

Over 12,000 Register for CHOGM as Officials Outline Security and Transport Plans

Story on page 2



Scores of people attended Wednesday night's first in a series of town hall meetings organized by the National CHOGM Task Force. The second town hall takes place this evening at UWI FIC starting at 6:00 o'clock

More Than 12,000 Register for CHOGM as Officials Outline Security and Transport Plans



Antigua and Barbuda is preparing for a major influx of international visitors for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), with more than 12,000 registrations recorded and an extensive security and transportation operation taking shape.

Foreign Affairs Minister E.P. Chet Greene told a public town hall that the Accreditation Department had registered 12,426 people. That figure includes local workers and participants supporting the event, while overseas participation is approaching the approximately 5,000 visitors organisers anticipated.

With CHOGM scheduled for November 1 to 4, the preparations will affect transportation, access to selected streets and movements around official venues. However, officials made clear that the country will remain open for business.

Greene rejected suggestions of a nationwide lockdown, explaining that security arrangements must allow economic activity to continue while protecting visiting leaders and other participants.

Residents should nevertheless ex-



pect temporary roadblocks, convoy stops and restrictions around designated venues. Police said access to V.C. Bird International Airport would remain available, with officers directing motorists through traffic control points.

One of the most significant restrictions will surround the November 3



opening ceremony at the National Performing Arts Center.

Superintendent Rodney Ellis advised residents within the security perimeter to plan carefully, warning that while they would be allowed to leave their homes, those without the required accreditation could be unable to return until the controls are lifted.



The warning followed a question from a Church Street resident concerned about access to his home. Officials indicated that the anticipated

restriction would last the morning hours, with access expected to reopen by just after midday.

Both pedestrian and vehicle movements will be controlled within the designated area.

Police stressed, however, that the restrictions would not amount to a shut-down of St. John's. Businesses west of Corn Alley towards Heritage Quay are expected to remain accessible, with alternative routes allowing people to move around the secured zone.

Meanwhile, more than 400 drivers have registered to support the CHOGM transportation operation.

Transport Committee lead Deon Simmons said the total includes taxi operators and approximately 40 drivers attached to the national school bus system.

The operation will move participants between accommodation across Antigua and the venues hosting government meetings, four forums and other official activities.

Simmons said drivers were being briefed on routes, responsibilities and security requirements, while the committee continued coordinating with police and airport officials.

The scale of the gathering is also expected to create business opportunities beyond the official venues.

Greene pointed to accommodation providers, restaurants, taxi operators and souvenir vendors as among those positioned to benefit from the anticipated international attendance.

As preparations continue, officials are appealing for public cooperation and patience, particularly during convoy movements and the opening ceremony restrictions.

The message from the town hall was clear: CHOGM will bring temporary changes to movement in selected areas, alongside an opportunity for local businesses and workers to benefit from thousands of visitors.

Local News



Chief Medical Officer Assures of Ebola Monitoring Ahead of CHOGM

Antigua and Barbuda has strengthened its surveillance measures to guard against the potential introduction of Ebola and will continue to be on high alert as the country prepares to welcome visitors for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kamaria DeCastro has said.

Dr. DeCastro explained that systems designed to identify and respond to potential cases were established before reports of Ebola cases linked to air travel emerged in Kenya and Nigeria, two member countries of the Commonwealth.

She stressed that protecting citizens, residents and visitors requires a coordinated effort involving the Ministry of Health and other agencies responsible for immigration, air travel and border control.

"I would like to reiterate that the surveillance measures don't fall on the Ministry of Health only or the health sector," DeCastro said, highlighting the importance of collaboration among the various agencies involved in monitoring arriving passengers.

One of the key measures is the health declaration form incorporated into the ArriveAntigua portal. The form was uploaded after Ebola was declared a public health emergency of international concern earlier this year, allowing authorities to obtain information that could trigger an alert before a passenger arrives in the country.

The CMO said she recently contact-



Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kamaria DeCastro

ed the Immigration Department to request that it reinforce the requirement with overseas partners to ensure passengers travelling by air to Antigua and Barbuda complete the form.

Information gathered through the portal helps establish an early-warning system, allowing health authorities to identify potential concerns and prepare for further assessment where necessary.

Antigua and Barbuda Dr. DeCastro stated, also benefits from information shared through the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), including real-time alerts transmitted through the Advanced Passenger Information System.

According to her, these arrangements allow information to be channeled to the health authorities when a potential risk is identified, strengthening the

country's ability to respond before and upon the arrival of travellers.

Airport screening also forms a critical part of the preparedness plan, particularly with the arrival of Air Peace flights.

The Chief Medical Officer said health teams have been deployed at the airport from the airline's first flight, with the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority providing advance information to facilitate preparations.

Every passenger disembarking from the aircraft, including members of the crew, undergoes screening, which includes temperature checks.

Health personnel also examine paper-based health declaration forms, with nurses, the port health officer and environmental health officers involved in reviewing the documents for information that may require further attention.

Dr. Kamaria DeCastro said these procedures form part of an established system that was tested before the recent reports of Ebola cases in Kenya and Nigeria.

She emphasised, however, that the country's preparedness depends on cooperation throughout the travel process, including checks conducted before passengers board aircraft overseas.

"We are really relying on our partner agencies to help us to screen the passengers before they even get on the plane," she said, pointing to the importance of screening during check-in and other pre-departure procedures.

Open Daily -
7:00am - 11:30pm

☎ 268 736 7165

- 📅 Thursdays, 7:30pm - Karaoke
- 🎵 Saturdays, 8pm - Live Band
- 🍳 Breakfast served from 7:30am
- 🎮 Games Night - COMING SOON!

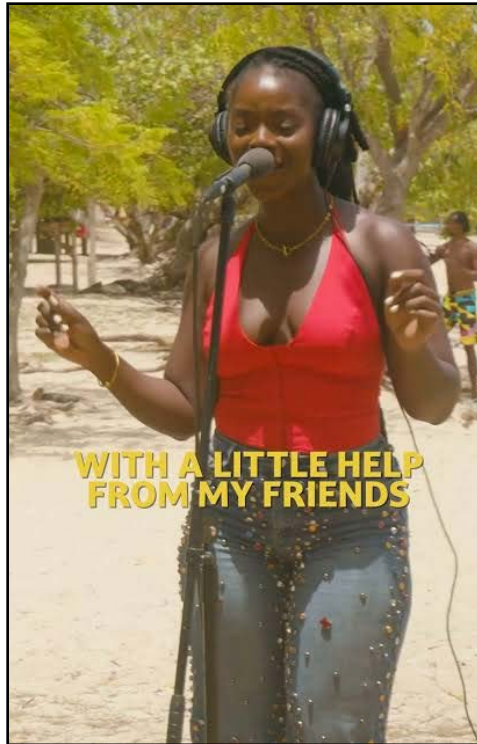
Commonwealth voices unite in song ahead of CHOGM 2026

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, as host of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026, has partnered with Playing For Change, with the support of the Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI), to launch a special Song Around The World production of The Beatles' timeless classic 'With a Little Help From My Friends', bringing together artists and musicians from across the Commonwealth in a celebration of unity, friendship and shared purpose.

The Song Around The World production celebrates the spirit of collaboration and shared purpose at the heart of CHOGM 2026, under the theme "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth." The initiative is supported by the Sustainable Markets Initiative, founded in 2020 by His Majesty King Charles III, then Prince of Wales.

As host of CHOGM 2026, Antigua and Barbuda brings its rich cultural heritage, creativity and talent to this global collaboration. Local artists Khan Cordice and Asher Otto, together with the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra (ABYSO), join artists and musicians from Cameroon, Fiji, Ghana, India, Samoa, South Africa and the United Kingdom, bringing together the cultures, traditions and vibrant energy of the host nation and the wider Commonwealth.

From Antigua and Barbuda, to the wider Commonwealth, this production is more than a musical collaboration. It is a celebration of friendship, diversity and shared purpose, demonstrating how different voices, cultures and generations



can come together as one powerful expression of what the Commonwealth can achieve together.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, said: "As we prepare to welcome the Commonwealth, we are immensely proud to share Antigua and Barbuda's rich cultural heritage, creativity and talent with the world. Seeing our artists and young musicians join voices from across the Commonwealth is a celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together, inspiring unity, friendship and a more prosperous future for all."

This special collaboration is made possible with the support of the Sustainable Markets Initiative, a partner of One Commonwealth Night and the wider CHOGM 2026 programme. At CHOGM 2026, the SMI will help connect capital, technology, expertise and implementation capability, with opportunities across Commonwealth markets, to

accelerate delivery of the sustainable transition. The focus will be on building investable pipelines, bringing business alongside governments and helping successful models in one market unlock progress in another.

Jennifer Jordan-Saifi, CEO of the Sustainable Markets Initiative, said: "This production is a wonderful example of Commonwealth talent and community across the globe, demonstrating the importance of collaboration in turning shared ambition into delivery. When communities, governments and businesses work toward a common purpose, they unlock opportunities that could not be achieved alone, and we look forward to CHOGM 2026 as a moment to translate that opportunity into practical partnerships, investment and action."

Mark Johnson, Co-Founder of Playing For Change and Director of the production, said: "Music is the greatest tool we have to unite and inspire people to live in harmony. This Song Around The World is the perfect example of this reality, and I am honored to have worked with so many talented people and musicians to create something bigger than ourselves."

The production will be released globally on 23 October 2026, ahead of CHOGM 2026 in Antigua and Barbuda, carrying a timeless message of friendship, hope and the power of coming together across the Commonwealth.

The music video will be available at www.playingforchange.com, where media and audiences worldwide are invited to watch and share this special production.



**9TH JAN
2027
8:00PM
NIGHT ONE**



**876
GUD**

ONE PEOPLE ONE L VE

POPCARN

Gen \$100

**ROOTS
ROCK
REGGAE
LOUNGE**

**\$350
EARLY BIRD**

ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND



TICKET LOCATIONS:

**EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLIPPASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD**



ANTIGUACARNIVAL



ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL



INATIONMUSICFESTIVAL



It's raffle time



Get your \$10 raffle ticket from Old Parham Branch

You could win one of our amazing prizes:

- Air conditioning unit
- US\$200 Gift certificate from Sunseakers
- Gift basket from Lipsticks
- A Tropical Adventures Circumvention certificate for two
- Caribbean Gems gift certificate
- And much more

Draw date: December 4, 2026

Tickets available at Old Parham Road Branch. For ticket purchases please contact:

Natasha Charles - 484-5137 | **Khadijah James** - 484-5064 | **Jesseca Ormond-Byers** - 484-5119

All proceeds from the Antigua Walk for the Cure events will be donated to Breast Friends and the oncology department at Sir Lester Bird Medical Center.



Local News

CDB Approves US\$56.2 Million to Transform Education in Antigua and Barbuda

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has approved a loan of US\$56.2 million to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for the Education Enhancement and Quality Improvement Project (E-EQUIP), a bold investment in climate-resilient schools, teacher training and programmes that will continue to transform the education system for inclusive and accelerated national development.

Approved at the Board's 315th Meeting, held recently in Barbados, the project is expected to benefit more than 10,000 students including 2,400 young people with skills for work and life.

Building on the country's achievement of universal access to basic education, E-EQUIP will enable Antigua and Barbuda to advance solutions for improving the quality, equity, relevance and resilience of the education system.

The project will rehabilitate and expand four schools – Sir Novelle Richards Academy, Antigua Girls' High School, Ottos Comprehensive School and Golden Grove Primary School – as inclusive, energy-efficient, disability-accessible facilities built to withstand hurricanes and flooding. In times of emergency, they will also serve as community shelters.

"Every child deserves a safe, modern school where they can learn and thrive. Through E-EQUIP, CDB is helping Antigua and Barbuda build resilient classrooms, empower its teachers and open doors to opportunity, so today's



students become tomorrow's leaders and innovators," said L. O'Reilly Lewis, Director of Projects, CDB.

The project reaches beyond enhancing the physical environment of schools. It will implement CDB's Improving Mathematics Proficiency Across Caribbean Countries (IMPACT) programme to raise Mathematics proficiency in every primary and secondary school and strengthen the instructional and leadership skills of more than 750 teachers, school leaders and Ministry staff.

E-EQUIP will expand support for students with special educational needs, fund competitive grants for schools to pursue their own improvement priorities and modernise the Education Act of 2008. It will also prepare designs to transform two secondary schools into

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centres of Excellence. Strong foundations in Mathematics, Science and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) are the surest route to opportunity, and this project is an investment in development of those critical skills and competencies of every learner.

In addition to CDB financing, the Government will contribute US\$23.565 million, bringing the total project cost to approximately US\$79.8 million. The Ministry of Education will implement the E-EQUIP project from 2027 to 2031.

E-EQUIP reflects CDB's commitment to social development across its Borrowing Member Countries, and to giving every learner the chance to thrive.



ANTIGUA

[currytandoorihouseanu](#)

Open Daily –
12:00pm – 10:30pm

[curryhouseanu](#)

(268) 736-7165

Minister Greene Advances Sustainable Development Priorities in Antigua and Barbuda During Talks with UN Representative



Photo 1: Left to Right- Mr. Simon Springett, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and E. P Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene, received Simon Springett, United Nations Resident Coordinator (RCO) for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, for a courtesy call to discuss a range of matters relating to sustainable development, institutional coordination, digital transformation, development financing and Antigua and Barbuda's engagement with the United Nations system.

The discussions focused on advancing the country's sustainable development priorities through strengthened collaboration with the United Nations, with particular emphasis on the upcoming signing of the Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (MSDCF) (2027-2031) slated for 23 October 2026 making Antigua and Barbuda the first country within the Eastern Caribbean to sign onto the new framework. Additionally,

the framework is expected to champion the implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States (ABAS 2024–2034) while establishing a structured approach to monitoring outcomes, measuring progress and strengthening accountability for development results.

During the exchange, Minister Greene highlighted several key national priorities, including preparations for Antigua and Barbuda's Second Voluntary National Review (VNR), scheduled for 2027. The Minister underscored the importance of this process in assessing national progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), identifying implementation gaps and reinforcing alignment between the SDGs and ABAS.

Other areas discussed included exploring the possibility of undertaking a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) to strengthen the localisation of the SDGs and improve monitoring of sustainable development progress at the local level. The Minister also highlighted the continued importance of advancing the SIDS Centre of Excellence as a mechanism to support small island developing States through enhanced research, innovation, capacity building and access to practical solutions tailored to their unique development challenges.

The meeting further considered the



ACB
CARIBBEAN

**MORTGAGES
DESIGNED
JUST FOR YOU**



**Apply
today.**



Home Advantage



50% off
legal fees



100%
Financing



Local News



Photo 2: Left to Right- Mrs. Andrea Andrew, National Representative of Regional Coordinator Office, Mr. Simon Springett, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and E. P Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration and Miss Joy-Marie King, Director of International Trade and United Nations National Sustainable Development Goals Focal Point.

upcoming meeting and training workshop with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which is to be hosted in Antigua and Barbuda under the project themed “Stronger and Greener Productive Capacities for Just Transitions in Caribbean SIDS”. This engagement is expected to provide an opportunity to advance dialogue on sustainable economic diversification, green transformation and the development of productive capacities that can strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of SIDS.

The courtesy visit reaffirmed the importance of sustained cooperation between the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the United Nations system in advancing nationally defined development priorities. Both parties recognised the value of coordinated action, effective development partnerships and results-oriented frameworks in translating international commitments into tangible and measurable outcomes for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.



STATE INSURANCE
COMPANY LIMITED

Live in a better State of mind

SUPPORTING THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF WORKERS IN A TECH-DRIVEN WORLD



WORLD DAY FOR HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK 2025

Grenada Joins Antigua and Barbuda in Recruiting Health Care Workers from Ghana



Nearly one year after Antigua and Barbuda recruited more than one hundred healthcare workers from Ghana, now comes word out of St. George's, Grenada, that that country has recruited 60 healthcare professionals from Ghana.

According to the reports Grenada welcomed the healthcare professionals, including nurses, doctors and other medical personnel, under Ghana's Labour Export Programme, marking a significant milestone in the growing bilateral relationship between the Republic of Ghana and Grenada.

The Ghanaian Healthcare Brigade arrived in Grenada on 13 October 2026, ahead of an official welcoming ceremony held on 16 October 2026, to formally receive the professionals and celebrate the strengthening of cooperation between the two countries.

The ceremony brought together representatives of the Governments of Ghana and Grenada to recognise the importance of the deployment in supporting Grenada's healthcare delivery system, creating international employ-



ment opportunities for skilled Ghanaian professionals and deepening the longstanding historical and cultural ties between Africa and the Caribbean.

Ghana's Minister for Labour, Jobs and Employment, Emmanuel Kwadwo Agyekum (MP), highlighted the deployment as more than the place-

ment of healthcare personnel, describing it as a demonstration of the shared commitment of both countries to professional development, improved healthcare services and sustainable bilateral cooperation.

Grenada's Prime Minister, Dickon Mitchell, expressed gratitude to

Local News



President John Dramani Mahama for entrusting Grenada with Ghanaian healthcare professionals. He described the deployment as a milestone and warmly assured the professionals that they were among brothers and sisters

and should consider Grenada their home.

The Prime Minister noted that the professionals were expected to serve in Grenada for two years, while ex-

pressing his belief that their stay might extend beyond that period. Emphasising Grenada's hospitality, he remarked that when people are home, there is no rush to leave, concluding with the welcoming expression, "Akwaaba."

Midweek Deals

TUESDAYS / WEDNESDAYS

-Burger
-Medium Drink
\$19.99

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



Social Protection Board Celebrates Successful Food Distribution with Chinese Partners



The Social Protection Board has praised the partnership and generosity that contributed to a successful food distribution initiative, providing meals to members of the public.

The Chinese team donated the food and worked alongside Board staff to distribute it, bringing a personal touch to the outreach effort.

Mary Baltimore, Operations Manager of the Social Protection Board, described the initiative as a tremendous success.

“We were delighted to welcome members of the public who came out to receive a meal, and it was truly heartwarming to see the smiles, happiness, and appreciation expressed by those who benefited,” Baltimore said.

“What made the initiative even more special was the presence of the Chinese team, who not only donated the food but also came out and worked alongside us to distribute it to members of the public.”

Baltimore said the initiative demonstrated the importance of partnership, compassion and community involvement in reaching people from all walks of life, particularly vulnerable citizens.

“At the Social Protection Board, we believe that no one should be left behind, and every opportunity to serve, uplift, and support our people is one that we wholeheartedly embrace,” she said.



She extended heartfelt thanks to the Chinese Ambassador, Jiang Wei, and the entire Chinese team for their generosity, kindness and willingness to support the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

“Your contribution went beyond providing food; you helped us spread love, hope, and a sense of community,” Baltimore added.

The Social Protection Board expressed gratitude for the partnership and looks forward to continued collaboration on initiatives that improve the lives of people across Antigua and Barbuda.



Protocol Strengthens Effective Ministry and Leadership, Speaker Tells Church Leaders

Executive Director of The UWI Five Islands Campus Lifelong Learning Unit, Paula C. M. Lee, recently addressed church leaders on the theme; “The Importance of Protocol in the Church”, during which she emphasized that “protocol is often misunderstood and regarded as merely a collection of rules and customs.

“In reality, it is a practical guide that helps to maintain respect, order, professionalism, and effective leadership within the Church,” she told the church leaders at a formal dinner.

She referenced the Unit’s professional development course, Governmental & Public Protocol for Churches and Communities, which she said seeks to bring greater clarity to the value of protocol within churches. This, as faith-based organizations continue to expand their ministries beyond the walls of the sanctuary and engage with governments, communities, and international organizations, excellence becomes increasingly important.

Whether to facilitate the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CGOHM), Independence celebrations or the National Day of Prayer, protocol is relevant as we pursue a common purpose. “Scripture underscores the value of order, honour, respect, and appropriate conduct. “Let all things be done decently and in order”, 1 Corinthians 14:40. We can therefore agree that protocol is a valuable tool that supports and strengthens effective Church ministry.

“As church organizations evolve, so too must the leadership capacity required to meet the demands of the



twenty-first century and beyond. Technical expertise and theological knowledge must be complemented by sound judgment, professionalism, and the ability to engage effectively in both formal and informal settings. A deliberate commitment to growth and continuous development will produce leaders who are equipped to represent their or-

ganizations with distinction, build meaningful relationships, and navigate increasingly complex environments with credibility and purpose,” she emphasized.

Reflecting on the concepts and experiences encountered throughout the programme, the audience was encouraged to look inwardly, “What have I learned thus far? What new perspectives have I gained? How will these lessons transform my behaviour and leadership practices? Whose life can I positively impact because of this new knowledge?”

Undoubtedly, without proper preparation, uncertainty can arise regarding expectations, responsibilities, and procedures. While certain details may seem inconsequential, their omission sends powerful signals about accountability, credibility, and respect for the occasion. Proper planning minimizes errors, promotes professionalism, and enhances the likelihood of success.

Meanwhile, “within the framework of protocol, civility serves as the foundation upon which respectful conduct is built. It preserves honour by encouraging individuals to acknowledge service, recognize contributions, respect leadership, celebrate achievement, and treat others with dignity. In a world where courtesy appears to be diminishing, protocol helps restore a culture of respect, appreciation, and mutual consideration.”

Lee concluded by acknowledging that “protocol is not solely formality. When applied effectively, it enhances ministry, strengthens leadership, and creates environments where people feel valued, welcomed, and respected.”

ECSE to Host Online Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme in November 2026

The Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE), in collaboration with the Chartered Governance Institute of Canada (CGIC), will deliver its Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme (DEAP) online from 23 to 25 November 2026, giving directors and senior executives across the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union access to an internationally recognised governance credential.

"Investors put their money where they have confidence, and that confidence is built in the boardroom," said Stewart Haynes, Chief Executive Officer of the ECSE Group. "As the region works to mobilise more capital for growth and to bring more businesses and citizens into the market, the quality of governance in our companies, financial institutions and statutory bodies has never mattered more. DEAP equips the people around the board table to provide the oversight, accountability and strategic leadership that investors, depositors and the public expect."

The three-day programme covers directors' roles and responsibilities, corporate governance principles, strategic leadership and effective board oversight, with a focus on promoting accountability and strong organisational performance. Participants who successfully complete the programme are awarded the Accredited Director designation by the CGIC.

The programme is open to directors, corporate secretaries, chief executive



Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme

Online

28 TO 30 SEPT 2026

REGISTER NOW

www.ecseonline.com
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

officers and other senior executives of public and private sector organisations, financial institutions, credit unions and statutory corporations. Legal practitioners, accountants, chartered secretaries, corporate advisers and professionals preparing for board appointments are also encouraged to

participate.

Programme details and registration information are available on the ECSE's website at www.ecseonline.com. Enquiries may be directed to info@ecseonline.com or (869) 466-7192. Places are limited, and registration closes on 6 November 2026.



POINTE ON DE STREETZ

HOSTED BY
VERNON A. SPRINGER

PBN
TRUSTED CARIBBEAN NEWS & REPORTAGE

TUE - FRI
2PM - 3PM

CALL: 562-3989 OR 562-2991

f POINT FM99.1

Lady Williams keeps promise to help offset cost of regional Youth Parliament visit



At a recent visit to Government House by leaders of some of the youth parliaments of the sub-region, Lady Williams was made aware of the financial struggles of the organizations, and promised to assist the Youth Parliamentary Association of Antigua and Barbuda to offset the debt related to the meeting recently held in Antigua.

Lady Williams handed over a cheque to Lutrell John of the local Youth Parliament for \$4,000.00 on behalf of the Halo Foundation of which she is President, shortly after the promise was articulated. “Halo remains committed to the development of our nation’s young people in a tangible and quantifiable way”, she added.



Curry House
ANTIGUA

**Open Daily –
12:00pm – 10:30pm**

 [currytandoorihouseanu](https://www.facebook.com/currytandoorihouseanu)
 [curryhouseanu](https://www.instagram.com/curryhouseanu)
 (268) 736-7165



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
45 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE
Renaissance
ROOTED IN PRIDE, BOUNDED BY PROSPERITY FOR ALL



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



SIR VIVIAN
RICHARDS STADIUM



5:45 PM

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE OUR NATION

5 STEPS TO A SMOOTH PROCESS



REGISTER

Register on the official ticketing app.



PARK

Park at any one of the designated Park & Ride locations.



CHECK IN & RIDE

Proceed to the security check area and have your ticket verified. Then board the shuttle provided.



ENTER

Enter through the designated gate where your shuttle drops you off.



FIND YOUR ZONE

Proceed to your assigned zone and enjoy the National Independence Ceremonial Parade.

PARK & RIDE LOCATIONS



PIGOTTS
PLAYING FIELD



SEA VIEW FARM
PLAYING FIELD



PARHAM
PLAYING FIELD



IMPORTANT

Factory Playing Grounds is reserved for supernumeraries and workers only.



PARK



SHUTTLE

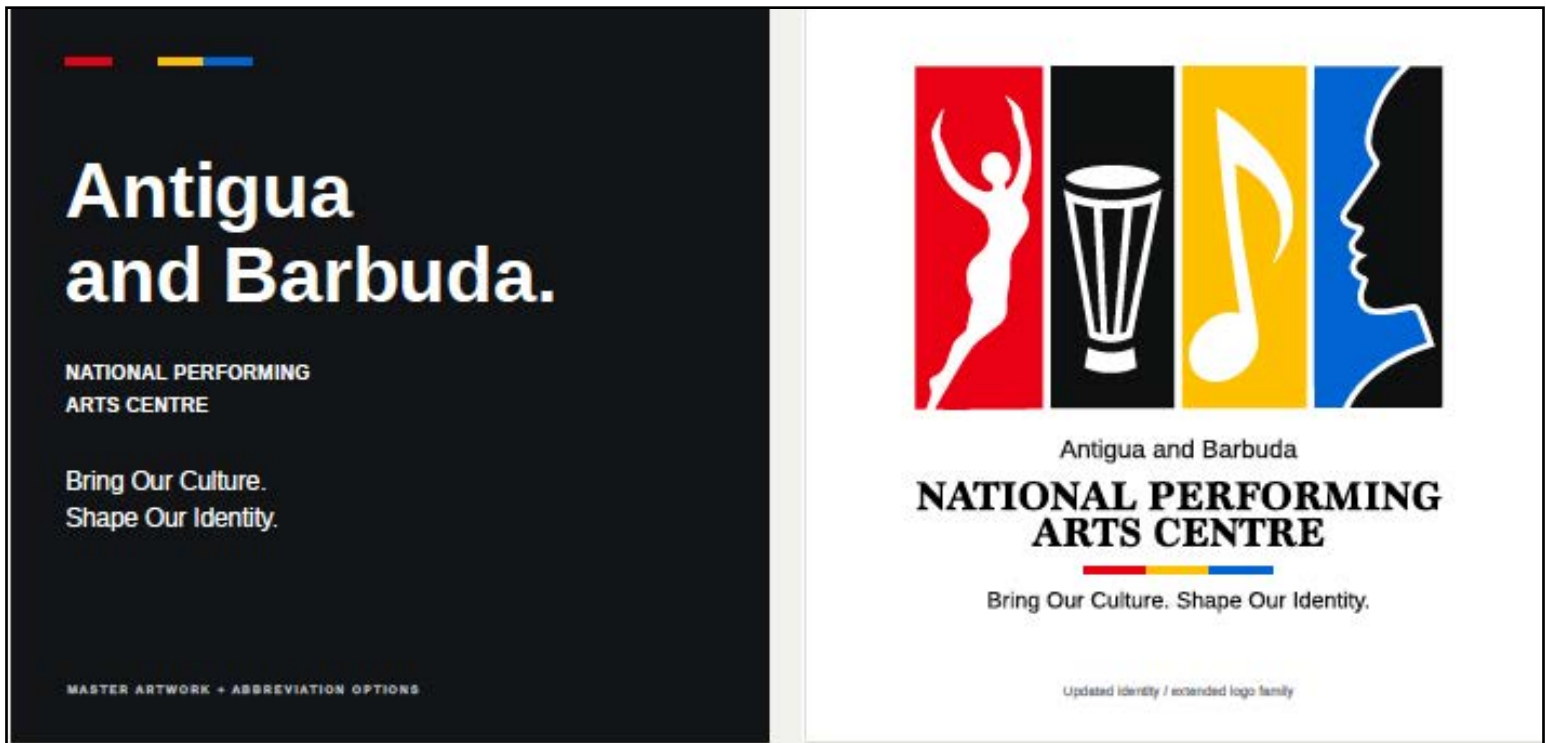


STADIUM



NATIONAL
EVENTS
DEPARTMENT
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda Unveils Official Logo for the National Performing Arts Centre



The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) is proud to announce the winning logo for the National Performing Arts Centre (NPAC) following the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda's final selection and approval.

The chosen design, by Justin "Jus Bus" Nation, will serve as the official visual identity of the National Performing Arts Centre, a landmark institution representing a significant national investment in artistic excellence, cultural preservation, creative innovation, and talent development.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Commission extend their heartfelt congratulations to Mr Nation on this remarkable achievement and express sincere appreciation to all participants whose entries reached the final 50. The outstanding quality, originality, and creativity displayed throughout the competition showcased the depth of artistic talent across Antigua and Barbuda.

Inspired by the essence of Antiguan and Barbudan culture, the winning logo tells a powerful story through colour and symbolism. Drawing directly on the national flag, the design represents the interconnected pillars of the performing arts and cultural identity:

- **Red** symbolizes movement, dance, passion, and the dedication behind every performance.
- **Black** represents the Congo drum, reflecting rhythm, heritage, and our enduring African roots.
- **Yellow** embodies music, creativity, melody, and joyful self-expression.
- **Blue** celebrates the people who create, preserve, and advance our culture every day.

Reflecting on the inspiration behind the design, Nation shared: *"I wanted an identity that honours where we come from without limiting where we can go. The movement. The rhythm. The melody. The people. These are not separate stories; they are all part of*

the same cultural journey. Our culture is always evolving, shaped by the people who live it. That's what 'Bring Our Culture. Shape Our Identity.' means to me."

Envisioned as a premier home for the performing arts, the Centre will provide a dynamic space for artistic expression, cultural preservation, education, collaboration, and the continued growth of Antigua and Barbuda's creative industries. It is expected to become a catalyst for nurturing local talent, showcasing national and regional performances, and strengthening the country's cultural legacy for generations to come.

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission thanks all entrants and stakeholders who contributed to this initiative and celebrates this exciting step forward in shaping a vibrant future for the performing arts in Antigua and Barbuda.

Bring Our Culture. Shape Our Identity.

Registration Deadline Fast Approaching for Antigua Songwriting Workshop

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) is reminding aspiring songwriters, artists, and music creators that the registration deadline for its highly anticipated Antigua Songwriting Workshop is fast approaching, with only a limited number of spaces remaining.

Scheduled for November 24-27, 2026, the four-day intensive workshop will be held at the Eustace Hill Campus (EHC) in Coolidge (formerly ABIIT), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, with a lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Facilitated by renowned Caribbean music professionals Kitwana Israel and Emmanuel Rudder, the workshop provides participants with practical, hands-on training in songwriting, music production, artist development, publishing, copyright, marketing, and the business of music.

Participants will also have the unique opportunity to conceptualize, write, record, and develop an original song while gaining valuable insight into today's evolving music industry.

ABFC is encouraging interested individuals to register immediately to avoid disappointment.

To register, submit your name, email address, and contact number via:

WhatsApp: (268) 727-9201



Email: info.nfo@ab.gov.ag

An acknowledgement by email or WhatsApp will confirm registration.

The workshop forms part of the Commission's ongoing commitment to building Antigua and Barbuda's music

industry by providing meaningful opportunities for education, mentorship, and professional development.

Limited spaces remain. Register today and take the next step in your music journey.



ACB
CARIBBEAN

Home Advantage

MORTGAGES DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU



Apply today.



**50% off
legal fees**



**100%
Financing**






Lion's Club Marks 58 Years of Service to Antigua and Barbuda



The Lions Club of Antigua proudly celebrated its 58th Anniversary (October 14th, 2026) from October 16th-18th, 2026, marking another milestone in its continued commitment to serving the community.

The anniversary weekend was a meaningful reflection of the spirit of Lionism. It brought fellow members and others together through service, fellowship, and a shared dedication to making a difference.

On Friday, October 16th, 2026 com-

menced the anniversary weekend with the packing of care packages at the Lion's Den in preparation for the community outreach initiative at the St. Andrews Anglican Church.

On Saturday, October 17th, 2026 members gathered together for their Anniversary Luncheon in celebration of the 58 years of service, dedication, and the bonds of fellowship that continue to strengthen the Club.

In conclusion of the Anniversary Celebrations, on Sunday, October 18th,

2026 the spirit of giving continued with the delivery of care packages to members of the community, followed by a church service at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on Fort Road, giving thanks for the Club's journey and continued mission.

As Lions reflect on these anniversary activities, they extend sincere appreciation to the members, friends of Lions, corporate partners, supporters, and everyone who continues to encourage their community service.



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON



ONE PEOPLE ONE L  VE

JAN 9TH AND 10TH 2027



ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL



ANTIGUA CARNIVAL

Celebrate 45 years with 45% OFF.

Get a
Samsung A17
with a new Postpaid plan



a chance to win weekly
prizes and a **Royalton CHIC**
Antigua getaway for two.



Happy Independence
Antigua and Barbuda.

Sign up today.

Terms and conditions apply. Offer valid while stocks last.
Promotion period September 28 to October 31

Royalton
CHIC Antigua

FLOW

Are We All Ukrainians?



By Sir Ronald Sanders

On 19 October, accepting the award of Ukraine's Order of Merit, I said that my commitment to Ukraine rests on a principle essential to small nations everywhere: sovereignty is the freedom to govern ourselves, preserve our identity and decide our future.

That principle is being severely tested by Russia's war against Ukraine, with consequences that reach far beyond Europe. The world must not grow accustomed to this war or allow other crises to dim its attention to Ukraine.

The human cost is worsening. The United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine verified that at least 328 civilians were killed and 2,105 injured in September 2026. That is 85 per cent more civilian casualties than in September 2025. The Mission described the first two weeks of October as among the deadliest periods for civilians in years. On 21 October, Russian attacks in Kyiv and near Kharkiv killed five people and injured at least 23, according to Ukrainian officials cited by the Associated Press.



Renewed attacks on electricity and heating facilities threaten to deepen civilian suffering as winter approaches. Russian attacks on 13–14 October temporarily left 600,000 people in Kyiv without electricity, according to Ukrainian authorities cited by the UN monitoring mission.

Russia is using force to seize another

nation's territory and constrain its future. The question for other nations is whether they will speak against this wrong, remain silent or help enable it. The United Nations Charter is explicit: states must refrain from the threat or use of force against another state's territorial integrity or political independence.

Feature



In 1963, President John F. Kennedy stood in West Berlin, in a city divided by the Berlin Wall, and declared, “Ich bin ein Berliner”, meaning “I am a Berliner”. He was expressing solidarity with people whose freedom was threatened by force.

Can we say, in the same moral sense, “We are Ukrainians”? Not because we claim Ukraine’s history or experience as our own; we cannot. But people who face the threat of losing their homeland, identity or right to self-determination can recognise what Ukrainians are defending. To identify with their struggle is to affirm that their rights matter to us, too.

The international response to Russia’s invasion shows why those rights need defenders. On 25 February 2022, eleven members of the UN Security Council supported a draft resolution condemning Russia’s aggression and demanding an end to its military offensive. Russia vetoed it. Following the Council’s call for an emergency special session, 141 countries voted in the General Assembly on 2 March to reaffirm Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and demand Russia’s withdrawal. An overwhelming majority affirmed the rule, but the Assembly could not compel compliance, while Russia’s veto blocked action by the Council.

This is not a reason for smaller states to retreat from defending international law. It is a reason to insist more firmly that it be respected. The prohibition on the use of force is not a privilege reserved for countries with powerful armies, nor a favour that larger states may withdraw. When powerful states disregard it, small and vulnerable states must name the violation and expose the gap between governments’ claims to uphold international law and their actions.

I have consistently argued that the Caribbean should not ignore the crisis caused by Russia’s war against Ukraine. Its effects on food, fuel, transport and prices reach far beyond the battlefield. More fundamentally, weakening the rules against aggression undermines the security of every small state whose sovereignty depends on those rules being respected.

Small states should use their votes in the United Nations General Assembly and regional organisations to affirm Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. They should coordinate diplomatic statements, support humanitarian relief, insist on compliance with international humanitarian law and reject any settlement imposed on Ukraine without its consent. They should press for a just and lasting peace that respects Ukraine’s rights

and the choices of its people. They must also resist the fatigue that makes aggression seem tolerable simply because it has continued for so long.

On 21 October, President Vladimir Putin met with US envoy Steve Witkoff in St Petersburg. Afterwards, the Kremlin said Putin had agreed in principle to resume trilateral talks with Ukraine and the United States after 10 November. Diplomacy is necessary, but the measure of its success must be a durable settlement that respects Ukraine’s sovereignty and the choices of its people. It cannot turn occupation into entitlement or make coercion the price of peace.

In 2022, I worked with my colleague, Ambassador Rita Claverie de Scioli of Guatemala, to help draft the OAS resolution that suspended Russia’s Permanent Observer status. I have continued to speak for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity at the OAS and in my published commentaries because silence would concede that power may override rights. I am proud that the government of my country, Antigua and Barbuda, a small and vulnerable state, has consistently stood up for rights in the face of might.

The people of Ukraine bear the suffering of this war. The principle they are defending belongs to every nation. If a country can be dismembered by force while the world looks away, no small state can be confident that its own independence is secure.

We must not allow Ukraine to become a forgotten war. The defence of another people’s freedom is part of the defence of our own. In that sense, all of us who believe that a nation’s future belongs to its people may say: we are Ukrainians.

(The writer is the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the OAS. He is also the current Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development and Chancellor of the University of Guyana)

Cuba denounces the pressures and threats of the US government against sovereign states.

In a press conference offered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba Bruno Rodríguez, he denounced what he described as a brutal and extraordinary implementation by the United States government, the State Department in particular, and the Secretary of State, unprecedented and extreme pressure on numerous United Nations member states, aimed at forcing these sovereign states to change their position decisions that many of them have adopted sovereignly for decades regarding the draft resolution “Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba”, which will be considered at the sessions of the United Nations General Assembly On October 27 and 28, next week.

I have pointed out, that it will be the first time that the General Assembly, beyond its consideration last July, will issue a resolution against the energy blockade, the fuel blockade, and the collective punishment this entails for the entire Cuban people. In other words, this time the General Assembly will respond to a situation of extreme tightening of the blockade, generating even more serious humanitarian damage, as part of the deliberate purpose of this policy.

During the press conference were presented documents that contain instructions from the State Department to US embassies, to pressure third governments, asking them not to vote in favor of what they call “Cuban propaganda,” as if the blockade and the resulting humanitarian damage were not undeniable realities. It attempts to blame the Cuban government for the humanitarian damage caused by the blockade, damage that is by no means what the US gov-



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba Bruno Rodríguez

ernment sometimes calls collateral damage, but rather planned, anticipated damage, deliberately designed to destabilize the country by generating suffering and despair among Cuban families. It also contains the lie that the US blockade is legal and that it even allows trade with Cuba through third countries.

Another document related to this issue was presented, that contains direct threats of sanctions. It is addressed directly to a dignitary to whom urging him to consider the matter very carefully and threatening him with sanctions against his government, his companies, or even him personally.

These methods of pressure include the threat of punitive tariffs, the suspension of programs cooperation, the denial of visas to government officials and their families and children, support for opposition forces against the respective governments, threats to incite overthrow or subversion, interference in electoral processes, threats to politically destabilize

those countries, threats to act against the legitimate interests of those governments in the areas of economics, finance, trade, and international investment, among others.

The United States government maintains a mendacious, slanderous, and ongoing campaign to justify its cruel and inhumane acts. No pretext of any kind could justify acts of genocide or collective punishment. No political differences between governments, not even in times of war, can justify such acts. No pretext related to the United States’ persistent objective of regime change in Cuba can in any way justify acts of genocide and collective punishment. The aim is to suffocate an entire population, to destroy a small nation.

This is not a bilateral issue. What is happening today against Cuba could happen tomorrow against any state if the international community, if the United Nations General Assembly, fails to achieve a broad and effective agreement, transcending historical, political, cultural, religious, and oth-

Feature



er differences, to restore the rule of international law and prevent the use of force and the threat of force. So-called peace, the imposition of peace by force, serves to reinstate medieval colonial objectives and practices of conquest, occupation of territory, usurpation of natural resources, and coercive actions of a truly extreme nature.

What the Assembly is going to discuss is by no means a bilateral matter. As the Cuban Minister indicated, what the General Assembly is going to discuss, concerns the sovereign rights of all the states of the planet. Will the sovereign states of the planet allow US laws to be applied in their territories in a completely extraterritorial manner, replacing and encroaching upon the national laws of those countries? Will they allow the jurisdiction of US courts to be exercised in the territory of those sovereign states? What is being discussed today is very serious. The General Assembly will discuss whether a power has the right, through coercive measures of various kinds, such as fuel blockades, to prevent trade with third states; to infringe upon the universal freedom of navigation; to transgress universally accepted norms of international trade. Can it be recognized, without the risk of this happening to another state tomorrow, that a country, through brutal coercive measures or even the threat of military action, can prevent free navigation or carry out acts that, in modern times, amount to a naval blockade?

What will happen to the international order if these extreme policies are not stopped? What will happen to the international order if these practices are not prevented from being applied against other countries whose only protection is not a nuclear weapon, not powerful armies, but international law, the Charter of the United Nations, and international norms?

No one in the world today will be able to say, when history judges—and it will judge severely—that they didn't know, that they were ignorant, that they looked the other way, that they didn't see. The entire planet knows what is happening to the Cuban people today. It knows that the deliberate effect of this genocidal policy causes long hours without electricity for our families; days and weeks without drinking water; a collapse of the health services; deaths that should not have occurred, deaths caused by the blockade, such as those resulting from the doubling of the infant mortality rate, from

the lack of appropriate medication, the lack of the latest technological devices for treatment, the failure of medical equipment, the lack of parts, or the lack of power. There is a lack of medicine, a lack of public transportation, limitations on food production that seriously increase prices, the rising cost of living, and the erosion of wages in certain sectors of the economy that have ceased operations.

These are realities that cannot be hidden. No one can wash their hands of it.

FRIDAY
23RD
OCTOBER
6 PM - 8 PM

Heads of Government Meeting

LIVE

CHOGM
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 2026

TOWNHALL MEETING

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
FIVE ISLAND CAMPUS CAFETERIA**

Scan to Follow the
CHOGM Journey

Join us for a town hall meeting on traffic changes, security arrangements, checkpoints and access to your community during CHOGM 2026. Learn how these measures may affect your daily travel, homes and businesses, and get answers to your questions.

Stay informed. Plan ahead. Be prepared.

FOLLOW US

@abchogm2026 | **LEARN MORE**
chogm26.gov.ag



MINISTRY OF
SPORTS &
CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES

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



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

45 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Renaissance

ROOTED IN PRIDE, BOUNDED BY PROSPERITY FOR ALL

SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE
AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Regional News

UN warns of continued violence and displacement of people in Haiti



The United Nations (UN) on Wednesday said that violence continues to drive displacement in the Artibonite department of Haiti, following an armed attack in Petite-Rivière earlier this week.

Speaking at the daily UN press briefing, UN Spokesman Stéphane Dujarric shared that, “our humanitarian colleagues tell us...families had to flee to safer areas within the town and nearby communities” following the October 19 attack.

“That is what authorities are telling us. Sporadic gunfire continues to be reported, disrupting movement within the town. Our OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) colleagues are working with partners and local authorities to monitor the situation and assess the needs of the displaced.”

Haitian authorities have since announced a state of emergency (SOE) until December 18 in the departments of West, Artibonite and Centre in order to combat the insecurity and are calling on the population to remain, saying it is fully aware of the

need to support citizens in the face of measures taken which could seem contrary to the public interest.

Dujarric said that communities in Gros Morne, also in the Artibonite Department, continue to grapple with the consequences of violence that erupted at the end of September.

He said the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is reporting that more than 10,000 people have been displaced, and nearly all of them are staying with host families.

“Despite all of the challenges, and despite the insecurity, humanitarian operations have been able to resume. In October, our partners distributed 1,500 hot meals and hygiene kits to displaced families, and plan to deliver more than 2,000 kits with kitchen sets and plastic sheets in the coming week.”

Dujarric said that road access to reach people in need remains possible, but insecurity continues to put humanitarian operations at risk.

“Once again, we need safe, unhindered and rapid accessibility to those who need humanitarian help,” Dujar-

ric said.

Meanwhile, the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) is holding a series of meetings with the government, security force officials, foreign partners, political stakeholders, and civil society representatives.

The CEP said the talks are aimed at publishing an updated electoral calendar, including a revised date for the elections, before the end of October.

On Monday, the United Nations Security Council was told that armed groups were adapting to intensified security operations, stepping up reprisals against civilians and extending their reach into rural areas.

Monday’s briefing came two weeks after presidential and legislative elections planned for December 13 were postponed indefinitely, with the UN’s top official in the country cautioning against setting new dates without a realistic assessment of whether a vote can be held.

Haiti has not held national elections since 2016, and Carlos Ruiz Mas-sieu, the UN’s top official in Haiti, said nevertheless, preparations are ongoing.

He said more than 35 political parties and groups, and 3,500 candidates have registered, but that as of October 5, only 759,257 potential voters were on the lists, out of an estimated electorate of 6.5 million people.

Insecurity and mass displacement are further complicating the organisation of the election.

“Setting new dates for elections without a realistic assessment of their feasibility will only erode public confidence and the credibility of Haitian institutions,” he warned. (CMC)

Holness blasts 'two-mouth people', defends JCF



Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness yesterday launched a blistering attack on critics of law enforcement, blasting “two-mouth people” while declaring his unwavering support for the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

Holness comments come amid public debate over last Friday’s deadly gun battle in Sligoville, St Catherine.

Speaking at a handover ceremony for the East Palms housing development in Kingston Central, Holness said state intervention was bringing positive changes to inner-city communities.

“Of course, always. We back the JCF,” Holness said in response to a comment from a resident attending the ceremony.

“We must as Jamaicans, we must talk up in support of the JCF. Criminals mustn’t have no say. There is this ambivalence in the country where somehow it’s almost as if people are trying to defend criminality. No, we don’t defend criminals whatsoever,” the prime minister asserted.

His comments come amid heated public debate over the tactics and preparedness of lawmen who went in

search of a “high-risk target” in the Five Miles area near Sligoville last week.

The pre-dawn operation left two young policemen dead and a 10-year-old girl seriously injured. The child remains hospitalised in serious but stable condition.

Three men whom the police identified as gunmen were also killed in the hours-long gun battle, which captured national attention and sparked fierce debate over whether the lawmen were adequately prepared for the operation and their approach.

A 19-minute video that has surfaced online shows a man seated inside the house at the centre of the gunfight, holding what appeared to be a handgun, while two others negotiated with the police about leaving the premises unharmed. The 10-year-old girl, whom the police said was being used as a human shield, could also be heard pleading for her safety.

Holness said residents must reject the creation of safe havens for criminals, whom he accused of devaluing communities by seizing control of them.

“If I’m the last man to talk against criminals, I am going to stand up and be the last man to talk against criminals. All of the two-mouth people them. Sometimes you wonder, where were they when the murder rate was high? Where were they? [But] anyway, we don’t pay them no mind. We focus on getting our things done, getting the job done, which is what my administration is known for – getting things done,” Holness said.

The prime minister said criminal elements had for too long forced law-abiding residents out of their homes by taking control of communities.

“There are people who are of the view that it can never be better, that we can’t deal with the gunmen; the gunmen have taken over the place. Well you know, me no ‘fraid of nobody. So all of them who believe that them control place and them lock place and so forget that. We must make the place available for everybody,” Holness said.

He said the security forces had been “very effective” in displacing criminals from communities, pointing to a declining murder rate and greater life expectancy among young people as evidence of the impact.

“There are many of them who would have died had we not taken the action. So they must thank us for saving their lives. And there are many others who would have died and not involved in any gang activity ...” he said.

Holness said police interventions in Kingston Central communities to stem gang violence and criminality were also improving residents’ quality of life.

“This building, ‘East Palms’, is resulting in an improvement in the quality of life. It takes one building at a time, saving one life at a time, but it all adds up to an improvement of the quality of your life,” he said. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Regional News

25 suspected illegal immigrants detained off western Trinidad



Police in Trinidad and Tobago have detained 25 people suspected of being in the country illegally after stopping a vessel along the western peninsula during a late-night operation.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) said the Coastal and Air Support Unit, assisted by officers from the Western Division, conducted the operation at about 11:30 pm on Tuesday.

The exercise, known as Operation BLAST (Bringing Land, Air and Sea Together), involved drone technology to search coastal and forested areas.

Police said officers subsequently stopped and searched a vessel, where they found the 25 people suspected of being illegal immigrants. Officers detained the individuals and seized the vessel.

Investigations are continuing with support from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard and the Immigration Division. (CMC)

Generators for Rent

One 150KVA 3phase Generator with Out Door Enclosure.

One 50KVA Single Generator with Out Door Enclosure.

THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.

PAYNTERS.

Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

GENERATOR RENTALS

GENERATORS FOR RENT

150KVA 3Phase 3wire.120/240v.

50KVA 3Phase 3wire 120/240v.

CONTACT:

THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.

PAYNTERS.

Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

Alberta rejects a move toward independence

Voters in oil-rich Alberta province overwhelmingly backed remaining in Canada, with early referendum results delivering a boost to Prime Minister Mark Carney's push for national unity amid US President Donald Trump's trade war and annexation threats.

With more than 1.8 million votes counted, 76 per cent supported remaining in Canada, while 24 per cent backed beginning a process toward separation, according to unofficial results from Elections Alberta.

The referendum wasn't a direct vote on independence. Approval would have set Alberta on a path toward a future vote on separation from Canada.

"Albertans made a clear choice," Carney said. "They chose unity, to build together, and to take care of each other. Above all, Albertans chose Canada."

Carney said that the result would allow Canadians to move forward together and accelerate efforts to diversify trade, develop major infrastructure projects, and make Canada a global energy powerhouse, with Alberta at its centre.

Alberta's separatists, however, saw a silver lining.

"We don't have the final results. I think the numbers are going to fluctuate, but it is fair to say that at least a quarter of Albertans feel that Alberta needs to be treated better," said Keith Wilson, a leader of the separatist movement.

Alberta Premier Danielle



Smith welcomed the early results, saying they showed widespread support for remaining in Canada.

"Albertans have voted for a stronger Alberta in a united Canada," Smith posted on social media.

Smith, who called the referendum amid pressure from separatists within her governing United Conservative Party, or UCP, despite opposing independence, said that she would address the province Tuesday evening about the results and Alberta's future.

"We are a solid country that's united from coast to coast," Thomas Lukaszuk, a former Alberta deputy premier who led the Forever Canadian campaign against separation, told supporters.

Results were delayed after late openings forced more than 100 polling stations to extend voting hours Monday.

Alberta, home to the world's fourth-largest proven oil reserves, is cowboy country and a conservative stronghold whose political culture has long had more in common with the American

West than much of Canada. Resentment toward Canada's federal government in Ottawa runs deep, but hasn't traditionally translated into widespread support for independence.

Despite the proposal's apparent failure, separatist leaders have said they turned a fringe cause into a movement that won't disappear.

Carney earlier urged Albertans to deliver a decisive vote for unity.

"Vote like Canada's future depends on it, because it does," he told a rally on Friday in Edmonton, where he grew up.

Separatist parties traditionally attracted only one per cent or two per cent of the vote, former Premier Jason Kenney said. Anger over COVID-19 restrictions helped mobilise activists who later embraced the separatist movement, he said.

Trump's trade war and threats to make Canada the 51st US state have helped Carney rally support in Alberta, where Liberal prime ministers have historically been unpopular.

At a separatist referendum night gathering at an Edmonton restaurant, the crowd fell quiet as results rolled in.

"We're not going anywhere," said Jeff Rath of the Alberta Prosperity Project. "We've dominated the conversation in the last year. We've been educating Albertans on the benefits of independence, and we're going to continue moving forward."

Rath had said he would be thrilled with 30 per cent support. He wants Smith ousted as UCP leader and said the party could splinter, potentially creating a new pro-independence party.

Edmonton voter Shawn Campbell said he voted to begin the separation process even though he doesn't want Alberta to leave Canada.

"It sends a message to Ottawa that Albertans are not happy," he said.

Dustin Degenhardt, a voter in the town of Wainwright, said that Albertans have long been mistreated by Canada's federal government.

"Alberta has essentially been treated as, you know, a colony," he said after voting Monday. "They want to take and take and take from us, and not return anything."

Dave Malka, 59, of Edmonton, criticised spending money on a "referendum on a referendum" rather than healthcare.

With Trump threatening Canada, Malka said, "It seems to be happening at the absolute worst time when we should be united; instead, we're fighting among ourselves." (AP)

American freed after over 4 years behind bars



Russia on Wednesday freed an American who had been jailed for more than four years on charges of fighting as a mercenary in Ukraine, in a deal completed during a visit by a top US envoy and at a time when President Donald Trump has taken a series of actions meant to benefit Moscow.

Trump said in a Truth Social post that he had asked Russian President Vladimir Putin during a phone call last week to free Stephen Hubbard, and that, unlike previous releases, the US did not have to give up anyone in return.

"Welcome home, Stephen, it's great to have you back," Trump said in the post.

Hubbard, a 74-year-old retired teacher from Michigan, was on his way home following a visit to St Petersburg by US envoy Steve Witkoff, who also held talks with Putin about Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, as Trump pushes Kyiv to make a deal that stops the fighting.

Hubbard was sentenced in 2024 to nearly seven years in prison during closed court proceedings. Prosecutors said he had signed a contract with the Ukrainian military after Russia's invasion in 2022, and that he fought alongside Kyiv's forces until being captured two months later.

The US government under the Biden administration designated Hubbard as wrongfully detained and his legal team has also disputed the Russian allegation, saying he was not involved in any military activity.

Witkoff, a key Trump administration figure who has tried without success to steer Russia and Ukraine toward a settlement to end a war that will hit the five-year mark in February 2027, thanked Putin for releasing Hubbard, telling him, "Because of you, he's going home to his family."

"You talk so much about my president, President Trump, being a humanitarian. You are a humanitarian also, sir," Witkoff said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Russian media on Wednesday that Hubbard's release was "raised by the American side for a certain time", and

Putin decided to free the man out of "humanitarian considerations".

Speaking to reporters after the talks, Putin aide Yuri Ushakov said the Kremlin leader had pardoned Hubbard who, upon his release, was taken to the St Petersburg airport, Pulkovo, for Witkoff to bring him home to the United States.

Video showed Witkoff and Hubbard shaking hands, with the newly released American thanking the envoy. Witkoff introduced Putin's envoy Kirill Dmitriev to Hubbard and described him as someone "who had a lot to do with this happening".

"We just met President Putin, he sends you blessings and wishes you good things," Witkoff added.

Hubbard, a US Air Force veteran, taught English overseas and retired in 2012 to Cyprus, where one of his sons is a Christian Orthodox priest. He later moved to Ukraine to be with a woman he had met, his lawyers said, remaining in the country after the relationship ended and living there at the time of Russia's 2022 invasion.

His case was taken up by lawyers at the US-based law firm of Boies Schiller Flexner and the Russian firm of EPAM Law, which together had represented Marc Fogel, the American teacher freed from Russian custody last year, and worked for his release.

"They thought they weren't going to see him again alive, and Stephen didn't think he was going to come out of there alive," Martin De Luca, one of Hubbard's lawyers at the Boies Schiller firm, said in an interview about

FOR SALE

One 30KVA open set Generator with 200amp Automatic Transfer Switch.

\$40,000.00ec.

**THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.
PAYNTERS.**

Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

Hubbard's family. "Obviously, they're overjoyed but they feel very much like it's a miracle."

The release occurred at a dynamic moment in relations between the United States, Ukraine and Russia, with the Washington-Kyiv relationship being roiled by fresh tensions at the same time that the Trump administration has advanced policies that aid Putin.

Those include Trump's move last week to waive sanctions on Russia imposed by a bill that Congress overwhelmingly passed to support Ukraine. Named after the late South Carolina Republican Sen Lindsey Graham, the legislation targeted the flow of financial resources fueling Moscow's war. That decision followed Trump's announcement of a deal to import Russian diesel fuel in a long-shot effort to curb high gas prices ahead of next month's US midterm elections.

Witkoff met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Norway on Tuesday. He was expected to exchange ideas from that meeting, as well as proposals from European and American colleagues, in his talks Wednesday with Russian leaders in St Petersburg.

Hubbard is the second American freed by Russia in roughly two months, following the release in August of Marine veteran Robert Gilman, who had been gravely ill and was imprisoned on disputed charges of assaulting a police officer.

Other Americans, including some with serious illnesses, remain jailed in Russia. Hubbard was the last remaining American designated as wrongfully detained, although advocates say that label should be applied to other prisoners.

Global Reach, an advocacy group that works to free Americans detained abroad and currently represents five Americans held in Russia, praised the release but called for the other prisoners to come home as well.

"We are grateful to the Trump Administration for reuniting Stephen Hubbard with his family but, at the same time, we know that there are five other families of Americans held in Russia

who are going to have a hard time understanding why their loved one was not included in the deal," Eric Lebson, the group's chief strategy officer, said in a statement.

Hubbard had been imprisoned since 2022 on charges that Hostage Aid Worldwide, a hostage advocacy group, has called bogus.

Russia reported more arrests of foreigners in recent days. The Federal Security Service said Wednesday it detained a German national suspected of mercenary activities and last week announced arrests of a Swedish national suspected of sabotage and a Japanese journalist accused of espionage. (AP)

FOR SALE

One 30KVA open set Generator with 200amp Automatic Transfer Switch.

\$40,000.00ec.

**THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.
PAYNTERS.**

Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300



VACANCY

Join Our Team

WE'RE HIRING — ON-THE-SPOT INTERVIEWS!

Are you friendly, energetic, and passionate about great customer service?

KFC is looking for **dedicated individuals** to join our restaurant team as **Food & Customer Service Team Members**.

As a Team Member, you'll help create a great experience for our customers by:

- Providing fast, friendly, and exceptional customer service
- Preparing and serving our much-loved KFC products
- Working as part of a supportive and energetic team
- Helping to maintain a clean, safe, and positive restaurant environment

📍 COME READY TO INTERVIEW!

Bring your **resume** and come prepared to meet with our team. You could be one step closer to joining the KFC family!

Location: KFC Administration Office, Brysons Complex, Friars Hill Rd., St. John's, Antigua.

All applicants:

- **Must be 18 years and older**
- **Have Social Security & Medical Benefits**



Nightly curfews in place 'for as long as necessary'



Fresh curfews were being imposed across the city centres of Paris and Lyon on Tuesday after the first quiet night since France's most destructive rioting in years, as Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu said a "massive" security operation was planned for new protests on Saturday.

Paris police said the curfew in two designated zones — around Place de la République and the Les Halles shopping district — had restored "public peace" overnight and would remain in place "for as long as necessary". The curfew zones leave out other areas hit on Saturday, including the Champs-Élysées and the area around the Saint-Lazare train station and parts of the Rue de Turbigo in central Paris, where protesters set up barricades and lit fires.

In Lyon, one of France's largest cities, the authorities also renewed a curfew in the city centre from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., saying no disturbances had been recorded overnight.

Marseille, France's second-largest city, imposed a curfew for unaccom-

panied minors starting Tuesday night. Lecornu said the targeted curfews "helped keep last night calm".

Student unions and groups from the 'Yellow Vest' movement, whose protests over fuel prices shook France in 2018 and 2019, have called for another day of protests on Saturday.

Soldiers from Sentinelle, the anti-terrorism operation that has patrolled French cities since the 2015 Islamic State group attacks, will take over guarding sensitive sites to free up more police officers and gendarmes for crowd control, Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez told lawmakers on Tuesday.

"The deployment (of police forces) for next Saturday will be massive," Lecornu told the National Assembly, France's lower house of parliament, without giving figures.

Police on Tuesday arrested a suspect in the arson attack that charred the historic city hall in Limoges, in central France, Justice Minister Gérald Darmanin said, adding that the person was being held in police custody and may

not have acted alone.

French media reported that the suspect was close to radical environmentalist movements and was on a watchlist of people considered potential threats to national security. Darmanin declined to comment on the suspect's profile, but said far-left groups appeared to have organised to attack symbols of the state throughout France.

Footage of the 143-year-old building in flames, its bell tower collapsing, spread widely online over the weekend. US Vice-President JD Vance shared it on X, blaming the unrest on immigration, and writing, "I pray that France, a beau-

tiful country of amazing people, will stop this madness before more of its landmarks burn." President Donald Trump, who also relayed the video, said migrants had "taken over France".

French officials have instead blamed the violence on far-left groups and opportunistic looters. At least 2,400 people were arrested after rioters in cities across France on Saturday clashed with police, set cars on fire and stormed public buildings, during nationwide protests against rising living costs and poor conditions in schools.

On Sunday evening, small groups set fire to trash bins, bicycles and other objects in the streets and looted businesses in Paris, Lyon, Marseille, and other cities.

In Paris on Monday night, a police helicopter circled over Place de la République overnight, a central point in the weekend clashes, sweeping the square with a searchlight to check that the curfew was being respected.

Early Tuesday morning, workers used a crane to remove a giant fluores-

cent yellow vest draped over the statue at the centre of the square, then used pressure washers to blast graffiti off the monument.

Louise Belanger, a volunteer who came to help with the clean-up, said she still could not comprehend the level of violence. "Normally when you are 20, you should be optimistic, you should be starting to build something ... If you are only anger and violence, what are you going to do? This is sad for everybody in society," she said.

Speaking in Lille, northern France, Darmanin said 149 people had been jailed nationwide as of Tuesday at noon. According to the justice ministry, of the roughly 2,400 people arrested since Saturday, more than 800 have been sent before prosecutors, most of whom were either put on trial immediately or ordered to appear at a later hearing.

In Paris alone, about 300 people have been sent before prosecutors following the October 17 protests, the city prosecutor's office said in a statement.

Darmanin said he had asked prosecutors to appeal any sentence they considered too lenient. "People with no criminal record ending up in prison for property crimes is extremely rare, if not unheard of," he said, arguing that the French justice system will be "extremely firm".

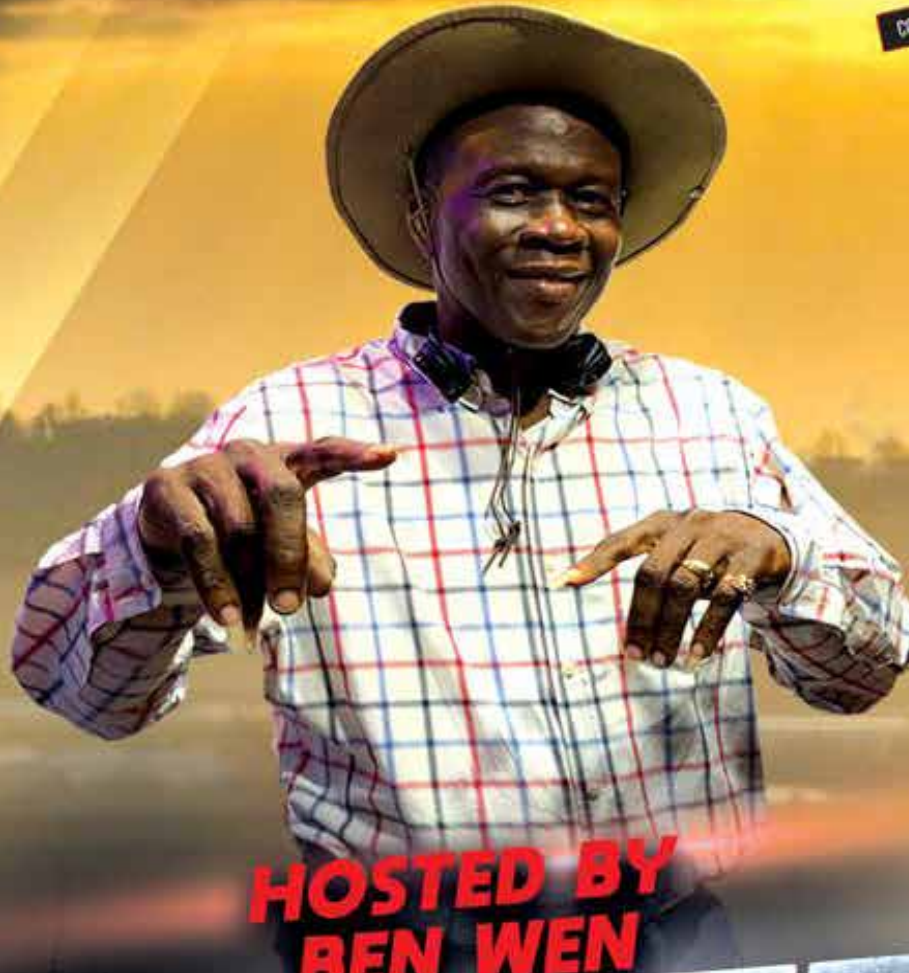
In Lille, he said, three men, age 20 to 25, with no criminal record, were each sentenced to 10 months in prison and jailed immediately for looting a video game store in the city's old town.

The National Assembly is launching an inquiry into the October 17 violence and the authorities' policing strategy, its speaker, Yaël Braun-Pivet, said, with findings expected "by the end of the year".

Protests continued on Tuesday on a smaller scale. Some 400 people, mostly high school and university students, marched in the western city of Rennes, and about 750 in Lyon, under pouring rain. (AP)



**SUNDAYS
10AM - 1PM**



**HOSTED BY
BEN WEN**

COUNTRY ROAD TRIP

CALL: 562-3989 OR 562-2991 | US: 718 285 7889
FACEBOOK LIVE @ POINTE FM99.1

WE ARE GETTING STRONGER



A vibrant poster for the Antigua Carnival 70th Anniversary. The background features a collage of carnival dancers in elaborate, colorful feathered costumes. In the center, there is a logo consisting of a stylized bird or fan shape with a red star and a flag. Below the logo, the text 'ANTIGUA' is in bold black, 'Carnival' is in a large pink script, and 'THE CARIBBEAN'S GREATEST SUMMER FESTIVAL' is in smaller black. Further down, 'Legendary' is in pink script and '70' is in a large, ornate, multi-colored font. At the bottom, a white box contains the dates 'JULY 20TH - AUGUST 3RD 2027' in pink. Below this box are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, followed by the text 'ANTIGUA CARNIVAL' and '@ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL'.

ANTIGUA
Carnival
THE CARIBBEAN'S GREATEST SUMMER FESTIVAL

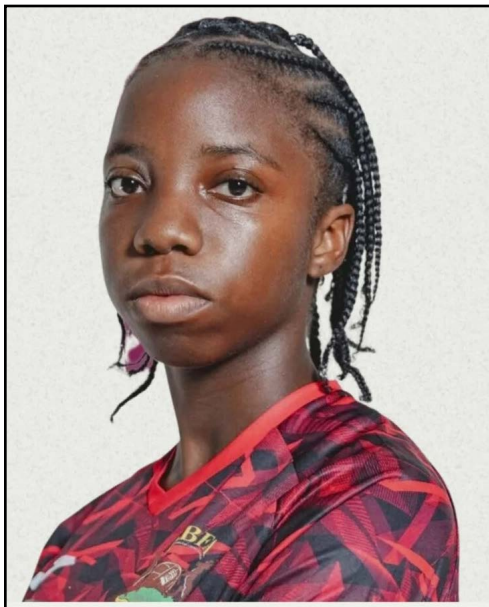
Legendary **70**

JULY 20TH - AUGUST 3RD 2027

 ANTIGUA CARNIVAL  @ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL

Sports News

Quashie continues prolific scoring for AGHS in school girls U-20 league



Nafisa Quashie

Forward Nafisa Quashie has continued her prolific scoring form for the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) in the Girls Under-20 Division in the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League.

After scoring all five goals in her team's 5-0 victory over the Ottos Comprehensive School in their opening match, Quashie scored eight times to lead the Antigua Girls High Schools to a 10-0 drubbing of St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) on Wednesday.

Quashie had conversions in the seventh, ninth, 12th, 22nd, 43rd, 50th, 56th, and 62nd minutes.

The other goals were scored by Blessings Creese in the 19th minute and Na'Jireh Wijnaldum in the 48th minute as AGHS secured their second win in as many games.

It was the second loss for St. Mary's Secondary School after suffering a one-nil defeat to All Saints Secondary School in their opening encounter.

Clare Hall Secondary School (CHSS) rebounded from a 7-0 drubbing against the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) in their season opener to claim their first win with a 3-0 victory over All Saints Secondary School in their second encounter at the Clare Hall playing field.

Diandra Batchelor scored twice with conversions in the fourth and sixth minutes. Corniah Jean-Pierre converted the other goal with a strike in the 12th minute.

St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) salvaged a 1-1 draw with Jennings Secondary School (JSS) in their second encounter at the Clare Hall playing field.

Latoya Williams put Jennings Second-

ary School ahead with a 23rd-minute conversion, while Gabrielle Mansoor snatched the equalizer for SASS with a strike in the 44th-minute.

St. Anthony's Secondary School snatched a 2-1 victory against Pares Secondary School in their opening encounter.

Jennings Secondary School Suffered a 2-0 loss to defending champions Princess Margaret School in their opening match.

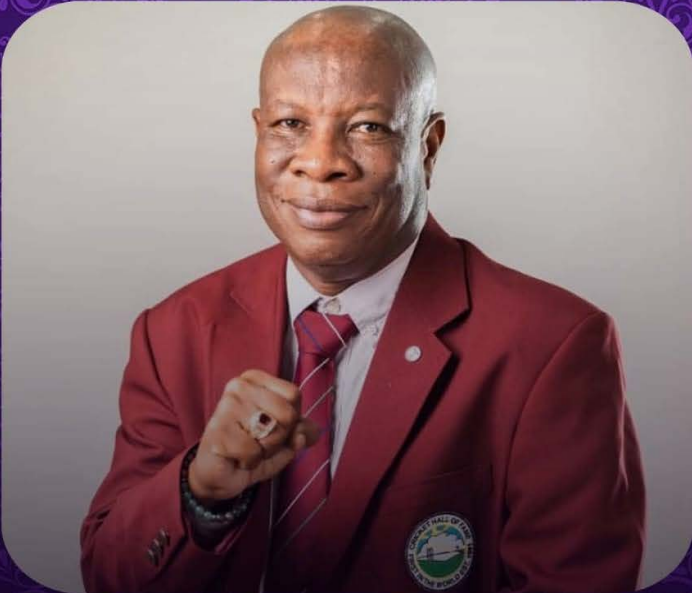


ABGMA
NOV 5TH - 8TH 2026

11th Biennial
Favoured
ANTIGUA BARBUDA GLOBAL MUSIC & MEDIA AWARDS



SCAN FOR
TICKETS



VERNON A. SPRINGER
ABGMA MEDIA AWARDS TOP FINALIST

Pointe On De Streetz

2 NOMINATIONS
RADIO SHOW TALK | SPORTS JOURNALIST

Winning start for BOE in defense of Business Basketball League playoff title



The Board of Education basketball team

The Board of Education (BOE) made a winning start in defense of the title in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Playoff Championship on Wednesday evening.

After making a successful defense of their round-robin league title by claiming back-to-back crowns, the Board of Education remains on course for a championship double by surging to a commanding 83-57 victory over eighth seed CTM Auto Spa in the quarter-finals of the playoffs at the JSC Sports Complex.

The top-seeded Board of Education was led by Kevin Pimental, who shot

a game-high 20 points. In support, Warren Bogle converted 16 points, and Daniel Perez sank 14 points for the BOE.

Javon Andrew produced 17 points, and Sheldon Gomes scored 15 points for CTM Auto Spa, who bowed out of the playoffs after making their debut in this year's business basketball league competition.

The second-seeded Richie's Shooterz also remained on course for a repeat of last year's final by making a winning start to their campaign in the playoff championship on Wednesday.

Richie's Shooter surged to a convincing 83-57 victory over seventh seed Anjo Wholesale in the opening quar-

ter-final encounter.

Jaheem James shot a game-high 24 points, Steven Matthew sank 20 points, Cohen Desouza had 13 points, and Tavarus Benta scored 12 points for Richie's Shooterz.

Nathan Matthew converted 17 points for Anjo Wholesale.

Richie's Shooterz finished as runners-up behind champions BOE during this year's round-robin business league competition.

Wednesday's quarter-final wins in the playoffs send both teams into the semi-finals, which will be the best-of-three series.

South Africa crush Australia in second Test to level series



South Africa's captain Temba Bavuma, center right, celebrates with teammates after winning the second cricket test match between South Africa and Australia, in Gqeberha, South Africa, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026. (AP)

GQEBERHA, South Africa (AP) — South Africa set up a series decider with a stunning comeback win over Australia by an innings and 31 runs on the last day of the second cricket Test at St. George's Park on Thursday.

Despite the morning session being a washout and minus one frontline bowler, South Africa dismissed Australia for 295 in their second innings an hour after tea.

After losing in Durban by 214 runs, South Africa tied the series 1-1 and the leaders in the World Test Championship will play for the series win in Cape Town from Tuesday.

"A long way from our best. A reverse of last week," Australia skipper Pat Cummins said. "They played well."

WTC holders, the Proteas, lost the toss and were struggling at 110 for

six but rallied to seemingly save a draw when they declared their rain-affected first innings at 425 for nine late on Tuesday's third day after captain Temba Bavuma's career-best 179 and Marco Jansen's rapid 85.

In reply, Australia crashed to 99 all out, with Jansen grabbing five for 33. Forced to follow on, Australia lost four more wickets in their second innings on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, South Africa's pace attack lost Anrich Nortje to a suspected groin injury in his fourth over and he didn't bowl for the rest of Australia's second innings.

Australia resumed on 156 for four on Thursday and hoped for a reduced 81 overs of rearguard action with Steve Smith and Alex Carey in reserve but unravelled once chief holdout Travis Head was dismissed.

Wiaan Mulder rebounded from a wicketless and expensive spell on Wednesday by taking three of the six wickets South Africa took on the fifth and final day.

Mulder bowled century-maker Head, fellow overnight fighter Scott Boland as well as Cummins.

Head, on 87 overnight, posted his 13th Test century off 151 balls with his 12th boundary. But the opener's natural positive intent undid him on 121 when he chopped on against Mulder. Head faced 190 balls.

Smith came in at No. 7, three places lower than usual after he got a kink in his neck in the first innings. Smith endured the last five overs of the old ball but was out for 3 in the third over of the new ball when he mis-hit pacer Kagiso Rabada.

Boland passed his previous highest Test score of 21 when he reached tea on 40 with Carey. But Boland was the seventh Australian out soon after tea when he was bowled by Mulder. Boland's resistance lasted for 166 balls to score 40.

Cummins quickly left after hitting a boundary, and Rabada returned to dismiss Mitchell Starc. Jansen finished the match by dismissing Josh Hazlewood to leave Carey on 37 not out.

Rabada, returning from a hamstring injury, took four for 77, and Mulder picked up three for 64.

Wolves beat Giannis Heat in new NBA season opener

MIAMI (Reuters) - Anthony Edwards scored 45 points as he and the visiting Minnesota Timberwolves spoiled Giannis Antetokounmpo's debut with the Miami Heat in an emphatic 131-106 season-win on Wednesday night.

Edwards became just the third player in NBA history to record multiple 40-point games in season openers, joining Wilt Chamberlain and Michael Jordan.

He shot 16-for-29 from the floor, including 9-for-17 from 3-point range, and added 10 rebounds. Antetokounmpo scored 35 points and grabbed six rebounds after joining Miami in an offseason trade with the Milwaukee Bucks.

LaMelo Ball, making his Timberwolves debut, hit five 3-pointers and finished with 21 points and six assists. Klay Thompson scored 10 points in his Heat debut.

Nickel Alexander-Walker scored 31 points and hit a pair of clutch 3-pointers in the final two minutes to help visiting Atlanta Hawks defeat Orlando Magic 132-125 in the season opener for both teams.

Alexander-Walker's two treys enabled the Hawks to stretch their lead from 122-121 to 128-123. Atlanta also got 20 points and five steals from Dyson Daniels, 20 points and 14 rebounds from Jalen Johnson and 19 points from CJ McCollum.

Orlando's Paolo Banchero scored 35 points, making 10 of 12 shots from the floor, and added seven rebounds and 10 assists. The Magic got 22 points apiece from Wendell Carter Jr. and Franz Wagner and 18 from Desmond Bane in coach Sean Sweeney's debut.

Kevin Durant scored 30 points, Alperen Sengun and Jabari Smith Jr. combined for 53, and Houston rolled past visiting Dallas 128-110 in the teams' season opener.

The Rockets shot 53.4% from the floor, led by Durant (10-for-16), Sengun (9-for-15) and Smith (11-for-17). Sengun posted 23 points and 10 re-



Miami Heat forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (7) vies with Minnesota Timberwolves guard Terrence Shannon Jr. (4) for the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Miami, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026. (AP)

bounds, while Smith scored 30 points and hit four 3-pointers. Houston, which outscored Dallas 38-12 in the second quarter, led by as many as 37 points in the third quarter before the visitors rallied.

Cooper Flagg paced Dallas with a game-high 32 points on 10-for-17 shooting. Kyrie Irving scored 15 points in his first game since March 3, 2025, when he tore his left ACL. Marcus Sasser added 17 points off the bench for the Mavericks, who shot 51.9% from the floor.

Luka Doncic scored 28 points and Walker Kessler added 26 on 12-of-12 shooting in his Los Angeles debut as the Lakers routed visiting Golden State 127-105.

Austin Reaves scored 23 points for the Lakers, who led by 14 at halftime before taking control by outscoring Golden State 36-16 in the third quarter. Kessler finished with nine rebounds and 10 dunks, while Doncic added eight rebounds and seven assists.

The Warriors were led by Stephen Curry, who scored 20 of his 23 points in the first half. Rookie Yaxel Lendeborg finished with 12 points.

Anthony Davis scored 34 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Washington Wizards to a 128-116 victory over the visiting Milwaukee Bucks in the teams' season opener.

Trae Young added 20 points and a game-high 13 assists for the Wizards, while Kyshawn George scored 18 points.

In their first game with Milwaukee after being included in the offseason trade that sent Giannis Antetokounmpo to Miami, Tyler Herro led the Bucks with 24 points and Jaime Jaquez Jr. scored 22. Fellow former Heat player Kasparas Jakucionis added 15 points off the bench.

In other games on Wednesday, Charlotte Hornets prevailed 110-103 against the New Jersey Nets; the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Sacramento Kings 121-96; the Memphis Grizzlies recorded a 123-103 victory over the Utah Jazz; and the Toronto Raptors crushed the Chicago Bulls 135-92.

The Indiana Pacers snatched a 123-120 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans, and the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Phoenix Suns 124-83.

Parham FC win second match in ABFA's First Division League



Players of the Parham FC

The Parham FC maintained their unbeaten start to their campaign in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League on Wednesday.

After salvaging a 2-2 draw with SAP FC in their opening match, Parham FC recorded their first win by pulling off a 2-1 victory against Jennings United at the Jennings playing field.

All the goals were scored in the first half. Andy Daniel scored the opening goal in the 20th minute, and teammate Davrick Lockhart had a 22nd-minute conversion to give Parham FC a two-nil lead.

Dante Isaac scored in the 37th minute to reduce the deficit for Jennings United, who suffered their first loss in two matches.

Jennings United also finished the

match nine men after two players received red cards and were expelled in the latter stages of the encounter.

Tafari Peters received a straight red card in the 83rd minute, and Steven Roberts was sent off in the 85th minute after picking up a second yellow card.

After being relegated from the Premier Division last season, Jennings United marked their return to the First Division by snatching a 3-2 victory over Golden Grove FC in their opening game.

North Coast FC also maintained their winning start to their campaign in the ABFA's Second Division on Wednesday.

After snatching a one-nil victory over the Liberta Blackhawks in their opening match, North Coast FC notched

up their second win with a 3-1 victory over the CPT-SA Wings at the North Coast playing field in Mount Pleasant.

Goals by Hakeem Musah in the 13th minute, Taji Wright in the 36th minute, and Jarmy Galloway in the 41st minute gave North Coast FC a 3-0 lead at halftime.

Clinton Daniels reduced the deficit by scoring a consolation goal in the 73rd minute for the CPTSA Wings, who suffered their second defeat in as many matches.

The CPTSA Wings also crashed to a 3-1 loss against the Urlings Golden Stars in their opening encounter.

Meanwhile, the ABFA Knockout Cup will resume with the staging of the four quarter-final matches at the ABFA Technical Center this weekend.

In a double-header on Saturday, sixth seed Potters Tigers will clash with third seed Auto Craze Pigotts Bullets at 5 pm, and top seed and defending champions, Sandals and APUA Inet Jennings Grenades will take on ninth seed Freemans Village Scorpions at 7 pm.

In Sunday's double-header, 10th seed John Hughes FC will face second seed Aston Villa Lions FC at 5 pm, and fifth seed Garden Stars will tackle 20th seed Jets Football Academy at 7 pm.

The winners of the quarter-finals will advance to the semi-finals, which will be played at the same venue on Saturday, October 31.