," the zoo's director Juan Carlos Corella said.

"We looked for solutions, water trucks were brought in, and we found food for the animals almost daily," he said, while admitting that keeping the park open has become "very difficult."

An exodus of vets has added to the zoo's woes.

More than a third have left for better-paying jobs elsewhere, mostly in Cuba's burgeoning private sector.

Some wait tables in cafes while others work for private veterinary clinics.

The zoo is home to the only breeding group of black rhinos outside of Africa, as well as a large population of white rhinos, the largest herd of Grant's zebras in the Americas and hippos that regularly bear calves.

"Here we have a high genetic value, and one of immense international importance," Machado, the animal welfare manager, explained.

However, the crisis has forced the park to slow down its breeding programs.

The reason is simple: each new offspring requires more food, medicine, and staff.

"We can't keep increasing the number of animals," Machado said, adding that he preferred to ensure the current population was "as well cared for as possible."

And yet life keeps renewing itself, regardless.

In recent months, the zoo has welcomed baby tigers, hyenas, jackals, and a black dromedary named Esperanza (Spanish for "Hope"), the first of its kind born in Cuba in three decades. (AFP)

Guyana joins major transnational crime crackdown

An international crackdown targeting transnational organised crime has resulted in more than 490 arrests and the seizure of over 156.9 tonnes of drugs, firearms, ammunition, gold, wildlife and other criminal assets, with Guyana among the 35 countries participating in the operation.

Operation ATLAS NEXUS, described by organisers as the largest joint operation against organised crime conducted to date between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe in terms of the volume of seizures and countries involved, concluded with dozens of criminal networks identified and dismantled.

The operation was led by the Belgian Federal Police and coordinated jointly by the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT), the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS). It was facilitated by the European Union's EL PACCTO 2.0 programme, which supports cooperation between Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe on security and justice.

In a statement IMPACS said Guyana was among the participating countries, alongside Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as countries across Latin America and Europe. The operation targeted five priority criminal markets—drug trafficking, human trafficking, document fraud, firearms trafficking and environmental crime.

However, the information released on ATLAS NEXUS does not identify any specific arrests, seizures or criminal networks in Guyana.

Authorities reported the seizure of 37.6 tonnes of cocaine and 118.6 tonnes of cannabis, along with 201 firearms, 3,131 units of ammunition and explosives, 803 wild animals and livestock, US\$135,000 in cash and cryptocurrencies, 0.83 kilogrammes of gold, 169 properties, 464 pieces of jewellery, 468 fraudulent documents and one vehicle.



Eighteen victims were also rescued and assisted.

The international operation involved more than 8,680 police officers and justice authorities who monitored 110 aircraft, 28 vessels, 415 vehicles and 271 containers at 28 designated checkpoints in ports, airports and on roads. A total of 595 search warrants were executed.

Authorities also reported that 37 INTERPOL notices were issued during the operation, including 17 red notices. The operation was not limited to intercepting shipments. Organisers said a central objective was to identify and dismantle the criminal structures behind the movement of drugs, people, weapons and other illicit goods, while confiscating the assets that sustain those networks.

Among the significant discoveries was the identification and dismantling of the first cocaine processing laboratory detected in Ireland. Authorities also identified two new illegal gold-mining sites in French Guiana. Australia played a key role in the seizure of more than 5.6 tonnes of cocaine, while significant operations were also reported in Costa Rica, France, Greece, Ireland, Montenegro, Paraguay, Portugal, Suriname and Sweden.

The operation brought together 35 countries and involved regional and international organisations including AMERIPOL, CARICOM IMPACS, EUROPOL, FRONTEX, INTERPOL,

MAOC(N) and the Regional Security System. The United States, United Kingdom, Norway, Australia and other countries also contributed to intelligence-sharing and operational activities.

Preparatory work for the operation included an April 2026 meeting in Panama City involving EMPACT MTCNI, FRONTEX, CARICOM IMPACS and EL PACCTO 2.0. Authorities used that process to identify high-value targets and criminal methods before coordinated operational actions were launched.

The operation also involved programmes including CRIMARIO II, SEACOP VI and the Italian-funded INTERPOL I-CAN programme, whose international connections were used to strengthen intelligence-sharing. In Costa Rica, authorities seized more than 27.8 tonnes of drugs, including 24.5 tonnes of cocaine and 3.2 tonnes of cannabis, along with 181 firearms.

A total of 375 people were arrested and 14 victims rescued. Paraguay recorded a separate major seizure of 104.96 tonnes of cannabis, with eight arrests reported for drug and firearms trafficking. The international authorities said the operation demonstrated the importance of connecting intelligence from different jurisdictions and taking simultaneous action against criminal networks operating across several continents. (Kaieteur News)

Regional News

St Lucia moving ahead with statue to honour Olympic champion Alfred



Plans to honour Olympic champion Julien Alfred are advancing, with the Government of St Lucia confirming that a statue celebrating her historic 2024 Paris Olympic Games triumph is now in the advanced planning and design stage.

Alfred became St Lucia's first Olympic gold medallist when she stormed to victory in the women's 100 metres in a record time of 10.72 seconds. Her win placed the island nation on the global stage and ranks among the proudest moments in its sporting history.

Minister for Education, Youth Development, Sports and Digital Transformation, Kenson Casimir, gave the update during yesterday's pre-Cabi-

net press briefing.

He said architects, designers and technical officers from the ministries responsible for planning, infrastructure, tourism and sports have been working together on the project.

A site has been identified and purchased in the vicinity of the Julien Alfred Highway. Several artistic concepts have already been prepared and are being assessed as the Government seeks a fitting representation of St Lucia's first Olympic champion.

"I believe Julien Alfred absolutely deserves it. I am very happy and excited about some of the designs I have seen," Minister Casimir said.

The proposed location is undergoing technical assessment, with road safe-

ty, visibility and public access among the considerations guiding the final decision.

Casimir said the statue is intended to become a national landmark where St Lucians and visitors can celebrate Alfred's achievement. It will also serve as inspiration for children and young athletes who aspire to follow in her footsteps.

The Government has already honoured several commitments in recognition of Alfred's achievements, including financial support for her Olympic preparation. Work on the statue represents another commitment now being advanced. (Trinidad Express)

CNN, MS NOW, Politico sue over denied White House access



CNN, MS NOW and Politico yesterday sued President Donald Trump's administration days after they were barred from White House grounds, calling the selective ban — based on the content of their coverage — illegal and a “blatant violation” of the First Amendment.

Trump said in a post that he “cherished” a free press but not “FAKE NEWS”.

“White House access is a privilege — not a right,” the administration posted on X.

The extraordinary ban of the three news outlets' reporters, which began over the weekend, represented a clear escalation of Trump's long-running efforts — in the courts and through administrative action — to restrict news coverage he finds objectionable or, in his words, “fake news”. They were also the latest test of First Amendment protections in the United States, where the government is constitutionally forbidden from restricting the press.

The Constitution, the banned news outlets said in their lawsuit, “does not allow a president or any other government official to deprive the press of their First Amendment rights and lib-

erty and property interests with no notice or process based solely on his dislike of the content of their reporting.”

The three outlets filed the joint lawsuit two days after their reporters were blocked from the White House and prevented from doing their jobs. The reporters' entry badges were disabled on Saturday, a day after Trump had suddenly announced he was barring the outlets because of reporting he considered “fake news”.

Yesterday morning, the banned TV networks were reporting from an intersection just outside the White House complex. CNN, meanwhile, was removed from its pool duties, which are shared by the five major networks. It had been scheduled to cover the president's trip to New York for the UN General Assembly. In an email to members, the TV pool wrote there would be no replacement coverage following the White House actions.

“Effective today, the TV pool will not be covering events designated as pool coverage of the President,” said the email, seen by AP. “This follows the White House's position preventing CNN from fulfilling its assigned pool duties. There will be no replacement

pool put in place.”

CNN's chief White House correspondent, Kaitlan Collins, explained on air that this meant: “When the president does anything today, there will be no TV camera with the president that is broadcasting and sharing this footage” to the viewing public.

The White House did not respond directly to a request for comment on the lawsuit. But, in a news release, it said of the three banned outlets: “The First Amendment protects their right to publish; it does not entitle them to a hard pass, briefing room seat, or place in the press pool.”

On his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote that he “cherished” a free press.

“The White House is not instituting an assault on the Free Press, something which I cherish,” the president said in his post. “It is instituting an assault on the FAKE NEWS, something that has grown like Cancer in our beloved United States of America.”

“It is corrupt, purposeful, pervasive, fully coordinated, and totally out of control. It is a threat to our National Security, and must be stopped, NOW!”

Vice President JD Vance, meanwhile, argued that Trump's decision was about “basic fairness” and not a violation of the right to free speech. Vance told reporters that the journalism of the three outlets is “effectively far-left propaganda”, and said they were still allowed to report — just not to have offices in the White House.

In his second term, Trump and his Republican administration have upped the ante and punished certain media outlets. Trump has also lashed out at individual reporters in person or over social media, sometimes in strikingly personal terms — insulting them in briefings or in his recent speech at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

“This morning, we notified the government that we are filing a lawsuit today to protect our First Amendment

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rights and defend the principle that the government does not decide what the press reports or publishes,” the outlets said in a joint statement posted early Monday on X. “Left unchallenged, this threatens press freedom and the public’s right to independent journalism free from government interference.”

In the joint complaint, accompanied by a separate request for a temporary restraining order blocking enforcement of the bans, the outlets said: “This ban could not be a more direct assault on the First Amendment nor a more blatant violation of our most fundamental constitutional principles.”

They said they’re being banned from doing their jobs at the White House “for one simple reason: (Trump) dislikes the content of the coverage of him and his administration”.

“But the Constitution does not allow a president or any other government official to deprive the press of their First Amendment rights and liberty and property interests with no notice or process based solely on his dislike of the content of their reporting.”

In legal terms, that’s known as “viewpoint discrimination” — the government singling out specific media outlets for the content of what they say or publish. That legal principle is at issue in many of the court cases around Trump’s treatment of the media, and would likely be at play this time.

Jameel Jaffer, executive director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, called the White House move “an attack both on press freedom and the public’s right to independent information about the government”.

“The president’s decision to bar news organisations from the White House for the content of their reporting is a flagrant violation of the First Amendment,” said Jaffer, whose institute is filing a brief to support the lawsuit. The case has been assigned to US District Judge Timothy Kelly, whom Trump nominated during his first term in the White House. (AP)



Sri Lanka court convicts 15 men over deadly Easter Sunday bombings

Sri Lanka's High Court has convicted 15 men who had been charged with plotting the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attacks that killed 270 people and injured more than 500.

Those found guilty include Nauffer Moulavi, who prosecutors said masterminded the suicide bombings. Nine other men were acquitted.

The co-ordinated blasts at three churches and three luxury hotels were the deadliest in Sri Lanka since the end of its civil war in 2009. Forty-five foreigners were among the dead.

All the bombers who carried out the attacks died in the blasts. Investigators have previously blamed the bombings on Islamist extremists, and the 25 men indicted were from Sri Lanka's Muslim minority. One died in custody.

The court session was adjourned before sentencing.

The accused, who had been charged with more than 23,000 offences, were handcuffed in pairs and brought to the High Court in the capital Colombo in two prison buses.

Most of those killed were Sri Lankans, many of whom were children.

They included celebrity chef Shanthi Mayadunne and her daughter, an entire young family of five, at least eight members of staff from the hotels targeted and five members of the same family from the western Sri Lankan city of Negombo.

The foreigners who died included 11 Indians, eight Britons and five Americans.



Among the dead there were also citizens of Australia, Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

Three of Danish billionaire Anders Holch Povlsen's children died in the attack on the Shangri-La hotel, while the family had been holidaying there.

In the wake of the attacks, Sri Lankan authorities pointed to a "major intelligence lapse". Its parliament heard that a tip-off from India about the attacks was not properly shared with the authorities.

In 2023, the Supreme Court ordered former president Maithripala Sirisena to pay millions in compensation to the victims of the bombings, after finding him responsible for national security failures that led to the attacks.

Last month, two former senior officials were sentenced to death for criminal negligence that led to the bombings. Death sentences are usually commuted to life in prison in Sri Lanka due to a decades-old moratorium on executions.

For years, Sri Lankans have held regular demonstrations demanding justice for the victims of the Easter attacks.

The verdict comes as a separate investigation into former intelligence chief Suresh Sallay is under way. Sallay is accused of orchestrating the bombings with Islamist extremists.

The allegations echo those aired in a 2023 documentary by British broadcaster Channel 4, which heard whistleblower testimony claiming the attacks were allowed to happen to boost the popularity of the Rajapaksa family, which long dominated Sri Lankan politics.

Sallay, who was arrested in February, denies the allegations. Former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who was elected months after the 2019 attacks, with a campaign of tackling Islamist extremism has also denied the allegations.

Rajapaksa, who has been banned from leaving the country, has asked the court to prevent his potential arrest in connection with the ongoing investigations. (BBC)

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New York airports resume operations after widescale disruptions



Flights were taking off and landing at New York City-area airports on Tuesday, with some delays and cancellations, after hours of disruptions resulting from damaged communications lines at a key air traffic control facility in Philadelphia that were later repaired.

Hundreds of flights were canceled throughout the United States Northeast on Monday, including more than 600 into and out of Newark Liberty International Airport, as the outage hit every major airport in the New York City area.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy also said in an online post that “it will take some time to clear all existing delays” despite the repairs.

The Newark airport showed about 40 delays and nearly 60 cancellations early Tuesday, according to Flightaware.com, a global flight

tracking and aviation data site.

The primary communications line at the Federal Aviation Administration facility in Philadelphia had failed earlier on Monday, while the backup fiber optic line was inadvertently severed by railroad construction workers. The failures left controllers without radar or communications for hours.

The outage brought commercial air traffic to a near-standstill at Newark for much of the day, with no commercial flights landing at the airport from about 9:40 am to just after 5:20 pm local time, according to flight-tracking site Flightradar24.

More than 200 flights into and out of Philadelphia International Airport were also canceled, while disruptions hit LaGuardia and Kennedy airports in New York. Flights had resumed by Monday evening.

Some airlines were allowing customers to change flights without charge. The FAA advised travelers to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport.

The outage occurred just as world leaders were flying into New York City for the United Nations General Assembly. Canada’s Prime Minister Mark Carney missed an event on Monday on the sidelines of the General Assembly because of the flight disruptions, but his office said he had arrived in New York by

Monday night.

The technical problems stem from the same FAA facility in Philadelphia that caused numerous disruptions at the Newark airport last spring.

Regional control centers like these have two lines that carry radar and communications data in and out: the primary and the backup. The FAA said a circuit on the primary failed Monday morning, and when the system tried to switch to the backup, workers discovered that the fiber optic line had been cut.

Earlier in the day, Duffy said an Amtrak construction crew was to blame. Amtrak, however, pointed to a New Jersey Transit construction crew that was working in the area between Newark and New Brunswick, New Jersey. (AP)





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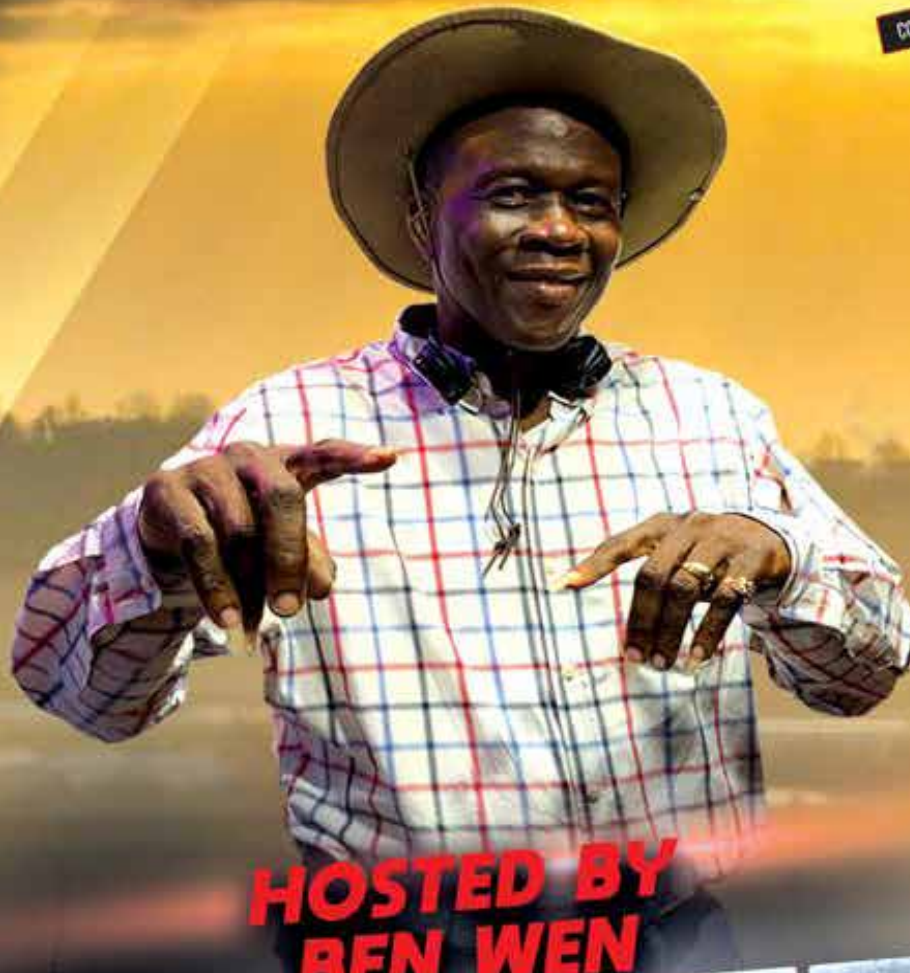
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Sports News

BOE wins again in defense of Business Basketball League title

The Board of Education (BOE) continued their winning start in defense of their title in the 2026 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday evening.

The Board of Education notched up their third win with a 93-60 drubbing of the Sledge O'Ballers, who lost for the third time in four games.

Daniel Perez shot a game-high 26 points, his brother Danny Perez sank 20 points, Xavier "X-Man" Meade converted 15 points, and Adonis Humphreys scored 11 points for the Board of Education.

Deon Jules sank 17 points, and Ariel Quallis scored 16 points for the Sledge O'Ballers.

APCMOL also kept their unbeaten start intact, claiming their fourth successive win with a 99-44 drubbing of newcomers Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT).

Takeem Martin shot a game-high 28 points, Amare Browne sank 16 points, and Judah Ferris scored 14 points for APCMOL. Lena Mills converted 27 points for the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, who lost for the fifth time in six games.

Former champions Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board (ABTB) recorded their second win in three games after being awarded victory via default against newcomers Christos, who failed to show up for the encounter. It was the fourth loss in as many games for Christos.



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Rewinders stay unbeaten in ABNA Business League

Fitzroy Rewinding Rewinders have extended their unbeaten run in the Antigua and Barbuda Netball Association (ABNA) Business League Competition.

The Rewinders recorded their third win in as many games by surging to a commanding 28-2 victory against Galley Bay Resort in the opening match of a mixed-division double-header at the YMCA Sports Complex on Monday evening.

Ervedine Parker-Barnard netted 18 of her 20 shots, Carl Kirby sank six of his 13 attempts, and Jamila Fitz scored four of her seven tries for the Fitzroy Rewinding Rewinders.

Ken Henry and Kamiya Hector each converted a goal for Galley Bay Resort, who were making their debut appearance in the competition.

After suffering a narrow 15-20 loss to the Rewinders in their opening game, the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT) Ministry of Education rebounded to claim their first win with a 21-14 victory over Coaches in Monday's second encounter.

Kareem Edwards scored 20 of his 27 shots, and Michael Burton converted his one attempt for ABUT Ministry of Education.

Rayana Regis converted nine of her 14 shots, and Akiel Hazelwood scored five of his seven attempts for the Coaches, who were also making their first appearance in the competition.

Action in the mixed division will continue at the YMCA Sports Complex on Thursday, September 24. Galley Bay Resort will tackle the Coaches at 7:30 pm.

It will be preceded by a female division encounter between the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center (SLBMC) JOMA IV League Netters B team and the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT) Ministry of Education at 6:30 pm.



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ABCAS advance in School Boys Knockout Cup



Players of last season's ABCAS football team. (File Photo)

The Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) became the third team to advance in the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean School Boys Knockout Cup on Monday.

ABCAS recorded a 2-1 victory over Jennings Secondary School at the Golden Grove playing field.

ABCAS joined the Harrison Center, Irene B. Williams Secondary, Clare Hall Secondary School, and Princess Margaret School in the next round.

Romario Christian scored five times, and Kayonzea Grifford converted twice to lead the Harrison Center to a 9-0 drubbing of St. Mary's Secondary School at Golden Grove.

Christian had conversions in the

seventh, 17th, 46th, 54th, and 63rd minutes, while Grifford found the back of the net in the 65th and 70th minutes.

The other goals for the Harrison Center were scored by Jahte' Sheppard in the second minute and Xarik Richards in the 26th minute.

Najae Morton struck a hat trick to propel Irene B. Williams Secondary to a 3-2 victory against Pares Secondary. Joshua Lake scored both goals for Pares Secondary.

Clare Hall Secondary School snatched a 2-1 victory over All Saints Secondary School. Tevon Henderson scored in the 15th minute, and Elson Douglas had a 56th-minute conversion for Clare Hall Secondary.

Karmarlie Benjamin scored in the

48th minute for All Saints Secondary School.

Princess Margaret School prevailed 5-4 in a penalty shootout against Ottos Comprehensive School after both teams battled to a 2-2 draw at the end of regulation.

Tafari Looby scored in the eighth minute, and Demarve Smith had a 59th-minute conversion for Ottos Comprehensive School in regulation time.

Goals by Allan Henry in the 22nd minute and Mario Lewis in the 67th minute salvaged a draw for Princess Margaret School and forced the match to be decided in a penalty shootout.

India win women's T20 cricket gold medal at Asian Games



Indian players celebrate after winning the women's gold medal T20 cricket game between India and Sri Lanka at the Asian Games in Nisshin, Japan, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026. (AP)

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) — India handed Sri Lanka a crushing 147-run defeat to win the women's T20 cricket gold medal at the Asian Games on Tuesday.

Led by Smriti Mandhana's 79 and equally splendid contributions from Shifali Verma (48) and Richa Gosh (49), the Indians posted their third-highest T20 score of 216 for three after winning the toss and electing to bat.

The Sri Lankans, who chased down their biggest-ever T20 score of 177 to beat Pakistan in the semi-finals, succumbed to the Indian spinners and were bowled out for 69 in 15.4 overs. Captain Chamari Athapaththu was the top scorer with 29 off 21 balls.

In a repeat of the 2023 final won by India, the Sri Lankan batters crumbled against Deepti Sharma, who bagged

three wickets for just six runs off her four overs.

Verma (2 for 3), Shree Charni (2 for 13) and Shreyanka Patil (2 for 9) also shared six wickets between them. Athapaththu's dismissal in the seventh over saw the Sri Lankans lose their last eight wickets for just 26 runs.

Earlier, left-handed Mandhana and Verma set the tone of a mammoth total with their 99-run opening-wicket stand in 10 overs as Sri Lankan bowlers gave away too many boundary balls.

Verma smashed three sixes and three fours before she was caught at short third while attempting a reverse hit. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur's struggle continued in the tournament with another unimpressive knock of 19 off 17 balls, but Gosh and Mandhana ensured India set up a stiff target.

Mandhana smashed seven sixes and five fours in 45 balls before she holed out in the outfield in the 17th over, before Gosh's onslaught, which featured three sixes and six fours, provided a perfect finish.

Gosh smashed fast bowler Mithali Ayodhya for two sixes and a boundary in the final over which cost Sri Lanka 25 runs.

Earlier, Pakistan clinched the bronze medal by beating Bangladesh by 31 runs.

Captain Fatema Sana made 45 in Pakistan's score of 145 for eight and spinner Umm-e-Hani grabbed three for 10 as Bangladesh was restricted to 114 for seven.

First loss for Hanse on Security in IBSC Tape Ball Classic

Grill Box has ended the unbeaten start of Hanse on Security in the LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic.

After winning their previous three matches, Hanse on Security suffered their first loss in a six-wicket defeat to Grill Box at the Rising Sun playing field in the annual T20 competition on Sunday.

Hanse on Security crashed to 127 all out in 16.1 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Clinton Benjamin struck 50, and Kerry Mentore scored 34. Zavear Otto claimed three for 35, Rodney Williams took two for 11, and Richie Thomas captured two for 27.

Grill Box achieved victory by scoring 129 for four in 14.2 overs. Kadeem Henry smashed an unbeaten 74, and Demari Benta made 23 for Grill Box to claim their second win in four matches, which also included a loss and a rained-out encounter.

After losing their previous three matches in defense of their title, cup-holders Bryson's Bullets claimed their first win by pulling off a 10-wicket victory against Easy Pickings Mix-Up Stars at Powells.

Kimani George snapped up seven wickets for eight runs in four overs as the Mix Up Stars were bundled out for 57 in 16.3 overs after losing the toss and being sent in to bat.

The Bullets quickly wrapped up victory, racing to 60 without losing any wickets in just two overs.



Kimani George of Bryson's Bullets took seven wickets for eight runs against Easy Pickings Mix-Up Stars to claim the Player of the Week Award during the latest round of matches in the LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic.

Essan Warner hit an unbeaten 36, and Deran Benta struck 18 not out as the Mix-Up Stars plummeted to their third loss in as many matches.

All-rounder Shamar Pereira smashed an unbeaten century as the VIP extended their unbeaten run, recording their third win in as many matches by surging to a commanding 249-run victory over the Jake Invincibles at Powells.

The VIP won the toss and batted, amassing 312 for seven from their 20 overs. Shamar Pereira hammered 123 not out, which included

14 sixes and six fours.

Shamoy Williams hit 53, and Michael Marcellin struck 45. Akez France claimed three for 55, and TRon Payne captured two for 75.

In reply, Jakes Invincibles tumbled to 63 all out in 5.3 overs, crashing to their fourth defeat in as many matches. Melvin Charles made 29, while Shamar Pereira snapped up two wickets for one run.

The Dredgers recorded their second win in four matches by securing a 66-run victory over TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs in a match, which was reduced to 15 overs per side due to a late start that was caused by wet pitch at the Rising Sun playing field.

Dredgers won the toss and batted, making 102 for seven from their 15 overs. Mervin Higgins and Rae Charles each scored 15 runs. Glen Williams took two wickets for nine runs, and Hughon Tonge claimed two for 21.

In reply, TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs were bundled out for 36 in 9.5 overs. Javaughn James snapped up five wickets for nine runs, and Mike France picked up two wickets for nine runs.

TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs suffered their first loss in three matches after winning their opening game, with the second being rained out.