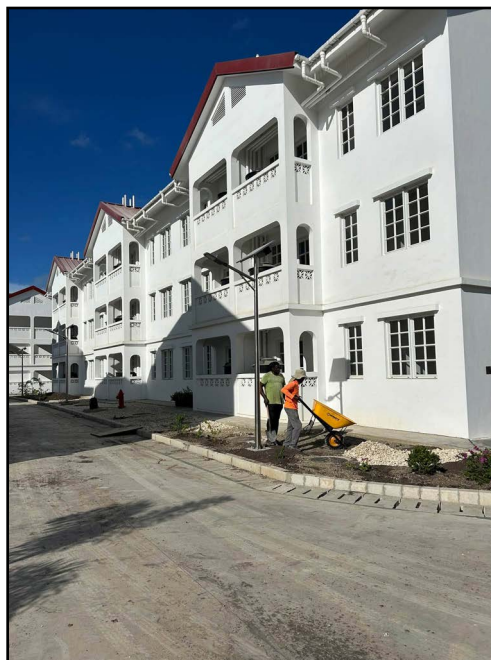


Pelican Court Officially Opens Today

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At Long Last... Pelican Court Officially Opens Today



Pelican Court will officially open today, Thursday, at 9:30 a.m., marking the culmination of an eight-year effort to transform housing conditions in Booby Alley.

The EC\$50 million development, funded through a grant from the People's Republic of China, comprises 150 modern, two-bedroom homes in the Point community.

Its opening represents a major milestone for former residents who moved out of the neighbourhood to accommodate the redevelopment and who have waited through several setbacks.

The project was announced in October 2018 as part of a Chinese-supported housing programme. Prime Minister Gaston Browne, the parliamentary representative for the area, championed the undertaking as an investment in improved living conditions for the community.

Delivering the development required the relocation of families into temporary accommodation, consultations and efforts to resolve longstanding concerns. Disputes and legal challenges slowed progress, while the COVID-19 pandemic further delayed construction plans.

For residents, the process meant leaving familiar homes and neighbours while waiting for the new development to take shape.

The project continued across the tenures of three Chinese ambassadors, with engineers, construction workers and government officials carrying it through successive stages, from site preparation and foundations to completed buildings and interiors.

Beyond the new homes, the development includes courtyards and walkways that will serve as shared spaces for residents. Maintaining those areas, caring for the properties and fostering good relations among neighbours will form an important part of the community's next chapter.

Booby Alley has long been home to families with deep roots in the Point. The redevelopment introduces a new physical environment while carrying forward the history and community connections of the former neighbourhood.

The opening also provides a visible example of cooperation between Antigua and Barbuda and China as the country approaches its 45th anniversary of independence.



Pelican Court forms part of the government's wider ambitions for urban renewal, with plans to extend improved housing opportunities to other communities. For the families connected to Booby Alley, today's ceremony marks a significant step towards the fresh start promised when the project was announced eight years ago.

Government House Holds Swearing-In Ceremonies For Statutory Boards



The members of several government statutory boards took their oaths of office during multiple swearing ceremonies held at Government House on Wednesday.

During the ceremony, members of the Midwives' Board, the Antigua Public Utilities Authority Board, the Police Service Commission and the Central Board of Health were sworn-in by the Governor General Sir Rodney Williams.

"Today, we have witnessed the swearing-in of seven members of the Midwives' Board, one member of the Antigua Public Utilities Authority Board, three members of the Police Service Commission, and nine members of the Central Board of Health," Sir Rodney announced.

He noted that while these institutions have distinct statutory and constitutional responsibilities, they share a common purpose: to protect the public interest, uphold professional and institutional standards, and contribute meaningfully to the quality of life of the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

"The oaths you will take are far more than a ceremonial formality. They represent a solemn commitment to serve faithfully, to exercise sound judgement, to act impartially, and to



discharge your responsibilities with integrity and diligence.

"Public office is both a privilege and a profound responsibility. The confidence placed in you must be reflected not merely in the positions you occupy, but in the decisions you make and the standards you uphold," he emphasized.

Addressing the members of the Midwifery Board, Sir Rodney underscored the significance of their responsibilities. "Your responsibilities concern one of the most precious and vulnerable periods of human life: the care of mothers and their newborn children. Behind every professional standard, every regulatory decision and every effort to improve competency and accountability are families

who depend upon a healthcare system that is safe, compassionate and trustworthy," he remarked.

To the member of the APUA Board, the Governor General pointed out that few public institutions have a more immediate and far-reaching impact on the daily lives of citizens than the Antigua Public Utilities Authority.

"Reliable access to water, electricity and telecommunications is essential not only to the comfort of our households, but also to public health, education, economic activity, tourism, business development and national resilience," he declared.

The head of state also had words of advice for the three members of the Police Service Commission who were sworn into office on Wednesday.

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“Our police officers are entrusted with protecting life and property, preserving public order and upholding the law. It is therefore essential that the systems governing their professional development, advancement and accountability are characterised by fairness, merit, transparency and sound judgement,” Sir Rodney cautioned.

The members of the board at the Central Board of Health, also received congratulations and words of advice from the Governor General.

“The work of this Board reminds us that the health of a nation extends far beyond the walls of its hospitals and medical facilities.

“It is reflected in the cleanliness of our communities, the management of sanitation and waste, the safety of our food and water, the prevention and control of disease, and the environmental conditions in which our people live, work and raise their families,” he explained.

In summation, Sir Rodney emphasized that as the nation reflects upon the responsibilities of these four institutions, the citizenry is reminded that the strength of a nation is measured not only by the laws it enacts, but by the integrity, competence and commitment of those entrusted to give effect to those laws.

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CARICOM Development Fund Conducts Technical Mission to Strengthen Article 164 Industries in Antigua and Barbuda

The Office of the National Authorising Officer (ONAO), in collaboration with the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), conducted a two-day technical mission from 12 to 13 October, to engage stakeholders from Antigua and Barbuda's manufacturing sector who benefit from the protective measures under Article 164 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

Within the context of CARICOM regional integration, it is widely accepted that when compared to its More Developed Countries (MDCs), CARICOM's Less Developed Countries (LDCs), including Antigua and Barbuda generally experience lower levels of industrial development, productive capacity and competitiveness. Article 164 seeks to address these disparities through a framework that allows for temporary protective measures and preferential market access for designated products, alongside technical support to strengthen local industries, stimulate investment and enhance LDC participation in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

The technical mission was led by Kwesi Roberts, Regional Programme Coordinator at the CDF, who reaffirmed the Fund's commitment to supporting Article 164 industries in strengthening their competitiveness, expanding their export capacity, and contributing meaningfully to economic growth and regional development.

As part of the mission, the team visited seven manufacturing establishments across Antigua, in-

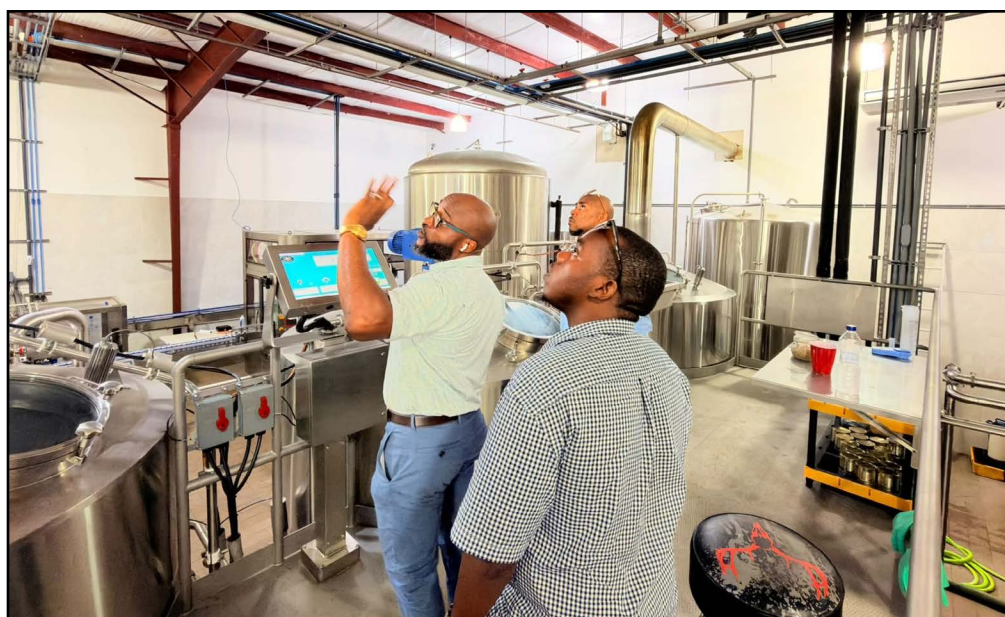


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cluding A&J Purified Water, GCS Bottling Company, LICs Limited, Harris Paints, Long Bay Brewery, TCF Candle Factory, and Premiere Beverages. The visits provided an opportunity for manufacturers to share their experiences, highlight operational challenges, discuss regional market prospects, and explore the potential implications and opportunities for support associated with Article 164.

Stakeholders welcomed the engagement, noting that consultations of this nature are important in identifying the needs and concerns of local manufacturers and informing Antigua and Barbuda's national position on the future of Article 164 protections.

Industries currently benefiting from Article 164 measures include beverages, flour, animal feed, furniture, paints and varnishes, in-



dustrial gases, candles, solar water heaters, pasta, curry powder, aerated beverages, and water.

Antigua and Barbuda remains committed to active participation in CARICOM's trade and development agenda. Through continued collaboration with the CDF,

national and regional institutions, and local manufacturers, the Government seeks to ensure that the country's interests and development priorities are appropriately reflected in regional approaches to industrial development and the implementation of Article 164.

Midweek Deals

TUESDAYS / WEDNESDAYS

-Burger
-Medium Drink
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-Leg and Thigh
-Biscuit
-Medium Drink
\$17.99



Victory Centre Appeals for Help After Intruder Uproots Students' Crops

Victory Centre School for Children with Special Needs is appealing for public assistance after an intruder uprooted lettuce grown by its students, just one day after the school celebrated the handover of its hydroponics project.

The school says security cameras recorded the individual shortly after 6 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, removing plants that students had nurtured and were preparing to harvest.

The incident followed Tuesday's handover ceremony for the hydroponics system and nursery, a project benefiting Victory Centre and Cedar Grove Primary School.

For Victory Centre's students, the crops represented an opportunity to develop practical skills, build confidence and work towards greater independence. They had also hoped to use proceeds from their harvest to help fund social activities.

"To others, these items or crops may seem insignificant. To our students, they represent practical skills, confidence, independence, joy, and hope," the school stated.

The institution says the latest incident adds to a series of break-ins, attempted robberies and thefts that have placed further pressure on its resources.

Last year, an air conditioner and microwave were stolen from the premises. The school replaced the equipment using donations and its savings, only for the replacement items to be stolen approximately one week later.

Support from parents, fundraising efforts, businesses and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda subsequently helped the school install security cameras and burglar bars. Despite those measures, the incidents have continued.

The school believes the person recorded uprooting the lettuce may be connected to earlier incidents, al-

though that connection has not been established.

In a direct appeal to those responsible, the institution said: "PLEASE STOP AND LEAVE OUR SCHOOL ALONE!"

Victory Centre is asking anyone who recognises individuals shown in its security footage, or who has information about the incidents, to contact the nearest police station. Members of the public are urged not to confront anyone.

The school also thanked those who have helped it replace stolen equipment and strengthen security, while appealing for continued support to protect the students' learning environment.

"Our students deserve better. Our school deserves better. Please help us



protect their future," it said.


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9:00 AM–3:00 PM

NATIONAL SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION DRIVE
Agricultural Extension Division Headquarters, Kentish Road, St. John's

PLANT2PLATE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

FOCUS: Sustainable agriculture • Youth involvement • Food sovereignty



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:00 PM–7:00 PM

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Ministry of Trade Draws the Public Attention to the Kigali Amendment

On 15 October 2016, the parties to the Montreal Protocol adopted the Kigali Amendment.

A decade later, the Multilateral Fund has helped Article 5 countries turn their HFC phase-down commitments

into action, with US\$295.6 million invested across five bridges: readiness, implementation, efficiency, end-users, and lifecycle management.

Each bridge closes a practical gap between a global agreement and what

is happening on the ground, in the everyday reality of cooling: vaccines kept cold, food that does not spoil, and homes and workplaces protected during extreme heat.



THE IMPLEMENTATION BRIDGE

Phase-down plans need people, institutions and businesses ready to put them into practice

THE OUTCOME

National plans move from commitment to action across the cooling sector.

The Fund supports national Kigali HFC Implementation Plans (KIPs) that strengthen policy frameworks, customs and technical capacity, update safety standards and help industries and businesses prepare for change.

91 stage I KIPs approved

174.5 M US\$ invested

THE EFFICIENCY BRIDGE

Switching to climate-friendly refrigerants doesn't make cooling more efficient

THE OUTCOME

Countries reduce refrigerant emissions and energy-related emissions at the same time.

The Fund connects refrigerant transitions with efficient equipment, technical training, technology demonstrations and minimum energy performance standards.

93 energy-efficiency projects approved

47.7 M US\$ invested

THE END-USER BRIDGE

Efficient cooling often costs more upfront

THE OUTCOME

Each dollar can support multiple generations of cooling improvements.

The Fund is piloting revolving finance that enables end users to invest in cleaner, more efficient cooling, with funds recycled into future projects.

2 energy-efficiency revolving funds in 4 countries

42.8 M US\$ invested

THE LIFECYCLE BRIDGE

The cooling transition does not end when equipment is retired

THE OUTCOME

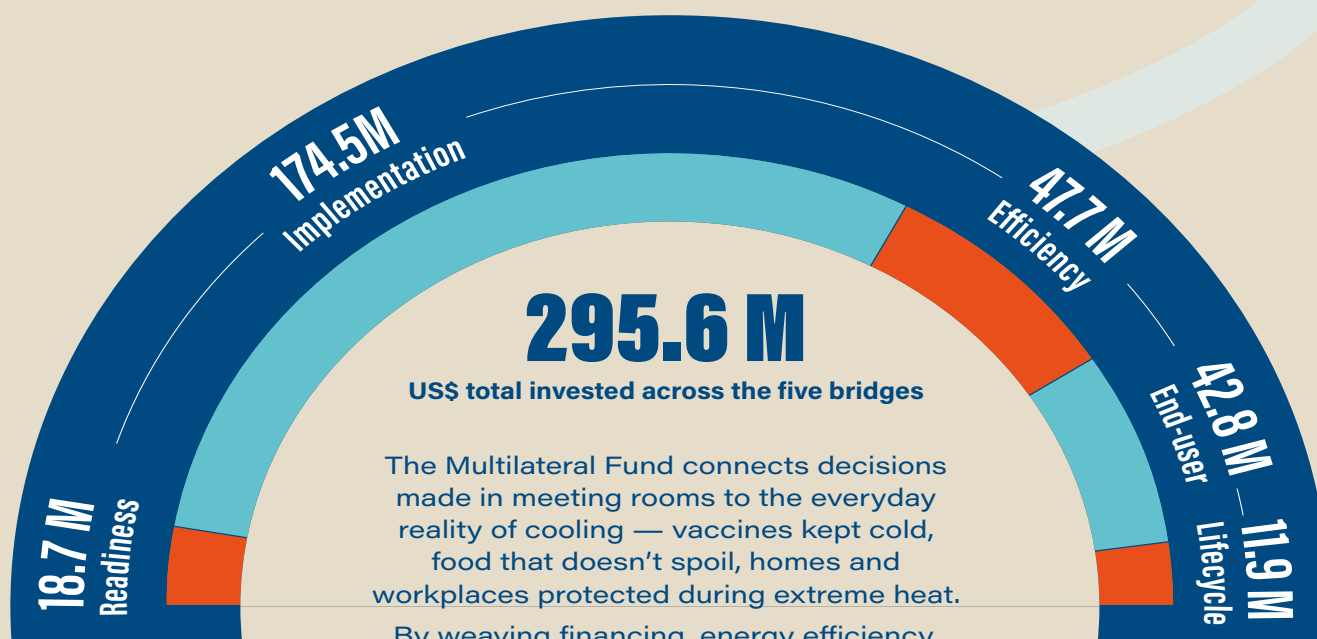
Emissions are addressed throughout the lifecycle of the equipment.

The Fund supports countries in developing inventories of used and unwanted controlled substances, alongside action plans for their collection, transport and disposal.

127 developing countries supported

11.9 M US\$ invested

No single technology, policy or project can transform a country's cooling sector on its own



US\$ total invested across the five bridges

The Multilateral Fund connects decisions made in meeting rooms to the everyday reality of cooling — vaccines kept cold, food that doesn't spoil, homes and workplaces protected during extreme heat.

By weaving financing, energy efficiency, lifecycle management, safety infrastructure and national strategies into one system, it connects Kigali Amendment commitments with practical cooling solutions.

THE OUTCOME

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 45TH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY
18
OCTOBER

Independence Church Service

Precision Center

4:00 PM

THURSDAY
22
OCTOBER

National Youth Rally, Special Drills and Cheerleading Competition

Sir Vivian Richards Stadium

8:30 AM

SUNDAY
25
OCTOBER

National Food Fair

Sir Vivian Richards Stadium

10:00 AM

National Schools' Panorama

Sir Vivian Richards Stadium

6:00 PM

MONDAY
26
OCTOBER

National Heroes Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Heroes Park – Sir Sydney Walling Highway

10:00 AM

National Independence Business Decor Competition

Starts: October 26 Ends: October 29

TUESDAY
27
OCTOBER

Voices in Harmony - Festival of Choirs

St. Anthony's Secondary School

8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
28
OCTOBER

Schools' Independence Programs

Schools Across the State

Island Treasures Gala - Golden Age

Casa Palmadita

THURSDAY
29
OCTOBER

Barbuda Day Activities

Evening of Theatre

St. Anthony's Secondary School

7:00 PM

FRIDAY
30
OCTOBER

Independence Calypso Competition

Green Lounge – Cedar Valley

8:00 PM

National Dress and Flag Day

SUNDAY
1
NOVEMBER

Independence Flag Ceremony

Barbuda

7:00 AM

Independence Ceremonial Parade

Sir Vivian Richards Stadium

5:45 PM



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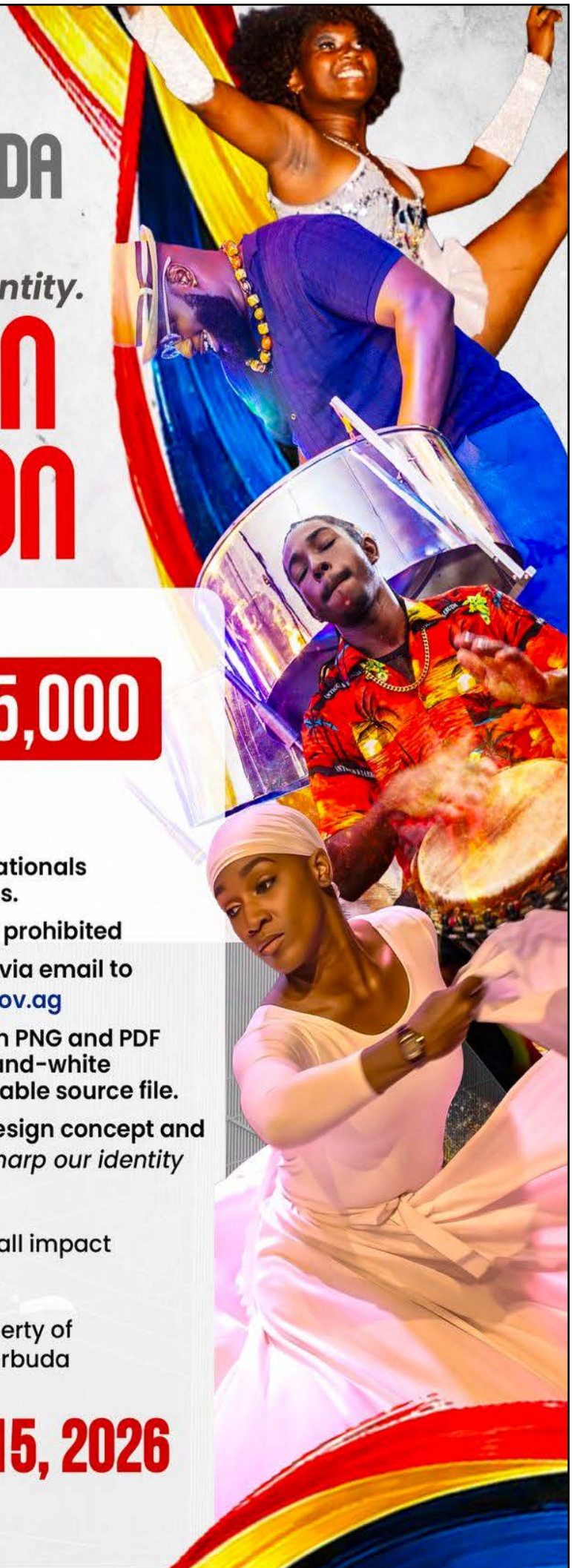
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Police confiscate robot that groped 16-year-old girl in Germany

German authorities opened an investigation into possible sexual harassment after a robot controlled by two young men touched the buttocks of a 16-year-old girl and made thrusting movements toward her, police said.

Police in the western city of Cologne responded after the incident overnight Saturday to Sunday in which the robot's suspected 16-year-old owner and a 19-year-old companion were said to have filmed the alleged assault.

They were said to have streamed the incident and commentated on it online.

Cologne police spokesman Christoph Bermel said the two male teenagers have not been charged but are considered suspects, and investigators were examining whether the robot's movements were preprogrammed or controlled in real time.

Police were unfamiliar with this type of incident, he said.

"We have not been aware of this phenomenon so far," Bermel told The Associated Press, saying it was "new territory for us".

Emergency teams that were dispatched to the scene near a fast-food restaurant found the robot in the trunk of a vehicle, Cologne police said in a statement on Monday. The robot and the two young men's mobile phones were confiscated.

North Rhine Westphalia Police Cologne, on Facebook, posted an image of the red-and-gold robot lying on the ground.

The robot, said to be 120 cm (about 3 ft 11 inches) tall, was dressed in a white tank top, black sweatpants and wearing a gold chain and sunglasses. It also had what appears to be a fake mustache.

Videos circulated on the internet show two young men escorting the robot toward a group of women, bump-



ing into one and hugging others, on a lively nighttime street.

One of the men repeatedly shouts at the robot and pulls it backward after it makes sexual gestures, prompting laughter among people in the area.

On the police's Facebook account on Tuesday, officers criticized inappropriate comments and warned that sharing or joking about such incidents can worsen the impact on any victim. (AP)

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Pope Leo XIV diagnosed with lung cancer



Pope Leo XIV underwent surgery yesterday that confirmed that he has lung cancer, and doctors removed the lower lobe of his right lung, the Vatican said.

Tests confirmed a diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, the Vatican said in a medical bulletin after the surgery. It said the diagnosis had been suspected by preoperative tests and was confirmed during surgery.

The statement made no mention of treatment going forward, and the Vatican said doctors were not currently speaking of chemotherapy or other therapies pending the results of other tests.

The Vatican press office noted the medical statement spoke of the “radical” removal of the lobe as an indication that doctors removed all suspect tissue in hopes of removing any lingering traces of the cancer.

Leo’s lymph nodes also would have been removed and tested, to determine if the cancer had spread, and there was no word yet on those test results.

“Adenocarcinoma is the most com-

mon (type of lung cancer), also with the most favourable prognosis,” said Dr Stephen Liu, a lung cancer expert at Georgetown’s Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. “While we know the diagnosis we now need to know the stage.”

“We now need to know how big it is, how many spots in the lung are involved. Is it just one nodule, or more than one, and the lymph nodes, are they cancerous?” Liu said.

If the cancer has spread, more tests will be needed to determine what kind of therapy to pursue, he said. Options include chemotherapy, a combination of chemotherapy and immunotherapy or targeted therapy, which involves oral pills for specific cancers.

The 71-year-old was in the operating room for about three hours, the statement said. The surgery itself lasted approximately 90 minutes.

“The surgery was successful, and there were no complications,” the statement said, adding that the pope later returned to his room.

Leo had walked into Rome’s Ge-

melli hospital through the main entrance earlier in the day and waved to dozens of well-wishers who had gathered to greet him. The Vatican said the surgery would be performed by a team led by Gemelli’s chief thoracic surgeon Dr Stefano Margaritora.

The American pontiff has offered a rare level of transparency about the first publicly disclosed major health problem of his 17-month papacy. He revealed the discovery of the localised nodule during his Sunday noon prayer and announced that he would have it removed.

Oncologists said prior to the operation that, even if the nodule turned out to be cancerous, Leo’s prognosis would be “excellent” since it would have been removed at an early stage.

The Vatican on Monday canceled all Leo’s audiences through October 20.

While Gemelli has a specific papal apartment that past popes have used, complete with a private chapel on the 10th floor, Leo will actually be staying in a nearby room since the papal apartment is undergoing renovations, according to the Vatican press office.

There was no word on whether Leo would be able to keep his planned trip to South America next month.

Oncologists often advise patients not to fly for three weeks after surgery – which would give the pope just the interval needed to make his planned November 6-17 trip to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru, depending on his recovery.

The current itinerary for the trip is ambitious and the longest of his papacy to date, calling for Leo to clock just over 31,000 kilometres (19,000 miles) on a dozen flights and two helicopter rides, and a significant altitude change in Peru.

Regional News

“He has decided to undergo surgery soon in order to not change his plans for future overseas trips. So there is no need to worry, as it is not an emergency,” said Tokyo Cardinal Kikuchi Tsutomu, who saw Leo on Monday.

A lung nodule is a small abnormal area measuring less than 3 centimetres (1.2 inches) that sometimes appears on a CT scan of the chest or abdomen. Often, the scans are done to investigate trauma or a lung infection, unrelated to a lung cancer screening. A nodule can be benign or malignant, and oftentimes surgical removal is recommended both to establish whether it is cancer and to treat a malignancy while it is still localised.

This is believed to be the second hospitalisation for Leo, who is known to be sporty and in good shape, with weekly tennis games and swimming.

As a young missionary priest, he came down with typhoid fever in 1985, soon after arriving in Chulucanas, Peru. The illness and hospitalisation were a cathartic moment for him to decide to stay in the poverty and discomfort of Peru after living in relative comfort in Rome — a decision that ultimately paved the way to his papacy, according to an interview Leo gave to Elise Ann Allen in 2025 for Pope Leo XIV: The Biography.

According to the book, Leo said he prayed to God to let him die rather than suffer the “horrible” pain of the fever. “I was hooked up to an IV and I said, ‘If this is your sense of humour, Lord, I think you could do a little better.’

“Obviously, I survived. I recovered, but it turned out to be a very significant moment for me, because it was like, ‘Well, you’ve already dealt with the illness; you already see what the needs are here – the order, the Augustinians, the church are telling you, ‘We need you here; go for it.’ I never looked back.” (AP)



Cyberattacks hit European supermarket chains



Cyberattacks disrupted European supermarket chains, affecting refrigeration systems at hundreds of stores in France and forcing a major grocer to shut down websites serving customers in Europe and the US.

French Finance Minister Roland Lescure told parliament yesterday that about 700 of the country's 10,000 supermarkets were affected. He said there was no risk to France's food supplies, but acknowledged that the attack "touches the heart of our food security".

"It was a wake-up call for everyone," he said.

Separately, Dutch supermarket giant Ahold Delhaize said it was working to restore systems it had shut down following what it described as a security issue.

The company said its stores — including Albert Heijn in the Netherlands, Delhaize in Belgium and Stop & Shop, Food Lion and Giant in the US — remained open, but the websites for those brands stayed offline on yesterday. Ahold Delhaize said it had no evidence that customer or employee data had been stolen.

The Paris prosecutor's office said its cybercrime unit was investigating the

large-scale attack in France, including the extent of damage caused by spoiled food and reported fires.

According to BFM-TV, hackers forced a continuous defrost cycle and set temperatures as high as 50°C on stores' refrigeration systems.

French supermarket group Groupe-

ment Mousquetaires, which operates more than 4,000 stores across Europe, said 300 of its Intermarché and Netto stores were impacted. Some refrigerated and frozen food display cases remained out of service. Dominique Schelcher, CEO of French grocery chain Cooperative U, said 80 of the company's 2,000 stores were affected. Most managed to prevent disruptions to refrigeration, but some had to discard food, he said in a post on X.

"Targeting equipment essential to the preservation of fresh products is an attack on the French food supply chain. It is unprecedented, extremely serious, and unacceptable," Schelcher said.

Carrefour and Monoprix supermarkets were also impacted.

The French government's cybersecurity agency said it was "aware of numerous compromises" involving refrigeration system remote control modules made by Danish company Danfoss as well as US-based Copeland. (AP)

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TCN CAUTION - Gov't urged to weigh legal liabilities as 22 deported foreigners arrive under US deal

The arrival of 22 Latin American and European migrants at Norman Manley International Airport under the controversial third country nationals agreement (TCN) has triggered a warning from one political analyst that Jamaica could face legal liabilities.

University of the West Indies lecturer in the Department of Government Damion Gordon said the Holness administration must ensure openness, and evaluate its responsibilities regarding the agreement.

"I would urge the Jamaican Government to provide greater transparency about the agreement and carefully examine the extent of our responsibilities to ensure that Jamaica is not exposed to any present or future legal liabilities.

"There are also moral implications that deserve consideration," Gordon told *The Gleaner* on Tuesday, following the arrival of the foreigners deported from the United States.

National Security and Peace Minister Dr Horace Chang confirmed during a 'Beyond The Headlines' interview with host Dionne Jackson Miller on Radio Jamaica 94 FM that seven women and 15 men – nationals from Ecuador and a European country – arrived on a flight some time after 1 p.m. There were no children within the group.

Chang also confirmed that Jamaica rejected one of the TCNs while two were withdrawn.

The 22 men and women, five of whom speak English,



were processed and granted a 90-day landing before they boarded a Jamaica Urban Transit Company bus, which left the airport with police escort for an undisclosed location.

Chang said the United Nations' International Organization for Migration (IOM) now has full responsibility for the deportees, who are expected to return to their home countries within 14 days. If 10 opt to seek asylum, the minister said the programme would be halted, although acknowledging that a second batch should arrive in two weeks.

Chang said the Government got confirmation on Monday that the group would be coming after the IOM acknowledged that the operating procedures were "satisfactory".

The proposed operating procedures seen by *The Gleaner* indicate that the Government would be given a list of deportees 72 hours prior to removal. A response to the US is expected in 36 hours.

"Everything depends on once we put in place what

we call the appropriate reception. The International Organization Migration, who has some very rigid protocols, has to agree. And, they only agreed yesterday evening, a which point the Americans had sent us some information that they would like to send some this week, but we ... could not give a time or exact time or date until IOM accepted or agreed that they would provide the services," said Chang when asked about the short notice given to the Government about the group's arrival.

The IOM is the international body being used by the US to facilitate the process.

"The Government of the United States of America expects to compensate a competent international organization for services it provides to individuals transferred under the MOU. The Government of Jamaica intends to coordinate with the competent international organization to initiate those services and to facilitate the entry and activities of that international organization's staff," the pro-

posed operating procedures outlined.

The IOM has not commented publicly on the matter.

Chang said the TCNs were medically screened and were similarly cleared following security checks with Interpol.

However, Gordon said he remains uneasy about Jamaica's involvement in the arrangement, which is linked to a US deportation policy "that has faced serious legal challenges over due process and human rights concerns". He said this is of concern because of how some deportations have been handled across several US states.

While the US' lower courts had struck down third-country removal policies over due process concerns, the Supreme Court overruled those decisions to allow the deportations to continue via a temporary emergency stay, further fuelling local calls for the Jamaican Government to make public its agreement.

This allows the US government to temporarily resume sending migrants to third countries while the full legal case is being argued and reviewed on its merits.

"The safeguards announced by the Government are important, but we need assurances that the agreed limits on arrivals, the exclusion of persons with criminal backgrounds and the conditions governing asylum applications will be strictly observed. We must also be clear about what happens if individuals cannot leave Jamaica within the agreed time frame," said Gordon. (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Guyana Opposition Leader arrested after shooting near senior cop's home

Guyanese police on Tuesday confirmed that they had arrested the country's Opposition Leader Azruddin Mohamed and two of his workers following an incident near the home of the head of the Special Branch Unit, Prem Narine.

In the statement, the Guyana Police Force (GPF) said it is investigating an alleged discharge of a loaded firearm with intent and possession of a firearm and ammunition without a licence, following the incident.

The statement said that Narine was at his residence when he reported that he observed a black Toyota Allion motor car bearing registration number PXX 5300 travelling slowly along Barr Street.

"Investigations further revealed that as the vehicle approached his residence on the second occasion, Senior Superintendent Narine heard what appeared to be a gunshot. He took cover and discharged several rounds from his service firearm in the direction of the vehicle, which subsequently drove away," the police said in the statement.

It said the motor car was later intercepted with three occupants who were later identified as Mohamed, and two of his workers, Mario Mohamed and Eugene Thorne. They were arrested and escorted to the Kitty Police Station.

According to the police statement, a search of the motor car led to the discovery of a .32 Taurus pistol without a serial number, along with three live rounds of .32 ammunition. The three men were subsequently arrested in connec-



tion with possession of a firearm and ammunition without a licence.

The police also stated that a .32 spent shell was recovered opposite Narine's residence while four 9mm spent shells were also recovered.

The firearm, ammunition and spent shells were lodged pending ballistic examination, while CCTV footage from the area will be reviewed as part of the investigation, according to the police statement.

But in a live video broadcast that was being carried out by Mohamed's sister on social media, the Opposition Leader repeatedly stated that there was an attempt on his life by Narine, who he said fired gunshots repeatedly at the car he was in.

Mohamed reportedly claims that he and his workers were in the area to document what they regard as an abuse of state resources with a large police presence outside the home of the head of the Special

Branch.

Mohamed also claimed in the broadcast that the weapon found by the police in the car was planted.

Mohamed and his lawyer, Siand Dhurjon, said the firearm that was located under the accelerator pedal was planted there by police.

The incident on Tuesday occurred several hours before Mohamed is due to appear at the Guyana Court of Appeal for a civil case challenging the constitutionality of several provisions of the Fugitive Offenders Act.

Narine, who has been on the witness stand in the extradition hearing before Chief Magistrate Judy Latchman, has deemed Mohamed a threat to national security and cited his alleged involvement in a number of homicides. He has never been charged with any of those alleged offences. (CMC)

PM gets clean bill of health after stroke

St Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew said on Tuesday that he had received a clean bill of health and been discharged from the United States hospital where he was treated after suffering a stroke last month.

Drew, a medical doctor, was flown to Miami for further evaluation and treatment on September 2 after being airlifted from St Kitts to Martinique on August 31.

Last month, he disclosed that he had suffered a stroke caused by a vertebral artery dissection, a tear in one of the arteries supplying blood to the brain. He initially experienced persistent nausea, vomiting, neck pain, dizziness and difficulty walking or maintaining balance.

In a radio and television address, Drew thanked the public for its support during his recovery.

“From the depths of my soul, thank you. Thank you for every prayer whispered in the quiet of the night. Thank you for every message, every call, every kind word. I felt your love and care. I felt your faith. And I believe, I truly believe, that it helped to carry me through,” Drew said.

He said he had completed both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and had been cleared to resume his duties.

“Let me confirm that I have completed my rehabilitation, both inpatient and



outpatient, and I am doing well. I also want to confirm that I visited the doctors again today, and I was given an excellent bill of health and I was told that I am fit to return to full duty,” Drew said.

Reflecting on the experience, Drew described it as both a challenge and a source of perspective.

“This experience, as is obvious, has been a trial. But it has also been a testimony. A testimony to the power of God, the power of prayer, and a testimony to the love of my family and of our people.

“Today, I address you not

from a hospital bed, not in a rehabilitation centre, but as your prime minister, ready to serve, ready to resume my full-time duties,” he said.

Drew said he had remained briefed on government business throughout his recovery and praised Acting Prime Minister Dr Geoffrey Hanley and Cabinet colleagues for ensuring continuity in governance.

“Plans were in place. The transition was smooth. The work continued. That is a testament to the strength of our institutions, to the character of our people who serve in them, and also to

the maturity of my Cabinet colleagues.

“My commitment to you and to the vision we share for our beloved federation remains firm, with God at the centre,” Drew said.

He added that the experience had reinforced what matters most to him.

“One begins to understand what truly matters and for me, what truly matters has always been the things that I consider to be truly important. My faith in God, my family, the love of the people, the health and well-being of every citizen, the future of our country, and the legacy we leave for our generations to come.”

Drew said he plans to travel to Washington, DC, later this week to participate in a US-Caribbean dialogue on October 15.

“This meeting presents a valuable opportunity to engage directly with senior United States officials on matters that are important to our federation, including energy security, economic investment, national security, healthcare, and opportunities for all of our people.”

“I consider my personal participation especially important. We have already laid the groundwork for several meaningful partnerships, and I want to ensure continuity in those discussions, strengthen the relationships we have built, and advance commitments that can bring real benefits to our country.” (CMC)



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(Probate)

CLAIM NO: ANUHPB 2026/0243

In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2017

And

In the Matter of an Application for Leave to Swear Death

And

In the Estate of Philippe Daniel Jules aka Phillipe Daniel Jules aka Philippe Jules aka Philippe D. Jules aka P.D. Jules aka P. Daniel Jules late of Jennings, St. Mary's, Antigua and Barbuda, presumed deceased

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Angela Dibitonto of Jennings Village, St. Mary's, Antigua, spouse of the presumed deceased, for Leave to Swear Death to be granted, the presumed deceased having died intestate on the 21st day of October 2025.

Any person having an objection to the Application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this day of

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Signed: Rika Bird & Associates

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Sports News

Wins for Police and North Coast in ABFA Second Division

The Police FC and North Coast FC got off to winning starts in their opening-round matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League on Tuesday.

Police launched their campaign with a 4-1 drubbing of Tryum at the Cashew Hill playing field.

Goals by Jenson Samuel in the 10th minute and Dimitri Scotland in the 16th minute gave Police a two-nil lead. Chamarley Joseph reduced the deficit by scoring for Tryum with a strike in the 35th minute.

After taking a 2-1 lead at halftime, Police wrapped up victory by scoring twice in the second half via goals by N'Jre Carbon-Buckley in the 66th minute and Michael Marcellin in the 81st minute.

North Coast FC kicked off their second division campaign by snatching a one-nil victory over the Liberta Blackhawks at the North Coast playing field in Mount Pleasant.

Jamary Galloway scored the only goal of the match in the 15th minute to secure victory for North Coast FC.

But the other second division match, which was slated for Tuesday, was not played. The game between host Sea View Farm FC and Lion Hill FC at Sea View Farm was postponed after the match referee ruled that the 18-yard box was not clearly marked.

The second division will continue with the final opening-round matches on Wednesday (today). The CPT-SA Wings will take on the Urlings Golden Stars at Urlings at 4:15 pm.

Empire FC will also clash with Five Islands FC in their opening encounter in the ABFA First Division League at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.



Coach Donovan Peart, right, talks to the players of the North Coast Academy football team. (File Photo)



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Second win for OCS in school boys under-16 division league



The Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) maintained their successful start to their campaign in the Boys Under-16 Division in the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League on Tuesday.

After pulling off a 3-0 victory over Jennings Secondary School in their opening encounter, the Ottos Comprehensive School made it two wins in a row with a 5-0 drubbing of St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

Kaleel Lawrence had a double conversion with strikes in the 35th and 46th minutes. The other goals were scored by Lijthaddeus Christian in the ninth minute, Jevoi Grey in the 23rd minute, and Elisha McDonald in the 51st minute.

It was the first defeat in two matches for SASS after salvaging a goalless draw with Clare Hall Secondary School in their opening encounter.

The Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) and last year's second-place finishers, Antigua Grammar School, rebounded from opening-match losses to record their first win.

The Sir Novelle Richards Academy hit back from a one-nil loss to St. Joseph's Academy (SJA) to secure a 2-0 victory over Clare Hall Secondary School at the Golden Grove playing field. Kaiique Martin scored in the second minute, and Abenyjah Bedminster had a 28th-minute conversion.

The Antigua Grammar School rebounded from a one-nil loss to reigning three-peat champions Princess Margaret School (PMS) in their open-

ing game to snatch a 1-0 victory over All Saints Secondary School (ASSS) at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Dominique Magloire scored the only goal of the match with a conversion in the eighth minute.

It was the first loss for All Saints Secondary after snatching a one-nil victory against St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) in their opening game.

Princess Margaret School was held to a 1-1 draw by Jennings Secondary School at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Colin Jonas scored in the second minute for Princess Margaret School, while Zahier Joseph equalized for Jennings Secondary School with an 18th-minute conversion.

Pares Secondary launched their campaign by securing a 1-1 draw with St. Mary's Secondary School at Radio Range in Ottos.

Jomo Douglas scored a 21st-minute equalizer for Pares Secondary after Raheem Grayman gave St. Mary's Secondary School the lead with a 15th-minute conversion.

Irene B. Williams Secondary (IBWS) launched their campaign by playing to a goalless draw with St. Joseph's Academy at the Golden Grove playing field.


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Sports News

VIP outlasts Dredgers in run-fest in IBSC Tape Ball Classic

VIP outscored Dredgers in a high-scoring encounter during the latest round of matches in the LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic.

VIP notched up their fifth win six matches by pulling off a 24-run victory over the Dredgers at the Powells playing field.

VIP won the toss and batted, amassing 266 for five off their 20 overs. Elroy Francis Jr. slammed 71, which included six sixes and five fours. Kofi James hammered 70, and Michael Marcellin struck 63. Dhari Francis captured two for 54.

In reply, the Dredgers made a good attempt but fell short of their victory target after being restricted to 242 for seven from their 20 overs.

Justin Athanaze smashed 69 not out, and Mervin Higgins struck 61. Akeem Blackman picked up four for 32, as the Dredgers lost for the second time in six matches.

Grill Box claimed their fifth win in seven matches after being awarded victory via default against PMS, which was unable to field a team for their encounter at the Rising Sun playing field. It means PMS suffered their fourth loss in six matches.

After losing their first three match-



Elroy Francis Jr. of VIP struck 71 and picked up one for 44 against Dredgers to claim the Player of the Week Award during the latest round of matches in the LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic.

es in defense of their title, cup-holders Bryson's Bullets claimed their third consecutive win by securing a six-wicket victory over Jakes Invincibles in a game reduced to 15 overs due to a late start caused by a wet pitch and outfield at Powells.

Jakes Invincibles were dismissed for 69 in 11.4 overs after being sent in to bat. Jayden Charles scored 25. Kimani George bagged three for 13, Andra Samuel snapped up two wickets for three runs, and Shaquan Reifer claimed two for 14.

Bullets achieved victory by scoring 72 for four in 6.2 overs. Esan Warner hit 34 not out. Tron Payne took two for 26, and Jayden Charles captured two for 33 for Jakes Invincibles, who lost for the fifth time in seven matches.

The game at Rising Sun between Easy Pickings Mix Up Stars and TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to a wet outfield and pitch.

It was the second abandoned match for TG Welding & Fabrication Underdogs, who also lost three and recorded one win during their seven matches.

The abandoned match allows Easy Pickings Mix-Up Stars to pick up their first point after losing all previous five matches.



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Wickham gets maiden Test call-up for Windies series in Bangladesh

Kevin Wickham has earned his maiden Test call-up to the West Indies 15-member squad for the two-Test series in Bangladesh, the last assignment of the 2025–2027 ICC World Test Championship cycle for the Men in Maroon, with matches starting on October 28 and November 5 in Mirpur and Sylhet respectively.

The 23-year-old Wickham gets his first opportunity at the senior level following an impressive showing in the 2026 West Indies Championship where he scored three consecutive centuries with a best of 153, taking his first-class tally to six centuries from 25 matches at an average over 40.

He comes into the middle order as the squad prepares for a Bangladesh side that has traditionally won at home with spin but has increasingly done so with pace.

Shai Hope, the white-ball captain, is being rested for the series after an extended run across all three formats. With the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier scheduled for February next year, CWI is managing his workload and wellness through the period in the lead up to the qualifier.

Fast bowler Alzarri Joseph has been withdrawn from the series following a routine medical assessment and specialist consultation. With Joseph's agreement, Cricket West Indies (CWI) has taken the decision to manage his workload, seeking to avert the risk of injury associated with the increased physical demands of red-ball cricket.

While he is not ruled out from shorter formats, the medical team has stated that the demands of two consecutive Test matches in Bangladesh, which require fast bowlers to sustain repeated high-intensity spells over



Kevin Wickham

extended periods, present a significantly greater workload and injury risk than the shorter white-ball formats.

Joseph will continue working with the CWI medical team and specialists in preparation for a full return to the longer format. All-rounder Keemo Paul has been called up as Joseph's replacement for the series.

Opener John Campbell has demonstrated his return to fitness after the hamstring injury that kept him out of the Pakistan series in the Caribbean.

With the remainder of the squad unchanged from the group that beat Sri Lanka and drew with Pakistan during the summer, the team heads to Bangladesh equipped with three genuine pace options, two seam-bowling all-rounders, and two specialist spinners, along with the captain allowing for biased or balanced attacks.

Head Coach Daren Sammy said, "At

the start of this World Test Championship cycle we set ourselves goals, and one of them was to finish in the top half of the rankings. Winning this series would move us closer to it. Playing Bangladesh in their own conditions will be challenging, and we're ready for that."

With a series win over the Tigers, the Men in Maroon could climb to six in the ICC Test rankings at the conclusion of the current cycle, after finishing the 2023-2025 cycle ranked 8th.

Squad members not involved in the T20I series in India have begun their preparations at the Super Kings Academy in Chennai under assistant coach Floyd Reifer, including Amir Jangoo, who joined the group after the first T20I in Lucknow.

The full squad will arrive in Bangladesh on October 18 for a three-day warm-up match in Dhaka from October 22 to 24.

West Indies Test Squad vs Bangladesh: Roston Chase (captain), Jomel Warrican (vice-captain), Joshua Bishop, John Campbell, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Joshua Da Silva, Justin Greaves, Kavem Hodge, Amir Jangoo, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Keemo Paul, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales, and Kevin Wickham.

Team Management Unit (TMU): Head Coach Daren Sammy; Manager Rawl Lewis; Assistant Coach (batting) Floyd Reifer; Assistant Coach (bowling) Ravi Rampaul; Assistant Coach (fielding) Rayon Griffith; physiotherapist Dr. Denis Byam; Strength & Conditioning Coach Darc Browne; Massage Therapist Dane Currency; Performance Analyst Avenesh Seetaram; and Content & Media Officer Jerome Foster.

Hope ton powers Windies to series-levelling win over India



All-rounder Kemo Paul, left, celebrates one of his dismissals with West Indies captain Shai Hope during the fourth T20 International against India in Hyderabad, India, on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. (BCCI)

HYDERABAD (Reuters) - Shai Hope struck another century as West Indies beat India by 24 runs in the fourth Twenty20 in Hyderabad on Wednesday to level the five-match series at 2-2.

Chasing 248, India made a brisk start with Sanju Samson racing to a half-century off 20 deliveries before falling to Keemo Paul for 56.

Shreyas Iyer chipped in with 16 off 11 balls and Abhishek Sharma contributed 29 before Gudakesh Motie removed the opener. India accelerated again at the death through Nitish Kumar Reddy and Tilak Varma, who added 70 runs from 32 balls to keep the chase alive.

Varma fell for 43 and Reddy was dismissed by Keemo Paul who triggered a collapse by claiming three wickets in the 19th over. India's tail folded quickly and the hosts were bowled out for 223.

The West Indies, put in to bat, made a brisk start with Jewel Andrew providing early impetus alongside captain Hope before Axar Patel trapped the opener LBW for 21 off 16 balls.

Shimron Hetmyer and Hope added a rapid 58 runs, but Prince Yadav broke the stand with a caught-and-bowled effort to dismiss Hetmyer for a blistering 33 off 12 balls. Rovman Powell followed soon after, departing for 24.

Hope remained unfazed, however, sharing an unbroken 91-run stand from 43 balls with Sherfane Rutherford, who finished unbeaten on 49 off 26 deliveries.

The hosts accelerated at the death, taking 22 runs off the 17th over to surge past the 200-run mark.

Hope smashed an unbeaten 102 off 50 balls with four fours and nine sixes, reaching the milestone with a six off the final delivery as West Indies finished on 247 for three.

India and the West Indies will clash in the series deciding fifth and final T20 International in Bengaluru on Saturday.